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Challenge 2001 Receives National Award



Back Row (L-R): Roosevelt Coats, Councilmembers Robert Kersteen and Bill Foster, Mayor David J. Fischer, Claude Williams and Mayor Rillastine Wilkins. Front Row (L-R): Councilmembers Frank Peterman, Rene Flowers and Jay Lasita. Missing from photo: Tyna Middleton.

ST. PETERSBURG — Challenge 2001, St. Petersburg's inner city initiative, received a first place award from the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials. Mayor David J. Fischer accepted the award recently at the National League of Cities' "Celebrate Diversity" breakfast in Washington, D.C.

"Every facet of our community, from the neighborhood and business associations to the school board and the religious community, has stood behind the Challenge 2001 program," said Mayor Fischer. "Those of us who have been involved know

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Joe Ann Streeter Is Educator Of The Year



Joe Ann Streeter

TAMPA — Robinson High School teacher, Joe Ann Streeter, was named the 2000 Ida S. Baker Minority Educator for Hillsborough County. The Hillsborough Education Foundation honored more than 65 nominees including five finalists at the 2000 Ida S. Baker Distinguished Minority Educator Awards Reception held at the Raymond O. Shelton School Administrative Center on Tuesday, March 7th, 2000. Joe Ann Streeter was recognized as the winner at 7pm, during the school board meeting, following the reception.

Named after a former deputy commissioner for

human resource development with the Florida Department of Education, the Ida S. Baker Distinguished Minority Educator Award is part of a state program honoring outstanding minority educators. Ida S. Baker touched the lives of thousands of young people and educators through more than 36 years of service as a classroom teacher and a principal, and was instrumental in developing the selection criteria for this award. Schools honor her memory by nominating representatives for this award based on their outstanding dedication and contribution to education.

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Election 2000: We Can't Afford To Lose This Time

The results of the primaries are just what black communities might have expected. Leadership that reflects the least amount of positive return for African Americans seem to be gaining ground in this election race. Throughout the campaign, there has been little dialogue from candidates that address black communities. Ten years ago, candidates dropped race-targeted keywords. They don't do that anymore. These days, they just don't speak much of black communities at all. It's like being in a room where people politely talk around you as if you weren't there. As if you're not a factor. It's only mildly rude, but in the long run, you know it bodes badly for you.

That's where we are with election 2000. For too many people, the black vote is not considered a factor. And that will not play out well for black families in the long run.

The next president will have immense influence over incoming federal judges. He will make choices over issues that strongly affect communities of color such as the minimum wage, health care, education and teaching salaries and law enforcement agencies and policies. The next president's administration will use the results of the census to shape arguments in favor of

his party and agenda. Depending on who is in that seat, policies that will have sweeping impact on black communities will be drafted and put to congress. The next president will also shoulder the responsibility of leadership at a time when race and violence are explosive and sensitive issues in the nation's cultural climate.

We cannot afford to sit this one out. Whether black voters show up at the polls or not, choices will be made and someone will be deciding what we will and will not have. Someone who doesn't currently seem to consider black votes to be a factor. We must change that perception. If the list of names of people who have been recent victims of hate and violence—Abner Louima, Amadou Diallo, Michael Shoels (Columbine massacre)—is to end, we must get back onto the radar screen of the political process. It's not just our vote as individuals, but also in reaching out to others who aren't yet registered and convincing them to come to the table on this. The NAACP intends to register five million by November. That's a winning strategy.

But our point is this: It's not so important which candidate wins in November, black folks simply can't afford to sit idly by and lose.



Claude and Jackie Stanley

Surviving The Good

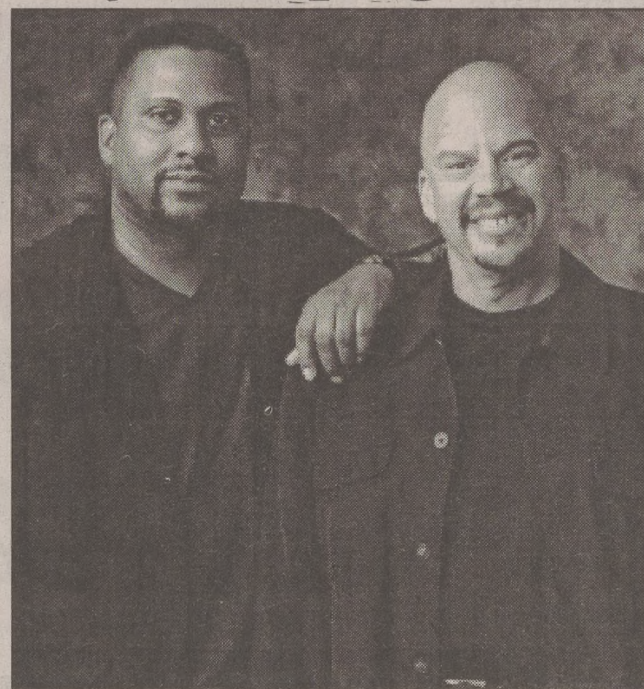
Times: A Moyers Report

TAMPA — For the past decade, America has experienced an economic transformation that began with the recession and restructuring of the early '90s and led to the unprecedented recovery and stock market boom that defined the end of the century. While this era has been one of stunning prosperity, job growth and opportunity, millions of working Americans have been on an economic roller-coaster. **Surviving the Good Times: A Moyers Report** captures the lives of

two blue-collar families in the American heartland as they cope with wrenching economic changes. Filmed over a ten-year period, it is the third installment in a series of award-winning documentaries that chronicle the Neumann and Stanley families in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

PBS station WEDU is an essential resource dedicated to education, culture and citizenship, and exists through the direct financial support of the community.

Tom Joyner & Tavis Smiley Launch 42-City Campaign



L-R: Tavis Smiley and Tom Joyner

DALLAS — Tom Joyner, host of the ABC Radio Network nationally-syndicated morning program The Tom Joyner Morning Show, and Tavis Smiley, a member of the Tom Joyner Morning Show and host of BET Tonight, launched a two-week, 42-city tour promoting African-American participation in Census 2000, having begun the tour March 17th in Oklahoma City, Okla. and will wrap up on March 31st in Nashville, Tenn.

As a part of the campaign, Smiley along with Tom Joyner

Morning Show on-air personalities J. Anthony Brown, Sybil Wilkes, Ms. Dupree and Myra J. will be dispatched to five markets daily to promote awareness of the Census, and to encourage African-American citizens to bring their completed questionnaire to the broadcast location for delivery to the Census Bureau. Census officials will be available to answer any questions about completing the form, while postal service representatives from the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) will be on hand

Senator Hargrett, Jr. Honored

ST. PETERSBURG — An Awards Dinner was held on Thursday, February 17th, 2000, to honor Senator James Hargrett who secured \$3 million dollars to continue the Weatherization Program. The program is administered by the Department of Community Affairs. The Weatherization Program serves the poorest of the poor with energy repairs to stop air filtration. The program installs new windows, exterior doors, attic and wall insulation, caulking, weatherstripping, wall and floor repairs and other minor repairs to make low income family homes warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer and to save energy. Most of the recipients are female head of households with young children and senior citizens. Reverend Nail, who received weatherization assistance through the Greater Tampa Urban League, dedicated a song to Senator Hargrett and thanked him for making a difference in his life.

Curtis Taylor, Vice President and Legislative Chairman of the Florida Weatherization Association and the Housing Director at the Tallahassee Urban League, stated, "Without Senator Hargrett's leadership and support, thousands of low income families in Florida would not have received assistance." Please see pg. 10



FL Weatherization Association's President Leroy Chavis and VP Curtis Taylor present Senator James Hargrett with the 'President's Award'



President/CEO Jim Simmons of the PCUL and President/CEO Joanna Tokley of the Greater Tampa UL and Rev. Nail joined Leroy Chavis and Curtis Taylor to present Senator James Hargrett with the 'President's Award'

Mabel Monroe Celebrates 106 Years Of Good Living

TAMPA — What seemed more like a family reunion was infact a splendid birthday celebration held in honor of Mabel Monroe reaching 106 years of life! Joining her in this festive occasion were relatives from near and far, with visiting nephews and nieces coming from as far away as California, New York and North Carolina.

It was a joyful fellowship and celebration, held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mable and Francis Monroe, with plentiful food and of course a beautifully decorated cake.

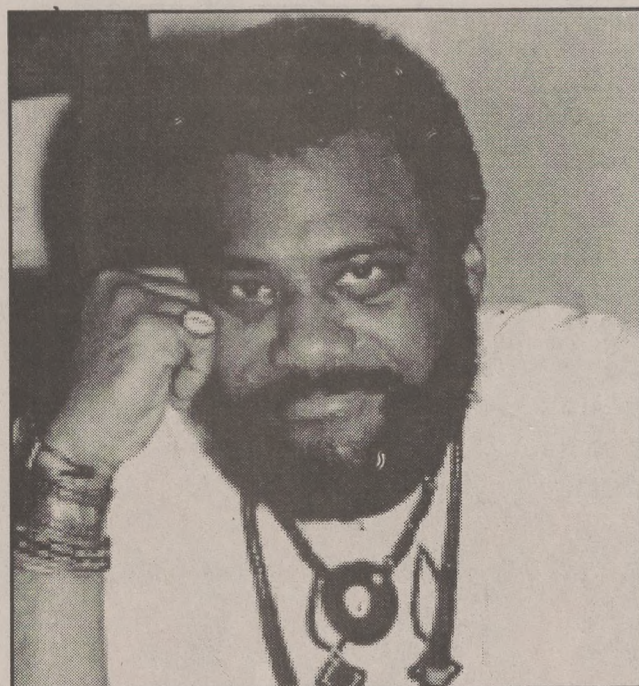
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Back Row: Lula Mae Banks
Front Row (L-R): Mabel and France Monroe

**We
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Native Son Returns For Book Signing



Dr. Dana Dennard

by Dianne Speights

ST. PETERSBURG — On Saturday, March 25th, 2000, one of St. Petersburg's own native sons will return home on a Book Talk & Signing Tour. He is none other than Baba Kheper Ka Ra Karnau, better known as Dana Dennard.

"The advent of the new millennium challenges African people everywhere to re-ascend to the social, emotional, intellectual and spiritual heights of our ancestral past. But how can we, an African people, unlock the chains of spiritual and psychological bondage that continue to infiltrate our being?"

Those who are ready will find a blueprint and invitation to "join the struggle for the liberation of the minds and souls of the African people of the world" according to Dr. Dennard's book, *The Re-Ascension of the Black Man's Mind: Coming Forth by Ra*.

The tour is one of seven tours held during the months of February & March in Jacksonville, Atlanta, Miami, Fort Lauderdale, New Orleans, Tampa and now home to St. Petersburg.

The St. Petersburg Book Talk and Signing will be held

at True Identity African Apparel, Artifacts, and Bookstore, located at 2826 54th Ave. South, between 3:30-6pm. The lecture will begin promptly at 3:30pm.

Baba's early training and education began here in St. Petersburg in the Pinellas County School System. His college education was started at St. Petersburg Jr. College.

He has since completed the undergraduate and graduate requirements for the B.S.M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Clinical Psychology at Florida State University.

Dr. Dennard is a licensed clinical psychologist, practicing in Tallahassee, Florida. He is a psychotherapist, forensic evaluator, family therapist, substance abuse specialist, certified hypnotist, and educational consultant to schools and governmental agencies, and is often engaged as an expert witness in legal matters.

He is the co-director/founder, with wife, Dr. Sharon Ames Dennard, of the Aakhet Center for Human Development, Amen Ra's Bookshop & Gallery, the Sakkara Youth Institute Cultural Development Summer Program, the Sakkara Youth Institute Independent School, the Ma'am

Family Institute, Inc., the Aakhet Press, the Sma-Em-Abu Male/Female Relationship Retreat and founder of the Black Men's Initiation Retreat.

Dr. Dennard is frequently consulted by news media for commentary on issues involving the black community. He has been quoted in Ebony, Jet, Ebony Man and Journey Magazines, and in many newspaper articles. He has also appeared on several radio and television programs.

Currently an adjunct professor of psychology at Florida A&M University, he has taught there since 1987 and served as a full-time assistant professor from 1990 to 1996.

He is a licensed trainer of the HAWK Federation of Perfected Black Manhood Training and Development Program, a rites of passage system, and was initiated into the knowledge of Kundalini Yoga by a master in 1976. He is a teacher of various yoga techniques including body postures and breathing meditation.

Baba has studied and lectured on African history extensively, all major religious doctrines and continues to participate in the reconstruction and restoration of traditional African spiritual disciplines. He is the biological father of four children and cares for thousands.

Dr. Dennard is the immediate past president of the National Association of Black Psychologists. He is available for lectures and consultations on any of the areas and/or institutions indicated above. He may be reached at (850) 681-6610, by fax at (850) 682-2838, or by e-mail at aakhet@aakhet.com., or through his publicist, Dr. Kha Dennard, at (850) 681-6228, or by fax at (850) 681-6457. The Aakhet Center is located at 812 South Macomb Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32301. Visit Dr. Dennard on his website at www.aakhet.com.

Universal Studios Florida Hosts A Friendlier Mardi Gras Celebration



ORLANDO — New Orleans has been Mardi Gras central since 1699, when the French influence made its way to the United States. Explorers would indulge in festivals and parties along the Mississippi River in time for the religious season of Lent. To this day, New Orleans hosts one of the wildest, most provocative Mardi Gras celebrations in the world.

But there's another Mardi Gras that's taken hold in the past four years — and this one is fun for the entire family.

Since 1996, Universal Studios Florida in Orlando has been celebrating Mardi Gras each spring. All the purple, green and gold traditions are still represented in this theme park version of the French tradition. Beads rain from brightly colored floats, headlining music entertains the Mardi-goers, and the smell of Cajun cuisine fills the air with its spicy aroma.

The highlight of Universal's Mardi Gras celebration is a parade featuring 15 original, elaborately decorated floats

designed by Blaine ("Mr. Mardi Gras") Kern, whose world-renowned New Orleans-based company has built Mardi Gras floats since 1932. Beads and specially designed Universal doubloons are thrown by ornately costumed characters, just as one would find in New Orleans. Guests can even star in one of the nightly parades by riding on one of the floats and tossing beads to guests yelling the familiar phrase, "Throw me something, mister!"

Mardi Gras wouldn't be Mardi Gras without Cajun cookin' and Universal has that too. King Jester's Menu includes Shrimp Gumbo, Rotisserie Chicken with Red Beans and Rice, French Quarter Bread, Jambalaya, Crawfish, Steak on a Stick, Praline Cheesecake and Warm Bread Pudding with Bourbon Street Sauce.

Once Universal fills your belly with crawfish and your pockets with doubloons, it spices up the evening with star-studded performers.

Universal Studios Florida Mardi Gras 2000 lasts through April 1st. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster or Spencer Gifts stores, through the Mardi Gras hotline (407-224-5500) and Universal Orlando theme park ticket booths.

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Computer Courses Offered At Neighborly Senior Services

ST. PETERSBURG — Neighborly Senior Services is offering computer courses designed for the over 50 age group at the Neighborly Lealman Computer Lab, located at 3455 58th Ave. North, St. Petersburg. Registration information about classes can be obtained by calling Sandi at (727) 520-1777 between 9am-12noon, Monday through Thursday.

The computer lab, dedicat-

ed strictly to training seniors, are equipped with state-of-the-art computers, large screen color monitors, color ink-jet printers and Windows 98 operating system.

Four week, 16-hour courses are offered: introductory, intermediate and Internet. Each class will be limited to eight students and therefore allow an intense one-on-one learning experience.

WestShore Plaza Unveils Three Original Sculptures



WestShore Plaza recently unveiled three original sculptures created by fine arts students at Sarasota's Ringling School of Art & Design. Students were asked to design and construct sculptures for WestShore's three indoor fountains. Winning students each received \$500. bj Pergola, one of three contest winners, is pictured next to her sculpture, 'Guardians: 1605', featuring ceramic dog heads symbolizing protection and loyalty and steel cable ladders symbolizing adventure.

TAMPA — WestShore Plaza recently unveiled three original sculptures created by fine arts students at Sarasota's Ringling School of Design. As part of a semester-long competition sponsored by WestShore, students were asked to design and construct sculptures for WestShore's three indoor fountains. The three winning sculptures were selected by a panel of judges and installed in WestShore's indoor fountains, where they will be on display through the end of the year.

Winning sculptures created by students from Ringling

School of Art & Design include:

• "Protection" by Diane Rosenberger, a junior majoring in fine arts.

• "One Hundred is a Small Number in the Real World" by Rosalynn Gingerich, a junior majoring in fine arts and sculpture.

• "Guardians: 1605" by BJ Pergola, a senior majoring in fine arts.

Winners of the sculpture contest each will receive \$500 and will have their pieces displayed at WestShore Plaza through the end of the year.

City Of Pinellas Park Offers New Program

PINELLAS PARK — The City of Pinellas Park's Business Development Division is hosting the University of South Florida Small Business Development Center's (SBDC) Procurement Technical Assistance Center's (PTAC) program on Thurs-

days from 8am-5pm. The City's Business Development Division, which works to expand the existing industry base and to recruit new businesses to the area, is serving as one of SBDC's resource partners. The address is the City of Pinellas Park, Technical Ser-

vices Building, 6051 78th Avenue, Pinellas Park, FL.

PTAC counselor, Vicky Bledsoe, will be available for appointments 8am-5pm every Thursday. Call (813) 905-5800 or 1-800-733-7232.

Roast To Benefit Scholarship Fund

TAMPA — The heat will be turned up when the Krewe of Agustina de Aragon presents "Tampa Talks Back to Daniel Ruth" on Saturday, April 1st, 2000. The event will be held at the Egypt Shrine Temple, located at 4050 Dana Shores Drive in Tampa. Roast festivities start with a reception at 6:30, with dinner to follow at 7:30pm.

Tampa Bay's community

leaders and local celebrities will roast the area's most controversial columnist, Daniel Ruth of The Tampa Tribune. The Roast benefits scholarship programs for the Hillsborough Education Foundation and ChairScholars Foundation.

For more information on the Daniel Ruth Roast, contact Alicia Keim at (813) 920-1981 or Cheri Donohue at (813) 231-1925.

