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La-Van Hawkins Files \$2 Billion Dollar Suit Against Burger King Corporation

Ocala Civic Theatre Announces Its 2000-2001 Season



L-R: Mark McDonald, Willie Gary and La-Van Hawkins

DETROIT — La-Van Hawkins has filed a \$1.9 billion suit against the Burger King Corporation, charging the company with breach of contract and violation of the Michigan Franchise Investment Law.

Hawkins accuses Burger King officials of luring him to their franchisee fold in 1996 by promising him the opportunity to build 125 Burger King restaurants and buy another 100 within a five year period and subsequently reneging on their agreement. Hawkins currently owns 27 Burger Kings in Detroit, Chicago, Atlanta, Baltimore and Washington, D.C.

In 1991, Hawkins opened his first Checkers Drive-In Restaurant in Atlanta. By 1995, he had interests in or operated 34 Checkers Restaurants. During a 1996 White House Empowerment Conference, Burger King announced plans to partner with Hawkins to develop 125 new restaurants in inner city locations designated as Empowerment Zones and Enterprise Communities.

Hawkins believes that the Burger King Corporation duped him into joining the corporation to use him as a pawn to attract their larger franchisees to open restaurants in urban areas, a market seen as less profitable and undesirable.

Hawkins says that Burger King's breach of contract has cost him substantial lost revenue and investment, damaged his reputation and impaired his ability to do business.

Countless newspaper and magazine articles have touted Hawkins' rise from high school dropout and former gang member to a successful and established career in the fast food industry.

In addition to his Burger King restaurants, Hawkins also owns 89 Michigan Pizza Huts.

Hawkins has built new restaurants in underserved areas and provided nearly \$1 million in scholarships to urban youth.

OCALA — The Ocala Civic Theatre announces its 2000-2001 Season as follows:

- Mainstage:**
- Sweeney Todd, Tony Award-Winning Musical, September 7th - October 1st, 2000
 - Moon Over Buffalo, Brisk Farce, November 2nd-26th, 2000
 - Grease, Nostalgic Fifties Musical, January 25th - February 18th, 2001
 - Death Trap, Fiendishly Clever Thriller, March 22nd - April 15th, 2001
 - Anything Goes, Splashy American Musical, May 17th - June 10th, 2001.

Second Stage:

- The Effects of Gamma Rays on Man-In-The-Moon Marigolds, Pulitzer Prize Winning Drama, October 5th-8th, 2000

- The Complete History of America (Abridged), Comic American Saga, December 28th-31st, 2000

To receive a copy of the 2000-2001 Season Ticket Brochure, call Ocala Civic Theatre at (352) 236-2274 or stop by the Theatre at 4337 East Silver Springs Boulevard, Monday through Friday, 10am to 5:30pm.

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Paula Williams Graduates With Honors



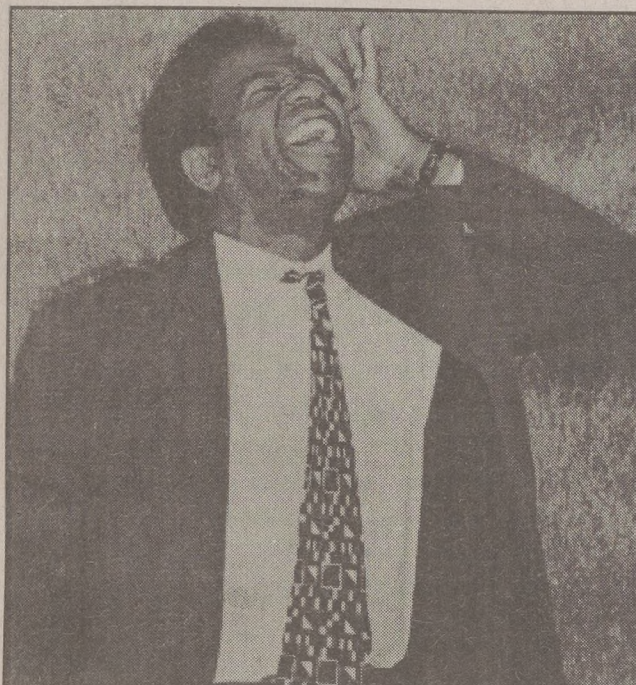
Paula Williams

OCALA — Paula Preston Williams received her Bachelor of Arts degree with honors in Political Science and Administration on April 29th,

2000 at Florida A&M University. She's the daughter of Annie B. Preston of Ocala and the late Riley Preston. Paula was honored with a luncheon

after graduation, given by her husband, Curtis Williams, with a host of relatives attending. Congratulations Paula!

The Right Stuff & EMI Gospel Release Al Green's Greatest Gospel Hits



Al Green

NASHVILLE — The Right Stuff in association with EMI Gospel announces the release of legendary soul singer Al

Green's Greatest Gospel Hits. The 17-song album features a mix of old time gospel classics like "Amazing Grace" and straight-from-the-heart Green originals such as the incomparable "God Blessed Our Love."

Although Green has never been far from the American cultural consciousness, he has experienced a resurgence in popularity in recent years, due in part to his presence as the man in Ally McBeal's dreams on the hit FOX TV series of the same name. His recurring role on that program has paved the way for yet another generation of fans to join the literally millions of people who consider themselves hardcore Al Green fanatics.

Competition From School Choice Sparks Public School Reform

Competition from school choice is forcing Florida's failing public schools to clean up their act. That is the finding of a report released recently based on more than 300 documents supplied by the public schools themselves.

The report, titled "Competing to Win: How Florida's A+ Plan Has Triggered Public School Reform", found widespread efforts by public schools to improve their instruction and teacher training as a result of competitive pressures brought to bear by the nation's first statewide school choice program. It concluded that without the consequences of school choice meaningful public school reform is unlikely.

Governor Jeb Bush's A+ Plan for Education establishes consequences for public schools whose pupils fail to attain an acceptable level of achievement on the state's new standards-based assessment. The first consequence is an unmistakable marking of failing schools with an 'F' under the state's new letter-grade school report card. The second consequence kicks in for continued failure. Children in schools that receive an 'F' for two years in any four-year period are no longer trapped in schools where the majority of children are not learning to read, write or do math at their grade level. They can opt out with a state-funded 'Opportunity Scholarship' that will pay their tuition at a participating private

school or by transferring to a higher-performing public school within the district or in an adjacent district. The state per-pupil funding of about \$3,400 follows the student and is lost to the school that fails to improve.

District school officials called the measures harsh, but, as the report states, "harsh is persuasive".

The report finds that, "Not only have those schools with children already eligible for the Opportunity Scholarship program implemented significant reform, but all 15 of the districts with 'F' schools—as well as those with 'D' schools hovering on the brink of failure—have also moved swiftly to fix their failing ways."

The report states, "While the merits of the education reform measures some schools have chosen can be debated, the important thing is that the A+ Plan has instilled in the public schools a sense of urgency and zeal for reform not seen in the past when a school's failure was rewarded only with more money that reinforced failure."

The Florida study builds on similar findings in Milwaukee, where the nation's oldest publicly funded school choice plan is approaching its tenth year in operation. In Milwaukee, the mayor, the school board president, the former and current superintendents and the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel all agree that choice has prodded positive public school reforms.

FAMU Receives Nearly \$1 Million For Graduate School Fellowships

TALLAHASSEE — Florida A&M University has received about \$1 million for graduate fellowships and is looking for 13 students to fill slots in engineering and physics.

The School of Graduate Studies and Research has been awarded nearly \$1 million for fellowships from the Graduate

Assistance in Areas of National Need Program (GAANN). This is the largest single grant the university has received for graduate fellowships.

For more information about graduate opportunities, please contact the Office of Graduate Studies at (850) 599-3505.

New Booklet Available To Help Individuals Obtain Money From The Government

WASHINGTON, DC — Have you ever wished that you could get your hands on some of the billions of dollars that the government gives away? If so, information in a new booklet might help.

Free Enterprise Institute in Washington, DC has just published a 48 page booklet, "Free Money - Winning the Government Giveaway Game." The booklet gives information on

how and where to get free money, free advice, and free services from the government.

Consumers can receive a copy by sending \$5 to cover the cost of printing, postage and handling to: Free Enterprise Institute, Government Giveaway Booklet Offer, Dept. GGB-407-1, P.O. Box 96071, Washington, DC 20090-6071.

Financial Assistance Network Helps Seniors & Disabled Struggling With Debt

WASHINGTON, DC — Do you know a senior citizen or disabled person that is struggling with debt and receiving threatening mail or harassing phone calls? If so, information in the new "Debt Relief Kit" from Financial Assistance Network in Washington, DC may help.

The kit contains everything necessary to help consumers combine their bills into one convenient monthly payment. In many cases, creditors reduce or waive interest completely in an effort to help consumers avoid filing for bankruptcy.

Using the Debt Relief Kit, consumers fill out a simple creditor listing sheet and send it back for processing.

The kit also contains information about a special attorney supervised debt assistance program for seniors and the disabled. After a one time set up fee, ongoing representation by an attorney is only \$5 per month.

The preparation of the personal debt reduction proposal is free of charge. Consumers can receive a debt relief kit by sending \$5 to cover the cost of printing, postage and handling to: Financial Assistance Network, Debt Relief Kit Offer, Dept. DRK-SRO428, P. O. Box 60944, Washington, DC 20039-0944. Consumers can also get information from Financial Assistance Network's toll free hotline: 1-800-940-9051.

Publix Opens New Store In Ocala

OCALA — In addition to the traditional grocery, meat, produce, dairy and frozen food departments, the 44,270 sq. ft. store will contain the following full-service departments: pharmacy, bakery, deli, floral, photo processing and fresh seafood. It will also feature an electronic payment system at the 10 checkout counters, PRESTO! ATM, grocery bag recycling and many other services to provide the customer a superior shopping experience. Approximately 150 Publix associates will be employed at the store. Store hours will be 7am to 10pm Monday through Saturday and 7am to 9pm on Sundays.

Publix, which is owned and operated by its more than 119,500 employees, is the 10th largest-volume food company in the United States with 1999 sales of \$13.1 billion. Currently Publix has more than 625 stores in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and Alabama. The company has been named one of America's top 10 places to work in the book *The 100 Best Companies to Work for in America* as well as one of the top companies in *Fortune's* recent list of best workplaces.

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Success Is In The Bag At Sigma's Youth Symposium

by Norman E. Jones, II

The Epsilon Beta Sigma Chapter of the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. presented their Annual Youth Symposium last Saturday (April 29th) at the Enoch Davis Community Center. Several children and young adults attended the four-hour program. The Symposium featured constructive activities including a motivational speech on "Understanding Your Financial Assets" workshop and a fashion show.

Symposium participants included Lisa Williams, entertainment; Mrs. Denise Ford, motivational speaker; Mrs. Gwendolyn Davis, Bethel Community Baptist Church; Gail Dowdell, Mr. Steven Barefield and Ms. Donna Rumberg.

Sponsors included: J.C. Penney Company, Bank America, Floyd's Auto, Red Lobster, Pinellas County Juvenile Welfare Board, Ronnell-Mary Kay Cosmetics, LINDA Productions and Winn-Dixie Stores.

Each of the participants was treated to a free lunch.

Sigma Gamma Rho is a national sorority that promotes commitment to community.



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Luncheon To Benefit Low-Income, Job-Ready Women

TAMPA – Dress for Success Tampa Bay hosts its first annual fundraising luncheon, 'A Suitable Event,' on Thursday, May 11th, 2000 from 11:30am to 1pm. The event will be held at The Airport Hilton, located at 2225 N. Lois Avenue in Tampa.

Honorary chairperson and speaker for the event is Phyllis Busansky, executive director for the Florida WAGES Board (Work & Gain Economic Self-Sufficiency). Ms. Busansky is well-known for bringing a

dynamic blend of experience, honesty and dedication to any endeavor she makes and has received state and national acclaim. Cynthia Smoot, WTVT-TV Channel 13 news anchor, serves as Master of Ceremonies.

Dress for Success Tampa Bay is a non-profit program helping low-income women make tailored transitions into the workforce. Each Dress for Success Tampa Bay client receives two suits when she has an interview and a third

suit when she gets the job. Women are referred to Dress for Success by a diverse group of non-profit member organizations, which include homeless shelters, domestic violence shelters and job training programs. Since suiting the first client in Greenwich Village in 1997, Dress for Success has opened programs in more than 50 cities across North America and the United Kingdom and has suited over 20,000 low-income women for job interviews.

Pat Ellington founded Dress for Success Tampa Bay in April 1998. The first client was suited on October 20th, 1998.

Luncheon tickets can be purchased in advance or the day of the event. A portion of the proceeds from this event are tax deductible. All proceeds will go to help outfit 1,000 low-income, job-ready women this year.

For more information about 'A Suitable Event,' call Betty Adams Kaminker at (813) 286-0790.

St. Petersburg Celebrates National Tourism Week May 7th-13th, 2000

ST. PETERSBURG – The City of St. Petersburg joins Pinellas County and the St. Petersburg/Clearwater Area Convention and Visitors Bureau in recognizing National Tourism Week, May 7th-13th, 2000. The purpose of this national effort is to create awareness of the impact and value of tourism on a local level. Tourism is Pinellas County's number one industry and employer. Almost every business in the area provides services directly or indirectly for visitors.

Special events and promotions are taking place throughout the county.

City of St. Petersburg featured offers for the week include:

- Half-price admission to Sunken Gardens, St. Petersburg's oldest tourist attraction.

Call (727) 551-3100.

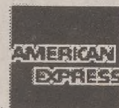
- City Gear - the official city store (301 Central Ave.) is offering a special on a canvas bag plus other discounts on gear. Call (727) 551-3100.

Other scheduled activities are:

- The 4th Annual Pinellas Asian Heritage Festival - The Rising Phoenix - at the Coliseum on May 6th and 7th from 10am to 7pm. Call (727) 323-0350 or (727) 892-5202.

- The Pier Aquarium holds its annual Kids Fishing Tournament at The Pier on May 13th. Registration is at 8:30am. Call (727) 895-PIER.

- The Pier's Pokemon Tournament Finals take place May 13th from 1-5pm. The festivities include children's activities, games and giveaways. Call (727) 821-6164.



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The measure also creates an Inner City Redevelopment Assistance Grants Program to be administered by the Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development. Grant proposals for funds will be accepted by community-based organizations, community development corporations, faith-based organizations and other nonprofit organizations serving the nominated area.

The Institute on Urban Policy and Commerce at FAMU will receive funds

from General Revenue for the initiative. The Division of Library and Information Services will also receive funding to implement the CHIP program.

Senator Hargrett currently serves as Chairman of the Senate Budget Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development and as a member on the Senate Transportation Committee. He has served on various transportation and economic development related committees.

The Hospice Starting New Support Groups To Help Those In Grief

LARGO – The Hospice of the Florida Suncoast will begin several new bereavement support groups to help people who have recently lost a loved one. People who wish to participate in any of these groups must pre-register and should plan to enroll no later than the second meeting.

- Mondays, May 15th - June 19th, 3 to 5pm, The Hospice's Main Service Center, 300 East Bay Drive, Largo.

- Wednesdays, May 24th - June 28th, 5:30 to 7:30pm, The Hospice's Main Service Center, 300 East Bay Drive, Largo.

- Mondays, May 8th - June 19th, 4 to 6pm, Unity Church, 469 45th Avenue North, St.

Petersburg.

- Tuesdays, May 23rd - June 27th, 6 to 8 pm, Pasadena Community Church, 112 70th St. South, South Pasadena.

- Tuesdays, May 23rd - June 20th, 3 to 5pm, The Hospice's South Service Center, 5639 49th St. North, St. Petersburg.

- Thursdays, May 25th - June 29th, 6 to 8pm, The Hospice's South Service Center, 5639 49th St. North, St. Petersburg (For Adult Children Who Lost Parents).

To register or for additional information, please call The Hospice's Bridges Program at 586-4432, ext. 2775.

Hillsborough WAGES Participation Highest In The State

ST. PETERSBURG – Goodwill Industries-Suncoast, Inc. and the WAGES Coalition of Hillsborough County are pleased to announce that Hillsborough County has the highest Participation Rate in the State of Florida. The rankings are determined by the state WAGES office. The participation rate reflects the number of WAGES (Work And Gain Economic Self-Sufficiency) participants who are employed

or who are completing at least 30 hours of countable work activity each week.

The last six months of consistent performance and the latest ranking are evidence of the success of the WAGES program. Goodwill-Suncoast and the WAGES Coalition of Hillsborough County continue to strive for maximum participation of those receiving public assistance.

THE FLORIDA LOTTERY HAS BIG PLANS FOR THE FUTURE. HERS.

