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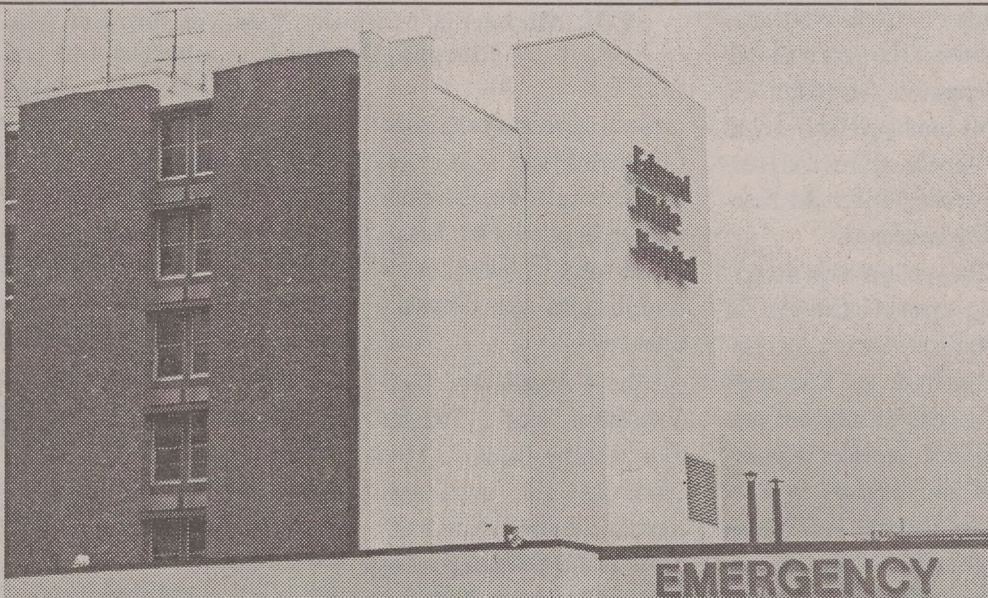
ST. PETERSBURG — Around the nation, and around the world, the headlines in late October began trumpeting the threat, and then the reality of innocent Americans being deliberately targeted for death via anthrax poisoning.

Staff and leaders at Edward White Hospital, 2323 Ninth Avenue North in St. Petersburg, took note and began gearing up.

At about 7:30 p.m. on Friday, October 12th, the hospital, led by CEO Barry Stokes, responded to a telephone call of concern from a St. Petersburg Post Office employee.

Within an hour, Emergency Room personnel were testing, screening and clearing what would amount to more than 20 employees from the U.S. Postal Service, and a few from the *St. Petersburg Times*, newspaper, said Stokes.

Postal workers had become "extremely concerned" about the potential for their possible exposure to anthrax after reports that at least two had arrived at two separate media outlets in New York City bearing a St. Petersburg postmark and containing a white



powder. There also was a report that a *St. Petersburg Times* columnist had received a letter at the *Times* First Avenue South offices bearing a St. Petersburg postmark and containing a white powder.

"Our team came together in response to a threat to the lives of some of our fellow citizens," Stokes said, noting that in addition to himself, other key hospital management became involved "very early" in the process to help make decisions regarding extra staffing, drugs and other supplies, security, a staging area, and the news media.

"We held a 7 a.m. meeting on that Saturday

morning with key managers, supervisors, our on-duty emergency room physician, and two key physicians from the Pinellas County Health Department," said Stokes.

Dr. Claude Dharamraj, Assistant Director, and Dr. Patricia Ryder, a Senior Physician and epidemiologist, updated hospital staff on the anthrax situation in Pinellas, answered questions and provided additional educational materials for staff and potential patients.

"The county physicians assured us we were handling the situation very well," reported Stokes, "and that the hospital's procedures were in harmony

with the health department's protocol."

By Saturday evening, Edward White Hospital had tested and started on antibiotics six of those screened during the potential anthrax threat. "Those patients were provided antibiotics based on our physicians' evaluations of the circumstances when they presented symptoms, their work environment and other factors considered to provide optimum protection," according to Stokes.

Given the reports from other post office locations around the country about the potential threat of contaminated letters leading to contaminated equipment, many St. Petersburg post

office workers called and came to the hospital "upset and very concerned about" the potential for anthrax exposure.

That Saturday morning, for example, the hospital received a call from one local post office where several workers were expressing concern. The hospital's emergency department physician initiated a conference call with the workers to listen to their concerns and was able to help calm their fears, Stokes reports.

Similarly, most of those patients, and particularly postal workers expressing their edginess, were placed in a separate room away from other patients to help provide them with concentrated, focused services.