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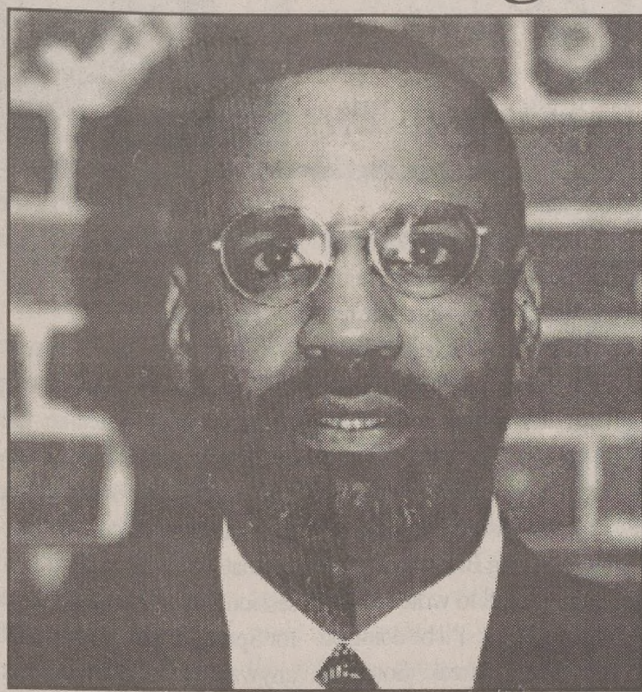
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Attorney Finally Settling-In & Focusing On Future



Grady Irvin

ST. PETERSBURG — Grady Irvin, who served as lead trial counsel in the matter of *State of Florida v. Henry J. Lyons* (Case No. 98-03449-CFANO), is finally settling in to his new office surroundings in Downtown St. Petersburg and focusing on the future. In his first interview since what many have called one of the biggest criminal trials in Pinellas County history, Attorney Irvin shared some of his thoughts on the trial and the future with the *Weekly Challenger*.

Attorney Irvin received his undergraduate degree from Bethune-Cookman College's School of Liberal Arts in 1985. While attending B-CC he was president of the Freshman Class, president of the Student Government Association, president of the Greek Letter Advisory Council, Editor of the college newspaper, and a member of Omega Psi Phi

Fraternity.

Following his graduation from Bethune-Cookman, Attorney Irvin worked briefly as a supervisor for Allstate Insurance Company in St. Petersburg and then went on to serve as a lobbyist for the Florida AFL-CIO and state director of the National A. Phillip Randolph Institute's Florida operations; he was a former intern at the A. Philip Randolph Institute for Norman Hill and was educated on the civil rights movement by the late Bayard Rustin who organized the 1963 March on Washington.

In 1989 Mr. Irvin returned to school and obtained his Doctorate in jurisprudence from the Stetson University College of Law, identified as the nation's premiere trial advocacy institution according to *U.S. News & World Report*. He was the only African-American in the Spring 1992

graduating class at Stetson, and was highly decorated for his achievements as a mock trial advocate where he was twice awarded The Florida Bar's *Chester Bedell Best Advocate Award*. In light of his accomplishments in law school, the faculty, staff, and students selected Mr. Irvin as that *Member of the Graduating Class Most Likely to Make A Legal Contribution of National Significance*.

Following his graduation from law school, Mr. Irvin went on to work for law firms in Jacksonville and Tampa, Florida. He then moved to Washington, DC and worked for the National Football League Players Association.

In 1996 Attorney Irvin established the Law Offices of Grady Irvin, Jr., P.A. The law firm has offices in Downtown St. Petersburg's Jannus Landing. The firm handles criminal, business, and personal injury law.

Attorney Irvin informed the *Challenger* that the trial involving Reverend Lyons provided the nation with an insight into the highest levels of operation of the nation's largest black church organization. The Lyons jury, in the opinion of Attorney Irvin, was haunted by matters surrounding contributions intended for burned black churches. "This was a glaring concern," states Irvin. "One which I personally believe haunts not only the jury, but those who care for Dr. Lyons." As for Lyons' 5 1/2 year sentence, Attorney Irvin said that during plea negotiations months prior to the trial, Lyons was offered a sentence of 5 years.

A Legendary President, A Monumental Exhibit

ST. PETERSBURG — The 19 Chick-fil-A restaurants in the Greater Tampa Bay area are partnering with the Florida International Museum to sponsor the museum's John F. Kennedy exhibition - the largest show the museum has produced to date.

Kennedy at the Florida International Museum features items from the largest private collection of JFK artifacts in the world, including the President's rocking chair, his christening ring, the watch he wore during his inauguration, and the red, white and blue telephone that provided a hot-

line to the White House during Presidential travels.

As a gallery sponsor, Chick-fil-A is currently dedicating their bag and trayliner designs to the exhibit. Chick-fil-A also hosted a "Celebrate History with Chick-fil-A Day" at the museum on last Sunday.

For more information about the **Kennedy at the Florida International Museum**, please contact the museum at 1-800-777-9882. Tours run continuously seven days a week, with the first tour beginning at 9am, and the last tour starting at 5pm.

Governor Seeks To Award New Florida Developed Products

TALLAHASSEE — Entry forms are now available for the 2000 Governor's New Product Award Program, a competition which salutes Florida inventors in the design and development of new products. Brochures/Entry forms are available online at <http://www.fleng.org/GNPA.pdf>. The program is sponsored by the Florida Professional Engineers in Industry, a division of the Florida Engineering Society, and Enterprise Florida.

Any new product, machine, process or material that has been developed totally,

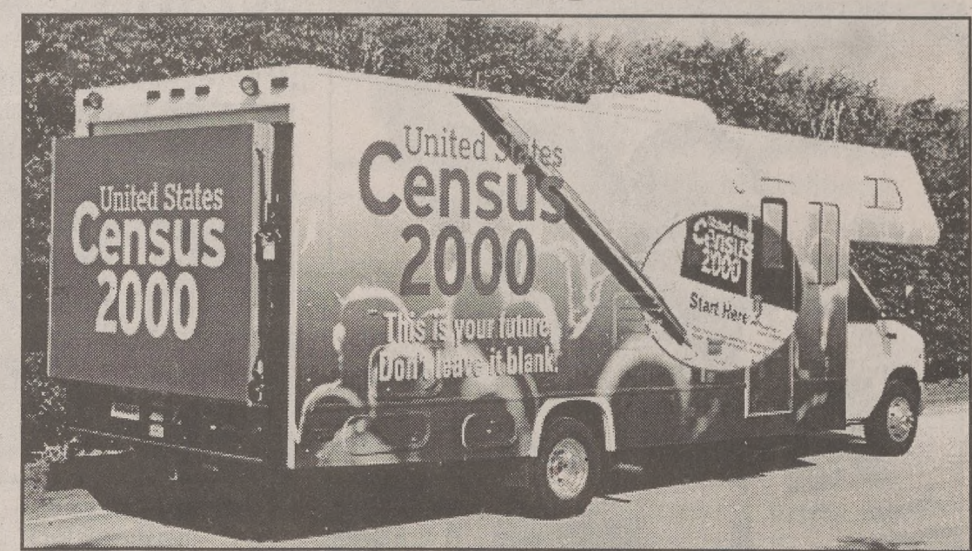
or in part in Florida is eligible to be entered in the competition. The product must have been introduced on the market between September 1st, 1996 and September 1, 1999. Deadline date for entries is March 15th, 2000.

Selection of the winners is based on five areas: improved function, ease and savings in use; safety; ingenuity; appearance, packaging and marketing; and, most importantly, the product's economic contribution to Florida.

For an entry form or more information, call Win Bolton at (850) 224-7121.

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Census 2000 Road Tour Visits St. Petersburg As Part Of National Campaign



PINELLAS COUNTY — The U.S. Census Bureau is taking to the nation's highways on a road tour to educate everyone living in the United States about the benefits of Census 2000 and to motivate them to participate in the Census.

A Road Tour Vehicle (RTV) traveled through Pinellas County on Tuesday, Feb. 29th. This "rolling resource" contains exhibits, two videos - *How America Knows What America Needs*, which illustrates census history, and *You Count*, which is for elementary school children - census related printed materials and promotional items.

On Feb. 29th, the vehicle was at the Enoch Davis Center, 1111 18th Ave. South, St. Petersburg, 9am-12noon, and at St. Petersburg Junior College, St. Petersburg/Gibbs Campus, 6600 5th Ave. North, St. Petersburg, 1-4pm.

Standing displays were also at the Florida Blood Services, 10100 9th St. North, 11:30am-1:30pm; Florida Parenting Child Care Center, 2332 Dr. Martin Luther King

South; Kids and Kubs Softball game at North Shore Park, 11am-2pm; and the YMCA of High Point, 5345 Laurel Place, Clearwater, 4-7pm.

Census 2000 Central Florida Team Leader Martha Brown explains, "The goal of the Census Bureau is to bring the country together in a renewal of civic commitment. It is asking for participation from everyone in this country - making every voice heard and counting each person."

As mandated by the Constitution, a census is conducted every 10 years. The results of the census are in a variety of ways that benefit all residents of the United States. The five big reasons for answering the census are:

1. Help Your Community Thrive - Data gathered helps communities generate public improvement strategies and devise necessary community and social programs.

2. Get Help in Time of Need - Many 911 emergency systems are based on Census findings about location of housing units and streets, location of at-risk and elderly pop-

ulations, etc.

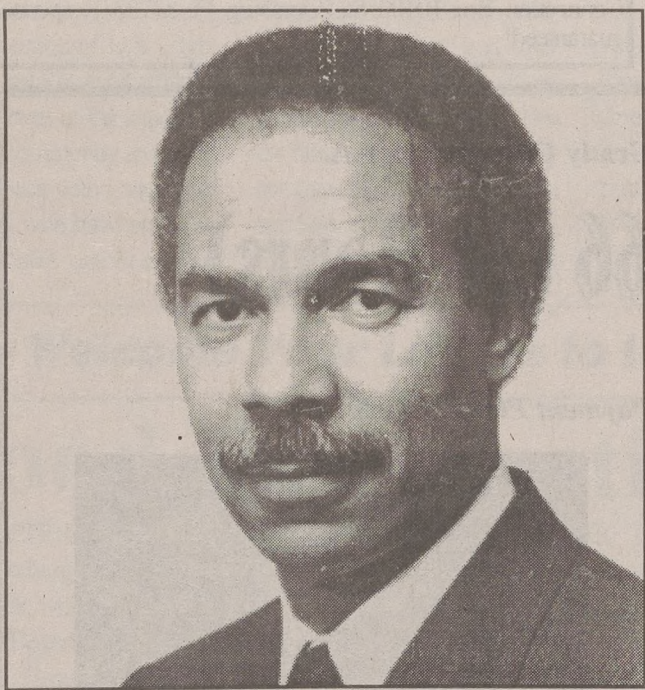
3. Make Government Work for You - Data gathered helps determine the need for hospitals, highways, health clinics, recreational facilities, schools, senior centers and more.

4. Reduce Risk for American Business - Data gathered helps determine where products and services are needed, where qualified workers live, etc.

5. Help Yourself and Your Family - Data gathered provides proof of age, residence or relationship - Information people need to qualify for a pension, establish citizenship or obtain an inheritance.

Over its two-month journey, the RTVs will stop in more than 400 cities in the continental United States. Census staff will be on hand at each event to answer questions and direct residents on how they can receive an in-language questionnaire. For more information on the Census 2000 Road Tour, please log on to www.census.gov.

USF Institute On Black Life Symposium Highlighted By Transafrica President



Randall Robinson

TAMPA — The University of South Florida's Institute on Black Life will host its Fifth Annual Spring Research Symposium on Diversity with a look at "The Color Line: Past, Present and Future," March 22nd-23rd at USF-Tampa.

Randall Robinson, an

internationally respected advocate for human rights and democracy, will deliver an opening keynote address at 7pm, March 22nd.

For more information on the Spring Symposium, call USF's Institute on Black Life at (813) 974-4727.

Clearwater Welcomes Debut Of Fine Art Show

CLEARWATER — For years, the city of Clearwater has been discussing the idea of hosting a quality, first-class art show. Finally, the idea has been turned into a reality with the debut of the 1st Annual Downtown Clearwater Art Festival to be held on Saturday and Sunday, March 25th and 26th. Over 200 seasoned artists from all across the country will display a wide range of mediums including paintings,

sculptures, hand-made jewelry, photography, art deco, stained glass and much, much more!

In addition to many fabulous art exhibits, the show also offers live musical entertainment.

Show times are from 10am to 5pm and admission is free. For more information, call our Tampa office at (813) 962-0388 or Howard Alan Events at (954) 472-3755.

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Clearwater Kids Learn Skills In Sales



CLEARWATER — On weekends after all of their chores and studies have been completed, these two youngsters are busy learning and earning skills which will help them succeed in life — a sure way to develop economic ideology at an early age.

Jameal, age 9 who attends North Ward and Khadijah, age 12 at Morgan Fitzgerald, look forward to receiving the *Weekly Challenger* every Thursday to share through door-to-door sales with family members and neighbors in their immediate community. With the support and supervision of their mother, Basimah Davis-Shakir, they may eventually become the *Weekly Challenger's* leading sales reps.

The *Weekly Challenger* encourages the development of entrepreneurial skills and has been known to help provide an avenue by which children can earn money honestly while helping them develop

business and people skills and improve academics. "It is a learning technique," says office manager Allene Gammage-Ahmed who advocates 'skills building' in young people. "We should do all that we can to find ways and means to help our kids stay out of trouble and off the street where trouble breeds at an incredible rate."

Teaching them how to go about earning a dollar also gives them a sense of responsibility as well as imparts life-long good habits of earning, learning and giving, providing a delivery of service to others."

Last weekend, their earnings helped mom to buy them school supplies and gave them extra spending change for a downtown St. Petersburg event. A portion of their earnings is always placed in their emergency savings account for those 'rainy' days.

Great Job Kids! Keep your Sales up and your parents smiling!

Juvenile Arthritis Common, Yet Misdiagnosed, Disease

TAMPA — Despite the fact that juvenile arthritis affects 285,000 children, it still incorrectly is considered a rare condition. Compounding the problem is the declining number of pediatric rheumatologists, a subspecialty critical to the proper diagnosis and treatment of children living with this chronic, painful and disabling disease.

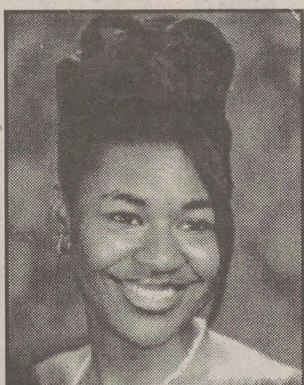
Many parents and some physicians may regard the symptoms of juvenile arthritis as just "growing pains" until they become serious. Unlike other diseases that can be determined by a simple test, a doctor may have to go through many steps to find out if juvenile arthritis is present. What's worse, the longer a diagnosis is delayed, the more potential there is for joint damage to occur. However, with early recognition and aggressive treatment, the devastating impact of the disease can be minimized.

In observance of Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Week, March 6th-12th, the Arthritis Foundation is launching a nationwide campaign to raise awareness of juvenile arthritis, the warning signs that accompany it, and the critical need for pediatric rheumatologists.

For free information about juvenile arthritis and about the Arthritis Foundation's book *Raising a Child With Arthritis: A Parent's Guide* or for a trial

Weekly Challenger To Spotlight Ebony Scholars Members

This week's Ebony Scholars on the Move



Katouria L. Lane
ST. PETERSBURG — Katouria L. Lane is a senior at the Medical Wellness Program at Boca Ciega High School. Katouria is an active member of various school clubs such as National Honor Society, the STEP Club, FIRST Robotics, and the Boca Ciega Steppers. Outside of school, Katouria is a member of the Thurgood Marshall Honor Society and she also volunteers at All Children's Hospital. After high school, she plans to attend Florida A&M University to major in Pharmacy. She is a member of New Mount Olive Primitive Baptist Church and she resides with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie L. Lane.

Keisha Camille Latimore
more is a senior at St. Petersburg High School enrolled in the International Baccalaureate Program where she maintains a 4.25 weighted G.P.A. She is the yearbook editor, a member of the National Honor Society, and a member of Mu Alpha Theta. Keisha also participates in student government, the Spectrum Multi-Cultural Club, and Inroads Tampa Bay



Keisha Latimore
Internship Program. After high school, Keisha plans to attend Amherst College to major in Political Science and International Relations. She enjoys public speaking, reading, and journalism. Keisha resides with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Latimore.



April Walker
April Salena Walker is a senior at Pinellas Park High School where she is a member of the Future Educators of America program. Some of April's other involvements include Help the World Youth Club, A.W.A.R.E. Club, S.G.A., and the Criminal Justice Ambassador Academy. After high school, she plans to major in Pre-Law/Criminal Justice. April resides with her mother, Ms. Annie Campbell.

Happy Workers' Celebration At Christian Science Reading Room

ST. PETERSBURG — You are invited to a celebration of the friendship between Happy Workers Day Care and the Christian Science Reading Room and of the 50th group visit to hear of Biblical heroes and heroines, Wednesday, April 5th, 2000, 10:30-11am at

the Christian Science Reading Room, 322 First Avenue North, St. Petersburg (opposite Williams Park).

We do hope you will join us! Please RSVP (727) 894-4356, Brenda Riontino, Librarian.

Win Up To \$104,000 With FL Lottery's New Instant Game

You may have experienced the excitement of receiving a bonus from work, but we bet it wasn't equal to the thrill of winning \$2,000 a week for a year. That's what Florida Lottery players can win playing **WEEKLY BONUS 2000**, one of the Lottery's two new Instant Games now on sale.

Florida Lottery player Willard Martin, of Alachua County, has already found out how lucky he is playing **WEEKLY BONUS 2000**. Willard won one of the game's top prizes, paid in a single lump-sum amount of \$104,000, during the first week the ticket went on sale. On top of that, it was the first time Willard ever had bought a Lottery Instant Ticket!

Players can win up to 10 times on the colorful black and purple ticket. To play, scratch off the three "\$" signs to reveal the "Winning Numbers" on the top right-hand side of the play area. Then scratch off the ten "2K" signs under "Your Numbers" and match them to the "Winning Numbers" to win the prize shown. Get a "Dollar Bill" symbol and win \$50 instantly. Get a "\$\$" symbol in the play area and double that prize automatically!

Players also can win: a free ticket, \$2, \$4, \$5, \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$200, \$1,000 or the grand prize of \$2,000 a week for a year, paid in a lump sum of \$104,000! Overall odds of winning any prize are 1:3.26.

ROAD TRIP, the second Instant Ticket to launch this month, went on sale March 13th. The Florida themed ticket, featuring a green road map, offers players 10 chances to win the top prize of \$15,000 instantly! Players can also win \$5 instantly for "Bonus Lunch Money" or win \$10 instantly for "Bonus Gas Money" by scratching off two like symbols under the corresponding two blue boxes. Overall odds of winning any prize are 1:3.16.

