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One Florida MBE Contracts To Be Awarded



L-R: Windell Paige and Matthew Carter

TALLAHASSEE – "The Millennium Matchmaker Conference and Trade Fair will be the best and most productive meeting for small and minority vendors ever," said Windell Paige, Director of the Florida Office of Supplier Diversity. "State efforts to improve equity in contracting has resulted in millions of dollars going to minority and small businesses throughout the state."

Secretary of the Florida Department of Lottery, David Griffin, will address the State of Florida Department of Management Services and Office of Supplier Diversity's Annual Matchmaker Confer-

ence and Trade Fair November 15th-18th at the Orlando Rosen Centre Hotel, 9840 International Drive, Orlando.

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Don't Forget...
**TURN YOUR
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Sunday, Oct. 29th



Ebony Scholars Recognized



SEMINOLE – Several of Osceola High School's best students were recognized for outstanding academic performance at the Ebony Scholars Minority Motivational program held October 2nd at the Pasadena Community Church.

The honorees included Helen Bailey, Kimekeshia Barker, Natasha Boyd, Latesha Canady, Marcy Feaster, Shaniqua Godfrey, Lakesha Hayes, Allen Jackson, Britany Johnson, Phyllis Lawson, Cantiya Riley, Bilan Schultz and Cherelle Trotter.

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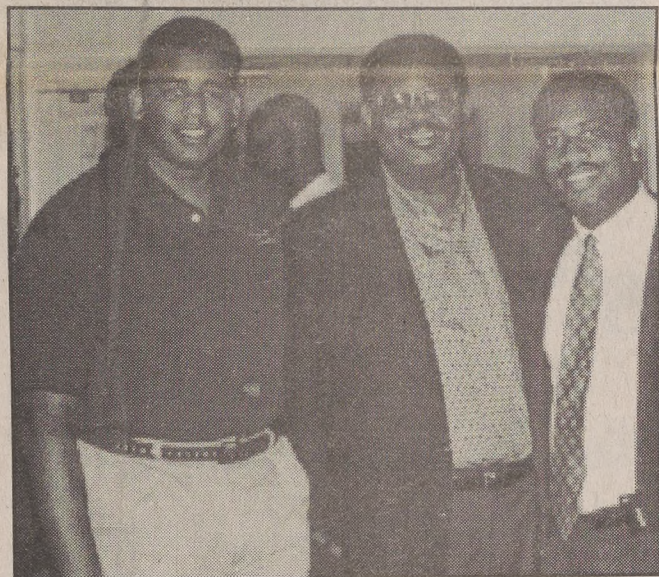
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OCTOBER 26 - NOVEMBER 1, 2000



Arrive With Five Campaign Arrives



ST. PETERSBURG – State Senator Kendrick Meek brought the Arrive With Five campaign to St. Petersburg last Friday, encouraging black voters to go to the polls on Election Day and take others with them. The Arrive With Five campaign is an offshoot of the march on Tallahassee earlier this year in protest of the governor's Florida One measure that eliminates some of the state's affirmative action programs. The march followed a sit-in by Meek at the governor's office to get Gov. Bush to include more minority input in the plan to eliminate preferences in contracting and college admissions. In picture above, Meek, at left, is seen with former education commissioner Doug Jamerson and newly-elected State Rep. Frank Peterman.

NEWS DEADLINE IS 4PM MONDAY

3rd Annual African American Health Forum

ST. PETERSBURG – noon.

"November 11, 2000, A Day of Learning, A Day of Living"

The 3rd Annual African American Health Forum - As messengers of health education, we can close the health gap together.

A free program sponsored by Bayfront-St. Anthony's Health Care, Bayfront-St. Anthony's Health Care Foundation and the American Cancer Society.

Program to be held at Bayfront Medical Center's Sheen Conference Center at 701 6th Street South (building #1); free parking available off 7th Street South.

Registration: 8:30am, Stroke Risk and Blood Sugar Testing: 8-9am, Program: 9am

Panel Physicians and Health Care Professionals:

Kenneth Bryant, MD, H. Earl Cotman, MD, Frederic Guerrier, MD, Deborah French, MD, Keith Brady, MD, Karen Bigby, MD, Freddie McRae, MD, Paul McRae, MD, Ernst Vieux, MD, George Banks, MD, Nancy Bryant, MD, Kenyon Fort, DDS, Reginald Ligon, DDS, Deborah French, MD, Alex Davis, People of Color AIDS Coalition, Robert Samuels, Kenann Cassidy.

This event is sponsored by the St. Petersburg Chapter of the National Black Nurses Association.

For more information, call (727) 825-1111.



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Silver Star 16th Annual A Success!!



ST. PETERSBURG – The President and Members of the Silver Star Social Club would like to say "Thank You" for celebrating 16 wonderful years. We could not have done it without YOU!!

May GOD continue to bless each and every one of you. The Silver Star Social Club next event is Their Annual Trip to Pensacola, Florida on Thanksgiving weekend.

For more information, please contact the President, Mary Parker at (727) 821-5192.

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**SAVE
WATER!!**

Public Education Reforms

by Garrison Jackson

Don't get Joan Harrington started on public education reforms. As an educator in Boston's public schools for more than twenty years, she has formed an opinion or two.

The nation's schools need to undergo systemic changes, says Harrington. "People are pointing fingers at each other, but it's the systems and policies that need to change. There are some excellent schools drowning in archaic systems. Policy drives education now rather than creativity." One of her biggest gripes is that "this system is not based on any altruistic thinking or learning for the love of learning. Anyone who says so is foolish. The bottom line for children is: Get out there and produce. Get out into the game," she says.

Many will have to go to work, the lucky ones will go to college. The problem, however, is that during these critical formative years, teachers have to deal with kids who have not eaten properly, some who haven't had enough sleep and others who are taking care of themselves because their parents work or just can't care for them. "Johnny can't read because he can't focus," says Harrington.

And, certainly, teachers should be held accountable. But a carrot-and-stick approach of rewarding successful schools and denying resources to those that are troubled, she believes, is a very bad idea. "So you're going to make those who don't have even poorer. That's like saying 'You can't read, so now I'm going to take out both your eyes.'" Principals, she believes, feel like

they're on the firing line and are looking at teachers for answers to unrealistic situations.

"For the first time in 25 years, principals are being held accountable." And they are not taking it well, she says. Hold her accountable, but smaller class sizes and some textbooks that were published in the last three years at least would be nice.

Boston recently averted a strike, but it was a close call. "It had nothing to do with [salary]," says Harrington. With so much focus on issues like standardized testing and accountability, "You can't speak your mind [about such issues as class size]? You can't speak up for a kid or against a situation?"

Vouchers? "Let me tell you something, what good is a [\$1500] voucher for a school that costs \$10,000? There is more to the concept of getting your kid into a private school setting than this piece of paper," cautions Harrington.

People have not thought about the additional costs associated with private educations, such as transportation to the school's location and books. "Teachers have been accountable and responsible for kids for years. And they have been asking for materials and support. Nobody's asking for a million dollars," says Harrington. "They're asking for bathrooms with doors on them. Can I have a fresh coat of paint [on the classroom wall]? Can I have either the books or paper for photocopying? And can I have the time with my students that I need to accomplish something. If you can get that as a teacher, you can get a lot done."

Small Business Loans Presented To Working Capital Florida Members



ST. PETERSBURG – Each month people who are participating in the Working Capital Florida division of MICRO-BUSINESS, USA

apply for loans to start or expand small businesses. This Month following people, shown in the photo above (from left to right) received

business loan checks: Mr. Cliff Copeland, President of Copeland Industries which markets a patented air regulator for air-pressured tools; Ms.

Veda Mahadi; Mr. Geary Taylor, artist teacher to the elderly in Largo; Ms. Veronica Furse, Mary Kay cosmetic consultant in St. Petersburg; Ms. Shirley Collins owner of Shirley's Special Touch party planning service in Clearwater; Mr. Akhtab Mujahid, owner high-rise window cleaning service in St. Petersburg; Ms. Gamell Griggs owner deep-fried turkey food specialties in Clearwater; Mr. Willie Dempsey owner of Dempsey's Janitorial Service in St. Petersburg; Mr. James Oliver owner of Supreme Auto Detailing in St. Petersburg.

In the foreground is Mr. Elihu Brayboy, Pinellas Area Manager for Working Capital Florida.

Working Capital Florida provides business training and

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Arrive With Five March Rally

ST. PETERSBURG — Arrive With Five Kicks-Off a Non-Partisan Statewide "20 Days of Voting" Campaign.

Event will be held on Saturday, October 28th at 8am., Williams Park in St. Petersburg.

This event is held to encourage all citizens, especially African Americans and Hispanics to vote early by absentee ballots, or to take five friends or family members with them to cast their vote on November 7th.

Council member Rene Flowers, Florida Senator Kendrick Meek, House Representative Tony Hill, Council member Frank Peterman (Representative Elect Frank Peterman District 55) and the Honorable Doug Jamerson will kick off a campaign march from Williams Park to the Supervisor of Elections office on October 28, 2000 starting at 8am.

THE PUBLIC IS NOT ONLY INVITED BUT URGED TO ATTEND!

Arrive With Five is an aggressive statewide voting

education and mobilization campaign ad particularly at minorities, single-parent families, the elderly, and women. However, Arrive With Five's goal is to encourage all Floridians to either vote early via absentee by visiting their Supervisor of Elections Office prior to November 7, 2000, to vote absentee by mail, or to accompany five friends or family members to the polls to cast their vote for the candidates and issues they believe will address their issues.

For those voters who can actually make it to the polls on election day, Arrive With Five encourages them to take along five friends and family members to the polls when they cast their vote. Combined with the Florida Branches of the NAACP's message of Race to Vote, Arrive With Five aims to substantially increase voter turnout in Florida for the November 7 election and beyond.

For additional information, please contact Rene Flowers at 323-5690 or Oretta Pope at 895-6167.

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ST. PETERSBURG — Have you ever wanted to speak in front of people? Get experience and learn at your own pace. City Power 911 Toastmasters is seeking new enthusiastic talent to grow with us.

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meetings.

We are an energetic club providing feedback and support to anyone who wants to improve their communication skills.

Meetings are every Wednesday from 1pm to 2pm in the City of St. Petersburg MSC building, One 4th St. N., downtown St. Pete, Room 600. Drop by or call 893-7423 for more information.



Lung Association Advises Residents To Plan On November Flu Shots

ST. PETERSBURG — The American Lung Association is advising area residents how best to handle the nationwide delay and possible shortage of influenza vaccine expected this fall.

"We are telling area residents to plan on receiving their flu shots at least a month later than usual," said Lynn Haines, RRT, MPH, president of the ALA of Gulfcoast Florida. "It's best to just make your appointment for November to avoid the hassle of having to reschedule if vaccine delivery is delayed."

Most mass public vaccination campaigns will be scheduled in November rather than

October this year. The annual public flu shot days at Pinellas County city halls will be scheduled in November, sponsored by the American Lung Association, Bayfront-St. Anthony's Hospital and Morton Plant-Mease Health Care. Schedules will be available after October 20th by calling (727) 347-6133.

Medicare part B covers flu shots given at most doctors' offices and even many of the public vaccination sites.

Flu vaccine manufacturers have reported difficulties in producing one of the new strains in this season's vaccine, according to the CDC. Two new strains, A/Panama/2007/99-like (H3N2) and A/New Caledonia/20/99-like (IN1) were recommended for inclusion in the 2000-2001 influenza vaccine. The third strain, B/Yamanashi/166/98-like virus, is unchanged from last year's influenza vaccine. Production of vaccine containing a new influenza virus strain is sometimes affected by lower growth of vaccine viruses or unexpected processing problems.

Despite the delay, the American Lung Association stresses that the flu vaccine can still offer adequate benefits within 10 to 14 days, and in many years, influenza activity does not peak until after

December.

"We are recommending that area providers make every effort to vaccinate high-risk patients as soon as the vaccine is available," Haines said.

High-risk groups include people 50 years of age and older, health care workers and people with chronic health conditions. Certain diseases that place people at high risk include: chronic lung disease such as asthma, emphysema, chronic bronchitis, bronchiectasis, tuberculosis, cystic fibrosis, heart disease, chronic kidney disease; diabetes or other chronic metabolic disorder.

Tampa/St. Petersburg-Area Kids Drive Out Drugs And Alcohol

TROY, MI — In today's fast-paced world, more kids are turning to drugs and alcohol in a search for acceptance and entertainment. Currently, 4 million kids in grades 6 to 12 use drugs on a monthly basis. At least one million use drugs on a daily basis. The Kmart Kids Race Against Drugs helps combat statistics like these.

The Kmart Kids Race Against Drugs is coming to the Tampa/St. Petersburg area for three weekends, Oct. 28th-29th, Nov. 4th-5th and Nov. 11th-12th, 2000. It is a free family racing event that travels to 90 cities making more than 667 stops to show America's children that you can have fun without drugs and alcohol. In 2000, the program will reach more than 700,000 kids during its 37-week season.

At each event, representatives from organizations like Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.), the Community

Anti-Drug Coalitions of America (CADCA) and many others interact with each child, and every child makes a pledge to remain drug-free. For every participating child, Kmart donates \$5 to the local partner organization through The Kmart Family Foundation.

The entire Kmart Kids Race Against Drugs experience is FREE of charge and every child walks away with a free T-shirt, baseball cap, and information about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse. There is no pre-registration required for the race and a parent or guardian must accompany racers.

For more information about Kmart Kids Race Against Drugs, call 1-800-63-KMART for a race site near you.

Kmart Kids Race Against Drugs will be at each of the following Kmart locations at the listed dates and times, and money raised at each of these locations will go to the listed educational organizations:

Sat., Oct. 28th, 9am-5pm and Sun., Oct. 29th, 11am-5pm:		Address	City	Local Partner
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		4501 66th St. N.	St. Pete	Pinellas Cnty D.A.R.E.
		9500 9th St. N.	St. Pete	St. Pete D.A.R.E.
Sat., Nov. 4th, 9am-5pm and Sun., Nov. 5th, 11am-5pm:		Address	City	Local Partner
		1000 Missouri Ave.	Largo	Largo D.A.R.E.
		7850 Seminole Mall	Seminole	MADD of Hillsb. Cnty.
		7651 W. Waters Ave.	Tampa	Teen Challenge
Sat., Nov. 11th, 9am-5pm and Sun., Nov. 12th, 11am-5pm:		Address	City	Local Partner
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Lesley Miller and Councilwoman Rene Flowers



Lesley Miller with State Representative-Elect Frank Peterman

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Lesley Miller with Statesman Doug Jamerson



Lesley Miller with former City Councilman Ernest Fillyau

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The Florida Senate Race

by Lou Frey, Jr.