Edward White Hospital, led by Stokes, has offered Company Care, a workers' compensation program serving 560 local businesses since 1986. The U.S. Postal Service in Pinellas is one of the hospitals contracted clients for occupational health needs. The program enabled the hospital to provide concentrated services in the face of the anthrax threat, enabling patients to get effective service at one central location.

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St. Petersburg Branch NAACP President's Membership Luncheon



L-R: Rev. John Evans, Emma Watts, Darryl Rouson, Linda Hardaway Watkins, Eric Deggans and Trinia Cox.

ST. PETERSBURG — Linda Hardaway Watkins, Chair of the first St. Petersburg branch membership welcomed guests to the Iris Room at the Sandpiper Tradewinds conference center. St. Petersburg Beach. She introduced Eric Deggans of the *St. Petersburg Times* as the Master of Ceremony.

Darryl Rouson, president, was the speaker for the occasion: His address was one of invitation for all to join the NAACP and help with the fight to clean up our community. He spoke about growing up in St. Petersburg and having the pleasure and fortune to meet real heroes, people like our community fire fighters, police officers, Dean Mohr, Ralph Wimbish, Joe Savage, Ed Kirkland, Morris Milton, O.B. McLin, Bette Wimbish, Garnelle Jenkins and Fannie Ponder. These were the people who did not accept real or perceived restrictions placed upon them by others or by an oppressive social structure.

Rouson stated, "This fight is not against one person but a collective of forces, against powers, that hide behind the scenes against our growth and development as a people and a community". He continued to say "we wrestle not against the violence of this world, against the spiritual forces



L-R: Andee Peaten and Darryl Rouson

of destruction in our neighborhoods and on the street corners of our city. Nehemiah calls us today, through this word that comes to us, is 'Don't give ground' to these forces or powers". He further stated "we might not recognize the powers that be in their camouflaged array, we may not recognize their movement in their disguises of innocence, but Nehemiah wants us to know that wherever they are, they are huge. They will tear down the walls of our community. Yet Nehemiah says, stand your ground—don't give an inch, but stand your ground. Help rebuild the walls of our community."

Rouson said "Don't give me a Shack attack, a Grant Hill, Michael dan, give me an Emmanuel Stewart, L. D. Brown, Sr.,

Fred Alsop, Sr. give me a Jet Jackson, a nurse like Marie Yopp, John Hopkins and George Grogan."

The challenge is to our preachers, teachers and community activist to join the NAACP to help us to stand our ground against the powers that be.

Our Mission statement says that we shall, not might, not should be or could be, but shall be to improve the Pese, not keep the peace...(Political, Education, Social and Economic) Status of Minority Groups, then to minateracial prejudice and take lawful action.

For information about joining the NAACP contact the office at (727) 898-3310 or come to our next regular membership meeting, Tuesday, November 20th, at 7 p.m.

The State's Special Invitation To Honor Our Veterans

TALLAHASSEE — This weekend, Americans from across the country will be spending time with their families and friends engaging in a variety of activities. Veterans Day is a time when we can thank the many millions who have worn the uniform of our armed forces. While Memorial Day was created to honor those who gave their lives in battle, Veterans Day is also special because many of the honorees are still living and are able to hear and acknowledge the gratitude of a nation for their service.

Floridians will be second to none in taking advantage of the long weekend. We are especially blessed to have the opportunity to consider outdoor recreational pursuits throughout the state even in the month of November. We are still attempting to heal emotion-

ally and economically from the horrific events of September 11th. Part of our collective therapy is returning to our everyday lives as much as possible. For so many Floridians, outdoor recreation is part of our lives.

The State of Florida wishes to honor our veterans by inviting our citizens, as well as our out of state guests, to visit one or more of our state parks this weekend, compliments of the state. Lt. Governor Frank T. Brogan announced recently that entrance fees to the state's 155 parks would be waived from Saturday, November 10th, through Monday, November 12th.

Wendy Spencer, Director of Florida State Parks, encourages all Floridians and visitors to take advantage of this unique opportunity and visit a state park near you. Florida state

parks are located in every region throughout the Sunshine State, from Pensacola in the Northwest to Fernandina Beach in the Northeast and South to Key West. Almost 600,000 acres have been dedicated as Florida State Parks. Visitors will be amazed at the variety of scenic views, educational opportunities and recreation activities that await them. Last year more than 18 million visi-

tors took advantage of our state park system.

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cruises, spring fed river tubing, snorkeling tours, interpretive tours through forts from the Civil War and Seminole Wars, kayaking through scenic mangroves, as well as camping in tents, primitive cabins or under the open sky.