For more prizes, scratch off the three "Lucky Numbers" in the top right hand of the yellow ticket and scratch off the highway road signs on the map of Florida. Match any number revealed under the "Lucky Numbers" with the "Highway Signs," and win the corresponding prize.

WEEKLY BONUS 2000 and **ROAD TRIP** tickets are now available at more than 11,000 Florida Lottery retail locations. Both tickets cost \$2.

4th Annual 'Islamic Festival Day'

TAMPA — The Tampa Bay Muslim Alliance has the great pleasure to announce the 4th Annual "Islamic Festival Day," in celebration of "Eid Al-Adha," the Muslim Festival of Sacrifice. The event will be featuring:

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KIDS CORNER

by Khana A. Riley



Hello Readers:

How are you all doing this fine day? I hope you're doing just fine. I know I am. The reason why I am doing just fine is because I am on Spring Break! Most of you right now should be saying, 'That's not fair, that she's on Spring Break and I'm not.' The reason why I'm writing on Spring Break is because I want you all to write me and tell me what you'll be doing on your Spring Break. Some of my friends are planning on going out of town. Some places they are going to are Arizona, and one friend is going to Egypt, which is on the continent of Africa. So, anytime you're bored and you have nothing to do, just write me.

Well, yesterday I asked a

friend to write me on what she was doing this summer, and here is her response:

Hey Khana,

This is Jasmine. I'm writing you on what my Spring Break is going to be like. Oh, by the way, I'm not very happy that your Spring Break started earlier than mine, but don't forget that while your school is in session, my school will be out for Spring Break. Ha Ha! Well anyway, I'm planning on sleeping in for about two days out of the whole Spring Break. After that, I am planning on going out of town to see my relatives in Alabama. I can't wait for that. But for right now, I'm in school waiting until April 15th, which is when my Spring Break starts.

Well, got to go. Bye!

POC Board Of Directors Meeting

ST. PETERSBURG — The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of Pinellas Opportunity Council, Inc., a private non-profit organization, will be held at 7:30pm on Tuesday, March 28th, 2000.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will be held

at the St. Petersburg Junior College Administration Building, 8580 66th Street North in Pinellas Park, Florida.

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

Please contact Frances M. Cato, 327-8690, ext. 15 for any further information.

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Questions of Beauty

by Deanie K. Victor

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The Techniques and Control Seminar 2000 by Straight Request Hair Care Products Company was held on Monday, March 6th, 2000 at the West Tampa Convention Center on 3005 West Columbus Drive, Tampa, Florida. This seminar covered over 80 cutting terminologies, the latest trends, new techniques, the latest salon services, salon management, marketing tips, a free workbook and even included a game show with an opportunity to win \$100.00 for giving correct answers of product information.

This was an exciting seminar brought to this area to assist progressive stylists to move up to the next level of professionalism. It was the opportunity to be exposed to the expertise of artists Doug Keeton from

Toledo, Ohio and Stephanie Lynum from Gainesville, Florida. Assisting them were technician/stylists from Clearwater and Bradenton, Norma, Sylvia McNeal and Greg Martin. The models were Chaz, Donna, Stephanie and Tiffany. The parade of artists, stylists and models were well-organized and coordinated to keep the audience entertained and informed. The manager and sales representative for this seminar was Stacy Burgess, who worked hard to ensure the success of the show.

There was an abundance of food, fun and education. The hairstyles reflected the expertise. The response of the audience proved the show was well received and appreciated. It was another positive answer to the question of beauty. (Photography: Gustave R. Victor)



Health, Wealth & Happiness Senior Expo

CLEARWATER - Neighborly Senior Services is hosting a Health, Wealth and Happiness Senior Expo on Tuesday, April 4th, 2000. The event is free and open to the public from 10am to 3pm at Bay Area Outlet Mall in Clearwater at the intersection of U.S. Highway 19 and Roosevelt Blvd.

The focus of the expo is to offer the community an opportunity to visit with a variety of exhibitors who have products, services and activities that

enhance the mental and physical well-being of seniors. The many exhibitors include hospitals, physicians, chiropractors, massage therapists, health insurance providers, assisted living facilities, in-home services, health related charities, community services and other support groups who will be presenting information and be on hand to discuss the many services they offer. Financial services, consumer protection, tax and financial advisors will

be available for consultation. Health screenings, vision and hearing specialist demonstrations, nutrition and fitness counseling, entertainment, travel and dance demonstrations will be presented throughout the day. Door prizes, free promotional giveaways, festivities and entertainment will be available.

For more information, call Anne Symons at (727) 573-9444, ext. 285.

Good Cop/Bad Cop?

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Join us in a discussion of the root causes of police corruption in individual officers and departments, and the steps law enforcement agencies can take to prevent misconduct and unethical behavior.

Speaker is Neal Trautman, director, National Institute of Ethics, the country's largest provider of law enforcement and corrections ethics training, who will speak on "Ethics In Law Enforcement." This event will be held Monday, April 3rd, 7pm in the Campus Activities Center of USF St. Petersburg. Call (727) 553-3458 for more information.

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The Port: Did you know that St. Petersburg's Port is a three-acre facility on the shores of Bayboro Harbor with a channel depth of 21 feet, a channel length of 2,900 feet, a 1,200-foot wharf, and a 13,000-square-foot passenger terminal for cruise passengers? A five-year Port Master Plan is currently being implemented, beginning this year with the renovation of the existing cruise terminal and maintenance dredging of the St. Petersburg Harbor to a depth of 23 feet. Contact: 893-4250.

Pro-Am Basketball Tournament: More than 500 of the United States' best recreational basketball players are expected to come to St. Petersburg April 13th to 16th for the 19th Annual Pro-Am National Tournament. There is still time to register teams in the men's, women's, junior boys' and junior girls' divisions. Teams will compete for cash prizes and awards. Competition will take place at Eckerd College and four city recreation centers. To register a team, call Jessica or Chris at (718) 433-3925.

Bicycle Auction: Get a great deal on a new set of wheels at the Police Department's auction of unclaimed bicycles Saturday, March 25th, at Police Headquarters (covered patio), 1300 First Avenue North. Register at 7:30am, auction begins at 8am. Bicycles are sold in "As Is" condition, and there is no pre-inspection of bikes before the sale. Cash and local checks with proper I.D. are accepted. Contact: 893-7560.

Good Reflections: Transportation and Parking Services is finishing the installation of 75,000 reflecting raised pavement markers (RPMs) along center lines of many city streets. According to the U.S. Department of Commerce, the raised reflectors lower crash rates and are a safety enhancement beyond traditional painted lines, offering greater visibility at night and during inclement weather. Contact: 551-3339.

Volunteers Needed: Sell beverages, t-shirts or posters. Pass out programs. Greet visitors and artists at the hospitality tent. The 25th Anniversary Mainsail Arts Festival is now looking for volunteers to help out when the nationally recognized arts festival returns to St. Petersburg's waterfront on April 15th and 16th. Mainsail

will showcase 230 artists and offer edible art at its many food tents, children's arts and crafts and a line-up of stage entertainment. To volunteer, call Mary Myers at 893-7886.

2000 Big Band Series: The 2000 Big Band Ballroom Series at the Coliseum concludes next Saturday night, March 25th, with the music of Dorsey and Goodman, performed by the 42nd Street Orchestra. The dance begins at 8pm.

Jamboree: The city hosts the annual Pioneer Jamboree this weekend, March 25th and 26th, from 9am to 4pm, at the Pinellas Pioneer Settlement at Boyd Hill, 2900 31st St. South. Come see the "Big Thumper" diesel engine powering a 1920s sawmill. See antique tractors and flywheel engines, or watch demonstrations on blacksmithing, grinding corn, rope-making, goat-milking or cooking syrup. Children will enjoy hay rides, games, arts and crafts and a petting zoo. Contact: 866-6401.

First Flight: As publicized earlier this month, a reenactment of the historic flight of the Benoist will take place this Saturday, March 25th, as part of the Aviation Festival. For those in St. Petersburg who want to catch the landing of the bi-plane, it is expected to touch down just north of The Pier some time between 2:45 and 3pm. Mayor Fischer will be on hand to greet its pilot and mystery passenger. Choppy seas or inclement weather may affect the plane's landing location. Contact: 894-1052.

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- Martin Luther King, Jr.

We Welcome Your Letters to the Editor

Food Distribution Schedule

ST. PETERSBURG - The St. Petersburg Free Clinic Food Bank, which administers the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Emergency Food Program in this area, announces the following distribution schedule for the upcoming month:

April 1st: New Hope Baptist Church, 2120 19th St. South, 8am-12noon, 1st Saturday of each month.

April 8th: St. Mark's Baptist Church, 1301 37th St. South, 8am-12noon, 2nd Saturday of each month.

April 13th: Pasadena Community Church, 112 70th Street, 9:30-11:30am, 2nd Thursday of each month.

April 15th: Mt. Zion Progressive Baptist Church, 958 20th St. South, 8am-12noon, 3rd Saturday of each month.

April 20th: Bethel AME Church, 912 3rd Ave. North, 10am-1pm, 3rd Thursday of each month.

April 21st: Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. South, 10am-12noon, 3rd Friday of each month.

April 27th: Fifth Avenue Church of Christ, 4200 5th Ave. South, 5-7pm, 4th Thursday of each month.

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WOMAN'S WORLD

'Sheroes' Honored At Luncheon

by Allene Gammage-Ahmed

Where do you find them and what do you find them doing? They are everywhere, doing all that needs to be done - without being asked. "When you wonder who's going to do it and how it's going to get done, they've already done it." They are virtuous women, the "Sheroes of the Village."

On Saturday, March 18th, 2000, the Eleventh Episcopal District Women's Missionary Society, Ann Heath Area held a luncheon tribute to women in our community. These women and the theme for this occasion was appropriately titled "Sheroes of the Village," recognizing those women in our midst who have and continue to serve mankind unselfishly and who are the willing workers we see every day; they work diligently without pay and without expectations of reward.

Mrs. Carolyn King of Peace Progressive M.B. Church, Tampa was keynote speaker for the luncheon which took place at the oldest church in St. Petersburg, Bethel A.M.E., where Reverend Harry Dawkins is Pastor. Mrs. King's topic reflected the qualities, attributes and character of a Godly and Virtuous woman. Her message took her attentive listeners on a spiritual journey from Biblical days to the present day "Sheroe" who has autographed her personal performance with excellence.

Women honored were Mrs. King's mother, Alberta Williams, who helped to groom Mrs. King for the woman she is today. From Moore's Chapel A.M.E., St. Petersburg: Nancy Harrell, Hattie Barnes and Vanesse Russ; Green Chapel A.M.E. Church, Largo: Ruby Nell Ford; Mt. Olive, Clearwater: Emma Lou Grant, Dorothy Moore and Carolyn Gordon; Mt. Zion A.M.E., Hyde Park: Agnes Brown, Doris Wilson, Ynelle Bailey, Dorothy DuBoise and Ruth Roberson; St. James, Clearwater: Gladys Clark; Bethel A.M.E., St. Petersburg: Essie Norton, Lou Bryant, Juanita Jackson, Inez Rodriguez and Ruth Faison; Greater Mt. Zion A.M.E., St. Petersburg: Ophelia Love, Willie Bush Williams, Willie T. Williams, Oretha Stewart and Anner Smith.

Other program participants included Lillian McArthur, Mabel Gibson, Sylvia Leonard, Patricia Wright, Clatities Dawkins and Candice King, who introduced her mother. In her closing remarks, Mrs. King left each woman with six factors to measure their individual excellence by. They were: Be molded by discipline, guarded by discretion, the gentleness of spirit, perfected by purity, proclaimed by wisdom and to be portrayed as a Godly woman.

A delicious buffet lunch was professionally catered by R&J Enterprises, St. Petersburg, FL.

The committee is most appreciative of the support they received which augments the success of this event. Committee members include: Nadine Lowery, chairperson; Altamese Williams, Mabel Gibson, Patricia Wright, Alva Osborne and Lynette Buchanan.



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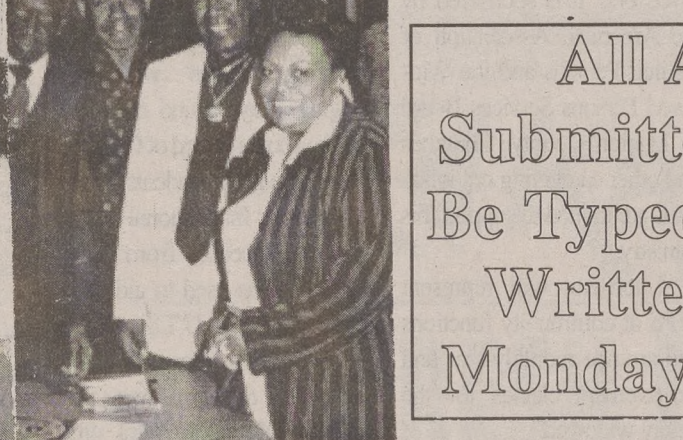
ST. PETERSBURG — On Sunday, March 12th, 2000, Bethel A.M.E. Church presented Dorothy Norwood in gospel music and song. Dorothy, who is nationally known, has truly earned her title as "The Gospel Storyteller of Song."

She sang to a wall-to-wall church of admirers. Brother John Harmon was master of ceremonies.

Sister Linda Watkins of Bethel A.M.E. promoted the program, sharing Ms. Norwood's life story. Ms. Norwood had this to say, "I did not know my life's story was so full!"

The "Lord Is A Wonder," "Shake The Devil Off," "The Storm Is Almost Gone!" and "Hattie B," a song about her mother, were some of the soul-stirring selections performed by this great lady of song.

Reverend Harry L. Dawkins, Pastor of Bethel A.M.E. Church, gave the invitation and benediction. (Pictures by Ernest Fillyau)



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Uhuru Movement Cites Racial Discrimination In Appeal Of Charter School Application Denial

ST. PETERSBURG — In an appeal filed on March 9th, Guy Burns, the attorney for the Marcus Garvey Academy Charter School, stated, "It is clear that The (Marcus Garvey) Academy was singled out for disparate treatment based upon the fact that it sought to serve a student population that would almost surely be comprised of all or substantially black students."

The appeal was filed with the Florida Department of Education and was in response to a Feb. 8th decision by the school board to deny the Uhuru Movement created school chartered status as allowed by Florida statute. The most commonly stated reason for denying the Marcus Garvey Academy charter school status is that to do so for the 45 students who would attend the school would violate the recent desegregation deal worked out by the school board and NAACP Legal Defense Fund which creates a quota for black students of between 24% and 42%.

However, nothing in the NAACP Legal Defense Fund and school board deal prevents

the creation of all-white or mostly white charter schools, and the same school board meeting that denied the application by the Marcus Garvey Academy approved an application from the Athenian Academy that is based in the Greek community of Tarpon Springs and is based on Greek Culture and Language.

Moreover, the preparation process for the appeal revealed that the school board created a rubric to justify denying the Marcus Garvey Academy application that was not used for any other charter school and was apparently created for the exact purpose of denying the application for the black community school.

Hence, the appeal to the Florida Department of Education reads:

"The Athenian Academy did not need to go through the 'rubric' review to which The Marcus Garvey Academy was subjected. Rather, the Athenian Academy -- an all white school -- received the red carpet treatment.

"The (Marcus Garvey) Academy believes that the Athenian Academy should

have a right to exist. It should have a right to serve its community, even though the student body undoubtedly will be all white (or nearly all white). The founders of The (Marcus Garvey) Academy believe that it is likely that the Athenian Academy will nurture its students and give them a sense of pride in their heritage, community, and families," the appeal reads.

"The (Marcus Garvey) Academy simply wants the opportunity to do the same thing in its neighborhood. Under the review process established by the Pinellas County School System, it is impossible for there to be a counterpart academy located in a primarily African-American neighborhood. The students from that neighborhood will never have an opportunity to receive the unique nurturing and attention that the students at the Athenian Academy will receive. The reason for this is because the Students at The (Marcus Garvey) Academy are black.

"This is not legal. More importantly, it is not moral or ethical. It is wrong," the appeal

continued.

The March 9th appeal, flown to Tallahassee by charter plane to meet the deadline for its filing, is just the most recent of a flurry of activity revolving around the efforts to acquire the Marcus Garvey Charter School.

On February 26th, nearly 400 people came out to the University of South Florida to participate in a gospel concert benefiting the Marcus Garvey Academy. The concert featured recording artist Lois Snead, the Tampa Bay Mass Choir, the Original Florida Spiritualaires, and the Mighty Sons of Zion. Statements of support were also made by USF CEO William Heller and the Rev. Manuel Sykes of Bethel Community Baptist Church.

On February 27th, the Black Community Convention, sponsored by the Coalition of African American Leadership, also came out in

support of the Marcus Garvey Academy Charter School, and on February 28th, the charter school supporters participated in the Fairness Hearing at the Federal Court in Tampa before Judge Steven Merryday.

In addition to presentations by Marcus Garvey attorney Guy Burns and its director, Amina Camara, Chimurenga Waller, state president of the National People's Democratic Uhuru Movement, also spoke up for the school. However, it was undoubtedly the presentation by Bishop Preston Leonard, who told the court of support from the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, and who eloquently spoke of the successes our people have known in all-black schools for the nearly hundred years since the end of slavery and the beginning of desegregation, who had the most impact on everyone in the courtroom.

Some consider it ironic that a desegregation process

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ST. PETERSBURG — American Heart Association CPR classes will be offered at Dixie Hollins Adult Education Center, 4940 62nd Street North, St. Petersburg, for Healthcare Providers on April 4th and 5th. The classes are scheduled from 6-9:30pm.

Basic First Aid is offered on Thursday, March 23rd or April 13th, from 6-10pm.

American Heart Association Pediatric CPR (PBLs) is scheduled on April 5th and 6th from 5:45-9:45pm.

To register for CPR or First Aid, call 547-7872, 2-9pm.

Speaking To The People

by W.F. Allen



"Are You A Team Player?"

In today's world, we often hear the words "team player." Are you a team player? Do you know how to be a team player?

Today at our work place it is often said, "We need team players!" A husband and wife should also be team players. No matter where we go, we will also find a person or more than one person who are not team players. They are the ones who take the ball and run. Unfortunately, without your team players, who will catch the ball so the team will win? The more players, the more respect, loyalty, and fairness will make this team look good, and be a winner.

I have seen many persons who want to rule, tell everyone what to do and how to do it. That same person is the one that never takes professional criticism or anyone else's ideas

to better his or her own place of work.

It is also very important to be a team player in your marriage. If one person wants to control, do whatever he or she wants and does not respect his or her life partner, there will be no loving partnership.

It is not fair to your life mate if one does anything and everything and is such a bully to treat his or her partner in such a domineering way. This is a shame. This person is not a team player at home or at work. This person may be so insecure with him or herself, all they can see is controlling to make himself look good, to better her or his own ego.

