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Neighborly Senior Services Honors Faithful Employees



Back Row (L-R): Annie Williams, Fred Buchholtz, Pat Hofstadter and John Ricco. Front Row (L-R): Ruby Pearson, Arlene Boyd, Lottie Scott and Elnora Keith. (Not shown: Margaret Hickman, Angela Jerger, Thomas Dyer, Shirley Mason, Janice Williams, Pat Morgan and Susan Horton.)

ST. PETERSBURG — Neighborly Senior Services is celebrating its 35th anniversary this year. This would not be possible without the help of Neighborly's dedicated staff. In two separate ceremonies, President/CEO Fred Buchholtz, VP of Operations Judy Powers, VP of Administration Debra Shade and VP of Development Penelope Welch, presented 12 employees with a desk top award, gift certificate and Neighborly Senior Services rosewood pen.

The following dedicated employees were honored:
Nutrition Program: Arlene Boyd (St. Petersburg), 5 years;

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Coalition Of Black Women Honor Students



L-R: Jacqueline Wilds, Dr. Gwen Stephenson and Marion Cole

TAMPA—Again, it's time to spotlight youth in our communities who have maintained a level of excellence during the last school year, the summer months and who are now looking forward to beginning a new academic year either in high school or college.

On Sunday, August 12, 2001, the Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. Tampa Bay Chapter held their School Awards ceremony.

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Lines's "Spirit" from Anchorage to Vancouver. There was nothing as majestic as cruising through glacier bay to the frequent sighting of whales in the distance. Such panoramic views left one breathless as the ship slowly made its way for the passengers to behold the ice formation such as was seen at Hubbard Glacier.

There were numerous tours to select from taking a helicopter ride and landing on the glaciers, whale watching, dog sledding, train ride up White Pass to Summit Mountain, visiting salmon hatcheries, salmon fishing trips, visiting the totem pole village to city tours and more. There were those in the group who were adventurous and had no fear in taking the most challenging tours. The ship made stops to Valdez, Juneau, Skagway and Ketchikan. This was a cruise to remember and I dare say that many will cruise Alaska again.

This group cruise was organized by African-American Adventures, Inc. If you are interested in joining the cruise for June, 2002, contact Carolyn Swanson, an agent with African-American Adventures at (727) 867-5169 or contact the agency at (727) 367-3737.

ST. PETERSBURG — frontier and it lived up to its Alaska has been called the last name. This group recently cruised the inside passage in Alaska on Carnival Cruise

Sandra Kendrick Hudnell Retires From The Palm Beach County School System

By James Thorpe

OCALA — On June 5th, Sandra Kendrick Hudnell, retired from the Palm Beach County School System. Sandra is the daughter of the late James and Dorothy Kendrick.

Mrs. Hudnell began her teaching career at Howard High in 1960 under the principalship of the late Orion Brock. Her experience as an educator expanded the globe: One year at Wyoming Elementary School, Ocala, FL. Two years in Germany teaching reading to U.S. Troops, and twenty nine years in Palm Beach County.

In Palm Beach County she served as a teacher on special assignment of the Instructional Innovation Team ... as well as assistant principal for discipline, guidance counselor, reading specialist and regular classroom teacher where she influenced students with a desire to learn.

In 2000, she was nominated for "Teacher of Excellence". This same year her children, who are teachers, were awarded outstanding teachers of 2000.



Sandra K. Hudnell

She entered Hampton Junior College in 1960 and then to Florida Memorial College, where she received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Social Studies. She continued her education by attending Florida Atlantic University, Nova University and the University of Florida. After receiving her Masters Degree in School Administration, she continued to do further study at

Florida Atlantic University. Sandra Hudnell spends her life committed to serving God, her family and students. Her religious training began at Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church in Ocala, FL. She continues to this day at St. John Missionary Baptist Church where she serves in many capacities: a Deaconess, Sunday school teacher, member of the Sisterhood, church calendar of

events director and coordinator of the Youth Department. She is an active member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority National Council of Negro Women, Las Novas Society and Charter Member of the Gainesville Chapter of Charmettes.

Sandra is married to Charlie Hudnell (34 years), they have two children, Chaste Hudnell Plummer of Miami and Charlton Hudnell of Tallahassee. Together there are six grandchildren.

Her retirement years will be spent dedicating her time and service to her church, her sisters and brother Moonyeen Bryant, LaVerne Cogdell, Sharon Johnson and James Kendrick, Jr.

The first step on the Hudnells trip will be to Africa, where they plan to visit the location of the original slave trade.

Sandra credits her Christian life and love for mankind to her strong God-fearing parents, James and Dorothy Kendrick.

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Pye Young Starts Master Program At FSU

ST. PETERSBURG — St. Petersburg native Pye Young graduated from Florida State University with a Bachelors of Arts Degree on August 4, 2001. Pye will pursue studies for a Masters Degree majoring in Political Science and History. Classes start on August 27, 2001.

Parents, relatives and friends motorcade to Tallahassee to witness Ms. Pye Young receive her Baccalaureate Degree.

Returning to St. Petersburg after the graduating ceremony, scores of well wishers gathered at Saffron's Restaurant in honor of the graduate.

Patrice Young, Pye's

brother and Yolanda Myers FAMU student officiated for the occasion. Opening prayers were said by Minister Brent Brown. Henry, the Sax great Ashwood, serenaded the graduate throughout the evening. The Faith Dancers of Bethel Community Baptist presented an exceptional performance, Desmond provided entertainment. Flo, the grad's mother sang for her with a serenading approach.

Thank you remarks were extended by Pye's dad. He solicited the well wishers understanding in the event he suffered a verbal drought, because as a dad he was overwhelmed with Pye's perfor-



Pye Young

mance of completing college in a mere three years. He remarked that he was even more overwhelmed with the grand turn out of love for Pye.

Special thanks were noted for Flo Young, Audrey Austin, Joan Passley, Iman Tariq who travelled from New York with his family, Carla Lemon and the 14 youngsters who left St.

Petersburg at 3am to attend the ceremony in Tallahassee.

Mrs. Lula McFarley gave a growing talk about Pye and the Bethel Community Church family who were present at this August Celebration.

Ms. Pye N. Young, B.A., you are a humble and humane soul. God bless you always.

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A Formal Discussion With County Commissioner Calvin Harris



ST. PETERSBURG
Area Chamber of Commerce

ST. PETERSBURG — Join us for a formal discussion with County Commissioner Calvin Harris. He will provide an update on key initiatives impacting Pinellas County. This event will be held on Tuesday, August 21, 2001, at Hampton Inn, 1200 34th Street

North, St. Petersburg, 8am until 9am.

A Complimentary Breakfast will be provided.

Please confirm your attendance by fax at (727) 895-6326, or phone (727) 821-4069, attention Alvin Miller.

Years Of Magic Celebration Features New Specialties



Disney-MGM Studios performers "ham it up" at Walt Disney World Resort. The icon, a 12-story-tall hat inspired by Sorcerer Mickey, dramatizes the entertainment wizardry of Walt Disney and is centerpiece for the Vacation Kingdom's "100 Years of Magic" celebration honoring Walt on the 100th anniversary of his birth.



Larger-than-life "snow globes" featuring Disney characters celebrate 100 years of Disney magic during the Share a Dream Come True Parade in the Magic Kingdom at Walt Disney World Resort. Disney's year-long, property-wide celebration, to begin October 1st, honors the legacy of Walt Disney and the 100th anniversary of his birth, Dec. 5, 1901.

LAKE BUENA VISTA — The legacy of Walt Disney — his creativity and spirit of adventure — inspires a year-long celebration featuring the biggest lineup of sparkling new live entertainment ever at all four Walt Disney World theme parks beginning Oct. 1, 2001. There also are special events and new attractions in store.

The 100 Years of Magic Celebration marks the 100th of the family-entertainment fun of today's Disney parks.

Even special merchandise being created for the 100 Years of Magic Celebration will carry on the Disney legacy of innovation. Disney's *Magic Moments* pins, available for purchase by guests, will put on a mini-light show — like magic — at surprise moments, interacting with live entertainment, attractions and interactive kiosks.

Walt Disney was born in Chicago on Dec. 5, 1901. His

motion picture milestones were many, beginning with the "birth" of Mickey Mouse in a 1928 short titled "Steamboat Willie," which included synchronized sound on film for the first time in an animated motion picture. He pioneered animation as a form for feature-length motion pictures with the creation of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" and turned animation into a cinematic symphonic concert through "Fantasia." He pioneered creation of the multi-plane camera, which recently earned him a place in the Inventors Hall of Fame.

Disney's landmark family-entertainment ventures also included classic television programming such as "The Mickey Mouse Club," "Davy Crockett" and "The Wonderful World of Disney," which continues today. With the opening of Disneyland in California in the 1950s, Disney began a

theme park empire that now spans the globe. Through animated films, live-action features, television, theme parks and even Broadway, his legacy of imagination and entertainment lives on.

"Nearly everyone can remember when they were first touched by the magic of Disney," Weiss said. "Here at the resort that bears Walt Disney's name, we'll give them a chance to share those memories and make new ones."

Guest information about Walt Disney World Resort and the 100 Years of Magic Celebration is available by visiting www.disneyworld.com or calling (407) 824-4321.

The emotional connection that our guests have to the Disney legacy of innovation, imagination and family entertainment, combined with new entertainment and attractions,

will make this our most magical celebration ever," said Walt Disney World President Al Weiss.

Paying homage to the extraordinary show-business contributions of Walt Disney, 100 Years of Magic is centered at Disney-MGM Studios. The park will unveil The Sorcerer's Hat, a 122-foot-tall icon celebrating Disney magic and entertainment wizardry, and introduce "Walt Disney: One Man's Dream," an attraction showcasing memorabilia from the Disney archives that never has been available to the public before about the career and heritage of Walt Disney.

Major live entertainment spectacles involving a total of nearly 400 performers are planned for all four Walt Disney World parks:

- Disney-MGM Studios guests will be treated to "Dis-

ney Stars and Motor Cars" — a daily parade of outrageously customized cars loaded with favorite characters. Also, young guests will have a brand new live show featuring their favorite TV friends from Playhouse Disney.

- Life-sized snow globes will capture the magic and charm of Disney characters from a child's point of view in "Share a Dream Come True," a new Magic Kingdom parade. There's also a new Cinderella Castle forecourt stage show that brings guests up close and personal with Disney characters like never before.

- Disney's Animal Kingdom will be alive with color and pageantry during presentations of "Mickey's Jammin' Jungle" — the first true Disney parade created for the newest Walt Disney World theme park.

- New characters called dream-spinners and a colorful new float called the Dream Catcher will be part of the makeover that transforms the hugely popular Epcot procession "Tapestry of Nations" into "Tapestry of Dreams."

The celebration also will feature new theme park attractions and shows such as The Magic Carpets of Aladdin in the Magic Kingdom; Chester & Hester's Dino-Rama!, featuring Triceratops Spin and Primeval Whirl, in Disney's Animal Kingdom; and "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire — Play It!" in Disney-MGM Studios.

All four theme parks will feature the fascinating stories behind the Disney magic at computerized kiosks. Guests can play their way through a treasure trove of information that shows the heritage behind

KIDS CORNER

by Khana A. Riley



Dear Readers,

Hi! It's me again, Khana. I have been very busy volunteering and working this summer. So, how has your summer been?

I hope it has been as exciting as my summer has been so far. Although I've had fun, I'm really looking forward to school. Some people think that I'm crazy when I say that, but this year is going to be different because I'm going to 9th grade; so there is definitely going to be some challenges and perhaps difficulties that I'm going to face.

Well, readers there is about a week remaining in summer vacation. I'm presently volunteering at the Enoch D. Davis Center Library. At the library I sort books, stamp due dates on the cards, watch after the children on the computers and things like that. It might not seem like a lot but when you are there for about 5 hours it really seems like a lot.

I'm also a secretary for my grandmother's Mary Kay office. In her office I sort prod-

ucts, I deliver customers orders, fill out their receipts, order products, and I put them in their correct place when they come in from the company. This is perhaps the biggest job that I have had this summer.

I also did some babysitting, that was really fun. I guess you can say that my summer has been really full.

The beginning of the summer vacation I attended summer camp at American Stage. That summer camp helped me a lot with knowing how hard it is for directors, managers, producers, lighting managers, etc get things done, basically things that go on behind the stage. I think that, that part of my summer was the most beneficial because I learned so many things that could get me started in working in the production business if I wanted to.

I've heard from some of you, and noticed that most of your summers have been camps and summer programs; I think that's great. Keep up the good work. I'm OUT!

Volunteers Ready To Go "Into The Streets"

TAMPA — On Saturday, August 25, the University will disperse more than 350 students to volunteer at various non-profit organizations in the Tampa Bay area. From 1-4pm, students will be doing tasks ranging from working with the elderly and cleaning to working at a donation center and building a house. A kickoff lunch will begin the busy day's activities at 11am.

"Into the Streets" includes incoming freshmen, upper-class student leaders, and more than 15 faculty and staff, including Ronald L. Vaughn. The turnout for last year's inaugural event was far above expectations, guaranteeing "Streets" a permanent place as an annual UT community event. An even larger volunteer response is expected this

year. The non-profit organizations benefited include Haven W. Poe Runaway Center, the Spring of Tampa Bay, the Florida Aquarium, Francis House, Hanna Oaks, Hudson Manor, Ronald McDonald House, Habitat for Humanity and others.

The annual event is held during freshman orientation, and the goal is to have students realize the importance of giving back to others in the surrounding community. The hope is that this will ignite an interest that will continue throughout their college careers and beyond.

For more information, contact Rob Jonson at The University of Tampa's Student Activities Office, (813) 253-6233.

"I believe that the unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word in reality. I still believe that we shall overcome."

— Martin Luther King, Jr.

Tips For Parents With A Child Starting Kindergarten

ST. PETERSBURG — "Starting kindergarten is harder for the parent than the child," says Debra Lang, educator of 35 years and author of the booklet, *Starting Kindergarten, Tips For Parents Who Have A Child Starting Kindergarten*.

"Children are very skilled at reading the non-verbal language of the adults in their world so it's important for the parents to explore their own anxieties about their child starting kindergarten. Often parents are uncomfortable about losing control of the child's environment. Therefore, it's essential for the parents to explore the school and meet the principal without the child. Make an appointment with the school principal and come prepared with questions about curriculum, class size, materials and any other information you think is important. When you feel comfortable so will your

child."

Lang's booklet addresses 16 topics related to starting kindergarten such as: kindergarten roundup, testing, teacher conferences, how boys and girls differ, play as learning, life skills and computers.

Her final words of advice, "Enjoy this passage, take plenty of pictures, stay in touch with the school, keep a sense of humor and cherish the moment."

Starting Kindergarten is available from Demery Publishing, 20600 Eureka #900, Taylor, MI 48180.

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A mature person is a moral person, someone whose life is a reflection of ambition instead of superstition and attrition.

The true motive for sensual excitement for many people may be pleasure, for others it is a way to get next to your treasure.

Man must change the structure of his character because it plays a part in preserving ill health and preserving his life.

District To Conduct Workshop On School Site

TAMPA — The School District of Hillsborough County will conduct a public information workshop on a potential elementary school site in northwest Hillsborough County 5pm to 7pm, Monday, August 20, at Essig Elementary School, 13131 Lynn Road, Tampa.

The site is located north of Gardner Road, east of Sheldon Road, south of Gunn Highway and west of Henderson Road. The proposed elementary school will relieve crowding at Bellamy, Cannella, Crestwood and Essig elementary schools.

The workshop is an open

house at which location maps, site data, and other pertinent information is available for public inspection. In addition, district representatives will be available to answer questions about the potential site.

Interested persons may submit written comments at the workshop, and have up to one week after the workshop to submit additional written comments to: Jill W. Lemons, Property Manager, Hillsborough County Public Schools, Raymond O. Shelton School Administrative Center, 901 E. Kennedy Blvd., Tampa, FL 33602; (813) 272-4690.


School Code Revision Workgroup To Meet

TAMPA — The School Code Revision Workgroup will meet 1-3pm, Wednesday, August 22 at Erwin Technical Center, 2010 East Hillsborough Avenue, Room 210, Tampa, FL.

The workgroup consists of state education staff members, legislative staff and representatives of external groups of practitioners, parents, and others who have an interest in the education of students and families.

The workgroup participants are evaluating the school code section by section to assess how best to revise it to reflect the guiding principles of the new seamless, student-centered K-20 education governance structure in Florida.

The workgroup discussions will be presented to the Florida Board of Education for consideration. The Florida Board of Education must present the 2002 Florida Legislature with recommendations for revising the school code.