The Florida Senate Race is one of the most important races in the country. The reason is that the Senate is more of a problem for the Republicans than initially predicted. There is an outside chance that the Republicans could lose four seats in the Senate, putting the Senate into a 50/50 stand-off. Right now, Former Congressman Bill Nelson has more name recognition than does Congressman Bill McCollum. McCollum is running a series of ads throughout the state which

will equalize his name recognition with that of Nelson.

Obviously, if one presidential candidate wins big in Florida, it will help the Senate candidate of his party. I don't believe that is going to happen. It is also possible, but not probable, that the Senate debates will make a difference. However, I don't think there will be as significant viewership or coverage in Florida as there will be for the presidential debates. Money will be pouring in from all over the country to both sides. The happiest people

will be those in the media business who will be the beneficiaries of this bonanza. Those suffering the most will be average citizens who are going to be inundated with commercials, positive to begin with, but then negative as time goes on.

A recent statewide poll indicated that Nelson is 8 points ahead. Other polls show the race much closer. However, looking behind the numbers, there is both good news and bad news for Bill McCollum. The bad news is that many of the voters still undecided

are Republican women. The good news for Bill McCollum is that many of the voters still undecided are Republican women. Obviously, if a majority of the undecided voters were in the condos in Southeast Florida, it would be bad news for McCollum. However, the fact that many Republican women are undecided gives McCollum a chance to target ads specifically to them in the hope they will return to their normal voting pattern. While I have not seen anything that says why some Republican women are not

presently for McCollum, my guess is that this is left over from the impeachment process.

I just did my radio show with David P. Schippers, who has written a book called *Sellout*. As you may remember, he was the Democrat lawyer from Chicago who was the Chief Investigative Counsel for the Hyde Committee. When I discussed McCollum's problems, he was astounded. His answer was that McCollum didn't seek the job. It was his committee that had the obligation to go forward with the

impeachment inquiry and McCollum did it in a professional manner. He applauded McCollum's courage in that McCollum could have opted out, knowing that it might hurt in his race for Senate. I explained to Schippers that doing what's right and not politically expedient, unfortunately, is not necessarily a formula for victory in politics. Just look at the success that Bill Clinton has achieved.

**SAVE
WATER**

The 2000 Presidential Election: History, Ideology And Race

by Dr. Manning Marable

Several months ago, I had a lengthy conversation with Bill Fletcher, Jr., who serves as assistant to the president of the AFL-CIO. A well-respected African-American activist in the labor movement, Fletcher has long been an insightful observer of both national and international politics. That's why I was struck when he suggested that most black activists who favor independent politics would nevertheless probably end up supporting Al Gore for the presidency over Green Party nominee Ralph Nader.

Although Nader has generated name recognition for his longtime work as a consumer rights advocate and, more recently, for his anti-corporate political activism, most black and Latino voters have little knowledge of where he stands on racial issues, like affirmative action. Moreover, Fletcher observed, there were several very real obstacles or factors that would influence how many African Americans would perceive their interests within the electoral arena.

First, there's the problematic history of Third Parties in the U.S. Since the beginning of the twentieth century, independent presidential candidates on the left have generally done poorly. Since socialist Eugene V. Debs placed a distant fourth place in the presidential election of 1912, no anti-capitalist candidate has received more than five percent of the popular vote. Independent conservatives have in recent decades generally done better than the left.

Alabama segregationist and former Governor George Wallace won 13.5 percent of the popular vote in 1968, and Ross Perot's millions produced a 19 percent vote for him in 1992. Third parties have generally done best when both major parties fail to address issues of widespread concern in the country. Thus Perot's surprisingly successful 1992 campaign was based on opposition to global trade agreements, as well as the demand for domestic electoral reform.

Until the mid-1980s, the nationally televised presidential campaigns were staged by the League of Women Voters, a non-partisan civic group. However, the League angered both major parties in 1980

when they invited liberal Republican John Anderson, then running as an independent, into the presidential debates with Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan. The Democrats and Republicans subsequently joined forces to create the Commission on Presidential Debates (CPD), a "nonpartisan"-in-name-only corporation designed to determine the boundaries of "legitimate" presidential debater every four years.

Since it was established in 1987, the CPD's co-chairs have all been the former chairmen of the Republican and Democratic national committees. The CPD receives most of its funds from huge corporations, such as Philip Morris. In the 1996 presidential debates, it excluded Ross Perot from participation, despite his widespread support, because he was not "a viable candidate". This year, the CPD's threshold for "viability" requires a presidential candidate to show at least 15 percent support in national opinion polls. As of mid-July, Ralph Nader was scoring a respectable 7 percent in some national polls, which translates into 7 million voters, but according to the CPD's rules this is not enough. Consequently it is very unlikely that any third party candidate like Nader or Pat Buchanan will have the opportunity to debate their views against Bush and Gore.

All of this means that mainstream black Democrats could soon be saying "a vote for Nader is a vote for Bush," or that by supporting the Green Party candidate one is "wasting" his or her vote.

The second consideration Fletcher raised was the threat of ideology—the danger of extreme conservatism in power. The Republican Party is now poised, for the first time in half a century, to control all three major branches of the federal government—the executive, the legislative and the judicial. Even during the so-called Reagan Revolution of the 1980s, the Republicans never gained a majority in the House of Representatives. Fletcher reminded me.

What would be the implications of the Republicans controlling the entire national government? Major damage would undoubtedly be done in the Supreme Court. Three of the

current justices are 70 or older. The new president would undoubtedly appoint two or three justices in the next four years. With two or three more conservatives, *Roe v. Wade*, the 1973 decision that legalized reproductive rights, would certainly be overturned. A recent report issued by The People for the American Way states that a conservative Supreme Court would outlaw affirmative action "even where it is shown to be carefully constructed to remedy past discrimination". It would make "cigarette companies virtually immune from most lawsuits", and would eliminate any possibility of electoral campaign finance reform.

Months ago, the white conservative establishment decided that it would back George W. Bush for the presidency, because he was safe, stupid and willing to serve as a frontman for its reactionary agenda. Bush can babble about "compassionate Conservatism" all

day long, while the Right prepares for Judgment Day against its enemies. David Frum, a conservative ideologue writing recently in the *New York Times*, says that the Reaganite Right became "convinced that the popular governor was just as committed as they were to tax cuts, school choice, the defense of the traditional family and color-blind civil rights laws. When asked how they could feel so sure that (Bush) would deliver the judiciary... (they) smile the quietly satisfied smile of those in the know". The Far Right was even willing to sacrifice in the Republican primaries those who had faithfully served its agenda—ambitious politicians like Dan Quayle, Gary Bauer and Steve Forbes—to go with The Sure Thing. They must know something.

Finally, Fletcher raised the disturbing racial dimensions of the recent presidential campaign. Bush had no trouble speaking at Bob James University and

refused to denounce the flying of the Confederate battle flag over the South Carolina statehouse. Bush talks about "inclusion", while Senate Republican majority leader Trent Lott of Mississippi proudly associates himself with the Council of Conservative Citizens, a white supremacist organization. How can one forget that the Republican National Committee held a fundraising gala, at the home of Jefferson Davis, the president of the Confederacy? Despite the parade of black and brown faces at the televised convention in Philadelphia, the entire Republican agenda is deeply and perhaps inextricably grounded in the ideology and practices of white supremacy.

All three of these factors help to explain why the majority of African Americans, even those who respect Nader, would probably conclude that (a) Bush is too dangerous and must be defeated, (b) Nader's not a viable alternative because

he cannot win, and therefore (c) Gore is our only choice, other than staying home on election day.

However, there is absolutely no guarantee that a Democrat in the Oval Office will select liberals on the Supreme Court to defend affirmative action and reproductive rights. There is absolutely no assurance that a Democratic president would halt a Republican-controlled Congress and federal judiciary from carrying out its reactionary agenda.

The national African-American community should in the coming weeks engage in a critical conversation about what's at stake in the November elections. Hopefully, what all of us can agree on is that we should encourage the greatest possible voter registration and political education efforts. We should also examine the whole rotten two-party system and whether it makes sense to continue voting for a politics that we don't want.

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An Echo, Not A Choice

by Sheldon Richman

Must the Republicans abandon every semblance of principle in order to save us from a Gore presidency? In the minds of the GOP leaders, the answer seems to be yes. Apparently, a decision has been made that victory is so essential that the party will say anything to avoid offending anyone. I'm reminded of the line from the musical *1776*. When the Continental Congress is editing the draft Declaration of Independence and several lines have been deleted to avoid offending the British Parliament or the English people, an exasperated John Adams shouts, "This is a revolution! We have to offend somebody!"

Not today's Republicans. But the irony is that in seeking to avoid offending anyone, they offend everyone who innocently had been led to believe the Republicans believe in liberty and limited government. The National Convention should finally disabuse anyone of that particular illusion.

To be sure, there was lip service paid to the idea that it's the people, not the government, that makes America great and prosperous. We heard the word "freedom" a few times. But look at the particulars. Was a single federal agency sentenced to elimination by the platform or the candidate, George W. Bush? Did anyone propose reducing spending from current levels? Quite the contrary.

When a subcommittee of the platform committee offered language to abolish the Department of Education (which spends billions of dollars but educates no one), Bush's man on the scene, Sen. Bill Frist, crushed the effort. Vice presidential candidate Dick Cheney, who has been hammered by Democrats for voting against creating the department, today says he would not vote to abolish it. (By the way, it was his wife, Lynne Cheney, who under George I set up the federal history-education-standards machinery that under Bill Clinton was predictably turned over to Marxist historians and their politically correct agenda.)

The GOP platform opposes the current federal program that promotes "family planning". Good—except the party calls for replacing that program with a bigger program for "abstinence education". The point here is not the relative merits of condoms and abstinence. The point is that this is no business of the federal government! The U.S. Constitution delegated powers to the central government that are, in James Madison's words, "few and defined". There's nothing about sex education of any kind. What happened to the Republican pro-family agenda? Pro-family means leaving sex education not to Washington bureaucrats but to the family.

Republicans used to vote against Head Start, which took some courage, since this program is nearly as sacred as Social Security. Indeed, Dick Cheney voted against Head Start. But now that he is running as a New Kind of Republican, he says he'd vote for it. Earth to Head Start defenders: There is not a single study that demonstrates any lasting benefits from Head Start. And besides, the federal government has absolutely no authority over education under the Constitution.

But that argument falls on deaf ears these days in Republican circles. The Constitution has been jettisoned by the New Republican Party, which is dedicated to the proposition that saying any warm, cozy thing is justified if it will bring victory.

No one is warmer or cozier than Colin Powell, which is why he was a featured speaker at the convention. Hardly anyone in Philadelphia seemed to mind that Powell chided the party for opposing the use of race and ethnicity as criteria for hiring and admissions.

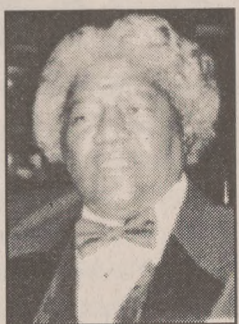
In other words, a Republican speaker endorsed the employment of force against private employers and schools that defy the government by using their own standards. So much for private enterprise. It's worse than that: Bush and the folks in the convention would have sold their souls to have Powell on the ticket. (They seemed to have forgotten that he did not want to go to war against Iraq to save Kuwait; unlike the affirmative action matter, he showed good judgment on that one.)

Compassionate conservatism? Clintonesque drivel! In 1964, the GOP slogan was "a choice, not an echo". Today it's "an echo, not a choice—except we promise to leave the interns and Buddhist nuns alone".

Rambling With Charles Howard

"Yesterday has gone, forget it.
Today is here, use it.
Tomorrow may not come,
So don't wait on it."

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An easy, no-cost egg poacher: With a can opener, remove the top and bottom from a used tuna or anchovy can, place the resulting ring of metal in your skillet, add water to the skillet outside the ring, and place the egg to be poached in the dry spot inside the egg.

Works just like a \$10 egg poacher!

For further information: Heloise's Housekeeping Hints, Heloise Cruse, Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, Prentice-Hall, 1964.

And now being that time of the week again, we share with you newsy tidbits about past happenings.

FANTASTIC TRIP

Was what it was about for Ms. Jane Stamper of 14th Avenue South, who vacationed in Queens, NY, with her four sisters. Two from Florida and two from the "Big Apple".

Starting off she attended church services on the 1st Sunday at Rush Temple Zion A.M.E., in Jamaica, New York, where her sisters are members. While there, she ran into Ms. Mattie Everett's sister, who is also a member of Rush Temple Zion. She visited her Ole' Alma Mater, Columbia University, very little change.

Meeting with sisters was just like a family reunion. They had such a great time. Dined out several times. Visited nephew Derek Darby and his family in Trenton, New Jersey, also her niece, Sharon, who lives in Las Vegas, Nevada, she is a speech therapist. Got a chance to see the beautiful sights. Delta and North Western Airlines were the chosen airlines. The weather was fantastic, lovely trip and glad to be back home.

SICK AND SHUT-INS

This week we visit with the sick and shut-ins at, Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church, 2550 9th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, Rev. Joseph Gordon, Pastor.

Let us pray for:

Deacons and Brothers: Ernest Lang, 21st St. So., Nathaniel Newkirk, Auburn St. So., Julius Canfall, 20th Ave. So., Wallace Henry, 16th St. So., Henry Clark, 32nd St. So.; Sisters: Lillie M. Stewart, 15th Ave. So., Annie Williams, 16th Ave. So., Ruth Jordan, 27th Ave. So., Eula M. Lee, 13th Ave. So., Dorothy I. Davis, 17th Ave. So., Vernell Edwards, Burlington Ave. So., Maxine Grisby, 60th Ave. So., Henrietta Bethea, 26th St. So., Willie P. Jones, 36th St. So., Mary Davis.

Sisters: Phyllis Douglas, Alpine Nursing Home, Hattie Calloway, Alpine Nursing Home, Willie B. Green, Concordia Nursing Home, Claudia Lowe, Heartland Nursing Home, Gertrude Williams, Laurels Nursing Home, Naomi Lang, H. of Pinellas Point Nursing Home.

Sisters! Marilyn C. Brown, Tampa General Hospital, Rosa L. Graham, St. Anthony's Hospital.

"He took the cup, and gave Thanks, and gave it to them saying Drink ye all of it." Matt. 26:27

St. Joseph's Catholic Church and members are praying for their sick parishioners. Let us pray for:

Dorothy Bonanno, Samuel Carr, Betty Little, Gladys McGuire, and Sally O'Hare...that God may heal and console them., 2101 22nd Avenue South, St. Petersburg.