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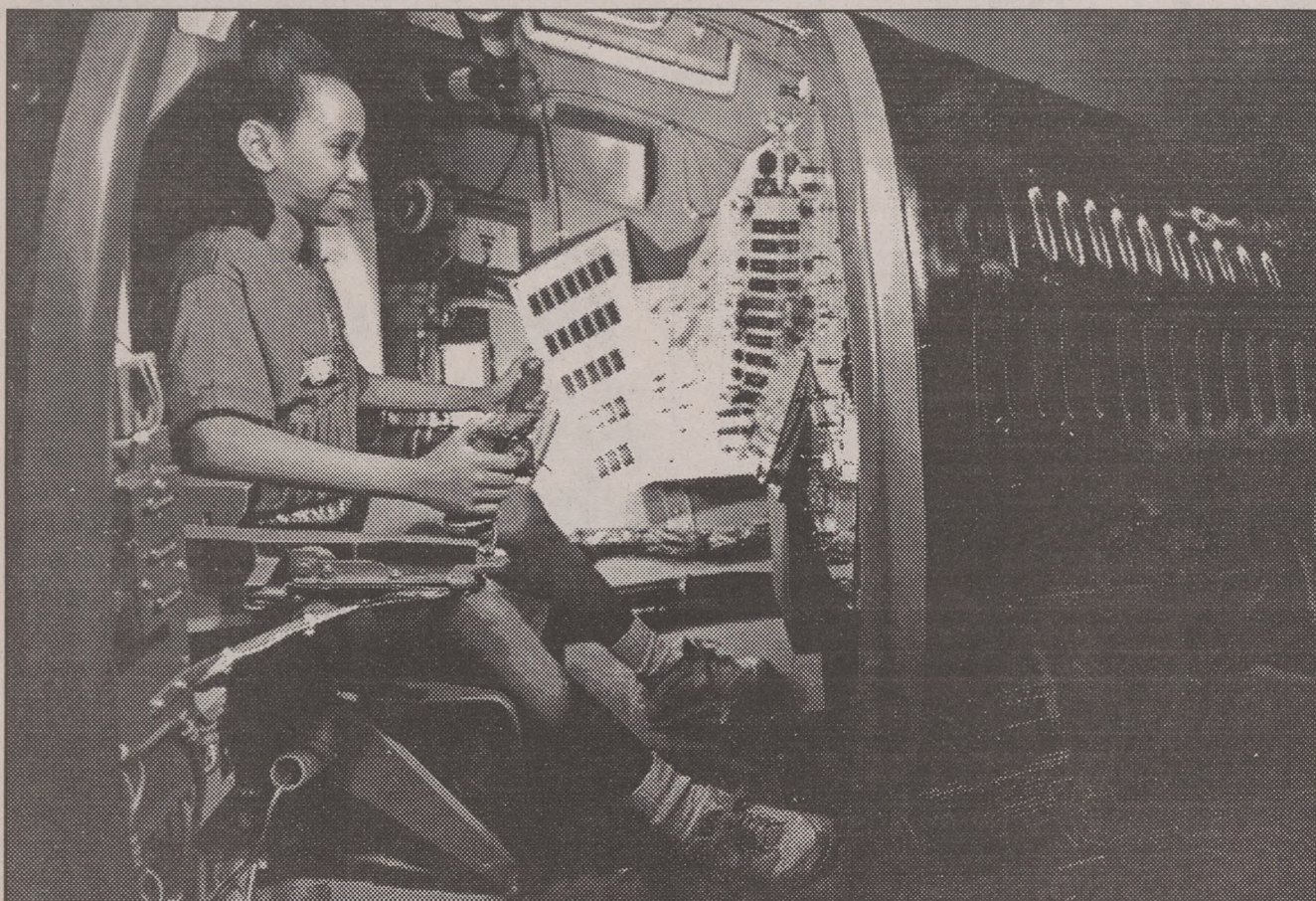
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STATE NEWS

Kids Get Into Astronaut Hall Of Fame Free



TITUSVILLE — Through December 21st, kids 12 and younger can see America's greatest space achievements for free with each paid adult admission during their visit to Astronaut Hall of Fame. Plus, a portion of all registration to Space Camp Florida will be donated to the American Red Cross.

During their visit to Astronaut Hall of Fame, guests will see the prominence of America's red, white and blue throughout the museum. They will spiral back in time and view films documenting the early American space program; see authentic flight hardware, including Alan Shepard's Apollo 14 moon capsule, and Mercury, Gemini and Apollo mission control modules; and see Mercury 7 Astronaut Gus Grissom's flight suit and Apollo astronaut Jim Lovell's grasshopper suit. They will come face-to-face with the first 44 space heroes

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Parents who send their kids to Space Camp Florida will provide a unique learning opportunity for their kids to learn more about America's space program and help our country recover from the worst terrorist attack in the nation's history. The Florida-based camp will donate \$20 from each registration to the American Red Cross.