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The Veterans' Benefits Act Of 2001

by Congressman Mike Bilirakis (FL-9)

The House of Representatives recently approved the Veterans' Benefits Act of 2001 (H.R. 2540). As an original co-sponsor of H.R. 2540, I am pleased that the House of Representatives has acted to expand and improve the benefits available to veterans and their survivors.

There are more than 2.3 million disabled veterans or survivors of disabled veterans today receiving compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). One of the most important bills the Congress approves each year is legislation providing them an annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA). H.R. 2540 provides a COLA, effective December 1, 2001, to disabled veterans and the surviving spouses of veterans who are receiving Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC). As in previous years, these deserving men and women will receive the same COLA that Social Security recipients will receive.

Earlier this year, the VA issued a regulation providing a presumption of service-connection for Vietnam veterans exposed to dioxin who now suffer from Diabetes Mellitus (Type 2 Diabetes). The VA based its decision on recent findings by the National Academy of Science that there is limited/suggestive evidence of an association between exposure to the herbicides used in Vietnam and Type 2 Diabetes. H.R. 2540 codifies the VA's regulation, ensuring veterans that their eligibility for disability compensation is protected as a matter of law.

Another important component of this bill addresses the lingering effects of service to Persian Gulf veterans. Scientists have been researching the effects of nerve gas, anti-anthrax vaccines, depleted uranium and other possible factors on Persian Gulf veterans. However, researchers have been unable to find a specific cause for some of the illnesses, including fatigue, skin rashes, cancers and muscle pain which afflict thousands of troops who served in the Persian Gulf.

Congress passed legislation in 1994 granting the VA the authority to compensate veterans suffering from difficult-to-diagnose or ill-defined illnesses. However, many veterans have complained that the 1994 law had a loophole which allowed the VA to deny their claims. Under the law, if a doctor could diagnose the illness, and the symptoms had not arisen in service or within one year, the veteran's claim was denied.

The Veterans' Benefits Act expands the definition of undiagnosed illnesses for Persian Gulf veterans to include fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue syndrome and chronic multi-symptom illness for the statutory presumption of service-connection. Under the legislation, Gulf War veterans would also be compensated for "multiple chemical sensitivity", even if symptoms do not appear for many years after their service in the Gulf.

Current regulations on Gulf War-related illnesses allow compensation for illnesses that manifest themselves before the end of this year. H.R. 2540 extends the presumptive period for Persian Gulf illnesses until December 31, 2003.

Another provision of H.R. 2540 would establish a two-year nationwide pilot program to expand the available hours for the VA's toll-free information service. Finally, the bill would allow payment of National Service Life Insurance or United States Government Life Insurance policies to alternate beneficiaries when the first beneficiary can't be found within three years of the insured's death. There have been more than 4,000 cases in which insurance policy proceeds totaling \$23 million could not be paid, because the beneficiary could not be found. The House approved H.R. 2540 by a vote of 422 to zero. The measure has been forwarded to the Senate for further consideration. As this bill works its way through the legislative process, I will be working with my colleagues in the House to secure the swift enactment of these benefit improvements.

**NEWS DEADLINE IS
4PM MONDAY**

Boycott The NAACP!

by Rev. Jesse Lee Peterson

Boycotts are an effective means for achieving social change. The Montgomery, AL, bus boycott was a key point in the struggle for civil rights. Southern Baptists are boycotting the Walt Disney Company to protest the company's moves away from family-friendly entertainment.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) has made headlines for its high-profile boycotts of South Carolina for flying the Confederate Battle Flag atop the state's capitol dome and most recently the Adam's Mark hotel chain for alleged discriminatory practices. I'd like to suggest a new boycott: blacks and Americans of all races should boycott the NAACP itself!

Pay the NAACP no money. Pay it no mind. The

NAACP is no longer deserving enough to receive our hard-earned cash and precious time.

I don't want to disparage the valuable and integral role the NAACP played in winning our civil rights. Members of the NAACP risked their lives for the right to vote and our right to come and go in public as we please. We take these freedoms for granted today, but there are those still among us who can remember the brutal and shameful days of segregation and Jim Crow. I will always be grateful for the NAACP of yesterday for my liberty today.

Nowadays, the NAACP's caliber of work pales in comparison. America's increasing equality and opportunity relegates the NAACP to complaining that there are no black characters on the television show "Friends". If they

consider that and fighting the anachronism of the Confederate Battle Flag as the top civil rights issues of our time, it's proof we blacks have come a long way.

The NAACP's recent actions show it has sold out the original intent of the organization, which was to help blacks succeed in society. In recent years, it has become nothing more than a tool of the elite, socialist wing of the Democratic Party. We certainly saw that in its preferential treatment of Bill Clinton and Al Gore. Ask yourself, what is the NAACP doing about the real problems in the black community? What is it doing about our schools, where our kids know more about condoms than mathematics? What is the NAACP doing about the 70% of black babies being born out of wedlock? The NAACP has health and ed-

ucation programming, but the group's leaders spend more time in the media spotlight focusing on the trivial rather than addressing the true needs of black America. In fact, I believe the true intent of the NAACP leadership is to cause problems by dividing America and by irritating resentments in the black community.

The NAACP's recent national convention is a prime example of its leadership divisiveness. Leaders of this supposedly non-partisan organization spouted partisan rhetoric. NAACP Chairman Julian Bond said some of President George W. Bush's nominations were from the "Taliban wing of American politics", likening them to the radical governing party of Afghanistan. He also said Attorney General John Ashcroft and Interior Secretary Gale Norton were

"nearly canine" in their devotion to the long-dead Confederacy. Attendees reportedly laughed and clapped when a speaker said she'd been anxiously waiting for Republican Senator Strom Thurmond to die. House Majority Leader Dick Armey met with NAACP President Kweisi Mfume earlier this year to try to smooth relations between the group and the Republicans. It appears that Mfume has chosen to disregard the Republican overtures. The NAACP is welcome to disagree with either-or both-political parties, but there is no excuse for vicious name-calling.

Mfume deserves credit for rescuing the NAACP from financial ruin and rescuing the group's reputation from the harm done by his predecessor. He put the group on solid ground, but he must now be held re-

sponsible for once again taking it into dangerous waters. The partisanship exerted over the past year could threaten the NAACP's tax status, and the battles being chosen threaten its relevance.

At the convention, Mfume signed a new contract that extends his tenure as president of the NAACP. This means we can probably expect more of the same unless we blacks act. Taking a page from their playbook, I propose blacks and Americans of all races everywhere join me in cutting our ties with the NAACP. Call them and ask who they serve, the liberal establishment or black America. Withdraw your financial and moral support, and tell others to do the same. We'll be back when the organization once again represents all quarters of the diverse black community.

Crowning Giuliani And Sharpton

by Dr. Lenora Fulani

This August is the 10-year anniversary of the incidents which have come to be known simply as Crown Heights. A seven-year-old black child, Gavin Cato, was playing outside his family's house when a car-part of a motorcade of the Lubavitcher Grand Rebbe-ran a light and jumped the sidewalk, crushing Gavin to death. His young Cousin Angela lay injured as word spread like wildfire through the community.

The driver of the car, Josef Lifsh, was whisked away from the scene in a Hatzolah ambulance, while the Catos waited anxiously for an ambulance. Meanwhile, the enraged youth of the largely Caribbean and black community began to take to the streets.

On a side street that night, Yankel Rosenbaum, a rabbinical scholar from Australia, was stabbed. Later it was reported that poor treatment at the hospital was the cause of his death.

By the next day, Crown Heights was a ticking time bomb. I had gotten a call from community residents asking me to come out. Reverend Al Sharpton and other black leaders had also been called and had gone to the precinct to demand Lifsh's arrest.

I spent the bulk of my time in the streets, arguing with the young men, per-

suading them to back away from a confrontation with the police. I had walked the neighborhood, knocking on doors making an appeal to the women, to the black mothers, to come with me onto the streets. We must tell our children they have to live, I said. All the while, I talked with police on the scene. I tried to persuade them to do as little as possible—to give the kids room to cool down. Some of them agreed.

Later, amid much politicking and the ugliest of sensationalistic opportunism—black and white—Mayor Dinkins was criticized for holding the cops back. The truth of the matter is that he didn't. I did. One black police officer on the line told me that he couldn't believe how I'd stepped in between the cops and the kids to prevent bloodshed. Today, he won't tell that story because it steps on some important toes. But the true history of Crown Heights reveals that there were two primary beneficiaries of the tragedy. One was Mayor Rudy Giuliani. The other was Rev. Al Sharpton.

A young black man, Lemrick Nelson, would soon be arrested and charged with the murder of Yankel Rosenbaum. In October 1992, a jury would acquit him of the murder. The day after the acquittal,

Gov. Mario Cuomo appointed Richard Girgenti to conduct an investigation and write a report analyzing the performance of the NYPD and Mayor Dinkins.

About a week after Crown Heights erupted, the police shot and killed an unarmed 19-year-old, Tony Amos, on another street in Crown Heights. Within hours there were 700 young people, many the same young men who had faced off against the cops after Gavin's death, marching through the streets behind me, demanding justice. But the Amos case was lost in the grant drama going on around it—the frantic negotiations to produce a truce between the black community and Jewish communities.

At the West Indian Day Parade, two weeks after Gavin's death, Mayor Dinkins and Rabbi Shmuel Butman marched together at the head of the parade. About 100 yards behind them, away from their fabricated embrace, I marched with Tony Amos' mother Bridget, Diane Hawkins, the mother of Yusef Hawkins, whose murder at the hands of a Bensonhurst mob two years earlier had gotten David Dinkins elected.

By then, it was all about who was going to gain the political advantage off of Crown Heights. A

headline here. A nightly news story there. Elections were coming just around the corner.

Republican Senator Al D'Amato did a press conference with Rosenbaum's brother and was reelected in 1992 with an astonishing 40% of the Jewish vote. In 1993, as the New York City mayoral election was heating up, Cuomo's Girgenti Report was released. Cuomo arranged for its criticisms of Dinkins to be presented live at a televised press conference.

In a flash, the Democratic Party liberal coalition splintered like dry wood. Rudy Giuliani was there to pick up the pieces. 70% of the Jewish vote went to Rudy. David Dinkins went down to defeat.

But there was someone else picking up the pieces, too. It was Al Sharpton. He, like Giuliani, stood to benefit by the fracturing of the Democratic Party liberal coalition. Sharpton saw Crown Heights as an opportunity to make a bold political play and did so.

Sharpton, whom I was quite close to at the time, was no ally of David Dinkins. Sharpton once told me that the biggest mistake that Dinkins made was to think he was popular in the black community just because people voted for him. Dinkins held the spot that Sharpton coveted: the pre-

mier power broker of black politics in New York. It was the Hawkins murder and the marches he led that had put Dinkins in office. And, shrewd politician that he is, Sharpton understood that he held the key to Dinkins' demise. He had to use Crown Heights to embolden Dinkins' critics and to play off the black-Jewish tensions.

He loudly criticized the double standard that had the city providing a police escort to the Grand Rebbe, the decision to evacuate Lifsh from the scene in a Hatzolah ambulance and the failure of the police to take action against the driver of the car which killed Gavin Cato. He even traveled to Israel in an effort to serve a court order of Lifsh—a trip designed to etch the racial divide in stone. He needed that divide to undercut Dinkins and set the stage for his own rise to prominence. On this score, Sharpton and Giuliani, sworn enemies, had much in common.

Crown Heights was a turning point for Sharpton, as it was for me. I stood in the streets with hundreds of young black men—so full of rage—and I understood as never before that I had to enable them to go beyond their anger and impotence. I had to give their mothers and fathers a way to help them.

It was in those years that the energies I gave to my youth program, The All Stars Talent Show Network, grew. Addressing the problem of youth violence meant giving kids the tools they need to grow and develop. It meant giving them a new life performance—one that turned their focus toward their own power to create. This approach is not designed to get headlines. It is designed to work. In the ten years since Crown Heights, All Stars has become the most conspicuously successful program of its kind, where tens of thousands of young people and their parents come together in positive and growthful ways. They are the ones who brought crime down in New York. These families are the heroes of Crown Heights and I honor them.

In the 10 years since Crown Heights, Al Sharpton has become New York's premier black power broker. His opportunism was no better and no worse than most politicians—no matter their race, ethnicity, ideology or political affiliation. Predictably, having secured his position by cutting the liberal coalition to shreds, he is now trying to rebuild it with himself at the top.

**SAVE
WATER**

I Find CBS Rather Insensitive

by Kevin Martin

Jesse Jackson recently emerged from exile to level a boycott threat against Toyota. I'd like him to join my boycott of CBS, which owes black Americans an explanation after news anchor Dan Rather made comments that sounded racially insensitive. I fear Jackson won't support my CBS boycott, because I'm not asking CBS for money.

First, let's talk about my boycott.

Dan Rather, who anchors the "CBS Evening News", was consciously ignoring the story of missing Washington intern

Chandra Levy. His superiors finally prevailed upon him to report on the story that the other networks were covering *ad nauseum*. Complaining about his bosses to radio host Don Imus. Rather said, "What happened was they got the willies. They got the Buckwheats. Their knees wobbled, and we gave up."

Buckwheat? That sounds offensive to me. I want to know what he meant by it. So far, neither he nor CBS is talking.

The Reverend Jesse L. Peterson, who runs the Los Angeles-based organization BOND, wants CBS to

fire Rather. Peterson told Newsmax.com: "Whenever you think of Buckwheat, you think of black people...The Buckwheat image has been used against black people for years."

I understand where Reverend Peterson is coming from, but I'd like to hear Rather's explanation. I want Rather to come out from behind the shield CBS is using to protect him.

Rather's facilitator in the Buckwheat comment, Imus, is yet another CBS employee who has admitted to making racially insensitive comments.

My boycott demands

are simple. First, Rather should explain what he said. Then, CBS executives should explain why these insensitive acts are allowed to thrive at the network. Last, if Rather and others are found to be at fault, they should be forced to undergo sensitivity training.

Until this happens, black Americans and their supporters of all races should stop watching CBS. Political leaders supporting the boycott and those affiliated with historically black colleges and universities should stop granting interviews and providing

assistance make any money. I'm not demanding CBS inflict sensitivity training on all its employees or promote more blacks to management positions. I simply want them to address Dan Rather's statement and other instances of insensitivity.

This is different from Jesse Jackson's proposed boycott of Toyota. Jackson's outrage stems from a Toyota ad that featured a grinning black face with a gold Toyota SUV outline attached to one tooth. This is the same kind of thing you see on just about every hip-hop artist these days.

"The only thing missing is the watermelon," seethed Jackson, after the ad was pulled and Toyota and its ad agency apologized.

When I appeared on the Fox News Channel's "Hannity and Colmes" to talk about my CBS boycott, I was dismissed by Ron Daniels of the Center for Constitutional Rights, who supported Jackson's Toyota boycott but said I had no support. Within 24 hours, I had hundreds of e-mails from people saying they wanted to help.

But I'm still waiting for Jesse to call.

WOMAN'S WORLD

Women's Health Day



ST. PETERSBURG — The African People's Education and Defense Fund invites everyone to a FREE Women's Health Day on Saturday, August 25th from noon to 4pm at the TyRon Lewis Community Gym and Healthy Groceries, Etc. store at 1327 9th Street South in St. Petersburg.

There will be free seminars on women's health issues including:

- Breast & Cervical Cancer
- Obesity, Diabetes, Exercise & Nutrition for Women
- Breastfeeding & Natural Childbirth

- Menopause
- Food Additives and their effect on women

The mobile health unit from the urban League will be on hand to conduct free health screening tests for cholesterol, blood pressure, and stroke risk. There will also be free food tasting and other giveaways.

The African People's Education and Defense Fund is holding this Women's Health Day as part of the series of monthly health and fitness seminars to promote exercise, proper nutrition and wellness to impact on the life-threatening health problems that

plague the African population in disproportionate numbers.

Volunteers are needed to continue the monthly free health seminars and screenings, to carry out intensive community outreach to promote the benefits of exercise and proper nutrition, and to establish a complete Wellness Center. Please call the African People's Education and Defense Fund at (727) 821-2437 or the gym at (727) 824-5670 to volunteer or for more information.

A Healthy African Community Is Good For Every Body!

SOS - Support Obesity Surgery Meeting

ST. PETERSBURG — This is a FREE patient-driven open forum of personal experiences with bariatric (gastric bypass) surgery and an excellent source of information for those considering the procedure.