Only the person who has faith in himself is able to be faithful to others.

UNTIL NEXT WEEK,
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Earth Mission Presents Annual Youth Workshop

ST. PETERSBURG — Earth Mission, Inc., proudly presents its 6th Annual Two Day Youth Musical, Motivational, Self-Esteem Workshop. This event is Co-sponsored by: City of St. Petersburg, Pinellas Works/Lockheed Martin I.M.S., Verizon Telephone Service, and Abilities Inc. of Florida.

The theme for this year is: "Youth On The Move in the Millennium". Earth Mission has recruited over 400 youth to participate in this positive event. The workshop is being held at: John Hopkins Middle School, October 28th 9am - 8pm and October 29th 4pm - 8pm.

October 28th activities will include: Complimentary Breakfast followed by four speakers: Educational Motiva-

tion by Mr. Solomon Stephen Pinellas County Schools, Prevention of Gang Violence by the City of St. Petersburg Police Department Gang Violence Unit, Prevention Youth and Domestic Relationship by Sandra Parker Healthy Families Pinellas, and Self Respect And Respect For Others by Rev. William Graveley Local Minister.

Followed with lunch, Miller's Catering will supply all food for this event. After lunch is complete the workshop will go into Voice Training & Music Theory Teaching. This will be implemented by: Derrick Isham, Isaac Riffin, DeAndre Hurd and Arthur McCoy. The day will close with a two-hour dance, music presented by: Lady D Productions.

October 29th the workshop will close with a performance production presenting several organizations within the city. And the Youth Workshop Participants 2000 Millennium Choir. Greetings will be brought by: Council Member Rene' Flowers City of St. Petersburg, Deborah Hill Pinellas Works, Solomon Stephen Pinellas County Schools, Cindy Jamerson Pinellas Works Youth Program, Sergeant Nero City of St. Petersburg Police Department, and "Winky" Wright Local Professional Boxer.

Our founder Rev. Constance D. Samuels and the entire Earth Mission family would like to invite the community to come out and support the youth of South Central St. Petersburg.

South Tampa PC Users Group

TAMPA — "The South Tampa PC Users Group announces that our next meeting will be on November 14th. Ms. Ronica Jipershad of Spectrum Computer Training and Learning Center will speak to us.

We will meet at the Office Depot, located at 211 N. Dale Mabry Hwy from 7 to 9pm.

Information e-mail sicape@AOL.com or 839-4272 for more information. All welcome!

Small Business

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loans, without credit or collateral, to low and moderate income persons who have a skill or talent that can be used to start or expand a small business. Businesses can be part-time or full time.

The non-profit organization presents FREE INFORMATION MEETINGS several nights each week in St. Petersburg and Largo/Ridgecrest. Anyone interested in

learning about the program can call 1-877-722-4505 TOLL FREE to find the nearest center.

Working Capital Florida operates eleven centers in Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach and Pinellas counties. They have provided business training to over 2500 people and disbursed over 1100 loans since 1994.

Ebony Scholars

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One Florida

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Florida Lt. Gov. Frank Brogan has been invited to recognize all of the State agencies that have met or exceeded their minority business participation goals for fiscal year 1999-2000.

The Matchmaker Conference and Trade Fair is the Sunshine State's premier event for minority entrepreneurs and more than 150 businesses are expected to take advantage of the opportunities to market their goods and services, interact with and possibly contract with state and local government purchasing officials, attend workshops and seminars and network with other

minority business owners at conference luncheons, receptions and the Matchmaker Golf Tournament.

The Matchmaker Golf Tournament will kick off the Matchmaker Conference on Wednesday, November 15th, with a 1pm shotgun start at Orlando's Cypress Creek Country Club. A large number of purchasing directors are expected to participate in the golf tournament in order to network with small and minority entrepreneurs. Following the golf match, a reception will be held for participating golfers.

One-on-One 15-minute

sessions between interested vendors and public and private purchasing directors begin on Thursday, November 16th. Thursday afternoon will be highlighted with a contract award ceremony. Plans are to exceed the \$15 million in awards given out at previous Matchmaker conferences.

The Trade Fair starts on Friday at 9am.

Interested firms can become a sponsor of the Matchmaker Conference or the Matchmaker Golf Tournament. Advertising can be purchased by contacting (850) 487-0915.



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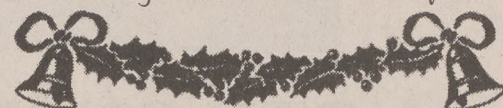
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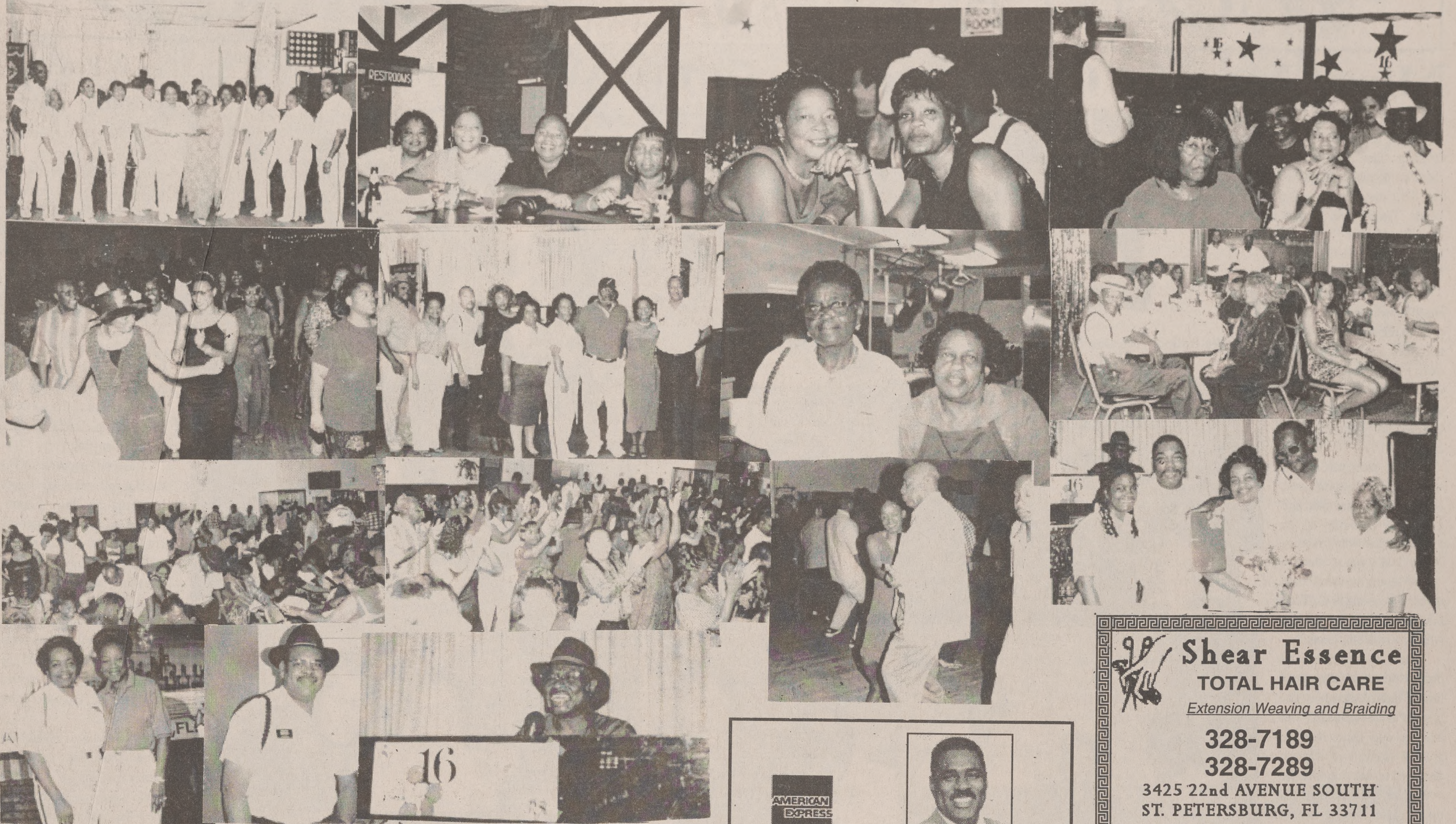
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Silver Stars

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Important Meeting - Gibbs Class Of 1963

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Also, bring family and friends. Social activities afterward. Bring your checkers, scrabble games, etc., be prepared to play games and have some fun.

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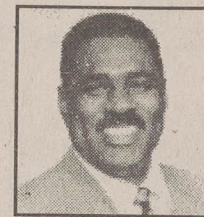
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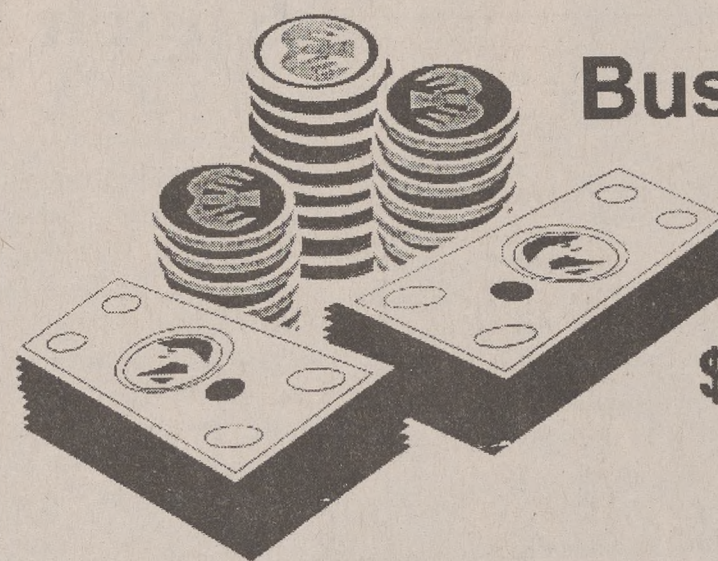
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WOMAN'S WORLD

Missy Maxine Celebrates Birthday With Friends

ST. PETERSBURG — An evening of smiles and lots of laughter filled the banquet room at Piccadilly Restaurant last Thursday, October 19th where family and friends joined Maxine "Teach" Robinson to celebrate her forty-something birthday.

What is it about these beautiful women - they get to a point in life and don't want to tell their age anymore. It's okay, it still is a woman's prerogative to do that you know and from the looks of this birthday girl - she's still looking great!

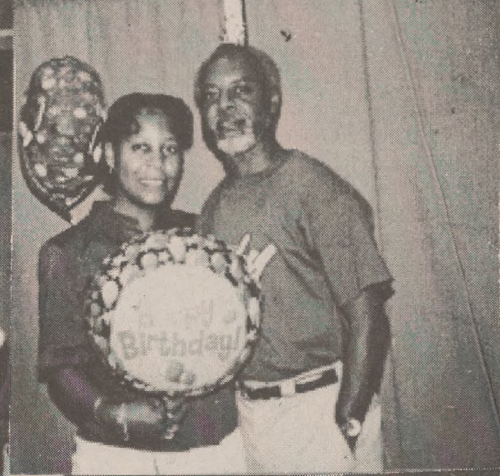
For the most part, it was supposed to be a surprise party, but her woman's intuition and the cashier prompted her to raise a questionable eyebrow. "Okay Pop," she exclaimed, "what's going on here?" she asked. According to G "Pop" Lancaster, "I have no idea what you're talking about."

After all was said and done, it turned out there were a host of individuals who came to share in the celebration with Maxine and there was the greatest element of surprise displayed on her face once she walked in and cast her eyes upon those singing happy birthday to her. Everyone brought a lot of love, gifts and well wishes to send home with this beautiful gifted, warm spirited and sensitive person young Pinellas County School teacher.

Everyone enjoyed themselves while watching the happy-go-lucky party person parade from table to table greeting, hugging and thanking everyone for making this year another great birthday celebration. The party was planned with lots of love by G "Pop" Lancaster, Maxine's mother, Mrs. Evelyn Banks and her sister, Janice Harris. Happy Birthday "Teach" we all wish you many, many more.



Polle Bullock, Maxine Robinson, Evelyn Banks, Janice Harris and Little "Q"



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— Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Action Day - Women & Money 2000

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Co-sponsors with the Women's Bureau are the Resource Center for Women of Pinellas/Passo and the National Council of Negro Women, St. Petersburg Metropolitan Council.

Call (727) 586-1110 for information and reservations.

Financial Workshop At Enoch Davis Center

ST. PETERSBURG — The Resource Center for Women in partnership with Merrill Lynch is presenting three (3) exciting seminars entitled "Smart Women Finish Rich" to be held at the Enoch D. Davis Center, 1111 18th Avenue South, on November 2nd and December 7th, and January 11, 2001, from 6:30-8:30pm. The seminar will also be held at the RCW Largo

location on December 2nd, from 2-4pm.

The seminar will focus on the Seven Steps to Living and Finishing Rich, to include: Learn to Earn, Put Your Money Where Your Values Are, Figure Out where You Stand Financially, Build Your Retirement Basket, Use the Power of the Latte Factor, Build Your Security Basket, and Build Your Dream Basket.

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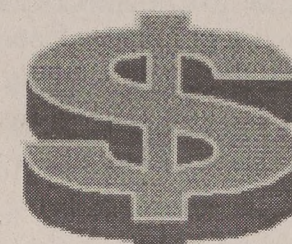
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The Women & Money 2000 program is co-sponsored by the Resource Center for Women of Pinellas/Passo and The National Council of Negro Women, St. Petersburg Metropolitan Council, and the U.S. Department of Labor, Women's Bureau. For more information, please call (727) 586-1110.

RCW Receives Grants

LARGO — The Resource Center for Women has received a Women in Apprenticeship and Non-Traditional Occupations (WANTO) grant from the U. S. Department of Labor Women's Bureau for a second year. In September 1999, The Resource Center received the first and only WANTO grant ever received in the State of Florida. The WANTO Project, Workforce 2000, has been providing customized technical assistance to employers in Pinellas County through that grant.

A second year of WANTO funding will enable the Project to expand into Pasco County and increase the number of employers and women served in Pinellas County. The grant funds will be used to provide technical assistance to employers to enable them to successfully recruit and train women in their workplace and to establish systems to ensure their retention and career advancement.

"Our goal is to expand the employment and self-sufficiency options of women, while enabling business to meet the challenge of Workforce 2000", according to Susan Olsen, coordinator of the program. "There is an unprecedented need for skilled workers and innovative approaches to building a workforce ready to move with the growth of technology. Women are ready to be included!"

Resource Center for Women is located at 1301 Seminole Boulevard, Suite 150, Largo, FL. Call (727) 586-1110 for information.