Meet Lakesha Rivers, a rather outstanding young lady and, for the past three years, a Bright Futures Scholar.

It wasn't easy for Lakesha to get where she is today. She was encouraged by her parents

to let nothing stand in the way of her success. And she didn't. She worked hard and graduated from high school eleventh in a class of 500. Yet her chances of going to college were uncertain.

Fortunately, Lakesha was awarded a Bright Futures Scholarship funded by the Florida Lottery. And her dream of going to Florida International University became a reality. While there, she wasted no time excelling, and got her degree in Criminal Justice in just three years.



Lakesha Rivers
Bright Futures Scholarship Recipient

If you look at the chart below, you can see exactly how many students in your area have attended college thanks to Bright Futures Scholarships.

Bright Futures Scholarships

The real thanks, however, goes to the people who play the games of the Florida Lottery. Because of your participation, the Lottery has been able to contribute to Bright Futures Scholarships and more. Since 1988, over nine billion dollars have

gone to fund a variety of programs that benefit students from pre-school through college. So the next time you play, remember: you're helping to give someone what may be the chance of a lifetime. For more information about the Florida Lottery and funding for education in your area, visit our website at www.flalottery.com

Bright Futures Scholarships	
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Hardee County	122
Hernando County	427
Highlands County	335
Hillsborough County	4,434
Manatee County	662
Polk County	1,129
Pinellas County	3,556
Polk County	1,703
Sarasota County	988
Total	13,803



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"Let 'em Curse"

II Samuel 16:5-8

"And when King David came to Bahurim, Behold, thence came out a man of the family of the house of Saul, whose name was Shimei, the son of Gera; He came forth, and cursed still as he came. And he cast stones at David, and at all the servants of King David; and all the people and all the mighty men were on his right hand and on his left; and thus said Shimei when he cursed, come out, come out, thou bloody man, and thou man of Belial; The Lord hath returned upon thee all the blood of the house of Saul, in whose stead thou hast reigned; and the Lord hath delivered the kingdom into the hand of Absalom thy son; and, Behold, thou art taken in thy mischief, because thou art a bloody man."

"Don't talk to me about these #!@%# preachers and these #!@%# churches," were the words I heard sitting in the barber shop the other day. Being a well known pastor in this city, I knew he knew who I was. His words cut sharply through my spirit, yet I remained silent. The carnal man in me wanted to rebut his remarks, but the Lord spoke to my spirit. He had me realize that the young man's words: 1) "are permitted"; 2) "they are designed to purge you of your own sins"; 3) "I'll use the enemy to drive you back to me! So shut up and take it like a man...God."

I was not about to try God's nerves, so I kept silent. It was during the silence that he spoke again, but this time his words were soft and gentle and he brought me back into remembrance of these words...

I Peter 4:17

"For the time is come that judgment must first begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us?"

In essence, God was saying to me, "Mark, I will allow kingdom embarrassments to happen to my people (the church, the leaders, etc.) so that they would repent and be sanctified. Once my people are clean, then I will judge those who judged them. Remember those whom the Lord loveth, he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth (Hebrews 12:6). I did not spare Christ neither will I spare you." Then He led me to the text II Samuel 16, and said, "Read it, digest it, and go explain it to my people. In the meantime, keep your head up...God."

Well, I read it and I digested it. And now allow me to share the text with you.

We live in a world today that has what I call the Shimei spirit, the spirit that is ready to expose and to destroy. This spirit has caused our society to become mad with tabloids and talk shows. Often the media, like hungry lions that lay low in the grass of gossip, waiting for the meat of misfortune to stumble by...and then suddenly, without concern or compassion the attack is made...blood is everywhere and the vultures of lies are flying high above.

I am sure King David would agree with me, that some days, "When It Rains It Pours".

II Samuel 16:5 was a rude awakening for King David, a man after God's own heart. No other Old Testament character moves my heart like David, who killed a lion and a bear, who praised God while attending to sheep, who knew how to feed his brethren and himself while in battle. The young anointed man of God who killed Goliath on the field and played soft music in the King's house, the one who loved his arch enemy (Saul) even though Saul was trying to kill him! You know the man, David, who gave us the Book of Psalms and brought the Ark of the Covenant back to Jerusalem.

With all of his anointing and all of his passion for the Lord, not to mention his military success, he still found himself struggling with sin. When you go back and read about his affair with Bathsheba in II Samuel 11 and the murder coverup of her husband Uriah. It was told to him by the prophet Nathan in II Samuel 12 that the sword would never depart from his house. In other words...you've been forgiven but you will still reap what you have sown. Your business is in the streets, and a lot of your suffering will come publicly and privately. And it came to pass in II Samuel 16. David finds himself in conflict with his own son, Absalom, who is seeking to take the kingdom from his father.

MEN WILL THROW ROCKS

At 33 years of age, I can testify that men will throw rocks, at your anointing and your ministry. I have been hit by some while others missed. But when they hit, they hurt. And it will take God to heal you.

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Blame All Around For The LAPD Scandal

by Earl Ofari Hutchinson

The stunning announcement by Los Angeles Police Chief Bernard Parks that he has called on the FBI to investigate the dirty cops in his department was greeted with much applause. Of course with fresh allegations piling up almost daily that LAPD officers beat and shot unarmed suspects, doctored evidence, gave perjured testimony, falsified reports and covered up shootings of unarmed suspects, the embattled chief had to do something dramatic. But Parks' call for the FBI notwithstanding, the big question is how could the LAPD which seemed to be making progress in cleaning up its act since the beating of black motorist Rodney King nearly a decade ago come unglued again so easily?

The first impulse is to point the finger at Parks for

the LAPD's problems. And he certainly must bear some blame for them. He has squabbled publicly with the Los Angeles city council over the role of the Los Angeles Police Commission's inspector general. This was a position mandated by the Christopher Commission established after the beating of King in 1991 to provide tougher civilian oversight over LAPD operations. Parks also balked at cooperating with a roll out team of investigators established by L.A. County District Attorney Gil Garcetti to independently probe police shootings. And he has reflexively defended officers involved in several questionable shootings of civilians in the past couple of years.

This month the current inspector general, Jeffrey Eglash, and the Police Commission ruled that one

of those shootings, that of an emotionally disturbed, middle-aged homeless woman by an LAPD officer last May, violated LAPD shooting policy. Yet Parks continues to dig his heels in and insist that the officer was not guilty of any wrongdoing. He has come off as a thin-skinned autocrat more concerned with guarding his turf against meaningful civilian oversight than with punishing officers accused of the overuse of deadly force.

But dumping full blame for the LAPD's problems on Parks is the cheap and easy way out. City officials, the Police Commission and the District Attorney, and yes, the general public, can't evade their responsibility for the problems. They have been more than content to take a see-no-evil, hear-no-evil stance on the allegations of police abuse and leave it to

the LAPD to investigate itself. This doctrinaire belief that the department can and will clean its own house is dangerous and self-serving. It prevents city officials from fully backing the Police Commission and the inspector general and providing the resources they need to conduct their own investigations of the use of force violations, citizen complaints and officer discipline procedures.

The Police Commission in turn has taken the cue from the timidity of city officials and left it to Parks to exclusively determine and enforce policies and procedures within the department. The commission's failure to provide tough oversight over the LAPD has been glaringly evident in its rubber stamp of the chief on the use of deadly force and failure to aggressively monitor the action the department

chooses to take on its investigation of civilian complaints of abuse.

Then there's District Attorney Gil Garcetti. Parks has taken the equally surprising step of accusing Garcetti of stymieing his efforts to clean up the LAPD mess by foot-dragging on prosecuting the rotten cops. Garcetti claims that he is moving full speed ahead with his own investigation into the Ramparts scandal and has dropped hints that some cops will be prosecuted.

Yet the fact is that he has yet to bring any charges against any of the officers accused of wrongdoing. And he has given no indication when or even whether he will. Given his tepid and cautious attitude toward prosecuting officers accused of misconduct, there is no reason to expect that his office will initiate waves of prosecutions

against the Ramparts officers. Meanwhile, L.A. residents have expressed little outrage over the dirty dealings and have made no loud calls for city officials to clean the LAPD's house. Their inertia and indifference send the dangerous message that it's OK to rely on city officials and the LAPD brass to clean up the mess they created.

What is clear in this sordid affair is that the public must demand that city officials, the Police Commission and Garcetti do more than cosmetic public relations damage control in the Ramparts scandal. They must move fast to see that the lawbreaking cops are nailed. But they also must just as fast put in place firm civilian controls over the LAPD to insure that scandals such as Ramparts will not happen again. If they don't, they have no one but themselves to blame.

Selma 35 Years Later: Where Is The Black Vote Now?

Recently, over 10,000 marchers converged on the Florida state capitol to send a clear message to Gov. Bush (R-FL) regarding their anger over his dismantling of Affirmative Action programs in that state and just what he could do with his replacement concept, One Florida.

As they delivered their message, the underlying current recalled the spirit of the voting rights movement and the pinnacle moment at the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, AL, in March 1965. Marchers made the poignant connection between the Voting Rights Act—passed shortly after 600 marchers were assaulted and some killed in 1965—and today's affirmative action rollback efforts. Through the day, marchers continued the theme: *we will not go back*.

The 35th anniversary commemoration of the

march in Selma recently gave many Americans reason to pause and reflect. It also raised concerns about today's status of African Americans, the vote, equality and the political process. At a time when America's social climate stems toward violence and the broadening racial and economic divides are explosive issues, the March, attended by President Clinton and respected civil rights leaders, was aimed at celebrating America's diversity and the hope for a future of balanced opportunities for all.

"What those people did 35 years ago gave us the black and brown officials that we have today," says Director of the President's Initiative for One America Ben Johnson. "There were very few black elected officials across this nation before that march which catalyzed the Voting Rights

Act. Today, there are thousands of minority elected officials. We could not be empowered in this way without them."

Indeed, President Clinton made clear that same notion as he addressed the marchers in Selma. "Without Selma," Clinton said, "Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton would never have become President of the United States."

Johnson relates Clinton's presence at the event to the bright, new direction that the nation has the potential to embrace. "He changed the direction of the presidency by attending the march," Johnson explained. "No sitting president has ever made such a profound move toward embracing the significance of the civil rights movement at a historic site such as this. It shows recognition of the potential closeness between blacks and whites.

We're not there yet. But looking at all those faces coming over that bridge makes the statement that we're on our way."

According to Heather Grey, communications director for the Federation of Southern Cooperatives, the statement made at the March affected the younger participants who have no recollection of the civil rights era.

"It is so important for young people to remember the significance of this struggle," Grey says. "People truly died for the rights we have."

Grey points out the Voting Rights museum, the memorial and other monuments erected to ensure the impact and memory of the sacrifice made for the sake of equality. She talks easily about witnessing South Africa's first open elections in 1994 and the parallels in the levels of

commitment and sacrifice to achieve the simple right to contribute in choosing the nation's leaders. But she pauses when asked about where black voting power stands today—not because she doesn't know what to say, but where to begin.

"There are so many new issues that play into where we are with voting today," Grey says. "It's amazing to me that it takes so much money to run for office. That excludes so many people from the process. It's also frustrating that we only have two parties that dominate the political scene. I'm glad that there are a few alternatives out there. But basically there are so many issues that don't get to the table because of the lack of diversity in the structure."

Beyond general challenges to the political process, today black com-

munities are experiencing a host of roadblocks that affect civil and human rights. The impact, for example, of the felony record that is unequally given to black offenders convicted of possession of crack cocaine strips the offender of the right to vote. As a result, black males disproportionately lose their right to vote.

"There's no doubt that we have much more work to do," Johnson says. "But we have to first look to ourselves. We have to get into this process at the front end instead of at the end when we are reeling from the blows of the effects of legislation. We know that the laws hit us harder. We have to get into the process before they pass these laws. We have to live up to the gift people died to give us. Vote."

What Are You Listening To?

by Rivers-Cleveland

I love music. Music has been very important in our history culture, as well as in our daily lives. As a person who loves history and plays music as a hobby, I am very disgusted by the shameful preference given to those artists who debase black people by degrading black women and promoting violence against black men. And all of this is done with either indifference to this situation or, in some cases, these actions are condoned in the name of 'freedom and musical expression'.

Yes, express yourself! But must we disrespect ourselves? How can we be offended by whites calling us 'nigger' and use that same word ourselves? 'Nigger' is not just a word. It is a part of a slave mentality that we have all not freed ourselves from. How can we celebrate a word and negative mind set and wear it around our necks and heart as if it were gold and something to be proud of.

When we promote artists who use derogatory words to address our ladies and suggest violence as the proper way for brothers constant disagreement, then we really have 'lost our minds up in here'.

Remember the Million Man March? That great awakening of black male pride and call to duty? One of the many great moments of that event was 'The Pledge' that many brothers took at the end of the March. Part of it went like this: "I will support black newspapers, black television, black radio. I will support black artists who clean up their acts to show respect for themselves, their people and respect for the ears of the human family!"

Minister Farrakhan of the Nation of Islam also told the gathering of proud black men that all gifts came from God, and those talents should be used to glorify God. I think that many people of different faiths are in agreement

with that. Farrakhan also reminded young people that vulgarity in actions and music only reinforces the mind of 'white supremacy'.

It does not surprise a racist to hear you refer to yourself as 'nigger', nor does it make him feel uneasy to hear you downgrade our females for the racist is in complete agreement with you. For he feels you are no one to be respected anyway. And, sisters, how can you dance to the music of a rapper who would degrade you or tell your little boy it is okay to disrespect your daughter? How can you, sisters? Just because the songs have a good beat?

I am not talking about someone who says you look good or that they think you are sexy. Even those comments should be done with some taste. I am talking about calling out your name, treating you like a sex object and suggesting it is alright to hit you. Degradation, sister! De-

grading the very one that has kept the black race alive when many would destroy it.

No woman should be disrespected, but especially black women getting 'dissed' by black artists. And, just because all women are not offended does not mean this language and action are still not offensive. And, what effect does this have on kids? Does this kind of culture teach children to have respect for others or themselves? Do you really think that children can watch murder on TV for hours every week and repeat aggressive filthy rap chants over and over again and some child not be affected?

Now, add in the one parent, who is usually the mother, trying to do the best she can. But if any parent does not watch what's going into their child's mind, is that parent really doing everything they can? And do you really think that the popular gangster rap, urban sub-culture, has

nothing to do with first graders taking guns to school? I do. Just as much as easy availability of those guns. Children need to be protected from both.

Yes, most people will not hear rap and behave violently. Do you want to take a chance and trade places with that woman in Michigan who lost her little girl to a six-year-old boy? Who felt the little girl had 'dissed' him at school. No. I know if he was listening to rap, I am sure he got ideas from listening to the latest country music hit.

As Minister Farrakhan said, "We are not putting you down, brothers. We are trying to pick you up, so with rap you can pick up the world." With your song, your dance, you can pick up the world. Not all rap is bad. Some is very positive without having to defame black people, to get their message out.

I really do not think that all blame should go on rappers for this 'flooding' of negative material in the

clubs, the cars and on the lips of little children. Club owners radio station promoters and 'we' the buying public, must take responsibility for the present 'triumph' of the 'slave mind' in urban black culture. I do not believe in censorship. Rappers should have the same rights as others, but it seems to me that sometimes they have more rights. It is hard to go out in St. Pete and find a club that gives the person (who does not want to be subjected to filthy and racial offensive music). Why? Not because of the rappers! No! Because people who say that they like clean decent entertainment do not support the clubs that would provide it. Hello! And owners need to have the social responsibility and moral courage to weather the economic storms and provide this avenue, consistently until you have built up a client that will support you.

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Soaring Eagles From Page 1

the award on behalf of the late Judge James B. Sanderlin.

"I remember being sworn in by Judge Sanderlin, and the nights I spent with others by his fireplace plotting community initiatives with his dog 'Brutus' lurking around," reminisces Attorney Rouson. "I met former Senator Julian Bond and now Congressman John Lewis (D-GA) in his house among other notables such as the great historian John Hope Franklin. It was always an experience being with all of these gentlemen (the honorees) and a pleasure practicing law with them."

It was a wonderful evening attended by several Circuit Court Judges, Professor Dorethea Beane (the first black professor at Stetson) and Professor Darryl Wilson of Stetson. They remarked on the state of the black students and how thankful they were to be recognized by the Law Offices of Rouson, Pellarchy and Davis.

The theme for the evening was "Soaring Eagles: Attorneys Who Pioneered 20th Century Change in the St. Petersburg Community." Each table had a music box of an eagle that played the tune "You are the Wind Beneath My Wings" that was given away. Nahkia Bryant, a senior in high school, brought tears when she sang solo, the love theme from 'The Titanic.' Music was provided to the enjoyment of everyone by Henry Ashwood and band.