Dr. Michael B. Butler from the Surgical Center for Obesity will speak on the procedure and nutritional needs of the

patient. The meeting is held at the Palms of Pasadena Medical Professional Building (Boca Ciega Room) at 1609 Pasadena Avenue in St. Petersburg (free parking in upper levels of garage).

Meeting time: 10am to 12noon on Saturday, August 18th. For more information call (727) 867-5757.

10th Annual Tribute To Women & Business Women Showcase "Honoring Women Of Achievement"

ST. PETERSBURG — The Resource Center for Women are currently accepting applications for nominees in leadership, service and entrepreneurship.

All applicants must be a resident of St. Petersburg for at least 5 years, be 21 years of age, and have a record of significant personal and community achievements.

Pick up an application from:

• Enoch D. Davis Center, 1111 18th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, Suite A, Room 3, or Front Desk.

• The Weekly Challenger Newspaper, 2500 Dr. M.L.King Street South, St. Petersburg.

• Resource Center for Women, 1301 Seminole Boulevard, #150 Largo.

For additional information, call Dianne Speights at: (727) 981-7267 or (727) 586-1110.

A Writer's Dream Comes True



by Rosalie Peck

ST. PETERSBURG — "When I was a little girl, my mother and I went shopping every Saturday morning for groceries at Sunshine Market on Central Avenue. Actually, my mother went shopping for groceries at Sunshine Market while I sat on the floor of the original Haslam's Book Store on Central Avenue, reading books. When she returned, it was with reluctance that I had to leave what seemed to be canyons of books from floor to ceiling, but always, I left with a book of my choice, and these words to my doting mother: 'Mama, one of these days, books that I write are going to be in this store.' And she believed me. My dream came to pass in early August, when 'THRESHOLD: FIRST BOOK OF POETRY' became available at Haslam's Book Store, 2025 Central Avenue.

I began reading at age four as a result of being read to by my mother, who upon discovering my love of books spent Sunday mornings reading the St. Petersburg Times to me with emphasis on selected stories and the "funny papers". I began to guess what was happening to Little Orphan Annie and her dog Sandy, and Mutt and Jeff, and such, based on the pictures. My mother encouraged me to "read" to her, correcting me as we went

along until words took meaning. Spelling and pronunciation were part of the routine.

I entered the first (Primer) grade at Jordan Elementary School, a reader, under the caring, watchful eyes of Mrs. Ethel Bennett, who, was also a family friend and neighbor (and strict disciplinarian). At home I had my own little library, with treats of new books added to the collection as birthday and Christmas gifts and from Saturday morning purchases when I was allowed to buy a book of my choice. I read everything from books, to the back of corn flakes boxes, but I loved novels and fairy tales. I learned the value of spending time alone, reading, thinking, imagining and day-dreaming. By choice, I spent many solitary hours with my books on rainy days and after school.

A favorite tale was "The Caterpillar's Story". My mother read it to me after I came home from school crying because a teacher refused to let me plait the Maypole, saying, I was "too tall". When I told my mother that the teacher "made me feel ugly," she came home the next day with a book of children's stories and read to me the story of the lowly caterpillar that turned into the most beautiful butterfly in all the world. From that early, nurturing childhood experience

emerged the poem, "Metamorphosis," in "Threshold: First Book of Poetry".

I began writing stories, songs, poems and plays at a very early age, always with expectation of someday becoming a published writer. Always with the dream of seeing my books in Haslam's Book Store. It happened first in 1987 with the publication of "Learning to Say Goodbye: Dealing With Death and Dying," (co-authored with Dr. Charlotte Stefanics). As a writer, it is a dream come true to be published anywhere, anytime. But to realize one's dream in one's own home town has the sweet taste of honey and serves as a reminder to hold onto your dream.

"Threshold: First Book of Poetry" was completed and first presented to the public in February, 2001, at a successful book signing at Tangelia Murphy's Reader's Choice Books and Expressions, 4301 34th Street South, where it is available. It is now also available at Haslam's Book Store, 2025 Central Avenue. The dream continues. My next work is a novel nearing completion with the firm belief that through God all things are possible. "Richer than I you can never be. I had a mother who read to me." And the dream lives on."

Preventing Behavior Problems In Young Children

ST. PETERSBURG — The goal of discipline is to help children develop self-control. Discipline is setting limits and correcting misbehavior. Discipline is also helping children feel good about themselves. As a parent, you can avoid behavior problems by doing the following:

Make time each day for fresh air and outdoor play. Give your child many opportunities for physical activity and exercise daily. Many children need to run off some of their energy.

Use distraction or redirection. Instead of saying "NO," give your child something interesting to do. If she is climbing a fence, you can say, "Come and play on the swings," or sing a silly song to

change the focus.

Make sure your children



have toys that are right for their age. Toys for young children should be simple to play with. Don't give them too many at once. And put frustrating toys out of reach.

Keep your instructions clear and simple. Children

two years of age and younger have trouble remembering and understanding rules.

Allow time for transitions, especially at bedtime. If your child is tired and cranky, be understanding and help them to calm down. Having a short, quiet time with no activity can ease the transition to sleep before a nap or bedtime. Routines, such as reading a book before bed, help.

When you say "No," mean it. When a parent says "no," the child may hear, "Well, maybe ..." and test you. Children will often try pleading, whining and crying to get their way. The solution? Don't say, "no," unless you are prepared to stick with it. In the end, your consistency and firmness will make your child more secure.



Don't give in to tantrums. Giving in to temper tantrums only leads to more tantrums. If you are in a public place, say, "Stop now, or we will have to leave," then follow through if

necessary. If you behave with dignity and firmness, you won't come across as a bad parent. At home, send the child to her room until she calms down. Tell your child, "I'm sorry you're upset, but I won't change my mind."

Ignore the little things. Before raising your voice, ask yourself, "Is this important?"

When kids push your buttons, push these - 1-800-FLA-LOVE (352-5683).

The Family Source of Florida's Parent HelpLine is a 24-hour parent toll-free number that puts parents in touch with a statewide network of parenting resources and family support agencies. It is a place where parents can turn for help and advice.

One Shake Can Last A Lifetime - NEVER Shake A Baby!

ST. PETERSBURG — Why is shaking a baby dangerous? A baby's neck muscles are very weak and its head is large and heavy in proportion to the rest of its body. When a baby is shaken, the neck snaps back and forth, much like whiplash, causing the brain to hit the front and back of the skull. This can damage the

brain and cause it to bruise, bleed and swell. Brain development during the crucial period from birth to three is very rapid. Shaking, even if not evident by the symptoms above, can cause lasting brain damage that may appear later as a learning disability or other delay.

Shaking an infant or young

child can cause:

- Blindness
- Seizures
- Hearing Loss
- Cerebral Palsy
- Mental Retardation
- Brain Damage
- Death!

Why are infants and young children at risk of being shaken?

- Babies often cry inconsolably.
- Parenting can be stressful and overwhelming.
- Parents and caregivers are often young, inexperienced and lack coping skills.
- Parents and caregivers lack knowledge of the dangers of shaking a baby.
- Parents and caregivers

mistakenly believe shaking is a form of discipline.

What you can do to protect your baby:

1. Tell everyone who cares for your baby about the dangers of shaking.
2. Make sure everyone knows that even rough play

such as tossing, bouncing or swinging your baby may cause irreversible damage.

3. If you reach a point of frustration and are afraid that you might shake your baby, place your baby in his or her crib and leave the room. Do any of the following to calm down before picking your

baby up again:

- Count out loud to ten, twenty or fifty.
- Turn on your favorite music.
- Phone a friend or relative; ask them to come over to

help out.

- Write down your thoughts; write that you do not want to hurt your baby.

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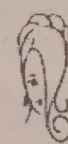
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Workshop On "The Restoration Of Ex-Felons' Civil Rights"



Arthenia Joyner

TAMPA — State Rep. Arthenia Joyner announced recently that she is joining with the American Civil Liberties Union's (ACLU) Voting Rights Project in a collaborative effort to get the word out to ex-felons who have returned to the community that having their civil rights restored, including the right to vote, is achievable.

Rep. Joyner will hold a step-by-step workshop to assist ex-felons with the complicated process of restoring their rights. Participants will receive hands-on assistance, required forms, and critical information they need to apply. Rep. Joyner will hold the workshop on Saturday, August 25, beginning at 10am at the Allen Temple AME Church, 2101 N. Lowe Street, Tampa, FL. The church is at the corner of Palm Avenue and Nuccio Parkway, just north of the eastern gateway to Ybor City. Rep. Joyner will be joined by Pam Iorio, Hillsborough County Supervisor of Elections; Lionel Garcia, Regional Administrator for the Florida

Parole Commission; Randall Marshall, ACLU Legal Director; attorneys from the George Edgecomb Bar Association, and ACLU volunteers.

"I believe that a state which touts itself as being a mecca for enhanced lifestyles and essentially unfettered opportunity should more easily extend those attributes to those who have paid their debt to society and have returned to their communities and apply themselves toward being responsible, productive citizens who also want to exercise their right to vote. Until it does, I want to do all that I can to guide people through the process," said Rep. Joyner in announcing the workshop.

Rep. Joyner added, "The restoration process is difficult; however, with the firepower we plan to have available at the workshop, I believe we can make a lot of headway. I urge everyone affected to come out and work with us - the next election cycle begins in only a year, and it's not a minute too soon to get started."

Business Development Center Training

ST. PETERSBURG — Schedule of business training/counseling offered for the week of August 20-24, 2001. Unless otherwise noted, all training and counseling offered will be provided at the St. Petersburg Business Development Center, located at 1045 16th Street South, St. Petersburg. For further information call (727) 893-7146. All services are free of cost.

Business Information Center (BIC): Monday, August 20 through Friday, August 24, 9am to 5pm. The BIC is open every Tuesday nights until 8pm. The BIC provides technical assistance that combines state-of-the-art personal computers, graphic work stations, CD-ROM reference library. The BIC is sponsored by the U.S. Small Business Administration. For further information call (727) 893-9686. Cost: Free.

Business Counseling Sessions: Tuesday, August 21st, Thursday, August 23rd, and Friday, August 24th, 10am to 3pm, provided by the Service Corps of Retired Executives

(SCORE). Appointments or walk-ins welcome. To schedule an appointment or for more information call (727) 893-9686. Cost: Free.

"Micro-Business USA" (formerly "Working Capital Florida") information sessions, Monday through Thursday, August 20th - 23rd, 6-9pm, provided by Micro-Business USA. To schedule an appointment or for more information call (727) 897-9324. Cost: Free.

Business Loan Counseling and Assistance: Wednesday, August 22nd, 11am to 2pm, provided by the Tampa Bay Black Business Investment Corporation. Appointments or walk-ins welcome. To schedule an appointment or for more information call (727) 893-7146. Cost: Free.

"How to Start a Business" workshop, begins Tuesday, August 21st, 5:30-7:30pm, provided by the Small Business Development Center at USF. To register or for more information call (727) 893-9686. Cost: Free.

Fall Forum Features Former Legislators In Live Demonstration Of Legislative Process

ST. PETERSBURG — To kick off its 2001-2002 Event Series, the Women's Council of the St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce presents *You Count* - a legislative forum that will allow the public to interact with former legislators. The Grand Ballroom at the TradeWinds on St. Pete Beach will be the site for this kickoff event scheduled for Tuesday, October 16th, from 5-8pm. The introduction, follow through and voting process of a law at the state level will be the focus of the evening.

You Count will be as authentic as possible with a chamber, committee room and legislator's office. Former legislators will lead the session with audience members comprising the "volunteer" legislature and gallery. Lobbyists will be present to even the

process and aides will serve as runners.

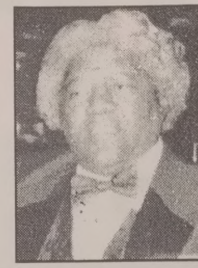
You Count is the first event in the Women's Council 2001-2002 Event Series. A Coed Golf Tournament will take place in November 2001 and the Annual Women's Symposium featuring Andrea Mitchell will be held in March 2002.

The Women's Council meets on the fourth Wednesday of every month at women-owned or women-managed businesses to link women within the professional and business community. The committee of the Women's Council address many areas of vital concern to women in Pinellas County. For more information or to reserve tickets, contact Dianne Caton at the Chamber by calling (727) 821-4069.

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hospital, as well as transporting patients from the hospital into town can be arranged through the National Association for Mental Health. If no local chapter exists in your area, write to their headquarters at: 1800 North Kent, Roslyn Station, Arlington, VA 22209.

See your yellow pages under "Social Service and Welfare Organizations" for other sources of possible help in this area.

And now it is that time of the week, when again we share with you past happenings.

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accompanying it. The flag was flown over the United States Capitol at the request of Honorable C. W. Bill Young, Member of Congress. Also accompanying these articles was the "Congressional Record" of the U.S.A. proceedings and debates of the 106th Congress, First Session. In the U.S. House of Representatives on Wednesday, June 23, 1999 Constitutional Amendment authorizing Congress to prohibit physical desecration of the Flag of the United States.

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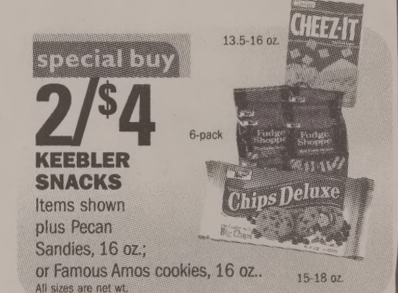
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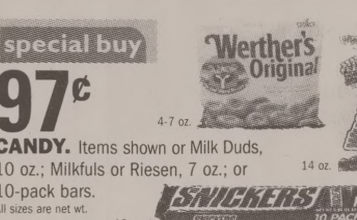
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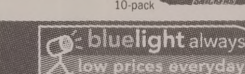
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Ocala News

by James Thorpe

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Moderators, Pastors, Mission Society Presidents, District Directors, Youth Directors, Counselors and Parents. Please bring your young people to a fun filled day "rejoicing in the Lord".

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For more information contact: Mrs. Verne Sims (904) 356-0832, Mrs. Zenora Kern Ward (561) 697-9468, Mrs. Gloria Simmons (352) 373-1412, Dr. J. C. Wise, 1-800-779-6956.

RECOGNITION SERVICE

Recognition Service in Honor of The Late Rev. Frank G. Pinkston, Sr., and The Matthews-Scippio Head Start

Project of 1965.

The service will be held on Saturday, September 1, 2001, St. Paul A.M.E. Church, 718 NW Seventh Street, Ocala (Rev. Dr. James D. Sykes, Sr., Pastor) at 4pm.

The guest speaker is Dr. Dorsey Miller of Broward County. Sponsor: Mr. Daniel Banks, Director of the Mildred C. Boynton Head Start Center.

All friends and family of former staff and students involved with this historic summer program are cordially invited.

GREATER HOPEWELL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Dear Members: There will be a mandatory meeting for all officers and prospective officers on Saturday, August 18, 2001 at 9am in the fellowship hall.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the mission of the church and its objectives.

So, "Come let us reason together," says the Lord.

P.S. - Breakfast will be served at 8am.

Ocala Civic Theatre To Hold Open Auditions For Pulitzer-Prize Winning Drama "Wit"

OCALA — Ocala Civic Theatre will hold auditions for "Wit" by Margaret Edson on Saturday, August 25, at 12 noon and Monday, August 27 at 7pm, at the Theatre, which is located in the Appleton Cultural Center at 4337 East Silver Springs Boulevard in Ocala.

About The Show: An intellectually challenging and brutally funny play, *Wit* wooed audiences and won the 1999 Pulitzer Prize. The play traces the transformation of Vivian Bearing, Ph.D., a renowned scholar and professor of English, as she examines how she has approached life and how she plans to face death. When she is diagnosed with terminal ovarian cancer, she embarks on an aggressive experimental chemotherapy program and takes the audience with her on her journey of discovery.

About The Audition: Come to only one of the audition dates. The audition will consist of cold readings of selected scenes from the play. Copies of the script are available for perusal at the Theatre during regular box office hours, Monday through Friday, 10am to 5:30pm. The script may also be checked out with a refundable deposit.

Roles Available: Both female and male roles are available as follows:

- Vivian Bearing, Ph.D.: Age 50s. English professor, dying of advanced ovarian cancer.

- Harvey Kelekian, M.D.: Age 50s to 60s. Chief of Medical Oncology at University Hospital, in charge of Vivian's case; persuades her to be a "guinea pig" for a new, radical treatment.

- Jason Posner, M.D.: Age late 20s to early 30s. Clinical fellow, young and enthusiastic, but more interested in research than people; a former student of Professor Bearing.

- Susie Monohan, R.N., B.S.N.: Age 20s to 30s. Primary Nurse, Cancer Inpatient Unit; warm, maternal; befriends Vivian.

