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Local Student Earns Coca-Cola First Generation Scholar Award



L-R: Florida Lt. Governor Frank Brogan, Ingrid Saunders Jones, Jessica Soto, Bob Cushing and Bertram Martin

TALLAHASSEE — Jessica Soto of St. Petersburg was recently recognized at the Old State Capitol in Tallahassee as a 2001 Coca-Cola First Generation Scholar. Lt. Governor Frank Brogan and representatives from the Coca-Cola Foundation and The Florida Independent College Fund (FICF) awarded Soto a \$5,000 academic scholarship as the first in her family to attend college.

The scholarship is renewable for up to three additional years based on academic standing and campus activities. Soto attends Eckerd College.

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Two Black Publishers Die: Papers Will Remain Vital

The publishers of two black weekly newspapers at opposite ends of North Florida died last week, but family members of both say they intend to carry on their work.

Les Humphrey, 75, publisher of the *Pensacola Voice*, died Sunday Jan. 28 and Mary Wooten Simpson, 77, publisher of the *Florida Star* in Jacksonville, died Jan. 30.

Mr. Humphrey, a military civil service photographer who came to Pensacola in the 1960s, launched the *Voice* in 1963 when he discovered that there were no newspapers covering the black community.

Mrs. Simpson, a longtime educator, became pub-

lisher of the *Star* in 1994 after the death of her husband, Eric Simpson, who has started the paper in 1951. She and her daughter, Erica, kept the paper going in trying times after its offices and archives were destroyed in a fire just months before Mr. Simpson's death.

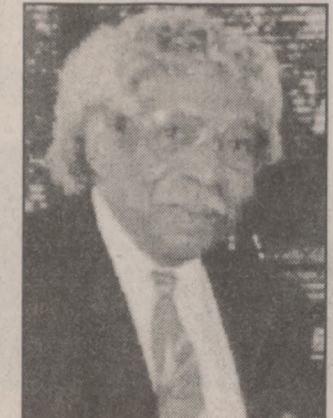
The *Star* celebrates its 50th anniversary in April.

"Me and my sister Colette (Grimes) will continue to publish the paper to upkeep the legacy of dad and mom," editor Erica Simpson said Tuesday.

The *Florida Star* is the oldest black weekly in the Jacksonville area. It was named for the black news sec-

tion of the daily newspaper, the *Florida Times-Union*, which published a weekly compilation of news about African Americans under the *Star* banner.

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Les Humphrey



Mary W. Simpson

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Noah, Age 3, Reads Over 20 Books

TAMPA — Noah Sheehy reads as if he were in the fourth grade. His abilities and maturity are superb. A talkative, outgoing youngster, Noah began to read at the age of two. His family is not surprised at his accomplishments. This is partly because his mother, Ronetta, a graduate of Bethune-Cookman College, began to read when she was two also. Better still, Noah was born to read.

His mother was in the top 3.1% of all children her age who took the Stanford-Binet intelligence test. Her IQ was 132, just short of the 140 genius level. Ronetta attended a gifted child program at the University of South Florida for nine years and will be remembered as being featured in the paper as having her wedding in her childhood tree house.

Ms. Sheehy has two other sons Joseph and Stephen aged 10 and 9 respectively. They are both in gifted programs.

Mrs. Marie Sheehy, Noah's grandmother, is a retired reading specialist from the Hillsborough County School System. Marie taught



Noah Sheehy

Noah from the *Sentinel*, The Tampa Tribune, The Dollar Stretcher, The Weekly Challenger and many other magazines and newspapers. The instruction given to her grandson has ranged from charts composed of large letters, records, to first grade books used by schools teaching beginning reading skills. Yes,

Noah does read. He is not just memorizing words to go along with pictures. You can skip from one section of a book to another and Noah will tackle it like any child twice his age. Run the alphabet by him. He recognizes letters and freely gives words associated with them.

Noah also knows periods, question marks, compound

words and much more. His grandmother states, "I am always very excited to identify a highly intelligent young child. This is tremendously important concerning the guidance of such a child. This early identification can and usually does lead to academic plans designed to promote and enhance a child's potential and self-esteem." Mrs. Sheehy also worked with her son, Dr. Ronald Sheehy. Dr. Sheehy was gifted and began to read when he was two years old. She states, "My daughter Ronetta and her children are all gifted. I believe that many parents can teach the fundamentals of reading at home."

Here are her suggestions:
(1) Read something to your child every day.
(2) Utilize the Newspaper to teach reading.
(3) Select simple commonplace materials. Mrs. Sheehy says this can be done at a minimum of expense. She has material she has used to prove it. For instance, she made picture dictionaries using words, letters, papers and old books.

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25th Storybook Wedding Anniversary Celebrated

ST. PETERSBURG — "I never dreamed any anniversary celebration could be as good as your initial wedding, when you marry the person you love so much" Pearlle M. Harris shared. "This was a wedding dream come true and all that we ever wanted our 25th Anniversary Celebration to be."

James A. and Pearlle M. Harris were rejoined together once again as they renewed their vows during their anniversary celebration on December 9, 2000. James and Pearlle first met in July of 1973, fell in love and decided they wanted to become one. They were married on December 6, 1975 in St. Petersburg and have been blessed with a beautifully loving relationship that continues to grow with each passing day.

The anniversary celebration was decorated to depict a



Mamie L. Givens, Pearlle Harris, James Harris and James L. Givens

romantically magical atmosphere at the Church of Christ with bridesmaids, groomsmen, best man, maid of honor and all that goes into making any wedding or anniversary celebration an unforgettably

memorable occasion. Family and friends were there to salute this happy couple, share in this blissful occasion and wish them well.

"This is so much like what we wanted at our first wed-

ding" but this was our very first formally planned ceremony and we are grateful to God and to others for what we've experienced to be an extraordinary blessed time in our lives - a time we'll never forget.

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Herald Coach William O. Bethel, Sr., Dies At 77

TAMPA — Former Middleton High School (Tampa) Athletic Director and Head Coach, William "Coach" Bethel, passed away Thursday, February 1, in Tampa. While at Middleton for nearly 25 years, Bethel was considered the winningest basketball coach in Florida and finished his illustrious career with an astonishing 551-88 record. During his tenure, he was selected FL Basketball Coach of the Year four times by the FL High School Athletic Association, had six state basketball championship teams and winning teams to play in nine national championships.

Coach Bethel not only led the Middleton Tigers to victory on the hardwood, but on the gridiron as well. Twice selected FL Football Coach of the year and nine times as South West Conference Coach of the Year, Bethel amassed an impressive 146-72-4 record and won one state football championship. An innovator



William O. Bethel, Sr.

on the field and court, he was considered the first high school coach in FL to coach the T formation in football and the jump shot in basketball. Bethel enjoyed sharing his unparalleled successes and proudly showcased the talents of his athletes and others via his weekly sports column entitled "Sportanic Floods". see pg. 2

National African American History Month, 2001

A Proclamation by the President of the United States of America

In 1915, Carter Godwin Woodson, the father of black history, founded the Association for the Study of African-American Life and History. Each February, the Association proposes a theme to guide the celebration of National African American History Month. For this year, the Association has chosen "Creating and Defining the African-American Community: Family, Church, Politics, and Culture."

This month in particular, we remember the stories of those who have helped to build our nation and advance the cause of freedom and civil rights. We remember the bravery of the soldiers of the 54th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment and the sailors of the USS MASON in service to our country. We remember those who marched on Washington, sat at whites-only lunch counters, and walked rather than use segregated buses. And we remember those, known only to each of us, who helped to build our families, places of worship, and communities.

When we examine our Nation's history, we discover these and countless other stories that inspire us. They are stories of the triumph of the human spirit, tragic stories of cruelty rooted in ignorance and bigotry, yet stories of everyday people rising above their circum-

stances and the prejudice of others to build lives of dignity.

This month and throughout the year, let us celebrate and remember these stories, which reflect the history of African Americans and all Americans. We can all enjoy the works of writers like Paul Laurence Dunbar, James Weldon Johnson, Zora Neale Hurston, and Langston Hughes. In our nation's schools, our children can learn to admire Booker T. Washington, Sojourner Truth, Frederick Douglass, and others. And Americans from all backgrounds can be ennobled by the examples of Thurgood Marshall, Roy Wilkins, Whitney Young, Mary Church Terrell, and other civil rights leaders.

As we celebrate African American History Month, let us commit ourselves to raising awareness and appreciation of African American history. Let us teach our children, and all Americans, to rise above brutality and bigotry and to be champions of liberty, human dignity, and equality. And let us rededicate ourselves to affirming the promise of our Constitution.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim February 2001 as National African American History Month.

Vendors Needed

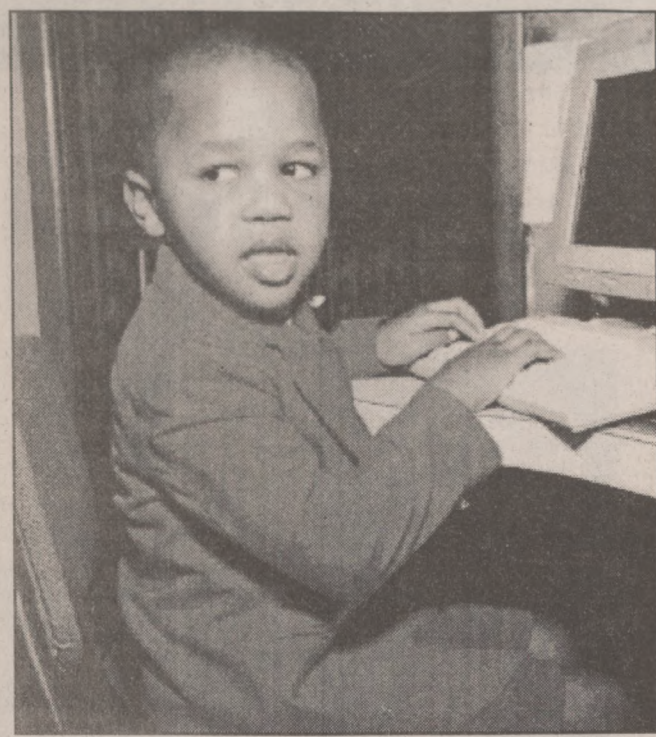
ST. PETERSBURG — The Florida African American Heritage Celebration which will be held on Saturday, February 24th at the Pinewood Cultural Park, has extended its deadline for vendors.

Vendors that sell African American art and merchandise are being solicited through February 9, 2001. If you would like to participate, please contact Wendy Wesley at (727) 823-0393.

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She places letters and pictures side by side to promote word/letter association. Mrs. Sheehy, received her Masters Degree from Columbia University in New York and is the widow of Prof. Joseph Sheehy, former principal of Phillip Shore School.

Noah is also nurtured by his godmother, Mrs. Pania Sheehy, a retired educator. Even at this early age it seems that Noah also has his eye on College. The three-year-old personally brings his neighbor, Mrs. Eleanor Gilder, a Hills-

borough Community College Administrator, an apple every week. Eleanor says that he doesn't visit long, but he always comes in and chats for a couple of minutes about his day and what he has been doing. "I look forward to my apple and our visit. Noah is very inquisitive and asks specific questions about anything he is curious about. He is a great little friend," says Eleanor.

His grandmother says that God has been good to Noah.

Florida State Fair Opens

TAMPA - The countdown is on for the start of the 97th annual Florida State Fair. The event kicks off Thursday, February 8 and runs through Monday, February 19, at the Florida State Fairgrounds in Tampa. This year's theme is "Come Out & Play," play that is in our own backyard, and see the best of what Florida has to offer.

At the heart of the Fair is the livestock. This year, in addition to learning about ornamental fish, catfish and sturgeons, at this year's Aquaculture exhibit folks who "Flock to the Fair" will see how Floridians raise clams, aquatic plants and more.

As part of the Ag-Venture experience, visitors can milk a cow, make butter, squeeze orange juice, gather fresh eggs, and discover what goes in to growing and harvesting vegetables. City dwellers will also have the opportunity to play the shopping cart game, where they will be challenged to take consumer-ready products from a "grocery store shelf" and match them up with their fresh-from-the-farm counterparts.

Finishing touches are being put on throughout the 319-acre site. New entrances, new pavement and fresh flowers will welcome guests to a colorful mix of farm animals, exhibits, horses, food and game booths, midway rides, and attractions in tents of assorted colors.

The gates will open at 9am Thursday, February 8 and the 97th annual Florida State Fair will officially be underway. Some Opening Day activities will include:

St. Jude Radiothon: Before the sun comes up on Opening Day, WQYK will be hard at work taking donation on their Radiothon to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, TN. Beginning at 6am Thursday, and continuing through Friday night, air personalities from radio station WQYK will man the phones and the airwaves around the clock from the South Beer Dome, taking pledges and sharing stories of Florida children who have been patients in the program.

Ribbon Cutting and Parade: The 11am Ribbon Cutting Ceremony near Gate 5 will signal the start of the Opening Day Parade. Marching bands, costumed characters, mimes, jugglers, stilt-walkers and clowns will make way for antique farm equipment, Miss Florida Citrus and other guests as the parade winds its way through the grounds. It's a chance for visitors to share in the excitement of the official start of another 12-day celebration.

Free Performances: Texas, the Band will be performing their amusing brand of country music and comedy in Miller Lite Variety Theater at 11am, 2 and 4pm. Kachunga and his Alligator will be out for shows at 12, 2 and 4pm in the South Dome. Rosaire's Royal Racing Pigs will be competing in three races per show at 11am, 2, 4 and 6pm too. From one end of the grounds to the other, there will be free things to see and do for all ages.



Tampa Pastor Announces Leadership Plan

TAMPA - When asked why he is running to serve people of Florida as the President of the Progressive Missionary & Educational Baptist State Convention of Florida, Incorporated, Rev. Kirkland said, "obeying God". He said, "as I hearken the Lord's biblical teaching, I yield to his directions 'To serve this present age my calling to fulfill; oh, may it all my powers engage to do my Master's will'". This campaign is driven by the theme "A Servant with A Spiritual Vision emphasizing Commitment, Integrity and Perseverance".

During an interview with Rev. Dr. C. T. Kirkland, Pastor of Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church, he expressed an interest in the spiritual and social needs of all people. He stated there is a vast array of problems facing today's churches and its leaders. In order to improve the living conditions of our people, the churches and pastors must eliminate the wall of separation between the church and the community. To achieve this end, we must strive for a restructuring of our spiritual and community services to churches and people empowerment.

As President in the third millennium, it is my goal to build: a team of churches; small, large and those in between; a team of ministers; and a team of Christians to join forces and become "one united team" with one mission. My mission is to focus on a sense of working together, "teamwork" and "unity", across the state of Florida to "Save Souls", and to collaborate with our community entities to promote self-sufficiency. Our mission involves spiritual, academic, social and economic programs for our churches.

While saving souls, the Christian community must be prepared to address a multitude of concerns. I am concerned about:

- The impact of the 2012 Olympic plans on the stability of the Black community in housing, education, voting power, economic resources, etc.
- The unitary status of the school system and the monitoring of the green factors for our children's education.
- The irregularities of the 2000 Election and the design for reform to eliminate disenfranchised voters in the Black precincts.
- The risks of increased morbidity and mortality from diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, cancer, HIV and



Dr. C. T. Kirkland

hypertension.

- Low birth weight babies with teen pregnancies.
- The Talented 20, One Florida, the plan to eliminate the Board of Regents and potential to reduce enrollment of our young people.

These are some of the issues facing the new leadership of the Progressive M&E Baptist State Convention of Florida, Inc.

As the President of the Convention, involving more than 300 churches, 16 associations and approximately 1/2 million members, I plan to implement programs in:

- Spiritual
- Education
- Healthcare
- Self-Sufficiency

As we announce this campaign for this great leader who serves as the Second Vice President of the Progressive M&E Baptist State Convention, Inc., under the leadership of the Honorable President Dr. Ned Sanders, and the Second Vice Moderator of South Florida Progressive Associa-

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Herald Coach from pg. 1

While a student-athlete at Tuskegee Institute, Bethel was every coach's dream: an intellectual three-sport athlete who excelled in every arena. He was captain and MVP of the basketball and baseball teams and finished the season as the team's leading scorer when the Golden Tigers won the 1945 SIAC basketball championship. In recognition of his outstanding achievements as a former student-athlete, coach and role model, Bethel was inducted into Tuskegee University's Athletic Hall of Fame.

Although he was always recognized for his athletic prowess, Coach Bethel was also known as an intelligent and gentle man with a wonderful sense of humor, a charming smile and an incredibly powerful singing voice. Graduating 11th in his senior class at Tuskegee, Bethel appreciated the value of a solid education. He helped many students secure college scholarships and continued to serve as a

mentor to them over the years. For his longtime dedication to the community and powerful impact on the lives of thousands of his former athletes, teammates and associates, Coach will be truly missed but never forgotten.

In his honor, the Tampa Tribune annually awards a Hillsborough County basketball coach with the William Bethel Award for excellence in coaching. Throughout his life, he was continually lauded for his many accomplishments, and plans are underway to establish other awards in his name.

Funeral services for Bethel will be held in Tampa on Saturday, February 10, at 1:30pm at the First Baptist Church of College Hill, 3838 N. 29th Street, Rev. Abraham Brown, officiating. Interment will follow at Rest Haven Memorial Park Cemetery. The funeral cortege will arrange from the former Middleton High School, 4302 24th Street

(Tampa) at 1pm. The remains will repose from 5-8pm on Friday, February 9, at the church. The family will receive friends from 6:30-8pm. Services and arrangements are being handled by Wilson Funeral Home, 3000 N. 29th Street, Tampa, 33605.