Attorney Darryl Rouson commissioned Rev. Peggy Peterman to write a commemorative booklet with pictures describing the contributions and efforts of the honorees. This booklet is available so that any person can read of their accomplishments. It will be provided for the public school libraries by the Law Offices of Rouson, Pellarchy and Davis.

Rouson's Law Office is the only State Certified office in Pinellas County that is designated as a Minority Business Enterprise. Attorney Rouson has come home and immersed himself in giving back to the community. His office has produced Christmas parties for needy children; taken hundreds of children to the Black Circus and now honored the elders. Attorney Rouson is very grateful for the support that the community has given him and his practice is growing as a result.

Rev. Louis Murphy, Pastor of Mt. Zion Progressive Missionary Baptist Church, gave closing remarks and the Benediction. Rev. Fr. Callist Nyambo of St. Joseph's Catholic Church gave the Invocation.

The Law Offices of Rouson, Pellarchy and Davis have several events coming up and we as a community must support those who are serious about supporting the community.

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

May 7th, 2000 - J.E. and Carla Baker.

BILOXI, MS TOUR

Spring break drew hordes and hordes of tourists to Biloxi, MS casinos to cash in on the jackpots offered! Beau Rivage was just one of the many casinos to celebrate season spring cash giveaway. Approximately 43 of St. Pete, Largo and neighboring Floridians joined Al Cannon and Alice Pearl Feldier on their Spring Break Tour Link Tour, which is an annual affair. The group resided at the President's Resort, in Biloxi, Mississippi from April 14th until the 21st.

Day one, we checked into the Broadwater Resort, arriving in the early evening. We received Continental breakfast daily. We attended Boomtown,

and received \$5 in coins. Day two, we visited the Copa Casino, receiving a free meal. At each casino, we spent four hours. At Beau Rivage, \$15 in coins. At Treasure Bay Casino, we received \$5 in coins. On day three, we visited Bally's Casino in New Orleans, where we were welcomed to a dynamic buffet. The food was and always is out-of-sight! Some of us ate heavily, free. After Bally's, our day was leisure; some to Bourbon Street, shopping, visiting outside shops, and just had a good evening. Day four was the Copa Casino. We enjoyed a free meal. Then on we went to The New Palace; \$5 in coins there. Day five was our return trip home - Good Friday and a pleasant trip.

ANOTHER BILOXI, GULFPORT TRIP

Has been planned for around the 11th of June with Mae Davis of the Gibbs High School Class of 1950. Plans are being made for the itinerary, to reside at the "Beau Rivage." This is one fabulous, beautiful place. For information, contact Willie Mae Davis, 327-5496, or Charles Howard at 896-2152. Let's plan on a 30-passenger group. We will have the bus by ourselves. Call us.

Overheard: "I really don't mind the commute. I use the morning ride to plan what I'm going to do, and the return trip to figure out why I didn't get it done."

Until next week, Jump To It!

Celebrating '30 Something' With JoAnn



JoAnn Johnson

TAMPA - Family, friends and co-workers joined in for the big celebration of JoAnn Johnson's '30-Something' birthday party held at Sterling Heights Park in Thonotassassa, Florida on April 21st.

JoAnn had no idea that things would turn out the way they did. She was overwhelmed by the large turnout and all the fun she had. All of her family showed up to sing the "Happy Birthday" song and to wish her continued success in all endeavors she sets out to achieve.

JoAnn is the oldest of four children, Kenneth, Twanda

will be opening next school term. Peter B. Davidsen Middle School is still in the building phase and will be located in Westchase.

You can tell by the smile on JoAnn's face that she is a really swell person, striving hard to always give back to her community and those dear to her heart. Her godmother couldn't say enough wonderful things about her and her upbringing; she wanted to tell the story of JoAnn's entire life, which is a history book in itself. That my friends, would take a lot more time than we have here this week.

Happy Birthday JoAnn on your '30-Something' birthday celebration! We wish you many more!

The party was coordinated by her godmother, Pauline L. Grant, her father, Joe Johnson, and his wife, Gloria.

CPR & First Aid Offered At Local Schools

ST. PETERSBURG - American Heart Association Pediatric CPR classes will be offered at Northeast Community School, 1717 54th Ave. North, St. Petersburg on May 24th and 25th. The classes are scheduled from 6-10pm. There is a cost for the class. Basic First Aid is offered on Wednesday, May 31st, from 6-10pm. To register for CPR or

First Aid, please call 570-3193 between 2-9pm.

At Dixie Hollins Adult Education Center, 4940 62nd Street North, basic first aid classes will be offered on Thursday, May 25th. The classes are scheduled from 6-10pm. To register for CPR or First Aid, please call 547-7872 between 2-9pm.

"Let em Curse" from pg. 3

One of the saddest things that I have discovered is that most of the men who throw rocks are in the kingdom. The text says in verse 5 that Shimei was of the house of Saul. Most of your rock throwers are in the house.

No wonder people today are tired of the church while many others drive by our places of worship and sneer at us...because they have seen the rocks fly by. They have heard about the secret sins and struggles of the saints and they see us raising sand, like Shimei. GOD WHY?

That is the question... Why? When things befall us we all have the tendency to ask God why. But keep in mind, it is personal. Do not expect God to give you the same answer he gave me. When I asked God why, not long ago, he answered me with *1 Timothy 4:12: "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."*

The first thing God taught me was that people will see

your youth before they see your anointing. This is why a lot of young preachers catch a hard time in the pulpit. Most older saints do not believe the young preacher can live up to what he is preaching and knows the great temptations that come with his youth. As well as mistakes. And for the most part...they are right.

So they sit with mixed emotions, that is why the young evangelist must stay humble at all times, because he is facing distrust from the onset. God showed me that any time we as leaders and preachers fail to be an example, he will permit Shimei to come our way, reminding us of our shortcomings. Whoever that guy was in the barber shop that cursed me, God took his cursing and made it my blessing. I am a far stronger pastor today than I was yesterday.

Truly...we can say, "All things work together for the good, to them that love the Lord."

Now that's the Gospel according to Mark.

Let's Make A Difference



CLEARWATER - Spring-time Elk Lodge No. 592 in conjunction with Spring Blossom Temple No. 360 will be promoting voter registration Saturday, May 13th from 9am to 12noon at 1011 Engman Street, Clearwater. Everyone

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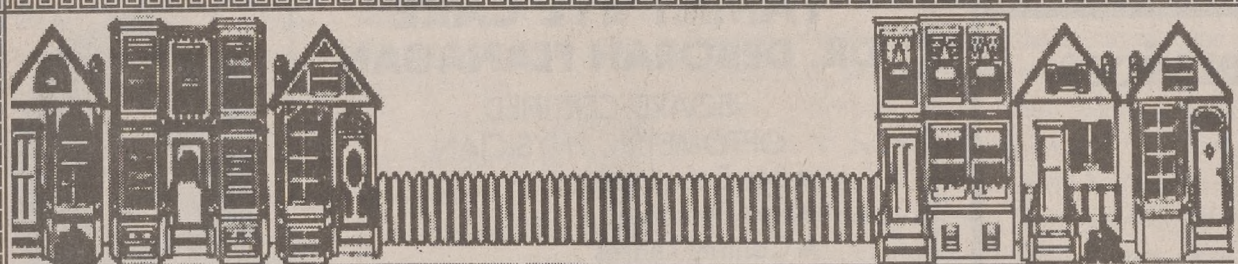
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WOMAN'S WORLD

Unity & Survival Skills Workshop A Success

by Allene Gammage-Ahmed

CLEARWATER — The Committee to Enhance the Role of Women in Society (CERWIS) held a workshop dealing with a variety of issues that affect the lives of women from every possible ethnicity and culture. The theme for this first annual workshop was "Unity and Survival for All Times - True Survival in the Balance of Self."

Healthcare professionals and advocates from various backgrounds delivered insightful wisdom and mother wit on the topics of health, medicine, preventive healthcare, taking better care of the elderly, HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis ABC, dealing with natural disasters, spiritual, scriptural and natural healing, herbs and pharmaceuticals and survival skills for the new millennium. It was like women at the well, searching for and exchanging wisdom, knowledge and understanding which brings about wholeness and places one in alignment with God. All of this took place at Bill Irie Restaurant while enjoying a delicious meal and experiencing unity that is so often evident when women come together.

As courageous, God-fearing, believing women, our roles in society are becoming more challenging each day. It is imperative that we continue to empower ourselves, girding ourselves with wisdom and power so that as these challenges dare us to be different, we will maintain our dignity under any circumstances. We

will be well-equipped to deal with them in a manner befitting the character of a virtuous woman.

Facilitators for the workshop included Dr. Carol Ann Cobb of Sankofa Clinic who is on the forefront of Internal Medicine and Natural, Holistic Healthcare. Dr. Cobb has always been so willing to lead support in the community to promote the health of everyone. Other participants were: Martha Naila Williams, Constance Mohammad, Shelley Muhammed of Integrated Pharmacy Solutions, Tampa; Denise Munandi, Eldercare; Allene Gammage-Ahmed, HIV/AIDS Educator; Song selections intended to soothe the heart and soul rendered by the young, talented Fithiyyah M. Abdullah and Mistress of Ceremonies, Rose McGill from South Africa.

Women, speaking to themselves, about themselves on a wide range of other personal issues that affect them and the well-being of their families and communities. There was inspiring, comforting advice and support one for the other, using the discussions as a soothing, natural tonic for themselves.

The gathering of these harmonious voices, sharing love, enthusiasm, prayers and determination are certainly ingredients that will increase their energy and resilience; leading to a peaceful, productive, healthy life.

The event was coordinated by Basimah Davis-Shakir and Victoria Abdullah.



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After touring the beautiful original gardens, the family can delight Mom with a special treat by taking her to

brunch on the *Southern Breeze*, Cypress Gardens' authentic paddle wheel boat. The brunch features omelets made to order, roasted pork loin, herb baked chicken, roasted potatoes and chef's selection of vegetables plus an assortment of cold cuts, cheeses, fruits, rolls and bread. Coffee, tea and iced tea are included.

And, the whole family can finish off this cruise around beautiful Lake Eloise with their choice of key lime pie, pecan pie or white chocolate mousse with red raspberry sauce. Plus, Mom is treated to a free carnation. This wonderful

Southern Breeze experience is available for a nominal price plus tax for Mom and Dad, and a little more for each of the children (6-12). Advance reservations are recommended because this popular new addition regularly sells

out.

Or, the family can enjoy a delicious lunch at one of Cypress Gardens' restaurants. The Crossroads Restaurant presents their delicious prime rib dinner that is offered for special occasions only. Other

great treats available include lip-smacking barbecue at the Deli and mouth-watering honey-roasted chicken at the Village Fare.

Mom and the girls can take advantage of the Junior Belle program where they can all

enjoy the finery of a romantic antebellum dress and the admiring looks they'll experience as they stroll through the park. Plus, Dad can take photos to capture this unforgettable experience that the family

will treasure for a lifetime.

The "Mom Free" offer is not valid with other discounts or on the purchase of annual passes or special ticket events. The offer is valid only Sunday, May 14th.

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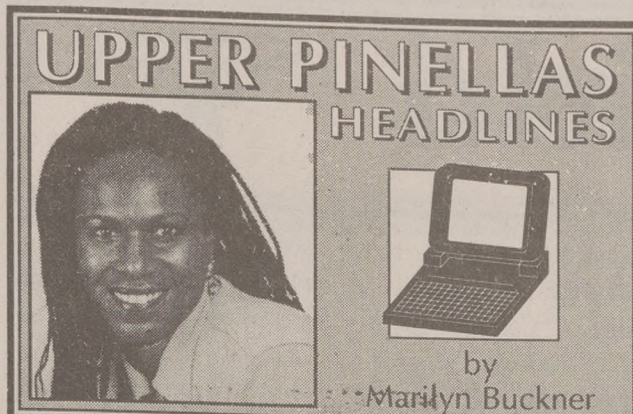
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The Appointed Hour

Let's make no more excuses for playing host to the difficulties we've learned to live with. Let's stop whining and complaining about the areas of our lives we're dissatisfied with and the things that steal our joy. I'm weary of hearing myself sigh about feeling stretched and overwhelmed, and I'm tired of moaning about the painful place so many black children call home. Truth be told, none of our problems exist without our complicity.

We can't live life without its upheavals. At times, we'll feel anxious, fragile, out of control. It's a fact that greed is having its way, making our world an ever more dangerous and painful place (the have's and the have nots) - Yes, stuff happens and pain is unavoidable, but persistent suffering is something we choose - often simply by choosing to do nothing.

Our challenge is not to despair - to keep moving forward despite setbacks and fear and not let our moods and impulses rule us. Living in balance demands that we understand and govern our emotions; this is the lesson I'm struggling to learn. I'm learning not to beat myself up for missteps or for failing to meet my own expectations; I'm letting go of regrets over things I wish I had said or done. Growing in wisdom is our journey's purpose. When I forget this truth - I lose my footing.

So much of our happiness

is in remembering life's purpose and our great gifts. One of the most important questions we should ask ourselves is: Is this thought or this action a limiting, fault-finding one or a loving, empowering one? Each moment we can choose peace over conflict, love over fear. What we think dictates how we see the world, and ultimately, how we experience it. We're too 'busy' measuring ourselves against each other, valuing the external over the internal.

What will you do this day to move forward towards your greatest good? How will you respond to any difficulties you are facing now? For us, sisters and brothers, this is the mid-night hour. Our children are in crisis and we are their only hope. Our tax dollars are used to build jails - not schools - while we sit in silence. We must do for our children what our elders did for us: They cleared a path and made a way without the dollars or the technology we have at our disposal. We must want to do more than merely survive; we must want our children to succeed. Our greatest challenge is to remember who we are - the people who refused to die - and to do the work. This is the appointed hour. We can choose. We can change. There is nothing too good for a Child of God!

Send your community news/events to me at P.O. Box 6941, Clearwater, FL 33758.

Tee-To-Green With Link

ST. PETERSBURG - Did you know that the Carvon Golf Club originated in September, 1979, in St. Petersburg? The club was formerly called the Carvon Men's Club. The club held its meetings weekly at the home of Ray Davis on Pallanza Drive in St. Petersburg. In 1980, the Carvon Club opened at 1431 4th Street South, and meetings were held there. On Dec. 19th, 1985, the Carvon Club moved to its present location, 4834 18th Avenue South.

The objectives of the Carvon Golf Club are:

- To assist groups and organizations in Florida develop economically and socially in their communities; and
- To plan, promote and coordinate golf programs in the state of Florida.

The Sunshine State Amateur Golf Association's first tournament of the year was hosted, in St. Petersburg, by the Carvon Golf Club. There were 124 golfers participating with some coming as far away as Arizona. The event was held at the Mangrove Bay Golf

Club.

Winners were:

- Two-Man Scramble, Pete McIntyre of the Carvon Golf Club and Walter McDougal of the Miami Club.
- 36-Hole Tournament, Sam Morgan of the Miami Connection.
- First Flight, Robert Pressey of The West Coast Connection.
- Second Flight, Wayne Hill of Collier County Six Iron.
- Third Flight, Douglas Smith.
- Senior, Willie Stewart of the Miami Connection.
- Overall Senior, former Gibbs Gladiator coach, Harvey Hollin, of the Florida Sportsman Club.

Dundu Dole' Prepares For Upcoming Performance —



ST. PETERSBURG - The Dundu Dole' African Dance and Drumming Classes are still going on at the Enoch Davis Center every Monday evening from 6 to 8pm. The group has been in existence in Pinellas County since 1991 with the intent to educate and entertain the community about the various cultures, life styles and artistic forms of communication.

Loud drums drumming, the sounds of African music and young dancers stepping to the sound of the beat with graceful, rhythmic body movements fill the room during lessons. Children from all over the community participate in the classes and many times you'll find the more seasoned adults enjoying themselves as well.

Dundu Dole is under the direction of Jai Hinson, affectionately known to many as "Mamma J. or Ms. J.," who is also an accomplished dancer, choreographer and performer. Special guest artists from Senegal, West Africa are "Souleymane Diop and Suqan Diop," who assist Ms. J. with the classes.

Participants are preparing for an upcoming performance at Northeast High School Auditorium, Saturday, May 6th at 8pm, where there will be an evening of soccer, cultural dance, music and drums, something you don't want to miss. Northeast High School is located at 1717 54th Avenue North. You can also sign up for the classes being offered at the Enoch Davis Center, 1111 18th Avenue South.

For more information, please call Ms. J. at (727) 467-2768 or via e-mail at dundu-dole@aficana.com.

