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Local Musician Tyrone 'Tiny' Johnson Dies



Tyrone Johnson

ST. PETERSBURG — The Tampa Bay area recently experienced the loss of one of its noted musical giants with the passing of Tyrone 'Tiny' Johnson, who died Wednesday, April 4th, 2001 at the age of 54.

Mr. Johnson was a noted saxophonist, who also played the oboe and piano, having started his musical career at a very early age.

His musical prowess was enhanced professionally as he began to accompany musical greats such as Sam and Dave and others, appearing on various television shows.

In the Bay Area, he gave rousing performances any-

where from The St. Petersburg Yacht Club to the Manhattan Casino, where an array of well-known musicians were known to perform. His musical genius was also appreciated by his church family at Mt. Zion Progressive Baptist Church, where he gave uplifting renditions.

Tyrone 'Tiny' Johnson is survived by his parents, Christine McCray and Cleveland Johnson, Jr., publisher of *The Weekly Challenger* newspaper; two children, Tonya Vamer and Tyrone Jr.; two brothers, four sisters and two grandchildren.

Friends will be received Friday, April 13th, 3-5:30pm at

Zion Hill Mortuary, 1700 49th St. S. A wake will be held 7pm at Mt. Zion, 955 20th St. South. Funeral service will be 11am Saturday, April 14th at the church, with burial at Royal Palm Cemetery North.

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Sunshine Elks Honor Pioneers And Volunteer Extraordinaire



L-R: Mary Miller and Daisey Brunson

By Allene Gammage-Ahmed
CLEARWATER — On Saturday, April 7, 2001, the Sunshine Elks held an appreci-

ation ceremony paying special tribute to pioneer brothers and daughters in the over 70's category, as well as citizens in the

community with a specially prepared luncheon by the Elks themselves.

Bro. Alvin Washington

thought of the idea. He wanted to do something special for the seniors while they were able to enjoy and appreciate it. Some of these individuals have been affiliated with the Elks since the early 50's and have dedicated continuous support to the organization. Each of the daughters and brothers were given Certificates of Appreciation for which they graciously accepted and expressed how well pleased they were for this act of kindness. This was the first time the Elks attempted to do this but they look forward to having the event annually.

Yacub Bilal was the recipient of the Volunteer Extraordinaire Award. Bilal really is an extraordinary individual. He is naturally a caring humanitarian whose impressive community efforts certainly qualifies

him for this recognition.

Bilal goes out into the community, without being asked, to help rid the neighborhoods of drugs and crime. He has developed a street ministry where he walks and talks weekly with individuals having all sorts of problems; those who are admittedly continuous criminal offenders, the homeless, hungry, substance abusers, unemployed, prostitutes, runaway children as well as those with factors influencing their overall quality of life. Bilal credits his moral and spiritual values for his desire to want to see the inner city improved.

While driving through the streets of Clearwater, you may also find this very energetic individual scurrying through the community picking up

debris, clearing off lots, placing a disabled or elderly's garbage dumpster along the curbside for sanitation to pick up; he may be raking up trash in front of a business or home. Yes, it's Yacub Bilal all right. You'd think by the way he applies himself that he is employed with the City of Clearwater, the State of Florida or some environmental agency 24 hours a day, seven days a week to do these things, but Bilal just simply cares about the community in which he and his family resides and has been doing this type volunteer service for many years.

According to Bilal, "some say that my efforts are not being seen, but that's okay, it's not being done for recognition, I'll continue to work hard to get the job done for as long as



L-R: Yacub Bilal and Wallace Smith

I can."

There was a variety of delicious food prepared and

served by brothers of the Elks. Entertainment was provided. Please see pg. 2

Tiger's Feat As Good As Any

By Thomas Boswell

AUGUSTA, GA — The numbers don't lie - Masters win caps amazing stretch. When Tiger Woods's final birdie putt dropped into the cup on the 18th green Sunday to win the Masters by two strokes over David Duval, a great wash of images and emotions swept through his mind.

The most dominant golfer who ever lived - and still only 25 - saw seas of people lining the fairways of Augusta National and heard the roars of the crowd two groups ahead of him, cheering for Duval's barrage of eight birdies. He saw images of his playing partner, Phil Mickelson, making putts to challenge for the lead all day.

Then the sweetest imaginable thought dashed into his mind. "I don't have any more shots to play. I'm done. I've won the Masters," Woods says he thought.

His work-an accomplishment worthy of a whole athletic lifetime, but done in less than a year-finally was ended. He had shot 70-66-68-68-272, the fourth-best Masters score in history, to win a stirring bat-



Tiger Woods

tle with Duval and Mickelson. And he had completed what will surely be called The Tiger Sweep by becoming the first player to hold all four of golf's major pro championships simultaneously. Oh, toss in the Players Championship-the so-called "fifth major"-to boot.

That's when Tiger started to cry. Slowing, he pulled his cap over his face so he could have a few moments of privacy, if such a thing is possible with hundreds of millions of people watching you. The most implacable, composed and focused of champions - in golf or any sport - finally was letting down his guard just an inch.

Perhaps that's what made

the moment and the day perfect - that Woods, who sometimes seems like a young imperturbable god, showed everyone he is merely a gifted man who presses himself to do deeds few have even imagined.

"I've done it before. I've cried after wins" Woods said. "I've cried after defeats. But I've never had that feeling

before ... I was so attuned to each and every shot. When you focus so hard, you forget everything else. Then I thought, 'That's it. I'm done.' My emotions started coming out...and I started losing it a little bit. That's why I put the cap over my face so that when Phil (Mickelson) finished putting out, I could shake his hand."

The entire world of sport should reach out and shake Woods's hand for what he has accomplished since last June when he won the U.S. Open at Pebble Beach by 15 shots, then swept to a record eight-shot win at the British Open. His deeds in that period will stand with any that have ever been done by any American athlete. And they clearly surpass any feats ever performed by a golfer, even Bobby Jones and Jack Nicklaus.

Woods's feat goes beyond

merely winning all the majors. It's how he has won them that strains belief. Tiger has established a level of superiority within his sport that may be the largest of any American athlete ever. Please see pg. 7

African Arts Festival Needs Volunteers

By Florence Williams Ray

OCALA — The African Arts Festival Committee of Marion County needs volunteers to help with the 2001

Cultural Arts Festival to be held May 4-6, 2001 at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Recreational Complex on State Road 40.

Anyone interested in volunteering for the event is asked to call Luzonia Waters at 591-2155 or 629-0055, ext. 353.

Black Businessmen Speak Out Against Death Taxes

WASHINGTON, DC — Many of the nation's top black entrepreneurs are independently joining the African-American leadership network Project 21's long-standing call for a repeal of federal estate taxes. Taxing the legacy of successful black Americans, Project 21 members contend, threatens to destroy some of their greatest achievements and creates yet another roadblock to black progress and wealth-creation.

Estate taxes, also called "death taxes", entitle the government to take up to 55% of a person's wealth when they die. Most people do not have enough assets to trigger the death tax. The heirs of business owners or farmers, however, must pay taxes on the total worth of the deceased's estates—regardless of the profitability. They are often forced to sell farms and businesses in order to pay taxes. With income levels of black Americans tripling between 1987 and 1997 and the number of black-owned businesses doubling to almost one million, death taxes are becoming an increasing burden.

President George W. Bush's tax relief proposal seeks to phase out the estate tax. The "Death Tax Elimination Act" in the U.S. House of Representatives would do so by 2011. Similar legislation was passed in 2000 by a

vote of 279 to 136, but was opposed by the Clinton Administration.

Black Entertainment Television founder Robert L. Johnson has organized over three dozen black business leaders in opposition to death taxes. His coalition was formed in part because wealthy white liberals like Bill Gates, Sr., recently began speaking out in defense of death taxes. Johnson, who said he is worth over \$1.5 billion, pays hundreds of thousands of dollars every year for insurance premiums to protect his fortune—"transferring wealth out of the black community to the majority community." He notes that the majority of black wealth has been created since the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and that death taxes threaten to stop this first generation of wealth from being passed on to future generations.

"The government is essentially taxing us twice—once when we earn it and again when we leave," said Project 21 member Ak'bar A. Shabazz. "We are trying to succeed because we want to pass something on to our children. Death taxes prevent people who have worked hard and become wealthy from ensuring that their kids can benefit as well. It's not good for anybody."

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by the juvenile Elks mime group with "Joy In My Soul". These young performers of all ages will be traveling to Cocoa Beach Florida next month to join other young people for the State Convention. They are also accepting invitations to participate in programs you may be having in your area.

Brothers and daughters of the Elks place a lot of attention in preparing the youth for the future, working hard to leave a legacy for them. "No one will do it, except we do it, this gives them an opportunity to stay involved," replied state president, Daisey Brunson.

Mary Miller, Daughter Ruler was instrumental in working with Washington to organize this event and was pleased that the attendance was as large as it was. She looks forward to next year's which will be bigger and better. Exalted Ruler, Walter Smith also celebrated his 63rd birthday and everyone joined in to sing "happy birthday to him."

Sunshine Elks is located at 1011 Engman Street in Clearwater and is a fine place to visit for wholesome weekend entertainment or for churches or non-profits to host special events. For more information call (727) 447-1887.

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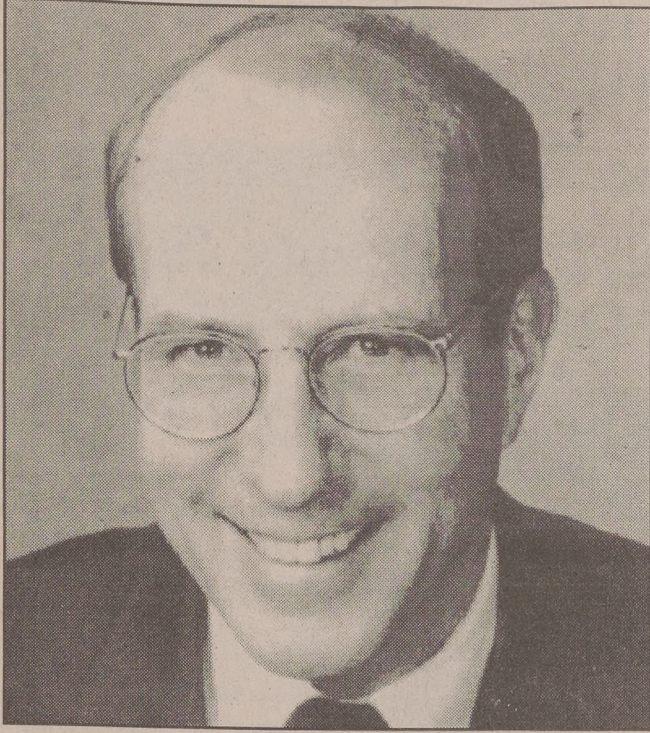
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William H. Sedgeman, Jr. Elected To Pathfinder Board

LARGO - William H. Sedgeman, Jr., President of Community Bank of Manatee, was named to the Board of Directors and elected Chairman and Treasurer at the January meeting of the board for Pathfinder Outdoor Education, Inc., a non-profit corporation offering pre-schoolers through adult learners innovative, experiential educational programs at five scenic locations around the state of Florida.

Mr. Sedgeman, a native of Toledo, OH, and a lifelong resident of Florida, has valued the benefits of outdoor education from childhood when he first attended YMCA Camp Storer, MI, and later worked summers as a camp counselor.

A Harvard graduate, Mr.

Sedgeman is the Chairman of the Board of Directors, President and Chief Executive Officer of Community Bank, a locally owned, independent bank headquartered in Bradenton, and operating in the greater Tampa Bay area. A banker for 35 years, Mr. Sedgeman is the current Chairman of the Manatee Chamber of Commerce's Economic Development Council and has served as a past Chairman of the Manatee Chamber of Commerce, past Chairman of the Manatee County United Way. He is a current board member of the Florida West Coast Symphony and served as President of the FWCS in the past.

Tampa Orchid Club Holds 5th Annual Auction

TAMPA - On Saturday, April 21, 2001, at 10am, the Tampa Orchid Club will hold its Fifth Annual Orchid Auction at the Seminole Garden Center, 5800 N. Central Avenue, Tampa, FL. Our auctioneer will be world-class

grower and judge Bill Thomas, Jr.

This event is open to the public. We are a not-for-profit orchid club, organized in 1957.

For further information please call Kathleen M. Ellis (727) 725-3809.

AARP Members Rally In Tallahassee In Support Of Nursing Home Reform

TALLAHASSEE - Thousands of AARP members traveling by buses, cars and vans descended on Tallahassee, Wednesday, March 14, 2001 to rally in support of nursing home reform. Participants heard from AARP State Legislative Committee Chair Ruth Forbes, AARP State Director Bentley Lipscomb, AARP State Coordinator for Grassroots and Elections Barbara Weese, and from individuals who had personal nursing home stories to share.

"AARP Nursing Home Reform Day In Tallahassee" began with a rally at Waller Park on the Capitol grounds. Following the rally participants visited with their legislators, accompanied by AARP State Legislative Committee (SLC) members. Legislators were urged to protect nursing home residents by insuring quality care and taking strong action against poor performing nursing homes - both to reprimand the nursing home and to deter other homes from sacrificing quality of care. Dozens of AARP members, also, attended the Senate Committee on Health, Aging and Long-Term Care committee hearing.

The rally is a statewide effort by AARP members in support of nursing home reform and to make their presence known in the Capitol. Twenty-four busloads of members came from Titusville, Merritt Island, Daytona Beach, Gainesville, Williston, Jacksonville, Leesburg, Ocala, Orlando, Panama City, Pensacola, Port Richey, Spring Hill, St. Augustine, Tallahassee, Tampa, and Wildwood.

Current Florida law includes the right of residents and their families to sue nursing homes for mistreating, abusing, neglecting and injuring residents. Unfortunately, legislation is being proposed that would eliminate, or seriously weaken, the right to sue nursing homes and hold them accountable. "Instead of taking away important rights, our lawmakers should be looking to improve the care our loved ones receive in nursing homes and protecting those residents' last rights," said Barbara Weese, AARP state coordinator for grassroots and elections.

With 2.6 million members in the state of Florida - and 34 million nationwide - AARP is the nation's leading organization for people 50 and over. It serves their needs and interests through legislative advocacy, research, informative programs, and community services provided by a network of

local chapters and experienced volunteers throughout the country. The organization also offers members a wide range of special membership benefits, including My Generation and Modern Maturity magazines and the monthly Bulletin.

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WOMAN'S WORLD

Golden Key National Honor Society
Inducts Yolanda Melissa Myers

ST. PETERSBURG — Yolanda Melissa Myers of St. Petersburg has accepted membership in Golden Key National Honor Society and was individually honored during a campus ceremony this spring at Florida A&M University, where she is pursuing a Doctorate of Pharmacy degree.

"It is only fitting that a high academic achiever like Yolanda be recognized by Golden Key," said Jim Lewis, Golden Key founder and executive director. "Our members are inspired and motivated by the challenge not only to be recognized for their outstanding accomplishments but also to make a positive impact on our world through the Society's commitment to service."

Golden Key National Honor Society is a non-profit, academic honors organization that provides academic recognition, leadership opportunities, community service, career



Yolanda Melissa Myers

networking and scholarships. It has more than 300 chapters in the United States, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Australia, Canada, Malaysia, South Africa and New Zealand. Membership into the Society is by invitation only to the top 15 percent of juniors and seniors in all fields of

study. Yolanda is the daughter of Gwendolyn Myers of St. Petersburg, a graduate of Lakewood Senior High School (Center for Advanced Technology) and is a Presidential Scholar at FAMU.