Bethel was preceded in death by his parents Jessie and Grace Bethel (Cave City, KY) and daughter, Stephanie Bethel-Solomon. He leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Barbara Bethel; 2 sons, William O. Bethel, Jr. and wife Barbara, and Juan Bethel, Sr. and wife Gloria; a daughter, Ingrid Bethel and fiancé Jim Wallace; 9 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; mother-in-law Mildred W. Sawyer (St. Pete); and a host of other loving relatives, former players, Middleton alumni and devoted friends, including Clifton "Billy" Hill (St. Pete), Dalia Bethel and family, Clarence "Thin Man" Davis (St. Pete) and Rev. Louis Jones.

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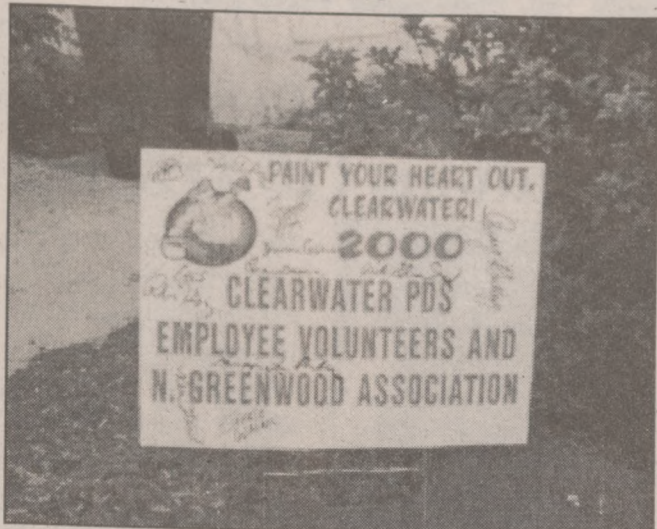
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Clearwater Homes To Be Painted By Volunteers



Last year's Paint Your Heart Out, Clearwater! project included a home on Jurgens Street in Clearwater



Volunteers from Clearwater PDS employee volunteers and volunteers from the North Greenwood Association paint their hearts out at this home in Clearwater

CLEARWATER - About 400 volunteers will gather on Saturday, March 10, in teams to paint 25 homes in Clearwater. Elderly, disabled, single parent and other lower-income Clearwater residents met with volunteers in the fall, and were selected for the project by the volunteers of the "Paint Your Heart Out Clearwater" organization.

This year, the "Paint Your Heart Out Clearwater" organization is seeking cash sponsorships and paint contractors and other professionals to purchase paint and other materials and

to lead the 25 teams of volunteers. A few openings for volunteers on the 20 to 25-member teams are available. Sponsoring this year's event and volunteering are two ways individuals and Clearwater-area businesses gain recognition and improve the beauty and pride in Clearwater neighborhoods.

For more information on sponsoring or volunteering in "Paint Your Heart Out Clearwater 2001", please contact Sue Phillips at (727) 562-4043.



A team of volunteers and the homeowner pose for the after photograph. Volunteers painted this Clearwater home last year as a part of the Paint Your Heart Out Clearwater! community project

NEWS DEADLINE IS 4 PM MONDAY

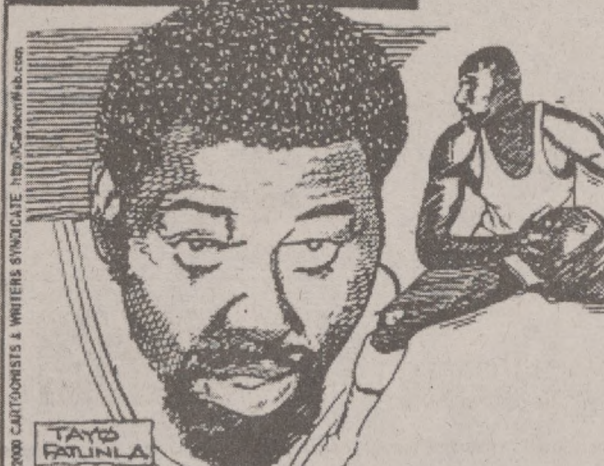
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WILT CHAMBERLAIN

WILT "THE STILT" CHAMBERLAIN (1936-1999) WAS ONE OF BASKETBALL'S GREATEST PLAYERS. HIS SKILL AT BASKETBALL AND GREAT SPEED WAS NOTICED WHILE AT HIGH SCHOOL AND THIS ATTRACTED MANY PROFESSIONAL OFFERS. FROM 1958-1969, CHAMBERLAIN PLAYED PROFESSIONAL BASKETBALL FOR THE PHILADELPHIA 76ERS. IN THE SAME YEAR, HE WAS DRAFTED BY THE PHILADELPHIA WARRIORS WHERE HE PLAYED CENTER FROM 1959-1966. WILT CHAMBERLAIN WHO FINISHED HIS CAREER WITH THE LOS ANGELES LAKERS FROM 1968-1973, WAS NAMED THE NBA'S MOST VALUABLE PLAYER IN 1960, 1966, 1967 AND 1968.

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CHE GUEVARA

ERNESTO "CHE" GUEVARA (1928-1967), WHO HAS BECOME AN ICON TO MANY TODAY, WAS ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL MEMBERS OF THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT UNDER FIDEL CASTRO. GUEVARA WAS ASSOCIATED WITH REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENTS THROUGHOUT LATIN AMERICA, FROM THE CAPITALS OF HAVANA AND ALGIERS TO THE BATTLEFIELDS OF BOLIVIA AND CONGO. EAST INITIATED WORKING THE RADICAL NAME OF PATRICE LUMUMBA. IN 1967 CHE GUEVARA WAS CAUGHT AND KILLED BY BOLIVIAN GOVERNMENT FORCES.

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Free Flu Shots At Asian Center Health Fair

ST. PETERSBURG - Everyone is invited to attend the Family Health Fair at the Asian Family and Community Empowerment Center on Saturday, February 10 from 10am-1:30pm. The Center is located at 2201 First Avenue North in St. Petersburg. Free flu shots are available for adults, 18 and over, through the Pinellas County Social Services Mobile Medical Unit. It is suggested that persons wishing to have a flu shot come before 10am, if possible, to fill out the necessary paperwork.

This year the health fair will be bigger and better than ever. In addition to the familiar friends who come each time

with the latest information on health issues and programs, new features will be introduced. These include "Ask a Pharmacist" where persons can ask about their prescriptions (bring prescription bottles), foot screening, pregnancy information, chiropractic care, acupuncture, massage, "Women and Heart Disease", scoliosis screening and of course flu shots.

Free refreshments will be served and there will be a bicycle give-away complete with helmet to a lucky young person. For more information call Cathie at the Center (727) 323-0350.

Florida Cancer Education Needs Volunteers For African-American Men's Health Forum

TAMPA - Florida Cancer Education Network (FCEN) needs volunteers for their 2nd African-American Men's Health Forum, to be held Saturday, February 24, 2001 at Hillsborough Community College, Dale Mabry Campus, from 7:30am-2pm.

Volunteers are needed for the day of the event. Volunteer opportunities will include assisting with registration, directing attendees to programs, "runners", and a variety

of other responsibilities.

The African-American Men's Health Forum is a day-long event, which provides screening for Prostate Cancer, Colon Cancer, Blood Pressure, Cholesterol, and Diabetes. There will also be educational workshops and an opportunity to hear motivational speaker Les Brown. Attendance at this Forum is open to the public and FREE to all attendees. Celebrity guest are currently being booked for this event.

There will be complimentary breakfast and lunch served to all attendees.

FCEN is appealing to all segments of the Tampa Bay area to get involved and help in our 2nd Annual African-American Men's Health Forum. If you are interested in volunteering for this event please call FCEN at (813) 806-2800.

Florida Cancer Education Network, a statewide non-

profit organization, is dedicated to educating the public in an effort to increase awareness and promote early detection of cancer. FCEN's focus has been primarily directed toward advocacy, research, support and education of the public regarding prostate cancer. For more information contact the FCEN office in Tampa at (813) 806-2800 or visit the website at www.florida-cancer.org.

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WOMAN'S WORLD

Chaka Khan Opens Clearwater Chapter Of Inner City Club



CLEARWATER – Seven-time Grammy award winning Chaka Khan visited the Clearwater World Literacy Crusade's Community Learning Center recently to launch the Clearwater Chapter of the "Chaka Khan Art Club," adding to the curriculum at the center which has helped hundreds of children and adults since its opening in 1998 to improve their literacy levels.

Chaka Khan told the group of some 40 children and 20 adults recently, "Art is the universal language that breaks through the barriers of race, time, language, creeds, and economics. My own life has been so blessed by the art of music that I want to give back to the community the opportunities I was presented with. I want to be able to bring children out of themselves and allow them to express themselves using the different mediums of art."

The World Literacy Crusade's Community Learning Center in Clearwater was opened in October of 1998 by another famous musician,

Isaac Hayes. Tutors at the center teach and apply the phonics system for reading and "Learning How to Learn," a book that outlines the very help even more children. Our purpose is the empowerment of each individual through education. We are breaking down the barriers to learning and by expressing themselves through Art, the highest form of communication, children will be able to break down even more barriers to learning and communication."

The World Literacy Crusade chapter in Clearwater was one of five programs that was awarded by the Governor of effective study method developed by humanitarian, L. Ron Hubbard.

The collaboration of the Art Club and the World Literacy Crusade (WLC) began two years ago with the opening of Chaka's first Club in Compton, California. Holly Haggerty, the local director of the WLC's Community Learning Center said, "It is very exciting that Chaka is starting this local chapter as it will allow us to

Florida last October for its contributions to literacy. The center is always looking for volunteers to help tutor. For more information about how you can help with Chaka's Art Club or as a literacy tutor please call Holly Haggerty at (727)441-4444.

If Every Woman Would Bring A Man

TAMPA – Yes, if every woman would plan to bring one, maybe two men, oh what a better understanding we'd all have when it comes down to both sides of this coin; the side of the person with prostate cancer and the side of those who care.

This month the Florida Education Cancer Network will host their 2nd Annual African American Men's Health Forum geared towards men and those who love them. So, if every sister would plan to bring their husband, their father, brother, son, uncle, grandfather, co-worker or whomever, this year's event would be nothing but successful.

Sometimes it is forgotten or maybe just not mentioned that not only are our men affected, but women are affected even more so, especially when they don't have all the facts and lack understanding. We refuse to allow a lack of understanding destroy our lives and are prepared this year to become more educated and

more involved in their diagnosis, decision making about treatment and dealing with side effects by offering the support necessary to help our men lead full, active lives while confronting this disease.

Remember - for every man that looks after his health - you can bet, there is a good woman to help him do it. So then sister, can we depend on you to help get as many men as you can to the forum? Every woman who brings a man will receive a carnation. The woman with the most men will receive special recognition and a certificate signed by the speaker and organizer of this event.

Remember the date: Saturday, February 24, 2001 from 7:30am to 2pm at the Hillsborough Community College, Dale Mabry Campus, (corner of N. Dale Mabry and Tampa Bay Blvd., Across from Raymond James Stadium). Need to register, stop by the *Weekly Challenger* TODAY for your form or call us at (727) 896-2922 and we'll sign you up.

Florida Craftsmen Announce "Three Generations Of Artists"



Joyce J. Scott

ST. PETERSBURG – Prior to conducting a workshop at the Florida Craftsmen Conference in Ft. Myers, Joyce Scott will be giving a free public lecture in St. Petersburg on Thursday, February 8th at 7pm. The lecture, "Three Generations of Artists", will take place at the Holocaust Museum, located at 55 5th Street South, across Central

Avenue from Florida Craftsmen. This lecture and slide presentation will be given in conjunction with Stop Asking/We Exist on exhibit at Florida Craftsmen from January 12-February 24, 2001.

Joyce Scott is an internationally recognized fiber and performance artist, as well as the curator of Stop Asking/We Exist. Originally curated for

the Society for Contemporary Craft (Pittsburgh), this traveling exhibit will complete its 2 1/2 year tour at Florida Craftsmen before all work is returned to the artists. This exciting exhibition features the work of 25 contemporary African-American artists who work in traditional as well as experimental techniques. In the words of Ms. Scott, the artists included in the exhibition "...are wide awake .. raising a ruckus with form, function, and da funk ...alchemizing emotional intellectual landscapes."

Ms. Scott received her MFA in Guanajuato, Mexico and was an Honorary Board member of the James Renwick Alliance at the Smithsonian Institute. Joyce's work has been exhibited internationally and has been featured in many public and private collections.

For more information please contact Florida Craftsmen at (727) 821-7391.

Nearly Half Of All Women 65 And Older Use Herbal Products To Feel Better, But Don't Tell Their Doctors

GAINESVILLE – Nearly half of all women over 65 now use herbal therapies to prevent or treat health problems, but they rarely inform their health-care providers, according to a new University of Florida study.

Because many of these women also take prescription and over-the-counter medications, they are putting themselves at risk for dangerous drug interactions, nurse researchers say.

The most frequently reported herbal products were ginkgo biloba (alone or in combination with other herbs), garlic tablets and cloves, and glucosamine with chondroitin. Other herbal products included aloe, herbal teas, echinacea, ginger, St. Johns wort, vinegar with honey, primrose and gin-

seng.

Of those who did use herbal remedies, 41 percent said they used the products to maintain health or prevent possible health problems, for example to prevent memory loss or to improve memory. Another 36 percent used herbal therapies to both pre-

vent and treat health problems, while 23 percent used herbal products only to treat a health problem. The most common conditions treated with herbal remedies included arthritis, high blood pressure and other cardiovascular health problems, and digestive problems.

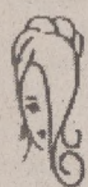
Study participants per-

ceived that about half of the herbal products they took were somewhat or very effective, but said they did not know if the remaining products were effective.

Providers need to know what the individual is taking so suggestions might be offered that could increase safe use.

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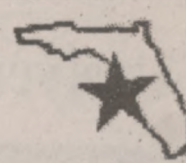
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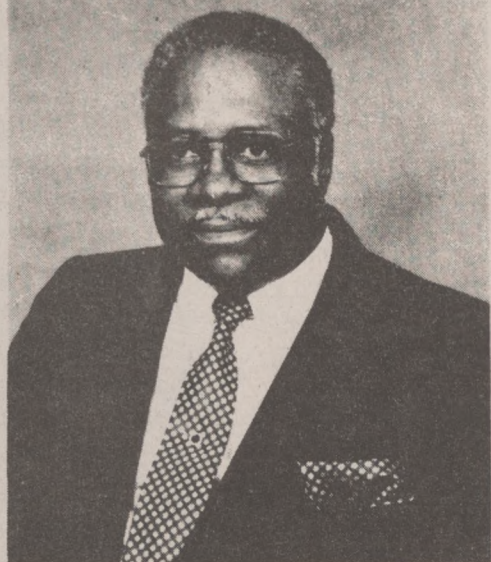


North Central Florida



Ocala News

by James Thorpe



Dr. Fred Maeweathers, Sr.

UTS/2ND BETHLEHEM BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Wednesday after the 1st Sunday in April, 2002, in Jacksonville, FL, let's elect Dr. Fred Maeweathers Sr., the next President of the Florida General Baptist Convention.

He is fully qualified. Presently, he is the 2nd Vice President (Dr. J. C. Wise, President), Moderator for 2nd Bethlehem Baptist Association (63 churches) Center, Director, United Theological Seminary, 1st Vice President of Marion County Branch NAACP, Pastor of Shady Grove Baptist Church, Ocala, FL.

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Black History Profiles

Brother Daniel Brown hails from Hendersonville, SC and has lived in Marion County for 62 years and has been a member of Greater Hopewell for 59 years. He states that he always enjoys the church services. He is the father of 4 children, grandfather of 7 and great grandfather to 3. During his free time, sleeping and watching TV is his desire. He once sang with the mass choir, but had to give it up after his throat surgery. Brother Brown is a hard worker and has been a Star-Banner carrier for 58 years and still likes the job. Many years ago he was employed at the Greyhound Bus Station (21 years). He is a 1949 graduate of Howard Academy. Brother Brown has been married for 47 years to Sister Rosa Lee Brown and will be looking forward for the 48th year in April. Our best wishes to you and yours.

Sister Thelma Swift was a faithful member of GHMBC for over fifty years. Sister Swift served as church clerk for over 25 years maintaining very accurate records. Mrs. Swift worked with our youth department for a number of years as well as working as Directress of the youth and the YWA. She was a member of the Matron's Auxiliary and President of the Pastor's Aid Club and Choir #1. Her work and dedication has resounded throughout the years. Sister Thelma Swift was a native of Adell, GA; born September

16, 1919. She has 1 son, Eugene, daughter-in-law, Jessie, 5 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Sister Swift was well loved by all and is greatly missed.

Brother Robert Williams hails from Brooklyn, NY, has lived in Marion County for 3 years and has been a member of GHMBC for 1 1/2 years. He is very active and has recently been nominated to the Board of Trustees. Brother Williams is our mass choir drummer. What he likes most about his church is the concerts and programs that are directed for our youth - teaching the praise of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He has one daughter, 2 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. His hobbies are playing drum and listening to religious music. He loves working in his home and loves jogging. He has been married to his wife, Yvonne, for 2 years. He states that he has tremendous love for her and he couldn't be happier. He loves, too, the variety of restaurants and retail stores here in Marion County. Our best wishes to you and yours.