- E.M. Ashford, D.Phil. Age 30 to 50. Professor Emeritus of English Literature; Vivian's mentor.

- Mr. Bearing: Age 40s. Vivian's father (in a flashback).

- Various lab technicians, clinical fellows, students, code team.

All interested performers are welcome and invited to audition. Experience is helpful, but not required. Ages listed are suggested and should not deter you from auditioning.

Schedule: Rehearsals will begin on Tuesday, September 4, with performances running from October 11 through October 14.

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

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Society In Ocala

by Florence Williams Ray

LEADERSHIP FLORIDA ELECTS NICHOLS TO BOARD

Ted Nichols, Associate General Counsel and Director of Government Relations for AvMed, was recently elected to the 25-member Board of Regents of Leadership Florida.

Nichols is a former Ocala resident and a 1953 graduate of Howard Academy High School.

SPECIAL NEEDS REGISTRATION OFFERED

The Marion County Emergency Management Office is offering registration for persons with special needs should a major storm or disaster affect our area.

A person with special needs could be someone who cannot drive, an elderly couple who lives alone, someone on oxygen, an insulin dependent diabetic, someone with a heart condition, dementia, Alzheimer's, etc.

To obtain a special needs form, call Emergency Management at 622-3205.

A MARTYRS OF THE CIVIL-RIGHTS MOVEMENT

Medgar Evers was one of the first martyrs of the civil-rights movement. He was born in 1925 in Decatur, Mississippi to James and Jessie Evers. After a short stint in the army, he enrolled in Alcorn A&M College, graduating in 1952. His first job out of college was traveling around rural Mississippi selling insurance. He soon grew enraged at the despicable conditions of poor black families in his state, and joined the NAACP in 1954. He was appointed Mississippi's first field secretary.

Evers was outspoken, and his demands were radical for his rigidly segregated state. He fought for the enforcement of

the 1954 court decision of Brown vs. Board of Education of Topeka which outlawed school segregation; he fought for the right to vote, and he advocated boycotting merchants who discriminated. He worked unceasingly despite the threats of violence that his speeches engendered. He gave much of himself to this struggle, and in 1963, he gave his life. On June 13, 1963, he drove home from a meeting, stepped out of his car, and was shot in the back.

Immediately after Evers' death, the shotgun that was used to kill him was found in bushes nearby, with the owner's fingerprints still fresh. Byron de la Beckwith, a vocal member of a local white-supremacist group, was arrested. Despite the evidence against him, which included an earlier statement that he wanted to kill Evers, two trials with all-white juries ended in deadlock decisions, and Beckwith walked free.

Twenty years later, in 1989, information surfaced that suggested the jury in both trials had been tampered with. The assistant District Attorney, with the help of Evers' widow, began putting together a new case. On February 5, 1994, a multiracial jury re-tried Beckwith and found him guilty of the crime.

The loss of Evers changed the tenor of the civil-rights struggle. Anger replaced fear in the south, as hundreds of demonstrators marched in protest. His death prompted President John Kennedy to ask congress for a comprehensive civil-rights bill, which President Lyndon Johnson signed into law the following year. Evers' death, as his life had, contributed much to the struggle for equality.

Source: The African-American Almanac, 1997.

Smoke Free For Health Launches Campaign To Protect Second Hand Smoke

TALLAHASSEE — Leaders of major health-related organizations and grassroots volunteers today launched a historic statewide campaign to protect Floridians from the harmful effects of second-hand tobacco smoke. The initiative will amend Florida's Constitution to prohibit smoking in most enclosed indoor workplaces.

The campaign will be led by Smoke-Free for Health, an Orlando-based non-profit organization supported by the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, American Lung Association and the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids. In addition, the AARP of Florida and the Center for Florida's Children have endorsed the effort. Organizers must gather 488,722 valid signatures from registered Florida voters to put their amendment on the November 2002 ballot.

"Second-hand smoke poses a serious health risk to those exposed to it," said Marty Larsen, volunteer chairman of Smoke-Free for Health. "Hundreds of thousands of Floridians are exposed to dangerous second-hand smoke in the workplace and in restaurants everyday. People should not have to risk their health to earn a paycheck."

Second-hand smoke contains more than 40 substances that are known or suspected to cause cancer and are strong irritants, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Among the substances present in second-hand smoke are formaldehyde, arsenic, tar and benzene. Second-hand smoke has been designated as a Group A (Known Human) Carcinogen by the EPA.

Currently more than 70,000 Florida businesses allow smoking somewhere on their premises and an additional 12,000 restaurants allow smoking. Each week, more than 5.5 million people in Florida are exposed to second-hand smoke in workplaces (including restaurants), according to the American Cancer

Society. "This amendment is destined to be one of the most important steps in this state's public-health history," said Dr. Scot Ackerman, president of the American Cancer Society, Florida Division. "Our mission is to eliminate cancer as a major health problem and the passage of this amendment is a significant step in that direction."

"Second-hand tobacco smoke aggravates a variety of respiratory ailments including asthma and bronchitis," said Pablo Mila, President of the American Lung Association of Florida. "Senior citizens, children and other Floridians with these conditions have the right to work and visit businesses without having to be exposed to dangerous second-hand smoke that can trigger serious respiratory episodes."

"Beyond the human cost of second-hand smoke, there is a heavy economic cost to our society as well," said William D. Colledge, member of the Board of Directors for the American Heart Association, Florida/Puerto Rico Affiliate. "Allowing smoking in the workplace burdens employers with numerous costs and creates an unhealthy environment for all employees."

"The dangers of second-hand smoke are well documented," said Matthew L. Myers, president of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids. "It is known to cause serious respiratory problems in children, such as greater severity of asthma attacks and lower respiratory infections."

The proposed amendment makes exceptions for private residences except when they are being used to provide commercial child care, adult care or health care. Exceptions also are made for retail tobacco shops, stand-alone bars and designated smoking guest rooms at hotels.

Florida voters can receive a copy of the petition by calling the Smoke-Free for Health Petition Hotline at 1-888-838-1892, or by visiting www.smokefreeforhealth.org.

There is a fee for photos not taken by a Weekly Challenger photographer.

Philip Morris Continues Support Of NNPA



NEW YORK — Billy Abshaw, manager, Media Programs, Philip Morris U.S.A.; A. Shuanise Washington, vice president, External Affairs, Philip Morris Management Corp.; and Ed Gordon, host of BET's "Conversations with Ed Gordon", converse at the National Newspaper Publishers Association's (NNPA) Annual Convention held in Atlanta.

Philip Morris played an integral role in the Merit Awards Dinner, a highlight of the convention, which honors the best in black press. Awards were presented for excellence in newspaper design and format, photography, advertising, promotion and news report-

ing. Afterwards, Abshaw met NNPA members at an elegant Merit Awards Dessert Buffet Reception sponsored by PMUSA and presented Philip Morris gift baskets, a Coach briefcase and a palm pilot to winners in the PMUSA business card drawing.

Philip Morris has enjoyed

a long and rich history with NNPA, consortium of more than 200 African-American newspaper publishers. Washington lauded NNPA for being "more than just the voice of the black press - you are the mirror for the African-American community, reflecting its dignity and glory for all to see".

Congressional Black Caucus Awards Scholarships

MIAMI — Seven students attending Miami-Dade Community College received scholarships from the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation to provide assistance with their studies at higher learning institutions. With the support of Congresswoman Carrie Meek the seven students were awarded over \$1,000 each for their academic excellence, community service participation and financial need.

The seven recipients are: North Campus student Tynecia McKenzie; Medical Center Campus students Tamaria

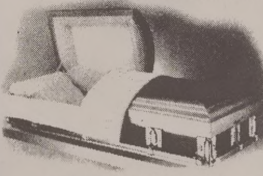
Hodge, Lorna Rolle, and Priscilla Brown, generic nursing program, and Danielle Chambers, radiography program; and Homestead Campus students Abed Suleiman, an honors graduate, and Danielle Davis, a sophomore in the biology program.

The Congressional Black Caucus Foundation is a 501-member, nonpartisan, public policy research and educational institution. Its mission is to increase the participation and influence of African-Americans in the public policy arena, to ensure the implementation of policies that are responsive

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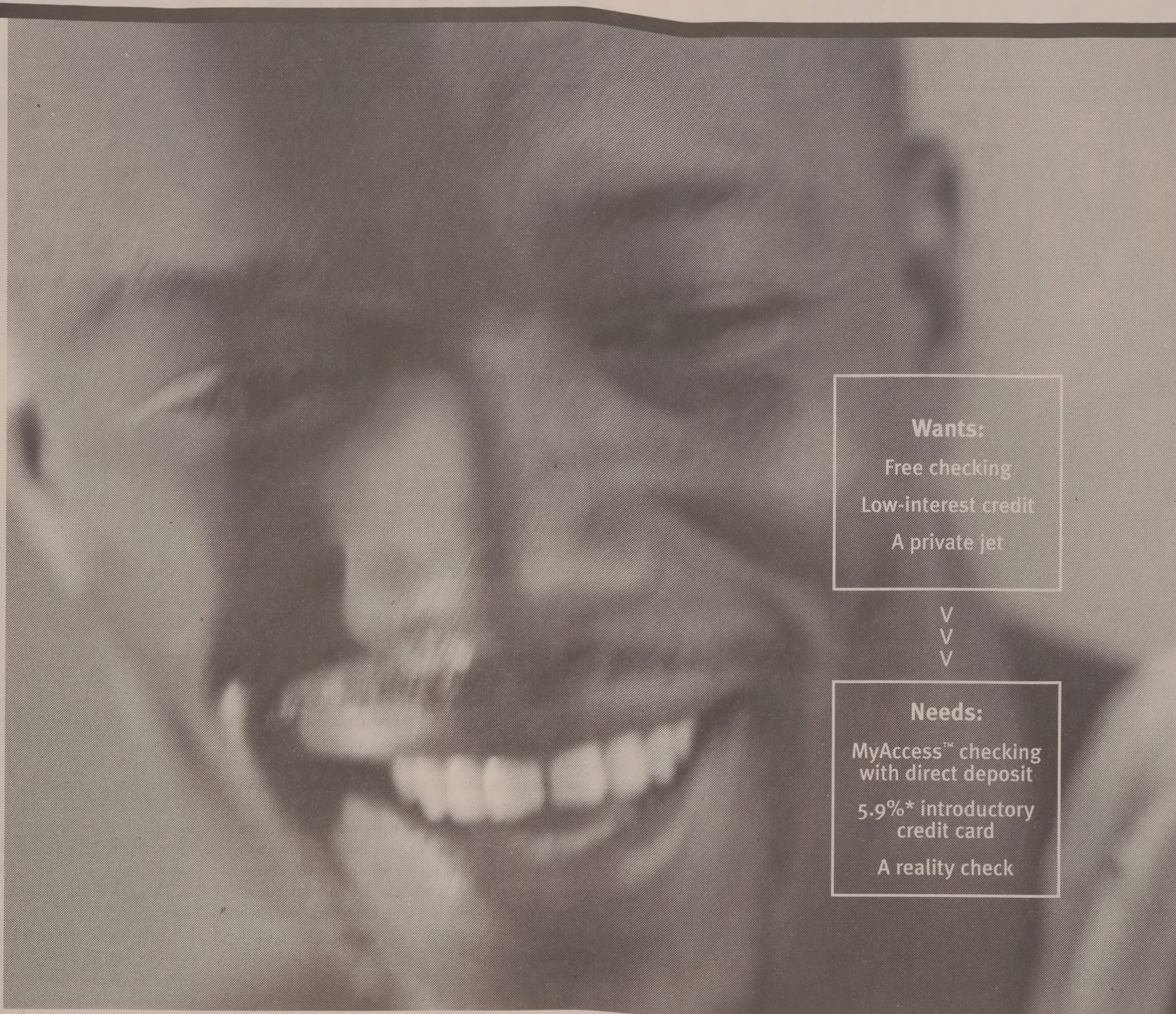


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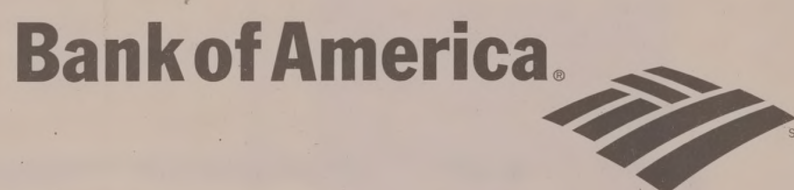
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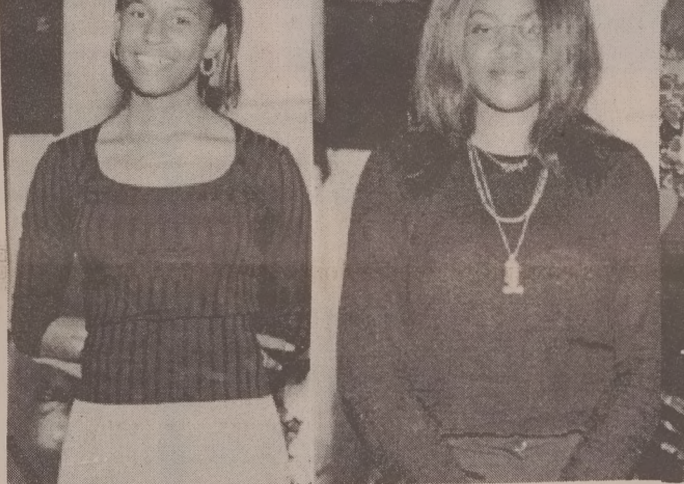
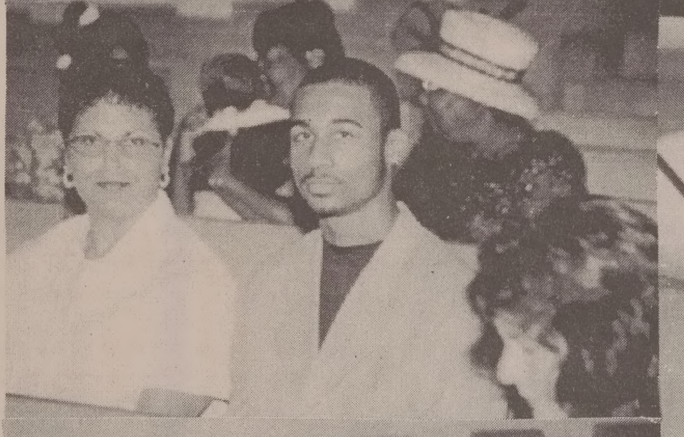
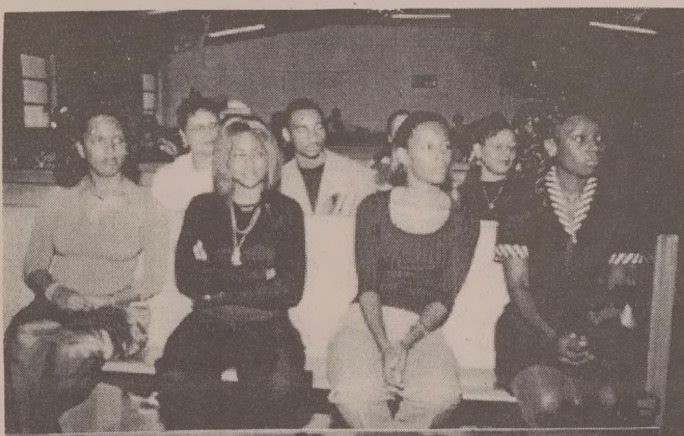
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arship Awards Program at the Re-Birth Baptist Church 1924 E. Comanche Avenue where Rev. Dr. Zachery S. Hudson is pastor.

Students honored during this ceremony included Kandyce A. Ballou who maintains a 5.3 GPA and is a graduate of Hillsborough High School. Kandyce plans to attend Florida A&M University and major in Pharmacy. Wyneaki Hart, 3.5 GPA

and a graduate of Tampa Street School/Oasis Academy. Wyneaki will be attending Hillsborough Community College where she will major in Sociology.

Tiesha J. Haughbrook, 3.5 GPA and is a graduate of Plant City Senior High School. Tiesha has been accepted into Hillsborough Community Honors Program and aspires to become a Pediatrician.

Ashley McRae, 3.0 GPA

and a graduate of C. Leon King High School. Ashley will be attending Florida A&M University in Elementary Education.

Other participants on the program included: Marion F. Cole, presiding chairperson; greetings, Gwendolyn Miller, President; invocation Rev. Zachery S. Hudson; history, Jacqueline S. Wilds; musical prelude, D. Zany Chisholm; presentations, Dr. Gwendolyn

Stephenson, President. Hillsborough Community College; poem, Renee Pratt-Cocroft; closing remarks, Josephine S. Sanders and benediction, Rev. Zachery S. Hudson.