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Throughout the week-long camp, astronaut trainees learn about America's space pioneers. Through hands-on activities, campers are uniquely engaged in learning about America's rich history using math and science themes. They work as a team to build and launch rockets, and design and build computerized International Space Stations and robots. They also team up to prepare for and conduct simulated space shuttle missions on a variety of training simulators just miles from Kennedy Space Center. Training simulators include scaling a Zero G (gravity) wall, and spinning in three directions simultaneously on the Mastiff, among other things.

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Joining the Governor in marking the occasion was AutoNation President and Chief Operating Officer Michael E. Maroone, who visited Panama City to kick off the grand re-opening of AutoNation's Cook-Whitehead Ford store. The store's \$5-million expansion has added 77% more combined showroom and service space and new jobs to the 71-year-old Panama City institution.

The young student's scholarship is part of a five-year, \$1 million commitment AutoNation has made to "Take Stock in Children," a statewide program that provides scholarships and mentors to low-income students. AutoNation has given \$200,000 each year to the scholarship program since 1998.

Governor Bush announced AutoNation's scholarship award before an estimated audience of 200 invited



L-R: Michael E. Maroone, Valencia Johnson, Mia Morgan, Clarence Morgan, Donald P. Pemberton and Gale Butler

guests at the recently expanded Cook-Whitehead showroom. In his remarks the Governor also recognized Fort Lauderdale-based AutoNation's contributions to Florida's economy.

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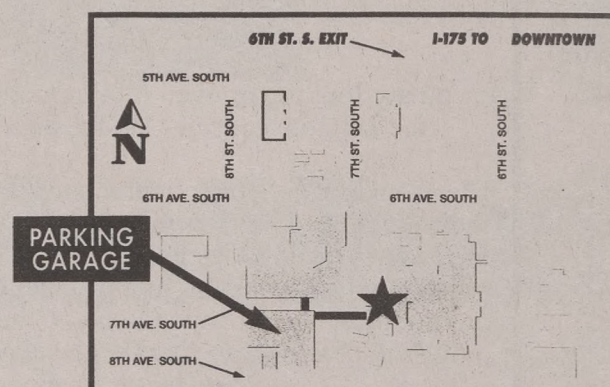
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Increasing Minimum Wage Benefits Politicians And Labor Unions, But Hurts Under-trained Workers

by Amy Ridenour

Is it better to have a raise or a job? It's a no-brainer. A raise is worthless without a job.

Since the passage of the Fair Labor Standards Act in 1938, some have contended that a constantly increasing minimum wage will prevent the exploitation of workers. Politicians continually trot out the issue, confident that even if its economic effects aren't as advertised, the political benefits of appearing to care about the working poor are.

But yet another of our many dozens of upward wage adjustments will fail to create economic stability for those at the bottom end of the pay scale.

As Sharon Brooks Hodge of the African-American group Project 21 says: "Wages are a reflection of relative work skills. You can trust that no one is out there lobbying for a minimum skills floor to coincide with the demand for more money. Until that happens, this segment of the work force will remain unable to compete for higher wages on their own. What [those] clamoring for a higher minimum wage fail to acknowledge is that boosting pay for that reason alone does little more than continue the endless spiral of inflation." And put more money in the coffers of labor unions, as well.

Other African-Americans endorse Hodge's view: "Forty years ago, when Jim Crow was alive and well but before substantial increases in the minimum wage, the unemployment rate for black youths was virtually identical to that of white youths. But with the rise in the minimum wage, there has been a rise in the unemployment rates of black youth," says Peter Kirsanow, Chairman of the Center for New Black Leadership and a labor attorney.

Black youths, through no fault of their own, disproportionately attend failing inner-city schools. The government thus hits them with a double-whammy: It gives them substandard training in public schools, and then it raises the minimum wage, which reduces the number of jobs for untrained people. Minimum wage increases, while not designed to be racist, simply are.

If we are going to again raise the minimum wage because politicians love nice headlines and labor unions love cash, we could at least do so honestly, and admit that doing so kills jobs. And that the people who will lose those jobs will be our most vulnerable.

A WAR Against The Poor Or A "New Kind Of War" On Poverty

by Dr. Lenora Fulani

Several weeks ago, while our government was marshalling its resources to bring the fanatic perpetrators of the World Trade Center attack to justice, the *New York Post* editorial staff took time out to pen another of its diatribes against me. This one stemmed from my having raised questions about whether U.S. foreign policy had in any way contributed to the atmosphere of anti-American hatred that fueled the attackers. *The Post* singled me out for its usual vitriol, as if I am the only person in America to raise them.

