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"Strengthening The Human Spirit" - Great Theme, Great Cause



ST. PETERSBURG — Last week's First Annual Community Mental Health Forum in the African-American Community, "Strengthening the Human Spirit" was one of the most successful events to ever take place in the African-American community of St. Petersburg, FL. The event was sponsored by St. Petersburg Weed & Seed and co-sponsored by Operation PAR, Inc. and St. Anthony's Health Care/Community Health.

"So many times we have events in our community that are not first class. This was a class act. The professionalism was at the utmost," said Lori Atwater.

The primary objective of the mental health forum was to better connect Black families to mental health services and to provide training to local mental health providers on cultural issues that hinder the effective delivery of competent mental health services to African-Americans in our community.

The mental health forum was a two day event. On Friday, August 17, Arthur C. Evans, Ph.D. led a training session for mental health providers. Dr. Evans, a clinical psychologist is Assistant Clinical Professor, Department of Psychiatry, Yale University School of Medicine. Dr. Evans

is a recognized leader in the cultural competency movement. Dr. Evans also delivered the keynote on Saturday, August 18th.

Brian Bostick a supervisor with Family Continuity Programs, Inc., stated that "the cultural competency training was the best training that I have ever attended." Some ninety-five mental health professionals and case managers attended the cultural competency training at the Allstate Campus of St. Petersburg College.

Day two of the mental health forum was held at the Enoch Davis Center and featured Dr. Evans and Dr.

Jerome H. Hanley, Director of Children's Policy and Cultural Competency, Center for Innovation in Public Mental Health, State of South Carolina. A resident in attendance on Saturday who prefers not to be named said, "I am in need of mental health services and now I know where to go for help." Saturday featured presentations by eight mental

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M.A.S. Annual Islamic Convention 2001

CHICAGO, ILL. — The Muslim American Society (MAS) under the leadership of Imam W. Deen Mohammed, son of Elijah Muhammad and mentor to Malcolm X, with his Ministry is sponsoring the largest Annual Islamic Convention to date here in Chicago over Labor Day Weekend, Aug. 31 - Sept. 2, 2001. Delegations from throughout the United States and Caribbean will be attending.

The theme is "We Can Not Stop Now" and represents the collective legacy of over 70 years of Muslim growth and progress from the former Nation of Islam, as it was transitional into the Muslim American Society, practicing the Islamic faith of 1.5 billion Muslims worldwide. This Convention's Mission Statement is: "To preserve, advance and celebrate our best tradition as Muslim Americans."

A Major Press Conference is scheduled for the opening of the Convention on Thursday afternoon, August 30, along



Imam W. Deen Mohammed

with the opening of the MAS Historical Exhibit, some entries representing the Muslims

among Africans enslaved in the United States. The emphasis for this Con-

vention is on building better community life and attention to family. The Convention weekend will feature a Cultural Night - wholesome entertainment enjoyed by Muslim youth and adults, a major Banquet with awardes, a youth social and talent show, workshops and mini conferences to enhance personal and business development, a Sunday Family Breakfast and CPC/Grace-line Fashion Show. The Convention will culminate on Sunday with a major public address given by Imam W. Deen Mohammed.

Also featured will be the economic programs founded by Imam W. Deen Mohammed - the Collective Purchasing Conference (CPC), where small struggling business persons pool their resources to enhance their buying power, and the creation of ComTrust Distributor and the delicious product, EggMate - Imam Mohammed's own specialty sausage made from beef or chicken.

Howard Academy Safe Haven

By Jim Thorpe

OCALA — The staff of Howard Academy wants to take this opportunity to thank all greek, civic, and community organizations for choosing Howard Academy Safe Haven to meet your organizational needs. As much as possible, we try to make the facility comfortable and provide you with most of your special needs free of charge.

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Again, thank you for providing us the opportunity to be of service to your organization.

Birthday Celebration Held Honoring Bessie McLeod

By Florence Williams Ray

LAKELAND — On August 18, 2001, a gala birthday celebration was held at the Lake Morton Center in Lakeland, FL for Bessie McLeod who turned 75.

Mrs. Latha Speed presided over the grand occasion that was well attended by family friends and well-wishers from far and wide. The program included the Occasion stated by Granddaughter Michelle Simon; Solos by Joseph Hansberry and Robert Bonds. The Invocation was given by Dr. Frederick Maeweathers.

The program continued with Expressions of Love from Daughter, Shirley A. Simon; Sister, Martha Williams; Brother, Peter Mobley; Grandson, Michael Dunn; Granddaughter, L. Michelle Simon and a host of cousins, aunts and friends. Grace was given by C. "Duke" Carter after which the honoree was



Bessie McLeod

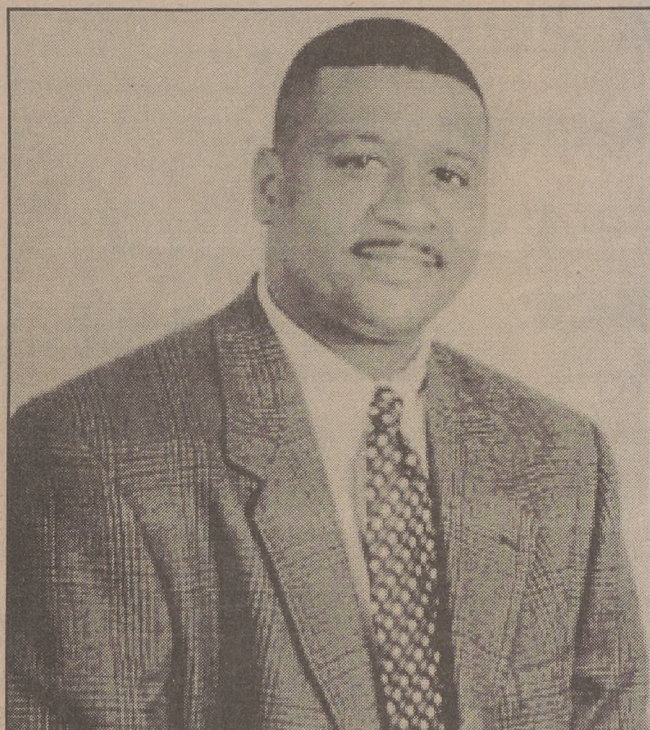
serenaded by the gathering with "Happy Birthday". Tony Hudson rendered a solo to the honoree afterward came special remarks from honoree. The closing prayer came from

Rev. Alex Harper.

Special thanks came from family member to all of the friends and family who traveled near and far to make this a blessed and joyful occasion.

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Attorney Sean Pittman Wins Landmark Decision



Attorney Sean Pittman

TAMPA — John Richard Brown applied to the State Construction Industry Licensing Board for registration as a Building Contractor. Brown, like so many before him, was

denied this state license because his civil rights have not been fully restored. Brown served 2 1/2 years in Federal Prison for a drug trafficking charge and is currently on pro-

bation. The Board relied on their interpretation of a statute that, according to the board, required them to deny anyone who has not had their civil rights restored. Brown's attorney, Sean Pittman, disagreed with the board's interpretation arguing that the board had discretion and should be dealing with ex-felons on a case by case basis. "When it comes to professional licenses, the legislature is clear in its intent to have ex-felons dealt with on a case by case basis and not as a class," Pittman said.

The statute in question (FS 112.011) was passed in 1971 and dealt specifically with removing disqualifications of ex-felons for state employment and/or license. Florida archives related to the passage of the legislation states, this law "removes the disqualification of felons as a class, but continues to permit disqualifi-

cation of felons on an individual basis". "Clearly, the board has the right to deny an individual who doesn't have his/her civil rights restored, but they have to look at each person individually and cannot make the denial a rubber stamp, which has been the case up until now," exclaimed Pittman. "For example, the board's application states specifically in bold letters that if a person does not have their civil rights fully restored, he is ineligible to become licensed and need not apply [emphasis added]. This is untrue and is nothing more than a deterrent that should not be there," Pittman added.

This is not the first time a decision by the board has been challenged. In 1999 Michael Helish was denied on the same basis of his civil rights not being fully restored and made a similar challenge that was

ratified by the board and upheld by the Department of Administrative Hearings. "Helish made the mistake of challenging the board's decision. The board clearly has the discretion to approve or deny any applicant, including ex-felons who have not had their civil rights restored. In Mr. Brown's case we were challenging the board's policies dealing with ex-felons and how they stand up to state law. And of course once discretion was established, we had to prove that my client was wor-

thy of their discretion. Without question, John Brown is a model example of how rehabilitation within the prison system can work if we as society acknowledge it in the individuals who show true progression," Pittman said.

On Friday, August 10th, John Brown won his state building contractors license with a 2 year probationary period. "My wife and I are happy that the board seriously evaluated and considered my reformation and granted me a second chance in life. I now

have the ability to do and be part of a profession that I love and happen to be excellent at," Brown stated. Attorney Pittman stated that in the end the majority of the board was open-minded and wanted to assist John Brown. "John Brown is now the example to be met and he is a hard act to follow," concluded Sean Pittman.

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Marching For Safe Schools

ST. PETERSBURG — Next Saturday, August 25th, all children are invited to participate in a parade against gun and drug violence in schools.

State Education Commissioner Charlie Crist will lead the parade from its assembly point at Bayfront Center's Bayside Lot (No. 51) along Bayshore Drive to First Avenue South, beginning at 2:15pm. Traffic along Bayshore Drive may be affected from 1-3:30pm.

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L-R: Louis D. Brown, III, Kristopher McClendon, Charley Williams, A&A Director of Educational Activities, Brandon Williams and Lamar Walker.

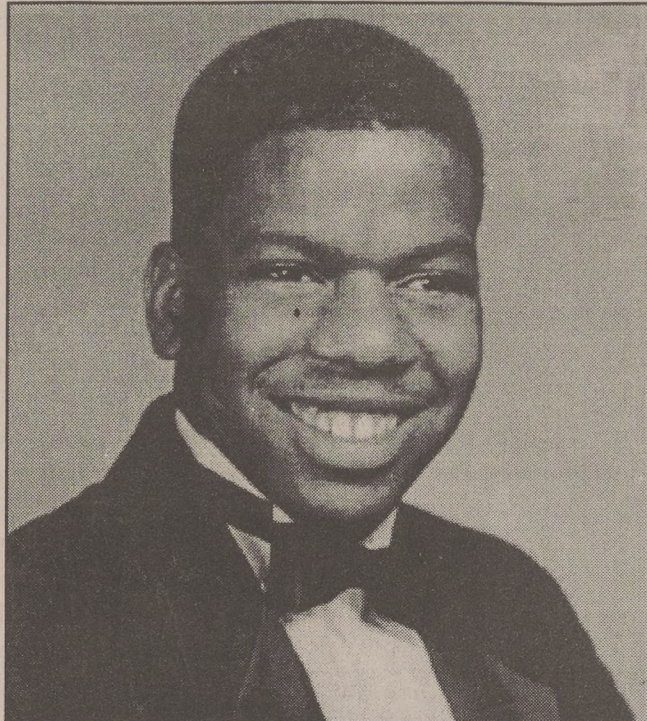
ST. PETERSBURG — In keeping with the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity's strong emphasis on education and its motto, "Finish High School, Go To College", the Theta Eta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

proudly announces the awarding of five \$500 scholarships to five very outstanding young scholars from our community.

The scholarship recipients are: Louis Brown, III, a Boca Ciega High graduate who is attending

Howard University and studying business management; Malcolm Flakes, a Lakewood High Center for Advanced Technologies graduate who is attending the University of Central Florida and studying computer engineering; Kris-

topher McClendon, a Lakewood High graduate who is attending Tennessee State University and matriculating in the pre-dentistry program; Lamar Walker, an Osceola High graduate who is attending Florida A&M University



Malcolm Flakes

and studying business; and Brandon Williams, a Gibbs High graduate who is attending Florida A&M University and pursuing studies towards a degree in pharmacy.

The Brothers of Alpha are very proud of these

scholars and are very pleased to assist them in their educational pursuits. All scholarship funds were derived from the very successful Annual Alpha Scholarship Golf Tournament.

Ronald McDonald House Families To Share "Sundaes And Smiles" At Event

TAMPA BAY — Families staying at the Ronald McDonald House on Tampa Bay will be getting a little extra flavor of home from 6:30 to 7:30pm, August 23rd, at the St. Pete "East" House, 401 7th Avenue South, St. Petersburg.

Reddi-Wip® and RMH are presenting a build-your-own ice cream sundae party for children and families staying at the House following a dinner sponsored by the RMHC Tampa Bay Board of Trustees. In addition, a giant-sized check will be presented to House Director Donna Young.

The event is part of the Sundaes & Smiles program, a new, family-focused initiative sponsored by Reddi-Wip real whipped cream to support the mission of the Ronald McDonald House Charities® in providing comfort and care to children and their families. In addition to bringing ice cream sundae parties to Ronald McDonald Houses across the country this summer, each event will include Reddi-wip's presentation of a \$2,500 check to aid in ongoing assistance to families.

"The Ronald McDonald Houses are committed to supporting families during their time of need, and we rely on the people and businesses in our communities to provide the funds, goods and services necessary for our operations," said Donna Young, RMH of Tampa Bay house director. "We are extremely grateful to Reddi-wip for supporting our program in a way that will bring a warm respite and welcome smiles to the faces of our

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Tarpon Springs Business Card Mingle Moves Up

CLEARWATER — A new networking club in Clearwater called Monthly Mingles, which gathers area business professionals for social events, is enjoying much success with its Tarpon Springs Business Card Mingle.

This month's Tarpon event gathered over 50 enterprising business professionals at Louis Pappas' Riverside Restaurant at Alternate 19 and Dodecanese Blvd. The Tarpon event has changed locations to accommodate its growth. The group will continue to meet at this location the second Tuesday each month from 6-7:30pm.

The Business Card Mingle is a casual business card exchange for business professionals to meet and promote their businesses. It is open to everyone and draws a unique crowd from area chambers and networking groups. It also

attracts many business professionals that are not associated with traditional networking groups.

The cost of the Business Card Mingle is minimal, which includes drink specials, a happy hour buffet, and a Goodie Bag filled with gifts and special offers from members. In addition to the Goodie Bag, guests are also awarded door prizes. Any guest who provides a door prize has the opportunity to address the group and talk about their business. The informal format provides a fun casual way to mix with other business professionals.

In addition to the Tarpon event, there are two other Business Card Mingles each month. The Clearwater Mingle is held the third Tuesday at Tia's Tex Mex on Gulf to Bay Blvd., and the Largo event is

held the fourth Tuesday each month at Grillmarks, 607 Clearwater-Largo Road.

While membership is not required to attend, members receive free admission to all the Business Card Mingles, discounts on all other events, an optional web listing and select business discounts from other members. Several social events are planned each month to help promote the businesses of its members.

Membership is open to everyone but caters mainly to business professionals both single and couples.

For more information or to view the current calendar of events, visit www.MonthlyMingles.com or call Fran Sindoni at (727) 723-0200. To be notified by e-mail of upcoming events send your request to Fran@MonthlyMingles.com.

Youth Engineering Society - SECME Open House

ST. PETERSBURG — Youth Engineering Society - SECME is an exciting, fun filled, free enrichment program for students in grades 6th through 12th. This Saturday morning program that meets from 9am until noon, September through May is designed to encourage the students of the underrepresented population to pursue a career in engineering, science and technology. The YES-SECME program is

funded as a joint project between the University of South Florida, St. Petersburg College and Pinellas County Schools.

Students receive enrichment instruction in each of these areas: mathematics, science, communication and technology. Field trips are planned to area industries, museums and colleges.

If you like making and creating new things, working with

computers, engaging in mentally challenging academic and design competitions, all with scholarship opportunities, then come join us at our Open House on Saturday morning, September 8, 2001 at either Lakewood High School or SPC-Clearwater Campus.

If interested, please contact your Guidance Counselor, Mathematics teacher or Science teacher. You may also call 893-2926 for more details.

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Number Of Drug Felons Behind Bars Continues To Grow

The U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Statistics released its annual report on the nation's prison population, "Prisoners in 2000", at 4:30pm, Sunday, Aug. 12th. In what is becoming an annual ritual, the report notes an alarming escalation in the number of drug offenders behind bars.

"The number of state and federal prison inmates doing time for drug offenses is staggering. State prisons hold 251,200 drug felons out of a total 1,189,800 inmates," said Common Sense for Drug Policy Research Director Doug McVay. "It is not surprising that in a number of states, alternatives to incarceration are being discussed."

"The Federal system is exploding because of drug offenders," according to Kevin Zeese, President of Common Sense for Drug Policy. "There are now 68,360 drug offenders serving time in Federal prison, compared with a total Federal prison population of only 56,989 in 1990. Without question, we have carried this drug war too far."

The racial disparity in drug law enforcement, prosecution and sentencing is made starkly apparent by the new BJS report. According to McVay, "Though whites are more likely to be users of illicit drugs, they are the minority in state prisons: whites make up only 20.1% of drug offenders serving time in State prisons. African Americans comprise 57.6% of State inmate drug offenders, Hispanics 20.7%. On the face of it, something is clearly wrong."

Common Sense for Drug Policy Research Director Doug McVay is available to provide comments and analysis for any story that you plan to write on this important release, as well as other drug and drug policy-related issues. We will also be glad to provide you leads to other sources of comment, including prisoners' rights advocates, prisoners' family organizers, criminal justice policy analysts and reform advocates.

Common Sense also provides a number of web-based resources, including the online version of the publication Drug War Facts at <http://www.drugwarfacts.org>. The CSDP home page is located at <http://www.csdp.org>.

Child Abuse Is Everyone's Concern



A Is For Arrogance

by Bernice Powell Jackson

The Bush administration protested loudly when the United States was voted off the United Nations Human Rights Commission, a seat which we had held since the inception of the U.N. But it had not done its homework with its allies and others at the United Nations to assure that seat and had underestimated the anger of other nations as the new administration signaled its backing away from one international treaty after another. Now the Bush administration has told the United Nations that it will not even attend the upcoming U.N. Conference on Racism and Xenophobia and Related Intolerance if the subjects of reparations for slavery or Zionism as racism are even on the agenda of the meeting.