Be a team player. Be respectful and loyal so when you run with that ball, your team player will catch it, and you shall be a respectful winner.

Festival 2000 Presents Florida Power PierFest

ST. PETERSBURG — Florida Power PierFest has expanded to twice the size in just one year. Mark your calendars for April 1st (10am-9pm) and April 2nd (12noon-6pm) for a weekend full of FREE entertainment for the young, and young at heart. The event takes place at The Pier and St. Petersburg's scenic Spa Beach Park.

Watch in awe as over 250 daredevils from throughout the southeast defy gravity with thrilling stunts and physical stamina. The Sports Authority/TASCO Extreme Sports Competition has been sanctioned by the Southeastern Skate-

board Series and includes inline skating, skateboarding, and BMX bikes in both street and ramp competition.

Florida Power PierFest also features interactive games such as rock climbing, bouncy boxing, the human gyroscope, the bungee run, the pedestal joust, and extreme adrenalin course; the Toys 'R' Us play-round, the Purina Cat Chow Way of Life Tour; an interactive Panasonic DVD display; and scores of food and exhibits.

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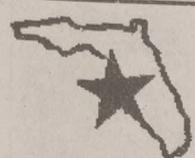
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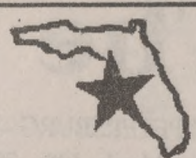
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Society In Ocala

by
Florence Williams Ray

ASHLEY MORGAN CROWNED JUNIOR MISS



Ashley Morgan

Ashley Morgan, a student at Awtrey Middle School in Atlanta, was crowned "Junior Miss" at the Little Miss Panorama pageant held recently at North Cobb High School Theater in Atlanta.

Ashley is the 14-year-old daughter of Wanda Gillings Morgan (formerly of Ocala) and Andy Morgan. She is the granddaughter of Ella Gillings of Ocala.

"Miss Panorama" pageant was sponsored by the NCHS cheerleaders, Booster Club, coaches and local businesses. Ashley is the first black to become a cheerleader at North Cobb Junior High in Atlanta. Congratulations are in order!

SUCCESSFUL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED AT NEW ZION

The 110th Church Anniversary of New Zion Missionary Baptist Church was successfully celebrated, with two services, on Sunday, March 19th, 2000. The theme for the occasion was "New Zion MBC Maintaining Steadfast Freedom In Christ for One Hundred Ten Years."

The morning worship service was conducted by Rev. Jason Sims; Responsive Reading was led by Sis. Evelyn Sweet; The Morning Devotion was by selected Deacons and congregation; Recognition of Visitors, Brother Marvin Reynolds. Musical selections came from the Mass Choir and musicians George McAllister, Sean Dukes and Mitzi Berryan, Director of Music.

New Zion Memorial Service was conducted by Tonya Epps; Scripture was read by Rev. Sims. The speaker for the occasion was The Rev. Warren Hardaway, Pastor of Beulah Baptist Church, Dunnellon. Expression of Appreciation by Sebrina Butler and Remarks by Rev. Reginald Snow.

The afternoon worship, conducted by Rev. Cecil Wilson, Pastor of Mt. Olive MBC, Crystal River, included Welcome and Occasion by Kongi Morrison; Expression and Appreciation by Josephine Byrd; Financial report by Eris Thomas and remarks by Rev. Snow, who presided over the services. Co-Chairs of program were Deacon Jesse Wilford and Sister Erma Rush. Program Co-Chairs were Johnnie Jones and Sebrina Butler. Other program persons

were Aloma Prince, Darion Tyler, Deacon Henry Tyler, Tonya Epps, Sean Dukes, Evelyn Sweet, Calpurnia Steward, Sarah Harrison, Eris Thomas, Norvella Haynes, Deacon and Sister Shields and Ida Wilford. The Rev. E. F. Broxton is Pastor.

***** SPRING BREAK OFFERED FOR YOUNGSTERS

The city of Ocala is offering a spring break camp for children ages 5-9 at Tusawilla Youth Center, located at 701 NE Sanchez Avenue, Ocala.

The camp will be in operation from 7:30am to 6pm, March 27th-31st for a nominal fee. Board and table games, movies and popcorn, arts and crafts, nature walks and playground exercises will be offered. Early registration is recommended.

Camp participants are required to bring their own lunch, two snacks and a drink.

A one-day field trip to Skateman, including lunch, will cost an additional small amount. For more information, call Patty Martin, Ocala Recreation and Parks Department, at 629-8379.

***** AMERICAN PEN WOMEN OFFERED SCHOLARSHIPS

Three \$500 scholarships are being offered by the Ocala branch of the National League of American Pen Women, Inc. to Marion County High School senior women.

Students who demonstrate writing talent are asked to pick up an application from their guidance department. The application is due April 1st, 2000 and must be accompanied by two reference letters from adults familiar with the student's writing. One should be from her current English teacher. An essay on any aspect of the theme "Celebrating Creative Women" must be written by student. For more information, call Patricia Holcomb at 625-2279.

***** FREE FISHING DERBY FOR CHILDREN

A free fishing derby is being offered by the city of Ocala and Marion County Recreation and Parks Department and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission for children on Saturday, April 1st from 9am to 1pm at Tusawilla Lake.

A special "Children Only" fishing area will be designated on the north end of the lake. Games and other activities will be available. For more information, call Mario Palmentieri, Ocala Recreation and Parks Department, 401-3900.

***** VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 'TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN'

Take Stock In Children needs mentors to guide, encourage and help students remain focused on their long-term goals of a college education. Volunteers must be able to give one hour a week during school hours and make a one-year commitment to the stu-

dent.

Training is provided. Call Mary Fred Clemmons, coordinator, at 369-2173 for more information.

YOU CAN BE A MENTOR

Mentors are needed at the MOMS Division of MAD DADS to work with young women of middle school and high school ages, who are involved in the alternative sentencing program.

If you are interested, please call 591-1343, if you live in the Marion County area.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Happy birthday greetings go out to Rosena Patterson, March 18th; Lester Kinsler, March 20th; Thomas Jones, March 21st; Roosevelt Bell, March 23rd; Ronald Wallace Jones, Jr., March 24th; Nelson Brook, March 29th; and Gertie Johnson, March 30th.

ANNIVERSARY WISHES

Happy wedding anniversary wishes go out to Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Lee McCoy, March 30th.

AARP Celebrates 2000 With A Premiere Lifestyle Event And Biennial Convention

WASHINGTON, DC — The latest in health, technology, consumer and financial information that impacts people age 50 and above will be featured as AARP Celebrates 2000 in conjunction with its biennial convention in Orlando, Florida, May 15th-18th.

The four-day format includes one day (May 15th) of Delegate business sessions, a journalist workshop, and an Opening Night Gala with Liza Minnelli. The remaining three days will feature newsmaker events, educational sessions, entertainment, and more than 700 exhibits.

Author and Poet Maya Angelou, AT&T Chairman and CEO C. Michael Armstrong, NASA Astronaut Colonel Robert D. Cabana, television medical personalities Dr. Bob Amot, Dr. Emily Senay and Dr. Nancy Snyderman, "Wall Street Week" Host Louis Rukeyser, National Council of La Raza President Raul Yzaguirre, Physician and Author Dr. Deepak Chopra, Columnist Jane Bryant Quinn, Environmentalist Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. and Psychosexual Therapist Dr. Ruth Westheimer are some of the key convention speakers.

The Technology Pavilion will focus on technologies of the future. There will also be an ethnic heritage celebration and a three-day Fitness Festival.

Liza Minnelli will headline the Opening Night Gala on May 15th. Bill Cosby will provide the entertainment for three consecutive evenings on May 16th, 17th and 18th.

For more information, please call AARP Convention Activities, 1-800-348-6532.

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Ocala News

by James Thorpe



CHERRIETTA PRINCE TO HEAD WPS

Cherrietta Prince is the new coordinator of the Widowed Persons Service (WPS) of Marion County, Inc. She will act as liaison between the local community, the organization's field workers, board of directors and the WPS headquarters in Washington, DC.

WPS is often the only support network that widowed persons have after the loss of a loved one. It is sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons and the Widowed Persons Services Board of Marion County. Churches and other caregiving organizations are invited to support this ministry.

Cherrietta will represent WPS at community functions and arrange monthly teas and bereavement classes for the newly widowed.

A native of Marion County, she earned her Bachelor's degree in Journalism at the University of Florida, and was a broadcast journalist in the United States Marine Corps. Since returning to Ocala, Cherrietta has spent years working with families, in the classroom and in public service.

Dr. George Kesley of First Congregational United Church of Christ is WPS's Board Chairman. He said, "Cherrietta is very spirit-filled and brings the kind of enthusiasm needed to help sustain the vision of this ministry."

One purpose of the bereavement support group is to enable persons to work through their grief with the support of others, until they can claim life's new beginnings. Betty Lou Bickler, who recently completed the program, wrote the following poem:

New Beginnings

Time to start life anew and experience different things. Begin with one step forward in search of new beginnings.

Sharing with new-found friends can help so very much. Discussing thoughts, fears and joy will add that helpful touch.

Think happy, loving thoughts and smile your blues away. In no time at all, you'll have bright and sunny days.

CFCC To Participate In New Online Tutorial Program

GAINESVILLE — Central Florida Community College has been selected as one of 15 educational institutions throughout the country to participate in SMARTHINKING, an online site that offers academic support for college students. With the launch of the SMARTHINKING, students at colleges that participate in the site can receive assistance in core academic subjects at any hour of the day.

SMARTHINKING's services are provided by special instructors who are trained in providing online academic support. The instructors have substantial experience in tutoring

and love in your heart. Cause, each new beginning will be a great start!

For additional information, contact Dr. Kelsey at (352) 873-1248 or (352) 237-3035.

UNITED THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY TO HOST MUSICAL

Students of the United Theological Seminary, which is located in Ocala, will host a Benefit program March 31st, 2000, 7pm at the Seminary building. There will be singing, praying and most of all, the spoken Word of God by four Seminary students who will deliver Inspirational Messages. Proceeds from this event will be used to aid students enrolled at U.T.S.

For further information, or to make a donation, write to: UTS, 1105 North West 4th Street, Ocala, FL 34474, c/o Rev. Isaac Burgess IV.

ST. PAUL M.B. CHURCH OBSERVES JOINT MINISTRIES

The St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church will be observing their joint Ministries on Friday night, March 24th, 2000 at 7:30pm. We invite one and all to attend.

Come one and all to a good old fashion Holy Ghost Revival, March 27th - 31st, at 7pm nightly. On program will be: Evangelist, Rev. Michael Warren, First Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Dunnellon, FL and St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, 3861 S. E. Maricamp Road.

If you need any further information, you may contact Mrs. Lillie Alexander, 687-3016.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Maurice Clayton, March 1st; Dawndreika Wooten, March 4th; Jeremiah Wesley, March 10th; Tonya Bright McHellen, March 25th; Mrs. Corine Williams, March 25th; Starr Coleman, March 27th; Mr. Arthur Alexander, March 29th; Bert Harrington, March 30th; Eugene and Johnnie Green, Pontiac, Michigan, March 31st.

Feminists Fight Congressional Support For Good Dads

by Rev. Jesse Lee Peterson

When I look back and see what has happened to the black family and community as a whole because of the absence of good fathers, I shudder to think of the destruction to come. I believe that, if this issue is not dealt with honestly, we will someday have disorder that will be beyond our capability to control.

In my ministering, I come in contact with many young men who are contemptuous of their fathers. Having been left by their fathers and living in an environment where they see only weak men like drug addicts, unemployed men and men not in charge of their homes, they are emotionally barren. For most, their entire life experience is spent under the influence of women, and this totally consumes their spirit, mind and body. These young men are highly emotional, intensely angry and very reactive. They have no respect for manhood.

But the hatred these boys feel is still not as strong as their longing for a father figure in their lives. Something must be done to fill this void in order for our families and community to grow and develop.

Congress is now consider-

ing legislation that may help to promote fatherhood, but it is under assault by radical feminists who reject the concept of marriage and family altogether.

Realizing that an intact family is a good way to fight poverty as well as raise happy and well-developed children, the Johnson bill (recently passed) allocates government spending for "fatherhood initiatives" to keep families together and boost a sense of duty that might be wavering for some fathers.

In the Johnson bill, \$235 million will be spent over five years to "promote marriage (and) good parenting through counseling, mentoring (and) disseminating information" about things like relationship skills, money management and the encouragement of timely child support payments and visitation in the event splits occur. It also promotes "help(ing) fathers and their families avoid or leave cash welfare" through job assistance and training and other welfare-to-work programs. In a welcome change from previous policy, this bill contains a "charitable choice" provision to allow church-based groups previously ineligible for such support aid to participate (these

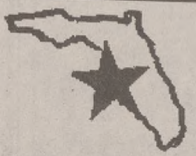
groups are sometimes the only provider to poor communities). In addition, existing groups promoting fatherhood can get grants to continue and expand their work.

Radical feminists from the National Organization for Women (who hate men, I might add), however, are trying to derail this bill. They make the ludicrous claim that the government "would place more women and children at risk." They say this bill would force a mother and child to stay with an abusive father or tilt a custody fight in a father's favor. Incredibly, NOW executive vice president Kim Gandy is quoted as saying, "I think promoting marriage as a goal in and of itself is misguided."

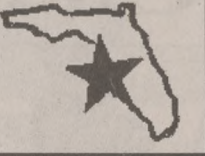
I have seen — up close — the utter destruction that has been inflicted on the black community when welfare helped push fathers out of the home. The resulting chaos — unwed pregnancies, homes without order, gang violence, drugs and mayhem — has been unprecedented. This chaos has now spread all over America and across racial and economic lines thanks to hateful elitist feminists.

It is time Americans woke up to this fact, and begin to seek wisdom from those who want to help, not destroy.

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University Of Florida College Of Medicine Office Of Minority Affairs Hosts Health Career Day



GAINESVILLE — University of Florida College of Medicine Assistant Dean for Minority Affairs Dr. Donna M. Parker, points out the location of the radial artery in the human arm to Crystal Tobar, a senior from LaBelle High School in LaBelle, Fla., as part of the Office of Minority Affairs' Health Career Day. More than 330 high school and community college students from 15 schools around

the state participated in this year's program, which was held March 10th. The UF College of Medicine's Office of Minority Affairs has sponsored this program for more than 27 years, with the goal of introducing high school and community college students to health-related careers.

Students were welcomed by Beverly Vidaurieta Wright, assistant dean for minority affairs, and listened to an inspi-

ration speech by fourth-year medical student Cynthia Reynolds. The students also had the opportunity to participate in discussions focusing on health fields of their choice, including basic science research, dentistry, medicine, nursing, occupational therapy, pharmacy, physical therapy, physician assistant, psychology and veterinary medicine. Representatives from all six UF Health Science Center colleges led the sessions.

treatment, turn them in to save yourself and your household. The majority of drug addicts refuse to set foot in a church, but I guess I can't blame them when certain pastors deal drugs, too! The prison system is not sterile either as prison guards sell drugs to inmates to augment their income.

Drug users are not the poor, helpless victims they claim to be. They can be very productive members of society when they choose to be. Probationers are crafty enough to know not to use ten days prior to a monthly drug screen. Some only get high on pay day. If they can do without it for two weeks, they can do without it altogether.

Let's pray that this drugged society will someday overcome and that the Holy Spirit will expertly guide the hearts and minds of sober men. Pray for me.

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

By DANIEL BANKS

Cocaine and marijuana usage are destroying the lives of many a black man and the families they head. How a man can work and sweat for two weeks to obtain a paycheck, then spend it all in a night on "crack" and "reefer" is beyond me. There are more important things in life than "getting high," such as child support, rent or mortgage, paying bills, buying groceries, and saving for the proverbial "rainy day." The drug addict, however, only lives for more drugs. Getting the "high" is his sole objective and EVERYTHING else, as well as everyONE else is secondary. He expects his mate to shoulder all the responsibility of the home and even finance his habit.

The club and bar scene are his forte. He usually goes out alone. It's immaterial to him how long he leaves his wife or lover at home alone while he buys and does drugs.

Sometimes, the significant other is a drug abuser too, but oftentimes, she is not. When both parents are drug users, it is very difficult to convince me that they aren't exposing their children to this worrisome practice. (I'm familiar with a situation where a mother had all four children taken away by the State for blowing "hits" into her children's nostrils so they could get high too!) Our men, however, are so drawn away with drug abuse until it's pathetic.

Comedian Chris Rock said during a recent concert, "Unless both of you have the Holy Ghost or both of you are crackheads, it ain't gonna work! (In reference to relationships)" It's a true statement. The Bible says, "Be not unequally yoked together with

From the worlds of professional sports and entertainment (Darryl Strawberry, Queen Latifah, and Whitney Houston), to the exact sciences (air traffic controllers and health care), to the "hip-hop" subculture, to the paraprofessional at the dentist's office, to the blue collar worker at your local fast food restaurant; substance abuse and illegal contraband flourish.

I recommend random drug screens for all public servants and a serious follow-through when they're positive. Drug abusers don't realize or care about the others they place at risk when they use. These "others" include their own offspring, their customers, the passengers in their personal vehicles, and the people they live with. Drug trafficking attracts gangland violence and murder. (Revisiting the Chris Rock joke, my sister said that even two crackheads couldn't make it in a relationship because one would try to outsmoke the other, without sharing, and there would be strife there, financially and emotionally!) The chaotic lifestyle of the drug user has only a negative effect on society (i.e., people are afraid of being "mugged" or "jacked;" innocent people get killed during drive-bys or contractual "hits," many home invasions can be attributed to the plague of crack addiction in our communities.)

So called "brothas" think it's cool to be involved in the drug trade and some even teach the children they impact how to run the gamut.

I think it's time to stop hiding and harboring these outlaws. If they won't seek help or

Withlacoochee River Bluegrass Jamboree Tickets On Sale For Ocala Civic Theatre Matinee Production Of 'The Odd Couple'

DUNNELLON — Florida's Withlacoochee River Bluegrass Jamboree, scheduled for March 24th, 25th and 26th on the banks of the Withlacoochee River, outside Dunnellon, will again headline the tops in bluegrass entertainers from throughout the country.

This spring's schedule includes the U.S. Navy Bluegrass Band from Washington, DC, Ralph Stanley and the Clinch Mountain Boys, Grand Ole Opry's Osborne Brothers, and the Lewis Family (America's first family of bluegrass gospel). Also appearing is Illrd Tyme Out, James King Band, Continental Divide, Tennessee Gentlemen, Restless Rebels,

97th Regimental String Band, Gilbert Hancock and Bits of Grass, and the award winning Marksmen quartet.