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The meeting is held at the Palms of Pasadena Medical Professional Building (Boca Ciega Room) on Saturday, April 14, 2001 from 10am to 12noon, at 1609 Pasadena Avenue in St. Petersburg. (Free parking in upper levels of garage)

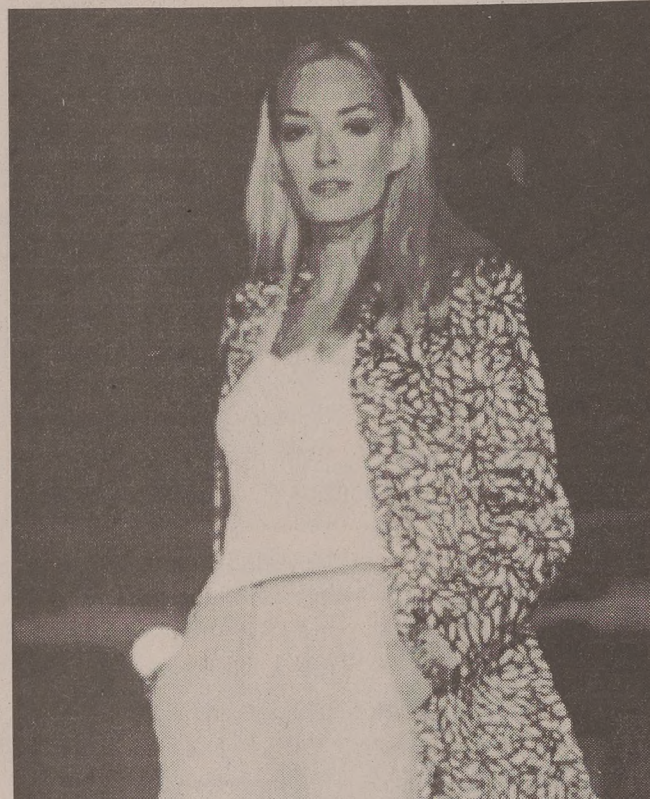
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Jacobson's Creates Lifestyle Segments To
Satisfy Individual Needs Of Women Shoppers

JACKSON, MI — With the creation of lifestyle segments, such as Concept Edge, Jacobson's is making shopping for clothes more customer-friendly. A strong mix of classic and trend fashions from couture to better sportswear, Jacobson's offers a style for every woman.

"We sell fashion, but fashion exists on many levels," said Christine Gorton, Director of Public Relations and Special Events. "At Jacobson's we continue to tailor our collections to meet the diverse needs and desires of our customers and their varied lifestyles. Customers should feel like our merchandise was personally selected for them."

By creating various "shops" for its collections, Jacobson's maintains the charm and accessibility of boutiques while offering the convenience of one-stop shopping. Current divisions of women's clothing include



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International, Collection Sportswear, Advanced and the newest collection, Concept Edge.

Bringing together today's trendiest designer collections,

Concept Edge offers high-quality contemporary merchandise. These are the collections with long celebrity client lists, including such star power as Jennifer Aniston, Sophia

Coppola and Sarah Jessica Parker.

"Concept Edge is for the label-conscious person who wants the latest styles by the hottest designers," Gorton said. "We want our customers to find their own unique style at Jacobson's, from the designer buyer to the quality-conscious, value-focused buyer."

Across the Midwest and Florida, 12 Jacobson's stores have launched Concept Edge for Spring 2001. Each store offers a unique mix of Concept Edge collections, such as Mare by Marc Jacobs, Cynthia Rowley and D&G. Jacobson's will continue introducing Concept Edge in select markets.

Founded in 1868 and headquartered in Jackson, Michigan, Jacobson's operates 24 fashion specialty stores in Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, Kansas and Florida.

Rx For Prescription Overload

by Loretta Dabbs

ORLANDO — My 88 year old mother used to be a walking medicine cabinet. After being diagnosed as having major depression, she was prescribed Prozac (for depression), Resperidol (for delusions), and Lofidine (for arthritis). A visit to a neurologist meant Sinemet was prescribed three times a day. Trips to an internist resulted in Norvasc (for high blood pressure), Folic acid (for anemia), not to mention docusat (for constipation). The horror was that most of these prescriptions had the side effect of dizziness, so my mother was in a comatose state most of the time for seven years. A good deal of a given day was spent napping between meals.

From time to time, I'd beg one of Mother's three doctors to exclude a drug, or lower the dose. The psychiatrist, the neurologist and the internist insisted their prescribed medications were absolutely needed. From time to time, Mother complained, "These pills are killing me!" I would then detoxify her over a weekend once a month by taking away Prozac and Resperidol; she would be "better" for three weeks, then complain again. I asked Mother's psychiatrist if we could reduce Prozac to every other day; she agreed, but never wrote the prescription. I've just learned recently Prozac may be taken once a week. Luckily, I did not have

to wait for this breakthrough.

After seven years on prescription overload, a friend, who is a nutritionist, offered to care for my mother full time in her home. The first thing this friend did was throw away \$245 dollars worth of monthly pills! Withdrawal was not as painful as I expected because Mother had 24 around-the-clock care to monitor any danger. She was given balanced meals three times a day, lots of liquids, herbal cleansings and exercise. When stronger, she was taken on local excursions by van on weekends.

Within one month, I was looking at a totally different 88 year old. She was more alert than she had been in seven years when her bout with depression began, caused by my father's gradual demise from Parkinson's disease. Expression finally came back into Mother's eyes. She dressed herself. She began to smile, and respond to others intelligently.

I cannot find fault with the three physicians who tried to help my mother with drugs. I cannot find fault with the drugs, invented to help particular ailments. However, too much of a good thing is worse than nothing at all. There are only so many drugs the human body can consume at one time

without numbing consequences. Common sense tells us that.

When pills begin to pile up, someone has to pull the plug. When doctors refuse to consider the patient's history of drugs in the system and their cumulative side effects, the one who pulls the plug may have to be a nutritionist. A nutritionist is trained in the science of nutrition; in other words, someone who makes sure the body absorbs proper nutrients so that it will function properly.

In seven years, my mother had consumed a minimum of \$24,115 dollars worth of drugs. The next seven years her income will be spent on a life style that she can enjoy, drug free.

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New Coordinator For Color Me Human



Denise Johnson

ST. PETERSBURG — Tampa Bay has announced the arrival of Denise Johnson as the new program coordinator. Johnson was with CASA since 1995, facilitating groups and working in collaborative alliances. She brings her skills in community relations, marketing and education to this community-wide, non-profit corporation, just as plans begin for the sixth annual Color Me Human Week, May 3-9, 2001. (Mark your calendars!)

Johnson follows the special presence of Shelby Jiggetts-Tivony, the first paid coordinator, who recently left to join the Walt Disney Company as a creative executive. Now in Los Angeles, she

develops live entertainment for Disney theme parks and resorts world-wide.

Barbara McCord founded the group before the racial disturbances of 1996 as a way to educate people about the oneness of humanity. The widely diverse group has gained momentum, afterwards, attracting people of varied ethnic, cultural and religious backgrounds. She infused the group with spirit and projects, with the main "office" being the trunk of her car. McCord moved to Chicago in 1999. Marcie Biddleman, Devereux Kids administrator, is currently the president.

Color Me Human is a non-sectarian, grassroots organization that celebrates the value of diversity through various educational programs, creative arts projects and community activities. A highlight is the Institute for the Healing of Racism, a nationwide program.

The group has been funded

and supported by the Allegany Franciscan Foundation, the City of St. Petersburg, Walgreens, Eva-Tone and other businesses as well as many individuals.

For more information about Color Me Human or the upcoming May events, please call Denise Johnson at (727) 328-1769 or visit their offices at the Sanderlin Center, 2335 22nd Ave. So., in St. Petersburg.

Father God,

We want our life to mean more than building castles in the sand. We know they look beautiful, but we also realize they aren't eternal in nature. Help us to evaluate what is everlasting so that we will live on in the eyes of our children and grandchildren because of what was of value to us.

Amen.



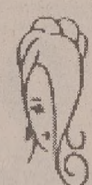
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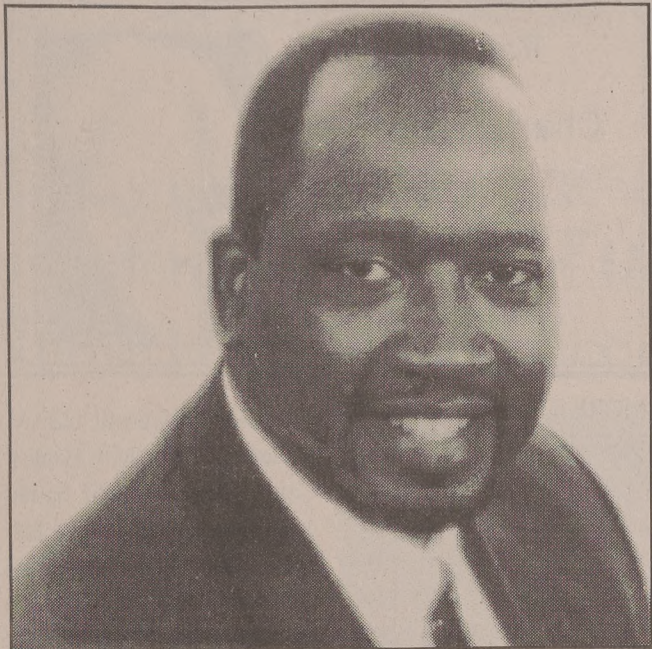
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Kenneth T. Welch

County Commissioner Kenneth Welch To Speak At AAVREC Monthly Meeting

ST. PETERSBURG — Newly elected Pinellas County Commissioner Kenneth Welch will be the featured speaker at the monthly meeting of the African American Voter Research and Education Committee (AAVREC), to be held at the Enoch Davis Center on Saturday, April 14th, 2001 at 10am.

Commissioner Welch will discuss 'Pennies for Pinellas' as well as other issues of concern to the African American Community.

In the brief time since his election last November, Commissioner Welch has been appointed by his fellow commissioners to serve as chair of the County Information Technology Board and the Tourism

Funding Task Force. He also serves on the Affirmative Action Committee, License Board for Children's Centers and Family Day Care Homes, Friendship Trail Oversight Committee and Value Adjustment Board.

A St. Petersburg native, Commissioner Welch is a Lakewood High School graduate, and holds a B.A. degree from the University of South Florida and an MBA from Florida A&M University.

Commissioner Welch is married with one child and is a member of Prayer Tower Church of God in Christ in St. Petersburg.

The meeting will be open to the public and all concerned citizens.

Conversations With Gregory Peck

TAMPA — He fought anti-Semitism in Gentleman's Agreement and racism in To Kill a Mockingbird, shared on-screen romances in Roman Holiday, The Snows of Kilimanjaro, Spellbound and Arabesque, fought battles in MacArthur, Twelve O'Clock High and The Guns of Navarone, and starred in two versions each of Cape Fear and Moby Dick. It is this impressive body of cinematic work that has placed Oscar-winning actor Gregory Peck in the Hollywood pantheon.

Conversations with Gregory Peck, An "American Masters" Special airing on WEDU Wed., April 18 at 8:30pm, peels away the mystique of one of Hollywood's legends to reveal a family man, still in love with his wife of 43 years, Veronique, while also disclosing the couple's darkest moment, the suicide of their son.

The 90-minute Conversations offers a series of one-man performances in which the actor responds to questions from the audience; these are balanced with moments from his private life and clips from some of his most memorable performances. The film captures the actor, now in his 80s, still contending with stage fright, muttering, "Well, as I always say... it's too late to turn back now," before he walks into the spotlight to address adoring fans.

To Kill a Mockingbird (1962), Peck's favorite film, which also earned him an Academy Award after four nominations, is a recurring theme throughout the program. To this day, Peck maintains contact with Mary Badham, who, as a nine-year-old, was cast as his daughter. Peck has also kept up a lifelong friendship with novelist Harper Lee.

Judicial Town Hall: In The Best Interest Of The Children

TAMPA — In celebration of Law Day, judges from the Family Law Division of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit will be joined by attorneys and other practitioners in the field of child custody for a Judicial Town Hall Meeting on Monday afternoon at 1:30pm, April 30, 2001, at the Main Courthouse. Joining this public forum and raising issues about children involved in court proceedings will also be representatives from the Hillsborough County Children's Board and the Hillsborough County School District.

"If you agree with common statistics, more than 50% of marriages end in divorce", states Family Law Administrative Judge Ralph Stoddard. "Then you won't be surprised that divorce related issues

comprise a large segment of our caseload in the Family Law Division. If half of the people out there are ex-spouses, then we need to learn not to use our kids to 'get back' at the other parent. Society teaches you how to be good at virtually everything, except how to be a good ex-spouse. It's one of the few areas that it is the norm and often accepted behavior to misbehave."

Recognizing that divorce is the legal termination of a marriage and not a family, the courts are concerned about "the best interests of the children." Research indicates that a custody dispute is likely to be more difficult than divorce itself, because the bond of parenting is typically stronger than that of marriage.

This phrase, "in the best

interests" of the child is incorporated into every order relating to custody disputes. What does it mean? What is the measuring stick? How do you judges deliver rulings? Is there such a notion as "shared parental responsibility? What alternatives to court are there? Do we really have to attend a parenting education program before we can get a divorce?

Answers to these questions and others will be explored at the Judicial Town Hall meeting. Moving away from the traditional "winner" vs "loser" courtroom battles, talk with judges and child custody experts about issues related to the legal standard, "in the best interest of the child".

SAVE WATER

22nd St. Redevelopment Town Meeting

ST. PETERSBURG — Come early and share some refreshments and tell us what retail businesses and services that you would like to see and support on 22nd Street South.

Main speaker, Gail Hamilton, Main Street Manager, Ybor City, Florida. The town meeting will be held on Monday, April 16, 2001, 6pm, at Perkins Elementary School, 2205 18th Avenue South, St. Petersburg.

The 22nd Street Redevelopment Corporation, Inc., is in need of Citizens to assist in earning the Florida Main Street Designation. The Florida Main Street Program concentrates on the revitalization of the community's historic Commercial business district, to enhance economic vitality, quality of life, and civic pride, while encouraging citizens to participate in the decisions that

are shaping their future. Your assistance is needed with the completion of the assessment of the Florida Main Street 2001 Application. The 22nd Street Redevelopment Corporation is competing with other communities for the Main Street Designation.

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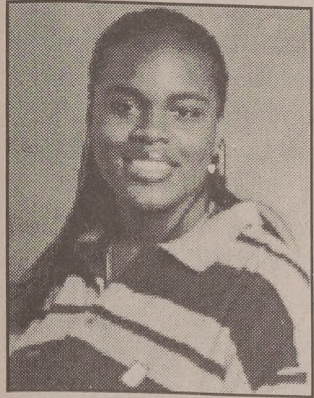
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Sheena Bacon

ST. PETERSBURG — Sheena Bacon is a junior at Boca Ciega High School. She is the daughter of Joseph and Mary Elizabeth Bacon.

Sheena plans to attend University of South Florida with a major in Medicine.

She is an active member of Greater Grand Central Church. At Boca Ciega she participates in S.T.E.P. and the French Honor Society. At Greater Grand Central she sings with the Youth Choir. She volunteers for Hospice and YMCA.