For the world's only superpower to flex its muscle so that even discussion is not allowed in an international meeting is nothing but arrogance. For a nation founded on the principle of

free speech to take such a position with others is nothing but arrogance. For a nation whose wealth is built upon a foundation of free labor and stolen land and whose history includes segregation, lynching and disenfranchisement not to allow the nations of the world to have conversations about how to make amends for four centuries of wrongs and to look honestly at what is happening now in Israel and Palestine is nothing but arrogance.

The question must be asked why doesn't the U.S. want these subjects even to be discussed? One answer might be that it fears that such emotionally charged and potentially financially frightening subjects cannot get a fair hearing on the world's platform. Indeed, in the past Israel has often found itself in a difficult and lonely place in the U.N. Indeed, in the past the United States has come under attack by the worldwide community for such human rights violations as

the death penalty, for its treatment of African Americans during the civil rights struggle, and for its support of the apartheid government of South Africa.

But the question must also be asked how can we live in this global community in real peace if the nations of the world cannot discuss and come to some agreement on human rights violations, on justice for all people and on culpability and accountability for those offenses against groups of peoples around the world? How can Israel, or any other nation, have real security if there is no real justice? How can there be true reconciliation if there is no repentance and how can there be repentance if there is no acknowledgement of wrongs or even no discussion of them?

Only a few weeks ago the General Synod of the United Church of Christ and the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) met

together in Kansas City in what may be the largest meeting of Christians in the U.S. this summer. Both churches passes resolutions calling on their members to study the issue of reparations for African Americans, acknowledging that slavery is internationally recognized as a crime for which there is no statute of limitations and that uncompensated labor was demanded from enslaved Africans for more than two centuries. Indeed, Lewis Tappan, one of the leaders of the abolitionist movement in the 19th century and a member of one of the predecessor bodies of the United Church of Christ, once said that slavery is a crime against humanity and a sin against God.

How, then, does the world talk about slavery and its legacy, not only as it involves the United States, but those European countries which initiated it and participated in it? Or how then, does the world talk about the reality of occupa-

tion in Palestine and what it means not only for the Palestinians, but what it means for the Israelis?

Many Palestinians will say that what they are experiencing is not racism in the strictest sense since Israelis and Palestinians are both of the Semitic race. But they are quick to add that it is discrimination, it is segregation and that it does have many parallels with the apartheid system of South Africa. They point, for instance, to the bypass highways built for the illegal Israeli settlers to have quick access to Jerusalem and on which Palestinians are not allowed to drive. They point, for instance, to whole towns, which have been shut down by the Israeli security for the past 10 months and in which only Palestinians live under curfew. They point, for instance, to the disproportionate use of force by the Israeli defense forces so that shots fired by Palestinians are answered with U.S. attack helicopters us-

ing mortars to destroy whole civilian communities near Bethlehem. They point, for instance, to the virtual shut-down of the Gaza strip so that millions are unemployed and access to health care and schools is almost impossible for most Palestinians if the U.S. won't even allow discussion at the U.N. Conference?

Many leaders in the U.S. civil rights community have called upon Secretary of State Colin Powell to head the U.S. delegation to the U.N. Conference to show that the United States is taking it seriously. But first, we must tell Mr. Powell and Mr. Bush that the U.S. won't even attend the U.N. Conference, but it must allow free and fair discussion of all issues if we really want the 21st century not to be yet another century troubled by the question of race.

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Reparations, Anyone?

by Kimberly Jane Wilson

I first heard about the reparations movement as a college student in Washington, DC in 1989. An upper-classman with a group that seemed to spend all their time in the yard talking - and occasionally ranting - about social issues of the day one time loudly proclaimed that America owed black people a cash settlement for slavery.

Our ancestors, he reasoned, never got their 40 acres and a mule as compensation for their bondage. Instead, they and their descendants faced the Ku Klux Klan and Jim Crow laws that continued to keep them down. He said black people never got a fair deal and deserved a check.

I stopped to listen. I assumed, from his statements, that he'd been drinking. But while some who

listened giggled and made jokes, others nodded and looked serious. I dismissed the idea as a pie-in-the-sky fantasy and continued on my way. It seemed inconceivable the government would send checks to black people as an apology for slavery. Today, I've come to believe it could really happen.

Back then, the only people talking seriously about reparations were students and a few fringe groups that were so small and so radical that no one took them seriously. Times have changed. Randall Robinson - the author, activist and well-known intellectual - recently authored *The Debt: What America Owes to Blacks* that boldly embraces reparations. As a result of Robinson's work, the reparations movement took off. New articles

appear regularly in magazines and newspapers. Radio and television programs cover the topic, and the *Philadelphia Inquirer* even published an editorial supporting reparations.

The reparations movement has come of age. Even those who oppose it must now take it seriously.

American slavery was a sin. There's no getting around that. The principles of liberty, justice and equality didn't apply to the millions of Africans brought to America against their will. Our history is full of racial ironies. When Thomas Jefferson wrote, "All men are created equal," he owned 187 slaves. Patrick Henry owned over 90 slaves when he shouted the famous words, "Give me liberty or give me death!" Union General Ulysses S. Grant

fought the Confederacy, but didn't free his own slaves until Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation. Even after slavery ended, America - the beacon of freedom to people all over the world - still treated black Americans with indignity and, on occasion, savage cruelty.

Having said this, I also must point out that not every white person in America owned slaves. Most Southerners couldn't even afford one. Likewise, about half of all the white people walking around America today are descended from people who came to this country after slavery ended. Even if you believe in the concept of blood guilt, it is unfair to ask these people to pay for the sins of someone else's fathers.

On a side note, does

anybody have a clear idea of how the payment will be worked out? Will every black person who can prove he or she is a descendant of slaves get a check? Will we all get a tax credit? Will every black child get a scholarship to the college of their choice? How black do you have to be to get reparations? If one of your parents or grandparents is white, are you still eligible? What about whites who are descended from black people who chose to "pass" for white? If they're willing to admit their black ancestry, will they get a payment?

It's a little-discussed part of history, but whites in America were not the only ones to profit from slavery. Can we expect reparations from the governments of West Africa and the Arab nations? Both Arabs and Africans played

a vital part in the business end of the slave trade.

This all sounds like a big, messy bureaucratic nightmare. No amount of apologies and no amount of cash can wash away the sin of slavery. Giving me a check as "compensation" for the agony of my ancestors trivializes their suffering. I feel uneasy at the thought of making a profit from that suffering.

Every American slave owner is dead, and the debt that they owe can only be paid on Judgement Day. If reparations do become a reality, the only concrete thing I see happening afterwards is a souring of relations between black and white people.

Get ready, folks. We are in for some interesting times.

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Honoring Garvey And The Red, Black and Green

by Ron Daniels

August 17th, was the 114th birthday of one of the greatest leaders the African world has ever produced, the Honorable Marcus Moriah Garvey. No historical personage more than Marcus Garvey contributed to the resurrection of the collective self-esteem and self worth of an oppressed and battered people than this giant of a human being who set as his task the rescue and reconstruction of a "mighty race" of people. If you do not know about this seminal figure in African history, it is a testimony to the degree that the legacy of Africans in America has been bleached, white-washed from the pages of the Euro-centric history that is still fed to the masses of our people. It is also a sign of how some of the most potent leaders in our history have been relegated to relative obscurity because they were considered dangerous, a threat to

the status-quo in a racist nation.

Born into humble circumstances in the British colony of Jamaica, even as a very young man, One of his greatest assets was his knowledge and mastery of African history. Deep in his bones, Garvey could reject slavery and colonialism because he knew from whence the African peoples of the world had come; he knew that black people from Africa were the givers of life and the source of the world's first civilizing influences -- astronomy, mathematics, engineering, medicine, the world's first multi-genius, the pyramids, etc. Hence Marcus Garvey could proclaim with absolute confidence, "you were once great, you will be great again," and "up you mighty race, you can accomplish what you will." Garvey's greatest gift may well have been his capacity to make African people believe in themselves

again!

It was this capacity to inspire black people through incisive analysis, uplifting orator and the articulation of a blueprint for global Black Power that enabled him to build the largest mass based organization in the history of this country and the African world, the Universal Negro Improvement Association and African Communities League, more popularly known as the UNIA. Founded in 1914 in his native Jamaica, the UNIA exploded into international prominence when Garvey arrived in the United States and set up shop in Harlem. By some estimates, at its height, the UNIA had a membership of nearly 10 million people in the United States, Canada, the Caribbean, Central and South America and Europe. Organized like a nation in becoming, the UNIA had a military wing, the African Legion, the African Motor

Corps, Black Cross Nurses; an educational system; a full-blown economic program which included farms, factories, grocery stores, cleaners and the Black Star Steamship Line; the most widely read newspaper of the period, *The Negro World* and a magazine, *The Blackman*; and, an African centered religion called the Universal African Orthodox Church.

The UNIA reflected Garvey's vision and blueprint for global Black Power - self-help, self-reliance and self-determination through Pan-Africanism with the African continent as the cornerstone. Garvey believed that the African peoples of the world have a common history, culture and destiny and that we would only return to our state of original greatness once we rediscover who we are as a people. Black people, Garvey reasoned, must also have a formidable base

from which to promote and defend our interests. This he saw as the continent of Africa, the motherland of the African people of the world. Just as people of other ancestries have a land base as the primary bastion from which to project their interests, so it is that people of African descent must do likewise. Hence Marcus Garvey proclaimed, "Europe for the Europeans, Asia for the Asians, Africa for the Africans at home and abroad."

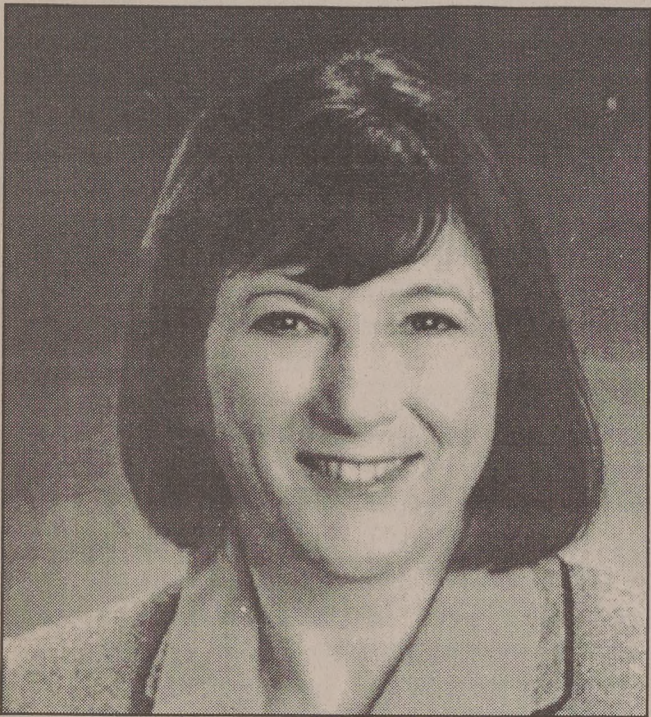
The UNIA also had its own anthem and a Flag, the Red, Black and Green. Garvey had intended for the anthem and the Flag to be universal symbols that people from throughout the African world would recognize, respect and rally around as sources of unity and pride. Of the two, the Flag, the Red, Black and Green has been the most permanent and endearing symbol. Many Africans in America know it as the

Black Liberation Flag. Others are aware of it but are unaware of its origins. Broadly speaking the Red is for the blood and suffering, tragedy and triumphs of African people; Black for the people, African people, our history and culture; and, Green is for land, mother Africa, the land of our birth and the land which we must reclaim to build a power base for people of African descent throughout the world.

Marcus Garvey was a remarkable man who bequeathed an incredible legacy to people of African descent. Every time we see the Red, Black and Green, we should remember his legacy. Indeed, African people as an act of self-determination should declare August 17th, Marcus Garvey's birthday, Universal African Flag Day - a day when the Red, Black and Green should be visible everywhere in honor of The Hon. Marcus Garvey!

WOMAN'S WORLD

Pinellas NOW Celebrates Women's Voting Rights



Toni Van Pelt

ST. PETERSBURG — Join us on Sunday, August 26th, 1:30pm at the Sojourner Truth Center, 1550 16th Street South. To celebrate the 81st Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote in the U.S., Pinellas NOW will host a Celebration and Open Forum.

Toni Van Pelt, former President of Florida NOW and recent candidate for President of National

NOW, will be the keynote speaker.

Other speakers will address current struggles to make voting rights fair and universal.

This event is free and open to the public, with refreshments provided.

For more information and directions to the Center, call Winnie at (727) 896-9555 or the NOW office at (727) 823-3281.

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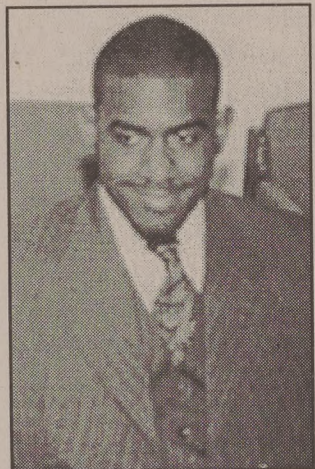
ST. PETERSBURG — Congratulations were in order at The Announcement Ceremony held for four local high school seniors selected by the Pinellas County Urban League as the 2001-2002 Anheuser-Busch Companies' Urban Scholarship recipients. All of the applicants competing were outstanding, however, only four could advance as winners. After a careful review of the applicants, the following recipients are this year's awardees:



Dedrick Johnson

Dedrick Johnson is a graduate of Gibbs High School and currently a student at St. Petersburg College. He is pursuing a degree in General Distribution, that will eventually take him into the field of Radiology. Dedrick is determined to further his education no matter how difficult the

road may become. He believes that his faith in God will direct his path and enable him to achieve his goals.



Demetrius Taylor

Demetrius Taylor is a graduate of Tarpon Springs High School. Beginning this fall semester, he will attend the University of South Florida, in Tampa and major in Criminology. After graduation, he plans to pursue a career in criminal justice. He eventually wants to become an FBI agent.

Tonda J. Biandudi recently graduated from St. Petersburg High School with a 4.03 weighted GPA. This fall Tonda will also be attending the University of South Florida. He plans to major in Engineering or Computer Science. He hopes to become an entrepreneur.

READERS CHOICE

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Book Review

by Tangelia Murph



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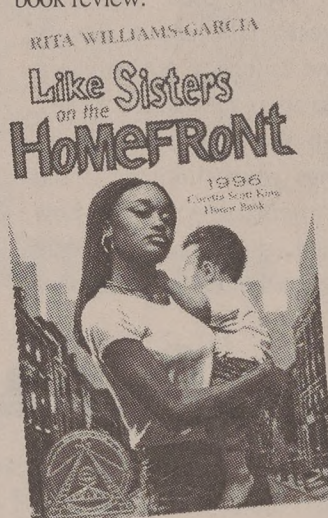
a few of the chapters with you.

• A rare treasure - This talks about her character.

• A pattern for the household - This discusses her discipline.

• A man of influence - This chapter is about her husband.

• A law of kindness - This chapter elaborates on her words.



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Beautiful In God's Eyes:

Scripture based principles for every reader who wants to become God's woman of excellence. For any woman who wants to achieve a growing relationship with God, develop an active partnership with her husband, and make her home into a spiritual oasis. God lovingly shares with you his vision of a life of beauty through the joyous outlook, creative spirit and feminine grace of the Proverbs 31 women. This book encourages you to embrace the purest virtues of beauty. Let me share

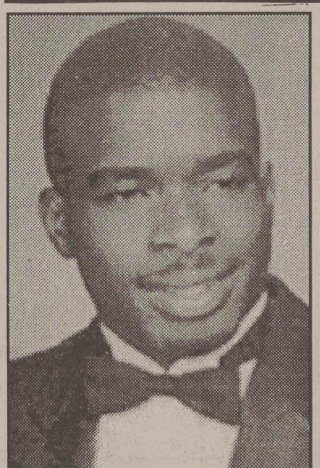
• A watchful eye - This is about her management skills.

• A spirit of reverence - This discusses her faith.

You'll discover that you too can be a woman beautiful in God's Eyes.

Best Seller

Cheaters: Author, Eric Dickey is one of the most intuitive and hilarious voices in African-American fiction. Stephan loves 'em and leaves 'em, just like his daddy. Chante' thinks she's found her dream man - until his wife and kids come banging on her door. Jake is a player - but after the booty call, he's left with



Tonda J. Biandudi



Jazmine Clarke

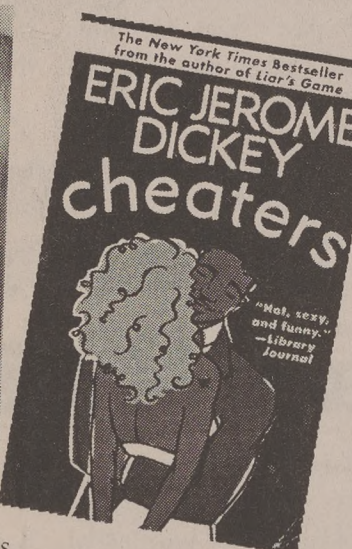
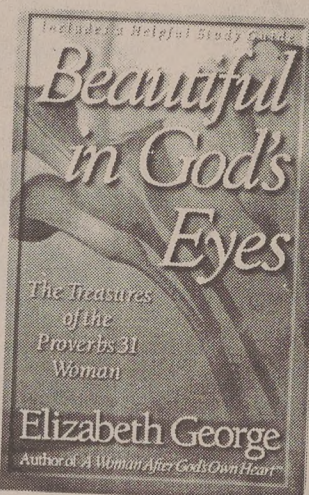
Jazmine Clarke is a graduate of Boca Ciega High School Center for Wellness

bad dreams he just can't shake. Darnell is true to his wife... but the temptation's getting stronger everyday. Tammy is caught between the man she loves and the woman who got there first. And while Karen lectures her friends about fooling around, she may not live up to her own high standards. This book is street savvy, entertaining and will captivate your fancy.