As always, the Withlacoochee Bluegrass Jamboree is a family style event, where Mom, Dad, Grandma, Grandpa, and all the kids are welcome and no undesirable behavior is tolerated. Camping and food are available on the grounds.

Come out for an old time, hand-clapping, toe-tapping good time.

For more information, write to: Withlacoochee Bluegrass, P.O. Box 180, Dunnellon, FL 34430-0180, or call (352) 489-8330.

OCALA — Oscar Madison, a sportswriter, is divorced - which is why he is able to have all his friends in on Friday nights for a poker game. Felix Ungar, a news writer, has just been booted out by his wife. Oscar invites Felix to share his lonely eight-room apartment.

The two men begin living in an uproarious travesty of a bad marriage. Oscar is a gruff,

irresponsible slob, a sort of cigar-chomping bear who shambles around his ill-kept cave.

By contrast, Felix is a fussy-budgety fanatic of cleaning and cooking, but his real specialty is crying on his own shoulder...he claims more symptoms than there are diseases. Death on dust and a fast man with an aerosol can, he drives Oscar stark, raving mad.

Ultimately they find out that they are as unsuited to each other as they had been to their respective wives.

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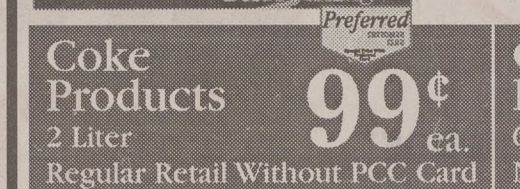
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L-R: Claude Williams, Mayor David Fischer and Tyna Middleton

what we are accomplishing in St. Petersburg is a model for other communities to follow. Receiving this recognition from the National Black Caucus is an honor, and is also great encouragement for our community to continue its commitment."

The Mayor's Challenge 2001 program evolved from community workshops held after two nights of civil disturbances in 1996. It sets numerical goals to be achieved in a geographical section of the inner city, called the "Challenge Area," in four categories - economic equity, community renewal, education and public safety.

Now nearly three years into the Challenge 2001 program, there have been some significant results. In the area of economic equity, the new Business Development Center was opened; federal grants are helping to assemble a 19-acre business park in the Dome District; there are 29 new or expanded businesses in the target area; and 1,400 Challenge

Area residents have received jobs both in and out of the target area. Proceeding with the program's goal to increase property values five percent a year in the Challenge Area, property values in inner city neighborhoods have increased at least 10 percent each of the last three years. Last year, nine of the 10 neighborhoods showing the highest increase in property values were in the inner city, where the city has concentrated with programs such as Operation Commitment and W.I.N. housing assistance. There are currently \$150 million being spent on new recreation centers, schools and other infrastructure in the inner city. To improve education in the Challenge Area, the city has partnered with Pinellas County Schools to provide nearly 500 students with tutors and mentors who work with students in the classrooms and at city recreation centers.

Officials report that violent crime is down 18 percent and property crime is down 6.6 percent in the Challenge Area since 1996. The city is currently working to renovate a 258-bed nursing home in south St. Petersburg to house a new family and substance abuse service center.

In accepting the award, Mayor Fischer was joined by six members of City Council, Councilmembers Kersteen, Foster, Ford, Peterman, Flowers and Lasita, and two staff members: Tyna Middleton, current coordinator of the Challenge 2001 program, and its previous coordinator, Claude Williams.

Other first place winners in their population categories include Phoenix for its "We're All On the Same Team" cultural diversity program; Salisbury, NC for its multiculturalism training programs, and Natchez, Miss. for its "Main Street Marketplace Farmer's Market." Taking second place to St. Petersburg was Rochester, NY for its Summer Special Events program that provided 41 free concerts and dance programs during a ten-week summer program.

"Winning the award reinforces that we are on the right track," said Tyna Middleton. "We will continue to focus our efforts on community renewal, economic equity, education and public safety. As we move forward, we will keep working to educate the entire community about what we are trying to accomplish and look for more ways to involve youth in the process - necessary if Challenge 2001 will create viable change for the future."

Joe Ann Streeter

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Ms. Streeter was honored with this award based on her contribution to education in Hillsborough County. She has been a teacher at Robinson High School since 1992. Recognizing the importance of involving the business community in building an effective

business program, she founded the Robinson High School Business Advisory Committee in 1996. In addition, Joe Ann chairs the School Advisory Committee, is the editor of the Robinson High School monthly newsletter, and chairperson for the communications committee which has been responsible for increasing PTA enrollment, volunteerism, and awareness at her school. Her students describe her as a "caring teacher...who brings the real world into the classroom...a teacher who knows so much and helps us understand."

Senator Hargrett

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Leroy Chavis, President of Florida Weatherization Association, thanked Senator Hargrett for the many low income families that have been blessed because of Senator Hargrett's efforts.

Jim Simmons, President/CEO of the Pinellas County Urban League, and Joanna Tokely of the Greater Tampa Urban League thanked Senator Hargrett not only for his support for the Weatherization Program, but also for his many

years of dedicated service to Hillsborough County in making a difference in so many people's lives.

Senator Hargrett received the President's Award, which is the highest award given by the Weatherization Association. The award reads, "The President's Award presented to Senator James Hargrett in appreciation for your untiring efforts and leadership in securing funding for Florida's Weatherization Program that

serves the poorest of the poor, thanks for making a difference in so many low income family lives in Florida." Senator Hargrett stated, "I will continue to support programs that help the poor and the children." The Awards Dinner was held at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel in Tampa, Florida. The weatherization board and staff from the Greater Tampa Urban League and other supporters also attended the Awards Dinner.

Volunteers Needed To Help Children With A Chronic Medical Condition

CLEARWATER - Gulf Coast Community Care is always looking for committed volunteers to assist in changing the lives of children from birth to eighteen. Children are in need of your help, your time and your love. Do you have three to four hours a week to give to a child?

Many children age 12 and younger with a chronic physi-

cal or mental health condition are waiting for a volunteer age 50 and older to become a "Family Friend". Family Friends spend a few hours each week in the family's home or out in the community providing needed friendship, sharing fun activities, helping with homework, encouraging positive adjustment to their medical condition or talking

about issues important to the child and family.

Gulf Coast also has other mentoring programs in need of volunteers to spend time with a child. Some of these children are in foster care and are in need of a grandparent, others because of family circumstances need a "special friend".

Please contact Linda at (727) 538-7460, ext. 3012, for more information.

"I BELIEVE THAT THE UNARMED TRUTH AND UNCONDITIONAL LOVE WILL HAVE THE FINAL WORD IN REALITY. I STILL BELIEVE THAT WE SHALL OVERCOME."

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

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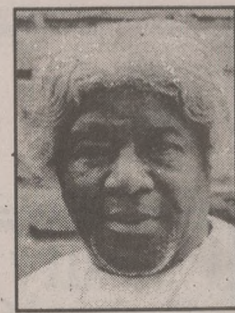
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Aries! March 23rd (today) Johnny Mells, Justin Wynn, Azha Squire, Rev. Herbert Miller, Charles Mc Q. Howard; 24th-29th: Aubanie Battle, Michael King, Jr., Rev. Don A. Gaskin, James A. Holmes, Cheryl Henry, Henry Ashwood, Jr., Nina M. Flanagan, Tansey Watkins, Ruby Perryman, Edna Highsmith, Cedrick D. Gaskin, Jr. and Berdell Jones.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION-COOKOUT

was what it was all about last Saturday when Mark Fuller celebrated his 35th birthday with a cookout pool party at his Second Avenue North home. For his quest, Mark chose a live band, Feathering Johnny Guitar and The Family Affair. Blues and soul music was the order of the evening. The band was smoking!

On the grill was barbecued ribs and chicken. Guests feasted on these mouth-watering!

meats, along with pasta salad, collard greens, rolls and top shelf spirits. Everyone had an enjoyable evening!

"RIGHT ON GIBBS CLASS OF 1952"

The Knights of Columbus was the chosen spot for the Gibbs Class of 1952's Annual Spring Dance, held for years by the Class and President Hubert Curington.

The crowd danced the night away to music played by disc-jockey "Johnstone." He played oldies and goodies.

Three of the class members, who are Pisces, and Aries celebrated their birthday with the singing of "Happy Birthday," by the guests. A beautiful birthday cake purchased by Yours Truly was enjoyed by all. Food was plentiful on all tables, and all guests were made welcome. A great time was had by all.

"Tough times never last, tough people do."

Until next week, Jump To

Gibbs Gladiator Alumni To Meet

ST. PETERSBURG - The regular scheduled meeting for the Gibbs Gladiator Alumni Association will be held Saturday, March 25th. This meeting will be held at Wildwood Community Center, 2650

Tenth Ave. South, 5pm. All members are encouraged to be in attendance. For questions, contact Minson Rubin, 866-2651 or Rhonda Jackson, 894-6045.

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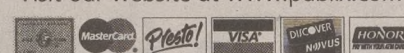
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Bring the family to this fun and fascinating event on March 25th and 26th, 2000 at the Pinellas Pioneer Settlement. The entrance to the Set-

tlement is located at: 2900 31st Street South, St. Petersburg.

The program runs from 9am to 4pm both days, and will feature a Swap Meet for antique engine enthusiasts, Old-fashion Hay Rides, Cane Syrup Making, Old Time Crafts, Face Painting, a Petting Farm, Black Smithing, Arts & Crafts, and lots of food and drink. As an added attraction, the Pinellas Model A Restorers Club will be showing off their cars on Saturday, the 25th.

For additional information, contact the Pinellas Pioneer Settlement, 866-6401 or Mike Bowen, 526-6117.

NEWS DEADLINE IS 4PM MONDAY

Premier Lifestyle Event & Biennial Convention

ST. PETERSBURG — The latest in health, technology, consumer and financial information that impacts people age 50 and above will be featured as AARP Celebrates 2000 in conjunction with its biennial convention in Orlando, Florida, May 15th-18th.

The four-day format includes one day (May 15th) of Delegate business sessions, a journalist workshop, and an Opening Night Gala with Liza Minnelli. The remaining three days will feature newsmaker events, educational sessions, entertainment, and more than 700 exhibits.

Author and Poet Maya Angelou, AT&T Chairman and CEO C. Michael Armstrong, NASA Astronaut Colonel Robert D. Cabana, television medical personalities Dr. Bob Arnot, Dr. Emily Senay and Dr. Nancy Snyderman, "Wall Street Week" Host Louis Rukeyser, National Council of La Raza President Raul Yzaguirre, Physician and Author Dr. Deepak Chopra, Columnist Jane Bryant Quinn, Environmentalist Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. and Psychosexual Therapist Dr. Ruth West-

heimer are some of the key convention speakers.

The Technology Pavilion will focus on technologies of the future. There will also be an ethnic heritage celebration and a three-day Fitness Festival.

Liza Minnelli will headline the Opening Night Gala on May 15th. Bill Cosby will provide the entertainment for three consecutive evenings on May 16th, 17th and 18th.

For more information, please call AARP Convention Activities, 1-800-348-6532.

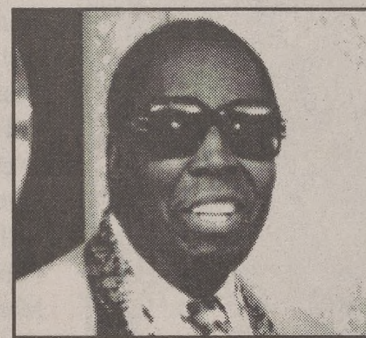
USF School Of Music Brings Song To St. Pete's Palladium Theatre

TAMPA — The University of South Florida's School of Music will present an evening of song in St. Petersburg's historic Palladium Theatre on Monday, March 27th at

7:30pm. This performance, the School of Music's fourth at the Palladium, will feature the USF Chamber Singers, Women's Chorale, and the Men's Glee Club.

Monday night's performance begins at 7:30pm, and tickets are available at the Palladium Theatre Box Office or by calling the USF Fine Arts Box Office at (813) 974-2323.

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Sunday: Sizzling Sunday

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Church News



Trinity Presbyterian Church Hosting IMA Tutorial Program



Dr. Vernita Jennings

Trinity Presbyterian Church had a call meeting Sunday, March 12th and unanimously approved to host the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance Tutorial Program. The program will benefit over 100 children in our community, grades kindergarten through 12th grades to improve and enhance their scholastic skills.

The IMA/Trinity Tutorial Program location is 2820 22nd Ave. South (and 29th Street). Their doors officially opened Monday, March 20th and will operate Monday through Thursday, from 5pm to 7:30pm.

The Session and congregation are eager to provide community services to the area.

Dr. Vernita Jennings is the site coordinator with an excellent staff of certified educators who believe that the tutorial program will play an essential part in the growth and development of local youths.

Elder Martin Rainey is executive director and Mrs. Ada Ward-Timmons is project director of the program. Dr. Fredrick D. Terry is Pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church.

For further information about the IMA/Trinity Tutorial Program, please contact Dr. Jennings at 327-5149.

Moore's Chapel

Reverend Marcus Burke and Moore's Chapel Church family welcome you to their services this 4th Sunday in March (the 26th) during both 8 and 11am services. At 8am, the sermon will be delivered by Rev. Ira Whitson, and at 11am, the sermon will be delivered by Rev. Burke. Music will be provided by the Male Chorus, directed and accompanied by Minister of Music, Michael Melvin. The Stewardess Board and the Usher's Board will serve. For transportation to church, please contact the Transportation Ministry: Willie F. Bryant, 894-6067; Robert Golden or Anthony Macon.

Church School will begin at 9:30am with Superintendent Mose Phillip Bell in charge. Parents are asked to have their children on time. For transportation, please contact the Transportation Ministry. Church School Car Wash and Breakfast Sale will be held Saturday, March 25th.

Church Conference was held Tuesday evening, March 21st at 7pm.

Moore's Chapel Junior Church Saturday Night Live Program will be held April 15th at 7pm.

Moore's Chapel Young

People's Department Bar-b-que Dinner Sale will be held Sunday, March 26th beginning at 12noon. Tickets are available by contacting Delores Baker.

Services/Meetings/Rehearsals:

Noon Day Prayer Services, Wednesday, 12noon.

Bible Study/Prayer Service, Wednesday, 7pm.

Steward Board Meeting, Monday after the 1st Sunday, 7pm.

Trustee Board Meeting, Monday after the 2nd Sunday, 7pm.

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

Inspirational Dance Group Rehearsal, Wednesday, 6:30pm.

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

Inspirational Choir Rehearsal, Thursday before the 1st and 2nd Sundays.

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

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

YPD. Meeting, 3rd Sundays, 4pm.

Traveler's Rest MB

I love the Lord, because He hath heard my voice and my supplications.

Pastor Browne and the Travelers' Rest Church family welcomes all who will worship with us on Sunday, March 26th. Sunday is Youth Sunday and Brother and Sister Parish Wallace and the Youth Department will be in charge of the order of service. Sunday School begins at 9:30am with Superintendent Sister Yvonne Demps. Members are reminded of the change of Morning Worship Service from 10:45 to 11am.

Our special guest minister is Elder Parish Hill of the Queen Street Church of God in Christ. God's Angels and God's Chosen will sing praises to God. The choir director and musician is Sister Hope Wallace. The Youth Ushers will serve as doorkeepers. Parents are encouraged to bring their children to choir rehearsal from 10am-12noon, and young adult rehearsal is from 1-3pm. Youth ushers will have their scheduled meeting and practice at 10:30am.

Members of the Bessie Moore and Verlie Ford Circles

are requested to meet on Saturday, March 25th, at 12noon. Members are to bring their Mission books for studying, "Everyday Witnessing," scripture lesson: Romans 1:13-16.

Weekly Activities:

Thursday, March 23rd, Mid-day Bible Study, 11am, Bible Study teacher is Minister Betty Andrews; Mass Choir rehearsal, 7pm.

Saturday, March 25th, God's Angels, 10am-12noon; God's Chosen, 1-3pm; Usher Meeting, 10:30am.

Tuesday, March 28th, Church Anniversary Planning Meeting, 6:30pm; Tutorial Program, 6:30-8:30pm.

Wednesday, March 29th, Prayer and Praise, led by Usher Board No. 2, 7-7:30pm; Bible Study (Book of Acts), 7:30-8:30pm, Bible Study teacher is Pastor Browne.

Members are asked to continue to be supportive of all activities of the church.

If you need transportation to church, contact the office at 822-4869 by noon on Saturday.

We praise God for you and look forward for our fellowship on Sunday.

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Thurs. Midday Bible Study

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Sat. Noon Day Prayer Hour

12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.

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801 - 6th Avenue S., St. Petersburg, FL 33712
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SATURDAYS

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

WEDNESDAY

Prayer Meeting: 7:30 PM
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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Evening Worship ... 6 p.m.
Baptist Training Union 5 p.m.
Tuesday Night
General Bible Study
Thursday Night Prayer
Meeting & Teachers Meeting



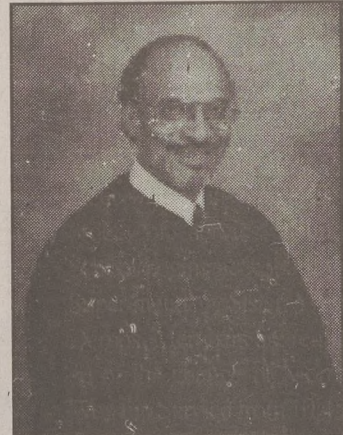
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2183 - 22nd Avenue South
St. Petersburg, FL 33712
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Residence: 824-6021

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



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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/

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Evening Worship (1st & 3rd Sunday) 6:00 p.m.

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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.

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Pastor Louis M. Murphy, Sr.

New Philadelphia

The culmination of sacrifice.

Women's History month will take place on Sunday at New Philadelphia Community Church. Women of the church will continue to tell "HERstory" as they chronicle God's divine purpose for Christian womanhood from a biblical, cultural, and historical perspective. The church family is grateful for the spiritual support given each Sunday during this month long observance.

Sacred emphasis on the high holy season of Lent is being observed with great solemnity through fasting and praying through the forty day period of its duration. Some members of church family have vowed to offer a biblical fast to God during the Lenten season. Others have given themselves to praying in the spirit as they plead the blood of Jesus in this holy season of

Mid-week Bible Study welcomes the presence of other members in church family to this mid-week gathering for prayer and study. The joy of fellowship through spiritual communion is a vital part of these sessions. Parents attending with their teenage children is a joy to behold! Thanksgiving to God for the spiritual transformation of members in attendance, through the "renewing" of their minds. Visitors and friends are also invited to attend.