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Call 727-586-1110, or NCNW President, Mary Clowers at 864-3568 for information and reservations. The meeting is free to the public.

Domestic Violence Victims Get Help From Century 21 Condon-Meek Realtors



CLEARWATER — With over four hundred donated items packed into the back of a pick-up truck to help victims of domestic violence, Century 21 Condon-Meek, Inc. Realtors and The Haven began a community partnership at the inaugural event Sunday, October 15th. More than 125 guests attended the successful western-theme benefit for The Haven, learned about its mission and generously contributed useful items ranging from cash donations and diapers to cell phones and shoes.

"We recently took a hard look at how we do business and what's important in those relationships," said Pattie Meek, Broker for Century 21 Condon-Meek, Inc. Realtors. "We rewrote our business vision and developed a stronger customer commitment pledge. It seemed natural to extend that vision to the community and reach out to those in need," added Meek, a successful Realtor for over 20 years.

Meek also enlisted the help of noteworthy organizations

like HomeBanc Mortgage Corporation, Peoples Bank and Stewart Title of Clearwater to help sponsor the benefit.

In the near future, Century 21 Condon-Meek, Inc. Realtors will support The Haven by serving as a collection center for its Thanksgiving food drive and adopting a family during the holiday season.

For more information about the partnership between Century 21 Condon-Meek and The Haven, contact Pattie Meek at 446-4094 or Frieda Widera at 441-2029.

SPEAKING TO THE PEOPLE

by Judith M. Allen

The Story Of A Great Man Part I

Mr. William Floyd Allen was born May 7, 1937 at 6pm. He was the second son of four children born to the late Willie B. Allen and the late Teele Raines Allen. His birth name was William, but he started calling himself Al when he was in school.

He was born in Sylvester, GA. His father was a farmer and his mother a housewife. When Al was only five, his mother passed away with cancer. Al spoke so highly of his mother. Being so young when she died, he remembered her so well. He loved to tell me stories he remembered about her, so loving. I know he is with her now. God bless.

His Grandmother Allen then helped raise him until she passed away about one year later. I asked him once how old were you when you were on your own? I expected him to tell me 18-20. He said five. And to know and love Al as I

do I guess he was five.

My Al could and would do anything that was a challenge, and he always succeeded. He went to school in Moultrie, GA. He came to St. Petersburg when he was about 12 years old. He lived and played around the old Webb City area, now Winn-Dixie Marketplace.

He returned to Moultrie, GA, and finished high school and graduated June 6, 1956. He was a great football player, basketball player and loved the arts. He was good in drama, singing, dancing and writing. Al was a very gifted person. He was such a good artist. Many artists can paint still lifes and scenery, but Al could draw faces, people—that in itself is a great gift.

Al returned to St. Petersburg after he graduated from Moultrie High School. He was a St. Petersburg Policeman in the early 1960s, and he owned a couple of businesses.

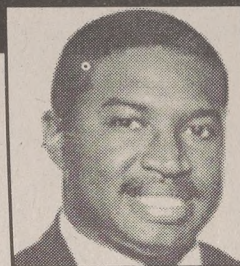
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Business Group Recommends Candidates For Commission And Legislature

CLEARWATER — Eight candidates on the Nov. 7 general election ballot have been endorsed by CLEARPAC, the political affiliate of the Clearwater Regional Chamber of Commerce.

The endorsed candidates are:

•Gus Bilirakis, Florida House of Representatives, District 48;

•Larry Crow, Florida House of Representatives,

District 49;

•Ava Van Nahmen, Florida House of Representatives, District 50;

•Leslie Waters, Florida House of Representatives, District 51;

•Les Miller, Florida Senate, District 21;

•Bob Stewart, Pinellas County Commission, District 3;

•John Morroni, Pinellas County Commission, District

6;

•Ken Welch, Pinellas County Commission, District 7.

CLEARPAC President Ann Duncan said the board interviewed candidates in contested local campaigns for governmental bodies with policy and regulatory powers, in districts involving the Clearwater area.

CLEARPAC will recommend that Chamber members

and their employees support the endorsed candidates, "but even more important is active participation in the election," Ms. Duncan said. "We want the business community to do everything within its powers to get people out to vote."

Although CLEARPAC represents members of the Clearwater Regional Chamber of Commerce, it is a separate organization.

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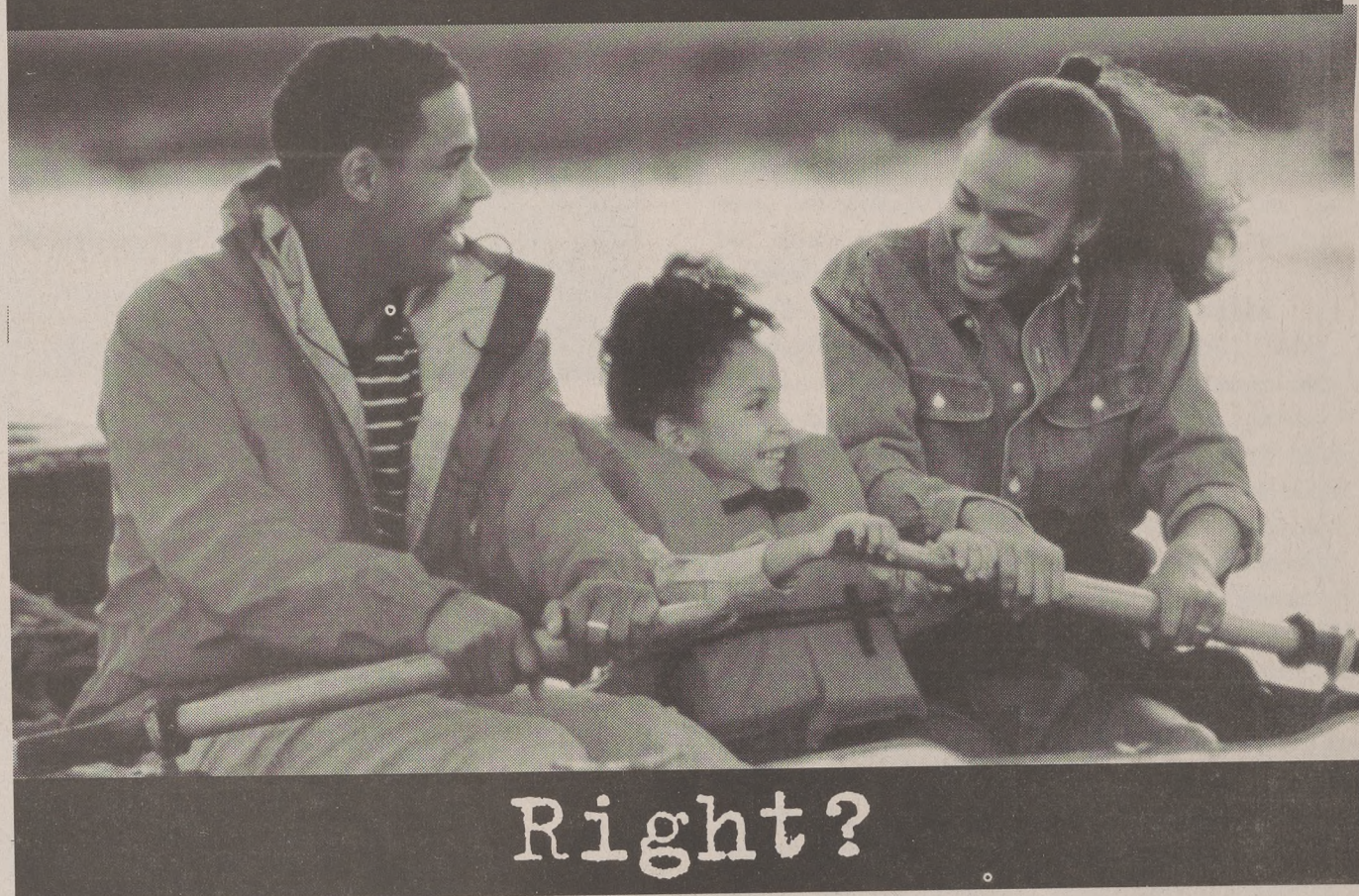
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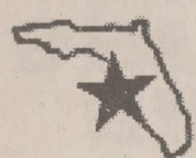
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- Second hand smoke contributes to more than 6,200 preventable childhood deaths per year.

A message from Florida Department of Health



North Central Florida



Ocala News

by James Thorpe

MARION COUNTY BRANCH NAACP SPONSORS GOTV (GET-OUT-THE-VOTE) RALLY

The Marion County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will sponsor a (GOTV) Get-Out-The-Vote Rally on Wednesday, November 1st, 2pm - 5pm on the lot of Cunningham's Funeral Home.

The Rally is a voter empowerment activity led by the National Association. The Southeast Region NAACP Voter Empowerment 2000 "Earl T. Shinhoster" Bus Program is touring state-by-state program to heighten the awareness and importance of voting in record numbers in the upcoming General Election. At the rally activities will include souvenirs give-away (caps, t-shirts, etc.), voting message broadcasts, refreshments, meet and greet political candidates and volunteers sign-up for the November 7th General Election.

The public is encouraged to attend this event. For any further information contact Loretta Pompey Jenkins, 351-0824.

GREATER HOPEWELL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Come and join the Mass Choir in their Annual Concert on Sunday, October 29th at 6:30pm.

They will be singing songs you love to hear old and new. Every one is invited to come, shout and praise the Lord in songs with us.

MAD DADS

MAD DADS of Greater Ocala, Inc. and Central Florida Community College (CFCC) joined forces with Howard Middle School in the Spring to implement a SAFE-T-Pre-Apprenticeship Program offering training in Carpentry and Masonry. The Program, designed for ex-offenders, juvenile offenders 17 years of age and older, and high school dropouts, attracted 17 applicants. Both classes were taught by Mr. Ollie Smith, a General Contractor, at Howard Middle School with each class providing 24 hours of training over a period of six weeks. Graduation ceremonies yielded nine graduates with one person completing both classes. Although some chose not to complete the classes, we are proud to report that 16 of the 17 applicants were placed in jobs, with Triple Crown Homes and local contractors.

The 2nd cycle of vocational training will be offered on a broader scale in July, and will also include opportunities for non-traditional training of women, welfare-to-work, and Workforce Investment Act customers who need to develop marketable job skills.

HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW

MAD DADS was instrumental in starting a Communi-

ty Garden adjacent to a Senior Citizen Housing Development several years ago which is still going strong. Mr. Al Cone, a MAD DADS Board Member, was a major player in bringing the idea to fruition along with Mr. Jim Phillips of the State Attorney's Office. Interested persons in the community can purchase one or more plots 25 x 30 for a nominal fee, and plant vegetables and flowers of their choice. You do not have to be a senior citizen to purchase the plots.

DEER RUN AFTER SCHOOL DIVERSION PROGRAM

MAD DADS is very enthused about our successful partnership with the Ocala Housing Authority in providing services and activities for an After School Diversion Program in the Deer Run Housing Development for the 1999-2000 School Year. This community-based project focused on the academic, social, and moral excellence of every child served.

The Deer Run Program meet on Mondays through Thursdays from 3:30pm to 5:30pm and provided an array of services and activities as outlined below.

- Tutoring - The Tutorial component provided daily, homework assistance from 3:30pm to 4:30pm.

- Diversions - In the Diversion component, the children participated in arts and crafts such as decorating the inside of the Deer Run Community Center, studying the seven principles of Kwanza; and daily worship. This segment last from 4:30pm to 5:30pm.

- Cub Scouts - The MAD DADS Cub Scout Pack #708 meet every Thursday from 5:35pm to 6:35pm at the Deer Run Community Center. The Pack has been involved in a number of activities including painting the Deer Run Basketball Court, cleaning up the Deer Run Community Center, marching in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade, as some examples. In addition, the Scouts earned their Bobcat Badges while participating in a camping trip to Juniper Springs in Ocala National Forest during Spring Break in March 2000. Activities for Pack #708 will continue through the summer months following a different schedule. The Cub Master of Pack #708 is Michael Collins, a MAD DADS Case Manager.

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Open Auditions For "The Complete History Of America" (Abridged)

OCALA - Ocala Civic Theatre will hold open auditions for *The Complete History of America (Abridged)* on Monday, November 6th and Tuesday, November 7th, at 7pm. Performances dates are December 28th through December 31st (including a special New Year's Eve performance). The auditions will be held at the Theatre, which is located at 4337 East Silver Springs Boulevard in Ocala.

From the same zany guys who brought us *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)* comes a rather irreverent look at our nation's history over the past 500 years. *The Complete History of America (Abridged)* is a breathlessly-paced sequence

of silly vaudeville sketches, word association games, puns, and parodies of films and television. (Note: The play contains strong language which may be offensive to some individuals.)

The audition will consist of cold readings of selected scenes from the play and improvisations. Copies of the script are available for perusal at the Theatre during regular box office hours, Monday through Friday, 10am to 5:30pm.

Roles are available for three males, ages 20 to 50. Each actor will be required to play a variety of real historical figures and imaginary characters. The comedic style is broad and physical, yet at

times is played with total seriousness. The characters are *Austin* who will play Amerigo Vespucci, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, John Wilkes Booth, FDR, Richard Nixon, Hitler, Ronald Reagan, etc.; *Adam* who will play Sophia Vespucci, Betsy Ross, James Madison, Al Capone, Eva Braun, Lucille Ball, Nancy Reagan, etc.; and *Reed* who, in addition to playing the accordion, will play Ben Franklin, Abe Lincoln, J. Edgar Hoover, Joe McCarthy, etc.

For additional information about auditions, call Ocala Civic Theatre at (352) 236-2274.

AKA Sponsors Sepia Fashion Revue & "Fashionetta"



by Jim Thorpe

OCALA - The Eta Tau Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Sorority, Inc., will sponsor the Sepia Fashion Revue, featuring the Vogue-Esquire Models of Chicago, IL. This event will take place on Monday, October 30, 2000, 7pm at the Forest High School

Auditorium, Ocala.

The electrifying and exciting traveling Fashion Production exposes local residents to the best and latest in wearable designer fashions and serves as a tool to raise funds for the Sorority's educational scholarship program. The show will take patrons on a fashion journey to many exciting fashion destinations.

Five local young ladies are vying for the title of Miss "FASHIONETTA." They include Jevondia Lekishia Brown, daughter of Beulah Pender & Emory Adkins, granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Walt (Julia) Brown; Zenia Harris, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ralph (Rhodia) Berry; Di'Sheria Ameca Franklin, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Demetrius (Eunice) Franklin; Kia Donese Weatherspoon, daughter of Reverend Herman & Mrs. Yolando Boone and Mr. Willie Weatherspoon and Chanel Caprice Rogers, granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Nathaniel (Cheryl) Ivey.