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this community for local distribution to the hungry in our area. Most needed items include canned meats and main dishes, peanut butter and jelly (in non-breakable containers), fruits, stews, soups,

vegetables and powdered milk.

We are also in need of volunteers with pick-up trucks and vans on that day to assist the letter carriers and volun-

teers to help sort food. Youth groups and families are welcome. Please call Dawna Samiento at (727) 821-1200, ext. 118 for information on volunteering.

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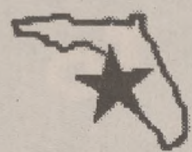
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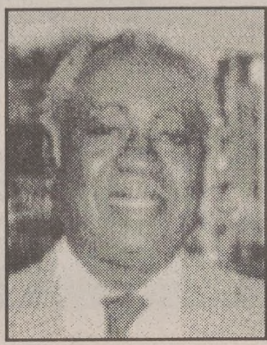


North Central Florida



Ocala News

by James Thorpe



PINKSTON-MAEWEATHERS INSTITUTE

Join us May 1st-6th, 2000, 6:30pm at Seminary Building. Guests are President B. F. Martin and Dr. Jimmy Brossette. Friday night is Center Director's observance. There will be a banquet on Saturday, May 7th, 2000, 7pm at the City Auditorium.

AFRICAN ARTS FESTIVAL

Come peruse (and purchase) the fine line of African attire and jewelry being displayed May 5th, 6th and 7th at Webb Stadium by Jackie Shelton and Glenda Jones. There will surely be something

appealing to your taste, or someone else's for a gift. Remember Mother's Day is just around the corner! We'll be looking to see you there!

APPRECIATION PROGRAM FOR SIS.

ROBERTA CAMPBELL
Reverend S. Jacobs and Covenant Missionary Baptist Church cordially invite you to an Appreciation Program being held Sunday, May 7th, 4pm at College Park Elementary School. You won't want to miss this great occasion.

EASTER PROGRAM AT ST. PAUL

St. Paul M.B. Church

Montague held its regular Sunday School and church service on Sunday, April 23rd, 2000. Afterwards, there was an Easter program given by the youth department. Felicia Grasty served as Mistress of Ceremony, and Tier Howard, Chair-

person of the Youth Ministry. There was an Easter egg hunt after the program. The sermon was, "Jesus Is Alive Today!"

On Sunday, May 14th, 2000 our Mother's Day program will be held at 11am.

On Sunday, May 28th, 2000 our Dual's Day Program

will be held at 11am and 3pm. Rev. E. E. Chisholm, Pastor.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

April 3rd, Maxine Cunningham; April 14th, Mr. Ernest Cunningham and Viola Bradshaw; April 16th, Raeq-

won Munnerlyn; April 17th, Laurantta Wooten; April 18th, Evelyn Chisholm; and April 20th, Tiffany Anderson.

ARTSFEST 2000

The African American Artsfest Committee presents ArtsFest 2000: Striving

Toward A Stronger Unity, May 5th-7th, 2000 at The MLK Jr. Complex (formerly Webb Stadium). There will be plenty of live music and entertainment, arts and crafts vendors, food vendors, and a Community Safety Fair.

This event is being spon-

sored by the University of Florida, Marion County Extension Services, Coca-Cola, Zephyrhills, Cox Cable, Magic 101.3, SWAT (Students Working Against Tobacco), and Typeworld Printing.

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LIGHT OF THE WORLD

By DANIEL BANKS



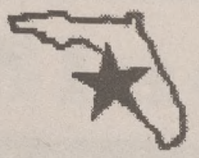
God has done it again! For the second time during the month of April, I've been on the road again singing and preaching! As I shared with you on last week, I was invited to speak at Mt. Pisgah AME Church in West Summerfield, Florida. I had a lovely time! Again, the saints of God treated me like a very important person (VIP)! I was well-received by Rev. and Mrs. James Watkins, Pastor and First Lady of Mt. Pisgah. I was invited by Sis. Fern Sellers. The occasion was a Parade of Fashions, preceded by a service and sermon. Others on program were Min. Brenda Gillum, Min. Cleveland Mazon, Min. Jimmy Sellers, Bro. Johnson, Sis. Linda Raines, and Sis. Sonji Franklin—who introduced me as the speaker! Sis. Sellers was program chair. I must also add that there were three female teen models who were very impressive on the runway!

Now, you know a good reporter always gets his scoop! Did you know that Rev. Watkins, who hails from Chicago, is a former singer with the Drifters? Not only that, his daughter is hip-hop singer "T-Boz" of the recording group TLC! Despite his famous past and popular daughter, I found the illustrious pastor to be very personable, with a great sense of humor! I sang at Shady Grove Baptist Church on April 16th. I sang and spoke at Mt. Pisgah on April 30th. I've been invited to return to Mt. Pisgah in June. Perhaps I should plan a homecoming service after the June engagement! Thank you, Mt. Pisgah!

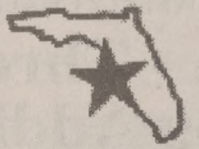
Let us go now, to the thought for today: "Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against His anointed saying, 'Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away

their cords from us.' He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall He speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in His sore displeasure. Yet have I set My King upon My holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: the Lord hath said unto Me, 'Thou art My Son; this day have I begotten Thee.' Ask of Me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and ye perish from the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in Him." - Psalm 2.

I'll end by saying drug abuse is a terrible plight upon this land. We must save our children and our loved ones from the inescapable snare of cocaine and marijuana that is glorified in hip-hop videos and the sub-culture and lately in some medical and political arenas. Know ye not that some air-traffic controllers, not to mention airline pilots, are working while high on cocaine? Is it any wonder some of these horrible crashes cannot be explained. Marijuana does not need to be legalized for any reason, nor does crack. Some people make convenient excuses for their own selfish gains while the rest of us have to suffer the consequences of dealing with drug addicted infants, students, and adults who are violent and unable to reason or rationalize thieving and murderous tendencies. Outlawing prayer and discipline has brought us many school shootings. I shudder to think what legalizing marijuana would do to us! Pray for me.



North Central Florida



Society In Ocala

by Florence Williams Ray

A NIGHT OF WHOLE-SOME ENTERTAINMENT BY OLLIE GARY PLAYERS



Juanita P. Cunningham

OCALA - For a very small price for adults and an even smaller price for students (grades 1-12), the Ollie Gary Players of Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church will present three short plays, a choral performance by Vanguard High School's Knights Sounds of Music, a vocal solo by Central Florida Community College Sophomore Roderick Gordon, a dance interpretation by Mitzi and Cherre Berry and a dramatic monologue.

The show will take place on Monday, May 8th, 2000, beginning at 7:30pm at Forest High School in Ocala. "Senior Prom," featuring Candice Walker and Levy Jones, III, presents a fresh look at young love. Pamela Edwards and Julius Wilbur play leading roles in "Angel On the Train." Mable Belle, Joan Clark, Regis Boatright, Liz Lenon and Margie Wade are in the final play, "The Committee Meeting."

Under the direction of Juanita P. Cunningham, one can expect an enjoyable evening for all ages. This Performing Arts Extravaganza is sponsored by the Missionary auxiliaries of Mt. Moriah. Dr. L. S. Edwards is pastor. Tickets for this 21st production can be purchased from any member of the church.

GRACE DALEY IS DRAFTED BY WNBA
Grace Daley, an outstanding student-athlete from Lake Weir High School and three-time All-American at Tulane University, was 5th pick in the WNBA draft. She was drafted by the Minnesota Lynx on Tuesday in Secaucus, New Jersey.

Grace started out in middle school running track, posting the fastest female running of 800 meters in the state as a freshman. She went on to break the state record with a time of 2:13.01.

Grace developed into an awesome basketball player for the Lake Weir Hurricanes, averaging 20 wins per season. She was also a National Honor Society student who is in her last semester at Tulane. Grace stands to earn \$52,500 this season plus living expenses. Our congratulations to Grace Daley!

BLACK ACHIEVERS THIRD ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
The Marion County YMCA Black Achievers/

Youth Achievers will celebrate their 3rd anniversary on Saturday, May 13th, 2000 at 10am. The location is Howard Middle School (1108 NW Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, Ocala).

The celebration will begin with the Harambee Celebration, followed by activities and games for the entire family plus a luncheon.

They are requesting that all youth who have participated in this exciting program to join them for this special occasion.

The public is cordially invited. Registration for the summer program will also take place. For more information, call Program Director Nervella Haynes at 368-9622.

COMPETITIVE SWIM TEAM AT CFCC

Children ages 5-15 who are interested in joining a competitive swim team can join the Central Florida Community College Patriot Swim Team every Monday and Wednesday from 5-6pm at the CFCC Aquatic Center.

The center is also taking registrations for its summer Swim America swim lessons. Lessons begin May 8th, 2000 and are offered mornings and evenings. For more information, call 873-5811.

HOWARD MIDDLE SCHOOL OFFERS MAGNET PROGRAM

Registration for the applied Technologies Magnet Program at Howard Middle School is now in progress for grades 6-8. Students interested in an accelerated academic curriculum enhanced through technology and the fine arts can pick up an application at the school's front office (1108 NW Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue) from 7am to 3:30pm.

Each grade enrolls a maximum of 112 students who work with a group of four academic teachers as well as a support group of physical education and enrichment teachers.

Magnet-program students are offered free extended day activities from the end of school until 6pm. For more information, call 620-3830.

SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN

The Ocala Recreation and Parks Department will sponsor the Summer Food Service Program for children free of charge. The program will be offered Monday through Friday from May 22nd through August 4th, 2000.

The program is similar to the National School Lunch Program. All children are eligible for a lunch. No pre-registration is required at open sites. Lunches are restricted to registered/eligible participants at the Silver River Marine Institute, Pavilion Oaks and Deer Run.

As estimated 500 children per day are expected to be served at seven sites throughout the city, according to the sponsors. For more information,

call Karen McCleary at 629-8358.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS
Birthday greetings go out to Stine Fulton and Nikita

Richardson, May 1st; Cynthia Taylor, May 2nd; John Edward Rawls, May 3rd; Rico Naylor, May 6th; Helen Sherman, May 9th; and Sharon Pierson, May 10th.

"The Sound Of Music" To Open May 18th At Ocala Civic Theatre

The Sound of Music

OCALA - With its conversion into an award-winning movie and millions of recordings of its songs, *The Sound of Music* is probably one of the most familiar pieces of stage literature in the world.

Taking a real-life story, Rodgers and Hammerstein tell of Maria, the postulant of Austria's Nonnberg Abbey, who is sent to the home of Captain von Trapp to become governess of his seven motherless children. A romance grows between the gruff aristocrat and the young governess, as she brings music into the castle and teaches the children to sing. But, in the midst of lilted song and graceful lyric, reality must be given its due. Hitler is on the move in Austria, and since the Captain will not accept the boot-clipping Nazis, the family is forced to make a dramatic escape over the mountains into Switzerland.

Embellishing this warm tale are some of the most memorable tunes in the Rodgers and Hammerstein repertoire - "Climb Every Mountain," "My Favorite Things," "Do Re Mi," "So Long, Farewell," "Eidelweiss," and, of course, the title song.

The Sound Of Music opens on Thursday, May 18th and runs for four weeks through Sunday, June 11th. Curtain times are 8:15pm for evening performances and 2:15pm for matinees. Tickets will go on sale May 1st. Please call the Theatre box office at (352) 236-2274 for more information or to make reservations.

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Have A Nice Day



Rosetta Cohen Forshee

"It's Carnival Time"

Universal Liberty Prayer House located at 2113 SW 2nd Street in Ocala invites the public to come and join in the fun and games of a Carnival, the church is sponsoring.

The fun begins on Saturday, May 13th at 10am with the Carnival being held on the church grounds. Games such as the Basketball Throw, Gold-

fish Game and Cake Walk; Dunking Booth, Space Walk and Face Painting; Pony Rides, Train Rides and a Petting Zoo will be on hand for everyone to enjoy.

A variety of delicious food, including hot fish, cotton candy, french fries, onion rings, hot dogs, sweet potato pies, and barbecue ribs and

chicken will be on sale.

The Rev. Samuel Franklin, Pastor, says that advance tickets per person are already on sale now. If you cannot find the time to pick up advance tickets, tickets will be on sale at the gate for a very low cost per person.

Tell your family and friends about this day of old-fashioned fun. Come out and spend the day! For tickets and/or directions to the church, contact Pat at 867-5059.

Belated April Birthdays:

April 10th, Kefuan Gadson; April 29th, Simone Forshee; and April 30th, J'Mika Holt.

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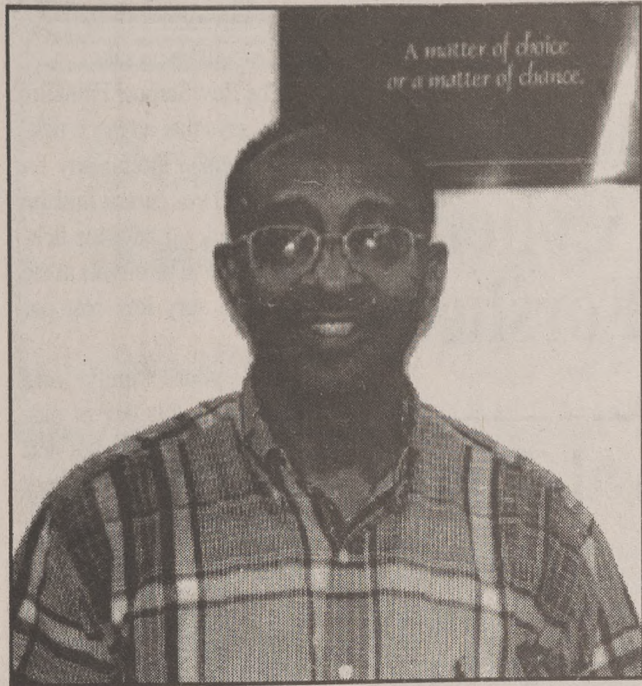
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Life - Through The Eyes Of A Recovering Drug Addict



Henry Lucas

ST. PETERSBURG — Have you ever wondered what life is like through the eyes of a hard-core drug addict? Living on the streets, lying and stealing from your family and friends, just to support a habit. You could get picked up by the police and go to jail, or die of an overdose or get killed in the process.

All of this happened in Henry Lucas' life. Now he is trying to spread the word through telling his story. Although he did not end up dead from his long road of addictions, he did lose many friends to drug overdoses and killings on the street. In part, this is his story:

I grew up in a single parent home, in one of the worst projects in Tampa. I am the oldest of nine children, and we were raised on welfare.

In the spring of 1969, I was getting ready to graduate from high school, and that's when my world started to fall apart. My sister died...dad did-

n't come to my high school graduation...and the funds we thought we would have for my college education fell through. As I look back, I realize now, I used all of those negative events as an excuse to experiment with drugs and alcohol.

I turned to the street-style life right after graduation and started by 22-year addiction with alcohol and marijuana. At first, I would only get high on the weekends, and then only after work, and then I couldn't do anything without being high. Through the years, I eventually experimented with any drug I could get my hands on. I was no longer a weekend user, and I was BIG into drugs.

For awhile, I used cocaine, but cocaine made me want to use heroin. I knew dealers all over the town, the state and in various parts of the country—I was never without drugs. When I was high, I felt a sense of freedom. Nothing was wrong in my life, and I felt sexually enhanced. But what I didn't real-

ize was that the drugs were tearing me apart inside.

I couldn't keep a job, and I needed money to support my habits. So, I started stealing and hanging out with people that had a lot of money. I was even a drug dealer for awhile. Eventually I got caught and was sent to jail. Luckily for me, Operation PAR had started a program to take inmates out of jail and put them into their 18-month residential drug treatment program. I was one of the men they chose for the program. I spent 18 months in treatment and then made the mistake of going straight back to my old habits. My counselors taught me there was more to life than drugs and alcohol, but it just wasn't my turn, not yet.

Pretty soon I was arrested for grand larceny and sent to prison. This time I was not so lucky, and I started to realize that what Operation PAR had taught me really was beneficial to my surviving. Through time I remembered what I learned at Operation PAR. I had learned how to care for myself and how to join the work force. My counselors were very caring, and they gave me a place to go far away from the environment that I was living in. I never forget these valuable lessons, but they did slip to the back of my mind, and now they were starting to come back. That was when I realized that it was my turn, now.

I commend the efforts of Operation PAR, Inc., for its 'Crack Cocaine Prevention Program'. It is very important that we try to reach as many people as we can. Cocaine is

everywhere, and not just in the 'bad' areas of town. It is a devastating drug that kills, and it is getting worse.

Operation PAR, Inc. (Parental Awareness and Responsibility) is a not-for-profit organization offering addiction and mental services to individuals and families in Florida since 1970. Operation PAR recently launched the Crack Cocaine Prevention Program in South St. Petersburg, for youth and adults who are currently using, dealing or at risk of using/dealing cocaine.