Wisdom School classes for middle and high school students are held each Sunday at 10am. Parents are urged to accompany their children to these Sunday morning classes. Persons interested in volunteering their services to the Christian Education ministry can contact Pastor.

First. Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church

1121 22nd Street So., St. Petersburg, FL
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Church Services

8:00 a.m. Morning Service

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

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Clearwater, Florida 33516

Church Phone: 443-1945 Parsonage: 446-6056

Rev. Fleming Tarver, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Baptist Training Union 5:00 p.m.

Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

Weekly Services
Bible Class Monday, 7:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting & Bible Study, Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
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Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church

3700 22nd Avenue S. • 321-0020
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Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

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

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Rev. Calvin Hopkins

Galilee Missionary Baptist Church

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

Morning Worship 8:00 a.m.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Mid-Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Baptist Training Union 5:00 p.m.

Bible Study/Prayer Service Thursday 7:30 p.m.

Couples Ministry (3rd Sunday) 6:00 p.m.

Come join us at the Church where everyone is Welcome!



Rev. Earnest Jones, Pastor



Church News



Bishop Henry Porter & The Westcoast Gospel Chorus Of Florida Release 11th Recording



Bishop Henry Porter

SARASOTA — Gospel music artist, Bishop Henry Porter, along with the Westcoast Gospel Chorus of Florida have released an 11th album entitled, *Keep Making Tracks*. This long awaited recording is a follow-up to the *He's Real*, project which debuted in 1993. *Keep Making Tracks* continues Bishop Porter's significant and unmistakable style of traditional, spiritual, and contemporary songs.

The album is in stores now! For bookings, or other information, please call Marice Watkins at (941) 351-9515.

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.

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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.
YPWW 6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.

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



Moore's Chapel AME Church

Marcus H. Burke, Jr. - 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.

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.
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Friendship Missionary Baptist

3300 - 31st Street South
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(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."

Bethel Metropolitan

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, Sanctuary Choir, Male Ministry Choir and Youth Ushers will serve.

Our mid-week Bible Study (NBC) and Prayer Service at 7pm are designed for the spiritual enrichment of the entire family. We are currently being blessed with the study of "The Holy Spirit in the Life of The Believer." Deacon Alfred Williams presents the weekly study with the stamina of a seasoned giant. If you desire to experience a fresh anointing daily, join us in our study. 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, Thursdays from 12noon-1pm.

The Official Board of Bethel Metropolitan invite and encourage you to continue in prayer with us during the Lenten Season, March 8th - April 22nd. Lent, which began on Ash Wednesday, is a period of time, historically, when Christians focus on reflection, repentance, and renewal. The forty weekdays serve as a time of preparation prior to the celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord. Our church is opened for prayer from 6am to 6pm, Monday through Saturday.

March Calendar:
March 26th, Deaconess Anniversary.
March 31st, Church Business Meeting.

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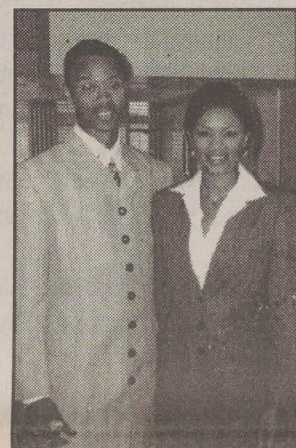
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738 Pinellas Point Drive South
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DR. MARK THOMPSON, MINISTER

Sunday Morning Worship Service
1:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Study
7:00 PM



PEOPLE OF CHRIST CHURCH

"Where Jesus is First"
2137 - 9th Avenue South
St. Petersburg, FL 33712
(727) 821-5444



Pastor Tony B. Young, Sr.

Sunday School 9:30
Sunday Morn 11:45
Monday Prayer 6:00
Tuesday Bible Study 7:30
Friday Service 7:30

WORLD EVANGELISM CHRISTIAN CENTER

923 M.L. King St. South, St. Petersburg
(727) 502-W.E.C.C. (more information)

We invite you to come worship with us as the Presence of the Lord fills the house.

World Evangelism Radio Broadcast: Sundays - WRXB 1590 AM 7 am - 7:30 am & WTAN 1340 AM 3:30 pm - 4:00 pm / Apostle Kenneth Miller, Sr. Pastor.

W.O.W. (Women of the World) For more information contact: Evangelist Kimberly Miller (727) 502 - WECC

SERVICE TIMES:

Sunday Morning: 10:30 am ; Sunday Night: 7:00 pm
Tuesday Night: Prayer/Worship 8:00 pm
Wednesday Night: Bible Class 8:00 pm
Friday Night: Youth In Praise 8:00 pm
Apostle Kenneth Miller, Sr., Pastor



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 Forward

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

FLA Arts Congress March 24th-25th At FWB 1st Baptist Church

FT. WALTON BEACH, FL - The Florida League of the Arts encourages all families, schools, church groups and those interested in the Arts & Humanities to plan to put March 24th-25th on the calendars to attend the FLA Arts Congress-2000. There is no charge for the many outstanding events which will be held at the Fort Walton Beach 1st Baptist Church one block off Highway 98 at 21 S.E. First Street at Harbeson.

Visual arts K-5 school exhibits can be seen through Saturday, March 25th at Arts & Design Society, Ft. Walton Beach Art Museum, and the FWB Focus Center. Dr.

Robert A. Larson is coordinator for the FLA elementary exhibits.

Dawn Boon is coordinator for other visual arts exhibits, including pre-school, middle school and above, and Adjudicated entries. These exhibits may be seen at FWB 1st Baptist Fellowship Hall on March 24th & 25th.

Friday, March 24th events in Fellowship Hall from 9am to 4:30pm are designed for the enlightenment and enjoyment of pre-school through senior citizens. Activities include workshops and presentations in: story-telling, sculpture for middle school or above, piano/keyboard, drama/forensics,

gem making, various music or interpretive drama performances, judging of entrants in music, visual arts, and drama/forensics plus a 2:45pm Master Class for Vocalists.

The public is invited to attend on Saturday, March 25th the FLA workshop in the Fellowship Hall of the FWB 1st Baptist Church from 10am to 4:30pm.

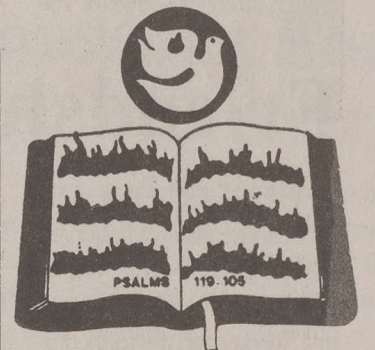
Friends and members of the Florida League of the Arts are providing this excellent series of offerings on Friday and Saturday, March 24th and 25th. There is no admission charge. Plan to attend Friday & Saturday, March 24th and 25th. Bring friends and family!

Christ Gospel Church Of St. Pete "Sunday Evening With Gospel Music"

You are cordially invited to attend a Musical Extravaganza featuring the University of South Florida Gospel Choir on Sunday, March 26th, 2000 at 7pm.

This is an open door program that will be held at Christ Gospel Church. Christ Gospel Church is located at 2512 22nd Ave. South, St. Petersburg. For more information, you may contact Mabel Stephens at 327-0997.

Christ Gospel Mass Choir is sponsoring this program!



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Pastor Keturah D. Pittman

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• Sunday- Church School, 9:45am
• Sunday- Worship Service, 11:00am
• Tuesday- Operation "BIG EAR", 6:00pm- 7:00pm

Spiritual Counseling

• Wednesday- Prayer Meeting & Bible Study, 7:00pm- Until 7:00pm- Until
• Thursday- Tutoring for K thru 5th, 6:30pm- 7:30pm
• Friday- Great Book Review for Youth, 7:00pm
• Saturday- Young Men's Bible Study, "Teen Word" Each 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month 9:00am- 10:00am

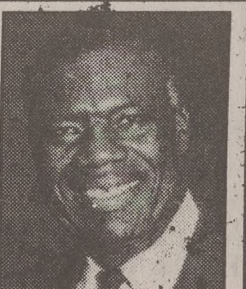
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2830 - 22nd Avenue South St. Petersburg, Florida 33712
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9:30 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship
12:30 PM After Service Fellowship
Wednesday 6:30 PM Prayer Meeting and Bible Study

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



Dr. Frederick D. Terry

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



New Philadelphia Community Church

The Reverend Don A. Gaskin, Pastor

2335 - 22nd Avenue South
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Bible Study Fellowship 6:30 PM (Wed.)

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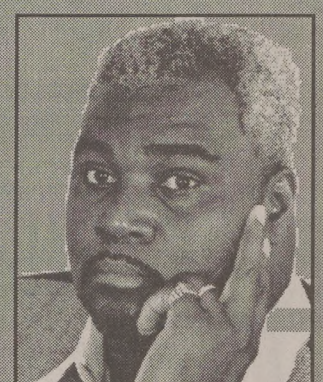
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Church News



Church Receives National Historic Designation

CLEARWATER - For 20 years, the dynamic Keel Team, consisting of Pastor Jimmie B. Keel, wife, Evelyn and James C. Rembert, Pastor's Steward, have led the Mt. Olive AME Church family to heights inconceivable in Kingdom building.

Within the past 2 years, Helen Bowens and other church members captured the spotlight for getting the historic church on the prestigious National Register.

On February 3rd, 2000, Mt. Olive AME Church, Clearwater, was among 1,298 sites to be listed in Florida. Our church has been active for 106

years - the building is significant and maintains architectural structure with a bell tower. It represents a tangible link to the past in our Clearwater community. Mt. Olive is the first church in Clearwater and the third in Pinellas County to receive such honor. We have the largest preservation grant and aid program in the State of Florida - operating with a \$17 million dollar budget.

The celebration commenced on Founder's Day, Feb. 13th, 2000. Barbara Mattick, Deputy Historic Preservation Officer, Tallahassee, Florida delivered the keynote address. Mrs. Mattick highlighted the application

process, historic sites of interest, and grants available.

She encouraged us to "remember your leaders who have spoken the Word of God to you, consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. The Lord is good, His love endures forever, His faithfulness continues through all generations." In conclusion, the Keel team was presented with the Certificate of Designation.

We were honored to have among our guests Mayor Brian Aungst and County Commissioner Karen Seel, who offered congratulatory remarks.

Friendship M.B. Church

Pastor John A. Evans, Sr. and the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church invite you to our Sunday Worship Services this Sunday and the forthcoming week.

At 8am, the Youth Ministry will lead in Devotion Prayer/Praise Services. The Angelic Choir and the Teen Choir will render the song services. The Youth 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 is held at 10:45am, opening

with the Minister of Music and Praise Team. General Mission is at 3pm. Also, at 4pm, Friendship is on program at McCabe United Methodist Church where the end of the Shepherd's Men Basketball season will be recognized. Pastor Evans will bring the message and the Male Chorus will be in charge of the music for this occasion.

Words of Assurance: "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not

be weary; and they shall walk and not faint." Isaiah 40:31

Weekly Events:

Thursday, March 30th, 7-8:45pm, Prayer/Praise Services and Bible Study; 7:45pm, Youth Enrichment Hour.

Friday, March 31st, 7pm, Church Conference.

Wednesday, April 5th, 12pm, Noonday Bible Study.

Attention: The Bread of Life Ministry is serving lunch each Wednesday from 12noon-2pm to all needy in the community.

"The Lord is great and is to be highly praised; his greatness is beyond understanding." - Psalms 145:3

Breakthrough Ministries

Set your alarm clock at 5:59am on every Sunday morning and tune in to WRXB 1590 AM for a time of praise and worship with Breakthrough, recorded live from our previous services or crusades.

Sunday School is now from 10-10:50am for youth and adult classes.

See you at our power-packed "Power Breakthrough Service" at 11am and at 7:30pm for a special night of Prophecy with Pastor Glenn

ministering in both services.

Don't forget to tune in to WTAN 1340 AM as Pastor Glenn ministers live on the air from 4:30-5pm every Sunday.

Special Tuesday and Thursday "Word Explosions" (28th and 30th) at 7:30pm, getting into the depths of God's Word!

See you at Breakthrough, 1940 49th St. South, St. Pete. Call us at (727) 321-4986/888-447-PRAY (7729) or fax us at (727) 321-3937. Come as you are - no dress code!

Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church

Pastor Joseph Gordon and the Pleasant Grove Church family invite you to worship with them on Sunday, March 26th. The Gospel Chorus will render song service and the Adult Male Ushers will serve in the 7am early morning worship service. Sunday School begins at 9:30am with Superintendent Deacon Philip Carter presiding. Mid-morning worship begins at 10:50am. The Youth Choir and Gospel Chorus will give song service and the Youth Ushers will serve. Also, Choir No. 2 will sponsor their annual Spring Tea from 4-6pm; Sis. Gladys D. Newton, President.

The Gospel Chorus and Usher Board No. 1 will

accompany the Pastor to Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church at 3:30pm. Please see church ad for all other special services.

The Grand Canyon Tour 2000 is fastly approaching. Please contact Sis. Kay Curry at 864-2937 for details after 7pm. Payments are being accepted now and final payment is due June 4th, 2000.

The Anniversary Committee wishes to thank all pastors, churches, friends and our church family for a rewarding week of celebration.

Thought for the Week: "Though he falls, he shall not be utterly cast down; for the Lord upholds him with His hand." Psalm 37:24.

The Family That Prays Together Stays Together

New Hope M.B. Church

Dr. Alvin Moore and the New Hope family invite you to General Mission Sunday beginning with breakfast at 8am and Church School at 9am; 10:30am services will begin with the Deacons in charge of Devotion and the Youth Choir will render the Praise and Worship Services and recognition of the J. L. Fennell Scholarship Fund.

Sister Jewel Waiters and the General Mission are rejoicing as we come together to celebrate an Afternoon In White with Rev. E. Jones and Galilee M. B. Church at 4pm.

Members are reminded that as we continue in our Lenten Season to fast and pray, read the Word and meditate daily. Sister Bobbie Simmons invites everyone to Prayer Band on Thursdays at 11am where "just a little talk with Jesus will make it all right."

Upcoming Calendar: Friday, March 24th, New Hope at Macedonia Freewill Baptist, 7:30pm.

Saturday, March 25th, General Mission Evangelistic Outreach, 10am.

Monday, March 27th, General Mission Meeting, 7pm; Deacon Board Meeting, 7pm.

Tuesday, March 28th, Church School Staff Meeting, 6pm.

Thursday, March 30th, Christian Education Dept. Meeting, 6pm.

Emmanuel Christian Fellowship Church Family & Friends Day

On Sunday, March 26th, Emmanuel members will once again have a celebration together with our many family members and friends. We once again would like for all of our family members and friends to worship with us, and everyone who would like to become a friend, for we show ourselves friendly.

Our visiting pastor and his family will be here expecting to see you and to fellowship with us.

Sunday School will begin at 9:30am, and Morning Worship will begin at 11:15am with the Praise Team leading

the worship service. Come with an expecting spirit to be blessed of the Lord and we are sure you will be blessed!

Don't forget on Saturday, March 25th, the Youth Department will host their second car wash at Burger King, 35th Street and Central Avenue. Please bring your cash and support our Youth Department.

Remember our prayer times: Tuesday and Thursday mornings, 11am; Wednesday evenings, 6:30pm; and every Saturday morning, 6am. Special prayer time every morning, 6am.

Oh come let us adore Him!

Urban League City Will Be At Prayer Tower

ST. PETERSBURG - The Pinellas County Urban League will have its annual Urban League Sunday program on Sunday, March 26th, 2000, 4pm at Prayer Tower Church Of God In Christ where the Elder Clarence Welch is pastor.

This year's program will feature a dynamic message from a local minister as well as music from several noted area church choral groups, and promises to be a very spiritual

filled and soul-stirring event. The program is being coordinated by the Pinellas County Urban League Guild whose task is to assist the PCUL in achieving its overall mission of service to the community. Mr. James O. Simmons is president and CEO of the Pinellas County Urban League. Lillie Collins-Philogene is the Guild President and Gail Desta is program chairperson. The community is cordially invited to attend.

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.

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

Rev. Michael A. Hawkins, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 AM
Morning Worship 11:00 AM
Prayer Meeting/Bible Study
..... Tuesday 7:30 PM

Church Theme: "Rise Up And Walk"

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.

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.

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Tuesdays, Fridays & Sundays - half an hour before service.
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Friday nights at midnight.

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If you would like to come to church and do not have a way, call 327-0997.

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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

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

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Dr. L.P. Davis, Pastor

Sunday School: 10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship: 11:30 A.M.
Prayer Meeting: Wed., 7:30 P.M.
Mission Day: Every 4th Sunday (with dinner following Morning Service)
Baptist Training Union: 6:00 P.M.

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

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NATHANIEL W. TINDALL, II, PASTOR

Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church
2550 9th Avenue S. • St. Petersburg, FL

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

Prayer Meeting & Bible Study

Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.

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Rev. Joseph Gordon, Pastor

St. Joseph Catholic Church
2101 - 22nd Ave. S., St. Petersburg

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9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Gospel Choir

Father Callist Nyambo, Pastor

Cynthia Forward Receives Surprise Party Leadership Pinellas

TAMPA — Cynthia Forward knew she was turning 40 years old, but little did she know her husband, Thomas, and other family members were about to 'put one over on her' which they did by throwing a 'bang up' Birthday Bash for her as she reached the big 4-0. Friends, co-workers and family enjoyed an evening of fun, food and dancing, as Cynthia glided into the beginning of her 40th year, proving that 'age is just a number.'

Donna Douglas, long time friend of Mrs. Forward, helped host the affair.



**WE WELCOME YOUR LETTERS
TO THE EDITOR**

Krewe Of Agustina De Aragon Lends A Hand For Special Olympics

TAMPA — The Krewe of Agustina de Aragon will provide volunteer power for the Special Olympics Area 8 Summer Games on Saturday, March 25th, 2000. The Games, which start at 9:30am, will be held at Durant High School, 8383 Turkey Creek Road in Plant City.

The National Unveiling of the Special Olympics Stamp, one of the 1990's Celebrate the Century Commemorative Stamp Series, will take place during the opening ceremonies. There will be 500 athletes participating in these games from Hillsborough, Highlands and Polk Counties. Competition includes track and field, bocce, cycling, ten-

nis and soccer. For more information, contact Bridget Robertson at (813) 877-0865 or (813) 240-5886.

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Applications Now Available

ST. PETERSBURG — Enrollment applications are now available for the 2000-2001 Leadership Pinellas class. Leadership Pinellas is designed to increase the number of informed, interested citizens who are willing to make Pinellas County a better place in which to live. Modeled after successful Leadership Programs across the nation, Leadership Pinellas exposes participants to the issues and decision facing Pinellas County.