Commerce Secretary Ronald H. Brown, was the first African-American to hold the position. He was a trailblazer. He was the first black partner at one of Washington's most powerful law firms. Ron Brown later had a long distinguished career with the National Urban League. He then became the first African-American chairman of the Democratic Party. Under Ron Brown's leadership, Arkansas Governor, Bill Clinton won

the Whitehouse, ending 12 years of the Republican rule.

On April 3, 1996, Ron Brown died in an airplane crash in the war-torn Balkan nation of Croatia.

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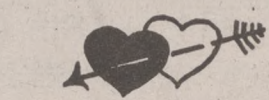
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The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Commemorative Celebration was a successful event. The Ecumenical service was held on Sunday, January 14th at Mt. Moriah MBC. Brother James Thorpe was chairman of the MLK Celebration. It's a blessing when choir members from different churches come together in unity. Then we were as one in the Spirit. The choir received a standing ovation for the performance. We commend our musicians, Brother and Sister Bernard and Katrina Smith. Our directors, Brother Ben Bryant and Sister Wanda Shelton.

Mr. Ben Mathis, a member of this committee for the past 16 years was given a plaque for service well done. From time to time, we will need his help and ideas on something. We will let him rest, but we can't let him go completely.



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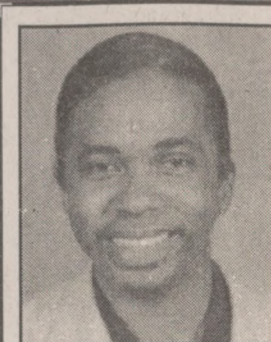
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LIGHT OF THE WORLD

By DANIEL BANKS

"I am the rose of Sharon, and the lily of the valleys. As the lily among thorns, so is my love among the daughters. As the apple tree among the trees of the wood, so is my beloved among the sons. I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste. He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love. Stay with me with flagons (raisin cakes), comfort me with apples; for I

am sick (faint) of (from) love. His left hand is under my head, and his right hand doth embrace me. I charge you, O ye daughters of Jerusalem, by the roes (gazelle), and by the hinds (female red deer) of the field, that ye stir not up, nor awake my love, till he please.

The voice of my beloved! Behold, he cometh leaping upon the mountains, skipping upon the hills. My beloved is like a roe or a young hart:

behold, he standeth behind our wall, he looketh forth at the windows, shewing himself through the lattice. My beloved spake, and said unto me, 'Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away. For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land; The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.'

O my dove, that art in the clefts of the rock, in the secret places of the stairs, let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice; for sweet is thy voice, and they countenance is comely. Take us the foxes, the

little foxes, that spoil the vines; for our vines have tender grapes.

My beloved is mine, and I am his: he feedeth among the lilies. Until the day break, and the shadows flee away, turn, my beloved, and be thou like a roe or a young hart upon the mountains of Bether." - Song of Solomon 2.

Sharon (the Hebrew pronunciation is shah-RONE) is a plain between Joppa and Mount Carmel which was widely known for its fertile pastures and physical beauty. The name Sharon is believed to mean "his song" and figuratively describes the place of man's regeneration, fruitfulness, and his eternal state of peace and glory!

The writings of Solomon are touted as highly erotic and

metaphoric by some, then as simple prose by others.

The several mentions of the gazelle (roe) and red deer (hind) are noteworthy in that the gazelle was not to be eaten nor the female red deer. The hart (probably a Syrian deer) could be eaten, as could the roebuck, male roe species.

Solomon had 700 wives and 300 concubines (minor wives). Many of these women were forbidden idolaters whom Solomon fully supported and provided for. Some were very dark-skinned and even black, but Solomon loved them madly.

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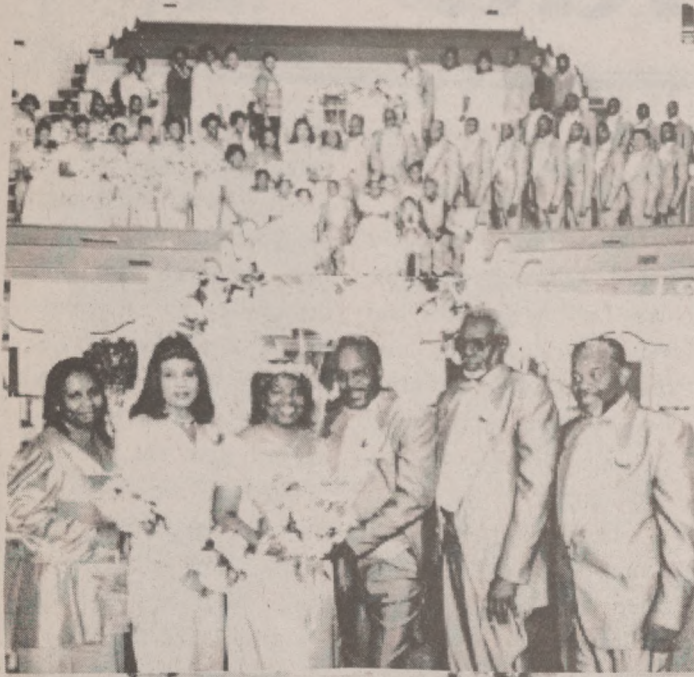
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25th Anniversary from pg. 1



Hospice To Host Memorial Service To Honor Hospice Patients

LARGO — The Hospice of the Florida Suncoast will host two memorial services in February to honor patients who have died. Family members and friends of hospice patients are welcome to attend either service.

"Attending a hospice memorial service provides an opportunity for a person to realize he or she is not alone...that there are many others in grief," said Tim Arsenault, The Hospice's north county regional program director. "The service is also a way to say goodbye, and it provides a means to celebrate and share in a public forum the special memories people have of their deceased loved ones."

The dates, times and locations for these services are:
Thursday, February 15 at 2pm, First Christian Church of Clearwater, 2299 Drew St., Clearwater.

Thursday, February 22 at 2pm, Congregation B'nai Israel, 300 58th Street North, St. Petersburg.

For more information on either memorial service, please call The Hospice's Bridges Program at 586-4432.

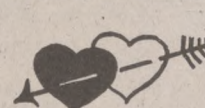
James Weldon Johnson - Florida's Renaissance Man

ST. PETERSBURG — James Weldon Johnson, a native of Jacksonville, FL, is one of the state's most celebrated historical figures. Noted actor LeRoy Mitchell will present a dramatic portrayal of Johnson at the Johnson Branch Library at Enoch Davis Center, on Saturday, February 10, 2001, at 10am. The program, funded by the Florida Humanities Council, is free and open to the public. The local sponsor is the James Weldon Johnson Branch Library in conjunction with the Enoch Davis Community Center. For more information, call Deborah Henry at (727) 893-7113.

It's 1930: Summer. James Weldon Johnson, the first Negro secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People,

has come to town to read some of his poetry. "Today, here, now please consider me a poet." He may also talk about his life as a lawyer; a diplomat; a high school principal; a member of the Harlem Renaissance; a collector and editor of two volumes of Negro Spirituals and a tunesmith on Tin Pan Alley. Featured poems include *Lift Every Voice and Sing*, *The Creation* and *Under The Bamboo Tree*.

The Florida Humanities (FHC) is a non-profit organization funded by private donations, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and Florida's Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs. To find out more, contact FHC at 1725 1/2 East Seventy Avenue, Tampa, FL 33605. (813) 272-3473 or visit their web site at www.flahum.org.



Two Black Publishers from pg. 1

It was the only black weekly in Jacksonville during the civil rights era of the 1950s through the 1970s. But in the 1980s, two other papers emerged — the *Jacksonville Free Press* and the *Jacksonville Advocate*.

Jacksonville Advocate publisher Ike Williams said Mrs. Simpson "was very active in the community, and she will be missed." Williams' comments were published in the *Times-Union*.

Voice publisher Humphrey had stepped away from the daily operations of the business in 1996 following a stroke, but his family indicated that they will continue his legacy.

"What he created with the *Pensacola Voice* was and still

is so important," longtime friend Eugene Brown, director of the Escambia-Pensacola Human Relations Commission, told the *Pensacola News Press*. "It would talk about things that were important to the black community and detail how things happened

Herbie Mann, Jazz Artist And Prostate Cancer Survivor, To Perform A Free Concert

TAMPA — Florida Cancer Education Network (FCEN) would like to announce that Saturday, February 24, 2001 at Hillsborough Community College, Dale Mabry Campus, from 7:30am-2pm, at the Second Annual African-American Men's Health Forum *Les Brown* will be speaking at lunch and *Herbie Mann* will perform.

This year's attendees will have the chance to hear *Les Brown*, motivational speaker and prostate cancer survivor, speak and attend a Free concert given by *Herbie Mann*. This concert is limited to registered participants of the Forum. The concert will start approximately thirty minutes after the Forum. Also, autographed *Herbie Mann* CD's will be given to the first 300 men registered for prostate screening.

The African-American

Men's Health Forum is a day-long health education event, which provides screening for Prostate Cancer, Colon Cancer, Blood Pressure, Cholesterol, and Diabetes. In addition to Free Testing there will also be educational workshops on Prostate Cancer, Diabetes, Heart Disease, Men's Sexual Health Issues, Colon Cancer. This year's attendees will have a chance to win a number of prizes including: a Pentium computer, a cellular phone, airline tickets, weekend hotel stays and many other prizes.

Our Men's Health Forum is a collaborative community partnership with hospitals, healthcare providers, churches and community organizations to help address major health issues, affecting men's health. The Forum is open to the public and free to all attendees. Free screenings for Prostate Cancer, Colon Cancer, Dia-

betes and Cardiovascular Disease will be available throughout the day. Medical professionals will address risk issues, the importance of early detection and treatments, as well as many other health issues. Celebrity guests are currently being booked for this event. There will be Free breakfast and lunch available for the attendees.

Florida Cancer Education Network, a statewide non-profit organization, is dedicated to educating the public in an effort to increase awareness and promote early detection of cancer. FCEN's focus has been primarily directed toward advocacy, research, support and education of the public regarding prostate cancer.

For more information contact the FCEN office in Tampa at (813) 806-2800 or visit the website at www.floridacancer.org.

Hospice To Start Volunteer Patient/Family Training

LARGO — The Hospice of the Florida Suncoast will begin new patient/family support training in February for people who have completed the volunteer orientation class.

Upon completion of the 18-hour patient/family training, volunteers have the opportunity to assist hospice patients and families in various ways such as, running errands, taking patients on outings or simply being there as a friendly listener. Other opportunities include providing bereave-

ment support for those who have lost a loved one, or picking up and delivering medical equipment and supplies to patients.

Following is a list of dates, times and locations for these training classes:

•Mon., Feb. 12-Mar. 12th, 1-4pm, Hospice House Woodside, 6770 102nd Avenue North, Pinellas Park.

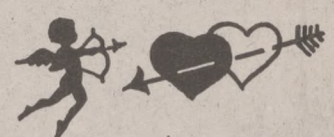
•Sat., Feb. 17, Feb. 24, and March 3rd, 9am-3:30pm, The Hospice's south community service center, 5639 49th

Street North, St. Petersburg.

•Thurs., Feb. 22-Mar. 22nd, 9am-noon, The Hospice's main community service center, 300 East Bay Drive, Largo.

•Tues., Feb. 27-Mar. 27th, 6-9pm, The Hospice's north community service center, 2675 Tampa Road, Palm Harbor.

To register for training and verify locations, please call Kathy Roble, director of volunteer services, at (727) 586-4432.



Creative Writing Course At Library

ST. PETERSBURG — Turn everyday occurrences and personal experience into entertaining copy at an eight week creative writing course hosted by the St. Petersburg Public Library.

Award winning freelance writer June Entwistle will teach two classes:

•Wednesday nights, 6 to 8pm, beginning Feb. 21st.

•Friday afternoons, 1 to 3pm, beginning Feb. 23rd.

Classes meet in Conference Room A of the Main Library, 3745 Ninth Avenue North.

For more information on prices or to sign up for a class call Nick Pocengal at 893-7929.

Public Speaking Club

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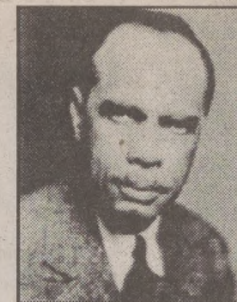
port to anyone who wants to improve their communication skills. Meetings are every Wednesday, noon to 1pm, in the City of St. Petersburg MSC building, One 4th Street North, downtown St. Petersburg, room 600. Drop by or call 893-7423 for more information.

Johnson Branch Library Black History Month Celebration

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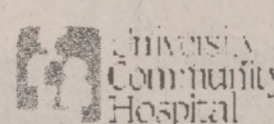
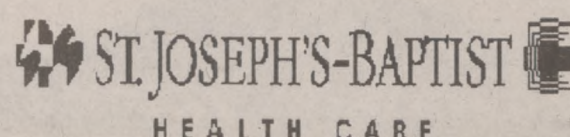
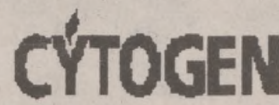
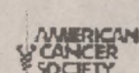
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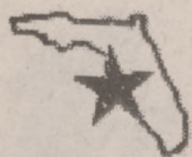
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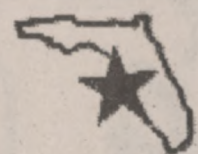
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Notural T. Leach loves to paint landscapes of her home state. For her, painting is a symbol of joy and simple pleasures. She started drawing at the age of 4 on a brown paper bag with just a pencil and crayon. Now a retired office administrator she spends all of her time painting and traveling. Since 1983 she has shown her work in various cities in Florida, New York and North Carolina. She considers painting a blessing from God. She uses the talents bestowed on her to express her feelings about everything she admires. It provides her with inner peace, enjoyment and satisfaction.

A SALUTE TO DISTINGUISHED WOMEN
In observance of its 11th anniversary celebration, Friends of Federated Women

Auxiliary of Florida Association of Women and Girls Clubs, Inc. with Boys Auxiliary will salute Distinguished Women, past and present, who have made a difference in our local, state and national communities.

This celebration will take place on Friday, March 23, 2001 at the Theological Seminary and Bible College, 1105 N.W. 4th Street, Ocala. The time will be 7pm. The speaker for the occasion will be the Rev. Stanley Jacobs, Pastor of Covenant Missionary Baptist Church in Ocala.

The group is seeking the public support as we unite efforts to establish our Multi-Purpose Center in Ocala. The center will also house our Artifacts. In an effort to pay tribute to the Distinguished Woman of your choice, they are requesting that you choose a distinguished woman whom you would like to salute by purchasing an ad in her honor.

For further information, please contact Ernestine Stevenson at P.O. Box 3242, Ocala, 34478 or phone (352) 622-7751 by February 22, 2001.

DID YOU KNOW?

The underground railroad, a term describing the system by which Northerners helped escaped slaves, was neither underground nor a railroad, but was called this because its activities were conducted in secrecy and because railway terms were used in reference to the conduct of the system. A

'station' for instance was, in modern urban guerrilla terms, a safe house. The system reached Northward, in a fork, across Ohio and Indiana and, in the East, to New York and New England.

In the North countless philanthropists and escaped slaves raised money and goods to help fugitives of whom some 40,000 moved through Ohio between 1830 and 1860. The most famous of the black guides was Harriet Tubman, called the Moses of her people. She made 19 journeys South and led 300 slaves to freedom. Slaveholders offered a total of \$40,000 for her dead or alive.

Other black guides were John Parker, who bought his freedom for \$2,000 and then joined white abolitionists on the railroad; Josiah Henderson, a slave who escaped to Canada; taught himself to read and write and then went back to the South to help others to freedom. The abolitionist Frederick Douglass narrative, an account of his escape from slavery in Maryland, became common reading, and in 1851 saw the publication of Harriet Beecher Stowe's Uncle Tom's Cabin, said to have been influenced by another black leader, Josiah Henson (who later claimed to be the original "Uncle Tom").

Re: History of Slavery by Susanne Everett.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM OFFERED
The Central Florida Community College Criminal Jus-

tice Institute is accepting applications for the Criminal Justice Combined Training Academy.

The program runs from May 8 to Dec. 11, 2001 and is designed for those interested in becoming correction or law enforcement officers.

Upon completion of the course, students will be eligible to take the state licensing exam. Those interested in the program can pick up an application in building 31 on the CFCC Ocala campus, located at 3001 S.W. College Road or call Bill Lermieux at 854-2322, ext. 1264.

PARADE OF SENIOR SERVICES REMINDER

Parade of Senior Services will be held at the Paddock Mall, 3100 S.W. College Road on February 9, 2001. More than 80 governmental agencies and non-profit organizations will be on hand to answer questions and distribute information.

The event will be from 10am til 5pm. Blood pressure screening, tax counseling, voter registration and an overview of recreational opportunities will be available.

YOU CAN HELP

Volunteer opportunities are abundant at the Boys and Girls Club, 642 NE 20th Street. They need help to strengthen the character and skills of young people. Coaches, game room monitors, instructors, cooking instructors, arts and crafts teachers, hobbyists are

just a few of the needed teachers sought. If you can help raise a child by sharing your skills, please call 690-7440.

Arnette House needs friendly visitors, arts and crafts

and spiritual teachers to volunteer and befriend teens in transition. Also needed are mentors who might walk and talk with youth to make a difference in a life. For more information, call Mary at 732-2449.

Love Revival

The Landmark Holy Temple of God, 1220 NE 23rd Avenue, Gainesville, FL, Apostle Walter Camps, Sr., Pastor and members cordially extend a special invitation to each of you to attend our "Love Revival".