If you, a family member or a friend is in need of prevention or treatment services, please call Operation PAR WAGES at 893-5438 or the respond center at 549-6015. Also, if you would like to learn more about the programs offered at Mt. Zion Progressive Baptist Church, please call 894-4311.

South Tampa PC Users Group To Meet

TAMPA — The South Tampa PC Users Group announces that our next meeting will be on May 9th and the speaker will be from Nextel. We will meet at the Office Depot, located at 211 N. Dale Mabry Hwy. from 7-9pm. More info is available at e-mail STPCUG2@AOL.com. All are welcome!

Food Distribution Schedule

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

May 6th, New Hope Baptist Church, 2120 19th St. S., 8am to 12noon, 1st Saturday of each month.

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

May 13th, St. Mark's Baptist Church, 1301 37th St. S., 8am to 12noon, 2nd Saturday of each month.

May 18th, Bethel A.M.E.

Church, 912 3rd Ave. N., 10am to 1pm, 3rd Thursday of each month.

May 19th, Gulfport Senior Center, 5501 27th Ave. S., 10am to 12noon, 3rd Friday of each month.

May 20th, Mt. Zion Progressive Baptist Church, 958 20th St. S., 8am to 12noon, 3rd Saturday of each month.

May 25th, Fifth Avenue Church of Christ, 4200 5th Ave. S., 5-7pm, 4th Thursday of each month.

All Month of May: St. Giles Food Pantry, 8271 52nd St. N., 9:30am to 12:30pm, Monday thru Friday only.

For more information, call 344-5555 or 821-1200.

The Hospice To Start Volunteer Patient/Family Support Training Class

LARGO — The Hospice of the Florida Suncoast will begin a new volunteer patient/family support training class in May. Upon completion of this 18-hour training, volunteers will have the opportunity to assist The Hospice in various ways, such as visiting patients, running errands for patients and families, taking patients on outings, or simply being there as a friendly listener. Other opportunities include providing bereavement support, picking up and delivering medical equipment and supplies for patients, working with computers, office tasks and providing support at special

events, speakers bureau and community outreach functions.

Dates, times and location for the May training classes are as follows:

• Saturday, May 6th, from 9am to 12noon, The Hospice's south community service center, 5639 49th St. North, St. Petersburg.

• Thursdays, May 11th - June 15th, 6-9pm, St. Giles Episcopal Church, 8271 52nd St. North, Pinellas Park.

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



Marking History: On

Monday, May 1st, a new Florida Historic Marker was installed near the entrance to Demens Landing, First Avenue South, at the shore of Tampa Bay. The ceremony was at 3pm, honoring the 150th birthday of St. Petersburg's co-founder, Peter Demens. Demens' Landing is built on filled land that was once a railroad pier, and is named for the pioneer who brought the Orange Belt Railroad to St. Petersburg in 1888. The St. Petersburg Museum of History unveiled a new exhibit, "The People and Places of Peter Demens," displaying photographs, manuscripts, maps, charts and other memorabilia detailing the legacy of our town father. Contact: 894-1052.

Census Hits The Streets:

Census takers began door-to-door surveys recently, continuing for the next several weeks as the federal government tries to get a complete count and demographic snapshot of America's population. St. Petersburg's mail-in return of Census forms averaged 61 percent. Local residents are encouraged to welcome Census takers who will be clearly identified and who are required to keep all Census information confidential. Contact: www.census.gov or 588-

0993.

Calendar Sale: City Gear, St. Petersburg's official city store, is offering a close-out sale on the last of the Year 2000 City Calendars, only a nominal fee through the end of the month. The full-color calendars feature a series of paintings by acclaimed local watercolor artist Milton Howarth. There is also a line of notecards available with Milton Howarth's depictions of local landmarks. Check out the complete line of merchandise available at City Gear by visiting the downtown store at 301 Central Avenue. Contact: 551-3000.

Swing Into Summer: It's almost time for the popular Summer Junior Golf Program to begin at the city's golf courses. Nearly 500 children are expected to enroll in classes (most of which last one week) offered at all three public golf courses. For specific times, dates, and costs, check the city's Web at www.stpete.org/irgolf.htm or pick up a brochure and application form at any of the golf courses. In person registration will be held one day only, Saturday, May 6th at 7pm at Mangrove Bay Pro Shop. Beginning Monday, May 8th, applications will be accepted by mail. Contact: 893-7800.

Girls Will Be Girls - Won't They?



by Roving Rookie Riter

ST. PETERSBURG — It is important to let our young daughters know that we love and care for them. More importantly is it to show them we care by providing an opportunity for them to learn and grow up in a safe, nurturing environment.

Many caring friends in the community are doing just that. Activities, trips, games, educational and other learning experiences are planned continuously to ensure our youth get a healthy start in life and successful passage to adulthood. The more programs there are, the more involvement there is of our youngsters, and with

proper adult supervision, the lower the risk of negative statistical incidents.

Courtney's mom, Theresa Roquemore, with the help of 'big sis' Ashley had a slumber party for many of her friends. There was pizza, sodas, games, movies, outside activities, walks through the neighborhood and the girls just found more and more ways to have a great time together. The slumber party was held last weekend and the girls were asked to pose for a candid photo. As young as they are, they were concerned that they didn't look their best - but that's what slumber parties are all about, right? Being yourself

and having a great time. Girls will be girls, won't they? Prim and Prissy, as 'cute as little buttons,' maintaining good grades and good attitudes, while preparing for summer 2000 was the key that earned Courtney the slumber party.

Courtney is a happy camper this week. She is still talking about all the fun they had at her home. If mom lets her, she wants to have another one real soon. Pictured in the photo with Courtney (front row, second from right) are: Dash, Dominique, Jasmine, Fantasia, Stephonie, Shamecia, Bethany and little KeAndre.

Be Kind To Animals Week

LARGO — They say every dog has his day. Well, during May, dogs, cats, rabbits and even fish have an entire week dedicated to them! The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) of Pinellas County celebrates Be Kind to Animals Week, May 7th-13th, 2000.

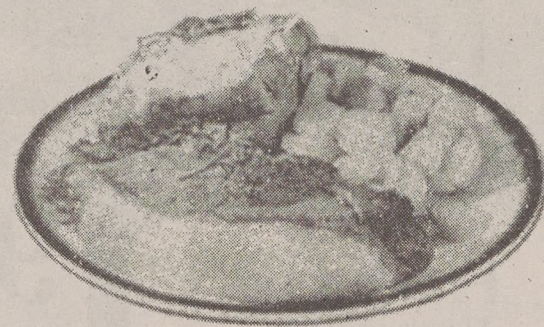
Be Kind to Animals Week celebrates all of our furred, feathered and finned friends. And it's the perfect time to pamper the Dickens out of your four-legged family members.

Make playtime part of your daily routine this week (a great habit to get into), take your dog for a walk, get your pet spayed or neutered, update their ID tags and bring your cats inside-permanently-since indoor cats live longer, healthier, safer lives.

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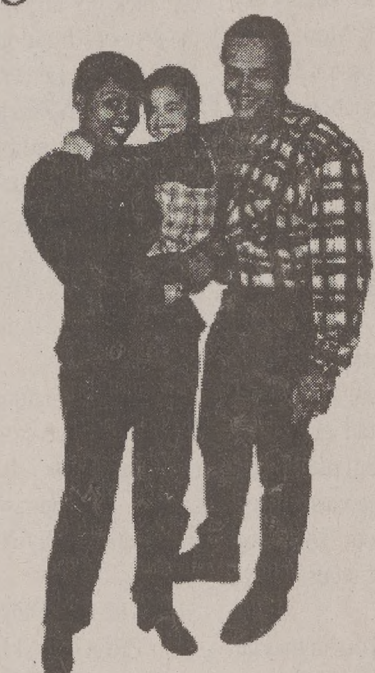
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Black Communicators

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Embarking on the positions of equal opportunity/equal representation are considered some of the greatest challenges we face as minorities today. It is important that we gain some ground in eliminating the 'so-called' status quo where it has been 'just a thing' to totally ignore the storytellers who do have something intelligent to say - stories, both tragedies and triumphs that could have been documented, only if they had been given the chance to do so.

We still have a lot of work to do, agreed the almost all-white panelists. The CEOs should look at ways by which equal opportunities are made available to people of color. As the discussions and debates became more intense, many stated that it was almost impossible to find qualified storytellers or otherwise 'wonderful candidates,' and that the competition was obviously too stiff in other areas of employment. According to Phil Metlin, Channel 13, "the pay and fringes are just not equitable enough".

How issues of race are perceived in the media when it comes down to minority reporting bothered JoAnna Tokley from the Hillsborough County Urban League. "Who do you talk to when you depict women of color? - are they included in the decision-making process or asked how a story should be told? There just doesn't seem to be enough balance.

Minorities must be given the ability to inform and represent the communities in which they live. Who better than the particular community itself can tell you what's going on, representing their individual communities in nothing less than a dignified manner. Poor examples are selected to speak out on behalf of the larger community and this isn't the way it should be.

Are black communicators a rare commodity or is this an excuse that our proteges continue to use in an effort to keep the doors 'closed tight'? Black voices must be heard. Black



faces must be seen on a much broader scale.

Just how much will be done now that feelings have been voiced is to be determined. Discussion without a plan of action - just where will this take us?

According to David Tesh, "some things have been done to rectify this problem, but not enough - we need to do more to increase our minority staff from all levels of the working environment".

Winn-Dixie Tampa Store Closings Announced

TAMPA - As part of a recently announced corporate restructuring, Winn-Dixie has announced that 14 stores in the Tampa division will be permanently closed by mid-June. Stores slated for closing will remain in operation with modified hours until their specified closing date, with special discounts offered to help liquidate inventories.

Stores slated for closing include 14 west central Florida locations, and are the only

locations designated for closing in Winn-Dixie's Tampa division as part of the company's strategy to improve efficiency and profitability.

The company will work with store personnel to try to place them in other retail store operations. Full-time and part-time associates who cannot be relocated will be offered severance packages, terms of which will be based on their length of service with the company.

"Keeping The Dream Alive"

ST. PETERSBURG - The St. Petersburg Weed and Seed Program will sponsor its 4th Annual Family Fun Day Festival on Saturday, May 6th, 2000 at the James B. Sanderlin Family Center located at 2335 22nd Ave. South, St. Petersburg, from 10am to 5pm. This event is a Community Policing Sub-Committee project.

This is a completely free festival that focuses on bringing together residents, police and other city staff, social service providers, advocates for children, local community groups, churches, and medical service providers for a day of

fun, peace, unity, sharing of information and positive interactions. Over 70 civic and cultural organizations will be participating in this year's event.

We will provide games, face painting, story-telling, musical entertainment, food and "give-aways."

Medical Service Providers will offer free bone marrow screening, blood pressure checks, diabetes screening, cholesterol screening, HIV screening, immunization shots and Back Mobile.

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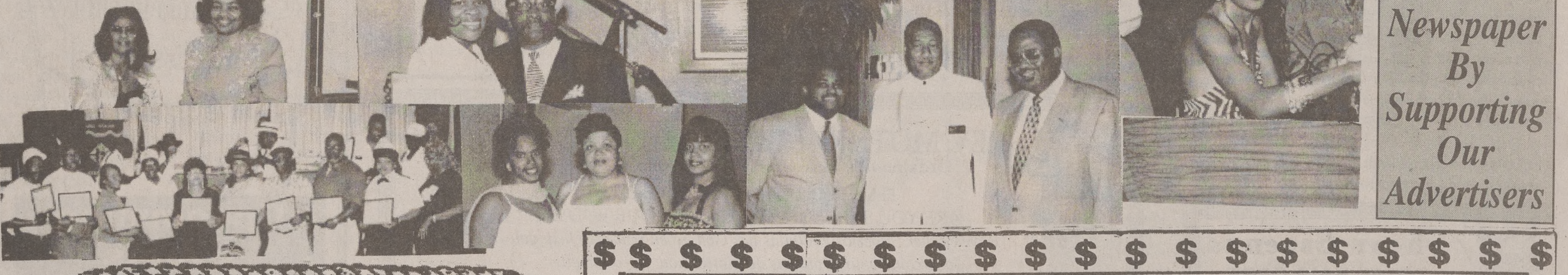
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Nite Riders

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Front Row (L-R): Mae Belle McKay, Veronica Whiting, Lois Harris and Annette Jenkins. Back Row (L-R): Mary Parker, Gwendolyn Martin, Doretha Perry and Willie Jenkins. Also show in this picture are: Donnie Williams and Conell Pierce.



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A very big surprise. Formed in 1981, the 35-voice ensemble—born, bred and still residing today in

North and South Carolina—for years have been pouring out their hearts in song for the Lord and anyone else who cared to listen.

As always, in the sure creative hands of Donald Lawrence, whom Billboard magazine recently proclaimed to be a "timeless...tunesmith, lyricist and master of the mix," the Tri-City Singers and *tri-city4.com* achieve an artistic and spiritual pinnacle that even the group's faithful founders themselves could not have dreamed of 20 years ago.

tri-city4.com, the group's

EMI Gospel debut, is a masterful amalgam of edgy urban hip-hop, smooth and smoldering contemporary R&B, and soul-stirring ballads of praise and worship rendered with masterful pop finesse and grace. With a guest list that includes Gospel sensations Karen Clark-Sheard, Kim Burrell, and R&B diva Kelly Price, Doug & Melvin Williams, and Brenda Waters, *tri-city4.com* joyously joins the talents of today's most exciting vocal ensemble with some of the brightest lights in the Gospel firmament.

Art Sale & Auction At Largo Cultural Center

LARGO — "Home is Where the Art is," a gala art sale and auction will be held at the Largo Cultural Center, on Friday, May 5th, 2000 from 6-9pm, to benefit The Haven of Religious Community Services, Inc. The event will bring together many prominent local artists, fine art exhibitors, objects d'art and imported fur-

nishings. Featured, will be specially priced jewelry, decorative prints, reproductions and mixed media original works. There will be plentiful hor d'oeuvres, entertainment, a caricaturist, raffles, live and silent auctions and the opportunity to meet many of the artists. Tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance, by calling

(727) 443-6148. Master Card and Visa are accepted.

"Home is Where the Art is" will begin the capital campaign to build a desperately needed new and larger shelter.

For more information, call: Event Coordinator (727) 447-7722, The Haven (727) 442-4128, or the Largo Cultural Center.

Ebony Scholars Present 1st Annual Step & Talent Show

ST. PETERSBURG — Ebony Scholars, Inc. will present its First Annual Step and Talent Show on Saturday, May 6th, 2000 at 7pm in Gibbs High School Auditorium. The program will showcase some

of the top high school Step teams and individual talents from across Tampa Bay. Included are Step teams from Gibbs, Blake, Dunedin, Boca Ciega, and Tampa Bay Technical. Come join us for this

evening of entertainment and excitement. Tickets may be obtained from Step Coordinators at all local high schools and at Pop's Chick-A-Dees, 2500 5th Avenue North.

Painting Festival To Feature Talented Seniors

TAMPA — Applications are now being accepted for the 2000 Seniors' Painting Festival, scheduled May 22nd-25th at the Museum of Science and Industry, located at 4801 East Fowler Avenue in Tampa.

This year's Festival, spon-

sored by the Hillsborough County Department of Aging Services, gives local artists age 60 years and older a chance to compete against their peers. The Festival serves to promote a higher awareness of the talents and artistic skills of our

senior population. An awards ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, May 25th, 10am, at MOSI.

For more information, please call Cheryl McLendon at 272-5160.

A Spring Concert

ST. PETERSBURG — The Alumni Singers will present A Spring Concert, Sunday, May 14th, 2000, 4pm at Faith Memorial Baptist Church, 1800 18th Ave. South. Robert Anders is director of The Alumni Singers, and Dorothy Jenkins, accompanist. A freewill offering will be taken.

For more information, call (727) 867-9445 or (727) 323-7004.

Joseph & The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

CLEARWATER — Clearwater High Drama will present Andrew Lloyd Webber's 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat' from May 3rd thru May 6th at 7:30pm.

Produced by special arrangement with MTI, it will be held at the Clearwater High School auditorium.

Call 461-0086 for reservations and information.

Ten Time Grammy Award Winner To Perform At Mahaffey Theater

ST. PETERSBURG — Mother's Day Gospel Explosion will inspire audiences with performances by ten time Grammy Award Winner Shirley Caesar, Troy Ramey & The Soul Searchers, The Gospel Midgets, The Mighty Peace Makers, The Gospel Express and the First Institutional Baptist Church Dance Team. This inspirational performance is Sunday, May 14th at 4pm at the Bayfront Center's Mahaffey Theater for the Performing Arts.