Young Adult-Teenager

Like Sisters on the Home

Front: Gayle lives for the action of New York City, hanging out with her sisters on the home front. But when she gets into trouble, her mother sends Gayle and her baby, Jose' down to Georgia, to live with Uncle Luther and family.



There's nothing to do, nowhere to go, and no one around except her kneesock - wearing, Jesus - praising cousin Cookie. Gayle can't stand it. Then she meets Great, the family matriarch - whose stories of the past begin to change how Gayle sees her future.

These books can be purchased at Readers Choice Books and Gift Expressions, 4301 34th Street South, Suite 102, Maxi-Mall, next door to the nail shop, open 7 days a week, 867-3696.

sive years of undergraduate, technical or trade study. The recipients must meet established annual eligibility requirements to receive successive awards totaling \$10,000 each. This award can be applied to educational expenses-tuition, books, and on campus housing.

Through correspondence, Mr. Johnny Furr, Jr., Vice-President, Corporate Affairs of Anheuser-Busch welcomed the recipients to the Urban Scholarship Program's "network of support". Mr. Furr stated in his letter that, "This network will provide access and opportunity to a variety of complementary enrichment activities, provided by the community partners. All of the recipients have a unique responsibility of strengthening their community through self-development."

Clear Essence Defines Total Skin Care For People Of Color



LOS ANGELES — Too often women and some men too will try the latest beauty products in the market hoping to find magic in a bottle. And it's an all too common way to be disappointed if you're trying out something that doesn't suit your particular needs. The good news is Clear Essence takes the guess work out of your hands with the ultimate skin care line specifically formulated for women and men of color.

Produced with the finest skin care ingredients and supported by comprehensive scientific research, the Clear Essence Skin Care line offers a range of products that address the various needs of African-American and Latin women and men such as uneven skin tone, excessive oiliness and blemishes.

Vitamin Plus: Anti Oxidants, usually in the form of vitamins, have proven time and again as an effective way to ward off free radicals, the molecules from pollution, sun exposure and other environmental or biological factors that attack healthy cells to bring about premature aging and possibly even disease such as cancer. Clear Essence offers vitamin-based products to combat these free radicals. The Swiss Complex Collagen Body Creme, for example, is enhanced with Vitamin E and blended with protein to moisturize and protect the skin from the sun's harmful UV rays.

Alpha Hydroxy Acids:

According to studies, consistent use of products with Alpha Hydroxy Acids that exfoliate dead skin cells, diminishes fine lines and wrinkles, reduces acne and restores elasticity for younger looking skin. Clear Essence has successfully brought Alpha Hydroxy Acids from high-priced luxury brands to everyday consumers. For normal to dry skin types, the Complexion Soap, for example, gently cleanses with a rich lather to remove makeup and dirt without robbing the skin of its natural oils and moisture. The Toner-Astringent can then be used to wipe away residue to soothe and revitalize your face while the Complexion Lotion helps to improve skin texture without clogging the pores. For the entire body, the Skin Beautifying Milk is the best way to moisturize and even out overall skin tone.

Shaving Time: Most people don't realize that when men with curly hair shave, the sharp end of the cut hair grows curled backwards into the skin causing irritation and razor bumps. Skin discoloration may also occur because dark colored skin tends to overproduce melanin, the skin color pigment, resulting in a shaved area that's darker than the rest

of the face. However, Clear Essence can remedy these problems with ease. The Blemish Control Wash Formula prepares the area for shaving by sterilizing the skin and preventing an irritation. Additionally, the Alpha Hydroxy Acid ingredients in the wash exfoliate the dead skin cells. Then, the Skin Tone for Men lightens the discolored area to produce even skin tone while acting as a protective sunscreen to prevent further discoloration.

Skin Deep: Clear Essence is the fastest growing ethnic skin care line in Europe, Africa and the United States. K.C. Obioha, president of Clear Essence attributes this success to a firm dedication of providing effective solutions for specific skin types. He says, "By consistently staying ahead of trends and keeping pace with the very latest scientific research, Clear Essence's high quality skin care system continues to expand with such revolutionary products such as the Medicated Skin Creme, the Skin Lightening Serum as well as our botanical formulations like the Lemon with Vitamin C Creme." And growing numbers of women and men of color are discovering the amazing results of using the Clear Essence Skin Care line and the products they can call their very own.



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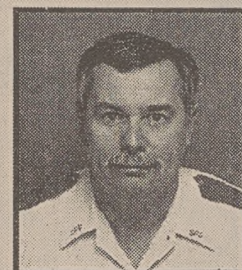
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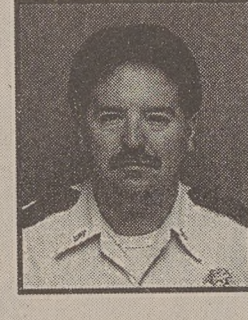
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Come To "The YMCA Experience - Join And Learn" Event

ST. PETERSBURG — The YMCA of Greater St. Petersburg will be holding "The YMCA Experience - Join and Learn" Special Event at The Jim and Heather Gills YMCA, 3200 First Avenue South, on Saturday, August 25 from 10am - 1pm. The public is invited to come and learn about YMCA facilities and programs. Also, joiner fees will be reduced, refreshments served; and, if you join that day, you may enter a drawing to win a free 6-month membership.

The Jim and Heather Gills YMCA of Greater St. Petersburg is scheduled to open on October 8, 2001. With our

mission: "To put Judeo-Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body", the YMCA has been serving the St. Petersburg community for 81 years providing quality programs that meet the needs of a broad spectrum of the community including children, teens, adults, elderly and disabled individuals. The YMCA is family-focused emphasizing values through quality programs to nurture the healthy development of children and teens; strengthen families; and, make our community a healthier, safer and better place in which to live.

USF Plans Multicultural Welcome Week For New Students

TAMPA — The University of South Florida's Division of Student Affairs has planned a week of multicultural activities for new students beginning August 22. Some of the events include a Welcome Jam, ethnic dinners for Asian, Black and Latino students, a Sunday tour for international students, Caribbean Rhythms and "A sneak preview of America's Great City: An afternoon in Tampa Bay's finest Attractions and Waterways." Students will receive free entry into the Florida Aquarium and take part in a walking tour of historic Ybor City.

"Unite to Ignite" gives stu-

dents a chance to get to know other students, meet professors and learn what it takes to be successful in the college setting, according to Dr. Samuel Wright in the office of Student Relations.

The activities culminate August 26 with Midnight Splash, when students can take a moonlight swim and enjoy Tampa's summer nights.

Founded in 1956, the University of South Florida is the second largest university in the Southeast with more than 35,500 students on campuses in Tampa, St. Petersburg, Lakeland and Sarasota/Manatee.

Join The Dali Museum's Fall Docent Training Class

ST. PETERSBURG — Salvador Dali Museum docents, also known as tour guides, give approximately 2,000 tours each year of the museum's collection to its over 225,000 annual visitors. Museum visitors from all 50 states and over 100 different countries speak highly of their experience at the Dali, which often is enhanced by a tour from a volunteer docent.

The Dali Museum currently is recruiting individuals interested in serving as docents for its comprehensive nine-month training course on Dali, Surrealism and the museum's history. The museum is seeking those who enjoy cultural exchanges and have an interest

in art. Classes will be held on Wednesdays beginning on September 19, 2001 through May 8, 2002. Classes meet on Wednesdays from 1:30-4pm.

Requirements include an interest, but not necessarily a background, in art; a one-year commitment to the museum upon completion of the program to give tours regularly; attendance at all classes; and joining the museum's membership organization. Applications for the course may be obtained by calling the Dali Museum at 727/823-3767, ext. 3029. Class size is limited so early application is encouraged. The deadline for applications is September 7, 2001.

Neighborly Senior Services To Hold Volunteer Orientation

CLEARWATER — Have you ever thought about volunteering to help others in need but just weren't sure where you would fit in? Come to a Neighborly Senior Services volunteer orientation and find out how volunteering can fit in to your life.

Orientations will be held on September 4 and 18 at the Neighborly Administrative building, 13650 Stoneybridge Drive, Clearwater, from 10am to 12 noon. There is no obligation to become a volunteer, just

a willingness to learn more about one of the most important and interesting jobs around - volunteering.

The program will focus on what Neighborly Senior Services does, the many interesting opportunities for volunteers, and how you can become an important member of our team. Join us to learn how you can help people in need live productive lives in their own homes.

Volunteer opportunities are available in the Palm Harbor

area for clerical work and Telephone Reassurance. Meals on Wheels volunteers are currently needed throughout Pinellas

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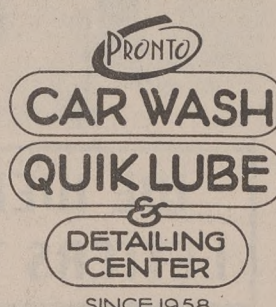
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50 Years - Times Change, Friends Do Not

ST. PETERSBURG — With this theme as a backdrop, the Gibbs High School class of 1951 held its class reunion in commemoration of 50 years since graduating from dear ole GHS. This class reunion began on Friday evening August 17, 2001 at the stately and historic Holiday Inn (formerly the Heritage hotel) in downtown St. Petersburg.

This gala event took center stage at 7:30pm when Mistress of Ceremonies called the reunion to order, and welcomed everyone to this historic occasion. Then co-chairwoman, Christine Taylor Oxendine, rendered her eloquent opening remarks, giving thanks to "Almighty God" and paraphrasing from the school's alma mater "Dear Ole Gibbs High, You're the world to me". These passionate words quickly brought back many fond memories to those in attendance. Again, Mary Holland proceeded to fluidly guide the vast array of entities that would unfold throughout most of the evening.

"Lift Every Voice and Sing" was rendered with pride and adoration and as if we really meant it. Deacon Livingston Allbritten gave the "Vocation and Grace" as spirited as can be. Then, the Holiday Inn staff of the culinary arts served dinner. At this juncture, the GHS class of '51 and their families, friends and visitors got a rare chance to not only partake in some fine cuisine, but to also talk, laugh and share some of the many fond memories of the last fifty or so years.

Johnny Welch, the treasurer and business manager of the class of '51 introduced the speaker for this occasion. The speaker, Clarence Johnson (class of '51) a retired engineer with the Department of Defense, and who resides in Alexandria, VA. Johnson spoke with influence by example as he expounded on the theme -- "Times Change, -- Friends Do Not". He received a rousing ovation and many accolades.

The next part of the program was steered by me, (Charles Shorter) and consisted of an 'A Call for Reflections'. I proceeded to utter some of my own gems and morsel of witticism, sprinkled with colloquialism and metaphors. This brought laughter and glee from the crowd of approximately 90-100 people including spouses and guests.

A very special tribute was paid to Mrs. Ruby Davis Wysinger who was in attendance with her daughter Jenoris White. The legendary, impeccable Mrs. Wysinger, the perennial teacher, our beloved, taught once again. And in summary, she said that this class ('51) was always very special to her because of achievements, solid citizenry, and personalities.

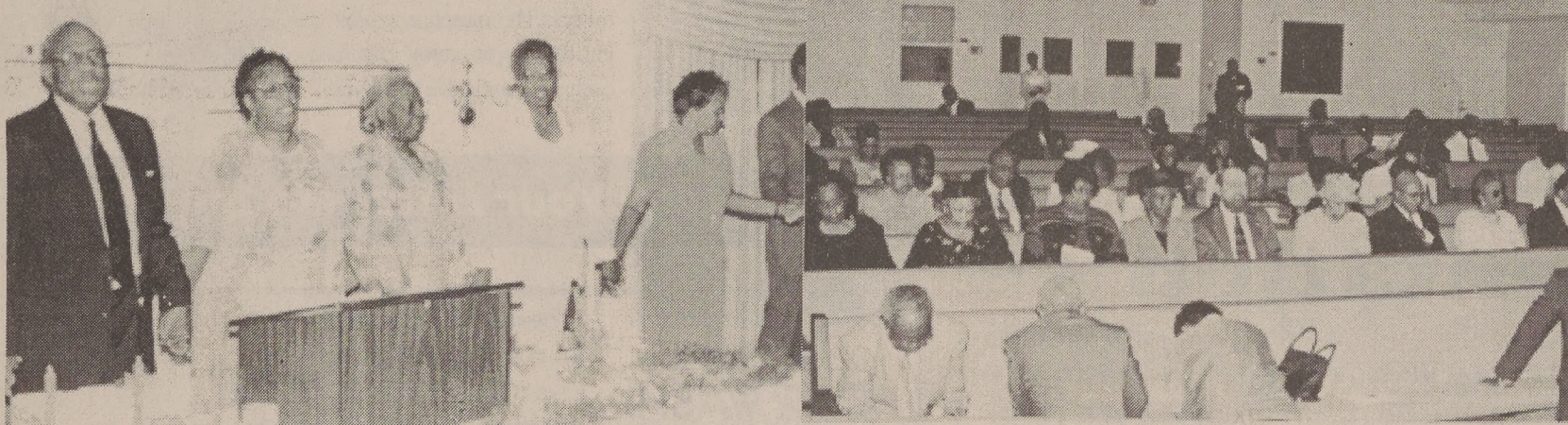
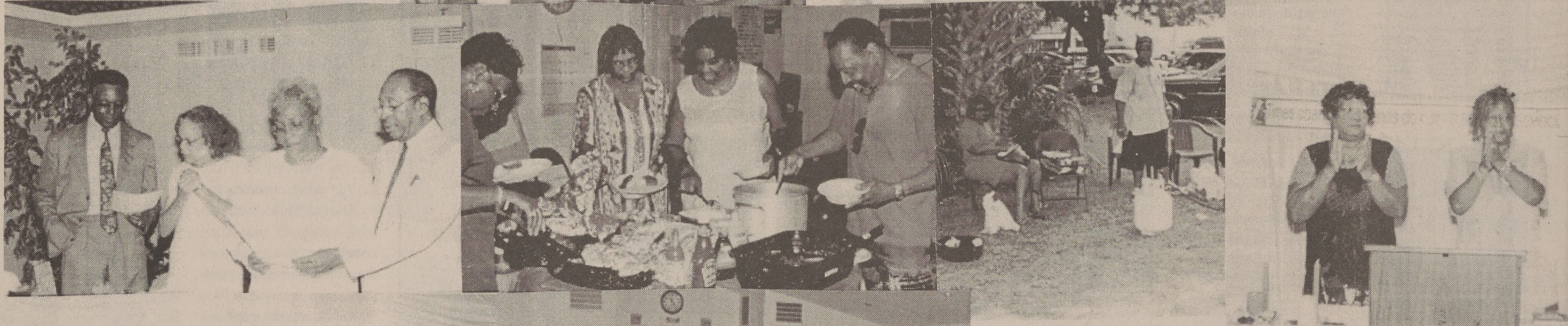
Also, during the evening, in memoriam to our deceased classmates, a "Necrology" observance was rendered by Mozell Reese Davis, which was done with reverence and dignity. This honor was followed by presentations to each '51 class member by Mollie Thompson George and Lou Ella Sheeley Wreaves. The Benediction was rendered by James "Jimmy" McCollough.

Festivities continued on Saturday afternoon, August 18 at the Fanny Ayer Ponder Clubhouse, 1935 9th Avenue South, where the class dined on fine foods.

Church service was held at 11am at the Moore's Chapel AME Church, 3037 Fairfield Avenue South, where the Reverend Marcus A. Burke, is pastor. The Reverend Paul Brown (class of '51) gave an inspirational sermon, in which he extracted parables from the Bible and equated them with mathematics.

Before adjourning this 50th year class reunion, by unanimous consent, this class agreed to assemble again in the summer of 2003 for another call of the "Gladiator". And the Gladiators will attest.

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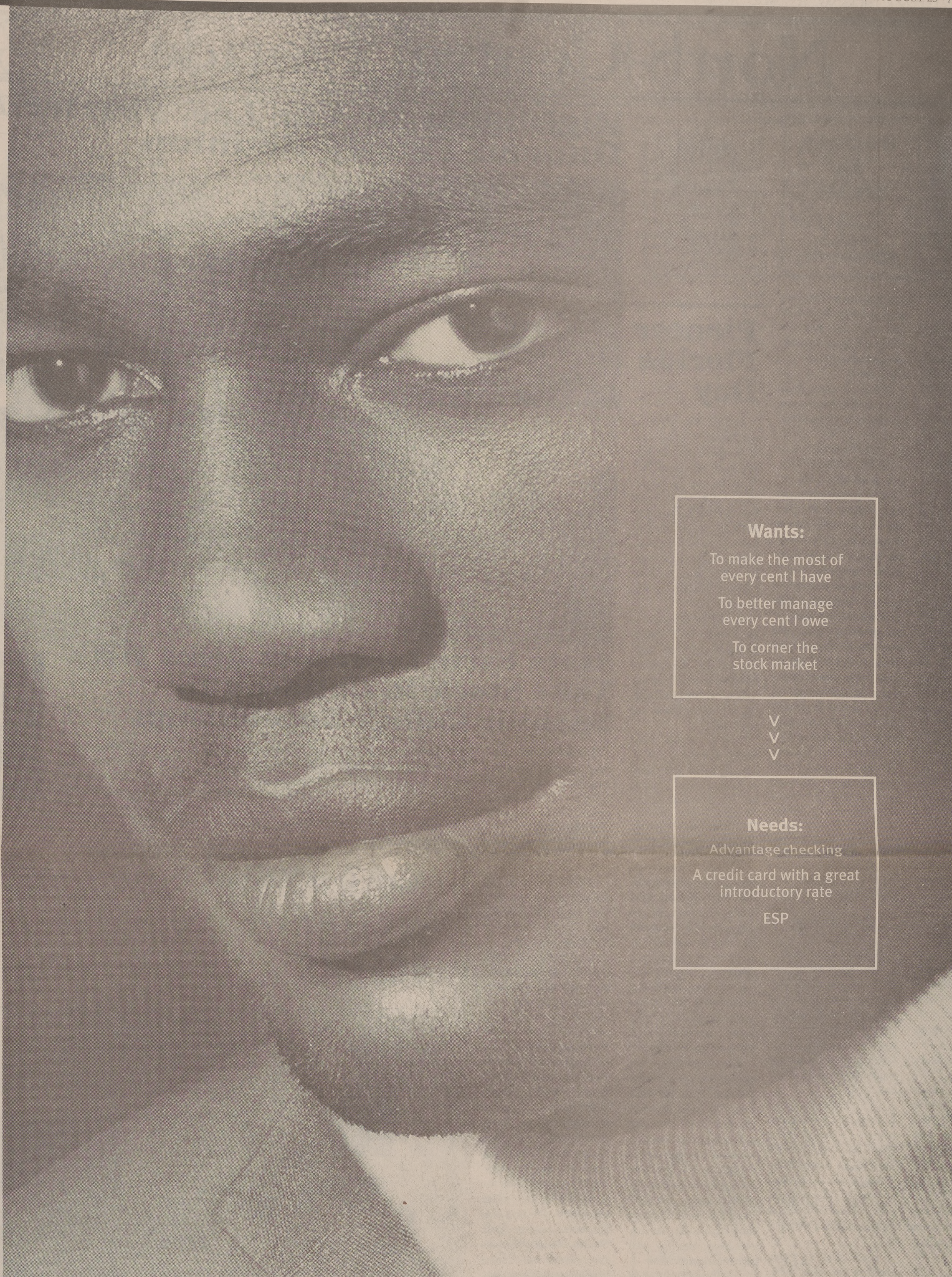
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Society In Ocala

by
Florence
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DOWNTOWN FRIDAYS

Ocala's downtown square is the scene of cool tunes and a fun, festive atmosphere every fourth Friday of the month, now through November 23, 2001.