A reception was held following the program. The event was a great success and is one of the many community projects this wonderful group of women look forward to annually.

Keep Your Cool Under Fire To Minimize Stroke Risk

ST. PETERSBURG — Strokes among hypertensive men who became flustered by a hectic test was nearly double compared to men who were unruffled by the stressful situation, according to a study in the August issue of *Stroke: Journal of the American Heart Association*.

This research means it may be possible to identify situations and reduce their stroke risk.

"Hypertension is acknowledged as a major risk factor for stroke, but not all people with hypertension have a stroke. We found that hypertensive men who don't manage stressful situations with composure may be at an increased risk of stroke," says the study's lead researcher, Lena Andre-Petersson, psychologist and researcher in the gerontology research center at Lund University in Lund, Sweden.

In a prospective study to investigate the association between adaptation to stress and stroke incidence, researchers administered a simple stress-inducing test called the Color Word Test (CWT). In this test each man is presented a written name of a color, which is printed in a divergent color, then asked to name the color of the print. Scoring was expressed in seconds and was noted after each subtest of 20, 40, 60, 80 and 100 responses.

Researchers followed 2138 elderly Swedish men with high blood pressure in the "Men Born in 1914" study group in Malmo, Sweden from 1982 and 1983 until first stroke, death or December 31, 1996. Participants were examined for peripheral artery disease, atrial fibrillation, heart disease, and diabetes. They responded to questionnaires about their tobacco and alcohol habits as well as medical history and presence of psychiatric disorders. Their body mass index was also established.

Researchers observed participants' behavior during the CWT test and noted four

major patterns of stress adaptation. Individuals with a "stabilized" pattern kept an even pace throughout the entire test they made up their minds how to handle the conflict and stuck to the initial plan. Those with a "cumulative" pattern tried out new ideas or got tired along the way, therefore, each subtest took a little longer.

Men with a "dissociative" pattern made many different attempts to handle the conflict and, even though some approaches were successful, they did not stick to them. Andre-Petersson notes they either had difficulty concentrating or all the different approaches made it hard to concentrate.

Finally, men with a "cumulative-dissociative" pattern combined the last two patterns - they tried new approaches, their concentration failed, they could not control their reactions to the test, and they became exhausted toward the end. Therefore, each subtest took more and more time. Andre-Petersson noted that these men show outward signs of stress such as sweating, facial flushing and other signs of frustration.

During follow-up, 13.4 percent of men in the stabilized group had strokes; 15.1 percent of those in the cumulative, 16.7 percent of those in dissociative, and 26.6 percent of the cumulative-dissociative group had strokes.

"We believe that what we see from performances in the CWT are reflections of frequent behavior among individuals who fail to find successful strategies to manage a situation or solve a conflict," says Andre-Petersson. "They do not work methodically; they try several strategies without allowing time for the strategy to prove itself. Behavior like this will, in the long run, expose the individual's body to wear and tear because it is associated with tension."

The research team plans validation studies among other populations such as women.



• **Innovative Programs:** "Tampa Bay Magazine" rated last season's offerings at Mahaffey Theater as the Best Innovative Programming throughout the Tampa Bay area. The upcoming season will feature the Los Angeles Guitar Quartet, LUMA - Theater of Light, PHILDANCO - Philadelphia Dance Company, Barrage - a violin spectacle, Broadway hits "My Fair Lady" and "Guys and Dolls", and more. Contact: 892-5767.

• **Strengthening the Human Spirit:** St. Petersburg's Weed and Seed Program will sponsor a Community Mental Health Forum for members of the African-American community on August 17 and 18 at the Enoch Davis Center, 1111 18th Avenue South. "Strengthening the Human Spirit" will aim to connect black families

with mental health services and train local mental health providers on cultural issues specific to African-Americans. Contact: 893-9841

• **Reclaimed Water:** The mandatory restrictions that limited use of reclaimed water to three days per week expired July 31. Customers are reminded to use reclaimed water wisely and to voluntarily conserve by following these guidelines: House numbers ending in an even number or the letters A-M should irrigate on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday only. House numbers ending in an odd number or the letters N-Z or those with no address should irrigate only on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. All other restrictions for well and potable water remain in place. Contact: www.st-pete.org or call: (727) 893-7261.

Ethnic Organizations Sought For International Celebrations

TAMPA — With the UT/Tampa Recreation International Celebrations Kickoff Event less than two months away, event planners are busily seeking participants. Ethnic organizations are invited to present displays, costumes or activity demonstrations.

Formerly the International Festival, a one-weekend event, International Celebrations showcases ethnic folk dance, music, arts, crafts and activities through a series of community events throughout the year. The Kickoff Event is in UT's

Plant Park and Plant Hall on Friday, September 21 from 5-9pm.

Ethnic organizations may participate with a display of costumes, culture, folk art, activities or information about a specific country, region or culture. (Note: Displays of a religious or political nature will not be considered)

Deadline to apply to participate in the International Celebrations Kickoff is Monday, August 20.

For further information, call Gladys Varga at (813) 931-2106.

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Margaret Hickman (Gulfport), 5 years; Angela Jerger (St. Petersburg) 5 years; Elnora Keith (Clearwater) 5 years; Lottie Scott (St. Petersburg) 5 years; Ruby Pearson (St. Petersburg) 10 years; Annie Williams (Clearwater) 10 years.

Transportation program: Thomas Dyer (St. Petersburg) 10 years; Shirley Mason (Largo) 10 years.

Adult Day Services program: Janice Williams (Manatee County) 20 years; Pat Morgan (Largo) 5 years; Susan Horton (Manatee County) 5 years.

Administration: Finance Department, John Ricco (Palm Harbor) 5 years; Volunteer Recruitment, Pat Hofstadter (Clearwater) 5 years.

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CALL 1-800-96-ABUSE for the Florida Child Abuse Registry. If you or someone you know is being abused, the Florida Abuse Registry can help.

CALL 1-800-FLA-LOVE for the Family Source of Florida Parent Helpline. The Parent Helpline provides telephone counseling, information and

community resources to parents and caregivers. The Parent Helpline is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The Family Source also offers parent support groups in many counties in Florida. Visit our website at www.familysource.org.

CALL 1-800-500-1119, the Domestic Violence Hotline, if there is domestic violence in your home. There are

programs to help keep you and your family safe.

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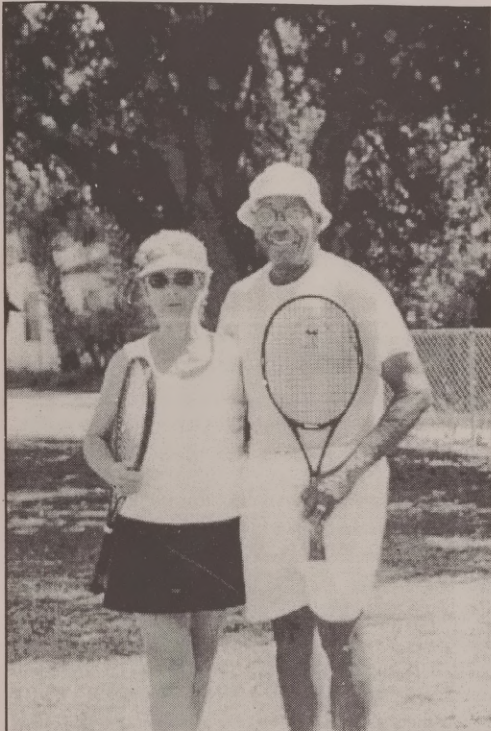
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Events include • Free Court Time • Free Lessons • Free Clinic • Professional Exhibition Matches • Youth Matches • Radar Gun to Clock Your Serve • Free Refreshments.

The event is sponsored by members and players new and old to promote the importance of The St. Petersburg Tennis Center in Bartlett Park.

Everyone is invited. Bring a racket or just drop by, located at 650 18th Avenue South. Directions: I-275 to exit 9 to 4th Street South. Right on 4th Street South to 18th Avenue South. (727) 893-7301

Photo of Raymond Sanderlin and Mary Radens.

Governor's Commission On Volunteerism Presents Leadership Award To AmeriCorps Pinellas

TALLAHASSEE — The Florida Commission on Community Service presented members of the AmeriCorps Pinellas program with Florida's "Community Strengthening Award" on August 14th at the Canterbury Retreat in Oviedo, FL. The award was presented at a quarterly retreat for leaders of Florida's National Service Programs including AmeriCorps, AmeriCorps VISTA, Senior Service Corps, and Learn & Serve on August 13-15.

AmeriCorps Pinellas works in partnership with local law enforcement agencies in five Pinellas County neighborhoods. AmeriCorps members are placed in community policing programs and can enroll in a part-time Criminal Justice Degree Program at St. Petersburg College. AmeriCorps Pinellas was selected for the award by their peers in National Service. The criteria for the "Community Strengthening" Award includes: having meaningful community partnerships, effectively mobilizing community resources, including volunteers, employing unique service projects that engage the community, conducting a strong community needs assessment by involving the community, using existing resources to maximize results and engaging the community in program development.

"We are very pleased to present this award to AmeriCorps Pinellas," said Fred Sanguilano, Executive Director of the Florida Commission on Community Service. "They have made tremendous strides reducing violent crime and drug use."

"We are very pleased to receive this award," said Lawrence Moose of St. Petersburg College and Program Director of AmeriCorps Pinellas. "We don't expect to be thanked, as we do this from our hearts, but it certainly is a nice surprise."

The Florida Commission

USF Heads Statewide Think Tank

TAMPA — Is the governor's One Florida plan working? Are the school accountability measures such as the FCAT producing brighter students? A new statewide consortium led by the University of South Florida has received \$300,000 from the Spencer Foundation to study the state's thorniest education dilemmas.

Historians, sociologists and economists from USF, the University of Florida, Florida International University and other institutions who are members of the Consortium on Educational Research Florida will compile statistics on issues ranging from desegregation to disciplinary incidents.

The Consortium on Chicago

go School Research was initiated in 1990 as an independent federation of Chicago-area organizations that undertake research activities to assist the implementation of school reform, assess its progress over time, and support school improvement. Its recent research reports address ending social promotion, the role that principals' leadership abilities play in student learning, the relationship of academic rigor and social support to middle school students' education and the significant differences among racial groups' scores on standardized tests with Asian Americans and whites scoring better than African Americans and Latinos in reading and math.

Sundaes On Sunday

ST. PETERSBURG — Have a sundae on Sunday! The Florida International Museum in St. Petersburg extends an invitation to an old fashioned ice cream social and viewing of Norman Rockwell's Family Life Series, Sunday, September 2, 1pm until 3pm.

Sponsored by Arvida Realty Services, the collection of 78 prints depicts various aspects of American life with an emphasis on the family during the 1950s and 1960s. Take a nostalgic trip back in time with Rockwell favorites including *The Lemonade Stand*, *Report Card*, and *First Haircut*. View the collection for a nominal fee. Day passes which provide admission to all the museum's exhibits including the newly revamped Kennedy Collection, the Cuban Missile Crisis: "When The Cold War Got Hot", and

U-2: The Spy Plane.

Ice Cream and Norman Rockwell's Family Life Series at the Florida International Museum on Sunday, September 2. More fun than hot fudge with candy sprinkles!

For more information check the museum's web site at www.floridamuseum.org.

St. Petersburg Business Development Center Holds Open House

ST. PETERSBURG — The St. Petersburg Business Development Center (BDC) will have an Open House on Saturday, September 8, 9am to noon at 1045 16th Street South (behind Bethel Community Baptist Church). Welcome and introductions will begin at 9am.

The Open House will inform perspective and current business owners, and community leaders about the many business assistance resources, loans and/or training available at the BDC from the St. Petersburg Small and Disadvantaged Business Program, Small Business Administration (SBA) Business Information Center, Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE), Tampa Bay Black Business Investment Corp., MicroBusiness USA, University of South Florida Small Business Development Center, Gulf Coast Certified Development Corp., St. Petersburg Area Black

Chamber of Commerce, and the St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce.

A continental breakfast will be served. Please RSVP by calling (727) 893-7146 by August 24, 2001, if you plan to attend the Open House.

The BDC is a one-stop facility that houses a staff of business assistance professionals, support services and state-of-the-art resources to assist the needs of potential, new, micro, emerging, and existing businesses, and non-profit organizations (involved in developing neighborhood-based businesses). It offers business information and research, business planning and consulting, accounting and legal services, business training, and government contract assistance.

For more information on the Open House, the BDC or its service providers, call (727) 893-7146 or visit www.stpete.org.

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—Kin Hubbard

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Men Of Color Support Groups Forming

ST. PETERSBURG—The Pinellas AIDS Prevention Services, Inc., (Formerly People of Color AIDS Coalition, Inc.), 861 Sixth Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL will sponsor Men of Color Support Groups starting August 20, 2001, (727) 822-2437.

Group 1: MSM HIV + Support Group - Monday - 7-8:30pm.

A safe environment to discuss issues that concern men who have sex with men that are infected with the HIV virus. This is a place where people who are living with this disease can discuss issues that are germane to them. A place where you can vent about the frustration of living with the virus in a non-judgmental venue.

Group 2: HIV Negative Partners of PWA's Support Group - Tuesday 7-8:30pm.

A safe environment to discuss issues that concern men who have sex with men that are infected by the HIV virus. The meeting will be confidential in nature and the anonymity of participants will be strictly

ly enforced. This is a good meeting for care-givers to vent about the pressures of living with and loving a person that is living with the HIV virus. This venue gives the care-giver an opportunity to cry, laugh and just relax with others that can relate to their existence.

Group 3: Men of Color Support Group - Wednesday - 7-8:30pm.

A safe environment to discuss issues that concern men who have sex with men. The issues discussed will delve into various topics that men can discuss with other men in similar situations. This group is open to all brothers that want a place to just be and not feel the need to project a societal view of who they should be and how they should act.

All meetings will be private and participant's confidentiality will be strictly encouraged.

For more information and times for these needed support groups contact Lorenzo Robertson with Pinellas AIDS Prevention Services, Inc., at (727) 822-2437, ext. 24.

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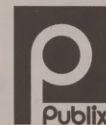
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ENTERTAINMENT

Around The World With Food And Wine



Disney chef Michael White shows guests the finer points of making crab cakes during the Epcot International Food & Wine Festival at Walt Disney World Resort. From Oct. 20th through Nov. 18th, guests can sample culinary treats and wines from more than 30 countries, attend food demonstrations around the park's World Showcase and participate in wine tastings.

American Stage Pays Tribute To Unsung Heroes

ST. PETERSBURG — American Stage, Tampa Bay's oldest professional theatre company, would like to invite you to participate in their upcoming season's tribute to Uncommon Heroes when they present the Obie-winning show *Spunk* by Zora Neale Hurston, conceived by George C. Wolfe.

Zora Neale Hurston was born and raised in Eatonville, FL, in 1891, the first incorporated all-Black town in America. She received an Associate's degree from Howard University, and studied anthropology under Franz Boas at Barnard College and at Columbia Uni-

versity in New York City. Anthropological research in her native South provided the basis for all of her writings, which are still considered controversial. Throughout her life, Hurston published seven books - four novels, two books of folklore, and an autobiography - and more than fifty shorter works, including essays and short stories.

Hurston also created wonderful works for us to enjoy in theatrical performance. She worked with Langston Hughes on the play *Mule Bone*. She was once the drama instructor at North Carolina College for Negroes at Durham. She also

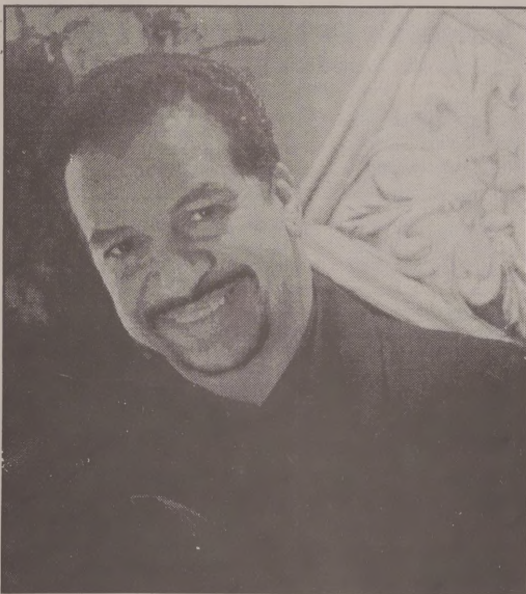
worked in 1932 with Rollins College in Winter Park, FL to produce a concert program of Negro music. Hurston received several fellowships, one of which allowed her to return to Haiti at the age of 46, where she wrote *Their Eyes Were Watching God*, one of her major works. Zora Neale Hurston died in 1960 and was buried in an unmarked grave in the Garden of Heavenly Rest Cemetery in Fort Pierce, FL. Her grave was later discovered and marked by Alice Walker.