A 17-time Grammy Award nominee, Pastor Caesar has compiled more nominations than any Gospel artist in Grammy history - and won more than any female Gospel artist, winning her 10th Grammy Award this year.

Pastor Caesar ministers to her own congregation at the Mount Calvary Word of Faith Church in Raleigh, North Carolina, being instrumental in organizing and implementing a variety of community outreach programs aimed at giving tangible, material assistance to hurting people.

Troy Ramey & The Soul Searchers consists of Robert Alexander, Ralph Koonce, Larry G. Mapp, Rickey Powell, John Carter b.k.a. "Boot," Emmanuel Ramey, Tommy

Bolton, Dexter Ramey and Keith Harris. The group's seventh release from Atlanta International Records, *He Brought Me Out*, features the down home soulful sound that has catapulted Troy Ramey & The Soul Searchers into becoming one of gospel music's most popular traditional quartet groups. Troy Ramey & The Soul Searchers have performed with some of gospel's best - Rev. James Cleveland, Shirley Caesar, the Mighty Clouds of Joy, the Supreme Angels, the Williams Brothers, Inez Andrews and Albertina Walker in prestigious venues such as the Apollo Theatre and Carnegie Hall.

Tickets for Mother's Day Gospel Explosion with Shirley Caesar Sunday, May 14th at 4pm can be purchased in advance or on the day of the performance. Tickets are available at the Bayfront Center Box Office, 400 First Street South, St. Petersburg. Tickets are also available at all TicketMaster outlets. To charge by phone, call the Bayfront Center Box Office at (727) 892-5767 or TicketMaster at (813) 287-8844 or (727) 898-2100. For group sales, call Bethel Community Baptist Church at (727) 865-9413.

WEDU's "Dialogue" To Air A One-Hour Special On The Economic Development Of Hillsborough

TAMPA — PBS station WEDU will air a one-hour special episode of its in-depth public affairs series, Dialogue, on Sunday, May 7th at 10am. The special will focus on issues surrounding economic development in Tampa and surrounding Hillsborough County. Dialogue is a weekly community affairs forum begun in 1994 and hosted by producer Syl Farrell. The "Economic Development" special will be taped in the WEDU studios Friday, May 5th, at 12noon.

Farrell will welcome four guests into the studio for a roundtable discussion: Rhea Law, managing director of Fowler White law firm; Dick Dobkin, chairman of the Com-

mittee of 100 of the Tampa Chamber of Commerce; Chris Hart, Hillsborough County Commission; and Dr. Mike Kovak, director of High Technology Development for the University of South Florida. The panel will discuss the business community's percep-

tions of the Tampa Bay Area as a locale that is not always conducive to economic success. Other topics up for discussion include issues related to an improperly trained local workforce and the lack of rewards for businesses located in Hillsborough County.

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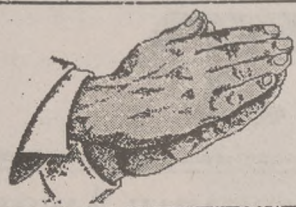


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Church News



Prayer Tower Observes 13th Annual Dual's Day

On Sunday, April 30th, 2000 members and friends of Prayer Tower Church of God in Christ fellowshiped with the moving of the Holy Spirit during their 13th annual Dual's Day Services.

The church was full to an overflow capacity during the morning service where Rev. Chico Dials delivered a message of power and inspiration. He reminded the listeners that whatever it is, whatever your present plight - "What God has for you, it is still for you." It may be delayed, you may have lost the focus; things may seem to be going in a different direction - but if God intended something for you, if He gave it to you - it is still yours!

Rev. Dials and his congregation were welcomed by the Prayer Tower Church family and given an official warm welcome by Greg Roberts. Other program participants that shared in this wonderfully blessed occasion included: Bertram Small, Mt. Zion Progressive; Robert Smith, Faith Memorial; Min. Robert Conrad, Christ Gospel; Zema Florence; Elder Vance Sullivan, St. John Missionary Baptist Church, Tampa, and Dea. Randolph Williams; John Green, Prayer Tower, presided during the morning service; Dr. Dwayne Brown; Robert Pryor; The New Life Fellowship Gospel Choir; and Vincent Dudley gave musical selections. Offering bearers

were Jerome Smith, Bethel Metropolitan; Dwayne Matt, Mt. Zion Progressive; George Banks, Bethel AME; and Isaac Grand, Moore's Chapel. Ushers serving represented Mt. Moriah and Pleasant Grove.

Mrs. Franchon Dials, wife of Pastor Chico Dials of New Life Fellowship Church, illustriously gave introduction of guest speaker. "O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endureth forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy; For He satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness."

On behalf of the entire Dual's Day Committee, Elder Clarence Welch, Pastor, and Associate Pastor Elder Carson Skinner, thank you for making this annual event a successful one. "If it had not been for the Lord on our side..."



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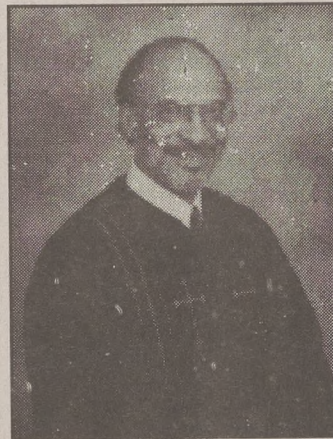
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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Baptist Training Union 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

Worship Services

Bible Class Monday, 7:00 p.m.

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

The church where everybody is somebody and Christ is all.

Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church

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

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

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

STEWART-ISOM MEMORIAL CHRISTIAN METHODIST

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

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

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

"To God Be The Glory"



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



Trinity Presbyterian



Dr. Virginia Irving

Dr. Virginia Irving spoke to the Seniors' Fellowship at Trinity Presbyterian during its regular monthly meeting, Wednesday, April 26th. The speaker reminded the fellowship that 71 years ago, the Happy Workers Children's Center started in Trinity Presbyterian Church, then located at 9th and 19th Street, South. The pastor was Rev. Oscar McAdams, who also taught in the School System. The minister's wife, Mrs. Willie Lee McAdams, founded the kindergarten in 1929.

A few of those who heard Dr. Irving, once attended the Happy Workers Kindergarten

or taught there.

It was a consensus of the fellowship that Trinity has a history with the kindergarten and should maintain a relationship. The group voted to recommend to the session of the congregation to have an annual Happy Workers' Sunday and invite students, parents and staff to a joint worship Sunday services.

It also voted to recommend to the Session that Happy Workers support be included in the church budget.

In the absence of Mrs. Delores Smith, President, Mrs. Louis Howard-Williams, whose mother also taught at the kindergarten, presided. After the meeting, the group went out to lunch.

Dr. Irving is the executive director of Happy Workers Children's Center and was most encouraged by the interest of the seniors and their willingness to maintain the historical fellowship.

Dr. Frederick D. Terry is presently pastor.

Elim Seventh Day Adventist Church

Pastor Edwards and the Elim Seventh Day Adventist Church invite you to Sabbath School and worship service each Saturday starting at 9 and 11am. Our Sabbath School lesson is entitled "Salvation and the Second Coming." The memory text is "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." - John 3:16, NKJV. Come join our church at study starting at 9am.

Worship hour starts at 11am. During our worship service, you will be blessed with special music by the Elim Adult Choir, blessed through prayer, and most of all, blessed from the word of God. Our church is located at 801 6th

Ave. South in St. Petersburg. For questions, information, or transportation, please call 894-5246.

Adventist Youth Society program is every Sabbath 1 1/2 hour before sunset. Come support the youth of our church.

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

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

The Community Service

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

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

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

Health Nugget: The effect on spiritual development:

- Body can do nothing without health message.

- Satan's strongest hold on man is through the appetite.

- Temptations appealing to physical nature most effectual in corrupting and degrading mankind.

Mt. Zion Progressive Baptist



Rev. Louis Murphy

Pastor Murphy will be celebrating his first anniversary at Mt. Zion on May 21st at 4pm. There will also be a guest speaker for the 8 and 10am services, Pastor William

Bradley of New Hope Baptist Church, Deltona, FL. The Mt. Zion Progressive Missionary Baptist Church family cordially invite the community to worship with them and help show support and love to Pastor Murphy for one year of service and dedication to us all.

National Day of Prayer will be recognized at Mt. Zion on Thursday, May 4th, 12noon. You are invited to come worship with us at this special prayer service.

Mt. Zion Christian Academy is now accepting applications for early enrollment. For more information, call 894-

4311, ext. 220.

Summer Kamp: We are currently accepting applications for King's Kids Summer Kamp. For rates and information, call Liz Kennedy, 894-4311, ext. 402, Monday-Friday, 11am-4pm.

If you need a ride to church, please call 821-0041 or 327-9197.

For more information regarding the above activities, times of services or other programs at Mt. Zion, please visit the church at 955 20th Street South, St. Petersburg, or call the church secretary at (727) 894-4311, ext. 208.

Hot Breakfast

On Saturday, May 6th, 2000 from 7 til 11:30am, Queen Street Church of God in Christ, 1732 Ninth Avenue

South, will be serving hot breakfast. For more information, contact Ms. Irene Thomas at (727) 327-9490.

The Family That Prays Together Stays Together

FIRST BAPTIST INSTITUTIONAL CHURCH

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

REV. WAYNE G. THOMPSON, PASTOR

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:30 A.M.

MORNING WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

COME WORSHIP WITH
THE FIRST BAPTIST FAMILY



The Holy Ghost Church of God Purchased With His Blood

2901 Fifth Avenue S. St. Petersburg, FL 33712

Bishop W.D. Holcy, Pastor

SUNDAY SERVICES

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

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

First. Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church

1121 22nd Street So., St. Petersburg, FL
Rev. Wallace Elliott, Pastor

Church Services

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

"THE LITTLE CHURCH WHERE EVERYBODY IS SOMEBODY"

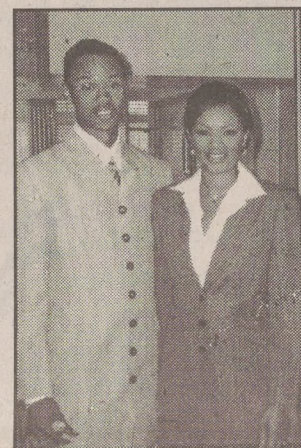
"THE INTERNATIONAL CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST"

738 Pinellas Point Drive South
St. Petersburg, FL 33705
(727) 542-7599

(worshiping in the St. Matthew's Episcopal Church Building)

DR. MARK THOMPSON, MINISTER

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

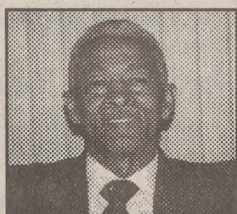


PEOPLE OF CHRIST CHURCH

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

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

Pastor Tony B. Young, Sr.



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 Onward

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 AM

MORNING WORSHIP 11:00 AM

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY WED. 6:30 PM

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



Rev. Curtiss L. Long, Pastor

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

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



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

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

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

TRANSPORTATION IS AVAILABLE

"Soaring Higher in Christ Jesus"



Pastor Keturah D. Pittman

Saint Mark

African Methodist Episcopal Church

• 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

• 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

2232 62nd Avenue South
St. Petersburg, Florida 33712
(727) 867-2400

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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

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



Dr. Frederick D. Terry

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

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

Wisdom School 9:50 AM • Morning Worship 10:30 AM

Bible Study Fellowship 6:30 PM (Wed.)

Deacon Ministry Deacon Edward Nesbitt
Finance Ministry James Robinson
Children & Youth Ministry Joyce Robinson
Clerk Ministry Wynnoria McGee

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

BREAKTHROUGH CHRISTIAN CENTER

1940 - 49th Street South

St. Petersburg, FL

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PRAYER 30 MINUTES
BEFORE EVERY SERVICE

"Sunday School"

SUNDAY 10-10:50 AM

"Power Breakthrough Service"

11:00 AM

"A Night of Prophecy"

TUESDAY & THURSDAY

"WORD EXPLOSION" - 7:30 PM

RADIO MINISTRY

WRXB-1590 AM Sundays 6:00-6:30 AM

WTAN-1340 AM Sundays 4:30-5 PM

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"A Place of Healing and Restoration"



PASTOR/PROPHET
GLENN MILLER



John A. Evans, Sr.

Friendship

Missionary Baptist

3300 - 31st Street South

St. Petersburg, FL 33712

(813) 906-8300

Pastor John A. Evans, Sr.

CHURCH SERVICES

Sundays 8 AM and 11 AM Worship

Sunday School 9:30 AM

Baptist Training Union 4:30 PM

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



Church News



Travelers' Rest 56th Church Anniversary

Theme: "Upon this rock, I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." - Matthew 16:18

The church anniversary began April 24th-30th, 2000 with the Lord on our side. Pastors and churches rendering service included: Monday, Pastor Brown and St. Mark Church; Tuesday, Rev. Alvin Lewis and New Bethel House of God; Wednesday, Rev. Alvin Moore and New Hope; Thursday, Dr. Clarence Davis and Greater Morning Star, with the word being delivered by Dr. Davis' wife, Dr. Ada Davis, formerly of St. Pete; and on Friday, Rev. Louis Murphy and Mt. Zion Progressive.

On Sunday, culmination service began at 4pm with Rev. Joseph Gordon and the Pleasant Grove Church family. Lord, Lord, Lord, what a time we had! The pastors all spoke from their heart. The whole week, the Lord was in our midst.

Many thanks go out to the anniversary committee, including Sis. Barbara Lanier, for a job well done. Sis. Margaret Anderson was in charge of the souvenir books, and Sis. Mattie Adams was in charge of the decorations for the church and dinner area. Colors for the occasion were gray and black. Sis. Mattie Adams, chairperson; and Sis. Dorothy Davis, co-chairperson.

Travelers' Rest extends a

warm and cordial welcome to all who will worship with us on Sunday, May 7th, 2000. Sunday School will begin at 9:30am. Sis. Yvonne Dumps, superintendent of Sunday School, encourages all to attend Sunday School and bring a friend or family member. Morning worship service begins at 11am.

Our Deacons and Deaconesses will lead morning devotion. The Mass Choir will minister to us in songs, Usher Board No. 1 will serve as doorkeepers, and Pastor Browne will deliver the Ministry of the Word. Holy Communion will be served.

Members are reminded of our monthly Business Meeting on Friday evening, May 5th, at 7pm. The entire membership is encouraged to please attend.

District No. 2 members are encouraged to meet with Deacon Willie Foster on Monday, May 8th, 2000 at 7pm.

Special congratulations to Erinn Birdsong for placing third in the Oratorical Contest sponsored by the Optimist Club. We are proud of the achievement of Erinn!

If you are seeking a church home, we offer Travelers' Rest to you! If you need transportation to church, please contact Bro. Turner Brooks or the church (822-4869) by noon on Saturday.

See you in church on Sunday!



Please see pgs. 17 & 18 for More Church News

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

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

The Church Where Christ Is The HEAD

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.

PRAYER TIMES
Tuesdays, Fridays & Sundays - half an hour before service.
Mondays & Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Friday nights at midnight.

RADIO BROADCAST
Sundays 7:45 a.m.

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

The Church Where Everyone Is Welcome

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

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

Rev. Johnnie Lee Williams, Pastor

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.	
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Rev. Brian K. Brown

"One week from church makes one weak."

FIRST MT. PILGRIM EVANGELIST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.
2700 - 5th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33712
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.

Bible Study Monday 6:00 p.m.

Vintage Bible Study Wednesday 11:00 a.m. - 12 noon
Live Broadcast WRXB (Every Sunday 8:30 a.m.)

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

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"

GRACE FELLOWSHIP CENTER INTERDENOMINATIONAL

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

GRACE FELLOWSHIP CENTRAL

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

GRACE

CENTER

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

O W S H I P

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

Pastor Leonard Wilson • Phone: 536-1890

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.	

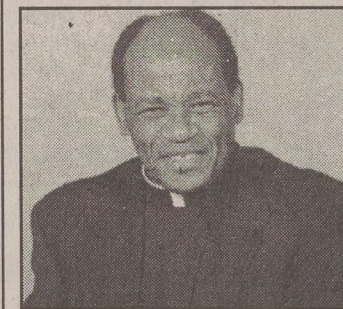
Good Samaritan Baptist Fellowship

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

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

- Wholistic Ministry (Physical, Mental, and Emotional)
- Bible Based Fellowship Considering the Biblical Commands in Light of Contemporary Problems
- Promoting the Self-Worth and Equality of All Persons
- Non-Sexist Participation • Youth Ministry

NATHANIEL W. TINDALL, II, PASTOR



Father Callist Nyambo, Pastor

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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

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

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.....7:30 p.m.	