Ocala Electric Utility, Circular Wireless and WTRS-/WMTQ Radio stations are sponsoring the monthly events, called "Downtown Fridays".

The Ocala Recreation and Parks Department and the Downtown Development Commission are event coordinators.

The free monthly musical entertainment is scheduled from 7pm to 9pm and will give residents the opportunity to support the downtown Ocala area, its businesses and the refurbished downtown square.

The music will be provided by a variety of local and regional bands, playing everything from blues and jazz to pop and rock.

The entertainment schedule is as follows: August 24th - Absolute Blue (Blues to Pop); Sept. 28th - Accelerators (Blues); Oct. 26th - Nite Call (Classic Rock); Nov. 23rd - Accelerators (Blues).

For additional information on Downtown Fridays, please call 629-8358.

SEVEN PRE-K PROGRAM SITES IN COUNTY

A state-funded pre-kindergarten program is available at seven locations in Marion County. The program is for low-income, working families, single-parent families when the parent is in school, or teen parents.

The seven sites are: A Child's Haven East, 3771 NE 7th Street, Ocala, 694-5726; A Country Day Care, 1136 Robinson Lane, Dunnellon, 489-2857; Belleview Playland, 7300 SE County Road 25, Belleview, 245-0339; Central Florida Child Care Center, 426 SW 15th Street, Ocala, 629-2516; and Oakcrest Early Education Center, 1606 NE 22nd Avenue, Ocala, 622-1913.

Qualifying parents pay on a sliding scale based on family size and income. Contact the center of your choice or the Marion County School Readiness Coalition at 732-1355, ext. 219.

ATA OFFER PILOT PROGRAM FOR SOME STUDENTS

Central Florida Community College and Marion County Public Schools are announcing a new partnership called the Applied Technology Academy.

The pilot program is limited to 45 students, at least 16 years old, from Vanguard, Forest and Belleview High Schools.

Students in the program will be classified as dual-enrolled students and receive vocational training of their choice combined with GED

training. At the end of the program, the students have the option of exchanging their GED certificate for a diploma and graduating with their high school class.

Students or parents should contact guidance counselors or principals at their high school.

CITY OFFERS FREE INSPECTION FOR BEETLES

City residents who are concerned that Southern Pine Beetles may have infested their trees can get a free inspection from the Ocala Recreation & Parks Department.

"The beetles bore into the pine trees and leave a white substance that looks like chewing gum on the bark," said Recreation & Parks Director Dave Pritchard. "Any city resident who sees something like that on their pine trees may call the Recreation Department and we will be happy to verify that they have pine beetles."

Pritchard said that once pine beetles beset a tree, a property owner must act quickly to save the tree and to keep the beetles from spreading. Citizens are encouraged to call professional sprayers to treat the trees.

The Recreation & Parks Department's telephone number is 629-8358.

COORDINATOR NEEDED AT JUVENILE JUSTICE

The Department of Juvenile Justice needs a DSS Sanctions Coordinator to follow up with youth who are assigned to complete various sanctions as a result of misdemeanor violations (i.e., letters of apology, community service, restitution, classes, etc.).

The volunteer will track the youth and family members (primarily by telephone), to ensure they have completed the assigned responsibilities. This job is very flexible, days or evenings, and work may be done from your home depending on the wishes of the volunteer.

Useful skills are experienced in education, public speaking, law enforcement or legal experience. Please call Karen to learn more at 620-3402.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IN DIRECTORY

The United Way's First Call For Help Program will be providing the community with an updated version of the Marion County Community Resource Directory for the year 2002.

The current Directory is about 225 pages and contains information on more than 300 programs.

Officials from non-profit agencies or organizations who are interested in submitting information for consideration for inclusion in the directory are asked to contact Roseann Fricks at 732-2684, ext. 208.

Deadline for submission of information is Friday, August

31, 2001.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Happy birthday greetings go out to Katie Cannon, August 20th; Gertie Washington, August 21st; Cheryl Owens, August 23rd; Ozie Lean Brown, August 27th; Rudolph Jacobs, August 28th; Lawrence Shelton, August 30th.

Pioneer Florida Day

DADE CITY - Have you ever wondered what it was like to live without the television, microwave or lawnmower? Things we take for granted? Every Labor Day weekend since 1975, the Pioneer Florida Museum in Dade City turns back time so visitors can see what life was like for Florida's first settlers during its Annual Pioneer Florida Day event in Pasco County.

At the Festival, visitors can learn about Florida pioneers through several living "histories" including woodworkers recreating Eighteenth century artifacts and ladies hand quilting and making hairpin and bobbin lace.

Another exciting "living history" is the Civil War Reenactment Battle at 1pm. During the reenactment, Company E, the Seventh Florida Infantry "Bulldogs," which date from 1862, demonstrate how confederate soldiers drilled and set up a military camp.

A favorite attraction of visitors of all ages is the recreation of an 1800's Florida Cracker Cowman's Camp. At the camp, guests will learn about a day in the life of a Florida cowman at the site of an authentic Nineteenth century tent complete with actors who dress in period clothing. You may even want to join the fun by grinding the coffee beans that will be brewed over the open fire.

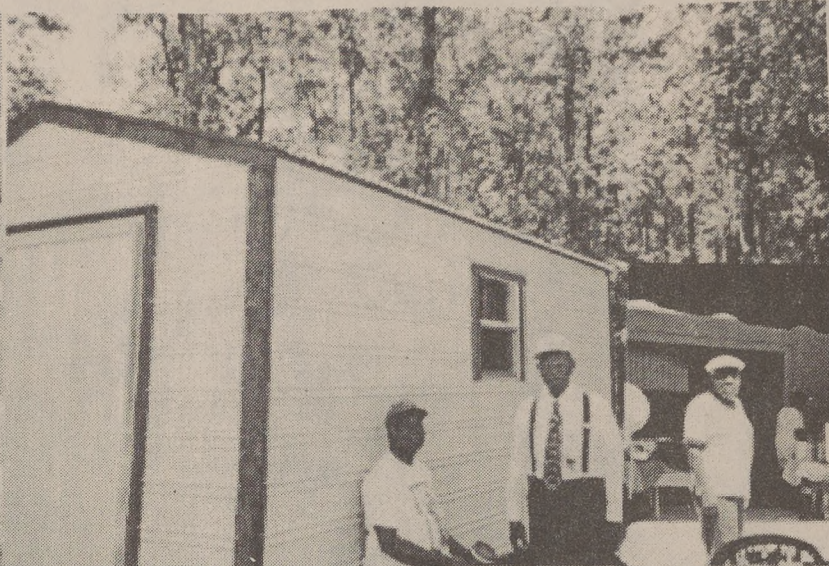
Everywhere visitors turn, they will find a piece of Florida's past. Even the music reflects the olden days with performances of folk, gospel and country music. Those with an interest in antiques can visit the displays of restored John Deere tractors, antique cars, flywheel engines and much more. Children can also enjoy this glimpse into the past, complete pony rides, hay rides, games and a puppet show.

The Pioneer Florida Museum is nestled on 20 beautiful acres in the rolling hills of East Pasco County, located one mile from Dade City, and is comprised of nine buildings that house historic treasures of the past. One of the most interesting attractions is a miniature doll collection depicting Florida's first ladies in their inaugural gowns. Beginning in 1821 with Mrs. Andrew Jackson and featuring all of the first ladies. This is one of only three collections of its kind in the United States.

If the thought of a journey back to the past is intriguing, you won't want to miss the unique entertainment and fun at Pioneer Florida Day in Pasco County, FL.

For more information, please call Donna Swart at the Pioneer Florida Museum in Dade City, (352) 567-0262, or visit www.dadecity.com/museum.

Highlights Of The Lee, Frazier And Duncan Family Reunion



State Farm Insurance Joins With Take Stock In Children To Sponsor College Scholarships

TALLAHASSEE - State Farm Insurance Companies recently contributed \$300,000 to Take Stock In Children to sponsor college scholarships for the State Farm Take Stock Scholars and to underwrite the development of online mentor curricula and materials.

When leveraged with local and state matching funds, State Farm's contribution will produce a total impact of \$1,100,000.

Take Stock in Children identifies children between the third and ninth grades who meet federal poverty guidelines; students will then be selected by committees comprised of educators, civic leaders, and business sponsors. Each State Farm Take Stock Scholar selected to participate in and complete the program will receive a 4-year college tuition scholarship purchased through the Florida Prepaid Tuition Program. The scholarship guarantees the child two years of community college tuition followed by two years of tuition at a state university. Students who prefer post-secondary vocational-technical training instead of an academic degree may select a course of study at a community college leading to a two-year technical degree.

Take Stock in Children is a highly successful non-profit program operating in 55 Florida counties. With a focus on student success and academic achievement as the solution to child poverty, Take Stock in Children has developed a comprehensive strategy that remains unrivaled in its scope and effectiveness. Volunteer mentors are the crucial component that has enabled its students to attain high academic achievement.

"State Farm's generous contribution will provide scholarships, mentors and hope to more than 150 deserving children in Florida," said Donald Pemberton, president of Take Stock in Children. "We are grateful to State Farm for their financial support and

for the large number of State Farm employees who are volunteering an hour per week as mentors."

"State Farm believes children grow strong through help from people who take time to care," said State Farm Regional Vice President Jim Smith.

"Our associates understand the importance of neighbors helping neighbors and we feel an obligation as a community neighbor to make a difference in the lives of children."

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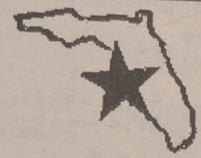
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North Central Florida



Ocala News

by James Thorpe

GREATER HOPEWELL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Saturday, August 25th - 9am to 10:30am, Brotherhood Ministry Meeting in the Fellowship Hall - All Brothers are welcome!

Upcoming Events:
Pastor's 35th Appreciation Observance:
Saturday, August 25th - 7pm, Program sponsored by the Youth Department.
Sunday, August 26th -

1pm, Celebration Dinner & Giving of "Tokens of Love & Recognition."

4pm - Worship Service, Elder Dennis Hagins & Congregation, Greater New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church.

"House Blessing":
Ms. Tina Ratcliff & Family, Saturday, September 1st - 3pm - 6pm, 8 Cedar Run Court, Silver Springs Shores. Please RSVP by August 24th - 687-9137.

The AFC Foundation Awards 5 NNPA Scholarships

TALLAHASSEE - Executive Director of the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs (FDVA) Jennifer Carroll announced a renewed commitment by the Department towards the establishment of Florida's World War II Memorial at a recent meeting of the Florida Commission on Veterans' Affairs. The Commission unanimously approved her proposal.

"December 7, 2001 will mark the 60th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor," said Carroll. "It's time for Floridians to help build a memorial to those who served their country with honor, acted with heroism, and gave us the priceless, ageless gift of freedom."

A committee has been established to help raise funds for:

- A permanent Florida WWII Memorial adjacent to the Museum of Florida History;

- A major traveling exhibit, due to open in the Museum of Florida History in Tallahassee on Dec. 7, 2001 - that will be "on loan" to major museums around the state for four months each;

- A permanent World War II exhibit in the Museum of Florida History;

- A statewide network of World War II resources that includes military installations, veterans' organizations, historic sites, museums, libraries, universities, and historical societies, made accessible to the public through the Internet;

- A full-color publication on WWII in Florida history as part of the Florida Heritage Trail series, which will identify more than 150 sites and individuals throughout the state and explain their significance during World War II; and

- A public education program to include a statewide

supplementary curriculum, classroom materials, resource guides, community events, and awareness and preservation projects.

"The highest tribute we can give our WWII veterans is to build a comprehensive, educational living memorial that will preserve the accomplishments of those who sacrificed for us," Carroll further stated. The complete project will cost \$1.9 million, all of which must be funded with private or corporate dollars.

During the war, 16 million Americans served in uniform, of which 248,000 were Floridians. Today, more than 600,000 World War II veterans claim residence in Florida. In addition to the veterans, thousands more contributed to the war efforts at home, building roads, military installations and businesses that made Florida what it is today.

Stating that the time has come for Floridians to remember and honor the sacrifices made by the state's veterans, Governor Jeb Bush signed a law providing for the creation of a Florida World War II memorial.

"I believe that we can never adequately repay them for their sacrifices," expressed Joe Martory, chairman of the Florida Commission on Veterans' Affairs.

Contributions are fully tax deductible. In addition, contributors' names will be placed in a "Book of Remembrance" which will be kept in the Museum of Florida History in Tallahassee. Checks may be made payable to: The Florida WWII Memorial Trust Fund, and sent to: FDVA, Fiscal Officer, Mary Grizzle, Office Building, 11351 Ulmerton Road, Suite 331-K, Largo, FL 33778-1630 or may be turned in at any SunTrust Bank.

401(k) Investment Choices

OCALA - Retirement planning used to be relatively easy. All you had to do was work with a good company for a large part of your career and then collect your pension checks in retirement. In recent years, the traditional employer-provided pension plan has undergone a transformation. Previously, most pension plan investments were directed by the employer or a trustee. Today, most employers have adopted or are in the process of adopting 401(k)s or a similar type of retirement plan. These plans give more of the retirement planning responsibility back to the employee. If you participate in such a plan, generally you must decide how your 401(k) plan assets will be diversified and invested.

Basically, a 401(k) plan allows you, the employee, to defer a percentage of your income - typically 1% to 15% up to a maximum amount. Many employers match your deferrals in some way, and your contributions and those of your employer are placed in a special retirement account for your benefit. You choose how you want your retirement account money invested.

Choosing Your Investments: Usually you will have the opportunity to make choices from among a number of investments, ranging in style

from conservative to aggressive. Some financial advisors believe that a conservative approach to retirement planning may not provide sufficient funds for retirement over the long term. That's why many professional advisors recommend a growth or a moderate growth approach to investing when you are young, with a gradual shift to a more conservative outlook as you move closer to retirement age. Of course, your investment strategy depends not only on the number of years to retirement, but also on your individual goals and risk tolerance.

As a hypothetical comparison between a growth investment approach and a conservative one, assume that you earn \$50,000 a year and wish to retire in 15 years. Assuming you defer 10% of your income (\$5,000) into a 401(k) plan each year and assuming that your employer matches 50 cents on every dollar you defer (\$2,500), you will accumulate \$7,500 annually in the plan. Assume you choose more conservative investments with a return of 6% annually; in this case your 401(k) account will grow to \$185,044 in 15 years. If inflation averages 4% a year, your 401(k) money will grow just slightly faster than inflation. If, however, you selected more growth-oriented invest-

ments and were able to earn a 10% annual return, your 401(k) assets would grow to \$262,123 in the same period - a more than \$77,000 difference between the conservative result and the growth result. Of course, this example is for illustrative purposes only. The actual results will vary depending on your specific investment choices and market conditions.

Most 401(k) plans offer a number of investment choices in a variety of risk categories. By diversifying among them, you can create a portfolio that best suits your personal situation, your financial goals and your risk tolerance. If you need more information about your 401(k) plan account, be sure to consult a financial professional.

If you would like to learn more, please write care of *The Weekly Challenger*.

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Veterans' Commission Challenges Floridians To Help Establish A World War II Memorial

ATLANTA, GA - Atlanta-based AFC Enterprises Foundation, in collaboration with the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA), awarded the annual *Xerona Clayton Black Press Scholarship Fund* during the 61st annual NNPA Convention in Atlanta, on Saturday, June 16th at 9am during the *Next Generation Breakfast*. The event was held at the *Atlanta Hilton & Towers Grand Ballroom West*.

The annual scholarship fund, named in honor of Ms. Xerona Clayton, Creator and Executive Producer of the Turner Broadcasting Trumpet Awards, was given to five NNPA member newspapers who will award internships in the amount of \$1,000 each to deserving students.

This year's awardees for the scholarship fund are the *Atlanta Daily World*, *The Atlanta Tribune*, the *Atlanta Inquirer*, the *Champion* and the *Atlanta Voice*. The scholarship recipients awarded an internship from the NNPA member newspapers are Rivea Ruff, a rising senior at Shiloh High School, interning at the *Atlanta Daily World* and pur-

suing a career in journalism; Kahlia Cole, a rising junior at California State University in Fresno, Calif., majoring in Journalism and Fashion Merchandising and interning with the *Atlanta Tribune*; Virgil Lee Walker, IV, a computer science major attending joint programs at Atlanta Metropolitan College and Atlanta Technical College and interning with the *Atlanta Inquirer*; Shemika Morris, a rising Senior at Clark Atlanta University majoring in broadcast journalism and interning at the *Atlanta Voice*; and Jia Teneice Gayles, a Junior attending Agnes Scott College with an English Literature/Creative Writing major, interning with the *Champion Newspaper*.