Class members have the opportunity to meet community, state, and national leaders who are

involved with these issues and decisions while allowing them to engage in open, off-the-record discussions. Class topics include state and local government, education, human services, arts, criminal justice, health care, and the business/economic community.

Applications for the program are available by writing Leadership Pinellas, P.O. Box 5986, Clearwater, 33758-5986; or by calling 727-585-8889. Applications are also available in all of the Pinellas County Chambers of Commerce.

Farmers' Market Has Something For Everyone

CLEARWATER — The Farmers' Market will be in Station Square Park on Cleveland Street in the heart of downtown Clearwater from 8am to 3pm on Saturday, March 25th, and 9am to 2pm, on Sunday, March 26th. There will be no art or artist merchandise displayed at the Farmer's Market due to the Fine Arts Show on Cleveland Street, just the freshest produce and fish, baked goods, plants and flowers. Casual vendors, either Saturday or Sunday, will pay a different fee from the regular

vendors and they are welcome one or both days. Telephone Pat Fernandez, 461-7674, for information and the casual vendor fee.

Remember, parking is always free and there are handicapped spaces at the Market.

The Market is open every Saturday from mid-October through April, 8am to 1pm, at Station Square Park on Cleveland Street just west of the Post Office and east of Garden Avenue in downtown Clearwater.

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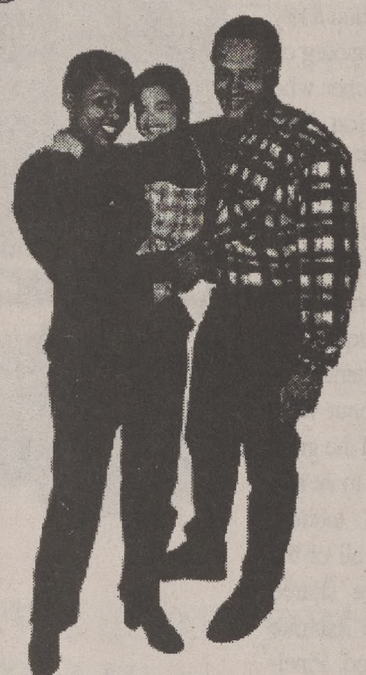
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Islamic Society Feeds Over 300 In Downtown St. Petersburg

by Allene Gammage-Ahmed

ST. PETERSBURG — A large crowd of regulars, passersby and neighbors who frequent the downtown Williams Park area were in for a special treat last Friday, March 17, 2000 where hundreds of Muslims from around the bay area gathered to celebrate their feast of sacrifice, thanksgiving and sharing - EID-UL-ADHA - the first of its kind in our area, which was very well received.

The scene and activity were somewhat different than usual. Families were joined together, embracing one another, reminiscing of days past, exchanging laughter and handshakes while children were busy at play and others were preparing to feed those who may have needed a meal or who just wanted to socialize.

Interfaith communities were present to share in this annual celebration and speak towards commonalities and the desire to bridge the gap, bringing about a world of understanding among all faiths. Representatives and platform guests included: Rabbi Mel Estroff, Temple Beth-El, Father Bob Schneider, Holy Family Catholic Church, Rev. Kim Wells, Lakeview United Church of Christ, Rev. Earl Smith, Lakeview Presbyterian Church, Flora M. Latham, New Jerusalem, Pompano Beach, Abdul Karim Ali, Islamic Society of Pinellas County, the National Conference for Community & Justice, Martha N. Williams and the Baha'i community.

Imam Eric A. El-Amin from Baltimore, Maryland, the spokesperson for Imam W.D. Mohammed, was present to deliver the message for the celebration. It was a message of clarity, bringing hope to everyone. His encouraging words of wisdom, his great sense of humor and the seriousness of his mission were plain and clear as listeners resounded and applauded his comments. Council member Robert Kersteen presented Mr. El-Amin with a Proclamation and a key to the City of St. Petersburg on behalf of Mayor Fischer who joined the celebration later along with assistant, Rita Wesley. Mr. El-Amin plans to share the sentiments of local city officials with the entire Islamic administration.

After being critiqued by some who were in attendance, they all felt good about what they'd witnessed and the great meal they were able to sit and enjoy. They were excited about the unity and all of the available knowledge shared with them by the Islamic brother and sisterhood, Pinellas County Health Unit, American Cancer Society, Sankofa Clinic, Florida Blood Services and Sha'ista Tayyab, historian.

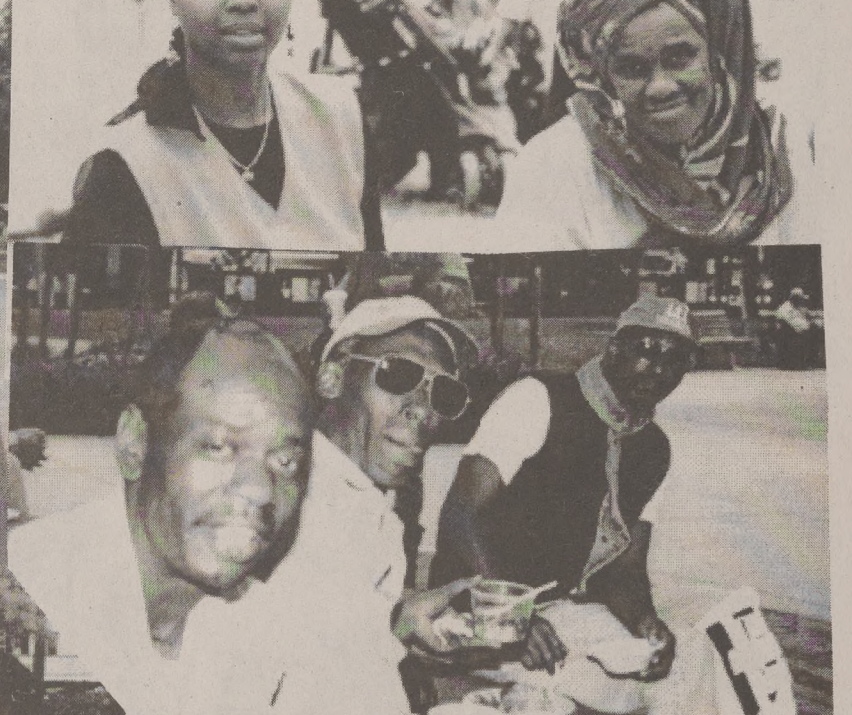
It was a joyous, fun-filled day where more than 300 delicious meals were served to the needy, the homeless, those waiting on buses and business people on a lunch break.



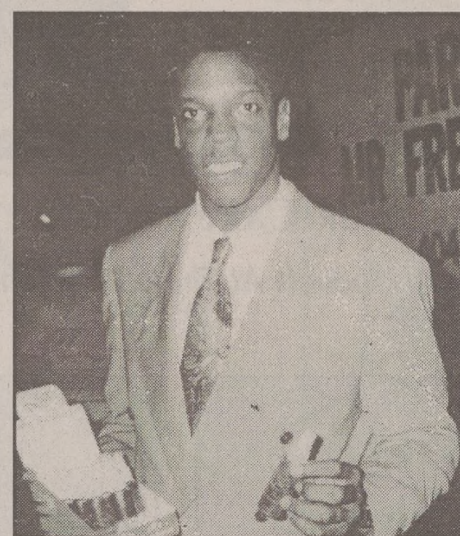
L-R: Martha Williams, Abdul Karim Ali, Mayor David Fischer and Rita Wesley



L-R: Imam Eric El-Amin and Councilmember Robert Kersteen

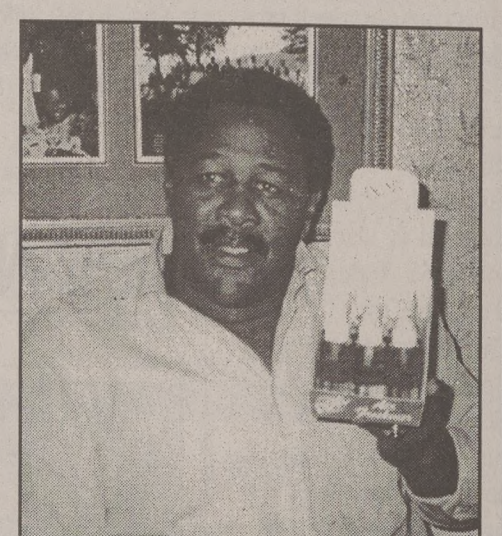


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UPPER PINELLAS HEADLINES



by
Marilyn Buckner

Willa Carson's Dream Is Now A Reality

Excitement was in the air last Saturday morning as the long anticipated ground-breaking ceremony for the **North Greenwood Community Health Resource Center, Inc.**, became a reality, through the diligent efforts of Willa Carson. Nearly 200 well-wishers were on hand to congratulate and salute the 'dreamer' behind the dream, Willa. For young people on hand, it was the greatest example of how to never give up on one's dream.

Several state, county, and city officials were on hand to salute the tenacity of Carson's 'dream,' along with many community organizations, supporters, and friends which included, state **Senator Jack Latvala**, who offered and delivered complete partnership and support in this effort through a state appropriated grant, as well as a Community Development Block Grant, Brownfields funding, community support, as fundraising activities, not to mention Bellear's City Commissioner and architect, **Steve Fowler**, whose firm will build this Center, which will be a spacious complex, upon completion. Clearwater Mayor, **Brian Augst**; City Manager, **Mike Roberto**; Assistant City Manager, **Bill Horn**; County Commissioners **Calvin Harris** and **Karen Steel**; City Commissioner, **J.B. Johnson**; Police Chief, **Sid Klein**; and the North Greenwood Community police officers; Circuit Judge, **Walt Logan**; community activists included **Isay Gulley**, **Jonathan Wade**, **Mayme Hodges**, and

Mohammed Adul-Raheim.

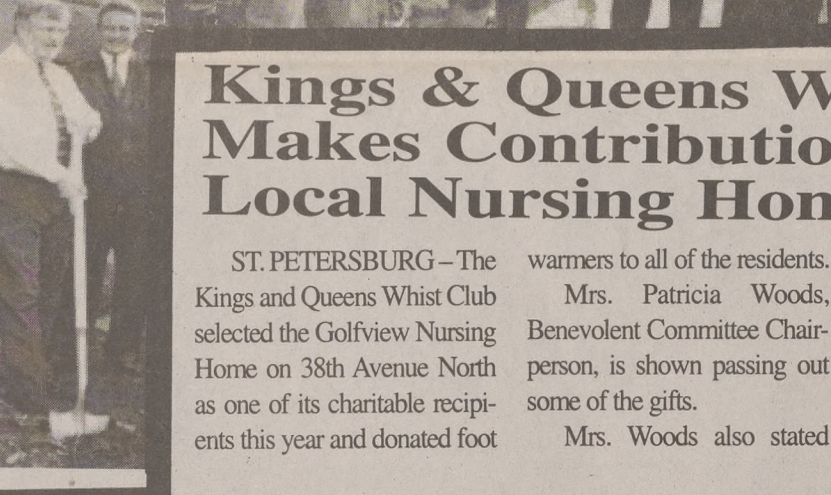
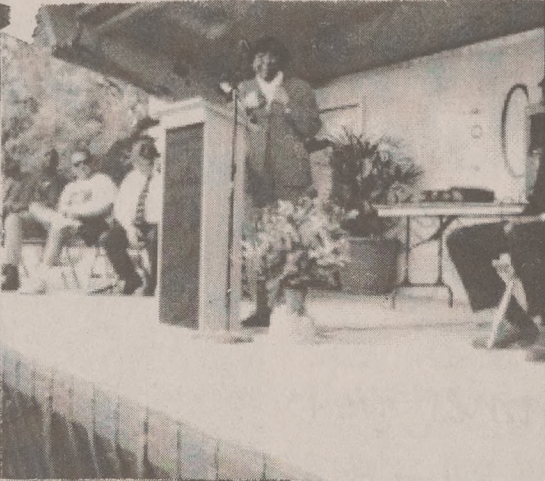
The Health Center will offer a variety of services, including immunizations, physicals, health screenings and referrals. Doctors and nurses will volunteer their time in the clinic, which once completed will be located at 1108 North Greenwood Avenue.

Willa Carson's dream is off and running in the form of reality from a refurbished apartment that has outgrown it's usefulness to a spacious complex, which will be completed later this summer.

Willa made a deposit on her community, and her returns will be splendid! Willa thanked her supporters and friends for their help, and also encouraged her to never give up. We all salute and thank you Willa, and your supporters, for your dream, that was completely unselfish, but a dream that will help your community for years to come!

The City of Clearwater was in full blast simultaneously as City officials were hoping from one project to another for **Paint Your Heart Out, Clearwater** was in progress, where local businesses, community groups and citizens painted 25 homes up and down North and South Greenwood Avenues for deserving homeowners with limited income to complete the work themselves. After that, "Coachman Park was alive with VETROCK 2000 Concert, which was expected to draw thousands to downtown Clearwater.

Send your community news/events to me at P.O. Box 6941, Clearwater, FL.



"The Undertaker" From WWF Makes An Appearance

ST. PETERSBURG—The Boys & Girls Clubs of St. Petersburg need your help. On Saturday, March 25th, we are having a fundraiser to raise money for much needed programs for the children in our community.

Shaun King of the Buccaneers and Greg Vaughn of the Devil Rays will be assisting us in this endeavor, as we sponsor an "Evening of Jazz with Shaun King and Greg Vaughn." This event will be

held on Saturday, March 25th, 7-10pm at the Museum of Fine Arts in St. Petersburg, 255 Beach Drive NE. Monique & Co., featuring Cleo, will perform.

Don't miss your chance to meet these men of sports, while also supporting the Boys & Girls Clubs. The kids are counting on us!

For further information, please call Julie Williamson at (813) 232-9147.

Men's Health Forum A Huge Success

TAMPA—More than 700 African-American men, gathered on a Saturday morning... and there was no music and no sporting event...these men were here taking care of their health," says Robert J. Samuels, Chairman of the Florida Cancer Education Network (FCEN), regarding the recent Men's Health Forum held Feb. 26th at Hillsborough Community College.

The number of people who took part in these free screenings speak to the success of this educational outreach program:

- 215 individuals were screened for blood pressure, cholesterol and blood glucose.
- More than 230 men were tested for prostate cancer and are on an extensive "follow-up" plan by the hospitals.
- Workshops were set up and conducted by physicians, nurses and other volunteer

health care workers on subjects ranging from high blood pressure, diabetes, cholesterol and disease prevention through diet.

• FCEN worked closely with Hillsborough County Health Dept. and H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center, St. Joseph's Hospital and University Community Hospital to screen and test men for prostate cancer.

The "Men's Health Forum" was the first of its kind in the Tampa Bay Area and was supported by an unrestricted educational grant from Pfizer, Inc. and master-minded by Samuels, an African-American prostate cancer survivor of six years and more recently, a throat cancer survivor.

For more information regarding prostate cancer and future community outreach programs, please contact the Florida Cancer Education Network at (813) 806-2800.

Kings & Queens Whist Club Makes Contributions To Local Nursing Home

ST. PETERSBURG—The Kings and Queens Whist Club selected the Golfview Nursing Home on 38th Avenue North as one of its charitable recipients this year and donated foot

warmers to all of the residents. Mrs. Patricia Woods, Benevolent Committee Chairperson, is shown passing out some of the gifts.

Mrs. Woods also stated

that several other local organizations will be receiving contributions from The Kings and Queens Whist Club within the next few months.

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HBO Boxing After Dark Presents A Heavy Weight Action Special

NEW YORK — HBO Sports continues to showcase entertaining heavyweight action when HBO Boxing After Dark: Vitaly Klitschko vs. Razor Ruddock airs Saturday, April 1st from Berlin, Germany.

Undeclared rising heavy-

weight star Vitaly Klitschko (27-0, 27 KO's) a native of Kiev, Ukraine, will make his HBO debut in an intriguing 12-round matchup with veteran Donovan "Razor" Ruddock (36-5-1, 28 KO's) of St. Catherine, Jamaica. The 28-year-old Klitschko stands a

formidable 6'8" and fights at about 246 pounds. He has had knockouts in all 27 of his pro fights, fighting almost exclusively in Germany; among his victories last year were KO's of heavyweights Herbie Hide and Obed Sullivan.

Ruddock, 36, has been in

the heavyweight ranks for 16 years and has captured eight straight wins in the past two years after a two-year layoff. Among Ruddock's 42 professional fights are back-to-back bouts with Mike Tyson in 1991.