Spunk navigates through three tales of African-Americans in the South and in

Harlem with characters such as Blues Speak Woman and Guitar Man and a small ensemble of players who express each story with a soul and rhythm suggestive of Hurston's other works. George C. Wolfe takes you inside Hurston's *Spunk* with song and movement reminiscent of a time "round about long 'go" and a place "o, way down nearby". Don't miss this opportunity to see a glimpse of the soul of a woman considered one of the dominant African-American women writers of our time. *Spunk* will run at American Stage from September 21 - October 14th.

SAVE WATER

Gospel Singer Recorded Live At The Jericho City Of Praise Church



Richard Smallwood

LANDOVER — Verity Recording artist and Grammy Award winning writer/producer Richard Smallwood recently recorded his forthcoming live project at the magnificent Jericho City of Praise Church in Landover, MD. Smallwood once again teamed up with his vocal ensemble Vision to put on a wonderful show, complete with a 9-piece band, a soulful horn section and a 30-piece orchestra.

Smallwood, one of

Gospel's most endearing vocalists, truly ministered, inspired and dazzled the over 10,000 attendees. Blessed with incredible talent and true anointing, Smallwood certainly treated long time fans and new listeners to his musical genius. Song after song Smallwood, allowed the Holy Spirit to move through the room, giving thanks and praises.

The evening was a mix of strong new songs as well as a re-recording of Smallwood's

favorite past hits, including, the popular "Psalm 8," "Your Love Divine" and "Calvary".

Among the many highlights include a new song "Hold On", featuring a trio with Smallwood, Ted Winn (of Ted & Sherry) and Vision member Jeffrey Waddy. Also prominent was the Latin flavored, "Nothing Without Your Love," sung by vocalist Lorree K. Slye. Other soloists were featured on other songs, including Maurette Brown-Clark, who was obviously (and literally) right at home.

Smallwood's classical training shone through, with a signature piano solo medley of "Come Ye Disconsolate" and "It Is Well" in the mix. This beautiful and moving moment was enhanced, with the presence of Smallwood's mother (near the very front) who was at her son's recording for the very first time.

The album, titled *Persuaded, Live In DC* will be released on August 7, 2001, simultaneously with a long-form home video of the live concert.

For more information: Jojo Pada/Verity Records (212) 824-1233.

Silver Star Social Club

ST. PETERSBURG — The Silver Star Social Club will be having their Annual "Pre-Labor Day Big Raffle" Dance on August 25, 2001 at the Curtis Reception Hall, 4834 - 18th Avenue South (near 49th

Street South), St. Petersburg, from 8:30pm until.

Come out and enjoy a great time with the Stars!

Please contact: Mary Parker (727) 821-5192 or Eddie

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- **E-SMOOTH:** 6pm-9pm the rookie is laid back with a positive word for all. Sit back and enjoy the music as you wind down from a long day.
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Coca-Cola Presents The Essence Music Festival 2001



ESSENCE once again joined with industry leaders to present the summer's premier music festival. The Coca-Cola Presents The Essence Music Festival attracted a record-breaking 195,000 people to New Orleans on July 5, 6 and 7. Standing (L-R): Chris Robinson, director of African-American marketing and sales, General Motors; Martin A. Taylor, general manager, Microsoft Caribbean, Inc.; Louis Dunningham, director of national promotions and events, Nokia; Barbara Britton, vice president and associate publisher of sales, ESSENCE; Ingrid Saunders-Jones, vice president of external affairs, Coca-Cola Company, and chairman of the Coca-Cola Foundation; Patricia Bailey, vice president of customer marketing, Pro-Line International, Inc.; Nate Love, regional marketing manager, Chevrolet; Johnny Furr, vice president of corporate affairs, Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc.; Robin Stone, editor-in-chief, essence.com; Nick Brown, former contestant on *Survivor*; Thelma Cook, director of corporate affairs, Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc.; Toni R. Rodgers, brand marketing manager, Chevrolet; Colonel Rodney M. Davis, director of marketing and public affairs, ROTC. Seated (L-R): Kristy Brownlow, senior multicultural specialist, Southwest Airlines; Susan L. Taylor, publication director, ESSENCE; Clarence O. Smith, president, ESSENCE; Gloria Johnson, vice president of diversity, Cingular Wireless; Edward Lewis, publisher and CEO, ESSENCE; and New Orleans Mayor Marc Morial. Photo Credit: J.R. THOMASON/ESSENCE

2nd Annual Music Benefit To Promote Mental Health In Tampa

TAMPA — Operation PAR, Inc., is proud to be a sponsor of a music benefit with local artists to raise money and awareness for The Mental Health Association of Greater Tampa Bay (MHATB). The 2nd Annual Battle for the Blues will take place on Sunday, September 9th at Skipper's Smokehouse in Tampa, from 5pm to 9pm.

Local music artists *The Charlie Morris Band* will kick off the evening at the Skipper Dome followed by *Keith Caton and the Accelerators*. For the main event, *The Swinging Johnsons* will take the stage at 8pm and close the night. All proceeds generated will go The Mental Health Association of Greater Tampa Bay.

This event represents a joint effort by public and private sectors coming together for a great cause. For more information, please call the MHATB at (727) 669-1385, or Skipper's at (813) 910-0666.

The Mental Health Association of Greater Tampa Bay's mission is to educate, inform, and dispel the stigma related to seeking assistance for men-

tal/emotional difficulties and support improvements and advances in the areas of mental health care.

For more information, please contact: Nancy Conine, MHATB (727) 669-1385, Tbone Johnson, The Swinging Johnsons (727) 321-9287, Michelle Bain, Bank of America (727) 507-3461.

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• **Free Tennis Clinic**, Sat., Aug. 18th, 10am-3pm, Bartlett Park, 650 - 18th Ave. S. Info: (727) 893-7301.

• **Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group Meeting**, Mon., Aug. 20th, 10:30am-noon, Sanderlin Center, 2335 - 22nd Ave. S., St. Pete. Guest speaker: Rep. Frank Peterman. Info: (727) 550-4250 or (727) 893-1313, ext. 227.

• **Support Obesity Surgery Meeting**, Sat., Aug. 18th, 10am-noon, Palms of Pasadena Medical Professional Bldg., 1609 Pasadena Ave., St. Pete. Info: (727) 867-5757

• **School Code Revision Work Group Meeting**, Weds., Aug. 22nd, 1-3pm, Erwin Technical Center, 2010 E. Hillsborough Ave., Rm. 210, Tampa

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

"Our hope for creative living...lies in our ability to reestablish the moral ends of our lives in personal character and social justice."

-Martin Luther King, Jr.



Religious News



Galilee MB



Marsha Tarver

Galilee Missionary Baptist Church will observe its 27th Annual Dual Day on Sunday, August 19, 2001. The all day services will begin at 9am with Sunday School.

The guest superintendent will be Reverend James Macon of Bethel Metropolitan Baptist Church and the guest reviewer will be Deacon John Washington of St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church. Guest speakers will be Sister Marsha Tarver of St. John Missionary Baptist Church - Clearwater, FL at 10:50am and, the Reverend John Copeland, Pastor

of Macedonia Freewill Baptist Church - St. Petersburg at 4pm.

The women of Galilee will be in charge of the morning service and the men in charge of the evening services.

You are cordially invited to come share in all of the services. This year's theme is: "Building a Healthy Church in an Unhealthy Society." The selected colors for the day are green and white. Sister Brenda Facyson and Reverend Dennis Robinson are the General Chairpersons.

Friendship M.B. Church

"Greetings in the name of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

Pastor John A. Evans, Sr., the official Church staff, and the entire Friendship Missionary Baptist Church family invite you to worship with us on this Sunday and to all upcoming Church related activities and events during the week.

Services begin at 7:45am, with the Deacons Ministry leading the devotion. The Fellowship Choir will render songs of Praise, the Fellowship Ushers will greet you and Pastor Evans will preach the divine Word of God.

Church school begins at 9:30am with Superintendent Deacon Percy Miller presiding. A second service is held at 10:45am opening with the Minister of Music, Brother John Frazier and Praise Team.

On the 4th Sunday in August, at 4pm, we will be worshipping with the Friendship Baptist Church in Davenport, FL, Carl Phillips, Pastor. For information on transportation, call the Church Office (727) 906-8300.

The Promise: "And all

things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." Matthew 21:22

Revival Theme: "Unified in the body of Christ", Ephesians 4:3, Mark 16:15-16.

Beginning Monday night, August 20th - August 25th Revival 2001 begins, the Guest Evangelist is Dr. F. L. Brown, Pastor of Mt. Gillion Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio. The community is invited to come out and hear this dynamic preacher and receive a blessing. More information can be found in the Church bulletin. Service time, 7:30pm nightly.

Weekly Schedule:

Thurs., August 23rd, there will be no Bible Study because of Revival 2001 Services each night through August 24th.

Wed., August 29th, 12 noon Noonday Bible Study, also each Wednesday from 12pm - 2pm Bread of Life Ministry, serving lunch to all needy in the community.

Greater Mt. Zion

Pastor Williams and the Mt. Zion family invites you to worship with them this Sunday, August 12th, services begin at 7:30 and 11am. Church school begins at 9:30am.

The Inspirational Choir will be providing the music throughout the day.

The Women of Power Bible Ministry annual retreat for adult women and young girls ages 11 and up will be held Friday, August 10th and Saturday, August 11th at the Double Tree Guest Suites, Tampa, FL.

The Harvest Day Committee is looking for "Men who love to cook, specializing in your favorite" dish. We are planning taste treat with our "Gourmet Chefs Delight" on Sunday, August 26th at 1pm. Harvest Day Committee meets every Wednesday at 7pm. Harvest Day will be held on Sunday, September 23,

2001. Vacation Bible School begins August 13-17, nightly 6-8pm. Everyone is encouraged to come out and be a part of this spirit week of teaching.

A youth worship will be held on Saturday, August 18, 8am-5m. Sunday, August 19, 2001 Praise and worship service 4-6pm for youth ages 11 - up to 19 years of age.

You're invited to "An Evening of Elegance and Gospel" Banquet at Banquet Masters on Friday September 7, 2001, at 7:30pm. Great food great gospel entertainment and a great fellowship. You surely don't want to miss this event, Sister Diane Hughes, coordinator.

The announcer for the gospel program on WRXB will be the M.C. for this program.

For more information call the church at (894)4393. Have a God filled week.

Bethel Metropolitan

Pastor Joaquin Marvin and the Bethel Metropolitan Church family invite you to worship with us on Sunday during the 8 and 11am services and Church School at 9:30am. The Praise Team, Concord Choir, and Male Ministry Ushers in charge.

Our midweek Bible Study (NBC) and Prayer service on Wednesday at 7pm are designed for the spiritual growth of the entire family. Transportation is available; call the church office (327-0554) if you have a need.

If you are seeking a church home we invite you to unite with us. Bethel Metropolitan offers a kaleidoscope of min-

istries for all ages and interest.

A Young Peoples' Leadership Seminar hosted by the Youth Department Ministry will be held Saturday, August 25, 2001 from 9am - 12 noon. An engaging three hour seminar that emphasizes basic components needed for leaders who either work or desire to work with young people (i.e., Sunday School, AWANA, Youth Ministry, Christian School, Before/After Care Programs, etc.). The theme "It Takes A Whole Village To Raise A Child". Please call the church for registration information. Deadline for registration is August 19, 2001.

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

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B.T.U. 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
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Bible Class 7:30 p.m.

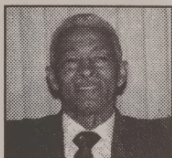
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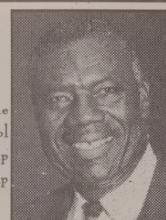
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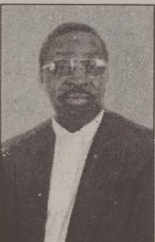


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Pastor: Elder. Franklin Evans

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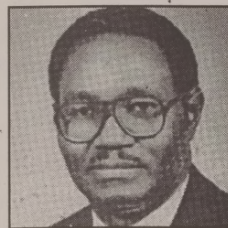
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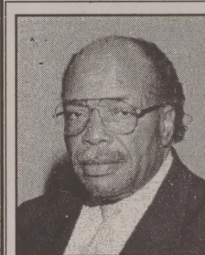
Church School 9:00 A.M.
New Member Class 9:00 A.M.
Morning Worship 10:30 A.M.
Prayer / Bible Study .. Tuesday 7:00 P.M.
Youth Bible Study ... Thursday 6:00 P.M.

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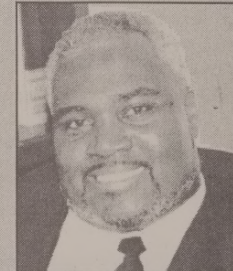
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Religious News



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"This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." - Psalms 118:24

Continue to tune in to WRXB-1590 AM every weekday morning from 6-6:15 and Sundays 9:30-10am; WTAN 1340 AM Sundays 4:30-5pm. If you have relatives or friends out of town/state tell them to listen; online: www.WRXB.com or www.tantalk1340.com. If you're passing through the Orlando/Sanford area tune in to WSDO-1400 AM every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10-10:15am.

You're invited to join us at Sunday morning's "Power Breakthrough Service" at 11am and 7:30pm's "Night of Prophecy" with Pastor Glenn ministering in both services.

Don't forget Tuesday's (August 21st) "Word Explosion" at 7:30pm with Pastor Glenn ministering in the depth of God's Word.

Get Ready Clearwater! A 2-night "Breakthrough Crusade" will convene at The Holiday Inn & Suites 20967 U.S.



Pastor/Prophet Glenn Miller

19 North, Clearwater on Wednesday and Thursday, August 29th and 30th at 7:30pm. Meet us in the Grand Ballroom for a powerpacked time. Pastor Glenn will be ministering in both services.

Coming up is our "Prophetic Fire Campmeeting 2001". We have an exciting lineup. Mark your calendars October 14-27th. Keep checking the website: www.Breakthroughcc.com for more

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

Come as you are - No Dress Code. Dress casual if you like, it's still hot outside! Special greetings to Lydia and Deon Pauley visiting from South Carolina and Sister Cecelia from Long Island, New York.

Pleasant Grove MB Church

Pastor Joseph Gordon and the Pleasant Grove Church family invite you to worship with them on Sunday, August 18th. The Senior Male Chorus will render song service and Usher Board No. Three will serve in the 7am early morning worship service. Sunday school begins at 9:30am with Superintendent Deacon Philip Carter presiding. Mid-morning worship begins at 10:50am. The Mass Choir will render song service and Usher Board No. Three will serve.

The Youth Revival began on last night with Minister Jermaine Gordon, Associate of Greater St. Paul M.B. Church as speaker: Tonight, August 16th, Minister Malcolm Finkley, Associate of First Baptist Progress Village (Tampa) will be the speaker and tomorrow night August 17th, Minister Adrian Taylor, Associate of New Hope M.B. Church (Tampa) will be the speaker. Please come out and support our youth.

The Annual Youth Day will culminate on Sunday, August 26th in the mid-morning worship service. Minister Zema Florence, Associate of Prayer Tower Church of God in Christ will be guest speaker.

The Brotherhood will meet on Saturday, August 18th at 8am, Deacon Morris Curry, President, also the Youth Choir will rehearse from 1:30 to 3:15pm. Parents please bring and encourage your child/children to attend. Sister Tempie Etheridge, Supervisor.

There will be a free clothes give-away on Saturday, August 25th from 9am to 2pm sponsored by the Women's Intermediate Auxiliary. Also, Free Health Screening will be available, Sister Jura Philpot, President.

Coming Events: Auxiliary and District's Day, September 23rd, Sister Barbara Walker, Chairperson.

The Tampa/St. Petersburg Male Chorus Thirty-First Convention, September 30th at 3pm.

Thought for the week: "Love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you." - Matthew 5:44

Senior's Day At Trinity Presbyterian Church

Trinity Presbyterian Church will observe its Annual Seniors Day Recognition on Sunday, August 19th at the 11am service. The speaker is Mrs. Dorothy Ivey, wife of Chief Petty Officer John Ivey. The speaker has a long record of dedicated service and commitment to Christ.

The congregation takes great pride in the fact that two of its members are in their nineties and still active.