In the days that followed the tragic event, however, others from across the political spectrum began to ask similar questions and offer some answers. In a special report entitled "The Roots of Resentment - Why so many people hate America," *Business Week* asserted that, "Beneath the surface of public promises of solidarity with the U.S. in this time of crisis lurks a deep and growing resentment of America and its

policies. To be sure, anti-Americanism in most places is hardly the virulent variety exhibited by flag-burning mobs. And more often than not, it's mixed with admiration and even a desire to live in America. But the sentiment is serious enough that it could pose major challenges."

Conservative commentator Pat Buchanan, my one-time coalition partner in a left-right alliance for democracy reform and anti-interventionism, weighed in at the *Los Angeles Times*: "What took place last Tuesday was an atrocity. What is coming may qualify as tragedy. For the mass murder of our citizens has filled this country with a terrible resolve that could lead it to plunge headlong into an all-out war against despised Arab and Islamic regimes that turns into a war of civilizations, with the United States almost alone."

Author and social critic Susan Sontag wrote in *The New Yorker*: "The voices licensed to follow the event seem to have joined together in a cam-

paign to infantilize the public. Where is the acknowledgment that this was not a "cowardly" attack on "civilization" or "liberty" or "humanity" or "the free world" but an attack on the world's self-proclaimed superpower, undertaken as a consequence of specific American alliances and actions?"

Perhaps most striking to me among the commentaries was an exchange between Meet the Press host Tim Russert and Secretary of State Colin Powell. Russert concluded his interview with Secretary Powell (by all accounts the most progressive of the President's advisors) by asking him why we are so hated by the Islamic world. Secretary Powell attempted to answer by counter-example, pointing to the many Arabs and Muslims who have emigrated to the United States to share in our way of life, like so many other nationalities before them, including his own.

But Powell makes an even deeper point than he

(perhaps) intended. For while we may be loved by those who have become beneficiaries of American prosperity, we are deeply resented by those who haven't. "Admiration and envy commingle with resentment and outright hatred," observes Iran expert Elaine Sciolino in Sunday's *New York Times*.

Some Americans are blinded by the pain of the tragedy and the bipartisan war rhetoric coming out of Washington, DC. Many others are concerned that war rhetoric may be functioning as a cover-up for what *The Economist* called "an extraordinary failure of intelligence gathering." Many who have reached out to me are aware that behind all the rhetoric, it is the continued immiseration of so much of the world, the graphic inequality in the distribution of wealth that must somehow be addressed. Counterterrorist actions can and should be exercised to the fullest extent to catch and punish the murderers and protect against future attacks. But the "new kind of war" we most need is a U.S.-led war

on international poverty.

Right now, the U.S. financial spigot is on full force. The Bush Administration is horse-trading for political and military partners. It eased economic sanctions on Pakistan and promised help with its \$38 billion debt in exchange for President Pervez Musharraf's agreement to squeeze the Taliban in neighboring Afghanistan. It has negotiated to base U.S. troops in Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, both formerly part of the Soviet Union and on the Afghanistan border. It is expected that U.S. aid to both governments will be forthcoming in exchange for that access. This economic aide is a double-edged sword because while it shores up the U.S. coalition, it does less by way of redistributing the wealth than supporting authoritarian regimes. This merely exacerbates the problem which Sciolino describes as "the perception that America bolsters authoritarian governments even while it heralds democracy as an ideal."

A new kind of war to eliminate poverty internationally is not a war to buy friends. It is a war to liberate the world's people from misery and the ideological traps that often accompany misery, like ultranationalism, tribalism, and religious fanaticism. We have the technology. We have the wealth-producing capacity. We have the human capital to support the institution-building needed to relieve poverty. What we need now is the will. And the will, ultimately, will have to come from the American people.

"You never kick a man when he's down. Do whatever you can, great or small, to help him to his feet again."
--Cleveland Johnson

So Many Need Help

by Bernice Powell Jackson

One of the greatest qualities of Americans is our generosity. Through the years we have shared our bounty with those less fortunate both within this nation and around the world. We have volunteered our time, our services and given our dollars in ways which sometimes have amazed people from other countries. So it's not surprising that we have given over a billion dollars to the victims of the September 11th tragedy.

But because we've given so generously to those relief efforts, hundreds of thousands of oth-

ers who need our help may not get it. In Harlem and the South Bronx, just 10 miles away from Ground Zero, for example, some of the poorest people in our nation live. Even before September 11th, they faced astronomical unemployment rates, high rates of HIV/AIDS, high drop out rates, and had a multitude of social services needs. But social service agencies in Harlem have been told by many of their corporate contributors not to expect funds this year and not to hold fundraising events which require their support. So many of the New York corporations have

contributed tens of millions of dollars to the September 11th fund that they just don't have the dollars for others.