Cherelle Trotter

Cherelle Trotter is a junior at Osceola High School. She is the daughter of Robert and Cheryl Trotter.

Cherelle plans to attend UCLA or Howard University majoring in Medicine.

She is a member of the Junior Varsity and Varsity Basketball Team. She has been a member of Arista for three years. Cherelle is a member of Pleasant Grove and is on the church's drill team.

Ashley Ward-Singleton is a junior at Lakewood High

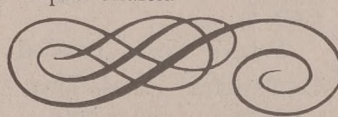


Ashley Ward-Singleton

School. She is the daughter of Richard Singleton and Sarah E. Ward.

She plans to attend Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia with a major in Pre-Med.

At Lakewood High School, Ashley is a cheerleader and works with the Magazine, Fox 13. She is also a part of CATCOM. She is a volunteer at All Children's Hospital, plays soccer, secretary of youth church activities at Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church.



Happiness is a butterfly, which when pursued is always just beyond your grasp, but which, if you will sit down quietly, may alight upon you.
—Nathaniel Hawthorne

Harbordale Neighborhood Cleanup

ST. PETERSBURG — Let's Cleanup Our Neighborhood! Harbordale Neighborhood Cleanup, sponsored by the City of St. Petersburg & Harbordale Neighborhood Association.

What: Opportunity to have the City's Sanitation Department pickup unwanted junk, trash and debris at no charge to you!

When: Saturday, April 14, 2001.

Where: 22nd Avenue to 30th Avenue South from 4th Street South to 9th Street South.

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The City's Sanitation Department **will not** pick up hazardous wastes (paints, solvents, pesticides, etc.), junk cars or building materials.

All materials should be placed on your curb or beside the alley (at the normal pickup location) on Saturday, April 14 by 7am.

For more information please call 823-6390.

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TALLAHASSEE — After receiving 365,000 entries, the Florida Lottery has awarded a new Harley-Davidson® Sportster® 1200 Custom motorcycle in the first Harley-Davidson Scratch-Off game bonus drawing. The bonus drawing was the first of four to be held in conjunction with the Harley-Davidson Scratch-Off game, and each drawing offers players the chance to win a new Harley-Davidson®

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"I've been wanting a Harley for many years and after they told me I had won, it just floored me!" said Robert, 30, who works as a contractor for Davis Environmental of St. Petersburg. "This is the biggest thing I've ever won in my life."

Tiger's Feat

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The fussing and fuming you hear in the next few days will be sports fans debating where this stands.

While Woods's wins at Pebble Beach and St. Andrews in the U.S. and British opens last year were a testament to his incredible talent, his last two major wins were proof of his true grit. At the PGA Championship, Woods had to go 21 holes on the final day to defeat Bob May. Both broke the PGA scoring record in regulation 72 holes. Then, on Sunday, Woods had to fend off Mickelson, the No. 2-ranked player in the world, and Duval, who was No. 1 in the world until Woods knocked him off in 1999.

The public may not fully grasp the distance between Woods and those who try to catch him on these final Sundays. But surely the players must know. Imagine the plight of Mickelson, who was paired with Woods in the final round. On Saturday, he spoke of how "desperately" he wanted to win this Masters for his first major title. He said it was his "best chance" to "finally break through" and become "part of

golf history." He talked about his confidence, his improvement.

But these are the facts: Woods beat him by 21 shots at the U.S. Open, 12 at the British Open, nine at the PGA and 16 two weeks ago at the Players. That's 58 shots. How in heaven's name can Mickelson really think, deep down, that he will win? Or that he deserves to win against somebody so demonstrably better?

Mickelson was tight-lipped in defeat, unwilling even to venture an opinion on the dimensions of Woods's accomplishments. But he came closest to expressing the pressure Woods puts on opponents.

"If I'm going to win with Tiger in the field, then I can't make the mistakes that I'm making. I can make a few, but not this many," Mickelson said. "He seems to do just what is required. If I'd gone on a run (of birdies), he might have, too."

Though this Masters was tight all day, it never left Woods's grip. Duval could sense Woods's presence and command. "The way Tiger's

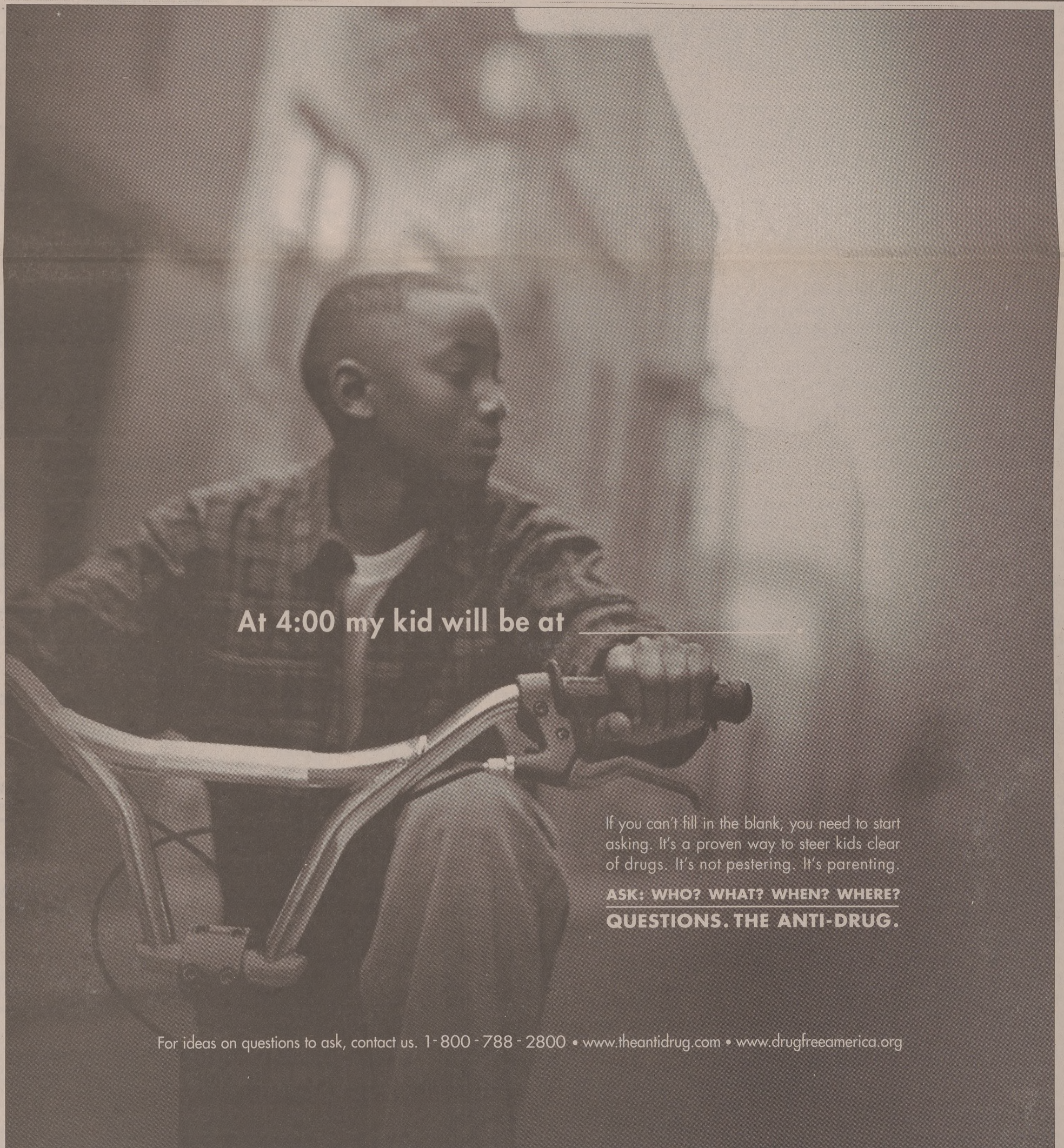
playing now, I've experienced it to an extent (in 1998 and early '99). You become invincible," Duval said. "That's how I felt, not in the majors, but when I was winning a lot (of PGA Tour events)... You have a bit of a swagger. And you know you got it. It's like, 'Come and get it, boys, if you think you got enough on ya.'"

Woods has felt that invincibility his whole life, from the time he was a 2-year-old prodigy demonstrating his golf prowess on national TV to his utter domination of every junior tournament he entered. Greatness was not expected of him. It was assumed. Especially within his own family from his demanding but supportive father, Earl. Yet even Woods is stunned by what he has done.

As the sun went down, Woods was asked the inevitable question. Do his four major titles, won in parts of two seasons, rather than in one year, constitute a "Grand Slam?"

"I've won four," said Woods, breaking out his full trademark smile.

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• Juneteenth Fish Fry, Fri., April 13th, 5-7pm, Sojourner Truth Center, 1550 16th St. S. Info - (727) 821-3833.

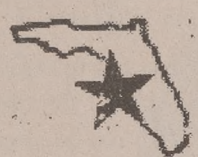
• Harbordale Neighborhood Clean-up, Sat., April 14th, 22nd Ave. to 30th Ave. S. from 4th St. to 9th St. S. Info - (727) 823-6390.

• The New Magic 94.9 Eggstravaganza, Sat., April 14th. Free breakfast served at 8am on grounds of Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center. Easter Egg Hunt, 10am, in Curtis Hixon Park.

• Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Elks Lodge, Sat., April 14th, 4-7pm, 1331 - 18th Ave. S., St. Pete.

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH MISSION DAY

Greater New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church of Ocala is having its Community Outreach Mission Day on Saturday, April 14, 2001 on the church ground from 10am til 2pm. Everything is FREE!!

Stop by and be blessed with free food, drinks, clothing for men, women, children and infants. All colors and style available. Come out and browse around. If you can use it, you can have it. The mission is trying to help out in the neighborhood while getting acquainted. You are invited to come out and bring a friend.

You are invited to take advantage of free blood pressure checks, voter registration, prayer, counseling and referrals from the Education Ministry.

The church is located at 612 N.W. 4th Place, Ocala. The Elder Dennis Hagins, Sr., is Pastor.

FREEDOM HOUSE ANNOUNCED

The opening of Freedom House, a halfway house where men who have just been released from prison can be reintegrated into society, has been announced by Bernie DeCastro. The house will afford a workforce development program from CLM Works, mentoring, financial counseling and a discipleship program.

DeCastro is seeking mentors and volunteers to help in this reintegration process. The house will provide a place for 22 men, with a live-in staff member.

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EARLY REGISTRATION SCHEDULED

The Marion County School District has announced that early registration of pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and first grade pupils for next school year is scheduled for April 17, 2001 to April 19th at the school in each child's attendance area.

Pre-kindergarten will also have registration at the One Stop Office located at the Community Technical and Adult Education Center. If parents miss those dates, they may still register their children later, before school starts on August 9, 2001.

Among the requirements for registrants is proof of date of birth. The application process for pre-kindergarten has added requirements.

The pre-kindergarten 4-year-old Readiness Program for working parents includes a fee and is not available at all elementary schools.

For information on pre-kindergarten, call the local school, One Stop at 732-1750.

ext. 212 or the district office at 671-7532 or 671-7799.

SCIENCE CENTER SCHEDULES WORKSHOP

For ten weeks beginning May 28, 2001, young people between 6-12 will be in and out of the Science Center and Brick City Park participating in exciting hands-on experiences in science and art.

A special field trip in keeping with the theme of the week takes place as well.

Workshops fill quickly, so check with the Science Center at 620-8849 for further information.

ADAMS-BUTLER WEDDING

The wedding ceremony uniting Mildred E. Adams and Thomas Butler, Jr., was held on March 31, 2001 at Mt. Tabor AME Church in Kendrick, FL. The Reverend T. Patricia Nelson officiated.

The wedding ceremony included Prenuptial Music by Darren Robinson and Darren Robinson; Seating of Parents, Mrs. Betty James and Mr. and Mrs. Nordis Reed; Solo by Darren Robinson and the Lord's Prayer by Cheryl Baker; Processional; Entrance of Bride; Exchange of vows and presentation of rings; Prayer by Rev. T. Patricia Nelson; Communion and lighting of Unity Candle, and Declaration of Marriage.

The wedding party included the Bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Judge James; Grooms parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nordis Reed; Best Man Charlie McCall; Matron of Honor, Victoria Jonas; Maid of Honor, Linda Leverette; Bride's Maid, Cassandra Lewis; Groomsman Rufus Mitchell and Dwayne Fields; Junior Bride, Bridgette Adams; Ring Bearer, Johnathan Smith; Flower Girls, Jaquandra Williams, Jamilya Garrett and Kahyah Cook.

The Ushers were Terrance Lewis, Benjamin Bradley, Edward Pullings and Alfonso Damon. The wedding coordinator was Veronica Damon.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Happy birthday greetings go out to Lena Smith, April 10th; Marie Gary, April 14th; Donvae Barnes, April 16th; Earl Tucker, April 19th and E. K. Johnson, April 21st.

ANNIVERSARY WISHES

Happy anniversary wishes go out to Mr. and Mrs. Bronson McKay Sanders, Sr., April 12th and Angela and Larry Daniels, April 22nd.

"Happy Sunrise This Easter Morning!"

Magnolia Festival And Garden Show

DADE CITY - Saturday, May 5, 10am-5pm and Sunday, May 6, 10am-4pm, 2001, are the dates which have been chosen by the Pioneer Florida Museum Association, Inc. for its Magnolia Garden Show. A planned yearly event, the garden show will feature booths of flowers and flower arrangements, plants of all kinds, garden equipment, yard and garden decorations, and paraphernalia related to flowers and gardens. Also featured will be demonstrations and seminars on subjects related to gardening, such as gardens with a specific focus, i.e., raising lady bugs, pest control for yards, gardens, and a special; workshop to make your own rain barrel for watering plants.

The show will be open to the public and will be held on the beautiful and spacious grounds of the Pioneer Florida Museum.

The museum still needs vendors who would like to participate in the show, as well as experts in any field related to flowers and gardens who would like to do demonstrations or give seminars. Those who are interested in participating in the Magnolia Garden Show are invited to contact the Pioneer Florida Museum at (352) 567-0262.

The Pioneer Florida Museum is located just north of Dade City on Pioneer Museum Road, off Highway 301 on the east side. For additional information, please call the museum at the above number.

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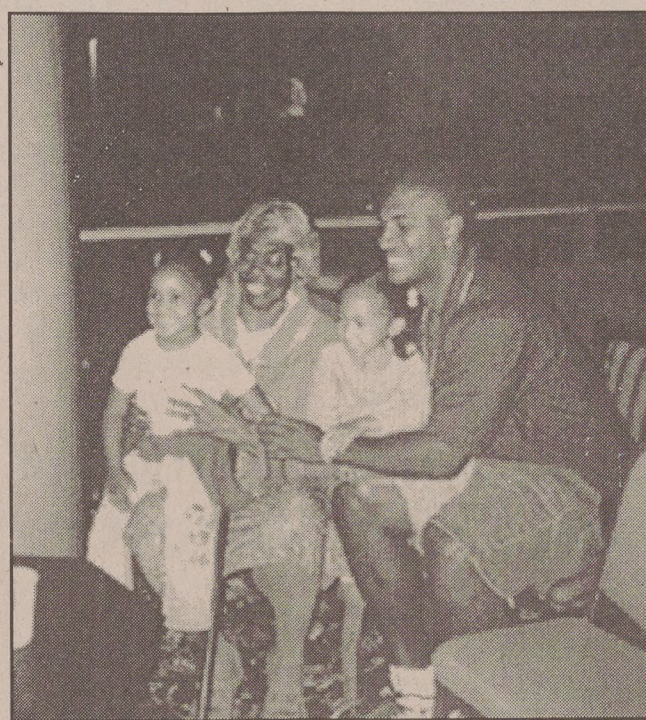
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Mrs. Culpepper, Daunte and her grandchildren

OCALA - Mrs. Emma L. Culpepper shown with granddaughters and son, Daunte, an NFL quarterback, was recently cited for her contributions to the growth and welfare of Marion County.