This event will be held February 13-16, 2001. The schedule is as follows:

• Tues., Feb. 13, 7:30pm: A special night for married couples and those who may be married one day! Theme: 'Dissecting the Marriage Vows', presented by Sis. Wilma Hamilton of Bartley Temple United Methodist Church, Gainesville, FL.
• Wed., Feb. 14, 7pm: An evening of enjoyment and din-

ing pleasure! A Valentine's Dinner at the Holiday Inn-West, 7417 NW Newberry Rd. & I-75, Gainesville, FL. Attire: Formal. Reserve your ticket today. For ticket information call Bro. Vince or Rashawnda Washington (352) 379-0040, Sis. Connie Grant (352) 367-2740 or Proph. Wanda Nelson (352) 373-7699.

• Thurs. & Friday, Feb. 15 & 16, 7:30pm: A Holy Ghost-filled Preaching Revival Service at Landmark Holy Temple of God. Theme: "Love for God, Love for the Ministry & Love for One Another".
Come one, come all and be blessed in Jesus Name.

February is
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Jarrod B. Woodberry BIRTHDAY GREETINGS
Happy Birthday greetings go out to Jarrod B. Woodberry, February 10th.

Happy Wedding Anniversary to Dorothy and Abraham Shelton, February 11th.

BLACK HERITAGE CELEBRATION
Brick City Center for the Arts in Ocala, a continuing stream of exhibitions featuring local artists including storytelling, music and other live

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

Meet Lakesha Rivers, a rather outstanding young lady and, for the past three years, a Bright Futures Scholar. It wasn't easy for Lakesha to get where she is today. She was encouraged by her parents to let nothing stand in the way of her success. And she didn't. She worked hard and graduated from high school eleventh in a class of 500. Yet her chances of going to college were uncertain.

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



Lakesha Rivers
Bright Futures Scholarship Recipient

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

Bright Futures Scholarships

The real thanks, however, goes to the people who play the games of the Florida Lottery. Because of your participation, the Lottery has been able to contribute to Bright Futures Scholarships and more. Since 1988, over ten billion dollars have gone to fund a variety of programs that benefit students from pre-school through college. So the next time you play, remember: you're helping to give someone what may be the chance of a lifetime. For more information about the Florida Lottery and funding for education in your area, visit our website at www.flalottery.com.

Bright Futures Scholarships	
Citrus County	543
Hardee County	165
Hernando County	563
Highlands County	393
Hillsborough County	5,370
Manatee County	818
Pasco County	1,330
Pinellas County	4,377
Polk County	2,121
Sarasota County	1,277
Total	16,957



WHEN YOU PLAY, WE ALL WIN.

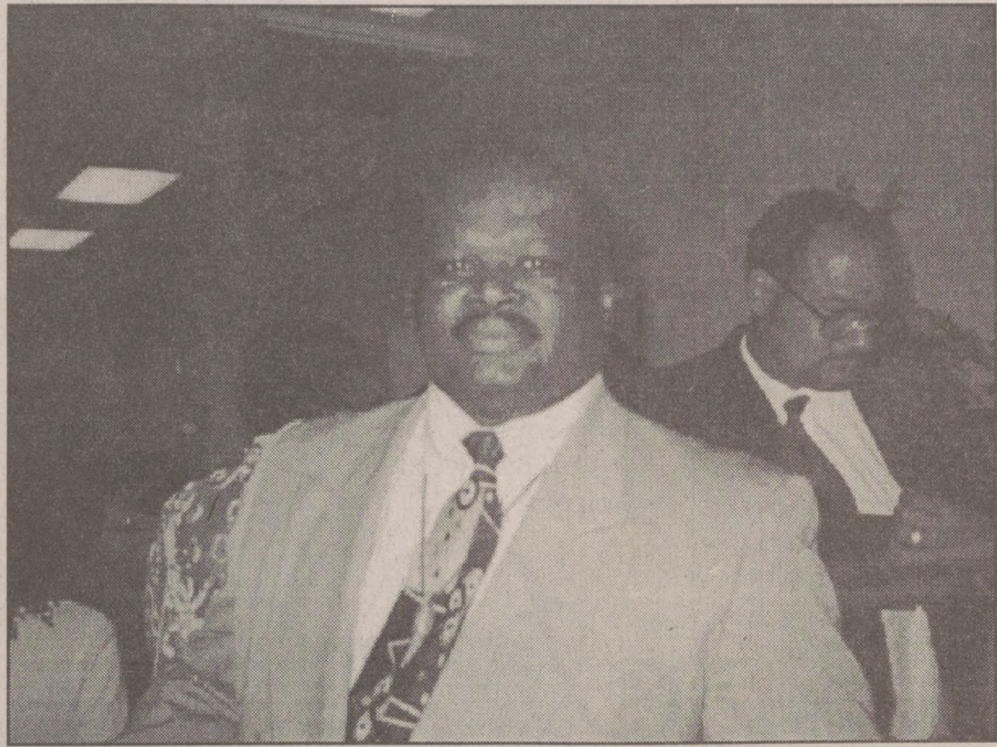
CHALLENGER SPORTS



Recollections

by Frances N. Pinckney

Leadership In Little League And Social Work



Cecil Odom

Cecil Odom Jr., President of the Lil' Devils Little League Football (Sports) Organization feels that fate had a hand in his involvement in Little League Sports. "Late one evening in 1975, as I stopped at a light intersecting 5th Avenue and 16th Street South, I noticed lights on in the baseball field at Campbell Park," he said. He wondered aloud "What's happening out there?" He drove into the parking lot at Campbell Park feeling compelled to see what was going on. "I saw a lot of kids practicing football and cheerleading. I'd never seen nothing like that - not organized like that!" He exclaimed.

He hung around and watched the kids play. He noted some things that he could have taught them, being that he'd been involved in playing football most of his life. One boy was having difficulty gripping the football. Odom showed him how to grip the ball and the boy soon just went about his business gripping and throwing the ball correctly. Odom's interest in the kids playing football did not go unnoticed by Coach Brown, and before Odom left he was asked to coach and serve as offensive coordinator!

Odom left feeling that this was something that he was supposed to do; fixed fate surely had led him there, and he's still there reaching out through Little League activities mentoring and molding the young in a good way.

Odom was proud to serve in the Lil' Devil's League under the leadership of the late Richard "Dick" Turner. "He was the greatest man I've ever known", Odom declared. "He led with a quiet voice and great strength-the Pied Piper of adults." Odom pointed out a structure-the concession stand. "Dick built that with his own hands", he stated proudly, and standing tall and prominently, a recent addition to the field, was built by Odom, figuratively speaking - the display of the name of the field, Richard "Dick" Turner Field! Odom

has brought the organization to another level. "Dick would be so proud of you", he was told recently. He feels humbled and proud and gives Dick the credit for laying the foundation and putting the organization on the map. But he is most proud of Dick's faith in him to lead this organization and he has given it his best shot.

"This organization has established an aura of respect. Initially, I was counted on to confront trouble makers. Now

ority.

"Social work is a great career field. DCF offers leadership career opportunities to minorities more than any agency at its magnitude. However, some men, especially black men, see it as a 'sissified' job. I get teased about the lack of callouses on my hands."

Family is most important to Odom. He will have been married 29 years in July this year. "My wife Daisy is my best friend." He said that good communication is the glue that has kept his family together. I tell Daisy and the children that we must be diligent about speaking and listening to each other. They have two daughters, Janelle and Ebony, two sons, Brian and Arian and five grandchildren. All of the children participated in the Lil' Devil's activities.

"My mother was the greatest woman I've ever known, a very strong woman; had a great influence on my life", he said. Mrs. Louise Odom died recently but left a legacy of good work ethics and spirituality to members of her family. "I am just finding spirituality - a personal thing with God", he said.

"Hearing a sound, hearing a soul is how he feels about communicating with family and friends. The poem *The Invictus* speaks to his spirituality, 'I am the master of my fate; I am the captain of my soul'."

Negro Baseball Is Back

ST. PETERSBURG - Florida State/Tampa Bay Negro Baseball is Back! Game 1 (in a 3 out of 5 series), St. Petersburg Pelicans vs Tampa Black Smokers on Saturday, February 10 at 4pm, Campbell Park (16th Street South and 7th Avenue across from Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, FL).

See, hear and enjoy The Last Generation and The Next Generation of Negro Baseball Players.

There is a minimal donation required for admission. (Children under 5 years old free).

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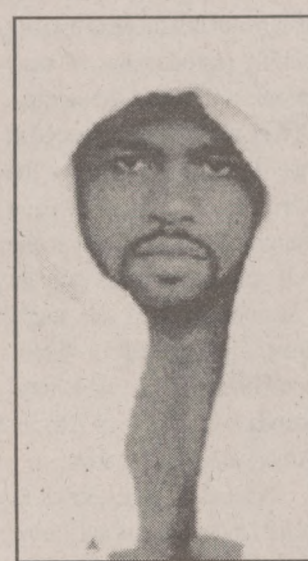
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HBO Sports Announces Contract Agreement With World Light Heavyweight Champion Roy Jones, Jr.

NEW YORK - With more than a quarter-century history of presenting the best prize-fights and prizefighters on television, HBO Sports has signed an exclusive multi-year, multi-fight contract agreement with undisputed world light heavyweight champion Roy Jones, Jr., it was announced recently by Ross Greenburg, president, HBO Sports.

A native of Pensacola, FL., Jones, 32, is widely regarded as the sweet science's top pound-for-pound boxer. His professional record stands at a glittering 43-1, with 35 KOs.

Jones will make his 2001 debut on *World Champi-*



Roy Jones, Jr.

onship Boxing, HBO's flagship boxing series, on Saturday, February 24th (10pm

ET/7pm PT) against Chicago native and No. 1-ranked contender Derrick Harmon (20-1, 10 KOs) in a live 12-round title bout. Jones will be defending his world light heavyweight belts at the Ice Palace in Tampa, his second appearance in the city.

The opening bout will be a 12-round world featherweight title fight between 128-pound belt-holder Derrick "Smoke" Gainer (36-5, 23 KOs) of Pensacola and No. 1-ranked contender Victor Polo (29-2-2, 22 KOs) of Bolivar, Columbia. Gainer collected his belt with a TKO of Freddie Norwood last September in New Orleans.

Keenly aware of the need to give back to the sport and the community, Jones is a dedicated contributor to charitable causes and community events. he served as chairman for the 1998 Ring 8 fundraiser that raised money for a trust fund for the children of disabled fighter Gerald McClellan.

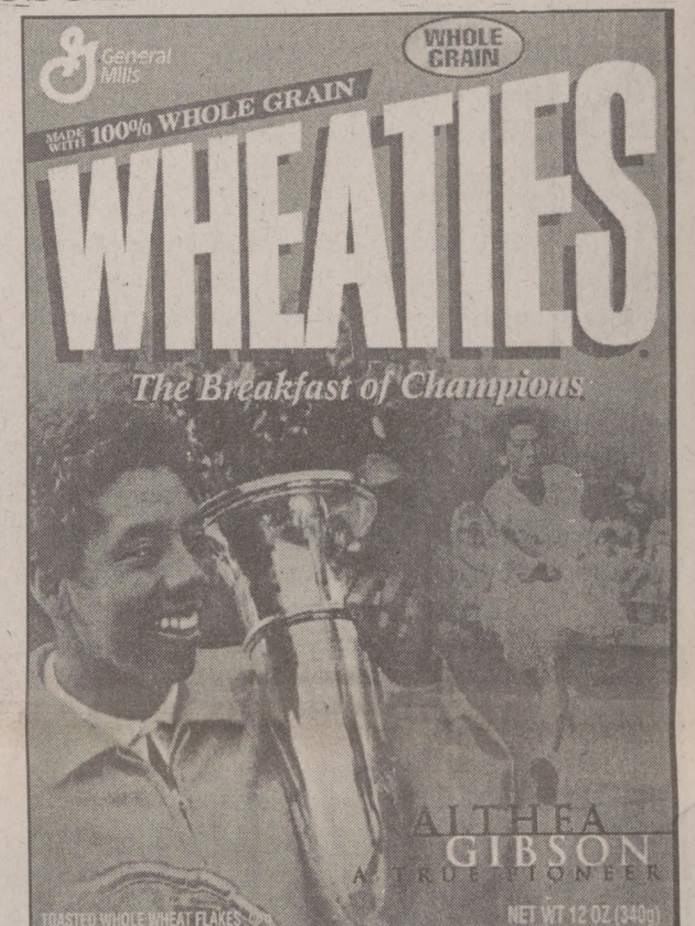
The New York Daily News called Jones "the current conscience of boxing." In a *New York Times Magazine* feature, Jones was called "a handsome, intelligent, clean-living sweet scientist on a par, boxing sages say, with Sugar Ray Leonard and even Sugar Ray Robinson." Photo credit: John Dyre Photography.

Wheaties Honors Tennis Great Althea Gibson

EAST ORANGE, NJ - Recently, Wheaties unveiled a special-edition Black History Month package commemorating the career and accomplishments of tennis pioneer Althea Gibson at the Althea Gibson Early Childhood Academy in East Orange. In 1950, Gibson became the first African-American to break tennis' color barrier and went on to win five Grand Slam titles, including the 1957 and 1958 Wimbledon and U.S. Open championships.

Gibson joins a prestigious list of tennis greats to appear on the storied orange Wheaties box, including Ellsworth Vines, Donald Budge, Alice Marble, Jack Kramer, Chris Evert, Arthur Ashe and Pete Sampras.

The new Wheaties package also features information about the Althea Gibson Foundation (www.altheagibson.org), which aims to enhance



the education and good citizenship of urban and underprivileged youth.

The special-edition 12-ounce package is currently available nationwide.

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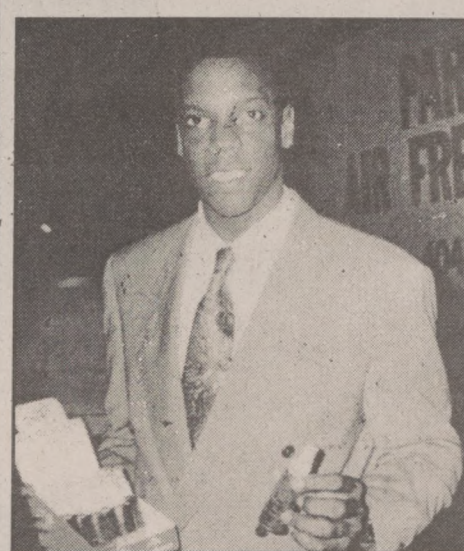
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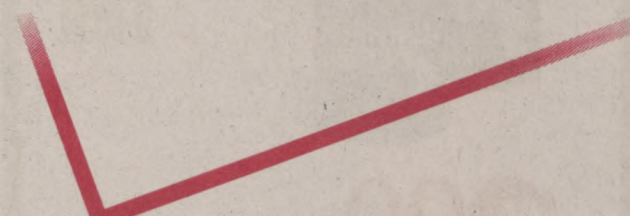
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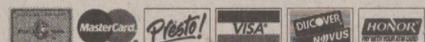
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ENTERTAINMENT



Alvin J. Downing

A Celebration Of The Life Of Alvin J. Downing

ST. PETERSBURG — We invite you to join us for "A Celebration of the Life of Alvin J. Downing" & Dedication Ceremony of Our Theater

In His Memory.

This event will be held at Perkins Elementary School Center for the Arts & International Studies, located at 2205

18th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, on Friday, February 23, 2001 at 7pm.

"I Sing Because" Mural by artist Herbert Davis

First Annual Sweetheart Dance

ST. PETERSBURG — The Weed & Seed Program, St. Petersburg Police Athletic League, and the Boys and Girls Club of the Suncoast invite you to their First Annual Sweetheart Dance on Friday, February 9, from 7 to 11pm, at

the Police Athletic League, 1450 16th Street North.

There will be concessions, door prizes, and sweetheart photos. Dress is semi-formal to formal. The first 50 young men to arrive get a free chocolate kiss, and the first 50 young

ladies to arrive get a free carnation.

Contact Trudy Popoola, Safety Haven Coordinator, at (727) 893-9842, or Delia Doss, (727) 893-7138, for more information.

Open Casting Call For Major Motion Picture

ST. PETERSBURG — The Steven Soderbergh-directed film "Oceans 11" starring George Clooney, Julia Roberts, Brad Pitt, Matt Damon and more coming to St. Petersburg.

The feature film "Oceans 11" will be in production for

several days in St. Petersburg. There will be an open casting call for extras who will have the opportunity to work with major film stars including George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Alan Arkin and others. Extras will be paid for their work on the film.

Who: People of all ages and types. No acting experience required.

Bring: Small photo of yourself and a writing pen.

When: February 10th, Saturday, 10am through 4pm.

Where: ParkSide Mall, corner of U.S. 19 and Park

B-CC Concert Chorale To Be Held At McCabe United Methodist Church



The Bethune Cookman College Concert Chorale, conducted by Dr. Rebecca W. Steele, will be in concert on Sunday, February 18, 2001, 4pm at McCabe United Methodist Church, located at 2800 26th Avenue South in St. Petersburg.

"An Inspiring Benefit Concert" presented by B-CC Alumni & Supporters.

Admission is free, however donations are greatly appreciated. All funds raised will benefit the chorale.

For more information call: (727) 867-5287.