Likewise, many Americans have made a choice to give their donations this year to the victims' fund and non-profits which rely on these contributions are hurting not only in New York, but around the country. All kinds of social service agencies, from the Make-A-Wish Foundation, to local food banks, to battered women's shelters, to health clinics, to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, are

seeing drops in their donations. In some cases, walkathons like the AIDS walk in Washington, D.C. were held, but with only a quarter of the usual number of walkers. In other cases, like the breast cancer survivors' walkathon in Cleveland, they have been cancelled or postponed.

Some large national charities seem to have been less hard hit, but many of them are evaluating whether to do mailings to contributors in the last quarter of the year, the traditional time of year to ask for annual contributions. Others, like Habitat for Humanity, have already

been forced to lay off employees.

While the drop in donations is not solely attributable to the re-routing of contributions to September 11th funds, it is clearly a primary factor. In addition, of course, there is the economic downturn which was already evident before the attacks, and the ensuing fact that many of the wealthiest Americans have made less money in the stock market and many others have lost their jobs or are worried that they will.

But for communities like Harlem and the South Bronx, cutbacks in service

es to communities which face a myriad of social service needs may threaten the very viability of these organizations and thus their communities and their people. As we approach Thanksgiving, we have much to be grateful for and perhaps we should all find ways to give thanks by sharing whatever we have with those less fortunate. Let's dig deep, remembering the good work and the needs of the many charities across this nation.

NEWS DEADLINE IS 4PM MONDAY

Postal Workers At Disproportionate Risk In Anthrax Terror

by Marcia F. Johnson-Blanco

President James McGee of the National Alliance of Postal and Federal Employees ("NAPFE") urges the U.S. Government and the Postal Service to recognize that postal workers are at disproportionate risk during the anthrax terror and to use all available resources to protect them. "Postal workers are now the latest victims of terrorists intent on terrorizing Americans through the use of our venerable institutions. Now, the U.S. Government and the U.S. Postal Service must spare no effort or resource to protect all postal workers, who are now operating on the front

lines."

While there are many unanswered questions surrounding the anthrax terror scare, what is all too clear is that postal workers are at particular risk. Postal workers now find themselves inadvertent warriors in the terrorist attacks on America. Not only did they struggle mightily to get the mail to customers after the attacks of September 11th when the business of the nation came to a relative halt, they now find themselves at personal risk as terrorists are now using the mail to deliver anthrax to their victims.

Terrorists are using the government agency with the universal mission to

reach out to all Americans to continue the terror campaign they began on September 11th putting postal workers under direct threat. Two postal workers in Washington, D.C. area have the inhalation form of anthrax and two have died under what officials are calling "highly suspicious" circumstances. Also, there are reports that nine Washington, D.C. area postal workers are being treated for suspicious symptoms. Further, two postal workers in New Jersey have anthrax contracted through the skin.

Postmaster General John Potter has assured the public that the Postal Service is doing everything

possible to ensure the safety of the mail. The Postal Service has issued public safety warnings, including instructions on what customers should do if they suspect that they have received an anthrax threat, it has formed a Mail Security Taskforce and has joined with the FBI to issue a \$1 million reward for information leading to the perpetrators of this insidious campaign.

Now it appears that mandatory safety equipment is necessary. While this is most likely an expensive proposition, with lives at stake, no expense should be spared. Also, the Government and the Postal Service should

explore all available technologies to determine ways to sterilize both the mail and postal facilities so that the reach of whoever is

behind this current evil can be contained," said NAPFE President, McGee.

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WOMAN'S WORLD

A Poet's Love for The "Beauty Of Nature & Spirituality"

ST. PETERSBURG — Felita Gale McNeill, is a poet, visual artist and educator. She has written her second book of Poetry "The Beauty of Nature & Spirituality". She is a graduate of the University of South Florida, National Louis University with a Master of Education Degree and is currently working on a Doctorate in Education at the University of Sarasota.

Her second book of poetry "The Beauty of Nature & Spirituality" captures her inner thoughts of the divine natural energy that can be captured from day to day experiences with nature that surrounds our lives. "The Sunflower," one of the poems that is captured in her book, expresses the way its beauty awakens the inner spirit that glows within her soul. She has taken time out to smell the roses.

She enjoyed writing poetry as a child growing up in Tallahassee, FL. Her grandparents raised her. Her grandparents took a strong interest in making sure that she learned to read as a little girl. She states "they would have me read everything from the mail to newspaper clippings and



Felita Gale McNeill

school assignments. I would stand in the living room and read and they were my proud audience." As she looks back over her life, she says this was all preparation for what she would finally do one day, produce booklets of poetry.