For ticket information, single or group rate, contact Mrs. Gwendolyn Sims, 629-4765.

Central Florida Classic Competition

ORLANDO - University High School in Orlando, FL has been chosen as the site for the *Central Florida Classic a 2000-2001 Cheer LTD. CANAM Qualifier* to be hosted by the University High School cheerleaders. The event is scheduled for Saturday, November 11th. Cheerleading

and Dance teams from across the state are invited to compete for a bid to the CANAM 2001 International Cheer and Dance Championships in Myrtle Beach, SC next March.

Sherry Viersen will coordinate the regional event, which is scheduled to begin at 10am Saturday morning. Nationally-

certified judges will score the teams competing in twenty-seven divisions from Pee Wee (grades 1-4) through high school varsity and including all-stars.

Teams and/or individuals wishing to compete may call Cheer LTD., Inc. headquarters

to register for the *Central Florida Classic* competition at 1-800-477-8868.

There is no entry fee for cheerleading and dance teams. For further information on this event, contact Cheer LTD., Inc. at 1-800-477-8868.



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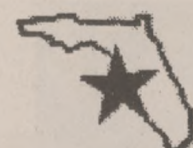
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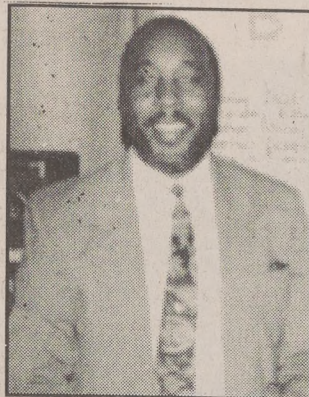
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Society In Ocala

by
Florence Williams Ray

PATRICK HADLEY RESIGNS FROM OFFICE OF URBAN OPPORTUNITY



Patrick Hadley

Patrick Hadley, founder of MAD DADS of Greater Ocala, Inc., and Governor's Liaison for Community Development, Executive Office of the Governor since May 1, 1999, resigned his post on recently where he has labored to put forth Governor Jeb Bush's "Front Porch" beginning for Urban Renewal.

Alison Hewitt, a 29 year old special assistant in the Governor's Office of External Affairs, will replace Hadley in his \$70,000 a year job. Governor Bush sent a letter to Front Porch announcing the change. Having the project placed under the Department of Community Affairs contributed to Hadley's decision to leave.

The program encountered ups and downs since its beginning in April, 1999. Hadley is proud of the fact that he was able to get a squabbling revitalization council in St. Petersburg back to the table to talk about solving its problems. Hadley said he has no regrets. "I feel it was time I needed to really look at the landscape up here and try to make decisions for myself and my interests," Hadley noted. "It's just some management styles, what's expected, how you deal with the people and issues." He said he cannot simply give out band-aids for problems.

Hadley, who has been very successful with the expansion of MAD DADS, is considering another job with the Florida Housing Finance Corp., which is not a State agency. He is also planning to build a statewide office for MAD DADS in Tallahassee. "I know this, I want to be happy. I will work where I am comfortable, where I am happy and where I can make a difference."

SAFE HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

Spooky Tales, an event sponsored by Ocala Storytelling Guild, will be held on October 27th from 7:30-9:30pm on the grounds of the Ocala City Auditorium in Tuscawilla Park.

Don Leonard is one of the storytellers who will tell tales during the Spooky Tales event. The event is free and is co-sponsored by Ocala Recreation Department.

The Red Ribbon Safe Halloween event will be held at the City Auditorium on October 31st, from 6-9pm.

For more information, call 629-8561.

A Halloween Carnival will be held October 28th from 10am-2pm at TimberRidge Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, 9848 S.W. 110th Street, Ocala.

The event will feature children's games and activities, hay rides, a petting zoo, pony rides. Trick or Treat begin at 2pm. Admission is free. Tickets will be 2 for \$1.

***** GRIFFIN/FORD WEDDING

On Sunday, October 22nd, Flora Amos Griffin and Richard Allen Ford were united in marriage at Gospel Temple Church of God in Christ, Ocala. Elder Warren McCollough officiated.

The ceremony included Prelude, Lighting of Candles, Seating of Mothers, Processional, Prayer, Solo, Giving of the Bride, Exchanging of the Wedding Vows, Exchanging of Rings, Presentation of the Couple and Recessional.

The Wedding Party included Parents of the Bride, Elder and Mrs. H. Amos, Sr.; Parents of the Groom, Helen Mosbley and Polly Douglas; Maid of Honor, Carrie Ann Griffin; Bridesmaids, Magdelaine Davis, Saderrick Dempsey, Lois Young and Ann Alexander; Junior Bride, Cheyanne Davis; Flower Girls, Satara Ford and Mahogany Davis; Best Man, James Ford; Groomsmen, Willie O. Davis, Ernest Grahams, Glenn Young and Homer Amos, Jr.; Junior Groom, Elijah Davis; Ring Bearers, Montae Richard and Kaniya Neymor.

The hostess was Chemkia Amos; Musician, Brother Eddie Thurman; Soloists, Sis. Carolyn Thurman and Sis. Gail Cooper.

The Wedding Coordinator was Gail Cooper.

***** CHOIR ANNIVERSARY CONCERT HELD

The O. M. Hawkins Gospel Choir Anniversary Concert was held October 22nd at the Shady Grove Baptist Church in Ocala. The theme for the occasion was "Let The Praise Begin". The Rev. Dr. Fred Maeeweathers is Pastor.

The concert started with Praise and Worship with the O. M. Ensemble. The Welcome and Occasion came from Jermele Jacobs, followed by processional by O. M. Hawkins Gospel Choir.

The two part concert commenced with "Let the Praise Begin" lead by Soloist Deacon Earsel Brown; "He Can Fix What Is Broke" was lead by Soloist Virginia Coleman; "Watch God Move" with Soloist Angela Jacobs; "Jesus The Same" with Soloist Kenneth Starker and "Jesus, That's My King" with Soloist Minister Brenda Gillum.

Concert, Part II included "God Can And God Will" with Soloist Yolanda Boone; "The Lord Is Blessing Me" by Soloist Deacon Donald Gillum; "Won't It Be Grand" with Soloist Patricia Lake and "God's Got It" with Soloist

Brenda Hester.

Presentations were done by Sis. Milynda Mercer. Remarks came from Deacon Willie Lake III and Invitation to Discipleship and final remarks and Benediction came from Dr. Maeeweathers.

The choir officers include Deacon Willie Lake, III (B) vice-president; Freddie Mae Brown (S) secretary; Jermele Jacobs (A) asst. sec.; Earlene Collins (T) chaplain; Deacon Earsel Brown (T) director; Deacon Ellie H. Jacobs, II (T) director; Kevin Weatherspoon, drummer; Dennis Martin, organist and Patricia Lake (A) Minister of Music.

***** FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL TO BE HELD ON SQUARE

On October 27th, from 5-7:30pm, Fall Harvest Festival will be held on the Square in Downtown Ocala.

The festival will feature

live music, a scarecrow contest, story telling, artist displays, farmer's market and activities for the whole family. The event is sponsored by the Ocala Electric Utility.

Admission is free.

YOUTH SUMMIT AT HOWARD MIDDLE SCHOOL

A youth summit will be held from 9am - 2pm on October 28th at Howard Middle School in Ocala. Registration will begin at 8:30am in the school cafeteria.

The summit, hosted by the Marion County School District, will include discussions

on relationships, school and health issues. Youth leaders will lead discussions on several issues. Transportation will be provided from Sugar Hill Quadravillas at 8:30am and Belleview High School at 8am.

The event is sponsored by Take Stock in Children, Marion County Public Schools, YMCA Black Achievers, Big Team for Little People, SDA Youth Group, the State Attorney's Office, Silver River Marine Institute, Community Council Against Substance Abuse and the Greater Advertising Federation.



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UF/IFAS Receives \$5 Million NSF Grant For Research

GAINESVILLE — To learn how genes control development of corn and other cereal grains — the source of about 90 percent of the world's food supply — University of Florida researchers have initiated a 5-year study with the aid of a \$5 million grant from the National Science Foundation.

Corn, also known as maize, was selected as the target crop because of its worldwide economic importance and the fact that it's an "ideal model" for gene research, said Donald McCarty, professor with the UF's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

He said many of the genes

that are important in corn may be applicable to other crops. For example, the gene that controls the yield in sweet corn may also control the yield in tomatoes.

"Our research will focus directly on the endosperm, which is the most important component of the seed," McCarty said. "When you eat sweet corn, you're consuming the endosperm. It is the harvestable component of all cereal grains such as barley, rice and wheat."

In order to determine the function of a particular gene, scientists need to understand what happens when that gene

is disrupted or eliminated from the plant.

Terry Flotte, interim director of UF's Genetics Institute, said the maize project is in response to NSF's new initiative in plant genome research. Out of 75 grant proposals submitted to NSF by U.S. universities, the UF project is one of four that received major funding.

He said the NSF grant provides additional support to the Genetics Institute. Last month, faculty in the institute received a \$5 million grant from National Institutes of Health for liver research.

WE WELCOME YOUR LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

James Byrd was dragged to his death in Texas and Governor Bush won't support legislation **against**

hate crimes


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On June 7, 1998 James Byrd Jr. was beaten then chained by his ankles and dragged three miles behind a pick-up truck until he was dead, all because he was black. Yet when Byrd's daughter, Renee Mullins asked Governor George W. Bush to support hate crimes legislation, Bush said "no".

**take control of our lives and community.
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Congress, America needs hate crimes legislation**

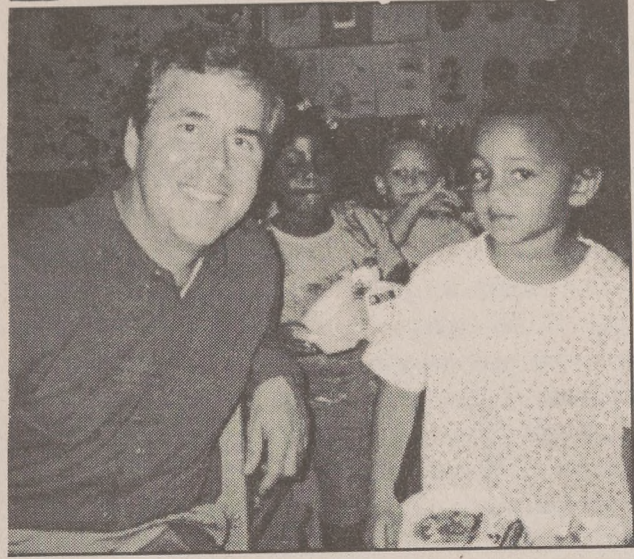
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LIGHT OF THE WORLD

By DANIEL BANKS



GOV. JEB BUSH VISITS HEADSTART

On October 20th, Florida's Republican governor Jeb Bush paid a visit to Marion County. His itinerary included a trip to Fessenden Elementary in Martin. Fessenden is a formerly failing school, as far as FCAT scores go. This year the school's grades dramatically improved from an F to an A. Loretta Jenkins is the principal. Betty Brown is the assistant principal at Fessenden. Knowing the governor's stand on school vouchers to private schools when public schools fail, the school's administration had a chance to show the governor that public schools can improve. An incentive for improvement is a monetary gift from the state per student, to be spent for greater improvements at the school site. Fessenden earned the monetary gift. All are reasons that the governor was in town, not to mention stomp knocking for his brother Gov. George Bush, of Texas, who is the Republican presidential candidate.

However, while at Fessenden, Mr. Bush visited the Head Start classroom. Mrs. Jenkins had invited me over for just this occasion! As personable and approachable as always, the governor greeted me and shook my hand. I reminded him of our first meeting two years ago at St. Paul AME Church, in Ocala, when he was campaigning for office. In the Head Start classroom, he met the teachers and posed for pictures with the children. When I got a chance to speak to him again, I told him that I was aware of his position on Head Start reform, but I asked that he read over a folder full of Head Start information that I put into his hands, so that he could have an overall understanding of the program. He responded nicely, "Sure, I'll take a look at it!" His tour of the campus ended shortly after he left Head Start and First Start. He posed for pictures with adults and children outside and when the media converged on him, held an impromptu press conference in front of the gym where he informed us that he'd fallen asleep on his brother's appearance on David Letterman the night before, where Gov. George Bush joked that on his list of Top Ten priorities, his brother should wash his car. The piece, which aired on Channel 6's News at Six, taped Gov. Jeb Bush saying since he fell asleep, he guessed he deserved to wash his brother's car. On that particular newscast, I saw nothing about the governor's visit to Fessenden or Head Start. They simply said, "The governor made those comments in Marion



County today...

In any respect, while some Christians feel at ease to simply "trust the Lord" with whomever is elected to office, the Bible teaches that "faith without works is dead!" In James 2:17, 20, and 26, you will find the following: "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone." "But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?" "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also."

I can't afford to sit back, do nothing, and say, "God will give us the right president." For many weeks now, I've been informing you (36,000 readers) on where the candidates stand on issues that got very little mention, if any, in the debates. I've traveled around in circuit to personally tell people, especially Head Start parents that the program could fold if Bush is elected president. I've encouraged and helped people to register to vote. I'm registered and I plan to vote myself. I wrote a letter to the editor of the *Ocala Star-Banner*, which he printed, so that people in the region would know what's at stake here. I sent E-mail, I sang, I participated in political rallies and made appearances. I shared my opinion with anyone who would listen on the street, in hospitals, in drug stores, or wherever. Man's extremity is God's opportunity. After I've done all I can do, then I'll turn it over to the good Lord. In the meantime, "God don't need no coward soldiers!"

The daughter of James Byrd, the black man who was drug to death behind a truck in Texas, has gone on radio to say how she pleaded with Gov. George Bush for greater hate-crime legislation and he refused! Where is the Congressional Black Caucus on these issues? Why is the national black press so lackluster? When President Clinton was impeached, black politicians were speaking out everywhere in his defense. Where are they now that we have come to a crossroad? Why are the drums so silent?

My faith is alive and anchored in God. I will not allow vanity and dead faith to keep me from fighting to maintain my freedom. I support Vice-President Al Gore.

Stetson MBA Program Relocates

ORLANDO - Stetson University has moved its Master of Business Administration (MBA) program, formerly housed at Disney University, to the Stetson University Center at Celebration. Dr. Frank DeZort, director of Graduate Business Programs for Stetson University, said the move was prompted by Stetson's desire to broaden the base of its MBA program in Central Florida.