The Bethune-Cookman College Concert Chorale was organized by Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune in 1904. At its inception, the Chorale consisted of six members. Today,

it boasts a membership of more than 150 students and has grown into one of America's top singing aggregations. The Chorale has traveled more than a half million miles throughout the United States and five foreign countries. With a musical repertoire representing a wide variety of styles, languages and periods, this production of "From Bach to Gospel II" highlights the Renaissance, Baroque, Classical and Romantic eras with selected compositions by J.S. Bach and well known Negro spirituals arranged by leading African-American composers.

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Sun., Feb. 25 - 3pm
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TAMPA — The Central Florida Chapter Of the University of The West Indies Medical Alumni proudly present: "A Valentine Fund-Raising Dinner Dance", Saturday, February 10, 2001 at The Embassy Suites Hotel (USF Campus), 3705 Spectrum Boulevard in Tampa.

Special guests will include: The Honorable Rex Nettleford, O.M. Vice Chancellor and Dr. Owen Morgan, Dean, of the Medical Faculty.

A Cocktail Reception

starts at 6:30pm, while dinner will be served at 7:30pm. Dancing by the Popular Disco is included which will be from 11pm until 2am.

Proceeds will benefit the University of the West Indies. The attire is Semi-Formal.

To RSVP call (813) 972-3496 or (813) 651-0938. If you require hotel reservations, please contact them directly: Embassy Suites (813) 977-7066, LaQuinta Inn (813) 910-7500 or Wingate Inn (813) 979-2828.

5th Annual Black History Festival And O.B. McLin Community Fair

ST. PETERSBURG — The St. Petersburg Boys and Girls Clubs presents the 5th Annual Black History Festival and O.B. McLin Community Fair, to be held on February 10, 2001, at North Straub Park, beginning at 10am until 4pm.

All Communities Welcome. There will be music, dancers, face painting, art and much much more!!

Fun, food and entertainment for the entire family!!

For any additional information, contact Michael J. Boykins (727) 552-1373, St. Petersburg Area Director, B&GC.

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Church News



Breakthrough Christian Center

There will be a special "Jubilee Service" on Friday at 7:30pm with Pastor Glenn ministering.

Pastor Glenn and the Breakthrough family invites you to join us in Sunday morning's "Power Breakthrough Service" at 11am. Be back Sunday night at 7:30pm for a Miracle/Healing Service with Pastor Glenn ministering. Through his ministry many sicknesses and diseases have been healed such as: cancer, AIDS, TMJ (a form of lock-jaw), legs that are shorter than the other, scoliosis, etc. If you

know someone who is sick, get them to the service.

The 3rd Sunday night (Feb. 18th) at 7:30pm, Pastor Glenn will be praying for all of the youth. If you can't get them to the service, fax or email their names or bring their pictures to the service.

Don't forget to check out our website: Breakthrough-cc.com.

See you at Breakthrough, 1940 49th Street South. Call us at (727) 321-4986 or fax us at (727) 321-3937. Come as you are - no dress code!!

All Nations Church Of God

Come One, Come All - A week of Praise in Revival.

Monday, February 12-Friday, February 17, 2001 at All Nations Church of God By Faith, located at 3000 4th Avenue South, Pastors James & Johnnie Williams.

Featuring: Guest Speaker, Evangelist Jackie Ward of Cocoa, FL.

Service time is 7:30pm. This is an open door service.

Sister Ethel Small & The Gospel Disciples presents a Gospel Night of Praise Extravaganza on Sunday, February 18, 2001. Programs begin at 7:30pm.

Featuring: Special Guest, Apostle J.L. Cash and Praise and others of the Tampa Bay Area.

The public is invited to help us praise the Lord in songs and music!!

NEW HOPE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

2120 - 19th Street South, St. Petersburg, FL 33712
(727) 896-5228

Sunday Services:
Church School 9am
Praise & Worship Services 10:30am
Tuesday Services:
Prayer Service 6:30pm
Bible Study 7pm

Join us as we lift up the name of Jesus

Mt. Zion Progressive Baptist Church

The 55+ and First Love Couple Ministries will have the Annual Sweetheart Banquet and Wedding Vow Renewal Ceremony, Saturday, February 10th. The exchange of vows will take place at Mt. Zion Progressive Missionary Baptist Church at 3pm. The Sweetheart Banquet will be held at The Orange Blossom Catering & Ballroom at 5pm. For more information and tickets, please call the church

office. Mt. Zion Progressive MBC offers Substance Abuse Freedom Education classes, each Monday night, 8pm for family members of drug or alcohol abusers. Thursday nights at 8pm, classes are for those who are struggling with addictions. All classes are held in the Genesis building. For more information contact A.J. Murphy, (727) 866-1297.

Monday Night at Mt. Zion

Greater St. Paul

All Missions Anniversary - You are invited to share with us at Greater St. Paul M. B. Church on February 18th, 2001 at 4pm, as we thank God for another year of His many blessings.

Come join us in this praise service, your presence will make our day even more special!!

Any questions, contact Sis. Annie Mae Raines, (727) 327-9410 or Church at (727) 327-7107.

Caribbean World Mission

Caribbean World Missions is calling on all pastors for their donations for the earthquake victims in India. Where it has been reported that thirteen thousand (13,000) confirmed dead and total toll could be much higher.

Donations are being sent to: C.W.M., P.O. Box 82456, Tampa, FL 33612.

Please call (813) 935-9455 for more information.

is open enrollment for Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Band, Drill Team and Youth Choir. If you have children that are interested, please call the church for more information. Boy Scout meetings are each Monday night at 6:30pm, ages 11-up or grade 6-up.

Before and After Care applications are now available for those interested in this program designed for elementary

school children, ages 5-13. For rates and info, call Jannett Smith, Monday-Friday, and 9am-5pm, (727) 894-4311 x 301 or Liz Kennedy x 402.

Need a ride to church? The church van will be happy to give you a lift. Pickups are on Sunday and/or Wednesday. Please try to notify us one day in advance. Contact Deacon William Harris or Deacon Harvey Tookes, (727) 894-4311 x 801.

New Hope Baptist Church

Dr. Alvin Moore and the New Hope Family invites you to worship with us on Sunday beginning with Church School at 9am, followed by Worship & Praise Service at 10:30am. Dr. Moore will deliver the message.

At 4pm, the Senior Ushers Ministry invites you to attend their Annual Pew Rally & Anniversary. We have as our guests the Rev. Roosevelt Hardy and the congregation of Bethel A.M.E. Church.

For your convenience, the

following is a list of a few of our upcoming events:

Feb. 11th: Free Screening (sponsored by the Health Department) Immediately following morning worship.

Feb. 12th: Worship at First Baptist Institutional Church, 7pm.

Feb. 17th: Pastor's Anniversary Banquet - 6:30pm, Orange Blossom Catering, 220 4th Street North.

Feb. 24th: Black History Program - 5pm, Fellowship Hall.

Friendship Missionary Baptist

Pastor John A. Evans, Sr., and the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church Family extend to you a cordial invitation to worship with us on Sunday, February 11th and to all church related events and activities during the week.

Beginning at 8am, the Deacons Ministry will lead in Devotion Prayer/Praise Services.

The Male Chorus will render songs of praise, the No. 2 Ushers will greet you and Pastor Evans will preach the divine Word of God.

Church School is held at 9:30am, opening with the Superintendent in charge. At 10:45am, a second service is held opening with the Minister of Music, Brother John Frazier and Praise Team.

This afternoon, Sunday at 5pm, Deacon/Deaconess Candidate training will continue, culminating at the end of eight weeks.

This Tuesday, February 13th time 7pm, the Friendship Church Family will worship

with First Baptist Institutional Church, all members are expected to be in attendance.

Why we need to forgive: "And be ye kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." Genesis 50:32

Weekly Schedule:
Thursday, February 15th, 7-8:45pm, Prayer/Praise Service and Bible Study. We continue to study the Parables of Jesus: Works and Wages. Come out and be blessed, as we learn to be doers and not just hearers of His great word. Also 7:45pm, Youth Enrichment Hour.

Saturday, February 17th at 2pm, 55+ Ministry Meeting.

Saturday, February 17th at 6pm, Marriage Ministry Banquet.

Wednesday, February 21st, 12 noon, Noonday Bible Study, also each Wednesday from 12 noon - 2pm, Bread of Life Ministry serving lunch to all needy in the community.

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Dr. Alvin Moore, Pastor

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Rev. Harry Jones, Pastor

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Early Sunday Morning Service ... 8am
Sunday School ... 9:30am
Sunday Morning Worship ... 11am
Sunday Evening ... 7pm

Holy Communion ... Every 1st Sunday
Prayer Service ... Tuesday 7pm
Bible Study ... Tuesday 7:30pm
Evangelistic Service ... Friday 7:30pm

WELCOME! "Enter to worship; depart to serve"

First. Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church

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

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

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

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



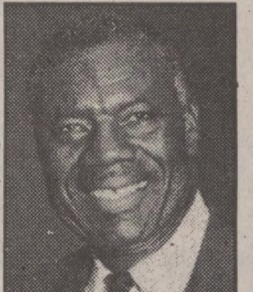
Pastor Tony B. Young, Sr.

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2830 - 22nd Avenue South • St. Petersburg, Florida 33712
(727) 327-8560

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

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Moore's Chapel A.M.E. Church

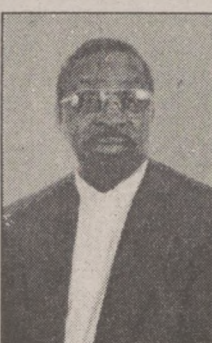
Rev. Marcus H. Burke, Jr. - Pastor
321-3545

3037 Fairfield Avenue St. Petersburg, FL
Early Morning Worship 8:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Emmanuel Christian Fellowship Inc.

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

Pastor: Elder. Franklin Evans
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:15 a.m.
Bible Study (Monday) 7:00 p.m.
Prayer & New Corners Class (Wednesday) 6:30 p.m.
Daily Prayer (M-F) 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
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Friendship Missionary Baptist

3300 - 31st Street South
St. Petersburg, FL 33712
(727) 906-8300

Pastor John A. Evans, Sr.

CHURCH SERVICES
Sundays 8 AM and 11 AM Worship
Sunday School 9:30 AM
Baptist Training Union 4:30 PM
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Pastor John A. Evans, Sr.

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SERVICE TIMES:
Sunday Morning: 10:30 am
Wednesday Night: Biblical Upkeep 8:00 pm
Apostle Kenneth Miller, Sr., Pastor



New Faith Free Methodist Church

2427 Irving Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL
Phone: 824-2814, Pastor • 323-1290, Church
THEME: Looking Upward, Searching Inward, Striving Onward
SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES

Sunday School 9:30 AM
Morning Worship 11:00 AM
Youth Bible Study Wed. 6:30 PM
Adult Bible Study & Prayer Service Wed. 7:00 PM



Rev. Curtiss L. Long, Pastor

Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

"We're Busy as Bees - But Sweet As Honey"

912 Third Avenue North
St. Petersburg, FL 33705
Phone: 727-822-2089

Church School 9:00 A.M.
New Member Class 9:00 A.M.
Morning Worship 10:30 A.M.
Prayer / Bible Study .. Tuesday 7:00 P.M.
Youth Bible Study .. Thursday 6:00 P.M.



Rev. Roosevelt Hardy, Pastor

Macedonia Freewill Baptist Church

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

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

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



Rev. John Copeland, Pastor

New Philadelphia Community Church

The Reverend Don A. Gaskin, Pastor

2335 - 22nd Avenue South
P.O. Box 15935 • St. Petersburg, FL 33733
Wisdom School 9:50 AM • Morning Worship 10:30 AM
Bible Study Fellowship 6:30 PM (Wed.)

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Church News



10th Street Church Of God

The Women of the Church of God (WCG) will sponsor a tea on Sunday, February 25, 2001 from 4-7pm at the 10th Street Church of God, 207 10th Street North, St. Petersburg. The theme "From Whence We Come-Women Past & Present" will profile the voices, dreams and hopes of several notable Black Women who will tell about how they got over and what we must do in order to overcome.

Throughout this month the pastoral theme will be centered around African American issues. The congregation will also participate in a living history as youth and adults portray various individuals who speak about the past and pre-

sent accomplishments of Black people.

Upcoming Activities:
Sweetheart Dinner, 2/10-6:30pm.
Black History Breakfast, 2/11-8:30am.
Universoul Circus Friday, 2/16
Black Heritage Festival, 2/24
Taste/Go, 2/25
WCG Tea, 2/25-4-7pm.
Weekly Activities: Monday Prayer Service, 7-8pm. Wednesday Bible Study, 7:15-8:15pm, Sunday School, 9:30-10:30am, Sunday Worship, 11am.

Minister Ronald Bell, Pastor.

Emmanuel Christian Fellowship Church

"And behold a woman in the city, which was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at meat in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster box of ointment." St. Luke 7:37

Pastor Evans, preached to the Glory of God most high. We praised the Lord to the Glory of God. The choir sang praises unto a Holy God, as they dedicated amazing grace to their sick members. The Angelic Host joined in the singing of praises to a Holy God.

The second Sunday is always youth day at Em-

manuel. The Youth Pastor Elder Lawrence Range will bring forth the Word of God. You are invited to join in the worship service with us. We thank God for our visitor, and we are thanking Him in advance for the ones that He will send. We thank God for the Sunday School.

You are always welcome to worship at Emmanuel, where Jesus is Lord of all.

Our prayers are with the sick, and shut-ins, also the lost. We are praying that the Lord will add to the church daily as

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Earth Mission's 10th Annual Pastor And Church Anniversary Celebration

Over twenty years ago the Lord gave Rev. Constance D. Samuels a vision to start a Mission, which would assist youth of this city to have extra curriculum activity and create jobs for persons in this community. That vision has now become a reality and that is Earth Mission, Inc. A part of that same vision also brought about a Church in 1991; from her home that is now Earth Mission Temple of Deliverance. Earth Mission Temple is presenting a celebration of thanks giving to God and to Rev. Samuels for the progress of the Ministries. Our Theme is: "What the Pastor and Church owe to each other". We want to invite the entire community out to celebrate with us during our time of gratitude.

The services will kick off with a prayer breakfast on: Saturday, February 10, 2001 featuring Council Member Rene' Flowers as our guest speaker. This will be held at the Howard Johnson Hotel, 4601 34th Street South, 8:30am. Entertainment will include: Earth Mission, Inc. Youth Cultural Arts Dancers and Min. Isaac Ruffin and a Community Praise Team.

Followed with services on Sunday evening, February 11, 2001, 4pm at All Nations



Rene Flowers

C.O.G. Pastor Johnnie Lee Williams will bring the message. This will be held at: All Nations C.O.G., 3000 4th Avenue South. All Nations and Faith Interdenominational C.O.G.I.C., Elder Franklin Bennett will be in charge of the service.

On February 12, 2001, 7pm, at Earth Mission Temple of Deliverance, 2611 5th Avenue South the celebration will continue. Mt. Olive A.M.E. Church featuring Pastor Rollie Allen as speaker of the evening in collaboration with Mt. Pleasant A.M.E. Pastor Bessie Moorehead will be



Rev. Constance Samuels

in charge of the services. On February 14, 2001, 7pm at: Earth Mission Temple of Deliverance 2611 5th Avenue South, we will move forward with New Faith Methodist Church, Pastor Curtis Long and his congregation will be in charge of the services.

On February 16, 2001, 7pm at: Earth Mission Temple of Deliverance 2611 5th Avenue South, will close it's nightly services with Mt. Pilgrim M.B. Church, Pastor Johnson, a new pastor in our St. Petersburg Community will bring the message. This

service will be done in collaboration with Travelers Rest M.B. Church, Pastor Don Brown and their congregation.

This Celebration will close on February 18, 2001, 4pm at: Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church, 919 20th Street South, Pastor Clarence Williams and his congregation will be in charge of service. We pray that you will come and share with us in this great recognition to God and Rev. Constance D. Samuels for having courage to follow a vision. Remember a people without a vision will parish. Please come and share with Rev. Samuels, one who has given her life to the St. Petersburg Community.

New Philadelphia

New Philadelphia continues its emphasis on Black History by sharing information on "Blacks in Biblical History." Dress for worship on Sunday is "warm-up" suit or other casual wear. Wisdom School commences at 9:50 and worship at 11am.

"Lord of Sabaoth" is continuing focus of sermon proclamation. Pastor will deliver the second message in a sermon series on "Divine Election." Members are urged to bring Bibles. The New Testament books of St. Matthew, Romans, and James, will serve as scripture references. Members are asked to be prompt for mid-morning worship services.

Mid-week Bible session will conclude its study on prayer and begin to concentrate on "fasting". This Bible Study series is about cultivating inward spiritual disciplines. Thus far, meditation and prayer have been studied. The inner disciplines of fasting and study will be concentrated upon. These sessions are held every Wednesday following Ordination Class.

The basic tenets of Justification and Sanctification as set forth in Romans by Paul, is focus of Ordination Class. The concluding study on the "Pre-eminence of Christ" will be held at next class session. Class members are requested to be on time.

PRAYER HELPS!!!

WINGS OF FAITH CHRISTIAN CENTER

309 - 15th Avenue North
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Bishop Ronald Moten, Pastor
Alfreda Moten, Co-Pastor



Bishop Ronald Moten and the Wings of Faith Church Family would like to extend to you a personal invitation to worship with us during our scheduled times:

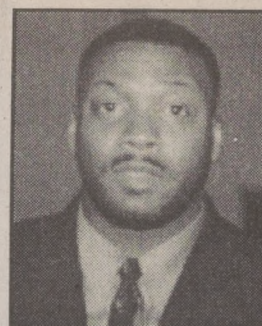
Sunday School	9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship & Children's Church	10:45 A.M.
Prayer/Fasting	Tuesday
Intercessory Prayer & Bible Class	Wednesday, 7:30 P.M.