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She gives all the credit to God for giving her such a divine gift. Her grandparents for nurturing her gift, and a Middle School teacher who recognized her gift and encouraged her to take a class in Creative Writing.

She counts among her spare time activities Liturgical (Praise) Dancing and painting.

In addition to all her accomplishments, she is the President and Founder of Divine Inspirations and Christian Dance Inc.

Her book can be purchased through her Corporation, Divine Inspirations & Christian Dance Inc. (727) 867-2519, ProArtOr99@aol.com felitagalemcneill.com. The book is on sale at three area bookstores.

A book signing will be held at Reader's Choice, 4301 34th Street South, St. Petersburg on Nov. 24th, from 2-4 p.m.

Ten Incredible College Women Contest



ESSENCE magazine presents the winners of its first Ten Incredible College Women Contest. The contest, sponsored by Colgate-Palmolive, was created to highlight academic excellence and community service of ESSENCE's college readers. Ten winners were chosen from hundreds of entries submitted by college juniors and seniors with a 3.0 or higher grade-point average. The winners were treated to a trip to New York City for four days and three nights of fun. While in the Big Apple, the winners took part in an ESSENCE photo shoot, attended the off-Broadway play *St. Lucy's Eyes* and met the play's star, Ruby Dee, and had dinner at Justin's Restaurant, where R&B singer Alicia Keys gave them a private concert. All the winners received a \$1,000 cash prize. Standing from left to right: DeDe McGuire, Monique Danyell Walker, Taniqua Nicole Alexander, Kudiratu A. Aronmolate, Dorothy Patrice Ayodela Harris, Clarence O. Smith, Alicia Keys, Susan L. Taylor, Tonya Cropper, Phyllis G. Woolley and Shakirah Williams. Seated from left to right: Judy Ann Morris, Shannon M. Ashford, Christin L. Ayers and Courtney Lynne Blackwell.

How To Rate Your Home for Better Living

Retirees are usually very cost-conscious, but experts believe that frugality could lead to a significantly decreased quality of life.

If something about the home interferes with a good night's sleep, retirees can end up continually tired and have trouble enjoying family, social and hobby time. Or if something about the home interferes with the ability to cook meals easily, the retiree might soon quit making the effort to eat regular, nutritious meals.

"A retiree-friendly home can lead to better quality of life in the short term and may even lengthen the amount of time a retiree can stay independent and at home," said Arthur Grehan, executive director of the nonprofit American Inner-Spring Manufacturers.

That's why AIM is taking steps to ensure that all seniors have the information necessary to make these simple improvements around the house. The organization provides a free copy of "Find Your Home's Retirement Rating", an informative booklet that walks readers through their homes and offers opportunities to "score" various rooms and features. Once scored, the test reveals a Level Four Retirement Rating (the highest relaxation level possible) down to a Level One Retirement Rating (the most stressful and draining).

For example, seniors have more trouble getting sound

rest than younger people, the booklet points out. They cannot contain sleep for as long and spend less time in REM sleep, the "deep" sleep that facilitates memory storage and retention, new learning and performance.

Because a restful sleep surface is so important to an energetic lifestyle, the survey awards points for a variety of bedroom features. A bedroom scores points if the bed is large enough — a double bed for one person or a queen-sized bed for two — and if the mattress is a firm innerspring mattress less than 10 years old.

The same is true in the kitchen. The booklet points out that when cooking becomes a chore, seniors find themselves eating right less and less often, which can deprive them of the energy and health they need to stay active. Kitchens get points for lighting and lightweight pots and pans.

AIM recommends that people keep the booklet in a safe place and take the survey every year. Low scores can come up as retirees improve their surroundings, and high scores can come down as fixtures and sleep surfaces age.

To get your free copy of "Find Your Home's Retirement Rating", call AIM at 1-800-TUCK-ME-IN (1-800-882-5634) or visit AIM's Web site at www.aiminfo.org.

Olive Oil In Your Diet May Help Prevent Cancer

If you are looking for a way to reduce your risk of cancer, try a Mediterranean meal and dietary supplements of olive oil.

There is a low incidence of several types of cancer among Mediterranean populations, and olive oil consumption could be a contributing factor. People who live around the Mediterranean Sea, where olive oil is a major part of their daily diet, have much lower death rates from heart disease and certain cancers.

Surprisingly, those who eat a Mediterranean diet actually eat as much fat as people from other countries. But those who eat a Mediterranean diet get their fat calories primarily from olive oil which is largely composed of monounsaturated fat and can lower blood cholesterol.