"AFC is committed to educational initiatives and this partnership with the NNPA allows us the opportunity to give back to the community in a meaningful way," said Frank Belatti, Chairman and CEO of AFC Enterprises. "At AFC, we believe that internships are the bridge between academia and the professional world and we are excited that students will have an opportunity to enhance their professional development and increase

their potential for future employment."

The mission of the AFC Enterprises Foundation is to support programs in the areas of housing, education, cultural enrichment, and environmental protection that build stronger families and encourage economic development in the communities where it does business. Since its inception, the AFC Enterprises Foundation has raised and donated over \$2.2 million to programs supporting housing and urban development initiatives worldwide.

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"With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day."
-- Martin Luther King, Jr.



LIGHT OF THE WORLD

By DANIEL BANKS

"And behold, I send the promise of My Father upon you; but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high." - St. Luke 24:49

"And being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith He, ye have heard of Me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence." - Acts 1:4, 5

"But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." - Acts 1:8

"Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey: And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Phillip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James. These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brethren." - Acts 1:12-14

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the

Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." - Acts 2:1-4

What beautiful scriptures these are! The last thing Christ commanded His disciples to do just before His ascension, was to tarry, or wait, for the baptism of the Holy Ghost. He knew that their ministries would not be effective, in His physical absence, unless they were filled with the blessed Holy Ghost. He told them to go back to Jerusalem and stay there until they received the promise of the Father. He stressed that water baptism, alone, was not enough, but that they needed to be fire baptized by the Holy Ghost. His reference was to a spiritual fire that burns away the "chaff", or sin, in our lives. He knew that they could not abide by the Law in and of itself, so His ascension ushered into existence the Holy Ghost Dispensation of time! He had told them before that if He did not go away, the Holy Ghost would not come. Therefore, it was necessary that He should go away that the Holy Ghost could show up on the scene. The Lord kept His promise in not leaving us comfortless, for He sent the Comforter (Holy Ghost) to live in our mortal bodies as He went away to prepare a home for us in glory.

Christ's followers were obedient to Him in that they returned to Jerusalem, as commanded, and entered into an upper room where they tarried and prayed for ten days. Because they were all in agreement and all on one accord, the devil was unable to infiltrate their camp and divide them. Had they been turned against each other, they Holy Ghost would not have fallen in the midst of their confusion. Their

unity attracted the Holy Spirit like a magnet! Where there is division and strife, believe me, the Holy Spirit is too much of a Gentleman to force Himself into the fray. He would just as soon wait until you're ready to seek Him with your whole heart! So, if your church or household is dead and cold, check to see if you're all on one accord.

In the upper room were Jesus' disciples and His mother, Mary, and her other children. Mary thought it not robbery to tarry for the Holy Ghost, even though she bore the Christ Child into the world. She was convinced that though she carried Jesus for nine months in her womb, if she rejected His Word, in hell she would lift up her eyes. She sought and received the Holy Ghost that she might be able to boldly approach the throne of God in the Judgment, knowing that her sins would all be covered by the blood of Jesus and she would have no shame! His brothers and sisters did not rely on their kinship to Christ, but also received the gift of the Holy Ghost, that they might have power here on earth and eternal life in the next world. They all made wise choices, and so should you. Ask the Lord to fill you with the Holy Ghost and see what difference it will make in your life!

When the Holy Ghost fell at Pentecost, it filled the entire house where they were sitting. The Holy Ghost will find you wherever you are, be that on your knees, in your bed, in the shower, or wherever you seek Him.

Unto the 120 persons in the upper room, fire appeared in the shape of tongues that seemed to be split. These fiery tongues sat upon each of them and as they were filled with the Holy Ghost, they also spoke in other languages that they had not learned! This all happened under the unction of the Holy Ghost! Nothing is impossible with God and that same power and phenomenon is available to you today at your request. It's yours for the asking. Won't you make Jesus your choice today?

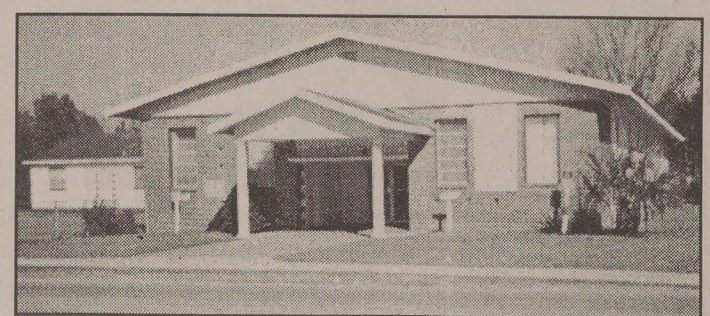


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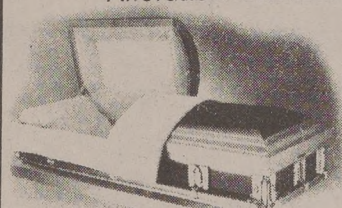


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Best Of The Best Served At Bartlett Tennis Court

ST. PETERSBURG — The Friends of St. Pete Tennis Center in Bartlett Park sponsored a day of free events along with the appearance of several pro tennis players last Saturday, August 18, 2001. In spite of the heat and humidity, spectators and players took caution and it was a terrific way to begin any Saturday, watching tennis lovers from everywhere "get net".

A very diverse crowd from the community and the bay area came out in support of organizers - "Friends of Tennis Group" who did a fantastic job of bringing everyone together to help keep the St. Pete Tennis Center at Bartlett Park. The center's fate came to light several months ago when the city's budget planners questioned the continued operation of the center, possibly shutting the courts down or looking to outside, private businesses to manage the facility. What does this mean for our community?

Participation Saturday was an indication that everyone is working hard, trying to come up with ways to enhance programs held there presently. There were exhibition matches, clinics for adults and juniors, "beat the pros & win a t-shirt", open matches and lots of food and drinks to quench ones thirst. It was really a great inspiration to the "small fry" volunteers who did their part in running balls back and forth across the court, even they felt the excitement in just being there.

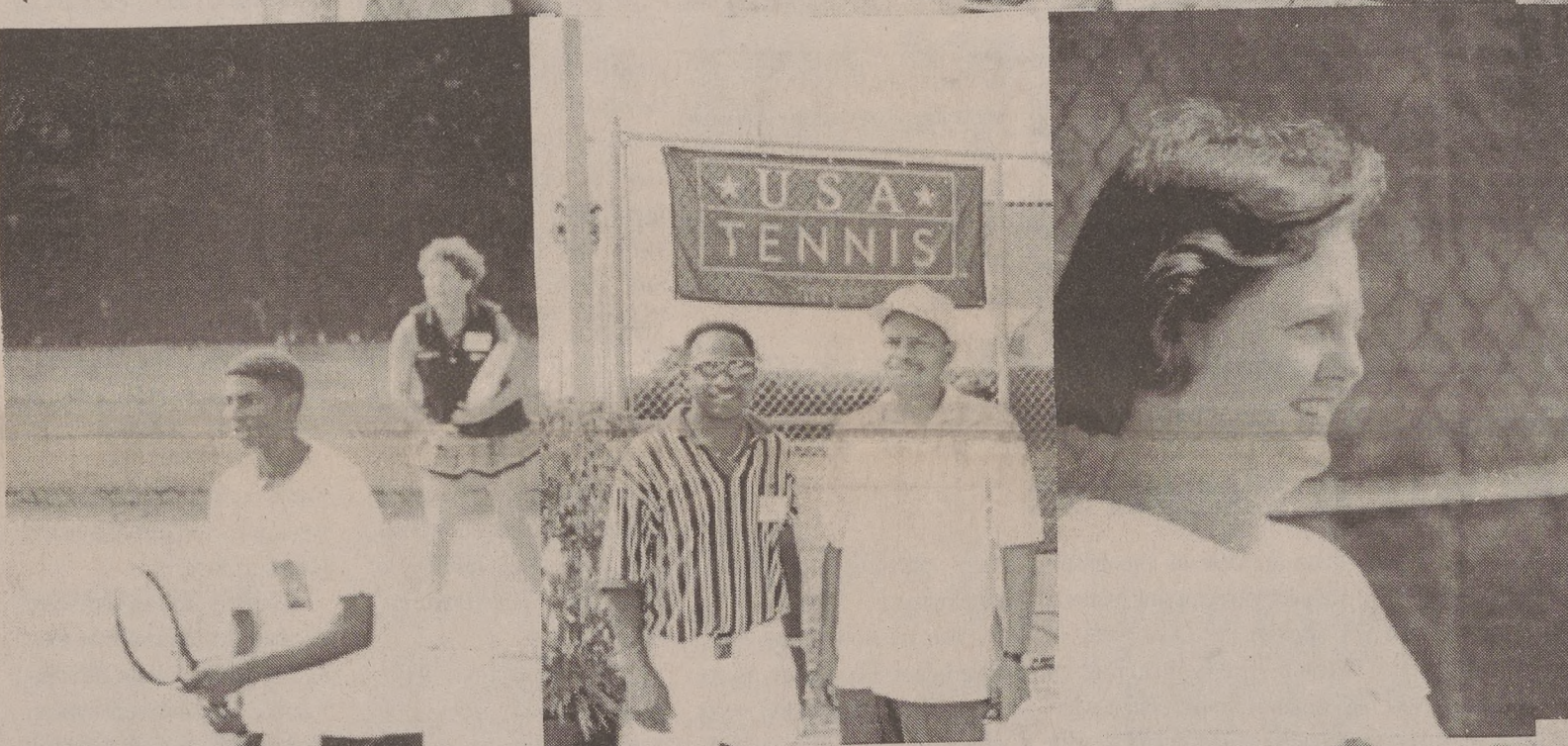
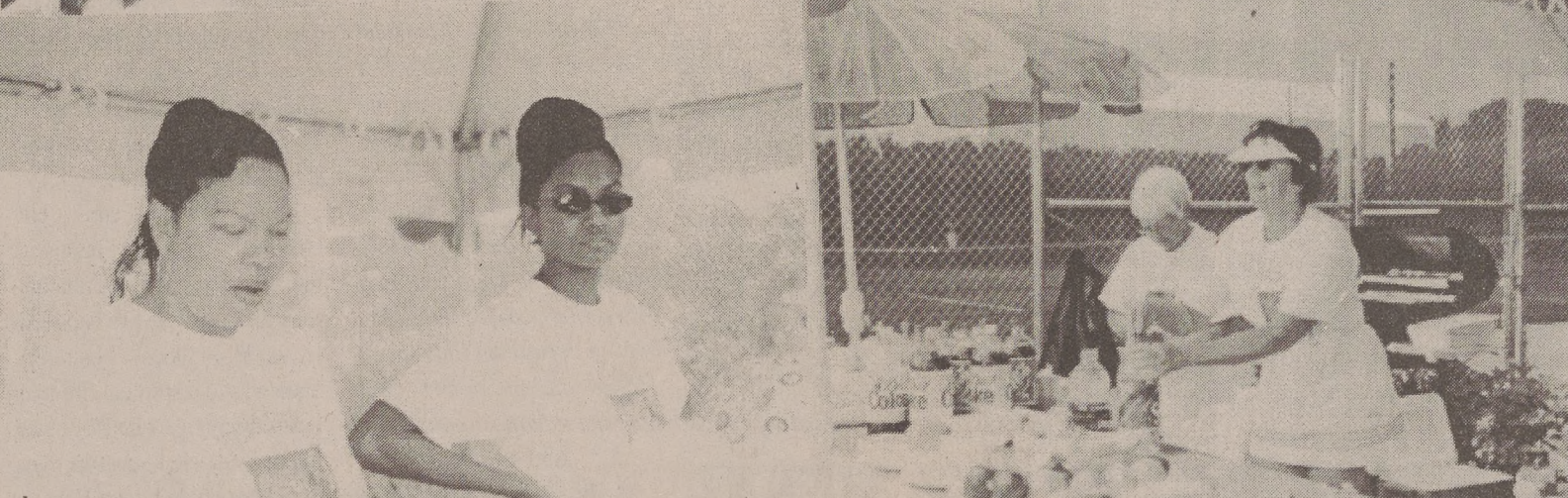
Youth sports pro Jonathan Bonner recently represented his team in the summer finals in Gainesville. Jonathan's dad, Bill, was there to give his son the additional assurance of a father's presence. Without a doubt, we know his mother, Aziza is very proud of her young man. Kaela Kennedy of Lakewood Senior High School challenged Jonathan during several rounds with her grand slams, but it didn't really matter whose point it was, everyone was a winner. Both students demonstrated the skills of champions. Other players who showed up to support the cause, and who just love the sport were Dr. Frederick Guerrier, Robert "Bob" Brown, Gayle Woodley, Liz Schroeder, Dan Sullivan. Many of these individuals along with so many others have made distinctive contributions to the continual use of the court.

Jeff Davis, community coordinator for the United States Tennis Association was also present to lend his support, working up a really big sweat while playing with others. "The St. Petersburg Tennis Club" at Bartlett Park was designed in 1921 to provide an avenue for youth and adults to learn to play tennis and socialize. There's nothing like the thrill of playing tennis - the ultimate contact sport," Davis said.

Jasmyne Smith, a student at Southside Fundamental School brought her two younger sisters to learn and play the sport. "I play because it's a lot of fun," Smith replied.

St. Petersburg native and 1967 graduate of Gibbs High School, Delores Milton, whose daughter is enrolled in the tennis program were both volunteers for the event.

According to Doug Woods, Head Tennis Pro (title), "in the three years I've been here, we have enjoyed a very successful program and



all the students look forward to coming out trying their hand at the sport. This is one of the best programs in the area and I'd hate to see it all end this way."

Charles Payne, president for the Bartlett Park Neighborhood Association is seriously concerned about the affect it will have on a community they've been working so hard

to improve. "We need the center to stay where it is and be able to continue offering low cost tennis lessons as well as other recreational activities. To lose it would be taking a step backward.

From the looks of it, the feelings are mutual. The "Friends of Tennis" are doing all they can and are committed to keeping the center's history

"When you've been asked, 'how you feel?' Don't complain - just smile and say, 'I'm doing just lovely!'"

- Cleveland Johnson, Publisher Emeritus

alive, keeping the courts busy, promoting increased attendance and working to provide quality services at the highest levels of expertise. Saturday's event was just one of the many ways to show their dedication to this cause.

The center is located at 650 18th Avenue South and is headquarters for all tennis programs for the city. St. Petersburg's only public clay courts with a colorful history, hosting some of the world's best professional players including Martina Navratilova, Rod Laver and Christ Evert.

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John M. McKay Scholarships Available

CLEARWATER — The John M. McKay Scholarships for Students with Disabilities Program is a school choice program of the Florida Department of Education for students with special needs. If your child is in a special education class and has been labeled, e.g., SLD, EH, etc., he may be eligible for a full scholarship to go to any private school of your choice.

Eligibility is based on progress of an exceptional student with disabilities currently receiving services in the public school system and the parent is not pleased with their child's progress.

Here is an opportunity for children who never thought they could ever go to college to be able to go to a school of their choice. Parents who have children in these classes have been concerned for years desiring assistance to help their child succeed in school.

Too many of our students enter into learning disabled classrooms and carry a label throughout their school life. Some students, if they continue in the special education classes would not receive a high school diploma, but a certificate for all their years of work.

Although these scholarships are available NOW, not many students in the African-American community have applied for the funds. There is a certain dollar amount given to this program and when the money is gone, parents can no longer apply.

These scholarships are available NOW and once applied for, the child will receive it every year until the child graduates in the 12th grade. We need to recognize this opportunity as a blessing and an answer to prayer.

There are of course very few schools participating in the program or who are willing to accept students regardless of their past performance. The Excellence Academy will offer the love, academic support and opportunity to thrive. If you need further information about this scholarship, please call Angela Sweet on 430-2574, go on the Internet website for McKay Scholarship is opportunitieschools.org or ask the school your child presently attends for Letter of Intent to Participate.

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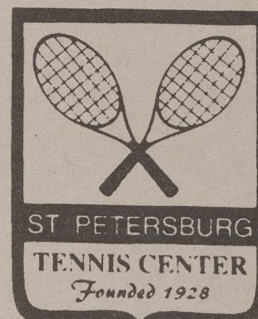
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Johnson-Davis Family Reunion

ST. PETERSBURG—The Johnson/Davis Family reunited once again for their 21st annual gathering.

The gathering took place at the Hampton Inn on 34th Street North, families from

Florida, Georgia, New Jersey, California and Texas joined to rekindle old memories and establish new ones.

The reunion started July 27th and ended July 29th. The three days included a tour of

our beautiful city and a trip to Ellenton for shopping. There was also a family picnic at Fort Desoto Park. The evening concluded with a Hawaiian Luau.

Finally, Sunday ended the reunion with a prayer breakfast. The family departed with smiles and tears promising to see one another again in the future.



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

— Martin Luther King, Jr.

Project H 7th Annual Fashion Extravaganza

TAMPA — On Saturday, August 18, 2001 at the Hillsborough Community College at Ybor Campus, Project H held their 7th Annual Fashion Show Extravaganza which turned out to be a successfully great evening.

Mistress of ceremony for the occasion was Connie Arboeda; opening ceremony by Azzie Northern, Jeffrey Woei & Carolyn Taylor; guest speaker, Bob Buckhorn, Melvin Stone and Stacey Powers; opening performers, James Northern, Lela Baker and The New Spiritual Wonders Gospel group.

The fashion show was simply spectacular with models both young and younger, guys and dolls with the greatest personalities, splashing outfits and brilliant colors. Scenes included back to school, generation, elite after five, the wedding march, executive, culture, flash back and grand finale.

Project H is a non-profit group of volunteers organized by Harry Hamilton, Esq., a former Buccaneer player to provide food baskets during the holiday season to needy families in the Tampa Bay area. Azzie Northern has worked very hard for many years to keep the group involved in a number of community activities. Northern has expressed her appreciation for your many contributions and participation over the years.