A member of GHMBC since 1936, Mrs. Culpepper expressed her sincere gratitude

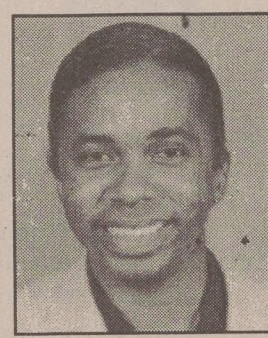
for the acknowledgement and offered "In your life, the clouds may have hung low and you could hardly see the road, but as years passed, things tremendously improved in your life. And now you look things over, all you can say is 'Thank you Lord, for being so good to me.'"

Writing The Region

GAINESVILLE - The fifth Annual Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Writers Workshop Writing The Region will be held in Gainesville and Cross Creek, FL, July 25-29, 2001. Faculty include award-winning authors Joe Haldeman and Shelley Fraser Mickle, poet Peter Meinke, noted historian Michael Gannon, nature writer Bill Belleville, playwrights Sarah Bewley and Marilyn Maple, children's author Kevin Shortleeve, Ms. Rawlings companion and maid, Idella Parker, travel writer Herb Hiller, noted journalists Jeff Klinkenberg and William Maxwell, photojournalist Jeff Ripple, and many more. Manuscript consultation is available on an individual basis with our faculty.

Workshops at Writing The Region range from small groups to lectures. An optional excursion to Ms. Rawlings's home, with dinner at the adjacent County Park, will be led by State Park Ranger Val Rivers.

A writing contest sponsored by the Rawlings Society awards \$150 each year to a workshop participant. Two evenings of drama related to Ms. Rawlings.



LIGHT OF THE WORLD

By DANIEL BANKS

Confederate History Month in Marion County?

I recently saw a bumper sticker showing a confederate flag flying over a state capital building. The caption read, "I have a dream".

On April 3, 2001, the Marion County Commission proclaimed the month of April as Confederate History Month. I am told this proclamation was intentionally made on the eve of the anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

I have since E-mailed Commissioner Parnell Townley of Marion County District 3, where I live, and expressed my great disdain over the so-called Confederate History Month. I promised him that he would not get my vote if he runs again. The same applies to all the other presently sitting Commissioners who are Andy Kesselring, Larry Cretul, Randy Harris, and Steve Henning.

The confederacy was in rebellion to the federal government of the time and to celebrate that rebellion appears to me to be treason. I see no difference between Marion County's Confederate History Month and Timothy McVeigh's bombing of a federal building in Oklahoma a few

years ago. Both are anarchist moves. These are the thoughts I conveyed to Mr. Townley.

The Marion County Commission and all of its sympathizers, black and white, need to come to grips with the fact that the confederate South lost the Civil War and the right to hold slaves. Get over it!

Confederate History Month cannot be compared to Negro History Month because not all American history needs remembering and confederate history is viewed from the wrong angle, like the bumper sticker. Those of you dreaming of a return to black slavery and even Jim Crow ought to wake up from your nightmare. God is NOT on your side! You should have followed Gov. Bush's lead, as you said you would, and placed the confederate flags flying over the governmental complex in a museum of history. As a result, you've shown yourselves to be liars and have no shame.

Consider this scripture written to the Israelites and all spiritual Israelites regardless to birth: "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me: because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives,

and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of joy for mourning, the oil of joy for mourning; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He might be glorified.

And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations. And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien shall be your plowmen and your vine-dressers. But ye shall be named the Priests of the Lord: men shall call you the Ministers of our God: ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves.

For your shame ye shall have double; and for confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be unto them. For I the Lord love judgment, I hate robbery for burnt offering; and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. And their seed shall be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the people: all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed which the Lord hath blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul

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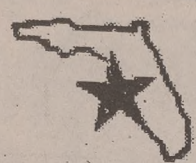
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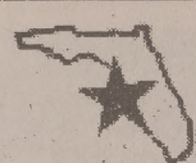
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North Central Florida



Ocala News

by James Thorpe

The Most Worshipful Meridian Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Ancient York Rite Masons Prince Hall Origin - National Compact Jurisdiction of Florida celebrates our 104th Year Grand Session at the Ocala Hilton Hotel, April 19-21, 2001.

On Thursday morning, April 19th the session will start with a welcome program, wherein the city officials will bring greetings.

Saturday night at 7pm will conclude our session with a banquet. The speaker will be Mr. Alvin Stokes, Chief of Police, Savannah State University Police Department, Savannah, GA. Mr. Stokes joined the U.S. Marines in 1966 of which he served in Vietnam. While in Vietnam he was wounded and received the Purple Heart and Silver Star (ranked 3rd for heroic action in combat). His actions are written in a novel about Recon Marines "Never Without Heroes" by author, Lawrence Vetter.

Mr. Stokes joined the Savannah Police Department in September 1969 from which he retired in 1999, with the rank of Captain of Police. While employed with the Savannah Police Department he attended and graduated from the Federal Bureau of Investigation in 1987. In addition he received several commendations, certificates and awards. In 1973 he joined the Security Police Unit of the Air National Guard. He received and became ranked Master Sergeant.

In 1988 he received an Associate Degree in Industrial

Security from the Community College of the Air Force. August 1988 received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from Savannah State College. 1992-Graduated from Savannah State University with a Masters Degree in Public Administration.

Our Toast Master for the evening will be Mr. Alvin Summers, Director of Summers Funeral Home.

Honorable Lawrence Owens, Sr., is our Grand Master.

Banquet coordinator is Sis. Darion Tyler.

If you are interested, please contact Honorable Henry A. Tyler, Jr., at 687-8280 or Bro. Raymond Weathers, 629-5433.

The Host Lodges are:
King Solomon #133, Hon. Henry A. Tyler, Jr., Worshipful Master.

Sons of David #21, Bro. Raymond Weathers, Worshipful Master.

Host Chapter: Elizabeth #11, Order of Eastern Star - Sis. Darion Tyler, Worthy Matron.

"God Bless"

Queen Victory Lodge #50 will hold their monthly meeting the 2nd Tuesday in May at 8pm. No meeting in April because of the Convention.

Howard Academy Class of 1950 will hold their next meeting the 3rd Sunday in May at 5pm, at the home of Plato Mathis, 2200 N.W. 21st Street, Ocala, FL.

All classmates are welcome.

20th Annual Downtown Festival And Art Show

GAINESVILLE - Calling all artists! Gainesville, the cultural heart of north central Florida, is now accepting applications for Gainesville's fall festival of the arts. In its 20th year, the Downtown Festival & Art Show has earned a reputation as north central Florida's premier fine art festival.

Since 1996, the Downtown Festival & Art Show has been ranked by *Sunshine Artist* magazine as one of the top 200 shows in the nation. The festival has also won *Sunshine Artist's* "Best Commemorative Poster" competition for the past two consecutive years. Other recent festival recognition includes second place in the Florida Festivals & Events Association T-shirt design contest and third place in the FFEA commemorative poster competition.

You are invited to exhibit your work on Saturday, Nov. 10th and Sunday, Nov. 11th, 2001. The festival annually attracts more than 100,000 people to Gainesville's bustling historic district. Art lovers flock from all over the region to purchase original artwork created by 250 fine artists and to listen to continuous live music on three stages.

The Children's Imagination Station offers creative hands-on art activities and interactive entertainment, free of charge, while food vendors provide a diverse array of savory foods, and a Community Information area presents a forum for non-profit organizations.

Esteemed judges will evaluate work in every medium: ceramics, fiber, glass, graphics, jewelry, mixed media, paintings, photography, sculpture, wearables, and wood. Prize money includes \$12,000 in cash awards and \$3,500 in purchase awards. Application deadline is June 8th, 2001.

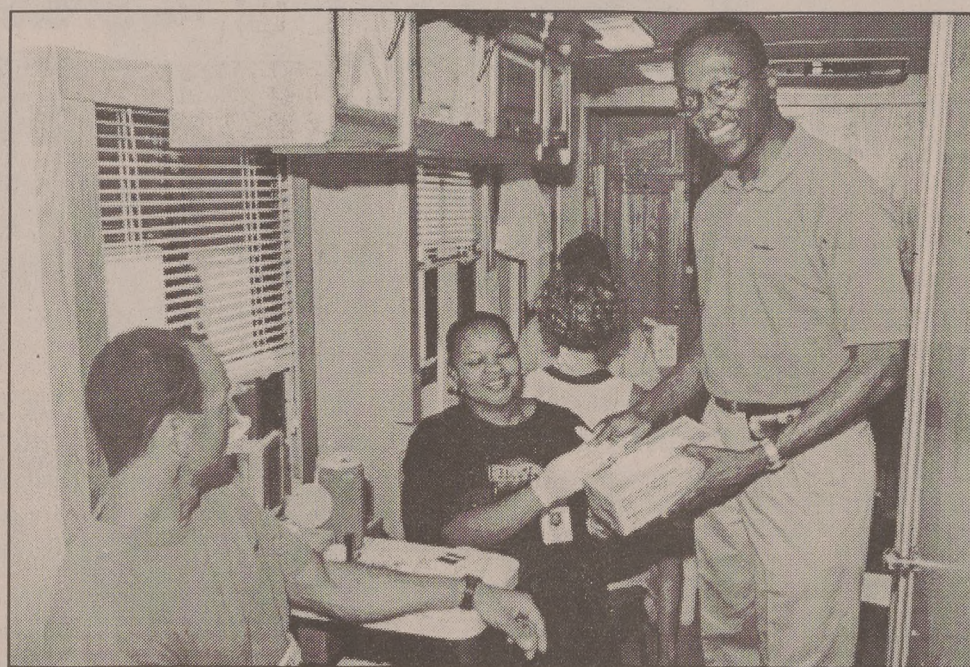
Gainesville is a hub of creativity -- the entire community takes pride in the thriving artistic environment that makes the city bright and culturally satisfying year round. Join the City of Gainesville's Department of Cultural Affairs in welcoming the beginning of the holiday season -- apply now to be part of Gainesville's premier fall festival of the arts! Contact Linda Piper, Downtown Festival & Arts Show, Sta. 30, P. O. Box 490, Gainesville, FL 32602, 352/334-5064. Our e-mail address is piperlr@ci.gainesville.fl.us.

New Addition To Anheuser-Busch Helps Promote Health Awareness

GAINESVILLE - The newest addition to the Anheuser-Busch Companies Community Health Mobile fleet recently paid a visit to the 2001 March of Dimes Walk America in Gainesville, FL.

Visitors to the Health Mobile at the Westwood Middle School Athletic Field received free cholesterol, blood pressure and blood sugar screenings. Metal Container Corporation of Gainesville, a subsidiary of Anheuser-Busch, helped bring the Health Mobile to Florida.

The Anheuser-Busch Company Health Mobile program started in 1983 as a public service. The company added a second vehicle in October 2000. The units travel across the country visiting an average of 50 cities each year and provide free health screenings to more than 7,500 people



Anheuser-Busch Companies Health Mobile Manager, Ron Wilkinson (far right), assists a volunteer nurse during the Community Health Mobile's recent visit to Gainesville.

annually.

In 2001, the Health Mobile is scheduled to visit the cities of Jacksonville, St. Petersburg, Tampa, Orlando, Tallahassee and Miami in Florida; the Cal-

ifornia cities of Oakland, San Francisco, San Diego and Stockton; and various locations in Louisiana and Mississippi.

**READING IS VITAMINS
FOR THE MIND**

Daniel Banks

from pg. 8

shall be joyful in my God; for He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, He hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the gar-

den causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations." - Isaiah 61

The Board of County Commissioners in Marion County can be reached online at www.marioncountyfl.org/commishemail.htm.

College Awards Degrees To December Graduates

GENESEO, NY - Approximately 205 undergraduate and graduate students received degrees from SUNY Geneseo in December 2000.

Matthew William Hart-

mann, Crystal River, FL 34429, (Hauppauge, NY 11788). Degree: Bachelor of Arts Theatre/English-Secondary English Certification.



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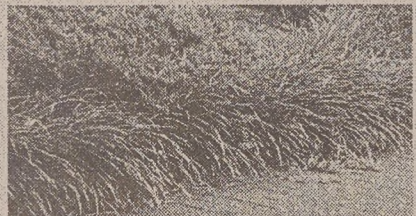
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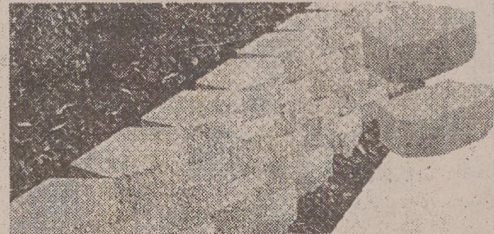
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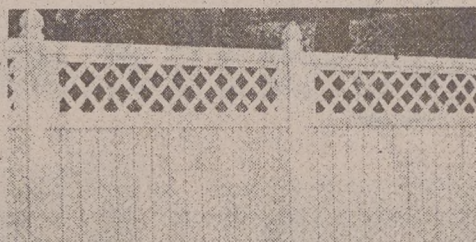
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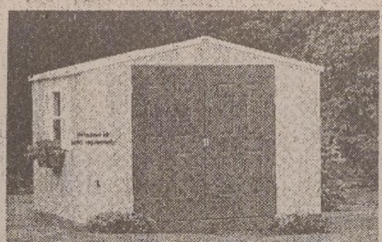
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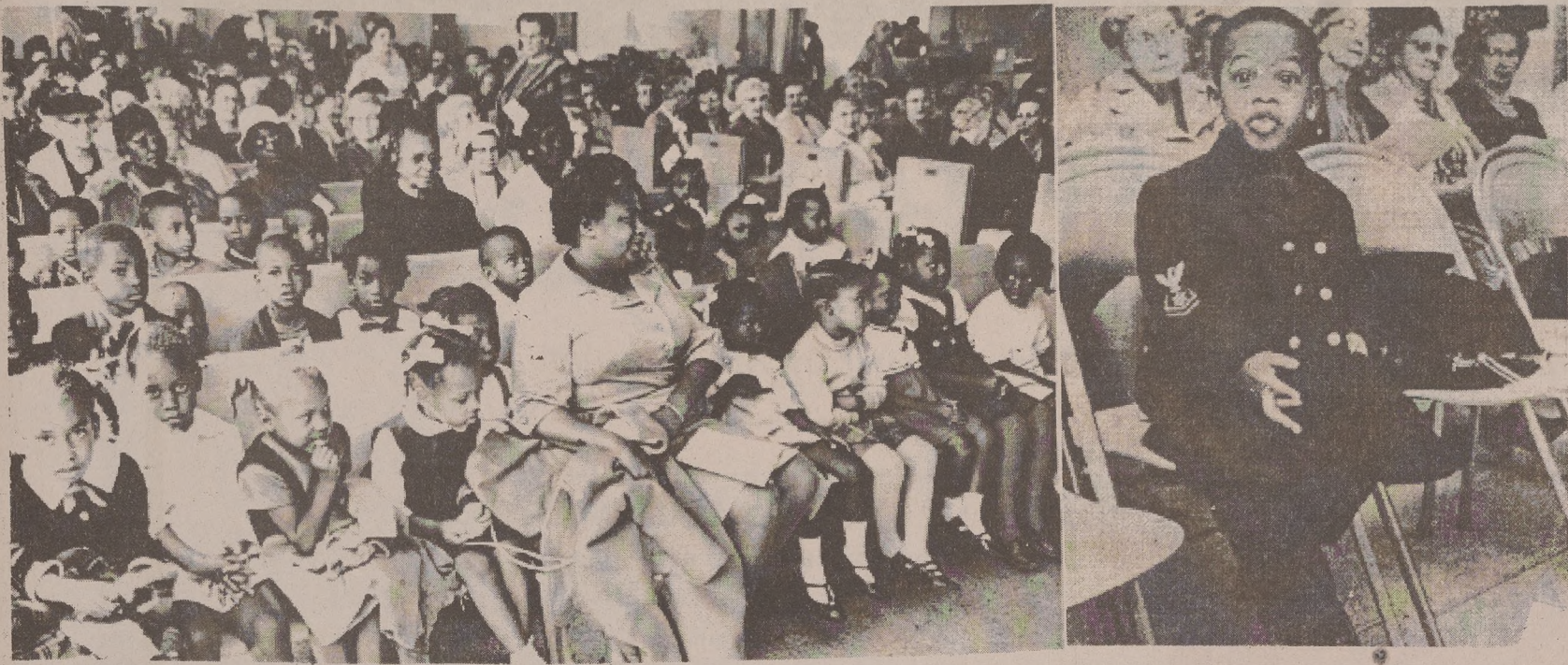
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ST. PETERSBURG — Happy Workers Children's Center, a 70-year-old nonprofit agency, is searching for alumni for a reunion in mid-2001.