Mrs. Navola McCloud at age 91 attends church on a reg-

ular basis, early prayer hour, Sunday School, worship service, Bible study and prayer meetings and a member of the "prayer line" committee.

Mrs. Lillian Thomas at a age 92, is still a member of the choir, even though she has not participated in the past few months. She still attends prayer services, take communion and looks forward to returning to the choir.

The senior fellowship is an active organization. The members go on field trips, invite

community speakers, participate in the "Secret Pals" activities and provide support to the church. Some of the most active members of the congregation came from this organization.

The fellowship is headed by Mrs. Delores Smith, President, Vice President, Victor Sanchez, Secretary Mrs. Eloise Thompson, Treasurer Mrs. Phyllis Corbie. Dr. Frederick D. Terry, is Pastor.

An invitation is extended to the public.

Emmanuel Christian

"And it fell on a day, that Elisha passed to Shu'hem, where a great woman: And she constrained Him to eat bread, and it was so, that as oft as He passed by, He turned in thither to eat bread." - II Kings 4:8

The Youth Pastor, Elder Lawrence Range, Sr., encouraged, the youth of Emmanuel, to stay in the presence of someone that know God, for it's good to do so. We were blessed by the Word of God once again as the Man of God

spoke with power from on high. Our prayers will continue with and for him, and his family.

On the third Sunday, at Emmanuel, we invite you to worship with us, to praise God in the highest and fullest, for He is worthy of all the praises.

Bible Study is still being held on Monday night, 7pm. Deacon Jimmy Daniels, is inviting everyone to come let us study together, to gleam

some nuggets from the Word of God. We'll see you there!

Sunday school begins promptly at 9:30am. The Superintendent, Sister Gloria Daniels, is looking for everyone to invite a friend to come with you. Reach one teach one. Come be blessed!

Our prayers are with our vacationing members, as well as the bereaved families, the Miley Family, also Minister L. C. Houston.

Moore's Chapel

"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 August the 19th, during both 8am and 11am services. Rev. Burke will preach during both services and accompanied by Minister of Music, Michael Melvin with Carlos Farley on the drums. The Stewardess Board and Usher Board will serve.

For transportation to church, please contact the Transportation Ministry, Willie F. Bryant, 894-6067, Anthony Macon, 328-0022, Robert Golden, 867-0156 or Mose

Bell, 867-0601.

Church school will begin at 9:30am. Bro. Mose Bell, Superintendent, will be in charge, assisted by Bro. Anthony Macon and Rev. Ira Whitson, Assistant Superintendents. Everyone is asked to attend.

Moore's Chapel's Share Food Program open registration through is open to everyone for \$14 and 2 hours volunteer service. Please call the church 321-3545, Monday through Thursday, or Sister Margaret Butler, 867-0156, or Sister Mae Jackson, 502-5540. For further information and order forms.

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 the 1st Sunday, 6pm.

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

EVERY WORD OF GOD IS PURE: HE IS A SHIELD UNTO THEM THAT PUT THEIR TRUST IN HIM.
Proverbs 30:5

First. Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church

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

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

"THE LITTLE CHURCH WHERE EVERYBODY IS SOMEBODY"

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

Bethel Community Baptist Church



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

Rev Manuel L. Sykes

Services

Sunday School8:45 a.m.
Worship Service10 a.m.
Prayer ServicesWed., 6:30 p.m.
Bible Study..... Wed., 7:30 p.m.

Bible Holiness Church of God in Christ

419 - 5th Street S., St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Phone: 898-3838

The members would like to invite you and your family to worship with us. Our services are:
Tuesday Morning Prayer 9:00am
Weds.-Family Worship 7:00pm
Sunday School 10:00am
Sunday Morning Worship 11:15am
Sunday Evening Worship 7:00pm

Pastor: Elder B.O. Walker



Prayer Tower Church Of God In Christ

1135 37th Street South, St. Pete, FL

Elder Clarence Welch, Pastor

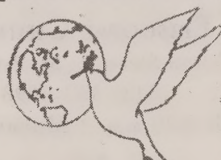
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Service 11:30 a.m.
YPWW 5:30 p.m. Sunday
Church Service 6:30 p.m. Sunday
Night Services 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday Services 7:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
Bible Band, Thursday 7:30 p.m.



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.
Friday nights at midnight.
RADIO BROADCAST
Sundays 7:45 a.m.
If you would like to come to church and do not have a way, call 327-0997.
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ST. MARK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

1301 - 37th Street South, St. Petersburg, FL

Schedule of Services

Church School9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship11 a.m.
Baptist Training Union5 p.m.
Evening Worship6:30 p.m.

Prayer Meeting

Thursday7 p.m.



Rev. Brian K. Brown

"One week from church makes one weak."

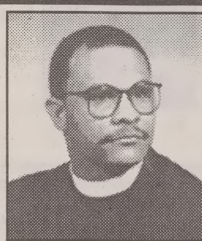
Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church

4000 - 5th Avenue S., St. Petersburg, FL 33711

Rev. William W. Johnson, Pastor

Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Worship Service11:00 a.m.
Prayer ServiceWednesday 6:30 p.m.
Youth Bible StudyWednesday 6:30 p.m.
Adult Bible StudyWednesday 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
Live Broadcast WRXB (Every Sunday 8:30 a.m.)

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Good Samaritan Baptist Fellowship

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

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

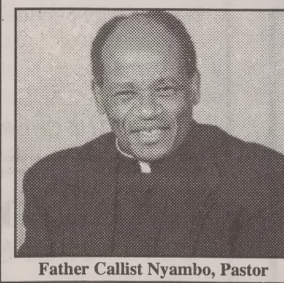
• Wholistic Ministry (Physical, Mental, and Emotional)

• Bible Based Fellowship Considering the Biblical Commands in Light of Contemporary Problems

• Promoting the Self-Worth and Equality of All Persons

• Non-Sexist Participation • Youth Ministry

NATHANIEL W. TINDALL, II, PASTOR



Father Callist Nyambo, Pastor

St. Joseph Church

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

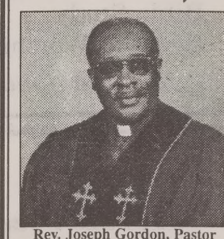
Sunday Masses Are At:

9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Gospel Choir 9 a.m.

Traditional Choir 11 a.m.

Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church



Rev. Joseph Gordon, Pastor

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

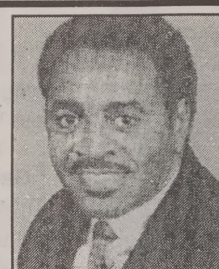
Early Morning Worship7:00 a.m.
Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship10:50 a.m.
Baptist Training Union4:30 p.m.
Communion7:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting & Bible Study
Wednesdays7:30 p.m.

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New Hope Missionary Baptist Church

2120 19th St. S., St. Pete • 896-5228

10:30 AMPRAISE & WORSHIP SERVICESSUNDAY
9:00 AMCHURCH SCHOOLSUNDAY
5:00 PMFELLOWSHIP & DINNERTUESDAY
7:00 PMBIBLE STUDYTUESDAY
6:00 PMPRAYER SERVICESTUESDAY
7:30 PMMASS CHOIR REHEARSALTHURSDAY
Join us for any of our services where you will always find
"JESUS BEING PREACHED AND TAUGHT"



Rev. Alvin Moore, Pastor



Religious News



Travelers' Rest Missionary

Welcome one and all to our church service on Sunday, August 19, 2001. The Young Adult Ministry will be in charge of the services. Rev. D. Franklin Browne and the Travelers' Rest family welcomes you to the house of the Lord. Sunday School begins at 9:30am followed by morning worship at 11am. Pastor Browne will preach the morning sermon. The Mass Choir will minister to us in song. Usher Board #3 will serve as doorkeepers and the Men's Ministry will serve as greeters. All young adults between the ages of 18-40 are requested by Sister Crystal Milton Browne to please be in attendance.

The Mass Choir will conduct its Second Annual Gospel Music Workshop, August 24-26, 2001. The entire community is invited to come and take part in this music workshop. "Oh come and let us praise the Lord together". For additional information and registration, you may contact Sister Helen Williams, 865-7605 or Sister Dorothy Davis, 327-8884, or the church at 822-4869. Music workshop leader is the renowned gospel singer, Sister Rosemary Smith-Griffin of Orangeburg, South Carolina.

Weekly Activities:

Thurs., August 26: Mid-Day Bible Study, 11am; Children and youth choir rehearsal, 6pm; Mass Choir rehearsal, 7pm.

Sat., August 18: Christian Education Ministry, 9am; Evangelism Ministry, 10am; Sunday School teachers' meeting, 10am.

Wed., August 22: Prayer and Praise led by District #3 & #6, 7pm; Young People Bible Study, 7pm; Bible Study, 7:30-8:30pm.

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 our fellowship. We are the church where Christ is the center of attraction and the Word of God is preached!

God bless all students as they return to school on August 22, 2001. Let us all pray for children, teachers, bus drivers, and administrators.

Bethel A.M.E. 10th Street Church Of God

Pastor Hardy and the members of Bethel wish to extend an invitation for all to join us for worship this Sunday. Pastor Hardy will deliver the sermon. The O.B. McLin Mass Choir will render the music.

The Church School Picnic will be August 25, 2001 at Lake Maggorie.

For information contact Superintendent Nathaniel Williams at (727) 822-2089. Pastor Hardy will be conducting a church planning meeting

at the picnic.

The Tampa Conference Women's Missionary Society President's Tea will be held at Bethel at 4pm.

Weekly Calendar:
Mon., Boy Scouts, 6:30pm; Lay Meeting, 6pm.
Tues., Bible Study, 7pm.
Wed., Noon Day Bible Study, Mass Choir rehearsal, 7pm.

Thurs., Youth Church
Sat., WMS President's Tea, 4pm.

Love, grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

As we approach our Men's Day Observance, we ask that you bless us with your presence and pray for a successful Spirit-filled worship service. Also that someone will be saved and that we, the 10th Street Church family, will continue to dedicate our lives to the work of Jesus Christ.

The theme of this obser-

vance is "The Fruit of the Spirit: A Way of Life" (Gal. 5:22). Speakers will be Rev. Mitchell Betis, Deacon R.J. James and Rev. Luther Wright.

Men's Day Observance will take place Sunday, August 26th, at 5pm at 10th Street Church of God, 207 10th St. N., St. Petersburg.

Again, come join us in worshipping the Lord and expect a blessing!

St. Mark Missionary Baptist

By the grace of Almighty God, St. Mark's will be celebrating 70 blessed years on October 21, 2001. This year our theme is: "A Church Trusting and Leaning On God's Understanding in All Things" (Proverbs 3:5-6). Leading up to this celebration, St. Mark is holding *Praise and Fellowship Hours* where the key verse from this year's theme will be presented by various capable speakers of St. Mark. The next Praise and Fellowship Hour will be held on August 17, 2001 from 6:30 - 7:30pm and will be followed by dinner prepared and served by Teams 7 and 10. Brother Gregory Davis

will be the speaker on the phrase "In all thy ways acknowledge him" (Proverbs 3:6a).

The Ministers/Deacons-Deaconess/Trustees and wives of St. Mark will hold their Annual Fellowship on Sunday, August 26, at 7am. The theme is "Raising a Harvest of Righteousness" and will be emphasized by Spirit filled speakers from churches within the community. This Spiritually filling service will be followed by a breakfast to fill and nourish your physical bodies.

Please come join St. Mark in these celebrations of the goodness of God.

St. Mark A.M.E.

"To God be the Glory for all the things He has done"

The St. Mark AME Church is sponsoring its Second Back to School Bash and Share Day. School supplies will be provided to all students in attendance.

Come out and meet administrators from Bay Point, Woodlawn and Azalea Middle School.

Food and fun for everyone

on Saturday, August 18, 2001 from 11am thru 1pm. Also share in any items that we might have, clothing and household items all free of charge.

On Saturday, August 25, 2001, the Dual Day committee, spearheaded by Sister Priscilla Barney and Brother Adrain Adams, will hold a Prayer Breakfast. The guest

speaker will be Minister Johnnie Pierce. Following the Prayer Breakfast on Sunday, August 26, the Annual Dual Day service will be celebrated.

Please plan to join a growing church in these spirit filled activities.

St. Mark African Methodist Episcopal Church is located at 2232/2234 - 62nd Avenue South, St. Petersburg.

The Lord looks down from heaven, He sees all the sons of men... - Psalm 33

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

Rev. Johnnie Lee Williams, Pastor

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REV. WAYNE G. THOMPSON, PASTOR

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MORNING WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

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Pastor Keturah D. Pittman

Saint Mark

African Methodist Episcopal Church

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

Each 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month

2232 62nd Avenue South
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Except God build the house they labor in vain that build it. Ps. 127:1

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Morning Worship 10:30
Evening Worship 6:30
Wed - Pray 7:00
Bible Study 7:30

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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/

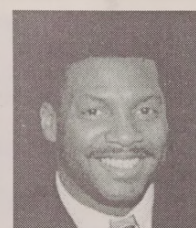
Praise & Prayer 7:00 p.m.

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

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.

"The Church That's Moving Forward Together"



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

TRAVELERS REST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

2183 - 22nd Avenue South

St. Petersburg, FL 33712

Church Phone: 822-4869

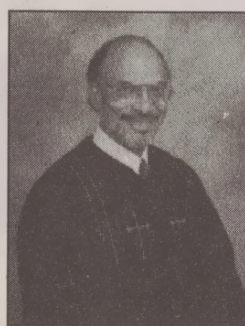
Residence: 824-6021

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

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

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

Rev. Donald F. Browne



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

10th Street Church Of God

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

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting/

Bible Study 7:15 p.m.

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

International Headquarters, Anderson, Indiana

Mt. Zion Progressive Missionary Baptist Church

955 - 20th Street South
St. Petersburg, FL 33712

Phone: 894-4311

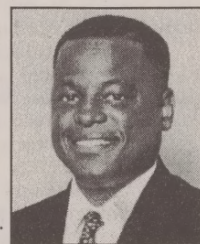
Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service: 8:00 a.m. • 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, Prayer Meeting: 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Bible Study: 8:00-9:00 p.m.

(Adult and Youth)



Pastor Louis M. Murphy, Sr.

Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church

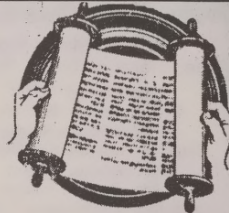
3700 22nd Avenue S. • 321-0020

Elder Clarence L. Warren, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

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



STEWART-ISOM MEMORIAL CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1820 Walton Street S., St. Pete, FL 33712

(813) 327-0593

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

Bible Study: Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

"To God Be The Glory"



Rev. Calvin Hopkins

Galilee Missionary Baptist Church

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

Morning Worship 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

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



Motley's 50th Wedding Anniversary

ST. PETERSBURG — William and Elzora Motley celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary August 12, 2001 with a luncheon. They were married in Alabama on August 10, 1951. The luncheon was hosted by their children Mr. & Mrs. Mike and Cecelia Milliar and Mr. & Mrs. Al and Cassandra Broughton at the St. Petersburg Country Club. Family and friends (some of whom already had reached their 50 years) helped to make the day special.

Mr. and Mrs. Motley have been very active in the St. Petersburg community with Boys & Girls Clubs and other civic activities for many years. Mrs. Motley retired from the Pinellas County School System and Mr. Motley retired from St. Petersburg Junior College. They are also active in their church, Lakeview Presbyterian.

Photos by Shades of Mahogany.



St. Petersburg Museum Of History Receives Grant

ST. PETERSBURG — The St. Petersburg Museum of History is pleased to announce that the Historical Museums Grants-in-Aid Program provided by the Bureau of Historical Museums, Division of Historical Resources, Florida Department of State, has awarded a grant in the amount of \$40,218.28 for general operating expenses. The grant will be used to support day-to-day operations at the Museum.

"With the support from the State of Florida, our museum will be able to further serve our community with historical and cultural events and programs. In return, we assume the responsibilities this funding provides", stated Mathias Bergendahl, Executive Director.

The St. Petersburg Museum of History is a private, non-profit organization, which is funded through member donations, state and local grants, individual and corporate sponsorship and admissions. With a focus on the history of the Pinellas area the Museum had over 24,000 visitors. The Museum has four galleries and presents over 40 programs a year as well as docent led educational tours. The Museum maintains a collection in

excess of 34,000 pieces and an archival library, which is available for research on local history.