"The Church Where Everybody Is Somebody"

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church

2120 19th St. S., St. Pete • 896-5228

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

Join us for any of our services where you will always find "JESUS BEING PREACHED AND TAUGHT"



Rev. Alvin Moore, Pastor

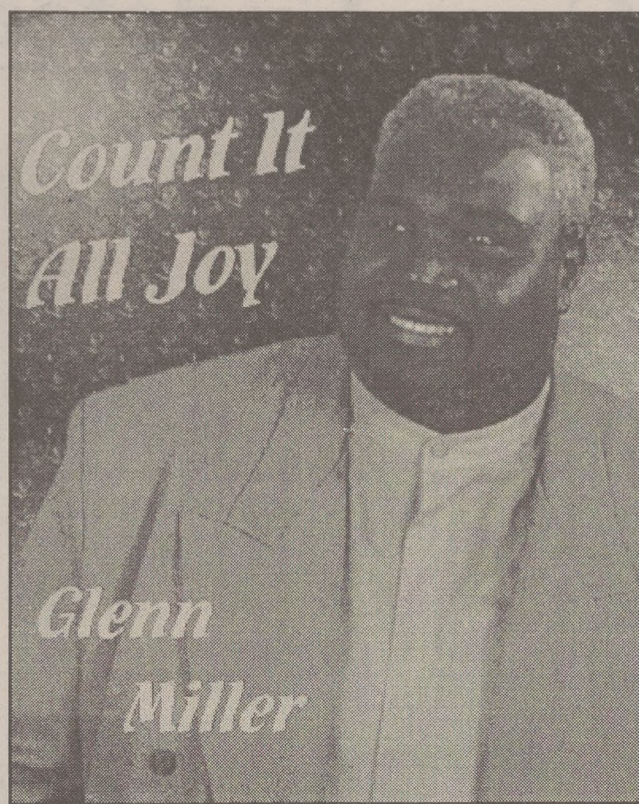
Pastor Glenn Miller Releases New CD

After 17 years of composing and performing Gospel music, Glenn Miller decided to record his first project.

"The opportunity presented itself, the time seemed right, all indication pointed towards giving it a go," said Glenn.

Gospel music became an inspiration to Glenn at an early age. "My mother took me to a Shirley Caesar concert," Glenn said with delight recalling the moment. "From that day on, I wanted to become a Gospel Artist." Glenn began to compose and perform his music in church programs and events. His talent became increasingly noticeable among those blessed with hearing his raspy vocal inflections and colorful keyboard majesty.

On July 23rd, 1984 Glenn became ordained into the Ministry and music became one of the means in which he could reach the public with the gospel message. He has served several ministries in an assortment of commitments such as, Minister of Music for six years, an Associate Pastor for three years, and an Assistant Pastor for two and a half years. For the past six years, Glenn has served as Senior Pastor of the Breakthrough Christian Center in St. Petersburg, Florida.



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Glenn has performed in a variety of events from live shows and talent showcases to television and concert appearances with other great artists. From 1988-1990, he appeared on national TV WCLF Channel 22's "Good Nite Alive" with Jim Gates. He appeared with Jim Gates again from 1993-1995 on "Together Again." Other events include the "Full Gospel Businessmen Banquets," "The Promise Keepers" annual events, "The

Annual Juneteenth Event In The Park," "The African American Fall Festival" at the famous St. Petersburg Pier, several County Fairs, State Fairs and Christmas parades. He was also a winner at the Male Vocalist Talent Showcase of WACX Super Channel 55 (1992), and appeared on TBN affiliate station WJEB TV 59 in Jacksonville with Nancy Harmon on "The Love Special." There have been appearances with such gospel greats as Shirley Caesar, Jessy

Dixon, The Williams Brothers, Lynda Hylton, Nancy Harmon, Vicky To'h'e, Betty Jean Robinson, Clint Brown and Judy Jacobs. In 1998, he dazzled audiences in Jerusalem, Israel with his emotionally uplifting "Ministry of Song."

Entertainment Producer/Engineer Frankie Fayson, III of FayzoMac Productions, a long-time explorer of ethnic melodies and rhythms, commented: "Glenn's compositions are filled with energy and life," Fayson explained while sitting behind his Mackie console. "That energy gets inside of you."

Count It All Joy, the title track, is a fine sample of the penetrating spiritual energy Fayson raves about. *Mama's Song* carries an energy at the opposite end of the spectrum, emotional and moving. It brings forth a close-to-home message most of us can relate to. *Holy Ghost Power* lifts you with the traditional toe-tappin', hand clappin', shout out with joy energy of an old-time Gospel revival.

Count It All Joy is currently on sale via the web at Amazon.com and CDnow. You can also contact FayzoMac Productions, Inc. at (813) 621-1310 for further information.

"Five Nights Of Dynamic Teaching"

"The Virtuous Woman" - Women of Excellence announces an outstanding week of exciting teaching through May 5th, 2000. Women in Ministry from Tampa Bay are invited to bring guests (men and women) to this week's activities. On Friday night, Dr. Cindy Trimm, Pastor of Embassy Worship Center, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, will minister. Dr. Trimm is an anointed woman of God for this hour, which has ministered to many hurting members in the body of Christ.

This meeting is designed for men and women in the



Dr. Cindy Trimm

body as we prepare for the challenges in the 21st century. An Awards Brunch will be held on Saturday, May 13th, 2000 at the Holiday Inn Sunspree, 6800 Sunshine Skyway Lane, with Pastor Alfreda



Pastor Alfreda Moton

Moton, Wings of Grace Worship Center and Dr. Ada Davis, Christian Women's Fellowship.

Service will convene at Greater Morning Star each night at 7pm. Greater Morning



Dr. Ada Davis

Star is located at 1415 5th Ave., Tampa (Ybor City). Come one, come all to receive your blessing for this hour.

For more information, call (727) 867-5209 or (813) 248-9241.

New Hope Baptist Church

Tomorrow is always the hope of the future, but never the reality of the present. It promises something that it cannot guarantee. We live with our eye on the future, so we all, in a sense, keep asking, "Is it tomorrow yet?"

What's on your schedule for tomorrow? Tough decisions? A celebration? Sure trouble? Give your hopes and worries to the Lord and trust His will to be done. He will never do wrong. Not today and not tomorrow.

Dr. Alvin Moore and the New Hope family invite you to Communion Sunday Services beginning at 8am Breakfast followed by 9am Church School. At 10:30am services, Dea. William Shepherd and the Deacons Ministry will be in charge of devotion. The Mass Choir will be in charge of the praise and worship service under the direction of Sis. Bobbie Tampa and Bro. Vernard McKinney, Minister of Music. Dr. Moore will deliver the Bread of Life

which assures us that most worries are about yesterday and tomorrow.

Don't forget to join us on Tuesdays for Prayer Meeting and Bible Study at 6:30pm, and on Thursdays, Sis. Bobbie Simmons invites you to Prayer Band at 11am.

The Young Adults in Action will have their annual Prayer Breakfast on May 6th at 8:30am. This year's theme is "God's Kingdom Under Construction." Sis. Dee Lee, Chairperson and Sis. Rushon

Gillette, co-chairperson invite each and everyone to join them in a "sweet hour of prayer."

Dates to Remember:
May 13th, Elure Battle Circle to South Heritage Nursing Home, 10am; YAlA Monthly Meeting, 5pm.
May 18th, 19th and 21st, 87th Church Anniversary.
May 24th, Senior Usher Board Meeting, 7pm.
May His peace be with you until we meet again.

New Philadelphia

Worship theme for the week comes from Master Deveron McGhee. At conclusion of worship on Sunday, Deveron reminded church family that "there is no 'I' in TEAM!"

Ordination Class, Prayer and Bible Study continue the worship week at New Philadelphia. On Wednesday evening, session of study for ordination commences at 5:45pm. These weekly meetings will be held prior to mid-week Prayer and Bible Study. Fellowship and meal culminates all mid-week gatherings. Prayer and Bible Study begin at 7pm.

Weekly convocation and fellowship will have its regular gathering at church property site. Members will meet promptly at 6pm for this one hour session. Volunteers will meet at this same site on Saturday to continue the maintenance and cleaning of rental property owned by church family. Hours for this activity are 11am until 2pm.

All members of church family are also reminded to fast and pray on Thursday, May 4th. This is a national day of prayer and members are urged to join nation's believers in observing this "holy day." Members who will be awake at midnight Wednesday are encouraged to begin their day of prayer and fasting at this time.

Post-Easter emphasis will continue at New Philadelphia

during Holy Communion Sunday. The post-resurrection appearances of Jesus prior to His ascension is continued cause for celebration of the Easter event. Christ appeared to some 500 believers during His 40 day sojourn on earth following the resurrection. Praise and worship will continue to focus on this sacred activity in honor and humility for the grace and mercy of God on all sinners!

Weekly meetings for May Day Celebration will be held until day of event. All members interested in volunteering for this activity are invited to attend.

Emmanuel Christian Fellowship Church

"And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to Thee. Holy Father, keep through Thine own name those whom Thou has given me, that they may be one, as we are." St. John 17:11

The members and visiting friends were blessed as the woman of God gave forth with the word of God, from above. Assistant Pastor, Rebecca Evans, spoke with power from on high.

On the first Sunday in May (the 7th), we again extend an invitation for you to worship with us at Emmanuel Christian Fellowship Church, which is

located at 1948 49th St. South. You will be blessed by the word of God.

Communion will be served in the morning worship service which begins at 11:15am with the Praise Team leading off the devotion. Evening worship service will begin at 6pm. Please join in with us.

The Lord has blessed Emmanuel with a very new member. Congratulations to Deacon Wilson and Sis. Titania Carter on their blessing of a new baby girl. Our prayers are with them.

To God be the glory for the things He has done.

Pleasant Grove

Pastor Joseph Gordon and the Pleasant Grove Church family invite you to worship with them on Sunday, May 7th. The Angelic Choir will render song service and Usher Board No. One 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. Choir No. One will render song service and Usher Board No. One will serve. Holy Communion will be administered in both services. Also, at 3:30pm, the General Home Mission will meet; Sis. Gladys D. Newton, President.

Deacons and Trustees will meet on Thursday, May 4th at 8pm. The Monthly Business Meeting will meet Friday at 7:30pm. Also, the Bible Drill Team will meet at 6:30pm with their director, Deacon Jim Anderson. Please see church

ad for all other special services. The Junior Mission Department is sponsoring a Mother/Daughter Luncheon on Saturday, May 13th at 10:30am. The speaker for this special event will be announced next week; Sis. Melissa Collins, president.

The General Mission will sponsor "1000 Men and Women Night In White" on Sunday evening, May 21st at 7pm. The Rev. Thomas Leonard and the Mt. Tabor M. B. Church of Tampa will be our special guest.

There are five weeks left before the final payment for the Grand Canyon Tour 2000 (June 4th). Please contact Sis. Kay Curry at 864-2937 after 7pm for details.

Thought for the Week: "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found. Call ye upon Him while He is near." Isaiah 55:6

Breakthrough Christian Center

Be sure and join us Thursday evening at 7:30pm for a powerful "Word Explosion" with Pastor Glenn ministering. Tune in every Sunday morning from 6-6:30am on WRXB 1590 AM for a special time of "Praise and Worship" with Breakthrough! Don't forget WTAN 1340 AM every Sunday evening from 4:30-5pm with Pastor Glenn ministering live!

You're invited to anointed Sunday School at 10am with Associate Pastor Nathaniel Hearn, Jr. Join the Breakthrough family at 11am for our "Power Breakthrough Service" with Pastor Glenn, and also a "Night of Prophecy" at 7:30pm.

Special thanks to all who attended our "Singles' Conference 2000." It was a great suc-

cess. Much deliverance took place. Thanks to the Vessels of Praise, Wendy Malloy, Upshaw Singers, and Nicky Zellner - keep ministering in song!

We are proud to say that after much anticipation, Pastor Glenn Miller's musical project has finally been released. The CD entitled "Count It All Joy" on FayzoMac Records is now available at Breakthrough Christian Center, 1940 49th St. South, St. Petersburg, FL 33707. For more info, call us at (727) 321-4986/888-447-PRAY or fax us at (727) 321-3937. To contact FayzoMac Productions, call (813) 621-1310. Pastor Glenn, we're proud of you. More great things are in store for you. This is just the beginning! Hats off to ya!

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

Pastor John A. Evans, Sr. and the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church family invite you to our Sunday worship services this Sunday, May 7th, and the forthcoming week: At 8am, the Deacons will lead in Devotion, Prayer/Praise Services. The Voices of Friendship (all choirs) will be in charge of the song services.

The No. 1 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.

Other news of importance: A trip to Akron, Ohio is being planned; the dates: May 25th -

28th, and returning on the 29th. Anyone interested in joining us, please contact the church at (727) 906-8300 Monday through Friday, 9am to 3pm.

Weekly Events:
Thursday, May 4th, 7-8:45pm, Prayer/Praise Services and Bible Study; 7:45pm, Youth Enrichment

Hour.

Friday, May 5th, 7pm, Church Conference.

Wednesday, May 10th, 12noon, Noon-day Bible Study.

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

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More Church News

Bethel A.M.E.

Pastor Dawkins and the Bethel family welcome you to join us Sunday as we break the Bread of Life. Holy Communion will be administered by Pastor Dawkins and the ministerial staff. Pastor Dawkins will deliver the word.

The lay organization invites all to join us for our annual Lay Breakfast, Saturday, May 13th. There will be door prizes, drama, tribute to mothers, and just a great gathering of good friends to celebrate mothers. Tickets may be purchased from any lay member. Good food, good friends, good fellowship!

Bethel will celebrate Mother's Day, Sunday, May

14th, 2000 during the morning worship service.

The Bethel family wishes to congratulate our own Davida Dawkins as she graduates from medical school, May 13th, 2000. We salute her for a job well done!

Tune in each Sunday at 10:40am to WTMP 1150 AM for the Radio Outreach Service of Bethel.

Weekly Calendar:

Monday, Boy Scouts, 6:30pm; Christian Education, 6pm; Official Board, 7pm.

Tuesday, Bible Study, 7pm.

Wednesday, Noon Day Bible Study; Choir Practice, 7pm.

Greater St. Paul

Sister Sadie Jenkins was our Mission Day speaker and brought the word to us that was placed on her heart by God entitled 'Our Great Commission,' with scriptural reference taken from St. Matthew 28:19 and 20.

At 5pm, we journeyed to St. Mark M.B. Church and was inspired by God's word to us from Pastor Clyde Williams. He told us how to be a cheerful giver and the rewards of being a cheerful giver. What a glorious time we experienced in the presence of

the Lord!

Coming Events:

May 1st-5th, Prayer and Praise Week for Revival, beginning each night at 7:30pm.

May 8th-12th, Revival with Evangelist Pastor Dennis Haggins of Ocala, FL. Nightly workshops will be conducted by Rev. Fleming Tarver of St. John M.B. Church, Clearwater, FL.

All are welcome and encouraged to come and witness this powerful week of worship!

Unity Temple Of Truth

On Sunday, May 7th, Unity Temple of Truth Church will present a "Pre-Mother's Day Community-Wide Health Fair" between the hours of 1-4pm at the Campbell Park Center.

This informative and fun-filled event is sponsored by Dr. Wayne Swanson and Dr. Oanh Nguyen, chiropractic and acupuncture physicians of Complete Health Care here in St. Petersburg, in conjunction with approximately 25 additional health care facilitators providing traditional as well as

alternative care, Florida Kids Insurance, Restoration of Rights, Voter's Registration and Water Safety.

The fair will include aroma therapy, face painting plus entertainment by Genesis, the Center for Performing Arts. Free balloons for the children and other freebies will be available. Refreshments will be on sale throughout the fair.

There's free admission to the public. For additional information, contact Ann Swanson, (727) 894-9696.

Moore's Chapel

Reverend Marcus Burke and Moore's Chapel Church family welcome you to their services this 1st Sunday in May (the 7th) during both 8 and 11am services. Rev. Burke will preach during both services. Holy Communion will be administered by the Pastor, assisted by Rev. Gray, Rev. Whitson and the Stewardesses. The Inspirational Choir will sing, directed and accompanied by Minister of Music Michael Melvin. The Usher Board will serve. For transportation to church, please contact the Transportation Ministry: Willie F. Bryant, 894-6067; Robert Golden, 867-0156; and Anthony Macon, 328-0022.

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.

Moore's Chapel's 2000 Millennium Revival will be held May 15th-19th, beginning nightly at 7pm, with the theme "The Power of the Gospel." The evangelist will be The Rev. Samuel Green, Pastor of St. Mark A.M.E. Church, Orlando, FL.