Fashion sponsors this year included Belmont Clothier, Kids R Us, Brandon Town Center, Bealls Department Store, Town & Country, Men's Warehouse, Brandon Town Center, Jon's Bridal Warehouse, Avenue at Regency Square Mall, Cache at University Mall and Mimi of Hyde Park.



Community Resource Training: How to Access 2-1-1 Resources

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- Receive instruction on how to list your agency/business with 2-1-1 and keep your information updated.
- Additional 2-1-1 products & services will also be offered.

Time/Dates: 2p-4:30p; Tuesdays - Aug. 28, Sept. 25, Oct. 30, Nov. 27, or Jan. 29

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Location: PTEC South, Room G-1C
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To Register: Call Mark at (727) 550-4102

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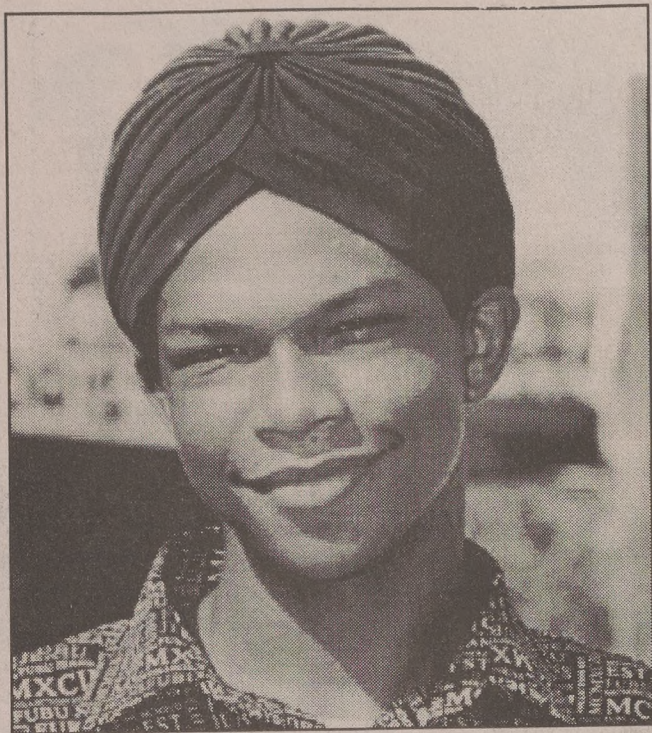


What I Learned This Summer

ST. PETERSBURG - Let me introduce myself before sharing with you my wonderful summer experience. My name is Casio Burton, a 10th grade student. I am 16 years old and the son of Quanita Burton.

The first thing I learned is responsibility. I had to be responsible enough to get up on time and do what I had to do in order to get myself a ride to work, if I couldn't find a ride to work then I would have to climb on my bike and get to work.

I worked at a company called SEEDCO; it is located in downtown St. Petersburg. It's a non-profit organization that plans to create an electronics manufacturing and training facility in the Enterprise Zone in St. Petersburg. I worked for a man by the name of Tim McFadden, and a nice lady by the name of Yate' Cutliff. What I did at SEEDCO was everything but simple. I had a lot of typing to do. I had to learn how to write and then type procedures, and I had to use some big words, but not all the time. It's best to keep it simple or short, or just long enough to get your point across. There is an appropriate way to answer a business phone, and it goes something like this "SEEDCO, Casio speaking, May I help you?" I had to take correct messages including name, number, and in reference to. I had to keep my attendance right, and I had to be on time everyday, and I had to dress appropriate for work. Another thing I did was file papers, make new files, in other words



Casio Burton

I was like an office clerk.

Having a summer job kind of gives you an idea on how it is to have a regular job. Something I'm currently working on is savings. I'm still having trouble saving money. Just like any other teen, when money gets put in your hand it starts to burn holes in our hands, and me personally, I don't have no more hands, all I have are nub's. Ya'll know what the power of money can do. I learned a lot about business. It's like following a procedure, you have to dress a certain way, you can't come to work Polo down from head to toe, you can't come in a business place with your baggy Fubu pants or your Ecko tee shirts. You have to be casual but dressed up. Sure, you can still wear your name brand clothes but you have to make sure that they're appropriate for work. Do ya'll see where

I'm coming from? I'm not saying this out of research but out of experience, because I like to wear Polo, Tommy, Nautica, Guess, Fubu, platinum Fubu, all of the new stuff including Pelle Pelle, but probably the only ones of those brands I can wear to work is the casual polo and guess.

I also learned a lot from a book called "The E-Myth". It teaches people how to build a small business that works. It also talks about how every year over a million people in this country start a business, and by the end of the first year at least 40 percent of them will be out of business and within five years more than 80 percent of them 800,000 will have failed. An entrepreneurial seizure is: (1st exhilaration), (2nd terror), (3rd exhaustion), and last but not least, despair. When people go into business the problem is that it's actually

three-people-in-one: the entrepreneur, the manager, and the technician. The problem is that each one of these personalities wants to be the boss, and neither one of them want to have a boss, and that's when they start a battle for the top spot. But unfortunately, it's a battle that neither one can win. So, that gave me a look on what's going on when you start a new business, which I hope to do when I finish college.

Another thing that I learned over the summer is to control my anger. Before the summer I had an attitude problem out of this world. If someone said something slick, it'll be on and poppin and I'll be ready to fight because I couldn't take no one disrespecting me. Being a teenager, you have a role or an image to play in front of people. It's almost like playing a role with James Bond or somebody. But, over the summer I worked on that. Slowly, but I did it. I learned a couple of ways to handle my anger. I learned that one of my best things to do was to turn on my favorite music. Listening to my music lowered my temper back to a music beat, and that would cause me to forget all about it and put it towards my room and the next thing you know your room is clean. Out your anger, you'll be too busy bopping to the beat of your favorite music. The next thing to do is clean your room, it might sound funny/crazy, but it works, because you take all the anger energy and apply it to something good.

Casio is a summer youth intern

Garage Sale - Rain Or Shine

ST. PETERSBURG - There will be a garage sale - come rain or come shine: come one and all, on Friday, August 24th and Saturday, August 25th.

This event will be from 9am to 4pm at: People of Color AIDS Coalition, Inc., 861 - 6th Avenue South, St. Petersburg in the parking lot.

All proceeds to benefit clients with HIV.

Lots of bargains - big savings.

Uhuru Furniture And Collectibles

ST. PETERSBURG - Uhuru Furniture and Collectibles is calling for volunteers as well as tax deductible donations of quality vans or box trucks, furniture, antiques and collectibles.

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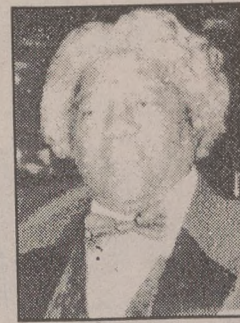
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Tasting like tender celery hearts, new shoots of cattail are a gourmet's delicacy once enjoyed by the Chumash Indians of California. The pith of the cattail stem, otherwise known as "cos sack asparagus," can be added to stew or casseroles or eaten raw in salads. Free com? Boil up the green spikes atop summer and fall cattails for a delicious helping of "roasting ears".

For further information: Wild Foods: The Common Cattail, "The Mother Earth News Almanac, The Mother

Earth News Staff, New York, Bantam, 1973, pages 10-11.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Today, August 24, 2001 - "Virgos": Brianna Johnson, Jinta Currington, 25 - Kristopher D. McClendon, Leandre Mells, Andrean Capehart, 26 - Erik Davis, Shenice Gam-mage, Yvette Wyatt, 27 - Mia P. Cunningham, 28 - Aaron Cury, Rhunette Steward, 29 - Eula Lee, Sis, Deborah Miller, 30 - Joseph Johnson, Joy Porter Wright.

BODIFORD FAMILY REUNION

The 8th Bodiford Family Reunion was held August 3-5, 2001 in St. Petersburg, FL. Hosted by Joseph and Mattie Macon - chairpersons. Roman and Shirley Mobley were co-chairpersons. It was an exciting weekend with family from as far away as Germany, Ohio, Georgia, Alabama, our beautiful Sunshine State was represented.

Over 350 people attended this joyful event. On Friday, August 3rd, the Bodifords welcomed each other with a Seafood Bash on Saturday, August 4th. The family gathered at Fort Desoto Park for a picnic.

The twilight of the evening was a pool party and talent show. On Sunday, August 5th, we attended Friendship Missionary Baptist Church for morning worship service.

A farewell dinner was held at the Enoch Davis Center, despite the bad weather. This family really had a blissful time.

MISS "CLEO" SAYS

Several of my readers have received authorization to call toll free number, 1-800-338-3484 to talk with a psychic specialist and find out what is likely to happen in the next three weeks.

This was e-mailed to Miss Ann, August 2001 at 5:46pm, it expires August 31, 2001. Miss Ann, you must have friends in high places.

"I've been authorized to issue you a free tarot reading! Without any cost or obligation, you can learn about important events concerning your future. It is vital that you call immediately". It was mailed that they know more about Miss Ann, than Miss Ann knows about her self.

With love and hope,
Ms. Cleo

UNTIL NEXT WEEK, JUMP TO IT!

P. S. - 'Remember - Joy comes in the morning.'



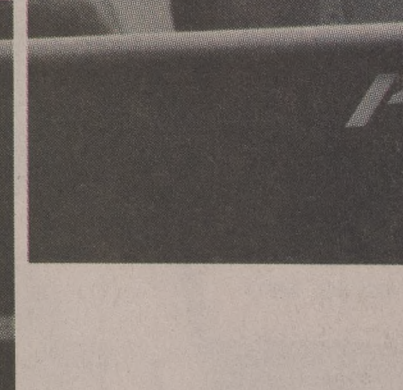
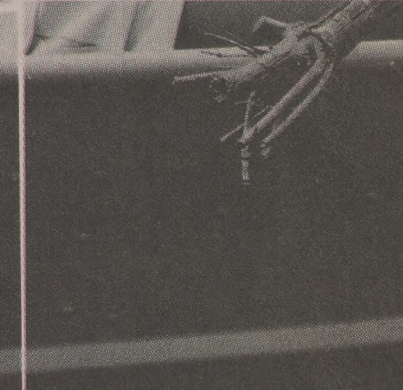
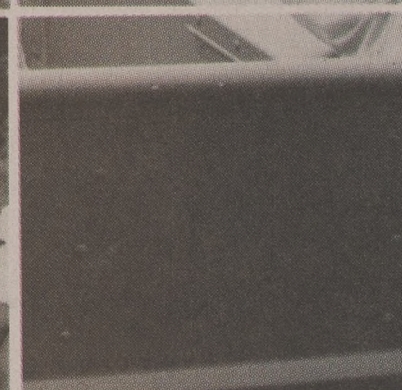
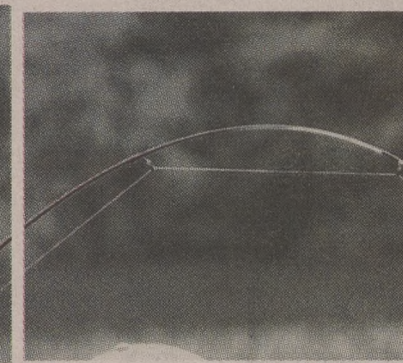
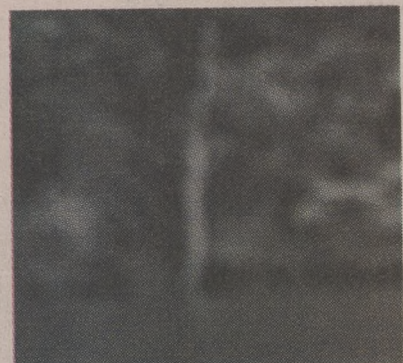
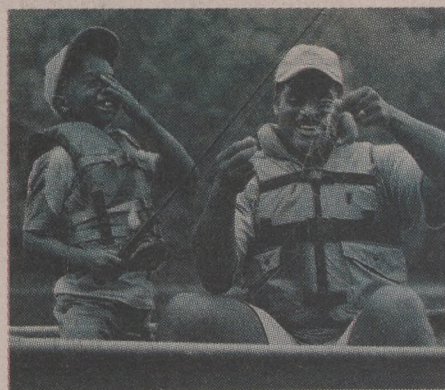
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ENTERTAINMENT

Silver Star's Pre-Labor Day Dance



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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 Pace (727) 328-9307 if you

have any questions.

The Silver Star Social Club thanks each and every one of you for your continued support.

Seminole Indian Reservation Hosts African Food Festival

HOLLYWOOD, FL — Last year when Ed Osborne and a group of friends began planning Geechee Kunda, an African-style folkloric village to be erected on two acres in coastal Georgia's Liberty County, they agreed that a key component would be an annual culinary festival.

Such an event, they reasoned, would be a good way to familiarize attendees with the diverse cuisines to be found in continental Africa and - through lectures, demonstrations and other educational activities - foster a heightened awareness and appreciation of the influence various African cuisines have had on those countries of the Americas with

significant African-derived populations.

However, fate and circumstances have combined to keep the instrument maker and lecturer in South Florida for at least another year. Always one to make the best of a situation when plans go awry, Osborne decided to launch "Pan Africa: A Taste of the Motherland & the Diaspora," a pilot festival to be held monthly until his relocation.

The inaugural event took place July 29 at Native Village, on Hollywood's Seminole Indian Reservation. In addition to vendors selling Nigerian, Ghanaian and Jamaican dishes, the festival featured music by mbira ("thumb piano")

master Jomo, traditional tales by Baba Ade Lyons, face painting by award-winning ceramic mask artist Rubbie Laughlin, and an alligator-capture demonstration by Native Village staffers.

The second event in the series continues at Native Village, 3551 N. State Road 7 (Highway 441), directly across from the Seminole Gaming Casino, with continental African and New World African-derived fare, live music, and more.

"Pan Africa" runs from 11am to 7pm, August 26, and is free with regular paid admission to Native Village. For more information, call (954) 893-1695 or (954) 235-9413.

Poetry Contest Open

OWINGS MILLS, MD — The International Library of Poetry has announced that \$58,000 in prizes will be awarded this year in the International Open Poetry Contest. Poets from the St. Petersburg area, particularly beginners, are welcome to try to win their share of over 250 prizes. The deadline for the contest is October 31, 2001. The contest is open to everyone and entry is FREE.

"Any poet, whether previously published or not, can be a winner," stated Christina Babylon, Contest Director. "When people learn about our free poetry contest, they suddenly realize that their own poetic works of art can win cash prizes, as well as gain national recognition," continued Babylon.

To enter, send ONE original poem, any subject and any style to: The International Library of Poetry, Suite 1912, 1 Poetry Plaza, Owings Mills, MD 21117. The poem should be 20 lines or less, and the poet's name and address should appear on the top of the page. Entries must be postmarked or sent via the Internet by October 31, 2001. You may also enter online at www.poetry.com.

The International Library of Poetry, founded in 1982, is the largest poetry organization in the world.

Destiny's Child Tops In Sales



By now the only people who cannot say their name have undoubtedly been living under a rock for the last few years. Their name is synonymous with classy, hip-hop-infused R&B. It's been shouted by countless fans across the globe and announced as winners of a host of honors from the Grammys to the NAACP Image Awards. It's also a prominent fixture on Billboard's most high profile charts. Their name, of course, is Destiny's Child. And with the release of third album "Survivor", Beyonce Knowles, Kelly Rowland and Michelle Williams—the positive, empowered and talented women who make up one of the world's best-selling-ever female groups—rise to the next level of their incredible career.

"Survivor" truly represents a new dimension for Destiny's Child. For although you know their upbeat, sophisticated sound from their previous two albums and hit singles (which have sold more than 15 million copies worldwide), you have yet to hear such diversity, such depth. "There's everything from jazz to reggae, gospel to opera influences," says Beyonce, who wrote and co-produced virtually all of "Survivor"'s songs. "There are still harmonies, but each one of us sings lead, which adds so much to the sound."

6th Annual Bay Area Talent Search - In Full Effect!

ST. PETERSBURG—It's Happening! Everyone's Youth United, Inc., The Pinellas County Urban League, Inc., and The Tampa Hillsborough Urban League, Inc., all of whom are non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations, have joined forces and are presently having a tremendous Talent Search that is seeking talent of all types. All are welcome regard-

less of race or religious preference and contestants must be age 13 and up.

Auditions will be held the next three Saturdays, August 25th, in Tampa/September 1st in St. Petersburg/and lastly September 8th in both Tampa & St. Petersburg. The opportunity to audition is still available. This major 3 month event will extend from the auditions

to the preliminaries in September and will finally end October 13, 2001 at the Mahaffey Theatre in downtown's Bayfront Center.

The prizes for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place most talented winners will range from the opportunity to audition for Showtime at the Apollo and a promotional kit from Need-Pro.com, to a cruise to the

Keys and the opportunity to perform on the ship, compliments of Regal Cruises.

The theme and focus behind this event are: Prevention of Teen Pregnancy & HIV/AIDS Drug Awareness which are major dilemmas in

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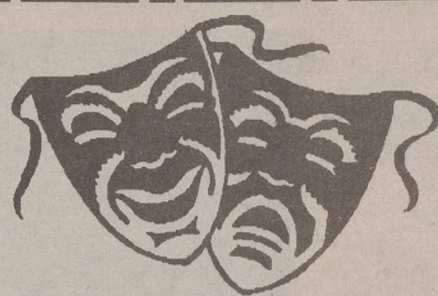
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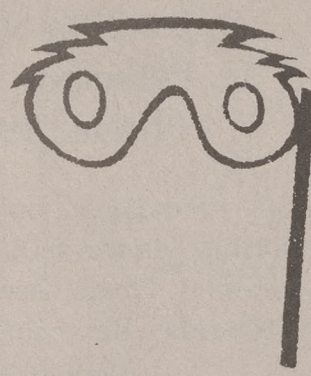
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- Silver Stars Social Club Pre-Labor Day Big Raffle Dance, Saturday, 8/25, 8:30pm until, Curtis Reception Hall, 4834 18th Ave. S. For info, call (727) 821-5192 or (727) 328-9307.
- Free Women's Health Day, Saturday, 8/25, 12noon-4pm, TyRon Lewis Gym, 1327 9th St. S.
- The YMCA Experience - Join and Learn Event, Saturday, 8/25, 10am-1pm, Jim and Heather Gills YMCA, 3200 1st Ave. S.
- Parade Against Gun and Drug Violence In Schools, Saturday, 8/25, starting at Bayfront Center's Bayside Lot (No. 51) at 2:15pm. For info, call 327-5992.
- Prostate Cancer Forum, Saturday, 8/25, 9am until, Prayer Tower Church, 1137 37th St. S.
- Garage Sale, Friday, 8/24 and Saturday, 8/25, People of Color AIDS Coalition, 861 6th Ave. S., 9am-4pm.
- SPABCC Meeting, Tuesday, 8/28, 12noon.