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Happy Workers Children's Center has been recognized as

a leader in providing early childhood education and serves children from 2 months old to 5 years of age. If you, or someone you know, attended Happy Workers, and you would like to receive information about our Alumni Association, please call 894-5337.

"The brief reflections I can

recall regarding Happy Workers are linked to memories of climbing the large tree located in the playground area. In addition, I can still remember eating warm chicken and noodle soup, having to sleep after lunch and learning various songs taught by my teachers. I also remember learning how to fight, in order to defend myself during this period.

"Most of all, I am thankful to God for granting me the opportunity to experience the love Happy Workers continues to give to it's children in the new century. This love, gave me the love of my life, my wife and Happy Workers classmate, June Kicklighter Peterman. Thank you Happy Workers!" Reflections by Frank Peterman, Jr.

The Face: Jesus In Art

TAMPA — WEDU commemorates Easter with two special programs airing April 15 beginning at 4pm.

WEDU broadcast of *The Face: Jesus in Art* airs on Sunday, April 15 at 4pm. For centuries, the most influential artists painted portraits and sculpted monumental images of Jesus Christ, whose powerful and timeless image has had an immeasurable influence on global art and culture. With narration by Mel Gibson, Bill Moyers, Stacy Keach, Patricia Neal and Edward Herrman, *The Face: Jesus in Art* traces the use of Jesus' image in art

over a 2000-year period, from ancient Rome and 20th-century America to Europe and the Middle East. The documentary captures an unprecedented collection of art works - from Michelangelo's *Pieta* to the rock-carved churches of Capadocia in the desert badlands of Turkey to the catacombs beneath Rome, where the earliest images of Jesus are viewed by candlelight.

Following the *Jesus in Art* program, Great Performances presents *Andrea Bocelli: Sacred Arias* on WEDU Sunday, April 15 at 6pm. Beneath the gilt, statuary and flickering candles of Santa Maria sopra

Minerva, a Roman basilica on the Piazza della Minerva, Andrea Bocelli lifts his voice to new inspirational heights. The evening's repertory, including Schubert's "Ave Maria" and Franck's "Panis Angelicus", offers particular joy to the Tuscan-born Bocelli, who remembers hearing many of the songs for the first time growing up on his family's farm.

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

20th Annual Fire Hydrant Painting Party And Drinking Water Celebration

TAMPA — Drinking Water Celebration (DWC) is the Tampa Water Department's annual celebration of drinking water held this year April 1st through May 12th. DWC combines Water Conservation Month, which is held each April in Florida, with Drinking Water Week, an international celebration for quality drinking water held each year during the first full week of May. Several public awareness events are scheduled during DWC. One of the most popular events, the Fire Hydrant Painting Party will take place on Wednesday, April 18th.

Watch 40 teams of students from Hillsborough County High Schools race to paint fire hydrants with water

conservation themes!

What: 20th Annual Fire Hydrant Painting Party

Where: Downtown Tampa; Franklin St. Mall (between Kennedy Blvd. and Madison St.)

When: Wednesday, April 18, 2001 from 9:30am to Noon.

Who: Open to the public

Why: *To promote Drinking Water Celebration.*To educate the community about local water resources with the help of local media. *To support the ongoing water conservation education efforts of the City of Tampa Water Department and its mission:

"To provide potable water that is unquestioned in quality and sufficient in quantity,

ensuring customer satisfaction, while maintaining the environmental integrity of the source through efficient operation and water conservation."

Come and see Hillsborough County's talented high school students competing for prizes and awards, including "Best Overall Hydrant", "Public's Prize" and "City of Tampa Prize".

All Drinking Water Celebration events are supported with in-kind services and donations. Thanks to all supporters of Drinking Water Celebration. With an involved and supportive community, the Tampa Water Department has been able to educate the public on the importance of quality drinking water.

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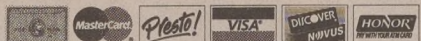
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ENTERTAINMENT

Dance Theatre Of Harlem



Dance Theatre of Harlem
Lisa Attles and Donald Williams
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TAMPA — The *Dance Theatre of Harlem* returns to Tampa after a 1996 sold-out performance with a unique combination of classic ballet, modern, and ethnic dance for a night of expressive choreography. *Dance Theatre of Harlem* will perform at the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center in Carol Morsani Hall on Saturday, April 21st at 8pm.

The repertoire chosen for *Dance Theatre of Harlem's* performance at The Center includes *Return*, a throwback to the 60s Motown era incorporating popular dance with contemporary ballet, with music by James Brown and Aretha Franklin. The show will also feature *South African Suite*, a tribute to and celebration of South Africa, based on *Dance Theatre of Harlem's* 1992 tour to South Africa.

Dance Theatre of Harlem emerged after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1968. An accomplished, professional dancer, Arthur Mitchell decided this was the time to explore his dream of fighting prejudice against African-Americans in ballet. Mitchell began instructing young dancers in the Harlem community, and by 1969 had established the *Dance Theatre of Harlem*.

Today, the *Dance Theatre of Harlem* travels worldwide performing in 40 states, 193 North American cities, 38

countries, and on six continents. The *Dance Theatre of Harlem* and Arthur Mitchell have received over 300 awards and honors.

Among these awards are the National Medal of Arts in 1994 and the Kennedy Center Honors in 1993, presented to Mitchell for his contributions to the performing arts.

Dance Theatre of Harlem plays in the Carol Morsani Hall Saturday, April 21st at 8pm. Tickets may be purchased by calling 813-229-STAR (7827) or outside the Tampa Bay area at 800-955-1045. Tickets may also be purchased in person at The Center Ticket Office or online at The Center's website.

For more information about the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center and its upcoming events, visit The Center's website at www.tbpac.org.

Free Concert - "First Day, A Music Thing"

ST. PETERSBURG — National recording artists All Together Separate and Two or More take the stage Friday, April 13, in a free concert at the Times Bayfront Arena in St. Petersburg. The event kicks off Easter weekend with the skateboard presentation by the Manna Skateboard team from 6:30 to 7:30pm, followed by Two or More and ending the evening with a rockin' praise performance by All Together Separate.

The multi-racial All Together Separate is recognized as one of the most innovative, up-and-coming bands in Christian music. With their modern rock sound combined with worshipful lyrics, they have performed with bands like Audio Adrenaline, Third Day, Jennifer Knapp, Rebecca St. James and The Supertones and are currently up for two Dove Awards.

The trio of brothers Walter, Eddie and Renato Aguas — better known as Two or More — have a Latin-influenced contemporary style that blends tight harmonies with catchy hooks and pop melodies guaranteed to stir audiences hearts.

The free concert is open to the public and sponsored by Calvary Chapel of St. Petersburg as a way to bring the community together for an evening of family-friendly entertainment outside the four walls of the church. The venue will charge nominal fee per vehicle for parking. For more information, contact Bob Corry at (727) 577-7705.

Times Bayfront Arena, 400 First Street South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701. Time: 7:30pm. Doors open at 6:30pm. This concert is FREE. Concessions will be open.

Celebrate Black History 2002 In Ghana, West Africa



Carolyn Swanson

ST. PETERSBURG — African American Adventures, Inc., will host a one week tour to Ghana in West Africa, Tuesday, April 17-23, 2002. Ghana, once part of the region known as the gold coast of Africa, is still rich in history and tradition.

Ghanians are excited when African Americans take this pilgrimage to see the motherland. Twenty two people toured Senegal, Gambia and Ghana last year. African American Adventures in the future will be hosting trips to both

West and South Africa on a yearly basis.

Carolyn Swanson, an agent with African American Adventures, Inc., will host a tour program on Ghana for persons interested in participating in an escorted trip. This presentation will be held at the Enoch Davis Center on Monday, April 16, 2001 at 7pm.

For further information regarding the tour, contact African American Adventures, Inc., at (727) 388-3801 or (727) 867-5169, or (727) 825-6692.

Poetic Justice Gala

PINELLAS PARK — Operation PAR's sixth annual Poetic Justice Gala will be held April 27th, 2001 at the Bayou Club in Largo. First Lady Columba Bush is serving as Honorary Chair of the event.

The silent auction is unique, offering seized assets donated by law enforcement agencies — the "poetic justice" of making drug dealers and other criminals pay for the fight against drug abuse in our area.

For information on Sponsorship Opportunities and/or tickets, call (727) 545-7564.

Juneteenth Fish Fry

ST. PETERSBURG — Support this fundraiser to sponsor the oldest African-American Holiday Observance, Juneteenth (June 19, 1865), which celebrates Freedom From Legal Slavery in America.

Friday, April 13, 2001, 5-7pm, Sojourner Truth Center.

1550 16th Street South, St. Petersburg.

Proceeds from this fundraiser will help fund our 2001 Juneteenth Activities to be held on June 16, 17, and 19 in St. Petersburg.

Don't let our African ancestors down by not supporting this most important

American Holiday observance.

For more information call Jeani Blue at (727) 821-3833. All donations are tax deductible. Checks and money orders should be made payable to Juneteenth of Tampa Bay, Inc., a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization.



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Picnic

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Saturday, April 28, 2001

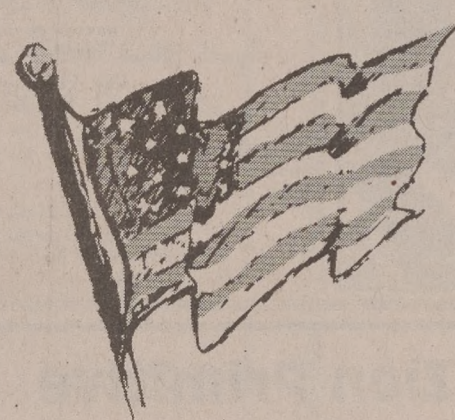
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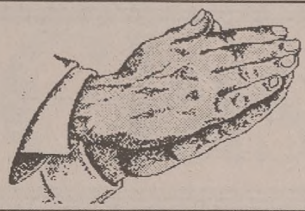
Admission — a contribution of \$20 per person to the Al Downing Scholarship Fund
Tickets available at the Coliseum (727) 892-5202

Tickets and tables of 10 reservations — Leave your name and phone number on the Association's line (727) 866-0085

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Church News



Breakthrough Christian Center



Pastor Glenn Miller

You're invited to join us tonight (Thursday) and Friday at 7:30pm for two powerful "Rebirth of Pentecost" Services with Pastor Glenn ministering. If you want a filling or a refilling of the power of the Holy Ghost then you need to be in these services. It's spring break, bring the young people out.

Sunday morning at 6am

sharp there will be a special "Sunrise Service". Join us also for our 11am Power Breakthrough Service. You don't want to miss Sunday's "Night of Prophecy" at 7:30pm.

Continue to tune in to WRXB-1590 AM, Monday-Friday, 6-6:15am; Sunday 9:30-10am. This Sunday on WTAN-1340AM, Pastor Glenn will be giving away

tickets for "The Big Mothers' Day Gospel Explosion" with Pastor Shirley Caesar, Donnie Daryl & The Joy Boyz, Apostle J. L. Cash & Praise, Pastor Glenn Miller & also the Bethel Community Baptist Church Dance Team. Call (727) 867-5785 for more info. The date and time is May 13th at 5pm at the Coliseum 535 4th Avenue North, St. Petersburg. Some special prizes coming up so keep listening to WRXB.

April 18-20 (Wednesday-Friday) Evangelist Leslie Pace, Atlanta, GA (of The Anointed Pace Sisters) and her band and singers will be at Breakthrough for a 3 night crusade. Mark your calendar, you don't want to miss this!

See you at Breakthrough, 1940 49th Street South, St. Petersburg, FL. Call us at (727) 321-4986 or fax us at (727) 321-3937.

Come as you are - no dress code!

Elim Seventh-Day Adventist

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, April 7th. We were blessed with song and drama of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

This Quarter's Sabbath School lesson is "Bible Biographies". This week's Sabbath School lesson is entitled "The Betrayers-Peter and Judas!" The memory text is "And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had said to him, 'Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times'" Luke 22:61. RSV. Come join our church at study starting at 9am.

Adventist Youth Society program is every Sabbath 1 1/2 hours before sunset (6:30pm). Please come support the youth of our Church.

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

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

A Bible Study is held each Friday evening at 6:30pm. All are invited to attend and join us as 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 21: Education Day
April 28: Temperance Day, Dr. Rosa Banks
May 28: Personal Ministries Day, Elder Holness.

PEACEFUL ZION M.B. CHURCH

2051 - 9th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33712

Rev. F.G. Jackson, Pastor

(813) 822-2455

Church School.....9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.
B.T.U.....5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Evening Bible Class.....7:30 p.m.

Wednesday Youth Rehearsal.....5:30 p.m.
Thursday Prayer & Church School Study.....7:30 p.m.
1st & 2nd Saturdays SR.
Choir Rehearsal.....11:00 a.m.

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Morning Worship 10:30
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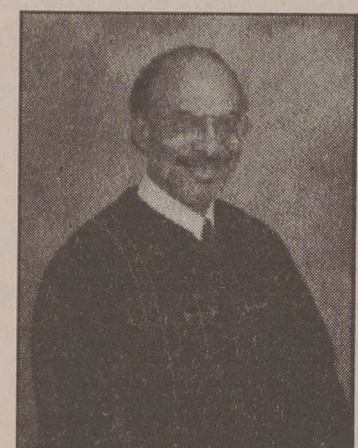
Residence: 824-6021

Mid-Morning Worship Service . . . 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Prayer/Praise Service (Wednesday) . . 7:00 p.m.