By relocating the MBA program, Stetson can offer open admissions to all MBA candidates rather than strictly Disney cast members. Based on evening classes meeting once each week, the program is designed for business professionals, providing graduates with broad competence in administration and managerial decision-making. Students may be able to earn their MBA degrees in as little as five

semesters.

"Stetson University, home of Florida's first School of Business Administration, is excited to be able to offer our MBA program to all working professionals in the Orlando area," Dr. DeZort said. "The Stetson University Center at Celebration is the ideal location."

The School of Business Administration at Stetson University is accredited by the

American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), the top accrediting organization for business schools. Stetson shares the distinction with only 115 business schools in the country. All MBA classes are taught by business school professors who hold doctoral degrees.

For more information about the MBA program, visit www.business.stetson.edu.



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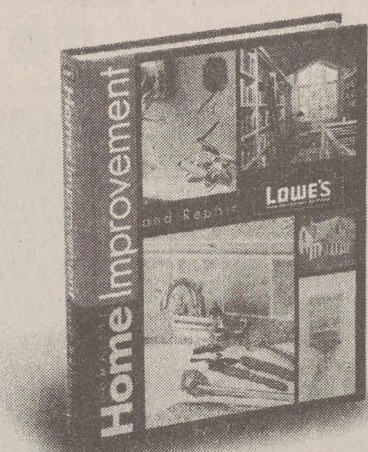
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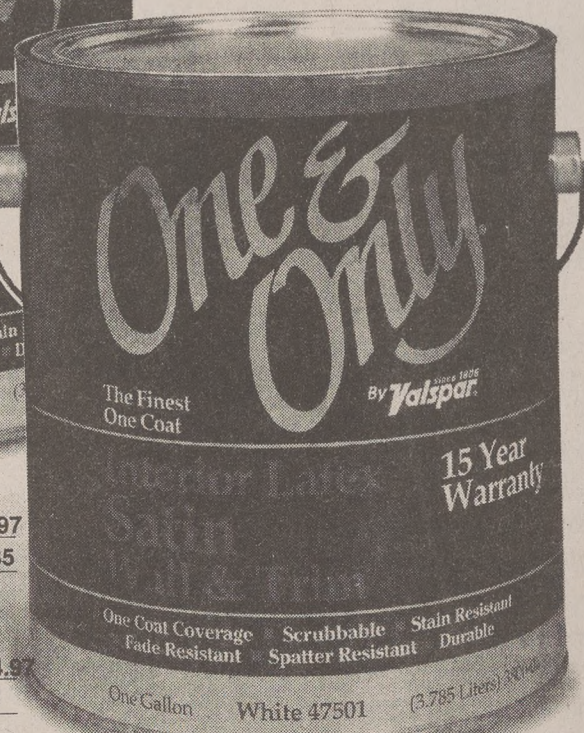
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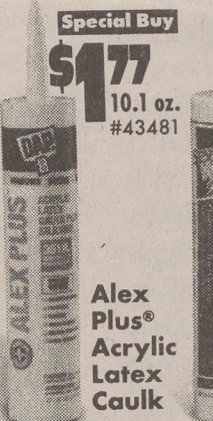
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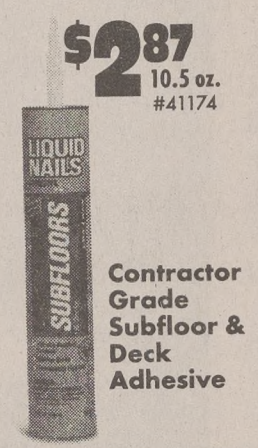
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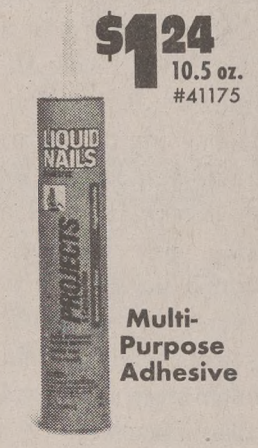
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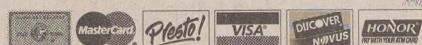
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Church News



Elim Seventh Day Adventist Church

Pastor Theus Young and the Elim Seventh Day Adventist Church invite you to come worship with us each Sabbath starting with Sabbath School at 9am, followed by worship service at 11. This quarter, we will be studying "Proverbs-Wisdom To Live By." This week's Sabbath School lesson is entitled, "An Ounce of Prevention." The memory text is, "The highway of the upright avoids evil; those who guard their way preserve their lives," (Proverbs 16:17 NRSV). Come join our church at study starting at 9am.

During our worship service, you will be blessed with special music by The Nu Generation 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 hours before sunset (5:35pm). The youth programs are designed for the young and young at heart. This week's

program will be hosted by the Adventurers. Please come support the youth of our church.

Elim Junior Academy-training the hands, the head and the heart. School is already in session, but feel free to come and register your children. All kids grades kindergarten through eighth grade are welcomed. Remember: There is no work more important than the education of our youth.

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.

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!

Upcoming Events:

Nov. 3rd-4th, Women's Ministries Convention in Miami.

Nov. 11th, Sabbath School Community Guest Day.

Dec. 8th-9th, SEC Youth Convocation, Orlando.

Dec. 17th, Annual Church Banquet.

Thought for the Week: "A great name among men is as letters traced in sand, but a spotless character will endure to eternity. God gives you intelligence and a reasoning mind, whereby you may grasp His promises; and Jesus is ready to help you in forming a strong, symmetrical character. Those who possess such a character need never become discouraged because they have not success in worldly affairs. They are the light of the world. Satan cannot destroy or make of none effect the light that shines forth from them." Testimonies from the Church, vol. 5, p. 579.

Bethel Community Baptist

Bethel Community's Missionary Society celebrates its 76th Anniversary Banquet on Saturday, Oct. 28th at 5pm.

Speaker is Sojourner Neneh Galeh (aka Rhudine M. Poole), Missionary in Early Childhood Development.

The Banquet will be held in the Fellowship Hall of Bethel Community, 1045 16th Street South, St. Petersburg.

New Hope Baptist Church

We are all looking for "An Answer" to something. One of the questions that all people should be seeking the answer to is "Am I Saved and/or 'What Must I Do To Be Saved?'"

None of us were born saved, but all of us have an opportunity to be saved. But how long will you allow the sins of this world to keep you from having a relationship with the Lord, the one who saves us all. Ephesians 5:1 says, "Be ye followers of God, as dear children."

Rev. Dr. Alvin Moore and the New Hope Family invite you to join us for services on Sunday beginning at 9am, Church School followed by 10:30 morning worship. The Deacons will be in charge of devotion, the Mass Choir will render the song services and the Senior Ushers will serve. Immediately following morning services the church will travel to Orlando for fellowship services with Dr. Larry Mills and the Mt. Sinai congregation.



Senior Usher Board members are reminded of the Usher's Workshop scheduled for Saturday, October 28th, 9am to 1pm. Rev. E.E. Cross, Pastor of New Way Fellowship Baptist Church in Arcadia, FL will be the inspirational facilitator. Lunch is included with registration. Sis. Bobbie Simmons, President.

The General Mission will meet on 10/30 at 7pm. All circle chairs are asked to encourage your members to attend.

Sis. Jewel Waiters, President.

Join us on Tuesdays at 6:30 prayer meeting and 7pm Bible Study where you will find answers to the questions that are hindering you from the ONE who gives unconditional love and accepts you just as you are, taught by Dr. Moore who offers a wealth of knowledge from the Word of God. I challenge you this week to take the STEP!! GOD is still in

charge of your life! No matter where you find yourself, HE is there!!!

Prayer Band will meet at 11am Thursday and all choirs will rehearse beginning at 6:30pm.

May His Peace Be With You Until We Meet Again!!!



St. Mark African Methodist Episcopal Church

At St. Mark AME Church, where the Rev. Keturah Pittman is Pastor, we have the following church events scheduled:

- Harvest Festival (Alternative to Trick or Treating for God's saints), Oct. 31st, 6-8pm. There is no charge for the entire night, filled with surprises, games, food and of course, candy, candy, and more candy. Please come and join us for a night of fun, fun, and more fun!

- Shop Until You Drop! Before Christmas shopping spree, Nov. 25th, Sawgrass Mall, Ft. Lauderdale. Largest mall on the East Coast. This trip proved to be one of the church's favorite trips. Come join in on the fun. Leaving church at 6am to return 11pm. The cost is \$30.

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Wednesday Evening Bible Class ... 7:00 p.m.

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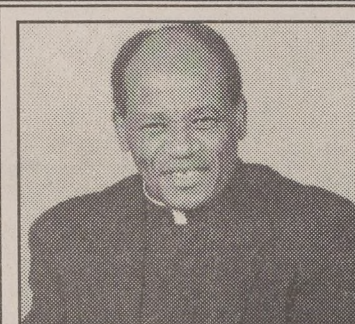
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Sunday School 8:45 a.m.
Worship Service 10 a.m.
Prayer Services Wed., 6:30 p.m.
Bible Study..... Wed., 7:30 p.m.

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• Sunday- Worship Service, 11:00am
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Spiritual Counseling
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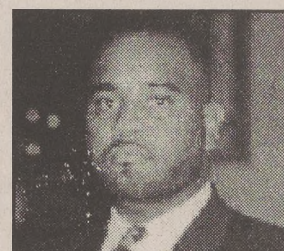
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Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.

Prayer Meeting

Thursday 7 p.m.



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Church News



Travelers Rest M.B.C.

"Let everything that hath breath, praise the Lord!" We, the membership of Travelers' Rest cordially invite you to attend our worship services. Our Sunday Morning Services begin with Sunday School and New Member Orientation at 9:30am. Morning Worship being promptly at 11am. On Wednesdays, we have Praise, Prayer & Bible Study beginning at 7pm.

A special invitation is given to all to attend our Deaconess & Missionary Seminar, Thursday, October 26th at 7pm. and Friday Morning, October 27th at 9am. Our Guest Facilitators will be the highly renowned and greatly respected Deaconess Fran Jones of Washington, DC, author of two books entitled

"The Making of a Deaconess" and "Deaconess Going Beyond the Communion Table." This latest book is rapidly becoming a best seller.

Deaconess Jones is a dedicated servant of Christ who knows "who she is" and "where she is", as well as what it truly means to live a "free and victorious" life in Christ. With her will be the Rev. Timothy Kemp, of St. John Progressive Baptist Church. You don't dare miss this great workshop.

We wish to thank all those who attended our Leadership Seminar this past week. Lives and hearts were changed, to God be the Glory!

Rev. Don Browne and the Deaconess of Travelers Rest will convene its First De-

aconess Seminar on Thursday, Oct. 26th at 7:30pm and Friday, Oct. 27th at 9am. This seminar is open to all deaconesses of the city and those who are preparing for the deaconess ministry.

Guest Speaker for this training is Minister Fran Jones, the author of, "The Making of a Deaconess" and her latest book "Deaconess going Beyond The Communion Table". She is a member of Word of God Baptist Church of Washington, D.C.

For more information please contact Deaconess Janice McGee at (727) 866-0807.

On behalf of Pastor D. Franklin Browne, our doors are always opened and we welcome you one and all.

World Evangelism Christian Center



Apostle Kenneth Miller



Prophet Darius Nixon



Elder Nate Mitchell

Apostle Kenneth Miller, Sr. Pastor of World Evangelism Christian Center, welcomes you to "Exousia Conference 2000".

Guest speaker October 26th-29th at 7:30pm nightly and at 11am on October 29th will be Prophet Darius Nixon of Queens, NY, Psalmist. Also appearing will be J.I.P.O.P. of Ft. Lauderdale, Upshaw Singers of Tampa, Lord's House Choir of Ft. Lauderdale and Danielle Fomten of Orlando. There will also be a "Family Feast" at Ft. DeSoto Park from 10am-2pm on October 28th.

Youth Crusade speaker from November 1st-3rd at 7:30pm nightly will be Elder Nate Mitchell of Tampa, Psalmist. Also appearing will be Anointed of Largo, Straight from the Heart of Tampa and B-CC Dance Team of St. Petersburg.

The Conference will be held at 923 Dr. M.L. King St. S., St. Petersburg.

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Emmanuel Christian Fellowship Church

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New Hearts Outreach is a ministry to those struggling with homosexuality and other life dominating sexuality issues. Help is available to struggling family members, spouses and friends. We offer help through weekly support group meetings through correspondence to those incarcerated.

who seek our help. Confidential help is also available to pastors and ministry workers.

Freedom and wholeness is ours, not through a method or a program, but through the shed blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Everyone is welcome to come out at 11:15am to partake of this gospel celebration service delivering a message of hope. Information and support groups will be available at this service as well as Bro. Mark Culligan will be here and others from Tampa to share with us. Rev. Abe Brown is founder and CEO of Prison Crusade Ministries.

A big thank you from Pastor and Asst. Pastor Evans! We

can't thank you enough for coming to share in 'It's Just A Revival.' We were blessed and we thank God for each of you. If you need us at anytime, please call us.

Our prayers are with Minister Connie Fuller and family, who the Lord has blessed once again in a mighty way. To God be the glory for the things He has done!

The Youth of Emmanuel will meet at the church on Friday night at 7:30pm for the trip to Sunshine Bowling Lanes. The youth pastor and directors will not be able to let you attend without your parents' signature. You may bring a friend.

New Faith Free Methodist Church

The New Faith Free Methodist Church, 2427 Irving Avenue South, will observe Missionary Sunday on Sunday, October 29th, during 11am service. Featured speaker will be Rev. Johnnie

Ruth Pierce, an Assistant at Bethel Community Baptist Church. She always delivers an inspiring message.

Male and Female Missionaries will occupy the pulpit. The Missionaries under the

leadership of Mrs. Rosie Coffie are in charge every Fifth Sunday. The Sanctuary Choir will sing, our Youth will usher. Rev. Curtiss L. Long is Pastor. Program chairman is Lillie Bryant.

Prayer is a tremendous force. It can heal a broken body...repair a severed relationship. ...or restore a joy that has been lost.

Bethel Metropolitan Baptist Church

3455 - 26th Avenue South • St. Petersburg, FL 33711

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Sat. Noon Day Prayer Hour
12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.

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Qur'anic Study - Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Taleem - 12:00 p.m.