Quarterly Conference Business Session will be held Friday evening, May 12th, at 7pm. The quarter will conclude Sunday, May 14th with Presiding Elder Jerome Denmark in charge.

Bethel Metropolitan Baptist Church

The Official Board, ministerial staff and church family invite you to worship with us during the 8 and 11am services, and Church School at 9:30am. The Ordinance of Holy Communion will be observed and the Praise Team, Concord Choir and No. 1 Ushers will serve.

Our mid-week Bible Study (NBC) and Prayer Service at 7pm is designed for the spiritual enrichment of the entire family. The May study will focus on "Spiritual Gifts." The teachers are Sharion Thurman and Rev. Joseph Harvey. Transportation is available; call the church office (327-0554) if you have a need.

Our Noon Day Bible Study is just the thing for those who have the time or need for some mid-day refueling. The present study is focusing on Jesus' journey to the cross, from Genesis to Revelation. It is a spiritually exciting study for the learner.

The Angelic Choir will observe their annual Mother's Day Concert on Sunday, May

14th, 2000 during the 11am worship service. They will present their Mother's Day Patron's Registry during this service.

Tea Chairperson Yvette Leverett and her committee, along with President Agnes Howard, are expecting a great fellowship for the Missionary Society's Annual Spring Tea, to be held Sunday, May 21st, 2000 from 4-6pm. Their theme, "Sisters Strengthening Sisters Through Prayer In the New Millennium," will be demonstrated through the camaraderie of members and guests.

The Graduation Committee will be honoring all graduates on the 4th Sunday of this month. Information needs to be forwarded to the committee by Sunday, May 7th, 2000, in order to participate.

May Calendar:

May 21st, Annual Mission Tea.

May 27th, Youth Awards Luncheon.

May 28th, Graduation Sunday.

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Zetas & Youth Walk For March Of Dimes

by KiKi Barker

On Saturday, April 29th, 2000, the Archonettes and Amicettes and members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority participated in this year's 30th anniversary March of Dimes Walk America. The walk was in the Carillon Parkway. We decided to take a stand and save babies together in 2000. By walking with the March of Dimes, we are helping to save innocent babies born sick through no fault of their own. These babies are vulnerable and defenseless. That's why we participated. It was a gorgeous day, the sun was out, perfect for a walk around the park. The day began with registration and a nice workout to get prepared for the six-mile walk. Before the walk began, one of the beautiful children who has been helped by the research and medical progress made by the March of Dimes Foundation, spoke to us just to say "thank you."

The walk began at 8am, beginning and ending at Franklin Templeton. It was an enjoyable walk. Walkers were supplied with fruits, drinks, and snacks throughout the walk, which made it even more pleasant. After this hot and sweaty walk, Little Caesar and Pepsi donated pizza and drinks. The members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority served as the "Pepsi Ladies." As we ate and listened to music, there were trophies being handed out to the sponsors of this special event. It was an all-around special event. Join us next time. It's for the children; their lives may hang in the balance. You can make the difference.

Girls Softball Team Goes Undeclared



by Roving Rookie Riter

ST. PETERSBURG — Coaches Linda Graham and son Donald have been working hard to groom these future All-Stars for the Women's Major League. Wildwood Softball Team #2 is a group of young girls, ranging in age from 8-13 who meet regularly to perfect their ball game.

According to the girls, this game takes a lot of practice, skill, discipline, quick movement and agility. Most of them

have acquired all of these skills and look forward to taking on their next opponent this Saturday, May 6th, 2000 at Wildwood Field. Game time starts at 12noon.

Coach Linda has a fantastic sports history that goes as far back as 16th Street and Gibbs basketball teams. She was known as one of the best female players on the Coast, and was instrumental in leading both these schools to numerous victories. As a

young adult, she continued her sports crave on the playing field of softball and is a perfect leader and sports figure for the girls to follow.

They're young, they're tough and they have kept up the winning trend. As a matter of fact, they are undefeated in their league and just waiting for the scouts to check them out. See the girls in action this weekend. Let's give them all the support we can. "You Go Girls!"

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Rescue Comes To Belmont Heights Little League

TAMPA — Sometime between late Sunday night and early Monday morning, the Belmont Heights Little League concession stand and clubhouse were vandalized, leaving much damage and repairs to be made. As news unfolded regarding this tragedy, a local TV station sent a camera-crew out to film what happened. As a result, and in an effort to render assistance, Priority Oxygen and Medical Equipment, Inc. donated a check to Belmont Heights Little League in the amount of \$500. Mr. Bill Sims and Ms. Bridgett Morris, representing the company, presented the check to Colette McDonald for the club. An older woman was so moved after hearing about the unfortunate ordeal, she caught the bus from West Tampa in order to get over to graciously donate \$20 to help out. Two other persons after hearing of the vandalism donated \$100 each towards repairing the damage made so callously by such uncaring and malicious persons.



SPCA Of Pinellas County To Launch "Instant Karma" Adoption Campaign



LARGO — Starting this May, Pinellas County residents will be seeing a series of eye-catching billboards, print ads, posters, radio and TV public service announcements and an informative brochure touting the benefits of adopting shelter animals.

The theme, "Adopt a Pet, Get Instant Karma" promotes the virtues of pet ownership -

among them companionship, improved health and enhanced psychological well-being.

While the campaign will be ongoing, the May rollout is timed to coincide with national "Be Kind to Animals" month.

To help the SPCA distribute its adoption campaign message, contact Kristen Levine at 727-586-3591, ext. 134.

Pinellas County Celebrates National Tourism Week With Unique Events For Residents

CLEARWATER — Celebrations ranging from an economic summit focusing on beaches, business and beyond to an official tourism baby are part of Pinellas County's National Tourism Week, a national event that runs from May 7th to May 13th, 2000. The St. Petersburg/Clearwater Area Convention & Visitors Bureau has worked closely with all of the Chambers of Commerce in Pinellas County to support efforts in celebrating the benefits of tourism for residents and local businesses.

In addition to special events, staff members in local businesses will be donning the color red, the official color of National Tourism Week and there will be several banners announcing the celebration as well as Mayoral Proclamations in Clearwater, St. Petersburg, the Gulf Beaches, and Tarpon Springs.

Here's a round up of some of the events throughout Pinellas County during National Tourism Week:

Clearwater - The Bellevue Biltmore is offering free historic tours to residents on May 9th, 10th and 12th at 11am. Residents should reserve a spot on the tour by calling (727) 443-3701, ext. 708.

St. Petersburg - The Renaissance Vinoy is providing a discount to residents and visitors on their historic tours throughout National Tourism Week. Tours start at 10:30am. To make a reservation, please call (727) 894-1000, ext. 501.

Dunedin - Linda Taylor, owner of It's Our Nature, will provide free Eco-Heritage tours of Caladesi and Honey-moon Islands Wednesday, May 10th and Thursday, May 11th. For more information, call (727) 441-2599.

Oldsmar - Hosting a photography contest encouraging the entire community to "explore their own backyard." The community will also recognize the first baby born during National Tourism Week as the official "Tourism Baby 2000."

Tarpon Springs - Conducting a tourism business seminar educating local businesses on the value of tourism. Also, the chamber is providing a "Passport to Fun" day in which local attractions offer significant discounts to residents to be "visitors for a day."

During National Tourism Week, there will be the "Pinellas Economics Summit 2000: Beaches, Business, Beyond" at the Harborview Center from 10am to 8pm on May 11th, 2000. For more information, please call (727) 464-7332.

"Hatred and bitterness can never cure the disease of fear; only love can do that. Hatred paralyzes life; love harmonizes it. Hatred darkens life; love illumines it."

— Martin Luther King, Jr.

USF Upward Bound Program To Honor St. Petersburg Students

ST. PETERSBURG — Since 1965, the Upward Bound Program at the University of South Florida has assisted over 200 students from the Hillsborough, Polk, Manatee and Pinellas County areas to gain admission to a college or university. These students were identified by school representatives as being products from poor and working families who are known as low income, first generation students with a vision of college success. The Upward Bound Program is designed to identify these promising high school students, prepare them to do college work, strengthen their academic skills and assist with preparing them for college admission.

During the mid 70's, the Pinellas County Upward Bound Program was discontinued. As a result of the lobbying of Mr. Vyrle Davis and members of the Ebony Scholars Committee, the program was restored. Presently, 39 students from the Pinellas County area participate in the Saturday



tutorial program on the campus of USF. Fifteen of these students are graduating seniors. They were the group of participants who determined if others from Pinellas County would follow. These students indeed proved that they were Upward Bound for Success.

They are: Terrika Burton, Demetrice Hall, Carl Mobley, Jr., O'Dell Newton, David

Pierce II, Dezon Reed, Brian Williams, Cintra Williams and Eric Wilson from Dixie Hollins High School; Shantel Cooper, Vicki Harris and Shyla Sams from St. Petersburg High School; and Antria Newsome from Gibbs High School.

A special banquet is planned to honor these students on Wednesday, May 10th, 2000, 7pm at the Holiday

Inn Sunspree Resort, 6800 34th Street South, St. Petersburg. Parents and community supporters will be in attendance at this gala. The schools the students elected to attend Fall 2000 are Florida State, University of South Florida, Florida Atlantic, University of Florida, University of Central Florida, Florida A&M University, and Bethune-Cookman College.

House Democrats Support Law Schools For FAMU And FIU

TALLAHASSEE — House Democratic Leader Les Miller, of Tampa, recently announced the House Democratic Caucus supports the establishment of law schools at Florida A&M University (FAMU), in Tallahassee, and Florida International University (FIU), in Miami.

"Establishing law schools at FAMU and FIU will help open the doors of the legal profession to under represented minorities," Rep. Miller said. "The establishment of these two new law schools will help increase the number of minority lawyers in Florida by leaps and bounds."

Noting that the Senate Education Committee recently unanimously supported legislation to establish two new law schools, the members of the House Democratic Caucus said they too would support passage of the issue in the House of Representatives.

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PALM HARBOR — The Hospice of the Florida Suncoast invites the general public to an open house of its new north community service center, 2675 Tampa Road, Thursday, May 18th, from 11am to 7pm.

The new service center is the home to 4 care teams, who collectively provide end-of-life care for more than 400 patients

and their families in northern Pinellas County every day. The center will also serve as a facility for meetings and

events of interest to northern Pinellas County residents.

For more information on the open house, please call The

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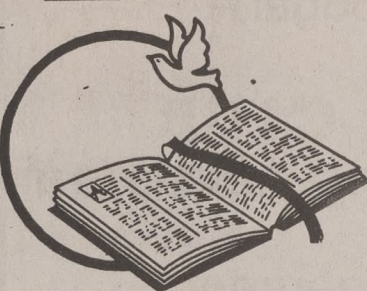
St. Pete Final Rites



COOPER, ANNIE died April 24, 2000. Survivors include three children, Katherine Wilson, Willis "Rip" Wilson, and Bertha Lilly; 8 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives whom she cherished and many friends. Creal Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.



DRAYTON, MARCUS BERNARD (BO-PEEP) died April 26, 2000. Survivors include his mother and stepfather, Sharon and Jervey Johnson; 3 sisters; 2 brothers; 4 uncles; 8 great aunts; 4 great uncles; numerous other loving relatives and special friends. Smith Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.



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SIMPSON, VIRGINIA ANN died April 14, 2000. Survivors include two sons, Archie Simpson and Bobby Macon; her mother, Helen Nichlos; 2 brothers; 3 sisters; 3 grandchildren and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and sorrowing friends. Creal Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

Gainesville Final Rites



HICKS, MAEBELLE, died April 15, 2000. Survivors include her son, Boderick C. Johnson,

Gainesville; her daughter, Delta Stevens-Davis, Gainesville; her mother, Mae Lois Hicks, Seattle, WA; her father, Maxi Hicks, Sr., Ft. Lauderdale; two brothers; four granddaughters; and several uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins and caring friends. Chestnut Funeral Home, Gainesville.



RANDALL, EVA BUTLER CLIFFIN, died April 18, 2000. Survivors include four children, Barbara Sharpe (Cleve), Gainesville; Gloria Coring and Michael Cliffin, Sr., Putnam Hall, FL; and Brian Cliffin (Marvella), Interlachen, FL; two stepchildren, Gregory Randall, Sr., and Bernice Randall, Putnam Hall, FL; 12 grandchildren; six step-grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; one great-grandchild; one nephew; and several cousins and sorrowing friends. Chestnut Funeral Home, Gainesville.

Ocala Final Rites



JOHNSON, LEVI, died April 21, 2000. Survivors include his stepmother, Emma Johnson, Ocala; five brothers, Walter (Sarah), Hinesville, GA; Joseph (Marilyn), Miami; James (Rose), Clude and Jack (Angelisa), Ocala; five sisters, Stella Mae, Emily Chatman, Hilda Starkes (Jimmie), Sharon Collins (Johnnie) and Doris Autry (Warren), Ocala; 16 nephews; 18 nieces; 40 grand nieces and nephews; 1 great-grand nephew; a long-time friend, Daisy McBride, Ocala; and several cousins, other relatives and friends. Cunningham Funeral Home, Ocala.



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Live on and do all
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on empty days,
But fill each waking
hour in useful ways.
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in comfort and in
cheer
And I in turn will
comfort you and hold
you near.
And never, never be
afraid to die,
For I am waiting for
you in the sky!

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There are many things in life
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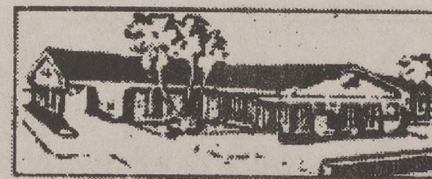
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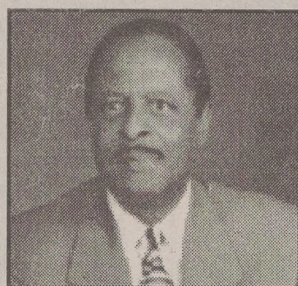
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Your Horoscope



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March 21 to April 19

With Mars in Scorpio serving you extra helpings of energy and enthusiasm, your love life and career are guaranteed to improve. Under friendly stars, you'll get to spend more time socializing with interesting, like-minded characters.



Taurus

April 20 to May 20

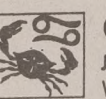
This is your time to shine—with the sun and Mercury in your reputation sector, others will flock to your side and see you as a role model. If you don't love your work, try something new. Escape for a passionate getaway on the 7th and 8th.



Gemini

May 21 to June 21

Now that intuition-boosting stars are lending pinches of near-psychic accuracy, don't be afraid to take calculated risks. Wonderful Mercury aspects on the 11th could find you accepting glowing praise for a job well done. Smile—you deserve it!



Cancer

June 22 to July 22

When a passionate Scorpio moon electrifies your romance sector on the 7th and 8th, nothing will stand between you and passion. On the 11th, a higher-up's request could have far-reaching implications; think carefully before responding.



Leo

July 23 to August 22

Now that the sun's lighting your marriage and partnership sector, you're realizing exactly how you can make your marriage its best ever. Under creative aspects, sign up for classes to learn about a skill or topic that intrigues you.



Virgo

August 23 to September 22

New opportunities to shine at work arrive on the 9th and 10th. With Jupiter finishing up in your partnership house, now's the time to show others you really care. On the 12th, a thrilling invitation could send you packing.



Libra

September 23 to October 22

Mars in your cash zone is encouraging you to spend, spend, spend, but if you can wait to do most of your shopping until the 11th, fabulous bargains could reward your patience. Attend to around-the-house projects on the 12th.



Scorpio

October 23 to November 21

Now that take-charge Mars is boosting your confidence, you're finally ready to put those pending career plans and project ideas into action. Ask for what you want, and you shall receive! Sensuality is highlighted all week.



Sagittarius

November 22 to December 21

Make the most of moonlight on the 9th and 10th by asking for that special favor in person; direct eye contact will clinch the deal. Your decisive action could nip a potential money problem in the bud on the 12th.



Capricorn

December 22 to January 19

While Saturn lingers in challenging aspects, patience remains your key to long-term success. A lecture could get you started on a writing or investment project. When good news arrives on the 12th, tensions at home will ease.



Aquarius

January 20 to February 18

With Mars' challenging aspect giving your career the green light, you'll focus on work duties with renewed energy. Resist the urge to sleep in or dress down now, and your on-the-job prestige could take a quantum leap ahead!



Pisces

February 19 to March 20

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The City Council of the City of St. Petersburg will hold a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed amendment on Thursday, June 1, 2000 beginning at or about 9:00 am, 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 May 31, 2000. For additional information concerning this notice, please contact 893-4159.

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