Rev. Donald F. Browne



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10th Street Church Of God

207 - 10th Street North, St. Petersburg, FL

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting/
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.

New Philadelphia Community

Holy Week is continuing focus of New Philadelphia as Easter Sunday approaches. Final activities in commemoration of Jesus' Passion Week are: Maundy Thursday Vespers, Good Friday Brunch, and 10pm Prayer Chain on Saturday. All members of church family are requested to take part in these sacred events.

Sunrise service will be held on church-owned properties Easter Sunday morning. Pastor will proclaim sermon for the occasion. Breakfast will be served at conclusion of worship. Dress for this service is casual. Members are urged

to be prompt in attendance.

Children, youth, young adult ministry will lead mid-morning worship for Easter Sunday. A presentation for the season will be offered. Messenger for the morning will be Minister Aaron Gaskin. A service of child dedication for Keyshawn Lindsey will also be done during worship service. He is the son of Becky Church. James and Brenda Nelson are his Godparents.

Palm Sunday worship was a joyous occurrence. Wisdom School stressed "spiritual empowerment." Prayer, praise, and devotion was offered by

Minister Marque Gaskin-Samuels, Deaconess Jo Ann Nesbitt, and James Bolden. The church family welcomed guest musician Eugene "Butch" Rose, who accompanied music minister Bolden in all music offerings. His rendition of "Jesus Is the Best Thing That Ever Happened To Me" was received with "high" and sustained praise by the many persons present. The Reverend Edward Nesbitt delivered a powerful and inspiring Palm Sunday sermon entitled, "You Can't Keep A Good Man Down!"

Rejoice in EASTER

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Telephone (727) 804-6404



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

St. John Missionary Baptist Church

1500 N. Pennsylvania Avenue

Clearwater, Florida 33516

Church Phone: 443-1945 Parsonage: 446-6056

Rev. Fleming Taver, Pastor

Sunday Services

Sunday Service 8:00 a.m.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Baptist Training Union 5:00 p.m.

Weekly Services

Bible Class Monday, 7:00 p.m.

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

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Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church

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Elder Clarence L. Warren, Pastor

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Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

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Bible Study: Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

"To God Be The Glory"



Rev. Calvin Hopkins

Galilee Missionary Baptist Church

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

Morning Worship 7:45 a.m.

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

Mid-Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.

Baptist Training Union 5:00 p.m.

Mid-Week Worship Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

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

Come join us at the Church where everyone is Welcome!



Rev. Earnest Jones, Pastor

Revival - Revival - Revival

"Theme: Holy Ghost Revival With Fire and Power"

The St. Petersburg District One of the three districts in the Tampa Florida Conference, under the leadership of Presiding Elder Jerome L. Denmark, Annual Spring Revival will be held April 22nd through April 26th, nightly. Come and be revived with the holy ghost

filled preaching and good singing. Come and let the spirit of the Lord fall fresh on you, beginning Sunday, April 22nd 6pm and nightly Monday through Thursday April 23rd, through the 26th.

This event is hosted by Moore's Chapel A.M.E. Rev. Marcus Burke, Pastor.

April 28th, the St. Peters-

burg District Church School Convention planning meeting will be held at Bethel A.M.E. Church, 912 3rd Avenue South, Rev. Roosevelt Hardy, Pastor.

April 29th, the St. Petersburg District, Special (5th Sunday) Service will be held at Mt. Olive A.M.E. Church in Rubonia, FL

Saint Mark

African Methodist Episcopal Church

- Sunday- Church School, 9:45am
- Sunday- Worship Service, 11:00am
- Tuesday- Operation "BIG EAR", 6:00pm- 7:00pm
- Spiritual Counseling
- Wednesday- Prayer Meeting & Bible Study, 7:00pm- Until 11:00pm
- Thursday- Tutoring for K thru 5th, 6:30pm- 7:30pm
- Friday- Great Book Review for Youth, 7:00pm
- Saturday- Young Men's Bible Study, "Teen Word" Each 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month 9:00am- 10:00am



Pastor Keturah D. Pittman

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St. Petersburg, Florida 33712
(727) 867-2400

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

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

(727) 894-5246 / 823-1619



SATURDAYS

Sabbath School: 9 am

Morning Worship: 11 am

Youth Hour: 1 Hour Before Sunset

WEDNESDAY

Prayer Meeting: 7:30 PM

ELIM Junior Academy & Day Care Center

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.

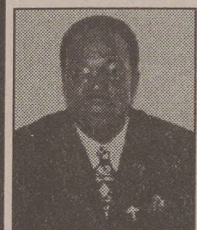
Tuesday Night

General Bible Study

Thursday Night Prayer

Meeting & Teachers Meeting

We welcome you at all times.



Rev. Clyde Williams



Church News



A Journey In Friendship MB Church Worship

The Bethel Community Baptist Church Music Department will host an adult choral workshop "A Journey In Worship". All choir members and directors are invited to participate.

The workshop schedule is as follows:

Fri., May 18-Registration 6:30pm, 7-9pm.

Sat., May 19-Registration 8:30am, 9am-12; 1-4pm.

Sun., May 20-Concert 4pm. A freewill offering will be accepted.

Elder Eland Wilson, Jr., an accomplished musician, vocalist, and songwriter will be the facilitator. Elder Wilson excelled in music at an early age as he began playing the piano at eight under the tutelage of local music teachers.

Upon graduating from Lakewood Senior High School he received a music scholarship from Bethune-Cookman College where he majored in Music Education with emphasis on vocal performance and choral conducting. Under the esteemed leadership of Dr. Rebecca Walker Steele he traveled extensively and performed with the Concert

Chorale as a soloist and student conductor for the 100 plus voices. While attending Bethune-Cookman College, he had the opportunity of working with composer arranger Glenn Burleigh. His professional experiences to date have placed him with artists such as Michael Bolton, the late Reverend James Moore and has toured with Reverend Donnie Harper and the New Jersey Mass Choir.

In 1995, he received the calling of the Word ministry and was ordained as a minister of the Gospel in 1997 at the Genesis Worship Center Church where he also serves as Elder of Music.

As a member of the Gospel Music Workshop of America, his skills as a clinician and workshop facilitator have been requested on numerous occasions. Elder Wilson specializes in enlightening God's people in the realm of praise and worship, liturgical relevance of sacred music in the 21st century church and excellence in music ministry.

For more information, please call Carolyn Hobbs at (727) 821-7181 ext. 21.

Friendship MB Church

The Friendship Missionary Baptist Church family under the leadership of Pastor John A. Evans, Sr., invite you to worship with us, Sunday April 15th and to all church related activities and events during the week.

Beginning at 8am the Deacon Ministry will lead in devotion prayer/praise services. The Fellowship Choir will render songs of praise. The Fellowship Ushers will greet you and Pastor Evans will preach the undiluted 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 Minister of Music, Brother John Frazier and the Praise Team.

At 4pm the Easter Cele-

bration will be held, everyone is invited to come out and support this most sacred event.

Weekly Schedule:

Thurs., April 19: 7-8:45pm, Prayer/Praise Service and Bible Study; also 7:45pm, Youth Enrichment Hour, where the young people are taught in their respective classes.

Sat., April 21: 2pm, "55+ Plus Ministry Meeting.

Wed., April 25: 12 noon Noonday Bible Study, also each Wednesday from 12-2pm, Bread of Life Ministry, serving lunch to all needy in the community.

Words of Jesus: "But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee." Matt. 26:32

Ministerial Alliance To Hold Sunrise Service

The Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance will observe Easter Sunrise Service starting at 6am at Christ Gospel Church, 2500 22nd Avenue South, Bishop Preston Leonard, Pastor.

A wholesome worship is planned. Our speaker will be

Rev. William Gravely, an assistant at New Faith Free Methodist Church.

The public is invited. Dr. Gustave Victor is president.

Moore's Chapel A.M.E. Church

"The Church Where Everybody is Somebody"

Rev. Marcus Burke, and Moore's Chapel's Church family welcome you to their services, this 3rd Sunday in April, the 15th (Easter Sunday).

Easter Sunrise Service will begin at 6am. The sermon will be delivered by Rev. Roosevelt Hardy, Pastor of Bethel A.M.E. Church. Music will be provided by Bethel A.M.E. Church Choir.

10am Moore's Chapel's Youth presents their Easter Program under the directions

of Church School Superintendent Mose Bell and staff. Immediately following the Easter Program, morning worship will begin. The sermon will be delivered by Rev. Burke, or Associate Pastor Rev. Swagert.

Music will be provided by the Youth Choir directed and accompanied by Minister of Music, Michael Melvin, Joye Watkins, Rochelle and Simona Jones, with Carlos Farley, on the drums. The Stewardess Board and the Youth Ushers 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.

Moore's Chapel Holy Week Service will be held Wednesday, April 11th at 7:30pm; Thursday, April 12th, at 7:30pm and Good Friday (April 13th) 12 noon.

The Church School Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 14th, at the church. Please see Sister Flo Bell.

Services, Rehearsals, Meetings:

Noon Day Prayer Service,

Wed., 12 noon.

Prayer Service/Bible Study Wed., 7pm.

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

Lay Organization Meeting, Mon. after the 3rd Sunday Mass Choir Rehearsal-Tues., and Thurs., before the 1st and 2nd Sunday, 7pm.

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

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

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

Women Growth Meeting, 2nd Sat. 11am.

A Night Of Praise At Wings Of Faith

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord! - Psalm 150:6

Great things are happening at the Wings of Faith Christian Center, and your presence is required!

Bishop Ronald and Pastor Alfreda Moten along with the WOFCC Church family extends a personal invitation to all of our neighbors and friends

to come and join us in a "Night of Praise", Saturday, April 21, 2001 at 6pm. This will be a night dedicated to Praise, a time to Praise Him for His Excellency, His Glory, His Greatness, His Holiness, His Faithfulness and for all His mighty acts. Join us as we express our joy to the Lord with the voice of triumph and the fruit of our lips.

You don't want to miss this Special Praise Service as various Anointed Christian performers from the Tampa Bay area usher you into the presence of God through song and dance. *Praise Looks Good on You!*

Upcoming Event: Citywide Youth Extravaganza, Saturday, April 28,

2001, 4pm to 7pm. Motivating Guest Speaker: Andrea Johnson. Teacher/Trainer, Pinellas County United Students for Abstinence Program.

Pizza Party immediately following the service.

For additional information concerning these services, please call the church office at (727) 898-1741.

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



Dr. Alvin Moore, Pastor

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Rev. Harry Jones, Pastor

Church Theme for the Year:

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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

All Nations Church of God By Faith

3000 - 4th Avenue S. • St. Petersburg, FL
327-5926 • 327-2656

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

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St. Petersburg, FL 33712

(727) 821-5444

Sunday School 9:30

Sunday Morn 11:45

Monday Prayer 6:00

Tuesday Bible Study 7:30

Friday Service 7:30



Pastor Tony B. Young, Sr.

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Apostle Kenneth Miller, Sr., Pastor



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

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



Dr. Frederick D. Terry

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 Comers Class

(Wednesday) 6:30 p.m.

Daily Prayer (M-F) 11 a.m.- 12 p.m.

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3300 - 31st Street South

St. Petersburg, FL 33712

(727) 906-8300

Pastor John A. Evans, Sr.



Pastor John A. Evans, Sr.

CHURCH SERVICES

Sundays 8 AM and 11 AM Worship

Sunday School 9:30 AM

Baptist Training Union 4:30 PM

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

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



Rev. Roosevelt Hardy, Pastor

"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.

Macedonia Freewill Baptist Church

2361 Seventh Avenue South St. Petersburg, Florida

Rev. John Copeland, Pastor

Morning Worship 8:00 a.m.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

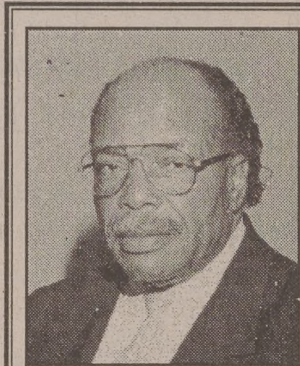
Mid-Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Prayer Meeting and Bible Class Wed. 7:00 p.m.

Communion is observed quarterly the first Sunday after every 5th Sunday.

For transportation to the church, call 327-8196 or 327-2391.

The Church Where Everyone Is Welcome



New Philadelphia Community Church

The Reverend Don A. Gaskin, Pastor

2335 - 22nd Avenue South

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

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

Bible Study Fellowship 6:30 PM (Wed.)

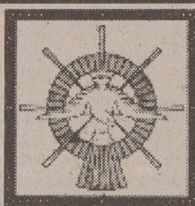
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Finance Ministry James Robinson

Children & Youth Ministry Joyce Robinson

Clerk Ministry Wyvonna McGee

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St. Petersburg, FL

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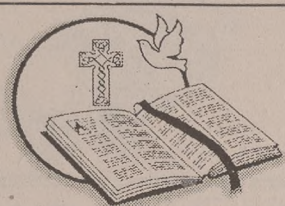
WTAN-1340 AM Sundays 4:30-5 PM



PASTOR/PROPHET GLENN MILLER

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Church News



Travelers Rest MB Church

"Were you there when He rose up from the dead? Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Hallelujah, The Lord is risen."

Easter Sunrise Service will begin at 6:30am. Our special guest will be Rev. Calvin Hopkins and Stewart Isom CME Church family.

Pastor Browne and members welcome all visitors to Travelers' Rest Missionary Baptist Church this Easter Sunday, April 15, 2001. Sunday school begins at 9:30am, followed by morning worship service at 11am. Devotion will be led by the Deacons and Deaconess Ministries. Pastor Browne will preach the morning sermon, Usher Ministry #3 will perform doorkeeping duties and the Mass Choir will sing. The Men's Ministry will continue to serve as "greeters".

Our Easter Program and egg hunt will be held at 5pm at the church. All are welcome to please attend as our children recite their speeches and present an original play.

All leaders are reminded of the upcoming Leaders' Conference to be held on April 17, 2001 at 7pm. Your support of this endeavor is needed.

Travelers' Rest will be celebrating its 57th anniversary the week of April 23-29, 2001. The entire community is extended an open invitation to fellowship with us. Our theme: 57 Years United in Christian Love. Services begin nightly at 7pm.

Weekly Activities:
Thurs., April 12: Funeral services for Sister Mae Ola Bryant at 11am; 7pm, Mass Choir rehearsal.

Fri., April 13: Easter

rehearsal, 6pm; Good Friday Services; Worship with Morning Star in Tampa, FL.

Sat., April 14: Easter rehearsal at 9am; Sunday School Teachers Meeting, 10am.

Wed., April 18: Prayer and Praise led by MidDay Bible, 7pm; TRYD Bible Study for the youth, 7pm; Bible Study, 7:30pm, Rev. Joe Holmes.

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

If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to unite with us. We are the church where Christ is the center of attraction and the word of God is preached.

Happy Easter to all!
School resumes Monday, April 16, 2001.

Bethel Metropolitan Baptist Church

The Sunday School Department and its Coordinating Committee have worked diligently in preparing their Easter Production for Sunday, April 15th, at 9:30am. The last rehearsal will be Saturday, April 14th, at 11am. The Empty Nest Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 14th, immediately following the rehearsal.