Imam Wilmore Sadiki
3762 - 18th Avenue South
St. Petersburg, FL 33711
(727) 327 - 8483



Faith Memorial Missionary Baptist Church

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

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



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SATURDAYS

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

WEDNESDAY

Prayer Meeting: 7:30 PM

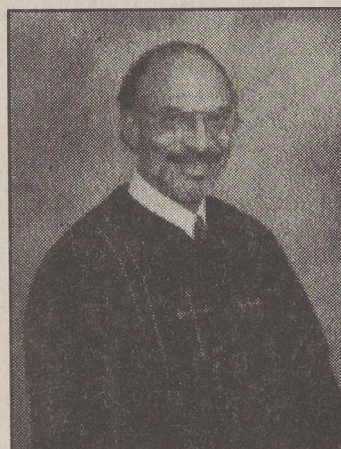
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2183 - 22nd Avenue South
St. Petersburg, FL 33712
Church Phone: 822-4869
Residence: 824-6021

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

Rev. Donald F. Browne



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10th Street Church Of God

207 - 10th Street North, St. Petersburg, FL
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting/
Bible Study 7:15 p.m.
Evening Worship (1st & 3rd Sunday) . . . 6:00 p.m.

International Headquarters, Anderson, Indiana

Mt. Zion Progressive Missionary Baptist Church

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

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



Pastor Louis M. Murphy, Sr.

Greater St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church

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

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



Rev. Clyde Williams

Tuesday Night
General Bible Study
Thursday Night Prayer
Meeting & Teachers Meeting

We welcome you at all times.

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Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

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Bible Study: Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

"To God Be The Glory"



Rev. Calvin Hopkins

Galilee Missionary Baptist Church

505 - 35th Street S. • St. Petersburg, FL • 327-3186
Morning Worship 7:45 a.m.
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Mid-Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.
Baptist Training Union 5:00 p.m.
Mid-Week Worship Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
Bible Study/Prayer Service Thursday 7:30 p.m.
Come join us at the Church where everyone is Welcome!



Rev. Earnest Jones, Pastor



Church News



New Philadelphia

The culminating worship service of women in revival will be Mission Sunday during mid-morning service. Deaconess Brenda Nelson will deliver the message of revival. This final praise activity of revival will be held on church property. Wisdom School will begin this service at 10:30. Members are reminded of change from daylight savings time.

A spiritual service of anointing was held last Sunday during revival worship. Minis-

ter Vikki T. Gaskin-Butler anointed worshippers at conclusion of her revival proclamation. Her message was from the book of Esther. The focus was women re-acquiring their spiritual "prowess" for use in Christ's Church through disciplined prayer and fasting. Esther serves as model because "she was a *sistah*."

The spirit of revival is seen in the many acts of volunteer service on part of church family members. Sacrificial efforts of time, talent, treasure, and

teaching are taking place within the church collectively and individually. Praise and thanksgiving to God for the joy of Revival!

A special Bible Study on "anointing" and "laying on of hands" will take place in coming weeks. Goal of this study is to inform members of study class, what scriptures say regarding these practices. This is being done in response to the many bogus practices characterizing same.

Bethel Metropolitan Baptist

The Official Board, Ministerial Staff and Church Family invite you to worship with us during the 8am and 11am services and Church School at 9:30am. The Praise Team, Mass Choir and Youth Usher Board will serve. The Reverend Elton T. Byrd, Pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church, Newark, New Jersey, will bring the messages for the day. During the 11am service president Agnes M. Howard along with Maomie S. Benton Circle #10, YWA/Young Matrons,

Red Circle/Sunshine Band will be in charge of Mission Sunday Service. All Captains, Co-Captains and members of the Missionary Society are asked to be in your respective places.

Our mid-week Bible Study (NBC) and Prayer Service on Wednesday at 7pm are designed for the spiritual enrichment of the entire family. The "Stewardship" study taught by Deacon Alfred Williams will culminate on November 1st. AWANA

2000, our youth evening ministry program for children and youth ages 5-17 years has started with enthusiastic fervor. Youth Director Althea Hudson and Counselors have planned for clear biblical sessions, as well as good wholesome fun. 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

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Moore's Chapel A.M.E.

You are welcome to share in Moore's Chapel services this 5th Sunday in October (the 29th), during both 8 and 11am services as we observe Missionary Sunday. At 8am, the Young People's Department will be in charge of the service honoring our senior members. Moore's Chapel YPDers continue to 'glo, grow and go' for Christ; Sandra Williams, directress. At 11am, the Daisy Pierce/Fannie Williams Women's Missionary Society will be in charge of the service, "Cultivating Spiritual Awareness: AIDS."

All persons are asked to bring items to be placed in the basket in the foyer of the church to be donated to the AIDS station; Lynette Buchanan, Missionary President.

If you need a ride to any of our church services or activities, please contact any member of our Transportation Ministry: Willie F. Bryant, 894-6067; Robert Golden, 867-0156; Anthony Macon, 328-0022; Mose Bell, 867-0601 or the church, 321-3545.

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

Parents are asked to please have their children present and on time. For transportation, please contact the Transportation Ministry.

Noon Day Bible Study is held each Wednesday, 12noon. Bible Study is held each Wednesday evening, 7pm.

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

Lay Meeting, Monday after the 3rd Sunday, 7pm.

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

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

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

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

WMS Meeting, Wednesday after the 1st Sunday.

YPD Meeting, 3rd Sundays, 4pm.

Friendship Missionary Baptist

"Greetings in the name of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ". Pastor John A. Evans, Jr., and the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church Family invite you to join us in our Sunday Worship Services, October 29th and to all upcoming events during the week.

The Deacons Ministry will lead in Devotion, Prayer/Praise Services at 8am. The Voices of Friendship (All Choirs) will be in charge of the song services, the Ushers will greet you and Pastor Evans will preach the divine word of God.

Church School is held at 9:30am. A second service begins at 10:45am, opening with the Minister of Music and Praise Team.

David said: "Hide not thou face far from me; put not thou servant away in anger: thou has been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my Salvation."

When my father and my

Pleasant Grove

Pastor Joseph Gordon and the Pleasant Grove Church family invite you to worship with them on Sunday, Oct. 29th. The Senior Male Chorus will render song service and the Adult Male Ushers will serve in the 7am early morning worship service. The General Mission will be in charge of this service. Speaker will be Sis. Ruth D. Johnson; Sis. D. Newton, President.

Sunday School begins at 9:30am with Supt. Dea. Philip Carter presiding. Mid-morning worship begins at 10:50am. The Senior Male Chorus and the Adult Male Ushers will serve. Services will be rendered by the Deaconess Board; Sis. Mildred Jackson, Speaker and President.

Bible Drill Team will rehearse on Friday, Oct. 27th at 6:30pm; Deacon Jim Anderson, Commander. Please see church ad for all other special services.

Congress No. Two, Auxiliary
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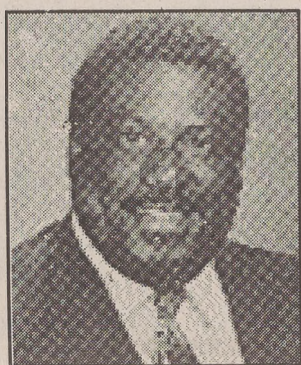
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Bible Study Tuesday 7:30pm
Evangelistic Service . . . Friday 7:30pm

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Wednesday Prayer Meeting 8 p.m.
Friday Tarry Service 8 p.m.
Saturday Sabbath School 11 a.m.

Rev. Johnnie Lee Williams, Pastor

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Friday Service 7:30



Pastor Tony B. Young, Sr.

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Pastor: Elder. Franklin Evans

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Morning Worship 11:15 a.m.
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New Faith Free Methodist Church

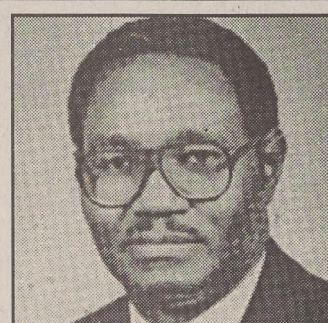
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Phone: 824-2814, Pastor • 323-1290, Church

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

Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Prayer Service/Bible Study Tues. 7:00 p.m.
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The Reverend Don A. Gaskin, Pastor

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Bible Study Fellowship 6:30 PM (Wed.)

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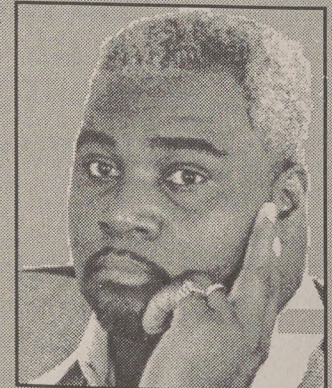
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More Church News

Bethel Metropolitan from pg. 16

present study is focusing on Jesus' Journey to the cross, from Genesis to Revelation. It is a spiritual exciting study for the learner.

The Concord Choir will be

celebrating their 28th Anniversary on Sunday, November 19th with joyful exultations. The concert of praise will be held at 4pm and will feature all of the choirs of the church.

November Calendar:
12 - Youth Choir Tea
19 - Concord Choir Anniversary, Praise Team Anniversary
27 - General Mission.

Pleasant Grove from pg. 16

ary To The South Florida Progressive Baptist Association will convene at the Southside Tabernacle Baptist Church, Oct. 25th-28th. The Angelic Choir will render selections on the opening program. Also, Pleasant Grove is on to render service on Friday, Oct. 27th at 7:30pm. The Gospel Chorus and the Adult Male Ushers will serve.

The Youth Department will meet at Southside on Sat-

urday, Oct. 28th at 9am. Parents, please bring your children.

The 30th Annual Tampa/St. Petersburg Male Chorus Convention will convene at the First Baptist Church of Progress Village, Sunday, Oct. 29th at 3pm. Transportation will be provided for those not driving; Deacon Johnie Jackson, President. Don't forget to get your tickets from any Male Chorus member. The Smoky

Mountain Tour will be held from April 7th-13th and the Hawaiian Tour from July 29th-Aug. 4th, 2001. Please contact Sis. Kay Curry for information, at 864-2937 after 7pm. Installments are being accepted now.

Thought for the Week: "God demonstrates His own love towards us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

Breakthrough Christian Center

Join us Friday night at 7:30pm for a Dynamic "Jubilee Service." Pastor Glenn will be ministering on #5 of "7 Instruments of Divine Power". This series has been very informative.

You're cordially invited to our Sunday morning "Power Breakthrough Service" at 11 & "Night of Prophecy" at 7:30pm. Pastor Glenn will be completing the series with parts 6 and 7. Don't miss it

Tuesday, Oct. 31st. at 7:30pm, we will be showing a dynamic action-packed movie on the Big screen about the Rapture & Great Tribulation. There will be free popcorn and drinks. Come for a relaxed evening at Breakthrough. Be here early for seat and to catch the beginning of the movie. We will be starting promptly!!

We are asking for help concerning our "Thanksgiving GospelFest 2000." This outreach is to benefit the homeless and needy families. So we really need your help with Food: canned goods, rice, cereal, beans, etc.; Clothing: Children, men, and women; Homeless package supplies: (sample sizes if possible) soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, wash cloths, shaving cream, razors and combs. Monetary gifts are also accepted, only to be used to purchase more items. We will also be serving hot food. Come and enjoy good Gospel Music, various singing ministries, testimonies and just down-to-earth

Christian fellowship. This event will be held November 18th at Campbell's Park from 10am - 4pm. If you have donated items that you need picked up, call us at (727) 321-4986 for arrangements.

Check out our ad for radio info and our regular service schedule. We look forward to seeing you at Breakthrough, 1940 49th Street South, St. Petersburg. Call us at (727) 321-4986 or Fax us at (727) 321-3937.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Allene Gammage on the passing of her Mother. The Breakthrough Family is praying for you. Pastor Glenn and Norma.

Hospice Starts Volunteer Training In November

LARGO - The Hospice of the Florida Suncoast will hold a new volunteer patient/family support training class November 13th thru December 11th, 1pm - 4pm at The Hospice's south community service center, 5639 49th Street North, St. Petersburg.

Upon completion of this 18-hour training, volunteers will have the opportunity to assist The Hospice in various ways providing support, 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 assisting in bereavement support for those in grief after losing a loved one, or picking up and delivering medical equipment and supplies for patients.

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

HIRES

The bad often outlives the good, but don't let that be a hindrance to living as you should.

A man's character is known by his care, not by the clothes he wears.

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READERS CHOICE

"We Bring Good Books To Life"
Book Review
by Tangelia Murph



It is hard to believe how things that were once considered essential to one's growth and development, is now taken for granted if not at all. For example, the right to vote was considered so important to African Americans that people protested and even died for this right, but today, we find people having to be encouraged to vote by the likes of movie stars, athletes, politicians, and religious leaders. During slavery and shortly afterwards, it was against the law to teach a slave how to read and how to write. If caught breaking this law, the teacher would be punished, and the slave would be severely beaten, and according to history, having his or her tongue cut out as well. Thus, one should ask, why prohibit reading?

"Knowledge is power", everyone agrees to this fact, and for a time, knowledge came by way of the spoken word until the invention of the written word (Cuneiform) by the Ancient Sumerians. Since this time, some of the most critical information known to man may be found written in books. The written word has proven to be so critical that millions of dollars have been spent to preserve valuable information. Those who have knowledge of a thing will always have power over those who do not have knowledge of this thing, and this power comes from reading. Thus, we

at Reader's Choice are proud to be members of The Ancient Fraternity Of Readers, and we have dedicated ourselves by promoting the science of reading and quenching the thirst for knowledge in our community through our bookstore. In our community, there are millions of readers with various preferences in subject matter, therefore, we at Reader's Choice, provide for our community a vast selection of books on subjects that would make you proud, and in most cases, have made some walk away in utter surprise saying, "I didn't know Black people wrote these many books on so many subjects."

As our way of helping you step out of the "Darkness" and into the "Light" of knowledge, right knowledge, we introduce to you our very first biweekly book review. Our intentions by these reviews, is to spark in some the fire for knowledge and rekindle the fire for knowledge in others. Jesus said, "Know the truth and the truth shall make you free." The first four letters of the word knowledge is *know*, and Reader's Choice knows that reading is the vehicle to knowledge.

Readers Choice
Book Review
"Senefer"

A young genius in Old Egypt is the exciting story of Senefer, an African child in ancient Egypt. Senefer was a carpenter's son who became a



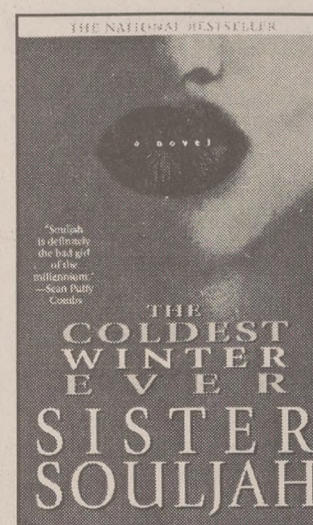
famous mathematician and engineer. The story of his adventure brings to life the rich culture of ancient Egypt and the African tradition of excellence in mathematics and science. Senefer's love of numbers show young readers that mathematics can be fun. Other role models include Nefert, Senefer's mother who taught him how to write numerals; Taroy, Senefer's father who taught him how to value work, and the female Pharaoh of Egypt Hatshepsut.