Bethel Metropolitan Baptist Church

3455 - 26th Avenue South • St. Petersburg, FL 33711
(727) 327-0554

"Church of The Open Door"

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Wed. NBC/AWANA/Bible Study/
Praise & Prayer 7:00 p.m.
Thurs. Midday Bible Study
12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.
Sat. Noon Day Prayer Hour
12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.



Rev. Joaquin Marvin

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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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ELIM Seventh-Day Adventist Church

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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

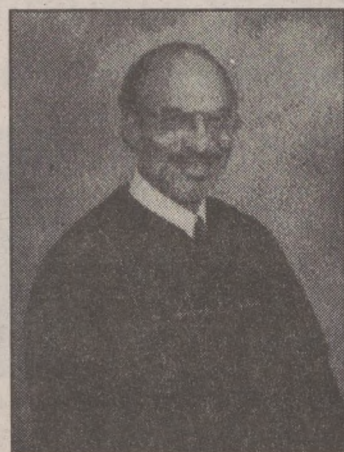
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TRAVELERS REST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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

Rev. Donald F. Browne



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

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
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Morning Worship . . . 7:45 a.m.
Sunday School . . . 9:15 a.m.
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Baptist Training Union . . . 5:00 p.m.
Mid-Week Worship . . . Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
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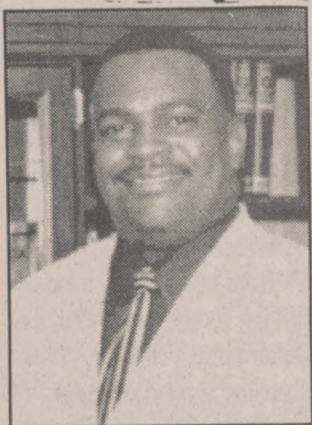


Rev. Earnest Jones, Pastor

Church News

Galilee Missionary Baptist's 61st Anniversary

Galilee Missionary Baptist Church will celebrate its 61st Anniversary and the pastor's 21st beginning February 11th. The kick-off service begins on Sunday, February 11th at 5pm with the Reverend Sylvester Robinson and the New First Union Missionary Baptist Church of Tampa. A much sought after evangelist, Reverend Robinson preached his first public sermon in March 1981. He was ordained by his father, the late Reverend Roosevelt Robinson July 1986. He has pastored churches in both Mims and Titusville, FL. Rev-



Rev. Sylvester Robinson
erend Robinson is the newly elected Dean for the Congress of Christian Workers of Union Foreign Missionary Baptist Association. Other anniver-

sary services are scheduled as follows:

Wednesday-Feb. 14th at 7:30pm. New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church, Reverend Morgie Ford, Pastor.

Thursday-Feb. 15th at 7:30pm, Bethel Community Baptist Church, Reverend Manuel Sykes, Pastor.

Friday-Feb. 16th at 7:30pm, St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church, Reverend Brian Brown, Pastor.

Sunday-Feb. 18th at 3:30pm, Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Reverend Joseph Gordon, Pastor.

Pleasant Grove

Pastor Joseph Gordon and the Pleasant Grove Church family invite you to worship with them on Sunday, February 11th. Choir No. two will render song service and Usher Board No. two will serve in the 7am early morning worship. Sunday school begins at 9:30am with Superintendent Deacon Philip Carter presiding. Mid-morning worship begins at 10:50am. Choir No. two and the Angelic Choir will render song service and Usher Board No. two will serve.

Also, from 4-6pm, Choir No. one will sponsor our Annual Valentine's Tea. Featured will be the McCabe United Methodist Church Choir, the Family Spiritual Singers and other participants. Please come out and enjoy an evening of love and praise. Deacon Nathaniel Newkirk, president.

We will also worship in the Ordination Service at the Mt. Zion Christian Church at 6pm of which Rev. Ralph Evans is

pastor. Pastor Gordon is requesting Choir and Usher Board No. two to serve in this service.

Please see Church Ad for all other special services. The Hospitality Guild invites you to our annual installation of officers and new member reception on Sunday, February 25th. Sister Mary Green, president.

Coming Events: Pastor and Church Banquet, March 9th and worship services begins March 11-16 and 18th. Sister Midge Blair, chairperson; Sister Lillie Morris and Brother Haron Sherrod, Co-chairpersons.

Pleasant Grove tours the Hawaiian Island July 29-August 4, 2001. Please contact Sister Kay Curry at 864-2937 after 7pm for details. Installments are still being accepted.

Thought for the week: "If anyone desires to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." Luke 9:23.

Bethel A.M.E. Church

Welcome to Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, where we are "Busy as Bees-But Sweet as Honey". Pastor Hardy and the members of Bethel wish to thank the Pastor and members of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, Queen Street Church of God in Christ, Mt. Zion Progressive, St. Mark A.M.E. and Bethel Community for sharing in a very spirit filled revival. We give Praise to God for this worship experience.

Join us this Sunday as we observe Founder's Day. A.M.E. churches throughout the world will observe Founder's Day. The A.M.E. Church was started in 1787 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, by a group of disinherited Americans whose forefathers came from Africa. The leader of the group was a 27-year-old "African", Richard Allen. At that time the word African was

used to designate those persons whom we now call African Americans.

The movement to organize a church separated from the white people's church was started in response to the Africans need for the opportunities for self-expression and fuller involvement in the service of the worship of God, and in society as a whole. It was the answer to a cry for social recognition as human beings, and the means through which a group of people started on a program which gave them a growing sense of dignity and self-respect. The Africans who started the A.M.E. Church were very poor and most of them could not read or write. Yet under the leadership of Richard Allen, they managed to buy an old blacksmith shop, and to move it to a lot at the corner of Sixth and Lombard Streets in

Philadelphia, where they organized Bethel A.M.E. Church (also known as Mother Bethel) which stands today as one of the historic shrines of Philadelphia.

Today, the A.M.E. has 20 active Bishops and more than a million members scattered throughout the 50 states in the U.S.A., the Dominion of Canada, South America, West Africa, South Africa, Bahamas and West Indies.

The Male Choir will render the music for the day. Pastor Hardy and the members of Bethel will worship with New Hope Missionary Baptist at 4pm in celebration of their ushers program.

Weekly Calendar:
Monday-Boy Scouts, 6:30pm.
Tuesday-Bible Study, 7pm.
Wednesday Noonday
Please see pg. 17

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 11am.

Sabbath, February 2, Pastor spoke on the danger of lust. The text used during the sermon was taken from Galatians 5:17-23.

This Quarter's Sabbath School lesson is "Great prayers and pray-ers of the Bible". This week's Sabbath School lesson is entitled "A Prayer for God's Dwelling: Solomon". The memory text is "If my people, which are called by my name shall humble themselves, and pray, and

seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" 2 Chronicles 7:14 NRSV. Come join our church at study starting at 9am.

During our worship service, you will be blessed with special music, blessed through prayer, and most of all blessed from the Word of God. Our church is located at 801 6th Avenue 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 (4:30pm). This week's program will feature a presenta-

tion regarding our Church Manual. The youth programs are designed for the young and young at heart. Please come support the youth of our Church.

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:
April 4-8: United Youth Congress, Indianapolis, IN.

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Rev. J. B. Keel, Pastor

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11:00 AM .. Worship
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Ladies Bible Class Monday 7:00 p.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Monday Evening Bible Class 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Bible Class 7:00 p.m.

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Pastor Keturah D. Pittman

Saint Mark

African Methodist Episcopal Church

- Sunday- Church School, 9:45am
- Sunday- Worship Service, 11:00am
- Tuesday- Operation "BIG EAR", 6:00pm- 7:00pm
- Wednesday- Prayer Meeting & Bible Study, 7:00pm- Until 6:30pm- 7:30pm
- Thursday- Tutoring for K thru 5th, 6:30pm- 7:30pm
- Friday- Great Book Review for Youth, 7:00pm
- Saturday- Young Men's Bible Study, "Teen Word" 9:00am- 10:00am

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Weds-Family Worship 7:00pm
Sunday School 10:00am
Sunday Morning Worship 11:15am
Sunday Evening Worship 7:00pm

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Church Service 6:30 p.m. Sunday
Night Services 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday Services 7:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
Bible Band, Thursday 7:30 p.m.



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

Prayer Meeting

Thursday 7 p.m.



Rev. Brian K. Brown

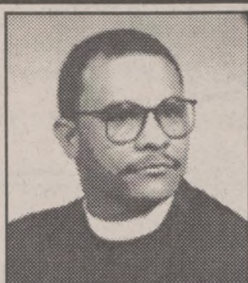
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Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church

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Rev. William W. Johnson, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
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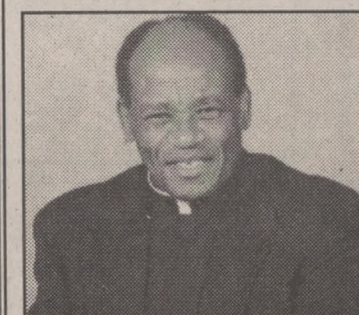
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Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.

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5:00 PM FELLOWSHIP & DINNER TUESDAY
7:00 PM BIBLE STUDY TUESDAY
6:00 PM PRAYER SERVICES TUESDAY
7:30 PM MASS CHOIR REHEARSAL THURSDAY

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Rev. Alvin Moore, Pastor

— More Church News —

Moore's Chapel

"The Church Where Everybody is Somebody"

Moore's Chapel's 2nd Quarterly was held Tuesday evening with presiding, Elder Jerome L. Denmark in charge. The quarter was a success both spiritually and financially.

Rev. Marcus Burke, and Moore's Chapels church family welcome you to their services this 2nd Sunday in February the 11th, both 8am and 11am. Rev. Burke will preach during both services. Music will be provided by the Mass Choir, directed and accompanied by Minister of Music Michael Melvin, with Carlos Farley, on the drums. The Stewardess Board and the Usher Board will serve. For transportation to church please contact the Transportation Ministry, Willie F. Bryant, 894-6067, Anthony Macon, 328-0022, Robert Golden, 867-0156 and Mose Bell, 867-0601.

Church school will begin at 9:30am with Superintendent Mose Bell, in charge assisted by Assistant Superintendents Anthony Macon, and Rev. Whitson. All officers and members of the church should be present. Parents are encour-

aged to have their children present and on time. For transportation please contact the Transportation Ministry.

Moore's Chapels Church Anniversary will be held the 4th Sunday in February. All members are asked to purchase and solicit ads for the souvenir program. Please contact any church member for ads. All ads are due no later than February 11th.

Services, Rehearsals, Meetings:

Noonday prayer service, Wednesday 12 noon.

Prayer service/Bible study Wednesday 7pm.

Youth choir (ages 5-12) rehearsal, Tuesday 5:30pm.

Lay Organization Meeting, Monday after the 3rd Sunday.

Mass choir rehearsal-Tuesday and Thursday before the 1st and 2nd Sunday, 7pm.

Male chorus rehearsal, Thursday before the 3rd and 4th Sundays.

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

Y.P.D. Meeting 3rd Sunday, 4pm.

Women Growth Meeting, 2nd Saturday, 11am.

Travelers Rest M.P.

For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king; He will save us. (Isaiah 33:22)

Pastor Browne and members of Travelers' Rest cordially welcomes all visitors on Sunday, February 11, 2001. Sunday School begins at 9:30am. Students that were promoted will report to their new classes. Morning worship service begins at 11am. Devotion will be led by the Deacon and Deaconess Ministries.

Pastor Browne will preach the morning sermon, Usher Board #2 will serve and the Mass Choir will sing. The Men's Ministry will continue to serve as "greeters".

Church members are reminded of a special meeting with the representative from INJOY on Thursday, February 8 at 7pm. Come and be enlightened.

In the fulfillment of the Great Commission, the First annual Evangelistic Workshop will begin on Friday, February 9, 7-9pm and Saturday, February 10, 10am-1pm. Our workshop leader will be the Rev. Richard Davis and staff from the New Covenant Baptist Church, Orlando, FL. The entire community is invited to attend.

Weekly Activities:

Thursday, Feb. 8: Mid-Day Bible Study, 11am. Indepth study of God's Scripture and fellowship, 7pm, INJOY Representative.

Friday, Feb. 9: Evangelism Workshop.

Saturday, Feb. 10: Evangelism Workshop.

Monday, Feb. 12: District #2 and #5 meeting at 7pm.

Tuesday, Feb. 13: Trustee Ministry, 7pm.

Wednesday, Feb. 14: Prayer and Praise led by Districts #4, 7pm, Bible Study, 7:30pm, Pastor Browne.

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

Forget not the Lord and His many blessings!

Emmanuel

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He sees fit.

The youth of Emmanuel will go on their first missionary journey for the new year. Each child is asked to please be ready for the bus pick-up at 9am. Our prayers are with them as they do work for the Lord.

Bible Study-Monday at 7pm.

Prayer-Tuesday & Thursday at 11am.

Prayer-Wednesday at 6:30 pm.

Evangelistic Service Friday at 7:30pm.

Prayer on Saturday at 6am.

Please feel free to join in with us at any/all of these services.

Bethel

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Bible/Study, Male Choir Practice 7pm.

Thursday-Youth Church, 6pm.

The Ann Heath Missionary Society Unit Tea will be held on Sunday following the morning service. The theme is "Love is Not Love Until You Give It".

The St. Petersburg District

will be February 14-16 at Mt. Zion A.M.E., Rev. Clarence Williams, Host Pastor. The St. Petersburg District is under the leadership of Presiding Elder J. L. Denmark.

Tune your radio to WTMP-1150 AM each Sunday at 10:40am for the Radio Outreach Service of Bethel A.M.E.

FL Schools And Cultural Institutions Encouraged To Apply For Federal Humanities Grants

ST. PETERSBURG—The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), on Feb. 9 and 10 in St. Petersburg, will hold two workshops presenting both longstanding and new funding opportunities for Florida schools and nonprofit cultural institutions. The new grant programs are part of Extending the Reach, a special NEH initiative to strengthen the humanities in institutions and areas of the country that have not participated as fully as others in NEH programs.

Both workshops will be held at the University of South Florida - St. Petersburg, 140

Seventh Avenue South, in Davis Hall, Room 130.

Workshop 1: NEH grants for museums, libraries, archives, historical organizations, media producers, and historically black, Hispanic-serving and tribal colleges and universities.

—Consultation Grants (up

to \$10,000)

—Preservation Assistance

Grants (up to \$5,000)

—Extending the Reach Faculty Research Awards (up to \$24,000)

—Extending the Reach Institutional Awards (up to \$25,000)

Friday, February 9, 2001:

9:30am-12:30pm (presentations by NEH program officers)

1:30pm-5:30pm (individual consultations)

Workshop 2: NEH grants for teachers and administrators at middle and high schools.

—Humanities Scholar in Residence Grants (\$10,000)

Saturday, February 10, 2001:

10am-11am (presentations by NEH program officers)

11am-2pm (individual consultations).

Information and registration:

Anne Lopez-Buitrago, (202) 606-8575, or Mary Ramsey, (202) 606-8285.

Travelers' Rest Missionary Baptist Church Presents

First Annual Evangelistic Workshop

2183 22nd Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33712

Friday, February 9th, 7 - 9 PM

&

Saturday, February 10th, 10 AM - 1:00 PM

Facilitator for the Workshop

Rev. Richard Davis & Staff

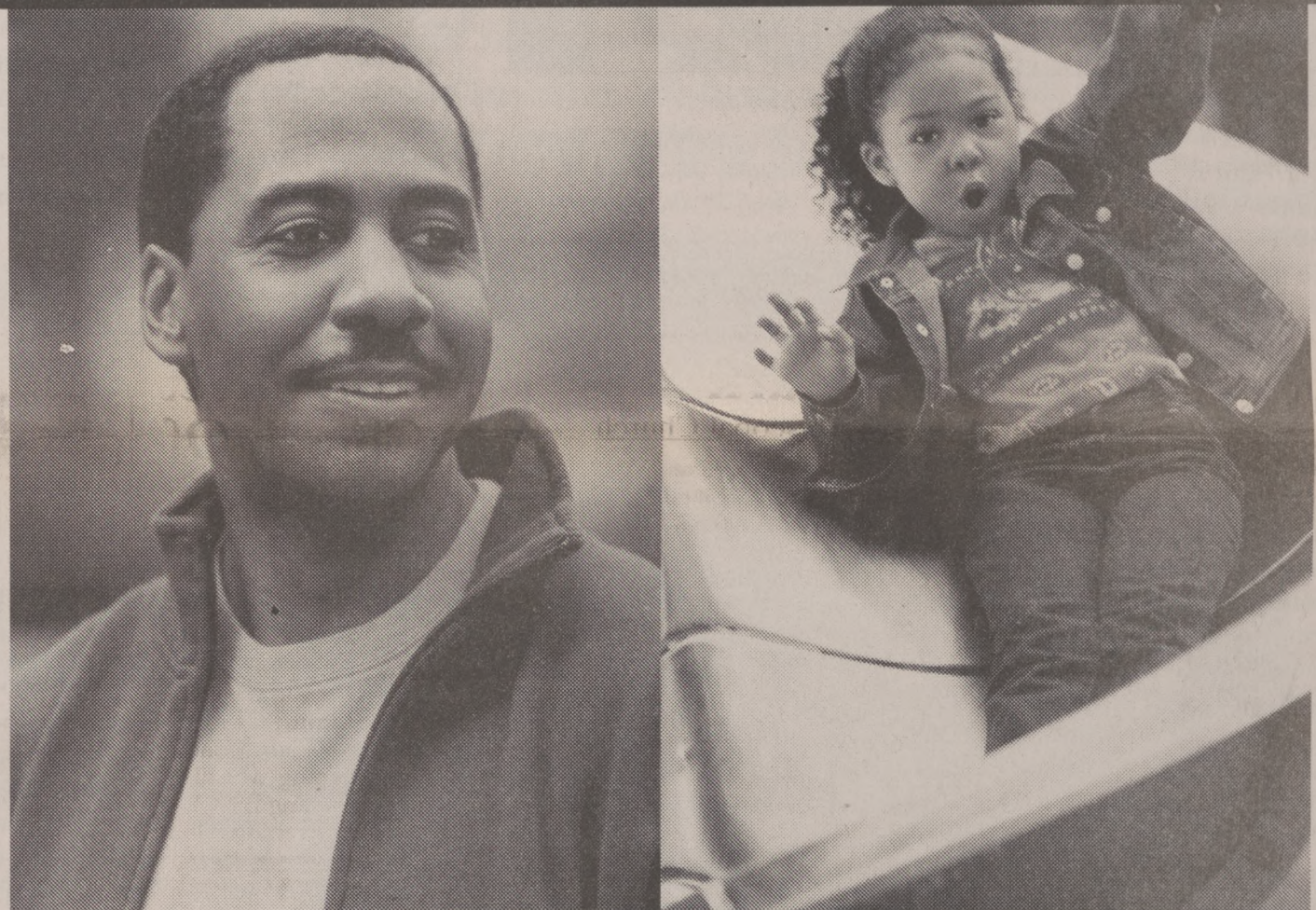
New Covenant Baptist Church of Orlando, FL

The Bible commissions us to:

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Matthew 28:19,20

And so it is with this mandate that we come together to learn the mechanics of how to evangelize on an individual basis so that we may be effective in carrying out the Lord's commission.