Pastor Joaquin Marvin and the Bethel Metropolitan Church family invite you to worship with us on Sunday during the 8am and 11am services and Church School at 9:30am. The Praise Team and Male Ministry Usher Board will serve. A special Easter Cantata entitled "Hallelujah What A Saviour" will be performed during the 11am service.

Our Midweek Bible Study (NBC) and Prayer Service on Wednesday at 7pm are designed for the spiritual growth of the entire family. AWANA, our youth evening

ministry program for children and youth ages 5-17 years, continues to enlighten our youth with clear biblical sessions, as well as good wholesome fun. Transportation is available. Call the church office (327-0554) if you have a need.

Our Noon Day Bible Study is just the thing for those who have the time or need for some mid-day refueling. It is a spiritual exciting study for the connoisseur of the word.

If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to unite with us. We offer a kaleidoscope of ministries for all ages and interest.

April calendar:

April 14 - Easter Production rehearsal, 11am-12:30pm; Empty Nest Hunt, 12:30-2pm.

April 15th - Easter Production, 9:30am; Josephine Childs Circle #7 Bake Sale.

April 25th - Fellowship/Traveler's Rest Baptist Church, 7:30pm.

Mt. Zion Progressive Missionary Baptist Church

Mt. Zion will be having their annual Easter Play, Sunday April 15th at 4pm. The public is cordially invited to come worship with us. Bring a friend.

April 22nd, Mt. Zion will have a guest speaker at the 8am service. Bishop Robert Young of The Lords House, St. Petersburg, will bring the message. Come one, come all.

The Annual New Members Fellowship Dinner will be Sunday, April 2nd. All those who joined Mt. Zion between April 2000 - April 2001, and have not received their Right Hand of Fellowship, please plan to attend.

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.

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 ext 301 or Liz Kennedy ext. 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 ext. 801.

Mt. Pilgrim M.B.



Rev. Constance Samuels

The "Trustees' Prayer Breakfast" will be held Saturday, April 14th, 9am at the church, 4000 Fifth Ave. South.

Our speaker for the occasion will be The Reverend Constance D. Samuels, Pastor of Earth Mission Miracle Temple of Deliverance.

Please come out and join us!

For tickets and more information, call 327-4415.

Greater Mt. Zion

Pastor Clarence Williams and the Greater Mt. Zion AME Church family extend a very warm and cordial welcome to join us this Sunday as we experience our Easter Sunrise Services at Straub Park, 500 5th Avenue NE. Service time 6am.

We invite one and all to come experience the power and anointing that comes

when light breaks. Come and worship with us and be blessed. Pastor Williams will proclaim the gospel at 6am and 11am.

Our Easter Program will begin at 9:30am. Combined choirs will bless us with songs of praises. Make plans to attend the Woman of Power Annual Mother and Daughter Luncheon to be held on Satur-

day, May 5th. We will be having Good Friday Services, April 13th at 7pm. Come out and be blessed as we prepare for the Resurrection of Christ.

"And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him." Colossians 3:17

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Islamic Services

Jumua Prayer - Friday 1:30 p.m.
Qur'anic Study - Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Taleem - 12:00 p.m.

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St. Petersburg, FL 33711
(727) 327 - 8483



Mt. Olive A.M.E. Church



Rev. J. B. Keel, Pastor

Sunday:
7:45 AM .. Early Worship
11:00 AM .. Worship
Tuesday:
7:30 PM .. Bible Study

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Ph: 443-2142

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St. Pete, FL
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Bro. Robert Smith

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

FIRST BAPTIST INSTITUTIONAL CHURCH

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

REV. WAYNE G. THOMPSON, PASTOR

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:30 A.M.

MORNING WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

COME WORSHIP WITH
THE FIRST BAPTIST FAMILY



Bethel Community Baptist Church

1045 - 16th Street S., St. Pete, FL 33712
PHONE: 896-6722

Rev. Manuel L. Sykes

Services

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

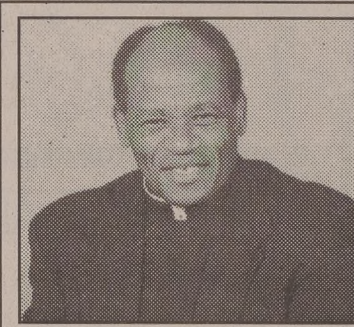
Good Samaritan Baptist Fellowship

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

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

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• Promoting the Self-Worth and Equality of All Persons
• Non-Sexist Participation • Youth Ministry
NATHANIEL W. TINDALL, II, PASTOR



Father Callist Nyambo, Pastor

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

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419 - 5th Street S., St. Petersburg, FL 33701
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Weds.-Family Worship 7:00pm
Sunday School 10:00am
Sunday Morning Worship 11:15am
Sunday Evening Worship 7:00pm

Pastor: Elder B.O. Walker



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1135 37th Street South, St. Pete, FL

Elder Clarence Welch, Pastor
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Service 11:30 a.m.
YPWW 5:30 p.m. Sunday
Church Service 6:30 p.m. Sunday
Night Services 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday Services 7:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
Bible Band, Thursday 7:30 p.m.



Christ Gospel Church

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

Rev. P.D.H. Leonard
Pastor



SUNDAY
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.
TUESDAY
Bible Study 7:30 p.m.
FRIDAY
Evangelical Service 7:30 p.m.
PRAYER TIMES
Tuesdays, Fridays & Sundays - half an hour before service.
Mondays & Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
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If you would like to come to church and do not have a way, call 327-0997.
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1301 - 37th Street South, St. Petersburg, FL

Schedule of Services

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

Prayer Meeting

Thursday 7 p.m.



Rev. Brian K. Brown

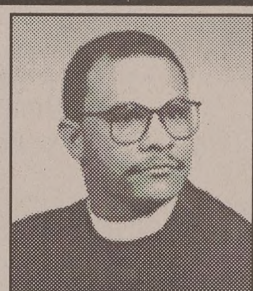
"One week from church makes one weak."

Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church

4000 - 5th Avenue S., St. Petersburg, FL 33711
Rev. William W. Johnson, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Prayer Service Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
Youth Bible Study Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
Adult Bible Study Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

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Rev. Clarence Williams, Pastor

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919 - 20th Street S., St. Petersburg, FL 33712

Early Morning Worship 7:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

All Male Bible Study Weds. 6:30 p.m.

Prayer Meeting Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

Bible Study Monday 6:00 p.m.

Vintage Bible Study Wednesday 11:00 a.m. - 12 noon

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



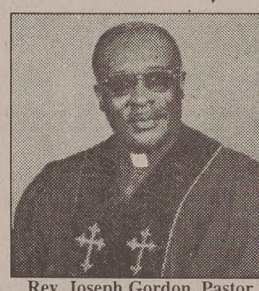
Rev. Alvin Moore, Pastor

Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church

2550 9th Avenue S. • St. Petersburg, FL

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

"The Church Where Everybody Is Somebody"



Rev. Joseph Gordon, Pastor

More Church News

Bethel A.M.E. Church

Pastor Hardy and the Bees of Bethel will be uniting in service with Moore's Chapel for Easter Morning Sunrise Service at 6am. All are welcome to join us. Pastor Hardy will deliver the spoken word. The Bethel Bees will return at 9am

for Sunday School followed by the Morning Worship Service at 10:30am.

Weekly calendar:

Monday - 6pm, Boy Scouts; 6pm, Lay Organization.

Tuesday - 7pm, Bible

Study.

Wednesday - Noon Day Bible Study.

Thursday - 6pm, Youth Church

Sunday - 9am, New Members Class.

Pleasant Grove M.B.

"Happy Easter" He has risen from the dead and He is Lord.

Pastor Joseph Gordon and the Pleasant Grove Church family invite you to worship with them this Easter Sunday, April 15th. The Senior Male Chorus will render song service and Usher Board No. Three will serve in the 7am early morning worship service. The Annual Easter Program will be presented in the 9:30am Sunday School period. Youth sponsors, Sisters, Sarah Anderson, Kay Curry, LaGloria Johnson and Temple Etheridge are asking parents to support your child/children by coming out and being a part of the service.

Mid-morning worship service begins at 10:50am. The Mass Choir will render song service and Usher Board No. Three will serve. The Bible

Drill Team will rehearse on Friday, April 13th. Deacon Jim Anderson Commander. Please see Church Ad for all other special services.

Pleasant Grove will worship at The Peaceful Zion M.B. Church on Monday, April 16th at 7:30pm. The Senior Male Chorus and The Adult Male Ushers will serve. Also on Friday, April 20th, we will worship at the New Jerusalem M. B. Church at 7:30pm. The Gospel Chorus and Usher Board No. Three will serve.

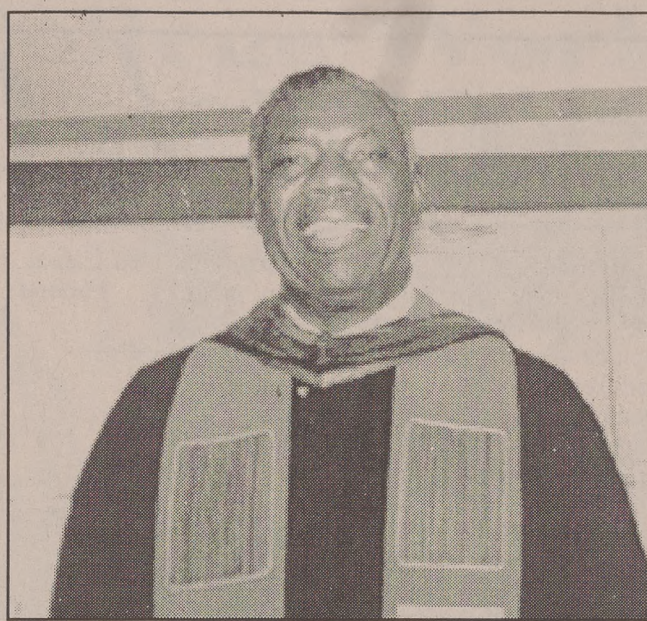
A Spring Concert and Play will be held on Sunday, April 22nd at 4pm, featuring the Tampa Bay Mass Choir, Cynthia Allen, a gospel soloist and the Pleasant Grove Anglican Choir. South Florida Progressive Baptist Association, Congress No. Two will convene at the Mt. Sinai M. B. Church,

April 25th-28th. The Rev. James C. McDonald is Pastor and President.

Attention all high school graduates: The Education Committee is planning a program in your honor in June. Please submit your names and phone numbers to President, Sister Cynthia Tomlin; Sisters Ruth D. Johnson and Cynthia Durant by the fourth Sunday (April 22nd).

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

Thought for the Week: "Then said Pilate to the chief priests and to the people, I find no fault in this man." Luke 23:4



Dr. Fred Terry

369th Veterans Remember The Greatest Generation

ST. PETERSBURG — Sometimes known as the forgotten, are the men and women who fought and gave their lives for others.

In honor of those courageous men and women, the Florida District 369th Veterans' Association, Inc. will be "Remembering the Greatest Generation" during their 4th Annual Banquet that will take place Saturday, April 21, 2001 at the Dolphin Beach Resort, 4900 Gulf Blvd., St. Petersburg Beach, FL, from 1-5pm. Rev. Dr. Frederick Terry,

retired Chaplain of Bay Pines Administration will be guest speaker.

All veterans, family and friends are cordially invited to share in this wonderful experience, honoring those whose legacy still lives on in our communities today. For those vets and auxiliary members who'd like, feel free to come dressed in your formal military attire and bring your colors.

For general information and tickets, call (727) 866-9116 or 866-2224.

Florida Associations Take Initiative To Hire People With Disabilities

TALLAHASSEE — The Able Trust and the Florida Society of Association Executives' Foundation (FSAE) recently embarked on a one-year, statewide collaborative effort to promote the employment of people with disabilities and enhance human resource and development for FSAE member organizations. The Able Trust will sponsor an initial \$20,000 grant project that will provide reimbursement grants to FSAE member employers who incur costs related to hiring an employee with a disability. Associations are eligible to receive a maximum reimbursement grant of \$1,000 each.

Grants will cover job-related costs such as making an accessible workplace accommodation; purchasing disability-specific software, hardware or equipment; training the new employee; or extraordinary advertising costs to secure interviews and eventual hiring. Reimbursement may also be made for other costs specifically related to the hiring or immediate on-the-job needs in employing a person with disability.

"The Able Trust is pleased to partner with the FSAE Foundation on such an important project," said Eladio Amores, Chair of The Able Trust. "Hiring people with disabilities makes good business sense, not only for employers in the private sector, but also the association industry. Individuals with disabilities are a dedicated, yet largely untapped resource pool, and we look forward to helping FSAE's members enhance their workforce by including them in their employee mix."

FSAE member associations are eligible for the reimbursement grant once the employee with a disability is hired. They must submit a one-page application and include documentation, such as invoices, to FSAE for reimbursement within 90 days of

actual hire. Associations eligible to participate in the program must be not-for-profit members of the Florida Society of Association Executives. Members interested in participating in the program will receive a tool kit developed by The Able Trust, which contains disability employment tips and a resource listing of local and state agencies that have access to job candidates with disabilities. For more information, contact FSAE at 850-222-7994 or The Able Trust at 888-838-2253.

The Able Trust, also known as the Florida Governor's Alliance for the Employment of Citizens with Disabilities, is a 501(c)(3) public-private partnership foundation established by the Florida Legislature in 1990. Its mission is to be the leader in providing Floridians with disabilities fair employment opportunities through grant programs, fundraising, public awareness and education. Since its establishment, The Able Trust has awarded over \$8 million to individuals with disabilities.

Minority Business Roundtable Notes Strong Growth

WASHINGTON, DC — The Minority Business RoundTable (MBRT) welcomes the Census Bureau's release of the long-awaited data on Hispanic and African American-owned businesses, but is concerned about the incomplete picture it paints of these businesses.

Founded in 1999, Minority Business RoundTable is a membership organization for the CEOs of the nation's leading African American, Asian American, Hispanic American, and Native American businesses. The Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies serves as its secretariat and public policy resource institution.

"The new census data documents the continuing dramatic growth in the number, size,

and distribution of Hispanic- and African American-owned businesses in the United States and underscores significant increases in minority purchasing power and in opportunities for business development," said Eddie N. Williams, president of the Joint Center. "We must note however, that this data reflects the state of these businesses in 1997 and cannot give a current picture of minority-owned businesses if we are to get an accurate view of the entire U.S. economy."

MBRT members have annual revenues in excess of 50 million dollars and employ between 80 and 4000 persons each in a wide range of industries, including publishing, transportation, telecommunications, manufacturing, energy, construction, and staffing

services.

The MBRT board-ten African American CEOs, ten Hispanic American CEOs, six Asian American CEOs, and four Native American CEOs-provides all minority entrepreneurs with a collective voice on economic and social policy issues of concern to them, their customers, and their communities.

The Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization, conducts research and analysis on public policy issues of concern to African Americans and other minorities, promotes their involvement in the governance process, and operates programs that create coalitions within the minority, business, and other diverse communities.

tact Ray Forehand, 866-6088, or Nettie Jackson, 823-8023. Major Macon, president.

For further info please con-

GHS Class Of '63

ST. PETERSBURG — Urgent meeting of importance. Please plan to attend at the home of J. B. Harris, 753 Hill-

side Drive South, St. Petersburg, April 28, 2001, promptly at 7pm.