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



Religious News



Travelers' Rest Missionary

Welcome to the House of the Lord! Rev. D. Franklin Browne and the Travelers' Rest family welcomes you to fellowship with us on Youth Sunday, August 26, 2001. Our children and youth will be in charge of service. School begins at 9:30am followed by morning worship at 11am. Pastor Browne will preach the morning sermon. The Youth Choir will minister to us in song, ushers will serve as doorkeepers and the Men's Ministry will serve as greeters.

Parents are reminded to please bring their children and youth to rehearsal on Thursday, August 23, at 5:30pm.

The entire community is invited to come and take part in the Second Annual Gospel Music Workshop beginning Friday, August 24-26. Fellowship Hour will begin at 7pm on Friday. Workshop on Saturday from 9am to 5pm and culminating with a Musical concert on Sunday at 4pm. Come and be blessed!

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

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leader is the renowned gospel singer, Sister Rosemary Smith-Griffin of Orangeburg, South Carolina.

Weekly Activities:

Thurs., August 23: Mid-Day Bible Study, 11am; Children and youth choir rehearsal, 5:30pm; Mass Choir rehearsal, 7pm.

Fri., August 24: Musical Fellowship Hour, 7pm.

Sat., August 25: Music Workshop, 9am-5pm; Evangelism Ministry, 10am.

Tues., August 28: Districts #3 (Deacon Lucious Anderson) and #6 (Deacon John Boykins) meeting, 7pm.

Wed., August 29: Prayer and Praise led by District #4, 7pm; Young People Bible Study, 7pm; Bible Study, 7:30-8:30pm, Rev. Browne.

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.

Pleasant Grove MB Church

Pastor Joseph Gordon and the Pleasant Grove Church family invite you to worship with them on Sunday, August 26th. The Gospel Chorus will render song service and the Adult Male Usher Board will serve in the 7am early morning worship service.

Sunday school begins at 9:30am with Superintendent Deacon Philip Carter presiding along with our guest youth superintendent. Mid-morning worship begins at 10:50am.

Our annual Youth Day will be observed in this service. The Youth Choir will render song service and the Youth Usher Board will serve. Brother Zema Florence of Prayer Tower Church of God in Christ will be our guest speaker. The theme is "Youth of Today are a Gift from God". Psalms 127:3-5

The Youth Choir will rehearse on Saturday, August 25th from 1:30 to 3:15pm.

This is an important rehearsal to make final preparations for Youth Day. Parents please bring and encourage your child/children to attend. Also, at 4pm, the Youth Usher Board will meet and the Women's Intermediate Auxiliary will meet. Sister Jura Philpot, President. The annual Thrift Free Shopping will be held from 9am to 2pm. Also, free health screening will be provided.

Coming Events:

Sept., 8th: (Youth) Island of Adventure.

Sept., 23rd: Auxiliary and District's Day.

Sept. 30th: The Tampa/St. Petersburg Male Chorus, Thirty-First Convention.

Our prayers are extended to all sick and shut-ins. Thought for the week: "Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is His reward." - Psalms 127:3

Friendship M.B. Church

The Friendship Missionary Baptist Church family under the leadership of Pastor John A. Evans, Sr., cordially invite you to worship with us on this Sunday and to all Church related activities during the week.

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

Church School begins at 9:30am with the Assistant Superintendent presiding.

A second service is held at 10:45am opening with the Praise Team. Home Mission will resume next month, because of the Church's engagement in Davenport.

On this afternoon at 4pm, we will be worshipping with Pastor Carl Phillips and the Friendship Baptist Church family in Davenport, FL. The

Male Chorus and the Voices of Friendship will render the song service on this program, as requested by Pastor Evans.

As our children go back to school, we pray for a safe and successful year for both students and teachers.

"Because He hath inclined His ear unto me, therefore, will I call upon Him as long as I live." - Psalms 116:2

Weekly Schedule:

Thurs., August 30th: 7-8:45pm, Prayer/Praise Services and Bible Study, also Youth Enrichment Hour.

Fri., August 31st: 7pm, Church Conference.

Wed., September 5th: 12 noon, Noonday Bible Study, also each Wednesday from 12 noon - 2pm, Bread of Life ministry, serving lunch to all needy in the community.

St. Mark Missionary Baptist

The St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church invites you to join us this Sunday, August 26, 2001 at 7am for the *Ministers/Deacons/Deaconess/Trustees and Wives Annual Fellowship*. 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. You're also invited to remain with us for Sunday School at 9:30am. Sunday is Youth Day at St. Mark. The Children and Youth will be in charge of the Devotional Service beginning at 10:45am. The Youth Ushers will greet you and the Children and Youth Choir will provide song service. Please join St. Mark in this day of worship and praise to God.

Rev. Tarver Leads Revival

A great evangelistic revival will take place at the Shiloh Mission Baptist Church located at 2585 Old Highway 60, Mulberry, FL.

The revival, scheduled for

August 27 - 31, 7:30 nightly, will be led by Rev. Fleming Tarver, Pastor of St. John Missionary Baptist Church, Clearwater, FL. Rev. Lonnie Mells is Pastor of this great church.

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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

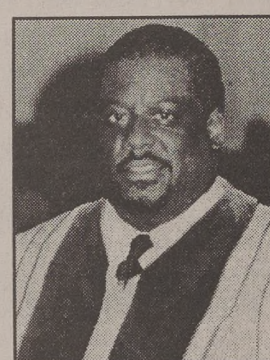
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3144 THIRD AVENUE SOUTH
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PHONE: 323-7518

REV. WAYNE G. THOMPSON, PASTOR

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:30 A.M.

MORNING WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

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Saint Mark
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- 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 6:30pm- 7:30pm
- Thursday- Tutoring for K thru 5th, 7:00pm
- Friday- Great Book Review for Youth, 7:00pm
- Saturday- Young Men's Bible Study, "Teen Word" Each 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month, 9:00am- 10:00am

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Pastor Keturah D. Pittman

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

GRACE CENTER

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

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Pastor Leonard Wilson • Phone: 536-1890

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"



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"



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



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

St. John Missionary Baptist Church
1500 N. Pennsylvania Avenue
Clearwater, Florida 33516
Church Phone: 443-1945 Parsonage: 446-6056
Rev. Fleming Tarver, Pastor

Sunday Service . . . 8:00 a.m.
Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Baptist Training Union . . . 5:00 p.m.

Weekly Services
Bible Class Monday, 7:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting & Bible Study, Wednesday 7:00 p.m.


The church where everybody is somebody and Christ is all.



Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church
3700 22nd Avenue S. • 321-0020
Elder Clarence L. Warren, Pastor

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

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




STEWART-ISOM MEMORIAL CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
1820 Walton Street S., St. Pete, FL 33712
(813) 327-0593

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

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

"To God Be The Glory"



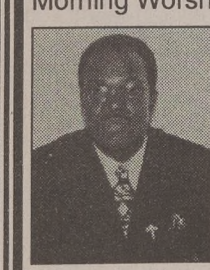
Rev. Calvin Hopkins

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

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.

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



Religious News



Breakthrough



Pastor/Prophet Glenn Miller

You're invited to join in Friday night's "Jubilee Service" at 7:30pm. Pastor Glenn will be ministering in the service.

Continue to tune in to WRXB-1590 AM every weekday morning 6-6:15am and Sundays 9:30-10am (listen online wrxb.com); WTAN-1340 AM on Sundays 4:30-5pm (listen online tantak1340.com); Sanford/Orlando area WSDO-1400 AM every Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10-10:15am (listen online a7bn.com). Write us if these broadcasts have been a blessing to you: P. O. Box 10991, St. Petersburg, FL 33733.

Join us Sunday morning for our "Power Breakthrough Service" promptly at 11 and a "Night of Prophecy" at 7:30pm with Pastor Glenn ministering in both services. Don't forget Tuesday nights "Word Explosion" at 7:30pm. Clearwater! Clearwater! A

Breakthrough Crusade will be at the Holiday Inn & Suites on U.S. 19 North on August 29th & 30th at 7:30pm, of course we do start on time. Bring someone who needs a miracle or just want to enjoy the presence of the Lord with brothers and sisters.

"Prophetic Fire Campmeeting 2001" is coming up October 14th - 27th. We have a wonderful lineup of anointed speakers and singers this year. To top it all off will be "The Williams Brothers" of Smithdale, Mississippi. Look for more details coming up.

We're looking for you at Breakthrough C.C., 1940 49th Street South. Call us at (727) 321-4986; Fax us at (727) 321-3937. Don't forget to visit our website: www.breakthroughcc.com.

Come as you are - no dress code! Happy belated birthday to our youth Pastor Samuel Grant and M.C. Tan Williams!

Emmanuel Christian

The members of Emmanuel were truly blessed as Minister Puckett and his lovely wife of 45 years stopped by to bless the people of God with His word. They traveled from Kentucky to bring us a Word from the Lord. As Brother Puckett humbled himself before us and the Lord, the Lord used him mightily to let us know, as well as remind us of our duties as children of God.

"And the Lord said unto the servant, go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled." - St. Luke 14:23

Sister Puckett's testimony is that God is faithful, we thank God for His people of God who love Him and His people. We pray for safe return trip home for the Pucketts.

We invite our many friends to share with us at any church activity. All of our services at Emmanuel are welcome to one and all anytime. We praise Him in the sanctuary, and we invite you to share with us.

Sunday school begins at 9:30am, morning worship service begins at 11:15am. Evening worship begins at 6pm. Bible Study, Monday night 7pm. Prayer service on Tuesday and Thursday mornings 11am and on Wednesday afternoon at 6:30pm. Saturday morning at 5:15am we also have prayer service.

Can you stop by and pray with me for one hour? You are welcome and invited. Friday night at 7:30pm, please feel free to worship with us at

1948 49th Street South.

The Lord is still blessing us right along with our building site at 3501 - 37th Street South. You are welcome to share in this great experience with us. If you would like to donate a monetary gift we are accepting these gifts. Please make checks payable to Emmanuel C. F. Church, P. O. Box 15993, St. Petersburg, FL 33733. We are thanking you in advance.

Members, the Pastor is asking that you come walk on the land and catch hold to the vision that the Lord has given for Emmanuel.

Our prayers are with the Houston's, the Edwards and the Miley families. We thank God for the jubilee that the Evans sisters, and Jessica experienced on last week at the Gospel Workshop.

For everyone that will be returning to school, college, staff included, our prayers are with you. For the prayers of the righteous availeth much. Be blessed this week in Jesus name.

New Philadelphia Community

The New Philadelphia Church family offers collective and individual thanksgiving to God for His great "keeping" power! PRAISE-THE-LORD!

All leaders and members of church family are reminded of monthly leadership workshop on Saturday at noon. This gathering will focus on knowledge, wisdom, and Biblical truths regarding leadership within the church family. Persons attending are urged to be on time. Lunch will be served. This session will be held at the Pastorium.

September will be observed as "Revival

Month." The Pastor will share a series of mid-morning sermons on "Remnant Theology." A theological view of how God used a faithful remnant throughout Biblical history, in accomplishing His salvation plan and purpose. Members are urged to be present every Sunday.

In preparation for this month-long revival, members will link together spiritually in prayer. A chain of prayers will be offered throughout the week at 10:00pm nightly. Various members will contact others by telephone as a reminder to join church family in prayer.

Greater Mt. Zion

Pastor Williams and the Mt. Zion family invites you to worship with them on this last Sunday in August services beginning at 7:30am and 11am. Pastor Williams will proclaim the preach word at both services. The Youth Choir will be making a joyful noise unto the Lord at both services.

Church School begins at 9:30am under the leadership of Sister Wilma Lancaster. This Sunday, August 26th at 1pm is the Gourmet Chef's Delight, so join the men in the fellowship hall and get your fav-orite dish.

The Harvest Day Committee is sponsoring "An Evening of Elegance and Gospel Dining" at Banquet Masters, Fri-

day, September 7, 2001 at 7pm. Plan to join us for an evening filled with fellowship, good gospel singing, fine food and great fun. Sister Diane Hughes of WRXB Radio Station will be attending this event. So come out and enjoy with us.

O. L. Nicks Missionary Society is sponsoring a trip to Bayside Market Place in Miami, FL, on Saturday, September 1, 2001. The bus will leave the church at 5:30am and return to the church at approximately 11pm.

The last Quarterly Conference will be held on September 5, 2001 at 7pm.

New Hope Baptist

The New Hope Baptist Church Mass Choir cordially invites you to attend their *Seven-Up Program*. Come and hear speakers minister on

topics such as how to "look up, pray up, study up, stand up," and more!

This dynamic service will be held on Saturday, Septem-

ber 1st at 4pm.

The church is located at 2120 19th Street South in St. Petersburg. Dr. Alvin Moore is the Pastor/Teacher.

You may call the church office for further information or directions at (727) 896-5228.

20th Street Church Of Christ

820 20th Street South
St. Pete, FL
Home: 896-8006

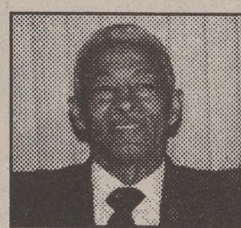


Bro. Robert Smith

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

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"Where Jesus is First"
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St. Petersburg, FL 33712
(727) 821-5444



Pastor Tony B. Young, Sr.

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

WINGS OF FAITH CHRISTIAN CENTER

309 - 15th Avenue North
St. Petersburg, FL 33704
Telephone (727) 893-1741



Bishop Ronald Moten, Pastor
Alfreda Moten, Co-Pastor

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

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



New Faith Free Methodist Church

2427 Irving Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL

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

THEME: Looking Upward, Searching Inward, Striving Onward

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 AM
MORNING WORSHIP 11:00 AM
YOUTH BIBLE STUDY WED. 6:30 PM
ADULT BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER SERVICE WED. 7:00 PM



Rev. Curtiss L. Long, Pastor

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St. Petersburg, FL 33705
Phone: 727-822-2089



Rev. Roosevelt Hardy
Pastor

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.

PEACEFUL ZION M.B. CHURCH

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

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

The Church Where Christ Is The HEAD



Moore's Chapel AME Church

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

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

Emmanuel Christian Fellowship Inc.

1948 49th St. S. • St. Pete, FL 33707

Church: 327-8072

Pastor: Elder. Franklin Evans

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

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



Pastor John A. Evans

Sunday 7:45 AM and 11 AM Worship
Sunday School 9:30 AM
Wednesday Noonday Bible Study and Bread of Life
Thursday Prayer and Bible Study 7 PM also Youth Enrichment Hour

With Allah's Name, The Merciful Benefactor, The Merciful Redeemer

Masjid Al-Muminin

Islamic Services

Jumuah Prayer - Friday 1:30 p.m.

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

Taleem - 12:00 p.m.

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



TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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

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



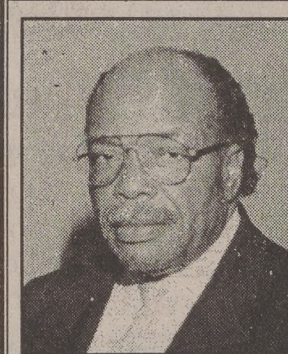
Dr. Frederick D. Terry

Macedonia Freewill Baptist Church

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

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

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



New Philadelphia Community Church

The Reverend Don A. Gaskin, Pastor

2335 - 22nd Avenue South

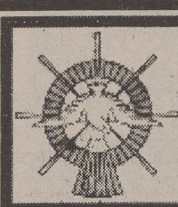
P.O. Box 15935 • St. Petersburg, FL 33733

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

Bible Study Fellowship 6:30 PM (Wed.)

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

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BEFORE EVERY SERVICE
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11:00 AM

"A Night of Prophecy" @ 7:30 PM Sunday
TUESDAY "WORD EXPLOSION" - 7:30 PM
FRIDAY "JUBILEE SERVICE" 7:30 PM
NURSERY/TODDLER MINISTRY (5 & under)
SUNDAY SERVICES ONLY

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Monday through Friday 6:00-6:15 AM
Sundays 9:30-10:00 AM
WTAN-1340 AM Sundays 4:30-5 PM

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"A Place of Healing and Restoration"



PASTOR/PROPHET
GLENN MILLER



Religious News



Earth Mission Has Raised Up A New Preacher

On August 12, 2001 Pastor Constance D. Samuels licensed her daughter Minister Deborah (Sue) Green to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. During the ceremony Pastor Samuel passed the torch to Minister Deborah as a symbolic act to keep the vision of Earth Mission Ministries alive and active in this community. Many family members and friends attended to witness this sacred ceremony. This celebration was a double treat, it was also the birthday of Pastor Samuels.

The theme of Minister Deborah's message was: "Jesus will Raise You Up" taken from Ezekiel 37:1-10, the message of dry bones. Her delivery was excellent and well received by many. Minister Deborah is looking forward to doing a new work for the Lord in the city of St. Petersburg and abroad. She has stated she will not be a traditional preacher, but only abiding in the word of God, not subjected to the tradition of man.

There were many presen-

tations and exhortations rendered to Minister Deborah during this great appointment. Presentations from her family in song "the Walker family", Earth Mission Cultural Art Dancers, Michael Allen from the Alvin Alley Dance Studio of New York City, song by Clara Legion, Mrs. Helen Scott Swain, her first grade teacher Mrs. Helena Rutledge, Ms. Deneen Crawford from Tallahassee Florida, representation from her present place of employment, Coalition for a Safe and Drug Free St. Petersburg, Inc.-Pinellas Bridge, and the presence of State Representative Frank Peterman. There were many community members who made up this elite group of people, as they provided support to Minister Deborah as she enters into the walk of Gospel.