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Morehouse College Glee Club To Hold A Concert



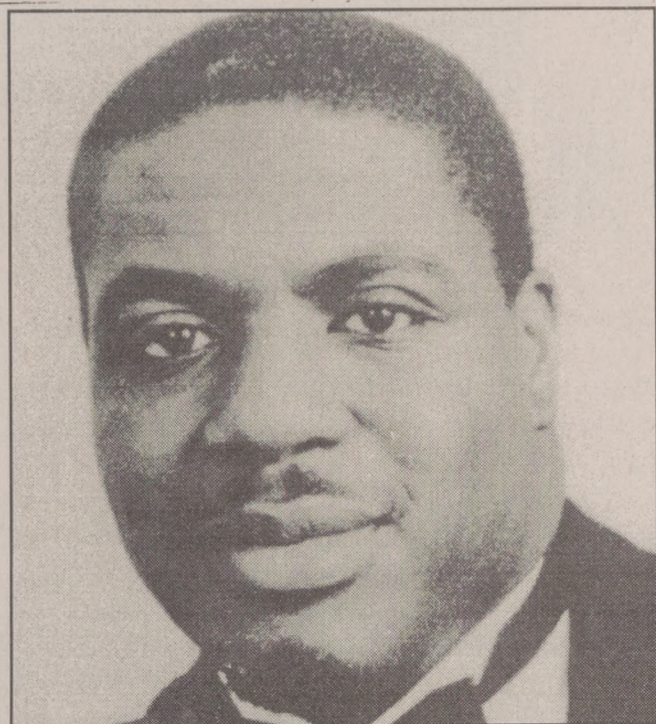
L-R: William Trice, Roscoe Boyd II, Edwin Rush and Garrett Edwards

TAMPA — On February 23, 2001, The Morehouse College Glee Club will hold a concert at Blake High School, located at 1701 North Boulevard, Tampa, FL, at 7pm.

History of the Morehouse College Glee Club: The Morehouse College Glee Club embraces an eighty-nine year tradition of musical excellence and achievement. We have continued this tradition through the dedication and commitment of our members and the leadership that our directors have provided throughout the years. It is tradition that has given us a vast history of attainment and shall provide us with a secure future of even greater accomplishments. It is the mission of the Morehouse College Glee Club to surpass our greatest achievements and never look back on them with complacent satisfaction.

The origins of the Morehouse College Glee Club predate its official founding date in 1911. Morehouse College, which was then Atlanta Baptist College, had a music professor named Georgia Staff. She served the college from 1903-1905 and again from 1908-1911. In Miss Staff's absence, Miss Lucy Z. Reynolds served for two years and Miss Grace Walesman served for one year. Miss Staff directed the choral ensemble, which consisted of ten to twelve students, and the orchestra that consisted of five to six students. Edmund Jenkins, a brilliant music student, also led both groups.

Kemper Harrel assumed directorship of these two groups, officially founding the Glee Club, when he joined the College's music faculty in the fall of 1911. Mr. Harrel originally planned to stay at Morehouse College (then Atlanta Baptist College) for one year, but ended up serving the College as director of the Morehouse College Glee Club and



Dr. David Morrow

Chairman of the Music Department for 42 years. He retired in 1953 and was responsible for initiating the Glee Club's strong tradition of excellence and passing it on to its members.

Wendell Phillips Whalum, Sr., took the helm as the Glee Club's second director upon the retirement of Kemper Harrel. Dr. Whalum was a prized student of Kemper Harrel and had served as student director during his tenure in the Glee Club.

Under the direction of Dr. Whalum, the Glee Club has performed for the funeral services of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and for the Second International Choral Festival at the Lincoln Center in New York. In 1972, the Glee Club toured five African countries. The Glee Club sang for the inauguration of President Jimmy Carter in 1977 and in the East Room of the White House with Coretta Scott King in 1978. In the spring of 1987, the Glee Club recorded "I'm Building Me A Home" arranged by former Glee Club member Uzee Brown Jr., (class of 1972) for the soundtrack of Spike Lee's "School Daze."

In the Fall Semester of

1987, David Edward Morrow assumed directorship of the Glee Club. Dr. Morrow was a prized student of "Doc", as "Doc" was of Kemper Harrel. He was also a scholar at Morehouse College graduating in 1980 as Valedictorian.

The Glee Club continues its busy performance schedule under Dr. Morrow. They participated in the opening and closing ceremonies of the Centennial Olympic Games in the summer of 1996 with Stevie Wonder, Gloria Estefan, and Trisha Yearwood. In the same summer, the Glee Club toured cities along the Volga River in Russia. Also, in the summer of 1998, the Glee Club toured Poland at the invitation of opera performer Maria Folton in celebration of her 50 years as a performer.

The Glee Club's History is to be treasured by past and present accomplishments, but we cannot afford to be complacent with our tradition of excellence. Our history inspires us to reach higher heights as our tradition of excellence continues.

For further information concerning the concert, please call Barbara Bethel at (813) 272-4425.

Secrets Of The Pharaohs

TAMPA — For nearly 3,000 years, ancient Egypt was the greatest civilization on Earth with many mysteries. In the last few years, it has become possible to decipher a vast source of information from the Egyptian dead. Thanks to new scientific techniques, Egyptian mummies have begun revealing secrets of their lost world. *Secrets of the Pharaohs*, airing on WEDU Tuesdays, Feb. 13, 20 & 27 at 8pm, brings these revelations to viewers. Liev Schreiber narrates the programs.

•"Tut's Family Curse" (2/13) When Howard Carter found the tomb of the boy king Tutankhamun in 1922, he also found the remains of two fetuses buried in the pharaoh's tomb. Who were they? In a bid to answer those questions and draw up a complete dynastic family tree, two American scientists have been allowed to take DNA samples, for the first time, from the royal mummies and from the fetuses.

•"Lost City of the Pyra-

mids" (2/20) Over the last few years, archaeologists and scientists have begun to provide answers to one of the oldest questions in Egyptology: who built the pyramids? Excavating in the shadow of the pyramids, archaeologists have now made some extraordinary finds - a new understanding not only of how the pyramids were built, but why.

•"Unwrapping the Mummy" (2/27) The final episode follows scientists as they undertake a detailed examination of the mummified remains of Asru, a noblewoman and chattriss who lived in ancient Luxor. Like a rediscovered time capsule, Asru's body reveals hidden insights about an ancient Egyptian way of life that included disease, drugs, sex and the power of the mysterious blue lotus.

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PCUL To Host The 9th Annual Black History Month Essay Contest

ST. PETERSBURG — The Pinellas County Urban Leagues Black-on-Black Crime Prevention Program is sponsoring an essay contest, we are soliciting your support. This contest will be held in conjunction with Black History Month, February 2001.

The contest began December 14, 2000 and ends on February 19, 2001. The contest is open to students attending public or private schools in Pinellas County.

Contest entries will be

divided into the following divisions: elementary, middle, and high school. The themes are "What will it take to elect an African American as President of the United States". Or "What is the value of School integration". The first place winners in each division will have the opportunity to read their essay at the awards ceremony, which is held at the St. Petersburg Times Auditorium, 490 1st Avenue South, St. Petersburg, from 1pm to 2:30pm, February 24, 2001.

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ST. PETERSBURG — The nationally recognized business training program, FastTrac, is now available in St. Petersburg. This program is for aspiring entrepreneurs as well as existing entrepreneurs. Class will be held at 6pm, Tuesday, February 13th at Mt. Zion Human Services, 945 20th Street South, in St. Petersburg. Seating is limited, so call today for information and to receive an application, 530-0074.

Interactive sessions, taught by certified instructors, help participants develop a better understanding of the business planning process and analyze strengths and weaknesses of their business concept. Other topics to be covered include how to write a business plan, identifying and responding to competition, marketing, customer relations, financing your business, and legal aspects of running a business.

FastTrac graduates claim the business training program

has made a difference in the way they view and work their businesses. Gary Falls, president of City Theatrical, Inc., a manufacturer of theatrical lighting in New York, thinks spending time on planning is one of the last things a small business does.

"This course has helped my business to grow and helped me to become a more skillful and effective manufacturer," he said.

FastTrac is sponsored by the St. Petersburg Employment and Economic Development Corporation (SEEDCO) and Ambassador Business Solutions. Funding is from an Inner City Redevelopment Grant from the State of Florida's Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development. SEEDCO's grant application was supported by the City of St. Petersburg along with a commitment from the city to provide assistance wherever possible.

February Is Spay/Neuter Month

LARGO — Throughout the month of February, the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) of Pinellas County is offering free spay/neuter surgeries to the pets of people with limited income. The shelter, well known as the largest pet adoption facility in the area, plans to provide as many as 500 surgeries at no cost.

Applicants must qualify for the SPCA's Friends of Family Pets Program which provides services to low income households. Pet owners on a limited income should call the SPCA at (727) 586-3591 to determine eligibility.

Apply at one of three locations: Monday-Friday 9am-5pm at the SPCA, 9099 130th Avenue North, Largo; or Friday 9am-5pm at the St. Pete Free Clinic at 863 3rd Avenue North and Saturday 9am-Noon at the St. Pete Free Clinic at 2335 22nd Avenue South.

Since the start of national Spay Day in 1995, almost a half million animals have been spayed in America. Yet, companion animal overpopulation continues to be a serious problem. Every year between 8 and 12 million animals are euthanized each year because there are simply not enough homes for them. Spaying and neuter-

ing is the humane alternative. This will end unwanted births, reduce the needless suffering that homeless animals endure and save taxpayers money.

The SPCA of Pinellas County has been providing services for homeless and abused pets for 60 years. The non-profit organization is funded almost entirely through individual contributions and bequests and does not receive any State or Federal tax dollars.

For Spay/Neuter Information, call (727) 586-3591. Or visit our website: www.spcapinellas.org.

Friday Swing Dance Event

GULFPORT, FL — On February 9th - Heart & Sole Swing (Valentine's Dance) bring a date (heart) or go solo (sole) to the Friday Pre-Valentine Swing Dance. Not familiar with East Coast Swing? Take a lesson at 8pm, then dance with DJ Jumpin' James from 9pm to 12:30am. Cash

Bar, Door Prizes, Great Fun. There will be a Wednesday Dance, as usual on Wednesday, February 14th. 8pm-Beginning East Coast Swing Lesson w/Right Step Studio. 9pm-12:30am Swing Dance DJ Jumpin' James spins.

All ages admitted. Smoke free. Large dance floor, full service bar, free ample parking. Dance and listen to swing music from 1930's Big Band to Contemporary Neo-Swing. Always lots of fun! Directions - call the Gulfport Casino (727) 893-1070 or Page Strictly Swing (727) 896-4240.

Community Announcement

ST. PETERSBURG — USF "SAT" Program at Prayer Tower Church of God in Christ.

The University of South Florida will be having SAT classes for grades 10 through 12. Students who desire to enroll in the SAT course for 8 weeks are encouraged to con-

tact Dr. Alexis Zubrod, Coordinator for the Program at University of South Florida. All classes are free to the public.

Contact number and name for the classes is Dr. Alexis Zubrod, 553-3148. Leave a message if she is not in the office. Location of classes: Prayer Tower Church of God

in Christ, 1137 37th Street South, St. Petersburg, FL.

The next class will be Saturday, February 17, 2001 from 9:30am to 12:30pm. Feel free to contact Prayer Tower at 321-0670 for additional information or to enroll on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10:30am to 3:15pm.

Bob Marley: Rebel Music, An "American Masters" Special

TAMPA — Born Robert Nesta Marley in the impoverished countryside of Jamaica in 1945, Bob Marley grew up to become one of the most influential musicians of the second half of the 20th century. Initially using music as a way out of the ghetto, he became the voice of a country and an ambassador for peace and racial harmony throughout the world.

Bob Marley: Rebel Music, An "American Masters" Special, a 90-minute program airing on WEDU Wednesday, Feb. 14 at 9:30pm, profiles the music icon whose fame transcended his native Jamaica. Featuring interviews with Rita Marley, the late Peter Tosh, Bunny Wailer and others who knew the man behind the mis-

sion, *Bob Marley: Rebel Music* delivers a comprehensive look at his brief life. Stricken with skin cancer, Marley refused medical advice and treatment until it was too late; he died at 36.

Though a free spirit, Marley was also a product of his time and place. The Cold War, the social revolution of 1968, the conflicts in the Caribbean between left and right, America and Cuba, and the political upheavals in Africa all had an impact on Marley's musical development. They became essential ingredients of the lyrics that gave power to his music and brought him a worldwide following. Marley may not have invented reggae, but he became its foremost practitioner and emissary,

embodying its spirit and spreading its gospel to all corners of the globe.

With the exclusive cooperation of the Bob Marley Foundation, the program features extensive footage of Marley that has never before been seen on television: home movies shot in Jamaica and the United States, early studio performances, in-depth interviews and dynamic, newly discovered concert footage. At the same time, viewers see how those influences affected and enriched the wider musical world.

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

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MORENO VALLEY, CA — With over 30 games developed by Black authors for the Windows 98/NT platform, and links to other Black software sites on the net, BlackGames.Net is the largest Black game site in the world. Featured games at this site include bid whist, tonk, pitty

pat, spades, dominoes, hearts, mancala, backgammon, checkers, chess, mah jongg and many other favorites. The shareware (demo) version of most of these games can be

downloaded, tested and tried for free, or you can order the full (registered) version for a fee at our website: <http://www.blackgames.net/>.

Salute To Black History Month, Telescope Viewing, Planetarium Presentations

ST. PETERSBURG — The Science Center invites the public to enjoy free telescope viewing on Saturday, February 17th, from 6pm until 10pm.

Planetarium presentations will be offered at 6:30pm, 7:30pm and 8:30pm.

A reptile show will take place at 7pm and 8:30pm.

Laser shows will run at 6pm and 9:30pm.

At 7:30pm, a group from the St. Petersburg Little Theatre will present *A Tribute To Black History*, featuring African American Heritage presented in song, dance and

drama. FREE!

The "Carol Samuels Observatory", featuring a powerful Meade 16 inch telescope, will be open. This viewing is offered in cooperation with the St. Petersburg Astronomy Club. Club members

bring their telescopes to share with visitors and answer questions about astronomy.

The Science Center is located at 7701 22nd Avenue North in St. Petersburg. For more information call 384-0027.



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Museum Announces Martin Luther King, Jr., Exhibit

ST. PETERSBURG — The Florida International Museum will open a large photography exhibition by world renowned photographer, Benedict J. Fernandez, called *Countdown to Eternity Photographs of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.* on Thursday, Feb. 8, 2001 as a celebration of Black History Month.

This exhibition provides a rare and intimate view of Dr. King during proud, contemplative and triumphant moments as well as the tragedy and introspection of his death.

Countdown to Eternity will feature eighty-four 14"x17" black and white photographs that were originally funded by The Ford Foundation as both a tribute to Dr. King and as a remembrance of his deep commitment to Civil Rights, justice and economic opportunity for all Americans.

Countdown to Eternity has been exhibited at the Corcoran Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C. and Museum of Fine Arts, Houston along with various locations of the American Embassy abroad and the



Martin Luther King, Jr.

Museum der Stadt, Dortmund, Germany. Fernandez, who serves as chairman of the Photography Department of the New School and Parsons,

School of Design in New York, is perhaps best known as an exceptional educator with an uncanny ability for nurturing outstanding photographic

talent.

Fernandez' first photographs of student draft card burnings were published in January 1966. One appeared on the front cover of the *New York Times Magazine* and, before long, Fernandez became a stringer for the *Times*, received a Guggenheim award, won a National Endowment for the Arts grant, and published the book *In Opposition: Images of American Dissent in the Sixties*.