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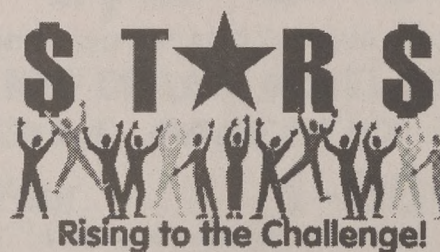
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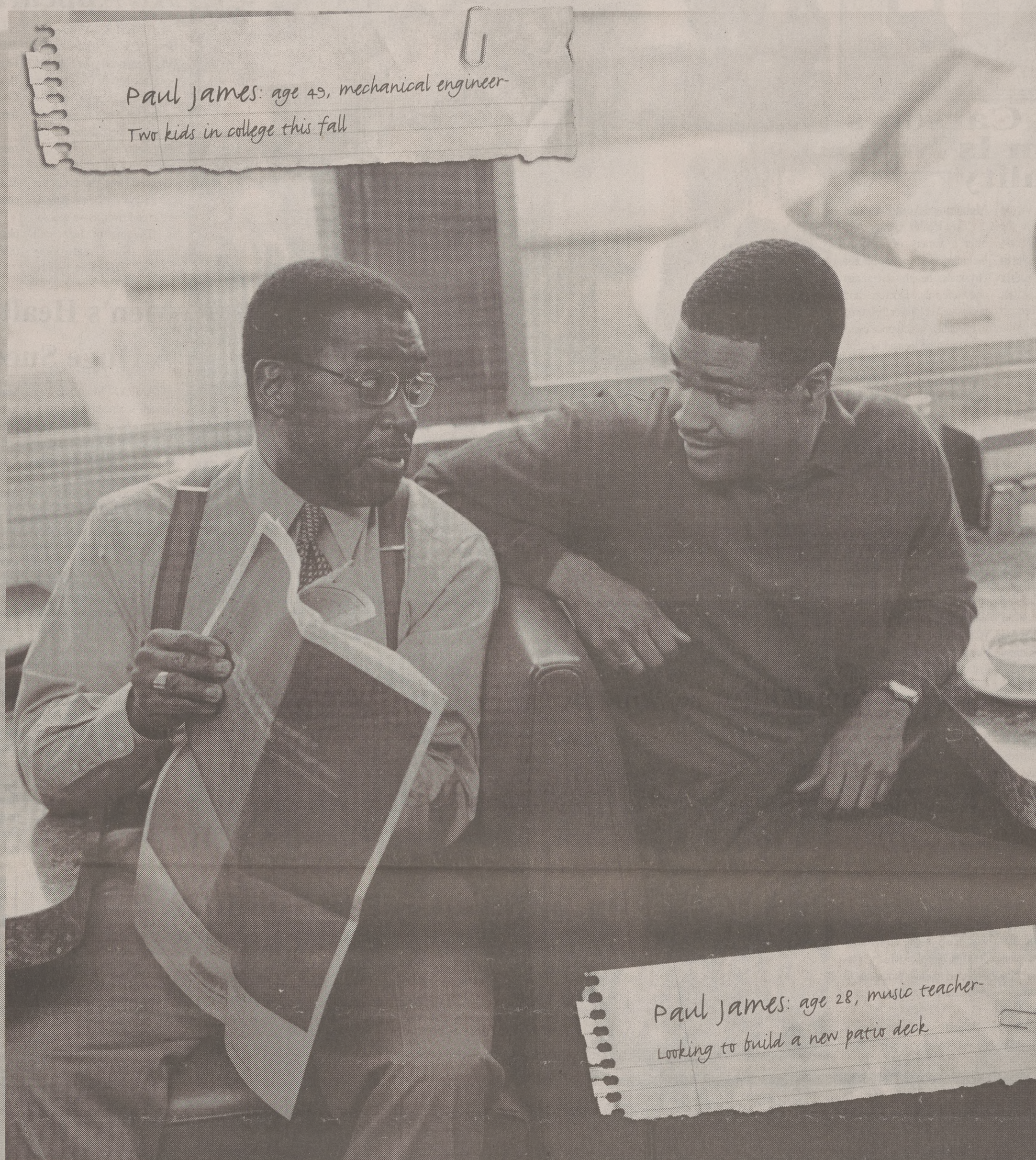
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AARP/Florida Publishes Presidential Primary Voters Guide To Mobilize Grassroots

ST. PETERSBURG — In an effort to send better informed voters to the polls, AARP has published and videotaped a presidential primary voters guide to help older persons and members of their families understand where the candidates stand on the organization's key issues: Social Security, Medicare, long term care, and patient protections in managed care.

Central to the AARP/Florida "get out the vote" (or GOTV) efforts is the release and distribution of a 12 page

Presidential Voters Guide and its video counterpart. Both versions of the guide feature unedited responses from the eight majority party presidential primary candidates to specific questions about Social Security, Medicare, long term care and patient protections in managed care.

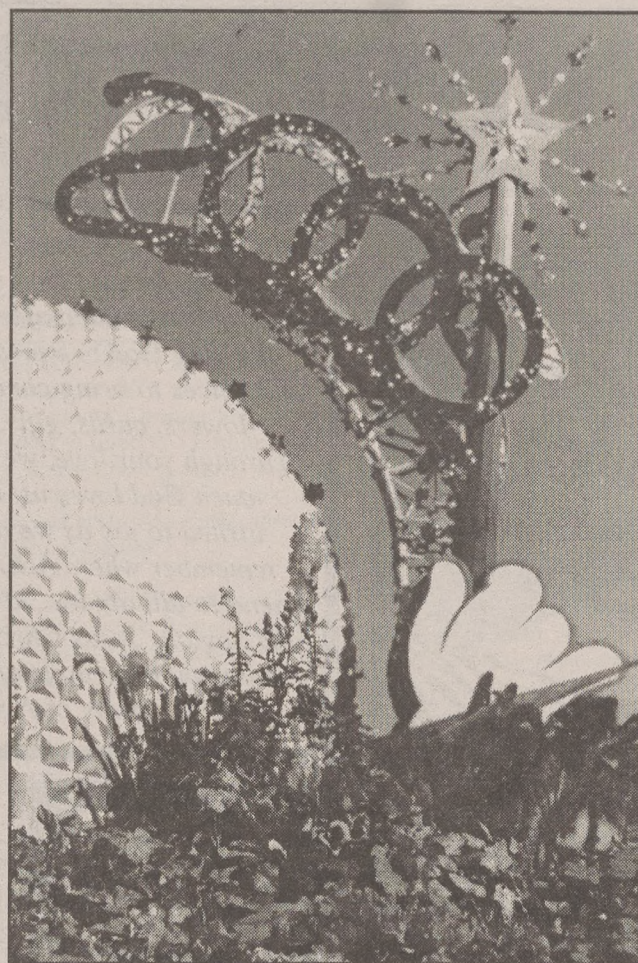
Other aspects of the "GOTV" effort will include newspaper and broadcasting advertising, phone banks and, in a telling gesture to the fact that the 50+ age group represents the fastest growing popu-

lation in cyberspace, an Election 2000 website (at www.aarp.org).

For a free copy of the AARP Presidential Primary Voters Guide, write or call the AARP Florida State Office in St. Petersburg or Miami:

AARP, 400 Carillon Pkwy, Suite 100, St. Petersburg, FL 33716, (727) 571-AARP (2277).

AARP, 1444 Biscayne Blvd., Suite 310, Miami, FL 33132, (305) 371-6102.



7th Annual Epcot International Flower And Garden Festival

LAKE BUENA VISTA — Garden enthusiasts as well as "budding" gardeners can dig into a popular Walt Disney World spring tradition by celebrating the power of the flower at the 7th annual Epcot International Flower & Garden Festival, April 28th - June 11th.

Guests can attend a variety of presentations and workshops hosted by a line-up of nationally known garden experts, learn from the Disney gardening team as the horticulturists share tips and demonstrate new backyard planting ideas, and enjoy the Flower Power concert series featuring top music of the '60s and '70s.

The Turtles will kick off the Flower Power concert series April 28th - May 1st, followed by Davy Jones, Gary Puckett, The Lovin' Spoonful, The Byrds Celebration, Paul Revere and The Raiders, Herman's Hermits starring Peter Noone, British Invasion, Chuck Negron — the original voice of Three Dog Night, Buckingham, The Association, and Arlo Guthrie. Performances are at American Gardens Theatre.

For more information about the Epcot International Flower & Garden Festival, guests should call Walt Disney World Guest Information at 407/824-4321.

Have A Nice Day

Working Seniors To Keep Their Benefits

WASHINGTON, DC — Congressman Mike Bilirakis (R-FL) recently voted for passage of the Senior Citizens Freedom to Work Act of 2000 (H.R. 5), which repeals the Social Security "earnings limit" to allow seniors age 65

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City Attorney Davis Retires, Wolfe Takes Seat

ST. PETERSBURG — After 33 years of distinguished service to the city of St. Petersburg, City Attorney Michael S. Davis announced his retire-

ment recently, effective April 8th, 2000. Mayor David J. Fischer has appointed Chief Assistant City Attorney John C. Wolfe to assume the posi-

tion of city attorney. Mr. Wolfe's confirmation will be brought forward at the March 16th, 2000 City Council meeting.

Encore!—Benefit Concert For New Music Center At SPJC

ST. PETERSBURG — *Encore!*, the benefit concert for the new Lynch Music Center/Auditorium being built at St. Petersburg Junior College's St. Petersburg/Gibbs (SP/G)

Campus, is March 26th.

The Sunday afternoon (3-4:15pm) concert, in St. Petersburg's Palladium Theater at 253 Fifth Ave. North, will feature a varied musical program

by students and faculty of the SP/G Fine Arts Department. For further information, please call Jonathan Steele at 341-4360.

Small Time Crooks



L-R: Tracey Ullman and Hugh Grant

Woody Allen wrote, directed and stars in this light, romantic comedy that follows the illegal misadventures of an ex-con dishwasher and his wife, a manicurist who dreams of becoming rich by way of a bank robbery in New York City.

Allen and award-winning comedy actress Tracey Ullman are paired as the crooked husband and wife team. The all-star ensemble cast also includes Hugh Grant, Jon Lovitz, Michael Rapaport and Oscar-nominated screenwriter and actress Elaine May.

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DICKENS, ANDREW JR. died recently. Survivors include his wife of 26 years, Annie Dickens; five daughters, June Peavy, Catina Dickens, Juanita Williamson, Benita Cason and Tracy Moore; three sisters; four brothers; 13 grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. Young's Funeral Home, Clearwater.

HARRIS, MAE DELL died March 8, 2000. Survivors include two sons, Robert and Roosevelt Harris; three daughters, Bessie Mae Stewart, Idell Gillette, and Onita Mae Covington; and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. Smith Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.



MONROE, JOBORIA G. died March 4, 2000. Survivors include her grandmother, Bernice Williams; 7 aunts; 5 uncles; and a host of cousins. Young's Funeral Home, Clearwater.

MURRAY, SYLVESTER "B-NINE" died February 23, 2000. Survivors include four daughters, Arlene Collins, Bernadette Murray, Marilyn Murray and Vanda Rei Hutchinson; four sons, Gary Murray, John Reginald Murray, Everett Sylvester and Ryan Farley; 17 grandchildren; 1 great grandchild; one sister; three brothers; one aunt; three nephews; two nieces; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. Young's Funeral Home, Clearwater.

SINGLETARY, DEACON JOSEPH JR. died February 26, 2000. Survivors include his wife, Ruby; three sons, Kendall, Algje and Alan; 9 grandchildren; 1 great grandchild; 3 sisters; 3 aunts; 1 uncle; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. Young's Funeral Home, Clearwater.



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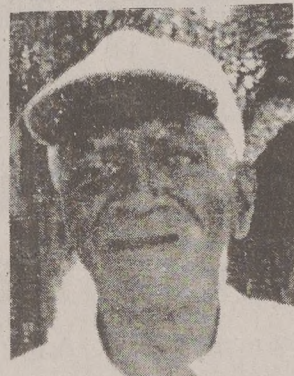
Clearwater

Final Rites

CHESTINE, PANSY LEE died February 25, 2000. Children, Bernard, Dee Dee, Lannie, and Marque; and a host of other loving relatives and friends. Young's Funeral Home, Clearwater.

Gainesville

Final Rites



JONES, JOHN OLIVER died March 5, 2000. Survivors include three daughters, Ernestine Holmes, Irene Davis and Carrie Clark; one son, Sam Jones, Sr.; numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren; and great, great grandchildren; other relatives and many caring friends. Chestnut Funeral Home, Gainesville.



JONES, MAMIE LEE died March 6, 2000. Survivors include two children, Gertrude Jones Dix and Isaac Jones; two sisters; one brother; 9 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and caring friends. Chestnut Funeral Home, Gainesville.

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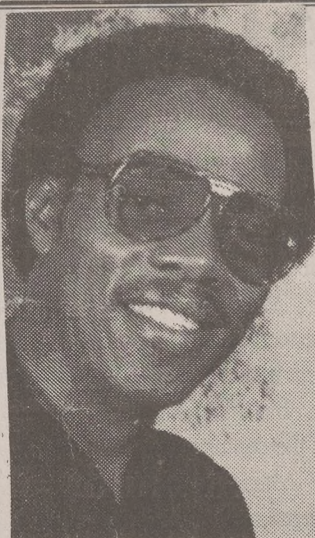
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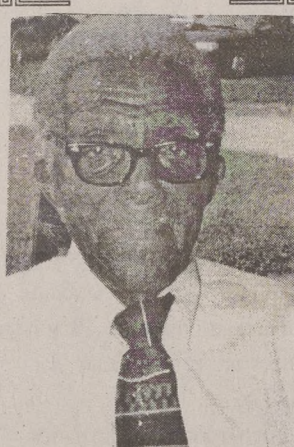
LONDON, JOHN LEE died March 7, 2000. Survivors include his wife, Yvonne Taylor-London; six children, Leroy Street, Robert Leverett, Dexter Leverett, Vanessa Mitchem, Angela London, and Mauline Canaday; one sister; two brothers; 15 grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. Chestnut Funeral Home, Gainesville.



RICHARDSON, LIZZIE MAE died March 2, 2000. Survivors include her husband, Sloan Richardson; four daughters, Deborah Richardson, Valerie Harden, Evelyn Henderson and Kaytrina Richardson; three sisters; two brothers; and numerous other relatives and friends. Chestnut Funeral Home, Gainesville.

Ocala

Final Rites



NEWSOME, ALEX PAUL died February 27, 2000. Survivors include his loving parents, Anthony and Janet Newsome; four brothers; four sisters; and numerous other relatives and family friends who share in this loss. Chestnut Funeral Home, Gainesville.

HANDY, BOISY died March 8, 2000. Survivors include eight grandchildren; three great granddaughters; three nephews; and a host of other relatives and friends. Cunningham's Funeral Home, Ocala.

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It is in the sorrow and grief of the loss of our loved one that God touched us with His sincere love and comfort. We thank you for allowing God to use your hearts, hands and voices to bring comfort to us with your flowers, cards, gifts, calls and food. Through your love, we are reminded how much God loves us. Our mourning is turned to joy as we acknowledge and remember where Alvin, family man and friend to all, abides...at the feet of His Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do.
The Family of Alvin J. Downing

Out Of Town Rites



WILLIAMS, SGT. CURTIS L. died February 28, 2000. Survivors include his wife, Rose Williams; one daughter, Tonia Murphy; one sister; one grandson; three aunts; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Service held at St. Mary's Baptist Church, Alachua.



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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES

The Pinellas County Housing Authority is seeking the professional services of an A/E firm to provide Architectural and Engineering design activities, bid, selection award phase, construction management and other services that may be required to prepare detailed drawings and specifications (New construction and renovations projects).

Applicants must be a Licensed Professional Firm in the State of Florida. Applicants shall apply in writing to be considered. Each application shall describe the firm's ability with respect to the public housing requirements including a synopsis of the firm's qualifications, experience, resumes of key personnel (form 254). Expected compensation must be descriptive of estimated cost per activities.

By submitting a qualification statement, the offeror agrees, if its qualifications are sufficient, to enter into negotiations with the Housing Authority with the intent to enter in a contract in the form of or similar to HUD-51915 and HUD-51915-A Model Agreement for Architectural and Engineering services. Proposals should be prepared in accordance with the RFQ instructions, and will be evaluated by the Pinellas County Housing Authority pursuant to CFR 85.36 and Florida State Statutes 287.017 and 287.055.

The Housing Authority reserves the right to waive any formalities, to reject any or all proposals, or to re-advertise for Qualifications Statements. Award, if made, will be to the most responsive, responsible offeror whose qualifications and proposals are most advantageous to the Housing Authority, all factors considered.

Deadline for submittals is April 10th, 2000 at 11:00 AM, place Pinellas County Housing Authority, 209 S. Garden Avenue, Clearwater, Florida 33756.

Questions regarding the RFQ should be directed to:

J. Albert Meza, Capital Fund Coordinator
727-559-7903

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the City of St. Petersburg is considering the following amendments to the FY 1999/2000 Consolidated Plan: 1) delete the Habitat for Humanity project from the FY 1996/97 Consolidated Plan budget (\$50,000); 2) delete the PARC project from the FY 1999/2000 Consolidated Plan budget (\$85,000); 3) Change the name of the previously approved Bartlett Apartments to the Russell Street Apartment project, change the location from 425 & 430 13th AV S to 1701-1799 Russell ST S and increase funding from \$250,000 to \$350,000 by transferring \$100,000 from the unobligated balance of the FY 1999-2000 Affordable Multi-Family Project budget.

The City Council of the City of St. Petersburg will hold a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed amendment on Thursday, April 20, 2000 beginning at or about 2:00 PM, City Council Chambers, 175 Fifth Street North, St. Petersburg. Written comments on the proposed amendment may be submitted to Housing and Neighborhood Improvement, 440 Second Avenue North, or P.O. Box 2842, St. Petersburg, Florida 33731 by 4:00 pm on April 19, 2000. For additional information concerning this notice, please contact 893-4159.

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March 21 to April 19

With Mars energizing your financial zone this week, you'll be able to live like a queen! Be sure to grant your someone special an audience on the 31st, when romance will be extra exciting. Fabulous job news arrives on the 27th.



Taurus

April 20 to May 20

Jupiter and Mars are joining forces to bring you a double dose of romantic good fortune! A fantastic job opportunity is everything you think it is—just get everything in writing before you say yes.



Gemini

May 21 to June 21

The weather's heating up, Gemini, and so is your social life! Romance gets turned up a notch, especially on the 30th, when the planets promise you'll be irresistible. You'll also meet a hilarious new friend who'll keep you in stitches.



Cancer

June 22 to July 22

With the sun shining on your reputation zone, you can do no wrong! In fact, you'll be the darling of the office—perhaps even getting that big raise. You're lucky in love, too, as married Cancers are wooed by their mates and single crabs fall in love!



Leo

July 23 to August 22

This week, Leo, the word is "indispensable." So brush up on your computer and Internet skills, and promotions and pay raises are sure to follow! A friend's savvy travel advice helps you plan a luxury vacation at a bargain-basement price.



Virgo

August 23 to September 22

Last-minute dinner guests on the 25th turn a ho-hum evening into a smashing social success! An afternoon of errands with your mate leads to a romantic rendezvous, thanks to Venus' passionate influence.



Libra

September 23 to October 22

The sun lights a path straight to your heart—and someone special is sure to follow! Your financial picture looks brighter, too, thanks to some star-blessed investments that'll shore up your nest egg.



Scorpio

October 23 to November 21

Venus and Mercury infuse you with creative energy, encouraging you to tackle a home decorating project. Surprise—it'll be a huge success, and others will soon be asking you to work your magic in their homes!



Sagittarius

November 22 to December 21

Love is in the air on the 25th and 26th, as the moon in your sign ups your romantic appeal. On the financial front, Jupiter maximizes your earning potential by helping you discover some strong long-term investments.



Capricorn

December 22 to January 19

Want to impress higher-ups and land at the top of their promotion list? Just keep yourself front-and-center at work this week. At home, your mate or suitor will be working overtime to put a smile on your face.



Aquarius

January 20 to February 18

Mars is urging you to focus on important tasks and eliminate stress from your life. How? A daily to-do list is the key. Pencil in some together time with your mate on the 30th and 31st. Single? You'll meet a suddenly smitten suitor!



Pisces

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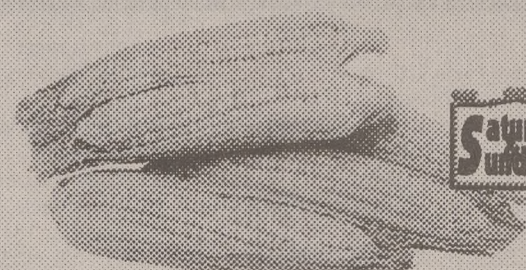


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