The St. Petersburg Museum of History is located at 335 Second Avenue NE on the Pier approach in downtown St. Petersburg. On permanent display is the *Walk Through Time Gallery*, featuring a chronology of St. Petersburg's history. This interactive exhibit includes theatrical galleries such as an 1870 general store, a 1913 trolley car, and the *Try History On For Size Gallery*, where visitors can see themselves in vintage costumes through mirrors creating the illusion of wearing period clothing. Significant artifacts include a canoe of the Tocobaga Indians from the 1500s, replica of the world's first commercial airliner, and a 3,500 year old mummy. The St. Petersburg Museum of History is open Monday through Saturday from 10am until 5pm and Sunday from 1pm until 5pm.

For more information about the St. Petersburg Museum of History, please call 1-727-894-1052 or visit www.museumofhistoryonline.org on the internet.

Nominations Requested On Recognizing The FL Bar Associates

TALLAHASSEE — Lawyers who have freely given their time and expertise in making legal services available to the poor are being sought for public recognition by the Florida Supreme Court and The Florida Bar.

One outstanding lawyer from each of Florida's 20 judicial circuits and one out-of-state lawyer will receive The Florida Bar President's Pro Bono Service Award. The Tobias Simon Pro Bono Service Award is a statewide award presented by the Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court to an individual attorney who exemplifies the highest ideals of the profession in assuring the availability of legal services to the poor. Nominations also are sought for the Chief Justice's Law Firm Commendation and the Voluntary Bar Association Pro Bono Service Award, which are statewide awards that recognize, when appropriate, a law firm and a voluntary bar association, respectively, which have demonstrated significant contributions in the

provision of legal services to individuals or groups on a pro bono basis that cannot otherwise afford the services.

Nomination forms, requirements and contact information for the circuit committee chairs are available on The Florida Bar Web site at the following link: <http://www.flabar.org/newflabar/consumerservices/ProBono/>. The deadline for nominations is September 28, 2001.

Please contact The Florida Bar's Public Service Programs Department with any questions at, *Public Service Programs Department, Pro Bono Service Awards, The Florida Bar, 650 Apalachee Parkway, Tallahassee, FL 32399-2300, or call (850) 561-5808 or (800) 342-8060, extension 5808.*

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group Meeting

ST. PETERSBURG — The Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group meeting will be visited by Representative Frank Peterman at their August 20th meeting. They are grateful he will come and listen to their concerns.

The group began 9 years ago, originally meeting at the St. Petersburg Free Clinic. Now they are sponsored by, Catholic Charities and Family Resources.

There are around 40 active participants, which represents about 65 children. The group meets monthly. The 1st and 3rd Monday mornings - 10:30

to 12 noon at the James B. Sanderlin Center located at 2335 22nd Avenue South and the 2nd Monday evening from 6:30 to 8pm in the parish hall at St. Joseph Catholic Church located at 2101 22nd Avenue South.

New participants are always welcome!

For additional information, please call Family Resources, Kate Carter 550-4250 or Catholic Charities, Marti Zeitz 893-1313 ext. 227.

Red Lobster's Cops & Lobsters Program Raises \$1/2 Million Nationwide

TAMPA/ST. PETERSBURG — Police officers and sheriff's deputies in the Tampa/St. Petersburg area never thought that taking the oath to "serve" would mean lunch and dinner, but during Red Lobster's Cops & Lobsters program they traded in their handcuffs and badges for menus and serving trays, raising \$23,931 in "tips" for local Special Olympics. Law enforcement officers in the Tampa/St. Petersburg area raised the sixth most money of any other metropolitan area in the country. The program, which just completed its sixth year, generated \$1.2 million nationwide for the second consecutive year, bringing the total raised for Special Olympics to \$6 million since 1995.

Rounding out the top-ten fundraising cities during the twelve-week Cops & Lobsters campaign were metropolitan Los Angeles (\$54,210), Washington (\$38,481), Philadelphia (\$30,309), Atlanta (\$27,276), Chicago (\$24,011), Orlando, FL (\$23,626), Phoenix (\$22,555), St. Louis (\$22,495) and Spokane, Wash., (\$22,452).

The Red Lobster restaurant at 2625 East Busch Blvd. in Tampa (\$3,291) was the top fundraising restaurant in the

Tampa/St. Petersburg area, followed by the restaurant at 6151 34th Street North in St. Petersburg \$3,062.

During the annual fundraiser, which takes place at more than 600 Red Lobster restaurants across North America each spring, thousands of uniformed law enforcement officers wait on tables at the seafood restaurants and donate their "tips" to local Special Olympics.

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Gulf Coast Museum Of Art Open House

LARGO — The Gulf Coast Museum of Art (GCMA) will be holding a Free Open House for the new studio classrooms on Friday, September 7, 2001 from 7-9pm. Both members and the general public are invited to visit the new studio classrooms for photography, ceramics, painting, sculpture, and metal-smithing. Staff and instructors will be available to answer questions and take class registration.

GCMA offers year-round instruction in classes for adults, teenagers and children. Classes are scheduled in both the day and evening and are typically eight weeks in length with special weekend workshops. For more information or to receive a class brochure, call (727) 518-6833, ext. 501.

The GCMA's general hours of operation are Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10am - 4pm; Thursday, 10am - 7pm; Sunday, 12pm - 4pm and closed Monday. On Thursdays, admission is free to the public.

The GCMA, a non-profit organization, is accredited by the American Association of Museums and is supported in part by GCMA members, the Fine Arts Society, Pinellas County Commission through the Pinellas County Arts Council Cultural Development Grant Program, City of St. Petersburg Arts Advisory Committee and the Florida Department of State, Division of Cultural Affairs through the Florida Arts Council.

Pinewood Cultural Park, located in central Pinellas County, is an interdisciplinary complex that includes the Florida Botanical Gardens and Extension Service, the Gulf Coast Museum of Art, Heritage Village and the Pinellas County Historical Museum. The mission of Pinewood Cultural Park is to educate and inspire the general public through exhibitions, programs and events relating to the visual arts, Pinellas County history and the environment. For more information on prices, call (727) 582-2200.

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Final Respects / Obituaries

St. Pete Final Rites



MIDDLETON, BRENDA YVONNE WALLER, "BUTTER ROW", 51, died August 3, 2001. Survivors include her husband of 30 years, Leroy Middleton, Sr.; one son, Willie Middleton, Sr.; two stepsons, Leroy Middleton, Jr., & Davis Middleton; one daughter, Tarra Middleton; two stepdaughters, Michelle Middleton & Janice Middleton; grandchildren, Mykaila, Michael, Willie Jr., MiQuez, Akelah, Jazmine, Julia; three brothers, Roland Waller, William Waller (Betty) and Leon Waller (Edna); three sisters, Winnie Waller, Frances Johnson Waller (Charles), and Morris Lee Williams (Charles); goddaughter, Sandra Hall; goddaughter, Latonya Adams, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and sorrowing friends. McRae Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

Ocala Final Rites

BROWN, JAMES W., SR., 89, died August 8, 2001. Survivors include his devoted wife, Theresa Brown; five daughters, Myra Wright, Celia (Jerome) Holman, Teresa (Walter) Preston, Mary E. Brown, Carolyn (fiance), John Brown; three sons, Dr. James Walter Brown, Jr., Thomas Allen Brown, Charles E. Brown; 19 grandchildren; 23 great grandchildren; and a host of sorrowing relatives and friends, also a special daughter whom he raised, Bernice Felder. Summers Funeral Home, Ocala.



HART, ROSA, 85, died August 6, 2001. Survivors include her son, Harold Hagins, Jr.; grandsons, Harold Hagins, III, Wayland Hagins, Hiram Hagins; four great grandchildren; brother, Elbert (Linda) James; a devoted niece, Annie L. Hope; two aunts, Nora Shelton, Zetta Hope; uncle, Lorenzo (Elizabeth) Hope; two goddaughters and two very close friends, Earlene Scotland and Rev. Cora Hill; a host of nieces, nephews and sorrowing friends. Summers Funeral Home, Ocala.

McINTYRE, LOUEL-LA D., 74, died recently. Survivors include one son, Robert McIntyre and Mary Alice; four daughters, Varice McIntyre-Smith, Iris L. Thomas (Pete), Eunice Faye Milton, Elinor (Sandy) Smith, Samuel; two sisters, Gloria Watson Walker (Sammie), Ophelia Moore; eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren; one uncle, Cleve A. Lee; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends. Cunningham's Funeral Home, Ocala.



SPENCER, CLIF-FORD NATHANIEL, 39, died August 6, 2001. Survivors include four daughters, Rosie Spencer, Natalie Spencer, Jasmine & Laquell Spencer; seven sisters, Peggy (Louis) Jackson, Lois (Lester) Vance, Gloria (Joseph) White, Edna (James) Reedy, Elevenia (Willie J) Collins; Harrietta Finley, and Iceella Spencer; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and sorrowing friends. Summers Funeral Home, Ocala.

WOODARD, JOHN-NY, 83, died August 8, 2001. Survivors are his wife, Nina Woodard; one son, John Woodard; brother, James Woodard; sisters, Blanche Cross, Carrie Howell and Addie Woodard; sister-in-law, Theora J. Woodard and a host of nieces, nephews and friends. Summers Funeral Home, Ocala.

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WASHINGTON, JOHN H., 41, died July 27, 2001. Survivors include one daughter, Angelica Washington; father, Dave Washington, Sr.; sister, Carrie Quarterman; five brothers, Dean L. Washington (Gladys); Melvin Washington, Alvin Washington (Sarah Ann), Dave Washington, Jr. (Lucital), and Vincent Washington (Rashawnda); and a host of uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends. Chestnut Funeral Home, Gainesville.



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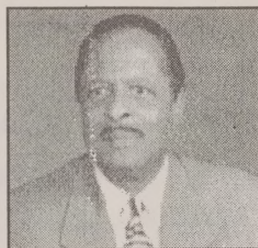
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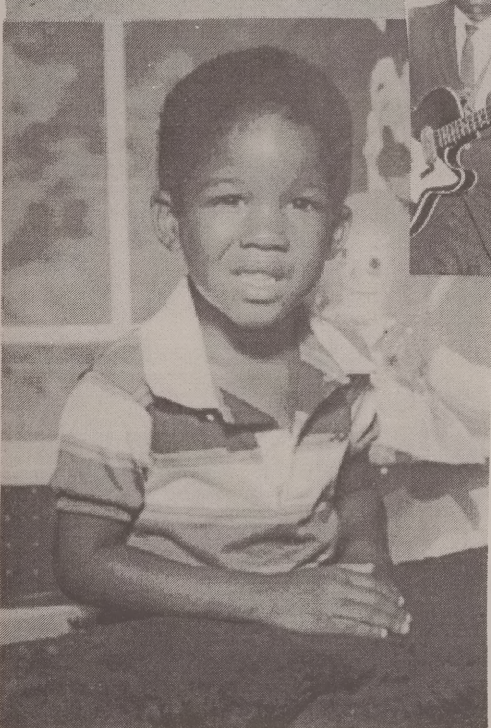
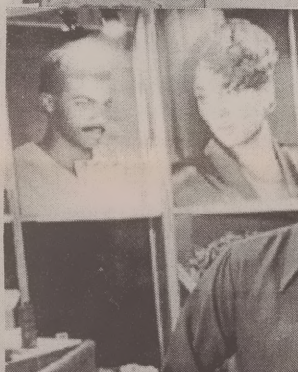
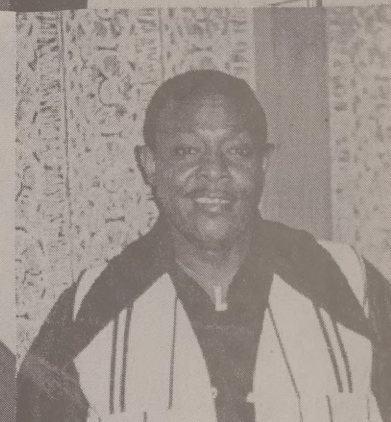
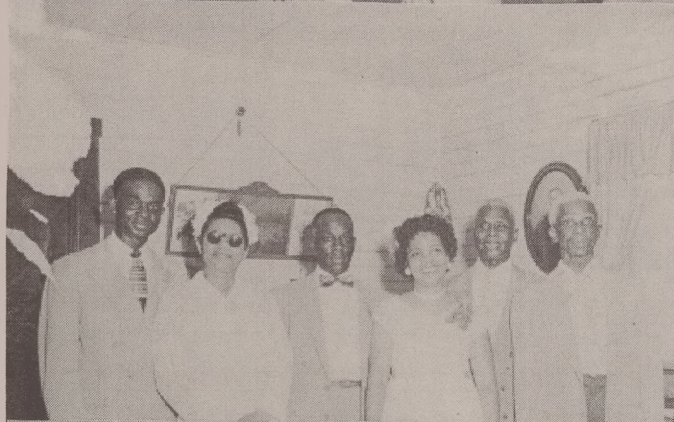
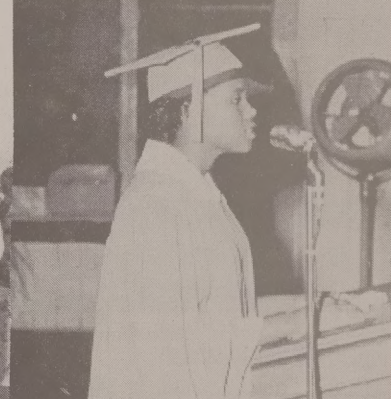
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The PCHA is further required to update this plan on an annual basis. The PCHA has prepared an updated draft of the original 5-Year Plan and upcoming fiscal year 2002 for submission to HUD on October 25, 2001. Drafts of these plans will be available for public inspection and written comment on August 16, 2001 until October 1, 2001, Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM, at:

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This notice further announces that public hearings will be held at the following locations to discuss prior public comments to the above-referenced Draft Plans and receive any additional comments:

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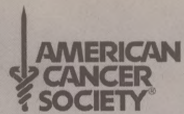
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Your Horoscope



Aries

March 21 to April 19

After the 21st, joyful time
spent with family will get your summer
off to a pleasant start. Moonlight may put
you and your mate in the mood for love
on the 22nd. Play your lucky hunches
before the 25th.



Taurus

April 20 to May 20

With Saturn, the cosmic school-
marm, urging you to dot each "i" and
cross every "t", you may feel like putting in
some overtime. But when the moon high-
lights romance on the 23rd and 24th, love
will become your top priority.



Gemini

May 21 to June 21

Love glows on the 21st and
22nd. If you're single, summer heat won't
be to blame for that warm, fuzzy feeling.
Thanks to benevolent sunshine in your
money zone, a fatter wallet could have
you grinning by the 24th!



Cancer

June 22 to July 22

Been feeling run-down? After
the 21st, a solar re-charge will have your
energy and high spirits up and humming!
Magic could happen at home on the
22nd. Let newly heightened intuition
guide your actions on the 24th.



Leo

July 23 to August 22

Once your dream zone perks
up on the 21st, lucky premonitions could
arrive via your sleep. Diva alert: Saturn's
challenging aspect is a reminder to strive
harder at work—without complaining. De-
stress by playing with your kids.



Virgo

August 23 to September 22

After two planets energize
your party zone on the 21st, interviews,
lunches and other exciting dates will fill
your personal calendar. While stars favor
joint travel arrangements, you may be
eligible for an amazing package deal.



Libra

September 23 to October 22

Having trouble getting someone
to commit? Whether you're looking for a
ring or a contract, cement the relationship
before the 24th to take advantage of Jupi-
ter's beneficial influence. On the 25th, news
from a sibling may prove enlightening.



Scorpio

October 23 to November 21

Powerful transits suggest your
skyrocketing stamina and ambition may
lead you to attain a cherished goal. While
Mercury lingers in Cancer, your imagina-
tion is working overtime; even a try at cre-
ative writing could reap gratifying rewards.



Sagittarius

November 22 to December 21

Thanks to Pluto's continuing in-
fluence, you're placing the old you under
the microscope to come up with a brighter,
more beautiful self to take you into the next
century. Toss the baggage and keep what
works. Romance shines on the 25th.



Capricorn

December 22 to January 19

If the phrase "all work and no
play" sounds too familiar, make a daily si-
esta part of your routine. While the sun
blazes in your zone of partnerships, deals
made and contracts signed over the next
month will assure a bright, secure future.



Aquarius

January 20 to February 18

While Venus is shooting your
personal charisma into the stratosphere,
others will be powerless against your de-
vastating charm. Just remember that without
follow-up, a first impression is wasted. Pay
close attention to the printed word now.



Pisces

February 19 to March 20

With the sun in Cancer for the
next month, your popularity will soar! But
even if you're flattered by requests for your
time and energy, don't overextend yourself.
A poem-worthy romantic encounter on the
21st will become a treasured memory.