The exhibition will run through mid-June in the museum's photography gallery and joins two other concurrent exhibitions, *The Cuban Missile Crisis* and the museum's flagship *Kennedy Collection*.

Guests may purchase a *la carte* tickets for any single exhibition at the museum or combination of exhibits. Discounted day passes are available at all AAA offices to its members.

For more information about the museum, please call 1-800-777-9882 or visit its website at www.floridamuseum.org.

Marcus Garvey: Look For Me In The Whirlwind

TAMPA — In the early years of the 20th century, Marcus Garvey's bold idea galvanized the largest international movement of black people in history - but also struck terror in the hearts of many in the white community. The plan, like the man who conceived it, was radical, brazen and doomed to failure. *"Marcus Garvey: Look for Me in the Whirlwind"* airs on WEDU Monday, Feb. 12 at 9pm.

The 90-minute special, narrated by Carl Lumbly, examines the leader of a movement that would forever change the tenor of race relations in the United States. The film features powerful interviews with men and women whose parents joined the Garvey movement more than 80 years ago.

Garvey was born in 1887 in St. Ann's Bay, a small town on the northern coast of Jamaica. His father taught Marcus self-reliance; his mother taught him that he was destined for greatness. But perhaps his most important lessons would come from the book, "Booker T. Washington's Up from Slavery."

Determined to unify black

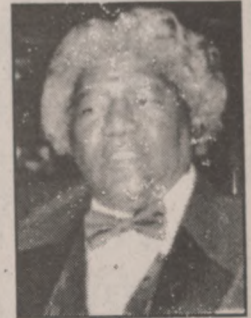
people around the world, Garvey, with the help of kindred spirit Amy Ashwood, launched the Universal Negro Improvement Association (UNIA) in 1914. "One God, One Aim, One Destiny," was its motto; fostering racial pride and empowerment through industrial training was its goal. While Garvey garnered a few supporters for his project, he also gained a healthy number of enemies, for he demanded unquestioned loyalty and arrogantly refused to accept advice from other people. These character flaws would dog him throughout his life and ultimately precipitate his downfall.

Unable to make the UNIA successful in Jamaica, Garvey sailed for New York City in 1916. He found work as a printer in Harlem and, despite a disastrous lecture debut, went on to become an inspiring orator. A yearlong, 38-state tour revealed to Garvey that many African Americans were living oppressed and impoverished lives. Unlike many civil rights leaders who wanted integration, Garvey believed in black self-reliance and nationalism.

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"Moneywise: How to profit from Stock Market Losses." Donald Saltz, Money's-Worth. 20 January 1975, page 6.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Today, 1-08-01, Ernestine Brabam, 9th thru 15th, Zanguesha Squire, Beatrice Lee, Patrice Wynn, Gladys Franklin, Michelle Fowler, Otis M. Vickson, Jon Fillyau, Carl J. Gregory, Gail Clark, and Hugo Dickens.

"T" was so nice receiving a long distance call from Patricia Williams of Lamott, PA., on Saturday morning. She says she and the boys, Billy and John are fine. She also said the boys are growing up so fast, and doing so well in school.

A wise and good man is composed and happy; a fool is always worried and full of distress. (Confucius)

UNTIL NEXT WEEK, JUMP TO IT!

6th Annual "A Taste Of Florida" High School Recipe Contest

NORTH MIAMI — Once again, Johnson & Wales University will challenge Florida's high school seniors to create an original* recipe to "A Taste of Florida" High School Recipe Contest to be held the weekend of March 30, 2001. All entries must be received no later than **4:30pm on Friday, February 16, 2001.**

Tuition scholarships toward Johnson & Wales University for up to \$12,000 will be awarded.

A Taste of Florida allows high school seniors to demonstrate their culinary talents, while they compete for scholarships and prizes. There are two categories seniors may enter, but participants may enter only one of the two — *Dinner for Four, or *Dessert. The recipes for the Dinner for Four category must include a fish indigenous to the state of Florida, a Florida fruit and/or vegetable, and a starch. The Dessert recipes must include a Florida citrus product.

A minimum of five and a maximum of 10 finalists will be selected in each category to cook-off at Johnson & Wales' North Miami campus on March 30, 2001.

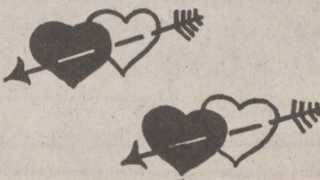
All recipes will be judged by a panel consisting of high school teachers, foodwriters and professional chefs. The first round of judging will concentrate on originality, creativity, presentation, and how items complement one another. During the cook-off, judging will be based on presentation, color and taste. In addition, kitchen organization and sanitation is emphasized.

Only one entry form may be submitted by each contestant, although there is no limit

to the number of recipes submitted per high school. All recipes accompanied by a photograph of the finished dish must be mailed to *A Taste of Florida*, Johnson & Wales University, 1701 N.E. 127th Street, North Miami, FL 33181. All entries must be received no later than **4:30 pm on Friday, February 16th,**

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For information about contest rules and/or entry forms, contact Zoraya at (305) 892-7556.



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- Florida State Fair, Florida Fairgrounds, opening Thursday, Feb. 8th.
- 1st Annual Sweetheart Dance, Friday, Feb. 9th at PAL, 1450 16th St. N., 7-11pm. For more info, call 893-9842 or 893-7138.
- 5th Annual Black History Festival, Saturday, Feb. 10th, 10am-4pm, North Straub Park. For more info, call 552-1373.
- Family Health Fair, Asian Family and Community, Empowerment Center, 2201 1st Ave. N., Saturday, Feb. 10th, 10am-1:30pm. Call (727) 323-0350.
- Heart and Sole Sewing, Gulfport Casino, Friday, Feb. 9th and Wednesday, Feb. 14th, lessons at 8pm, dance from 9pm-12:30am. For more info, call (727) 893-1070.

For more information about Community Billboard, call us at (727) 896-2922

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FINAL RESPECTS / OBITUARIES

St. Pete Final Rites

COVINGTON, JESSIE W., 62, died January 22, 2001. Survivors include 5 sons, David, Tyrone, Rubin and Dana Covington and Henry Allen; 1 daughter, Shirley Covington-Haugabook; 2 brothers; 1 sister; 11 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. Smith Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

HOGAN, ELLEN "DUDLEY", 52, died January 30, 2001. Survivors include 3 daughters, Cerilla Parker, Tammie Pierce and Endia; 2 sisters; 4 brothers; 2 aunts; 7 grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and friends. Creal Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.



IVEY-GRISHBY, MAXINE, 62, died January 24, 2001. Survivors include her husband, Matheno Grishby; 2 sons, Reginald and Jeffery Grishby; 2 daughters, Kathy Grishby and Melody Jackson; mother, Mary H. Ivey; 1 brother; 4 sisters; 4 grandchildren; 8 nieces; 10 nephews, and a host of cousins, other family and friends. Creal Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

LANG, CLARENCE died recently. Survivors include his wife, Irene; 1 son, Clarence Jr.; 9 daughters, Viva Lois Lang, Shirley Ann Lang, Gail Lang, Doris Harris, Vivian Lang, Bertha Lee Watts, Gwen, Helen Brown and Betty Ward; 3 sisters; 9 brothers; 23 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and friends. McRae Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

LAWRENCE, LORINE G., 75, died January 21, 2001. Survivors include her husband, Isaac Lawrence; 1 Godson, Anthony Adams; 4 grandchildren; several nieces, nephews and cousins. Creal Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

LEE, EDDIE JR., 69, died January 24, 2001. Survivors include 2 daughters, Sandra and Cathy Lee; 1 sister; 6 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Smith Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.



NELSON, MINNIE LEE, 64, died recently. Survivors include her husband, John Henry Nelson, Sr.; 2 sons, Willie Thomas and Bradford Wade; 1 daughter, Clara Legion; 13 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. Smith Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

OWENS, TINA L., 26, died January 31, 2001. Survivors include 3 daughters, Krystal Owens, Asia Oliver and Danielle Owens; 1 son, Antonio Oliver; parents, Milton Owens and Mittie Jones; 4 sisters; 13 aunts; 7 uncles and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other family and friends. Creal Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

REESE, NAOMI CAMPBELL "NEICYE", 75, died January 28, 2001. Survivors include 5 brothers, Sidney, Martin, Alphonso, Lester and Donald Campbell; 3 aunts; 34 nieces and nephews; many devoted cousins and a host of caring friends. McRae Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

TAYLOR, HESTER, 90, died January 25, 2001. Survivors include 1 son, Nathan Taylor; 4 daughters, Dorothy Larkins, Esther Taylor, Naomi Bonds and Mary Hines; 1 brother; 2 sisters; 17 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews. Smith Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.



TOOKES, ALEXANDER, 79, died January 28, 2001. Survivors include his wife, Roberta Tookes; 1 sister; 3 brothers and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. Creal Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

Clearwater Final Rites

HARDWAY, ALMA BATTLE, 98, died January 25, 2001. Survivors include 1 daughter, Margaret Mullins; 1 brother; 1 sister; 4 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandchild and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Young's Funeral Home, Clearwater.

POWELL, NATHANIEL JR., 61, died January 29, 2001. Survivors include 1 son, Michael Ashley; 1 sister and a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and sorrowing friends. Young's Funeral Home, Clearwater.

Gainesville Final Rites

JENKINS, REBECCA W., 106, died January 19, 2001. Survivors include 4 children, Karry Williams, T.D. Williams, Pauline Cullars and Dorothy Franklin; 41 grandchildren; 131 great-grandchildren; 86 great-great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Chestnut Funeral Home, Gainesville.

Ocala Final Rites

BAKER, MARY E., 71, died January 28, 2001. Survivors include 2 sons, Eugene and Albert Turner; 2 daughters, Jacqueline and Janice Baker; 1 brother; 2 sisters; 9 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Cunningham's Funeral Home, Ocala.



CLAYTON, DONALD, 53, died January 25, 2001. Survivors include his wife, Sheryl Clayton; 4 sisters; 6 brothers; 6 grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. Summers Funeral Home, Ocala.



CLEMONS, CLYTIS L., 77, died January 30, 2001. Survivors include her husband, Guss Tommy Clemons; 1 daughter, Dorothy Shaw; 1 son, Roosevelt Andrews; 1 brother; 1 stepson; 6 Godchildren; 10 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and friends. Cunningham's Funeral Home, Ocala.

HOWARD, SALENA T., 98, died January 25, 2001. Survivors include 2 nieces; 2 nephews, and a host of grandnieces, nephews, god-

daughters, other relatives and friends. Cunningham's Funeral Home, Ocala.

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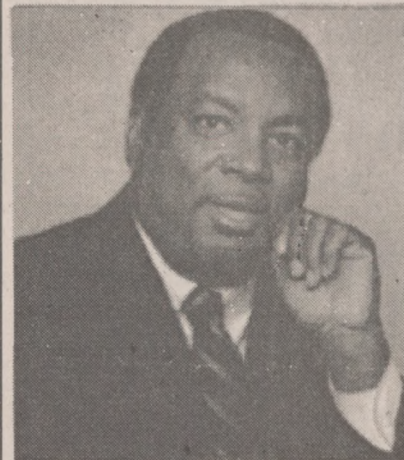
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Your Horoscope

March 21 to April 19
Wonderful Mars-Jupiter aspects could mean the answer to a prayer on the 15th. On the 20th, passion could leave you breathless. Attention, risk-takers: a fortunate aspect on the 21st could have you laughing all the way to the bank!

Taurus
April 20 to May 20
You'll revel in a diet breakthrough on the 16th, as a Venus-Saturn square demonstrates just how far you (and your figure) have come! Result-oriented stars promise that any lagging home projects are about to reach completion.

Gemini
May 21 to June 21
When the Moon lights up your sign once again on the 15th and 16th, step into the romantic spotlight smiling. If all the fun tires you out by the 20th, a mini-vacation or family visit could be just the break you need.

Cancer
June 22 to July 22
Looking to update your wardrobe? From the 19th to the 21st, your nose for bargains can't miss; pass up the too-trendy pieces and go classic. Work pressures will ease after the 20th, leaving you more time to play.

July 23 to August 22
After the 20th, a future path will be illuminated and you'll know exactly where (or with whom) you want to be. When passions flare under the Venus-Uranus opposition, an unearthed secret could help forge a truer partnership.

Virgo
August 23 to September 22
Blissful romance will make you feel truly blessed on the 17th or 18th. With a stellation of planets in your house of dreams and secrets, the past may figure prominently in your present. Wear comfortable shoes on the 20th.

September 23 to October 22
Although you're already considered the socialite of the Zodiac, a bevy of planets in your friendship zone will put you in even higher demand than usual. Under the solar eclipse on the 21st, make sure you and your mate synchronize your calendars.

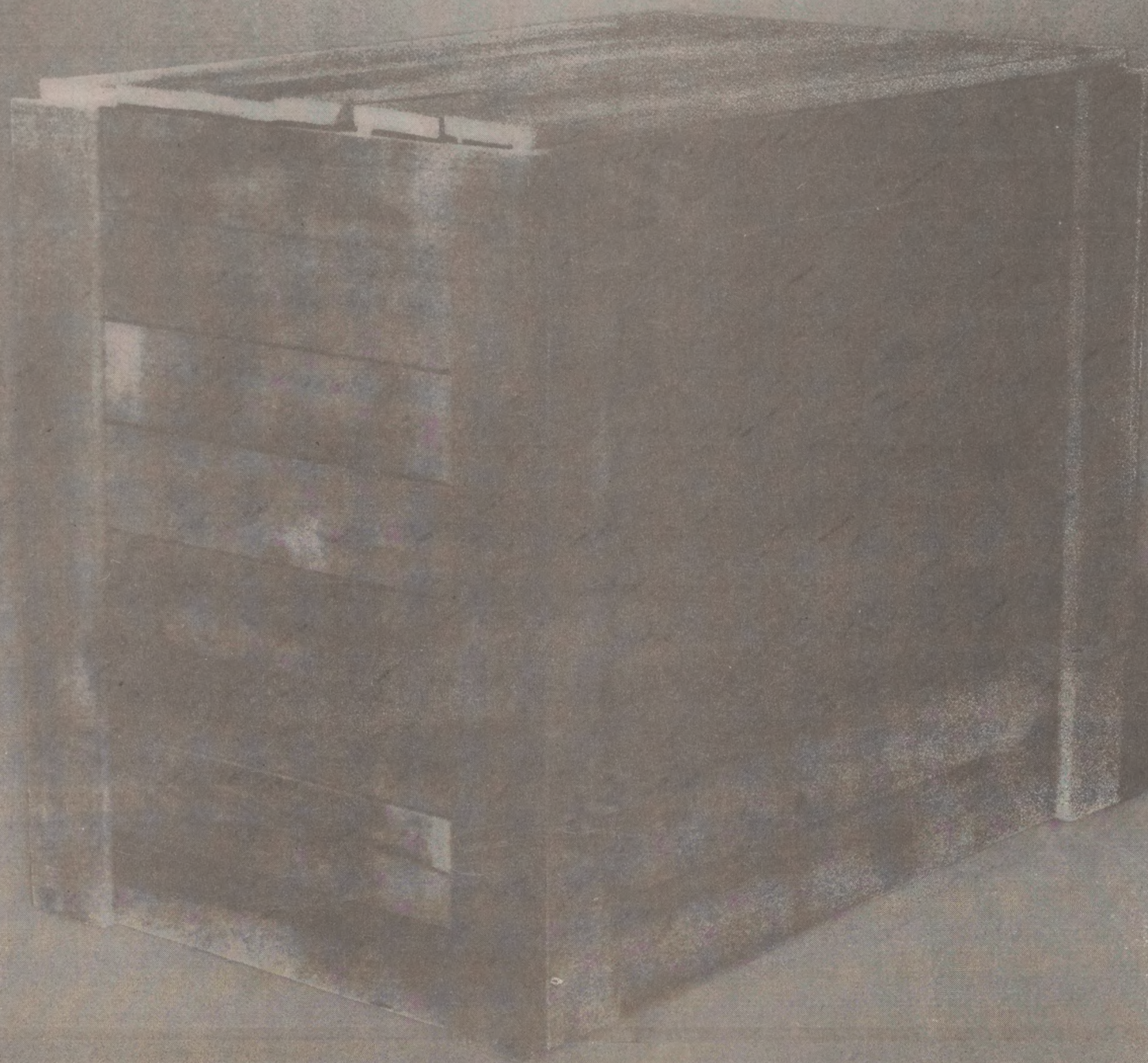
Scorpio
October 23 to November 21
The time for coasting at work is past; now that four planets are highlighting ambition, you're poised to make a fantastic comeback. With Saturn boosting your mate's appreciation for you, prepare to be wined and dined in style!

November 22 to December 21
A stroke of unexpected good luck will make you jump for joy on the 15th. Once Pluto moves direct on the 16th, you'll finally take control of your destiny, refusing to let a partner sway you from your proper course.

Capricorn
December 22 to January 19
Saturn doing the backstroke through your sign makes now the perfect time to get away from it all and really enjoy yourself! After the 21st, a long-standing estate or insurance matter will finally reach an equitable conclusion.

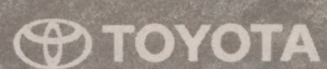
Aquarius
January 20 to February 18
Been thinking of marketing that great idea? Neptune will be leaving your sign soon, so hurry! Saturn's retrograde movement will send you yet another chance to change addresses. On the 21st, your declaration of love could come just in time.

Pisces
February 19 to March 20
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