Best Seller

"The Coldest Winter"

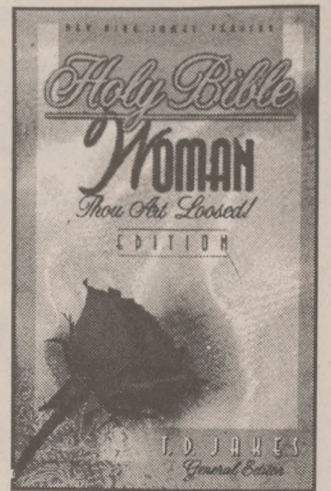
Renowned hip-hop artist, writer, and activist Sister Souljah brings the streets of New York to life in a powerful and utterly unforgettable first novel. Her mother named her Winter when she came busting into the world during one of New York's worst snowstorms.

Ghetto-bom, Winter is the young, wealthy daughter of a prominent Brooklyn drug-dealing family. Quick witted,



sexy and business-minded, she knows and loves the streets like the curves of her own body. But when a cold winter wind blows her life in a direction she doesn't want to go, her street smarts and seductive skills are put to the test of a lifetime. Unwilling to lose, this ghetto girl will do anything to stay on top. The Coldest Winter ever marks the debut of a gifted storyteller. You will never forget this winter's tale.

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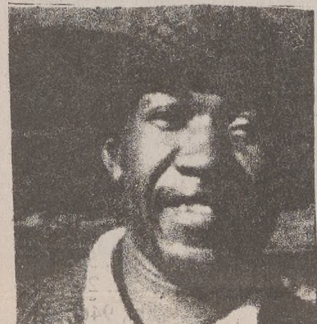
Final Rites

CLAYTON, ERIK JERMAINE, JR., died October 12, 2000. Survivors include his parents, Octavia Brown and Erik J. Clayton, Sr.; his maternal grandparents, Sawanna Brown and Willie Neal; his paternal grandparents, Patricia and Timothy Glenn; and his great-grandparents, Lillie and Othel Dawson. Smith Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

CROWELL, MILDRED, 85, died October 18, 2000. Survivors include her son, Edward Arnell (Mary) Flournoy, Hampton, VA; her daughter, Patricia Crowell; two brothers; 14 grandchildren; and several great grandchildren, other relatives and friends. Creal Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.



DORMAN, WILLIE LEE, 69, died October 11, 2000. Survivors include his son, Willie James Dorman, Arizona; two daughters, Eula Mae Perry and Debra Curry, St. Petersburg; his companion, Patricia Howard; one granddaughter; three Godchildren; and several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Creal Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.



FORD, SAMMIE LEE, 74, died October 17, 2000. Survivors include his son, Robert Lee Ford, Jr., St. Petersburg; three brothers; five sisters; and several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Smith Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.



GAMMAGE, CORA LEE, 84, of St. Petersburg, has gone the last mile of the way. God wanted her to rest at the close of the day October 20, 2000. She will always be remembered and loved for the beautiful sweet spirit radiated in the essence of her smile and her willingness to always give unto others as God would have her do. Born to Melissa Raines Harris and Rufus Harris; married to Allen "Shoeshine Shorty" Gammage (deceased). Three children, Allene Gammage-Ahmed and husband Glen Thompson Ahmed; two sons, Stanley and Purcell Gammage. Two sisters, Mather Lee Mills and Arlene Boyd; seven brothers, Ernest James (Honey Jay), Willie Lee, Robert, George Ralph Harris, St. Petersburg, and Richard Harris, Orlando; Freddie and Franklin (Snapper) Harris (both deceased). 12 grandchildren, Keisha Gammage, NY; Sam "Red" Savage, CA; Jermaine Gammage (Dionne), Ft.

Lauderdale; Bart Hamilton III (Rene), Felecia Savage Williams (Kyle), Toryan, Tishah, Ayesah and Purjul Gammage, Curtis Lamar Adams, LaTonya Wells and Antonio Mott; 13 great-grandchildren; her faithful church family, Prayer Tower, and many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, caring neighbors and friends. Service will be held Saturday, October 28, 2000, at 12noon at Prayer Tower Church of God In Christ. Creal Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

GARLAND, MARGARET, 81, died October 16, 2000. Survivors include one son, Charles (Geneva) Gaston, St. Petersburg; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and several cousins, other relatives and friends.

HOLTE, SESSION, JR., "BEBOP", died October 13, 2000. Survivors include 10 sons; two daughters; nine sisters; four brothers; two uncles; four aunts; 12 grandchildren; his companion, Angela Jackson, Palmetto; and several nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Smith Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

LASSETER, JOSEPH, 60, died October 14, 2000. Survivors include his wife, Betty Jean Lassetter; one daughter; four brothers; three sisters; 10 grandchildren; an aunt; an uncle; and several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Creal Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

MARTIN, CHANEY, 76, died October 11, 2000. Survivors include her husband, Arthur L. Martin; one son, Handy Lee (Margaret) Martin, St. Petersburg; four sisters-in-law; two brothers-in-law; and several nieces, nephews, cousins and



friends. Creal Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

McNEAL, REV. ISAAC, 92, died October 14, 2000. Survivors include his wife, Susie Mae McNeal, St. Petersburg; four daughters; one son; one sister; seven grandchildren; 10 Godchildren; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, other Godchildren and friends. McRae Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.



THOMAS, MITCHELL, 86, died October 18, 2000. Survivors include four sisters; one brother; and several nieces, nephews, cousins and devoted friends. Creal Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

WALKER, WILLIE "BILL BOY", 59, died October 12, 2000. Survivors include his wife, Mary Frances Walker; three sons; two daughters; one sister; two brothers; one aunt; one stepdaughter; one stepson; three Godchildren; one great-grandchild; and several other friends and family members. Creal Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

Clearwater

Final Rites

HAMILTON, EMMA JEAN, 53, died recently. Survivors include her husband, James Hamilton, Sr.; three daughters; three sons; one Goddaughter; her mother; three sisters; three brothers; 14 grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends. Young's Funeral Home, Clearwater.

Gainesville

Final Rites

BLAKE, JOHN PHILLIP, SR., 50, died October 7, 2000. Survivors include three children; one grandson; his parents, Jesse and Lillie Mae McDonald, Gainesville; eight sisters; two brothers; and several uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Chestnut Funeral Home, Gainesville.

HAMILTON LARKIN-CLIFTON, JOANNA, 85, died October 4, 2000. Survivors include eight sons; three daughters; 41 grandchildren; 74 great-grandchildren; 14 great-great-grandchildren; one sister; and several nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws and friends. Chestnut Funeral Home, Gainesville.

MURRAY, RUDINE LIVINGSTON, 89, died October 6, 2000. Survivors include four grandchildren; seven great-

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Ocala

Final Rites

COUNCIL, CARRIE "AUNTIE" NEAL, 96, died October 9, 2000. Survivors include her brother, Velma "Roscoe" Council, Rivera Beach; and several nieces, nephews, other relatives, friends and her church family. Cunningham Funeral Home, Ocala.

JONES, DORETHA H., 87, died recently. Survivors include her brother, Woodrow Hinton, Ocala; several nieces, nephews, grand nieces, nephews other family members and friends. Cunningham Funeral Home, Ocala.

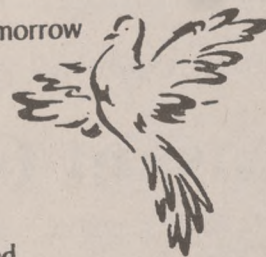
MIKE, WILLIAM, 69, died October 10, 2000. Survivors include three children; three Godchildren; five brothers and sisters; 11 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Summers Funeral Home, Ocala.

WILLIAMS, ELIZABETH, 86, died October 17, 2000. Survivors include two devoted nieces; two sisters-in-law; and several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Cunningham Funeral Home, Ocala.

WILSON, LUCINDA M., 78, died October 11, 2000. Survivors include five children; one foster daughter; two sisters; two brothers; 10 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Cunningham Funeral Home, Ocala.

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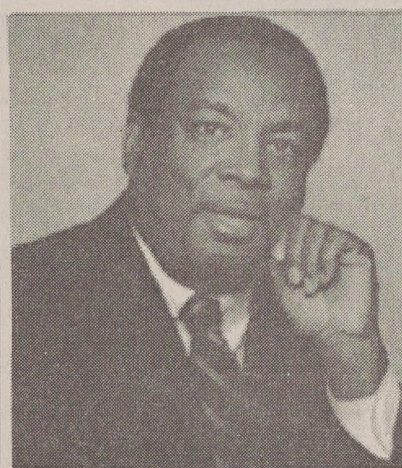
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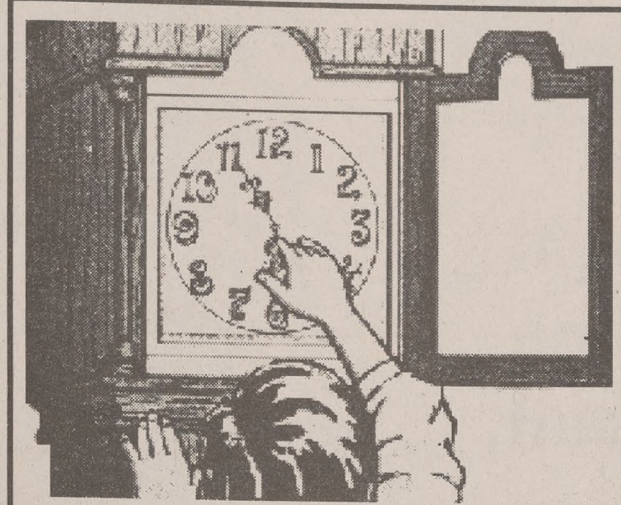
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Aries March 21 to April 19

Avoiding confrontations on the 28th will head off a family feud. An impromptu social event brightens your day on the 29th. You'll be in the spotlight at work this week, so stay on your toes!

Taurus April 20 to May 20

Indulge a romantic whim on the 28th, and you'll sparkle all week long! Toot your own horn at work on the 3rd: a surprise bonus will follow. Watch out for mistakes at the checkout on the 1st.

Gemini May 21 to June 21

A heart-to-heart with a loved one will make your relationship even better! A romantic evening on the 30th will rekindle passion. Take extra health precautions on the 2nd to ward off a cold.

Cancer June 22 to July 22

A party on the 28th will be a blast; just double check with the hostess before indulging in the buffet—you'll avoid an allergic reaction! A loved one helps you celebrate on-the-job news on the 2nd.

Leo July 23 to Aug 22

A spiritual or emotional revelation brings you inner peace on the 29th. On the 31st, a last-minute Halloween costume could take home first prize. A compliment from an admirer will leave you giddy on the 3rd.

Virgo Aug 23 to Sept 22

Keep extra refreshments on hand on the 31st; grown-up trick-or-treaters may stop by. On the 2nd, plan a romantic surprise for your mate. Be wary of a vacation offer that sounds too good to be true—it is.

Libra Sept 23 to Oct 22

Carefully ponder a loved one's request for a loan. A visit on the 1st to an accountant or other financial pro could lead to a lucrative investment. Career news makes your day on the 3rd.

Scorpio Oct 23 to Nov 21

Personal problems may dampen your spirits on the 29th, but don't worry—the stars deliver a happy solution by the 31st! Get several estimates before committing to a repair agreement on the 3rd; you'll save a bundle.

Sagittarius Nov 22 to Dec 21

If you're nervous about making an important romantic decision on the 28th, don't be; you'll definitely make the right choice! On the 3rd, you'll avoid a scheduling conflict with the help of a close pal.

Capricorn Dec 22 to Jan 19

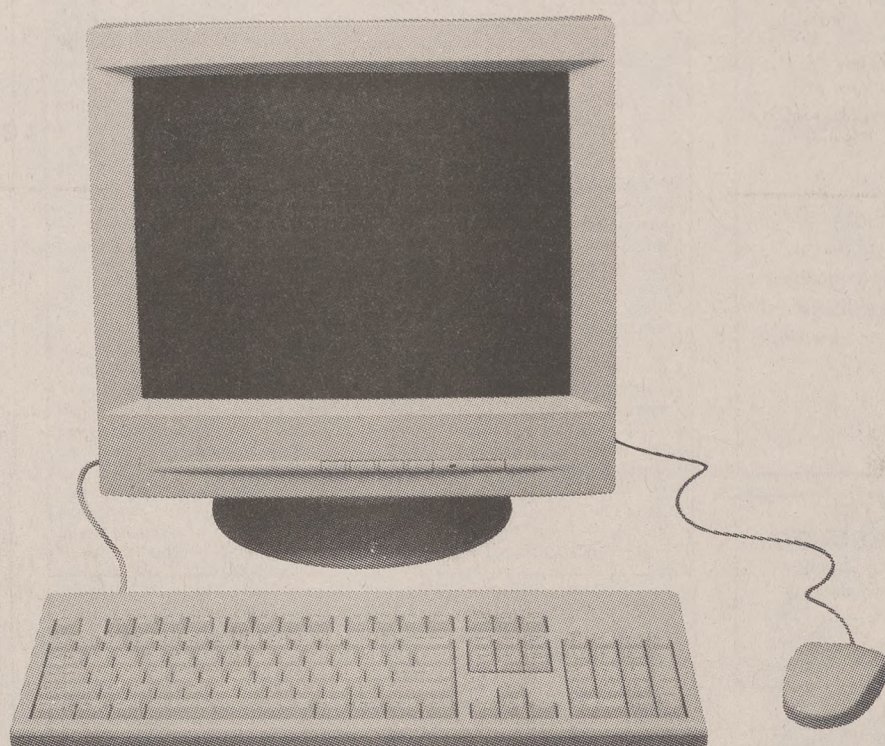
Stick close to home on the 28th; you'll avoid a minor fender bender if you do. On the 1st, a work-related challenge is best handled alone. Expect a fragrant delivery from your special someone on the 3rd.

Aquarius Jan 20 to Feb 18

You'll shine at work on the 28th, catching the eye of a higher-up who'll have a financially positive influence on your career! At home, the best thing to do if you've made a mistake is 'fess up and move on.

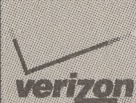
Pisces Feb 19 to March 20

Keeping a journal could help you find the answer to a romantic dilemma. Don't take a co-worker's word at face value on the 1st; not everyone is as honest as you are. You'll be asked an important favor on the 3rd.

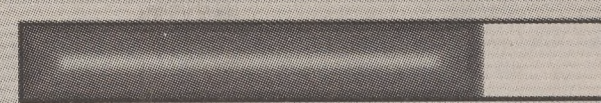


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