Pastor Constance D. Samuels and Minister Deborah would like to extend their sincere gratitude to the community of St. Petersburg for all of their support. May God Bless you all.



NEW HOPE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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

Join us as we lift up the name of Jesus



Dr. Alvin Moore,
Pastor

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"

Bethel Community Baptist Church



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

Rev Manuel L. Sykes

Services

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



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



ST. MARK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Schedule of Services

Church School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Baptist Training Union 5 p.m.
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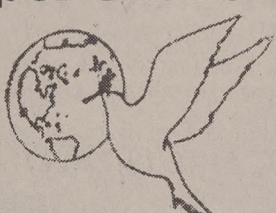
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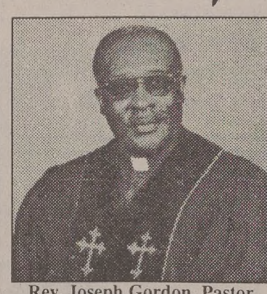
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More Religious News

Moore's Chapel A.M.E.

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Rev. Marcus Burke, and Moore's Chapel's Church family welcome you to their services, this 4th Sunday, in August the 26th, during both 8am and 11am services.

Rev. Burke will preach during both services. Music will be provided by the E.M. Blocker/Marcus Burke Male Chorus directed and accompanied by Musician Geraldine Mays, with Carlos Farley on the drums. The Stewardess Board and the Usher Board will serve.

For transportation to church please contact the Transportation Ministry, Willie F. Bryant, 894-6067, Anthony Macon, 328-0022, Robert Golden, 867-0156 or Mose Bell, 906-8525.

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

Saturday night, September 8th, 7pm, presented live by

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, Sanctuary Choir, Male Ministry Choir and Youth Ushers are 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.

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 Program, etc.). The theme "It Takes A Whole Village To Raise A Child". Please call the

McCabe United Methodist Church Heritage Sunday

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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 Thurs., before the 3rd and 4th Sundays.

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

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

church for registration information.

The Evangelism Ministry invites you to come and worship with us in our Old Fashion Tent Crusade, Sunday, August 26th through Saturday, September 1, 2001 at 2401 34th Street South, 7pm nightly. The Evangelist will be Reverend Bill Wells of Lake Wales, FL.

George and Sheila Gomillion along with the anniversary committee are hard at work planning a magnificent 98th Church Anniversary celebration. The month of September is decreed anniversary month. Many activities are planned, and we invite the community to share in this momentous occasion with us. The theme "Walking In The Newness of the Spirit" conveys the message of unity in the Body of Christ. You will not want to miss this celebration!!

If you are seeking a church home we invite you to unite with us. Bethel Metropolitan offers a kaleidoscope of ministries for all ages and interest.

the Florida Conference, Timothy W. Whitaker, will bring the message.

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Sigmas Elect New Officers



(L-R Front Row:) Rubin Nesbitt, Latus Edwards, Thomas "Jet" Jackson and Ernest Johnson. (Back Row:) Alvin Frazier, Vincent Lattimore, Craig Jones, Lou Brown Jr., and Kenneth Jackson

ST. PETERSBURG - Recently the Delta Omicron Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., elected new officers. The meeting was hosted by Brother Rubin Nesbitt with breakfast provided.

The slate of officers for 2001-2002 are President, Thomas "Jet" Jackson; Vice President, Vincent Lattimore;

Secretary, Earnest Johnson; Corresponding Secretary, Louis Brown, Jr.; Education Chairman, Craig Jones; Social Action Chairman, Kenneth Jackson; Bigger and Better Business Chairman, Rubin Nesbitt, Ernest Crumbley, Assistant; Chapter Advisor, Latus Edwards.

One of the goals of Sigma is to increase our membership and our service to our community. We are looking for good role models interested in becoming men of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity. If you are interested in becoming a member contact Lou Brown at 327-1234.

SPABCC Holds General Membership Meeting



ST. PETERSBURG - The St. Petersburg Area Black Chamber of Commerce (SPABCC) will be holding a General Membership Meeting on Tuesday, August 28, 2001 at SPABCC Office Board Room, 1950 First Avenue North, Second Floor, 12pm.

The Speaker/Topic: Economic Development in St.

Petersburg, Ron Barton, Director-Economic Development & Property Management.

Dates to Remember: St. Petersburg Small Business Development Center Open House, September 8, 9am - noon. -Mobile Comput-

er Training (MCT) Open House/SPABCC Partnership Training Kick-off

• Medweek, September 11-14.

• SPABCC "Entrepreneurial Chat & Chew", Tuesday, September 12, Doubletree Hotel, Westshore (Tampa), 6-8pm.

Come hear about SPABCC New Horizons. "Come get informed; get involved... your future depends on it!"

2001 Dues are due for all members, who joined prior to September, 2000. (Contact Christina, at SPABCC, if unsure of the date you joined.)

For more information or to R.S.V.P., call SPABCC at (727) 822-1203.

Town Meeting Focuses On Local Grant Dollars

ST. PETERSBURG - We read about it all the time: grant money flowing from the federal and state governments, destined for our poorest neighborhoods. Often, the amounts are attached to so many zeros and complicated phrases that they fly right over our heads. Recently, at Bethel Community Baptist Church, the group Citizens United for Shared Prosperity (CUSP) vowed to take a closer look at those numbers. "It's pretty clear", says CUSP's Penny Hess, "that if you divided the number of grant dollars by the number of low-income people, every single person could have built a new home or started a new business".

So where is the money really going? Sandy Thompson and other CUSP members have been working their way through massive documents.

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like the city's Consolidated Five-Year Plan, that will eventually yield answers. "This is a very complicated process", Thompson admitted. "A lot of this stuff is just buried, but with time we'll put the pieces together".

CUSP, a grass-roots political group, grew out of the mayoral campaign of longtime social activist Omali Yeshitela, now the group's interim chairman. Responding to the absence of a progressive political presence in St. Petersburg, CUSP was organized around principles of "social justice, shared prosperity, and mutual respect". Thursday's town meeting was the fourth in a series leading up to the group's Founding Convention on September 14 & 15. "CUSP", says Yeshitela, "gives us the opportunity to fight for good social policy all the time - not just during elections. As things stand now, after election day we have no voice, no means to hold officials accountable".

Ernest Fillyau, Sr., maintained his good humor through 8 years of tedious city council meetings, but he says that trying to help his granddaughter qualify for housing through the WIN grant program tested his last nerve. Now, he donates time to walking the most vulnerable applicants - young, single women - through the tortuous process. "Home ownership programs, small business programs..." says Fillyau. "They program you to fail."

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Know The Facts About Prostate Cancer

ST. PETERSBURG - All males between the age of 16 & up are invited and urged to come out and Know the Facts about Prostate Cancer.

On Saturday, August 25, 2001, 9am until, there will be a forum on prostate cancer at Prayer Tower Church of God In Christ, located at 1137 37th Street South, St. Petersburg.

This forum is being presented by Dr. Paul McRae & Dr. Kenneth Bryant.

This event is sponsored by The American Cancer Society, The Retiree Resource Center (323-3690), co-sponsor.

A continental breakfast will be served.

KIDS CORNER

by Khana A. Riley



Dear Readers,

This is your faithful columnist Khana. I hope that you are happy that school is back in session. I know, personally, I couldn't wait to get back at school. I had 9th grade orientation last week, and I was very anxious and excited to be there. I was able to get settled into my locker, meet some of my teachers, meet new students that are going to be attending my school this year, and catch up with some of my friends that went on trips this summer.

The only part that seems to bring up some concern about starting the school year, was the constant reminder that all of the grades that you get on tests, quizzes, homework, and projects are a large portion of what principles at colleges look at. Although, that brings up the concerns that I may have, it would also bring challenges that I am ready to conquer. I have set my goals and reviewed the study skills that would make me successful in whatever assignments I may have. I hope that you all do the same, so that you all will also be successful, during the school year.

Cooldest Talent Search: On a recreational note, there's a talent show with some wonderful prizes to offer you. The 6th Annual Bay Area Talent Showcase is looking for talent 13 and + to do talents of all sorts. The only way you will be able to perform is to first audition.

There are 3 places left to audition. Saturday, August 25, 2001 - Audley Evans Center (3515 Sarah Street) Tampa, FL. Saturday, September 1, 2001 - Lake Vista Community Center (1404 62nd Avenue

South) St. Petersburg, FL. Saturday, September 8, 2001 - Audley Evans Center (3515 Sarah Street) Tampa, FL. The auditioning times are 11:30am - 6pm.

The coolest part about this showcase, I think, is the prizes. **1st place prizes gets:** travel and hotel expense paid for the opportunity to audition for Showtime at The Apollo! Also, media development kit compliments of NeedPromo.com which includes: Artist logo design, technical rider, song list, artist website, reference sheet, cover letter, photo shoot and more. You also receive rehearsal and preparation by MAYA, compliments of Maya's school of Beaut'e!

2nd place prizes includes: 4 day 3 night cruise to Key West (2 cabins/up to 4 people per cabin). Also, the opportunity to perform on ship, compliments of Regal Cruises! (Contestants 21 and under must be accompanied by a guardian.)

3rd place prizes includes: Trophy and write up in local newspaper. Also a Special Surprise Gift!

There are also going to be some incredible door prizes that might include: hotel accommodations, 2 for 1 cruise certificates that are given to the first fifty (50) people attending each preliminary show, compliments of Capitol Marketing Concepts, Inc. If you would like more information on how to audition, because you must audition first, call Everyone's Youth United (727) 552-1384, Pinellas County Urban League (727) 327-3568, Tampa-Hillsborough Urban League (813) 229-8117.

I hope to see you all there. Good Luck! I'M OUT!

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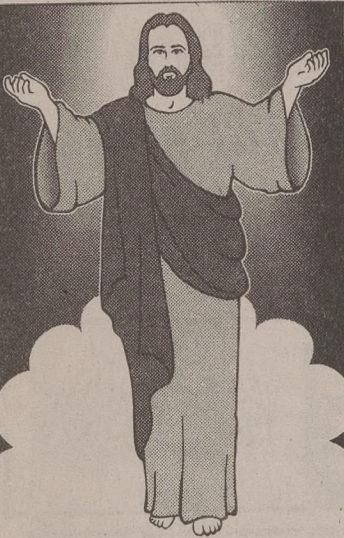
St. Pete Final Rites



CHANDLER, EMMA J., 69, died August 13, 2001. Survived by a daughter, Margaret R. Crosby; a son, Junior Hill; a cousin, Melvina Sanders; Goddaughters, Pearl Taylor, Patricia Evans, Lula Williams, Julia Sanders; Goddaughter, LaPearl Thompson; special friends, Brother & Sister Green; four grandchildren and a host of sorrowing friends. Smith Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.



HAYNES, WILLIE A., 66, died August 14, 2001. Survivors include: four sons, Willie (Candice), James, Sidney Golphin (Lacie), Charles Golphin; three daughters, Annie Ruth Lewis, Delores (Willie) Sherron, Gloria Jean Daughtry; two sisters, Mattie Boyd and Ruth Sawyer; 12 grandchildren; one great grandchild; and a host of other relatives and friends. Smith Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

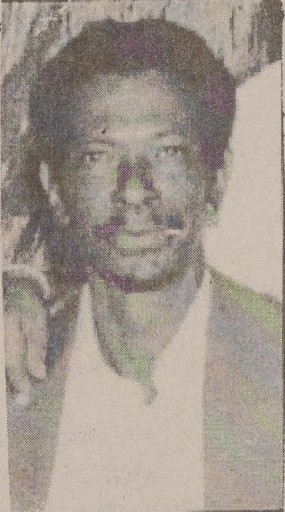


MASSEY, DONIELL ISSACC, JR., 1, died August 13, 2001. Left to mourn by an abundance of loving relatives and friends. Smith Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.



ROGERS, DOUGLAS MACAUTHER, SR., 50, died August 12, 2001. He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife, Patricia Rogers; two sons, Douglas M. Rogers, Jr., Abbrilundrick Brown; four daughters, Baby girl-Sheena Patrice Rogers, Angel, Trina, Yolanda; three brothers, Odell (Agnes), Alfred (Barbara), Melvin (Betty); three sisters, Harriet (Dr. William) Watson, Theridean Rogers, Nadine Rogers; several aunts and uncles, nieces, nephews, friends including three devoted friends, Ted Lawson, Al Rogers, Anthony Adams. McRae Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

Clearwater Final Rites



SMITH, JOHN WESLEY "BLUE", 67, died August 8, 2001. He leaves to cherish his memories, a daughter, Diana Jenkins Robinson; son-in-law, Dan Robinson; a daughter-in-law, Jacqueline Jenkins; one granddaughter, Karina Kitchen; three grandsons, Ernest Lee Jenkins, Derek G. Jenkins and Jacob Woods; a sister, Patricia

Pless Askew; five great-grandchildren, Keondra Jenkins, Kettrion Miles, Ewonya Robinson, Ernest Lee Jenkins, III and Derek G. Jenkins, Jr.; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Young's Funeral Home, Clearwater.

Ocala Final Rites

GIVINS, NATHAN, SR., 81, died August 12, 2001. Survivors left to mourn, loving and devoted wife, Thelma Lee Givins; five sons, Nathan Jr., Alphonson B., Stevie, Frederick M., Prince L.; a brother, Curtis Hardy; Godson, Kevin Johnson; uncle, David Womack; aunt, Eloise McCray; a special niece, Bessie Mae White and other sorrowing friends and relatives. Summers Funeral Home, Ocala.



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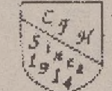
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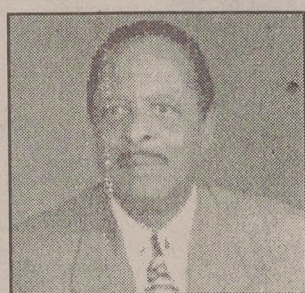
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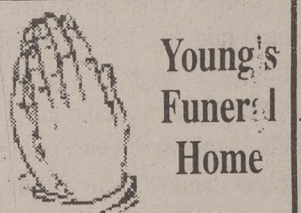
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health providers who informed the community about services offered by their organization, a case study on mental health issues and a remarkable presentation by Dr. Hanley, a clinical child psychologist. "I am almost speechless. Not only are you the first African-American community to host a mental health forum, you reached people in the community. I was honored to be a part of this historic event," said Dr. Hanley. This was a collaborative effort of our Co-Sponsors and Partners:

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Celebrity Kids Club, Inc., 2511 5th Ave. So., St. Petersburg, FL 33712, announces its participation in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's "Child Care Food Program."

Meals will be available at no separate charge to enrolled eligible children at the center(s) listed below and will be provided without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability.

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Name of Center(s)	Address
Celebrity Kids Club, Inc.	2511 5th Ave. So., St. Petersburg, FL 33712
Celebrity Kids Club Too	3000 22nd Ave. So., St. Petersburg, FL 33712

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	Size	Annually	Monthly	Weekly	Annually	Monthly
1	1	11,167	931	215	15,852	1,325
2	2	15,093	1,258	291	21,479	1,790
3	3	19,019	1,585	366	27,066	2,256
4	4	22,945	1,913	442	32,653	2,722
5	5	26,871	2,240	517	38,240	3,187
6	6	30,797	2,567	593	43,827	3,653
7	7	34,723	2,894	668	49,414	4,118
8	8	38,649	3,221	744	55,001	4,584
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Your Horoscope

Aries March 21 to April 19

A great opportunity to network will present itself on the 25th; be sure to take advantage! On the 27th, a surge in energy will have you attacking a new project with zeal. Romance will bloom on the 31st.

Taurus April 20 to May 20

Drop everything and focus on the needs of a child on the 25th; you'll avoid a potential problem if you do. On the 26th, you'll zero in on some amazing buys at the mall. A money-making deal may pop up on the 28th.

Gemini May 21 to June 21

Let your partner take the romantic lead on the 25th, and you'll be dazzled by his passionate ingenuity! On the 26th, ignore a stinging comment from a loved one; she's going through a tough time.

Cancer June 22 to July 22

Meditation and prayer will lift a heavy spiritual burden on the 25th. On the 28th, keeping a close eye on a pet could save him from illness. A discussion with your mate on the 29th will strengthen your bond.

Leo July 23 to Aug 22

Reconnect with family—and indulge your inner child!—by spending the day at an amusement park on the 25th. On the 28th, a daring new hairstyle will shave years off your age.

Virgo Aug 23 to Sept 22

Offer your mate a shoulder to lean on on the 26th, when the planets predict he'll need it most. On the 28th, put your personal life first for a change; you'll be amazed by how great it makes you feel!

Libra Sept 23 to Oct 22

Avoid financial discussions on the 25th; you may divulge more than you intend to. Speak carefully and thoughtfully during a meeting on the 28th; higher-ups are very interested in what you have to say.

Scorpio Oct 23 to Nov 21

You'll be tempted to break your budget on the 25th, but if you stick to it, the stars promise greater rewards down the road. Acquaint yourself with a new neighbor on the 27th; she could introduce you to your next love!

Sagittarius Nov 22 to Dec 21

A romance-filled evening on the 25th will kick off a passionate weekend for you and your mate. On the 27th, throw all your energy into solving a pressing workplace dilemma; your boss will be very grateful!

Capricorn Dec 22 to Jan 19

Your energy levels will start flagging mid-week, so finish up important tasks before then. On the 26th, dress for success when attending a community function; you may run into a potential employer.

Aquarius Jan 20 to Feb 18

A last-minute getaway on the 25th will reconnect you with far-flung friends. On the 30th, your charisma level will skyrocket, so ask for the moon, the sun, the stars—they'll all be within your reach!

Pisces Feb 19 to March 20

A visit to a museum on the 25th could lead to a new friendship—or maybe even romance! On the 27th, pay close attention to office gossip; it'll help you decide whether to stay or go.