For further info please con-

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The End Is Near



By William Reed

BALTIMORE, MD — In the packed Brown's Memorial Baptist Church, Rev. Sun Myung Moon made his 33rd stop on a national tour to restore families, communities and America through acts of faith. On this stop the majority of the audience is African America, but the purpose of the 50-state tour is to build an interfaith and interracial coalition. It has drawn a cross-section of Native Americans, Asians, African Americans and people of all religious denominations in its stops in 32 other cities.

After Rev. Moon and participating pastors have addressed more than 100,000 clergy and faithful, the tour will end on April 16th at Metropolitan Baptist Church in Washington, DC. Deemed a fitting place to end the multi-racial-and-cultural tour, Metropolitan is an inner-city District of Columbia institution that was built by slaves over 150 years ago.

Rev. Moon was joined in the tour by a host of interde-

nominal ministers and tour speakers such as Dr. Wyatt Tee Walker of Harlem, NY, Rev. Walter Fauntroy and Archbishop G. Stallings of Washington, DC, Dr. Hyeel B. Taylor and Pastor T. L. Barrett of Chicago, IL, and others. They have joined together to restore family values in America, and have emphasized that this is a movement of "faith in action". The sponsors of the tour, the American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC) and the Family Federation for World Peace, say it was organized to reach out to blacks and other minorities because America's prosperity has not included the nation's poor, and this condition hampers moral and spiritual development among this underclass. Tour sponsors say that because America remains a nation divided by race and class, their religious works require them to face that divide.

"I have encouraged my black clergy colleagues to use as their motto the words of Jesus. 'He that is not against us is for us,'" stated Chicago's

Taylor, a prominent minister and former aide to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. Taylor serves on a Invitational Committee made up of over 200 ministers who hosted Rev. Moon in his cross-country trek.

Throughout the national tour so far, Rev. Moon has been welcomed by over 5,000 ministers, calling them "prophets" to bring God's word and heart to a morally confused nation. He has focused on the role of the clergy to lead the way in America's renewal. Challenging faith leaders to follow his lifetime example of breaking down religious and racial barriers, he has emphasized that "our faith must become action". Such action, he stresses, has the power to bring people together, motivating and inspiring them, even across former dividing lines. The tour will culminate in the dedication of a United Federation of Churches headquarters in Washington, DC.

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BAKER, JACQUELINE, 48, died March 28, 2001. Survivors include one son, George Allen; one daughter, Bessie Y. Baker; mother, Bessie Johnson; three brothers; two sisters; five grandchildren; four aunts; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, and devoted friends. McRae Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

THORNHILL, JAMES "SKEETER", 68, died March 28, 2001. Survivors include four daughters, Mary Ann (Robert) Valentine, Gail (Gregory) Franklin, Jill (Robert) Harrison and Veronique Thornhill; eight grandchildren; 12 nephews; five nieces; special cousins/sister, Joyce Marshall; the mothers of his daughters, Mary Francis Mack and Pauline Cutliff Thornhill; and devoted friends, Gwen Roberts and Edith Brantley. Creal Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

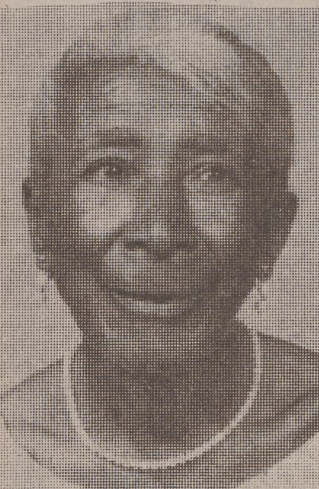


WALKER, MYRTLE, 87, died recently. Survivors include one son, Robert L. Spann-Walker; four grandchildren, Robert L. Jr., Rony A., Tarir A. and Christopher J. Spann; one loving sister-in-law, Louise Norris; 35 great nieces and nephews; 42 great great nieces and nephews; 13 great great nieces and nephews; and several nieces, nephews, special friends and relatives. Creal Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

Gainesville

Final Rites

JOHNSON, TURNER JR., 51, died March 24, 2001. Survivors include his father, Turner Johnson, Sr.; one daughter, Shandell Bradley; three sisters; four brothers; one granddaughter; three uncles; three aunts, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Chestnut Funeral Home, Gainesville.



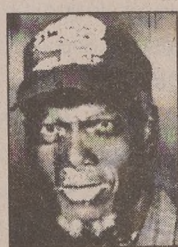
LYONS, JOHNNIE LEE FOSTER FULLER, 97, died March 23, 2001. Survivors include four grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; 13 great great grandchildren; three great great great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Chestnut Funeral Home, Gainesville.



Ocala

Final Rites

ADAMS, FLOSSIE, died recently. Service was held Friday, April 6th, 2001 at Bethlehem Baptist Church. Cunningham Funeral Home, Ocala.



BAKER, DAVID JR., 65, died March 28, 2001. Survivors include his wife, Catherine Baker; six sons, Norman, Josephus, Emmanuel, Donald, Cornelius and Wesley Baker; four daughters, Leola Ivery, Janice Baker, Mable West and Torra Stocker; seven sisters and many friends. Cunningham's Funeral Home, Ocala.



BURTON, FLORENCE, 99, died March 31, 2001. Survivors include four daughters, Evelyn Cunningham, Algean Hopkins, Deloris Yancy and Dorothy Wright; five sons, Johnny, Edward, Melvin, George and Raymond Burton; other relatives and friends. Cunningham's Funeral Home, Ocala.



FORD, MASTERS JR., 50, died March 25, 2001. Survivors include his wife, Lessie M. Ford; two sons, Darius and Nicholas Ford; one daughter, Enjoli Ford; his parents, Deborah and Masters Ford, Sr.; two sisters one brother. Cunningham's Funeral Home, Ocala.

JAMES, ELIZABETH, 89, died April 3, 2001. Survivors include eight sons, Jackie Fields, Ernest English, Earl English, Vernon English, Theodore English, Donald Banks, Melvin Linton and Julius Linton; four daughters, Ernestine Stevenson, Sally Fields, Senia Pullings and Juanita Washington; and a host of grandchildren and other relatives. Summers Funeral Home, Ocala.



SMALLWOOD, ESTELLE, 97, died March 28, 2001. Survivors include two sons, Dr. Robert Smallwood and Vincent McIntyre; three daughters, Gloria Wilson, Muriel Clark and Marian Smallwood; four grandchildren

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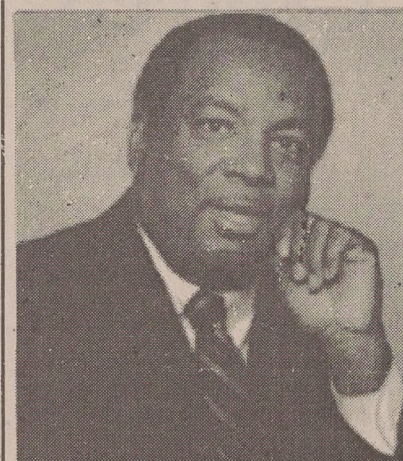
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ST. PETERSBURG — On Wednesday evening, April 4, an overflow crowd attended the annual "Preparation for College" workshop sponsored by the Ebony Scholars Committee. The featured speaker for the event, Dr. Richard R. Hallin, Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid at Eckerd College, was introduced by Nathaniel W. Tindall, III. Nathaniel is a student at Lakewood High School and Vice President of the Ebony Scholars Club.

In his presentation, Dr. Hallin informed the students and their parents about the factors which colleges and universities consider important when making admission decisions. He made special mention of the importance of earning good grades in challenging courses. Other topics discussed included college application essays and letters of recommendation, extra curricular activities, and SAT/ACT tests. Dr. Hallin also offered suggestions about how to choose a college or university and information about the financial aid process.

Following Dr. Hallin's remarks, Dante Swain, a senior at Gibbs High School, gave a presentation on the importance and rewards of hard work and earning good grades in high school. Mr. Vyrle Davis, Chairman of the Ebony Scholars' Committee, closed the program with an encouragement that families become involved in efforts to improve the performance and academic success of African-American students.



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TAMPA — The University will sponsor a free technical education career orientation night highlighting new technical certification opportunities at UT. The informative free event will be held on Wednesday, April 25 at 7pm in room 134 of the new John H. Sykes College of Business building.

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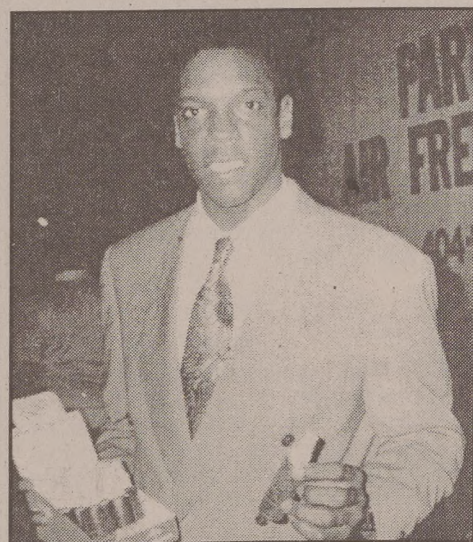
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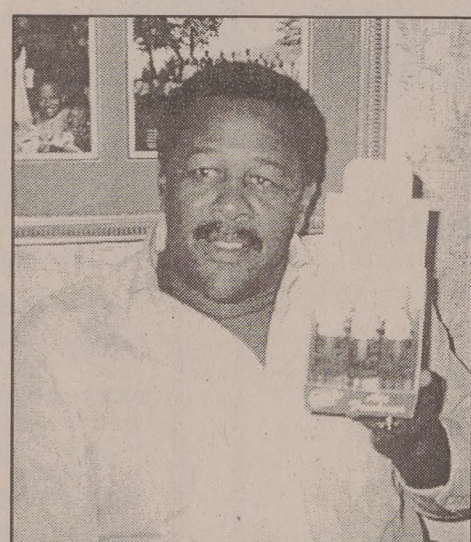
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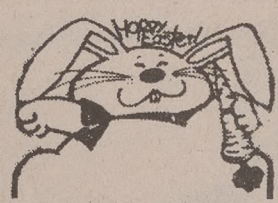
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Pinellas County has developed an area wide strategy with acceptability criteria and a compliance process for determining if there is sufficient cause to locate an activity in a base flood plain. Activities will comply with all Federal and State flood plain standards and will not affect natural or beneficial flood plain values. For each activity, alternative actions and sites will be considered as well as the feasibility of not doing the project. No activity will be considered within the jurisdiction of a local government that discontinues participation in the FEMA program.

The strategy and compliance process applies to all municipalities as well as the unincorporated areas of Pinellas County pursuant to the Comprehensive Plans officially adopted by each local government. It satisfies flood plain management requirements for the full eight-step decision making process for avoiding flood plain locations. The strategy uses the County's countywide planning sectors as the geographic area of study. All of the planning sectors contain some areas in the base flood plain.

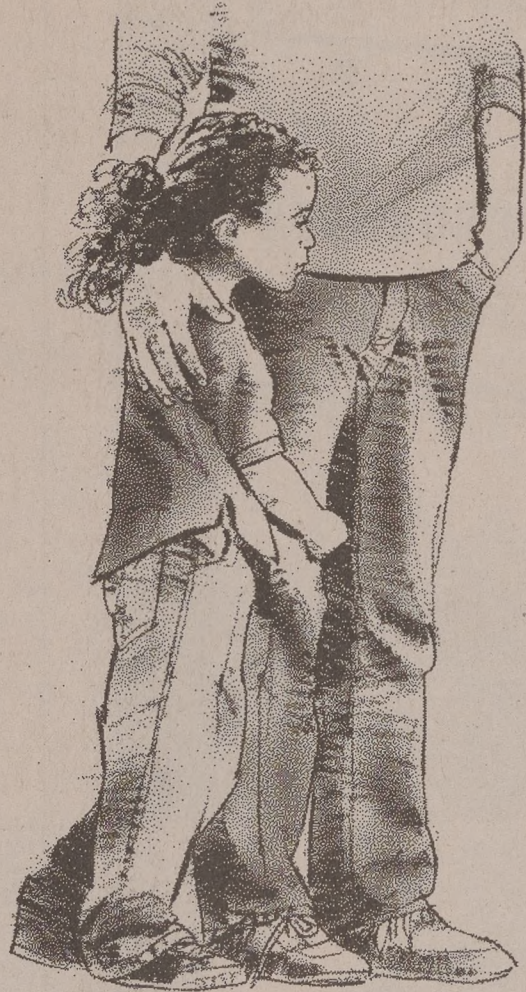
A full description of the strategy and compliance process is available for public examination and copying at the Pinellas County Community Development Department, Suite 800, 600 Cleveland St., Clearwater, FL 33755 Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Written comments should be delivered to the address specified above, and should be received on or before April 28, 2001. All such comments received will be considered. PINELLAS COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, 600 Cleveland Street, Suite 800, Clearwater, Florida 33755.



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Your Horoscope



Aries

March 21 to April 19

Your social life will be busier than ever as Mars moves through your house of friends and group activities. Romance looks spectacular on the 13th. On the 16th and 17th, planetary aspects for good luck could make you a winner in games of chance.



Taurus

April 20 to May 20

The Sun and Neptune in favorable aspect will make job-related matters go smoothly. Romance is highlighted on the 14th and 15th. On the 17th, Mercury will give you another chance to prove your worth to someone you wish to impress.



Gemini

May 21 to June 21

Mars and Uranus in lucky aspect means you could experience wonderful spiritual benefits. Love matters will be dramatically highlighted on the 16th and 17th. On the 18th, a long-standing insurance or tax matter could be resolved in your favor.



Cancer

June 22 to July 22

Romance looks bright on the 14th as the Moon stirs up your passionate side. If you're married, a heart-to-heart talk could strengthen your ties to your mate. Pressing family matters should be resolved by the 19th, allowing for a relaxed weekend.



Leo

July 23 to August 22

This week the planets bring you luck in getting people at work to see your point of view. You'll be pleased with your enhanced social and negotiating skills. Romance is favored on the 16th. Real estate dealings will turn out favorably.



Virgo

August 23 to September 22

The Sun brings you increased joy and satisfaction. If you're married, Venus, the planet of love, moving into splendid opposition on the 15th should make your partnership celestial. If you're single, you could have an important date on the 18th.



Libra

September 23 to October 22

Mars in positive aspect could bring you favorable attention on the job. Venus could help you make profitable investments. The 18th is a good day for successfully addressing important family matters. Romance is featured on the 13th.



Scorpio

October 23 to November 21

On the 15th, the Moon in your sign could add some fireworks to your love life. Pluto's visionary position in Sagittarius should sharpen your long-range planning skills. The 18th and 19th are great days for travel.



Sagittarius

November 22 to December 21

The Sun and Jupiter lighting up your financial sector should ease money concerns. The Moon in your sign on the 16th makes it a great day for romance. Your uncanny sense of timing will allow you to triumph in a work-related shakeup on the 18th.



Capricorn

December 22 to January 19

You could receive some important career news on the 17th. On the 15th, Venus moving into the sector of your horoscope dealing with neighbors and siblings could bring you a welcome surprise call or letter.



Aquarius

January 20 to February 18

Mars in your sign marks the beginning of a two-year career peak. This is a great time to send out résumés or ask for a raise. Uranus in your sign is boosting your creative spirit, so take chances. On the 13th, your love life heats up.



Pisces

February 19 to March 20

Venus entering your sign on the 15th should add some magic to your love life. Positive planetary aspects will put you in good spirits. Family members could seek your guidance on the 19th; your wisdom will inspire them.



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