Researchers believe constituents of olive oil, such as oleic acid, vitamin E, flavonoids, squalene and polyphenols, may help protect against colon, breast and prostate cancer because flavonoids and polyphenols are antioxidants which help prevent cell damage from oxygen containing chemicals called free radicals.

The high concentration of monounsaturated fats also has a positive impact on the prevention of breast cancer. A recent study showing that olive oil consumption could reduce the risk of cancer by up to 45 percent confirms prior studies indicating that the incidence of breast cancer among women who consumed olive oil was lower than that among women who did not.

For men, olive oil may contribute to a healthy prostate. Fish cooked in olive oil may be the answer for men concerned about prostate cancer. Research suggests that eating moderate amounts of oily fish might cut the risk of prostate cancer in half. The study, published in *The Lancet* medical journal, found that Swedish men who ate fish fried in olive oil only occasionally or not at all were twice as likely to develop prostate cancer as those men who ate fish in moderate amounts or frequently.

A study by researchers at the University of Oxford shows olive oil is as effective as fresh fruit and vegetables in keeping colon cancer at bay. Dr. Michael Goldacre and a team of researchers at the Institute of Health Sciences compared cancer rates, diets and olive oil consumption in 28 countries including the United States, Brazil, Colombia, Canada and China. Countries with a diet high in meat and low in vegetables had the highest rates of the disease; olive oil was associated with a decreased risk of colon cancer.

The researchers suspect olive oil protects against colon cancer by influencing the metabolism of the gut.

To supplement your diet with olive oil, try softgel capsules in various formulas.

Cong. Sheila Jackson-Lee And NCNW Honor Nation's Educators



WASHINGTON — Congresswoman Sheila Jackson-Lee joined the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. (NCNW) to honor this year's recipients of its Excellence in Teaching Award at its annual award luncheon at the Capital Hilton in Washington, DC. Sponsored by Shell Oil Company, the award was created in honor of NCNW founder, Mary McLeod Bethune, to recognize teachers that make significant contributions to the education of African-American youth.

Pictured at the 12th Annual Excellence in Teaching Awards Luncheon in Washington, DC: Subira Kifano (Western Region Recipient, Los Angeles, CA), LaTanya Obijiofor (Southern Region Recipient, Atlanta, GA), Sherry Maddox-Adams (National Recipient, Atlanta, GA), Congresswoman Sheila Jackson-Lee, Jacqueline Anderson (Eastern Region Recipient, Washington, DC), Linda Franklin (Midwestern Region Recipient, Harvey, IL), Albert Myres (Senior Vice President,

Shell Oil Company Foundation), and Shirley Johnson (Program Manager Shell Oil Company National and Community Outreach).

NCNW is a nonprofit, voluntary service organization with 38 affiliated national organizations, 252 community based sections chartered in 38 states and 60,000 individual members. It is dedicated to improving the quality of life of African-American women,

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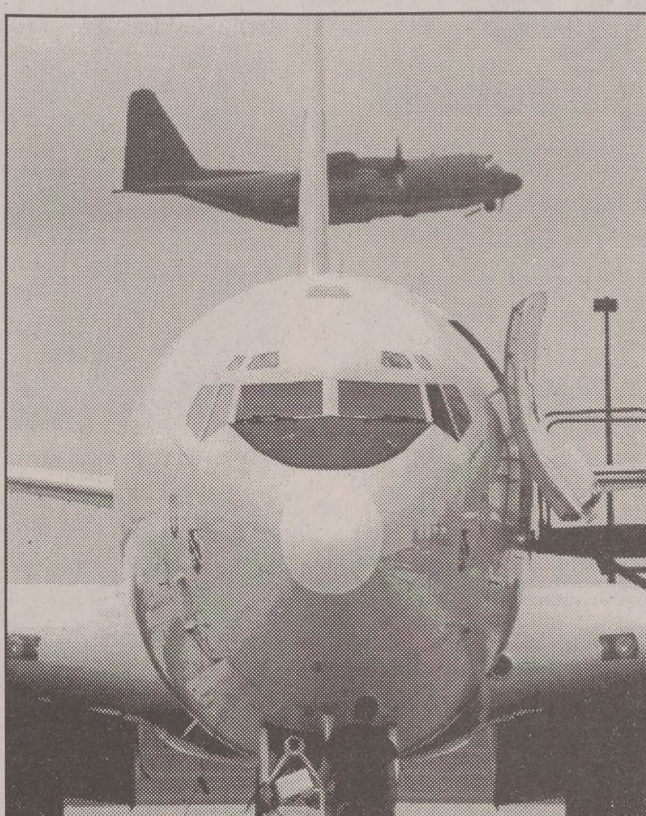
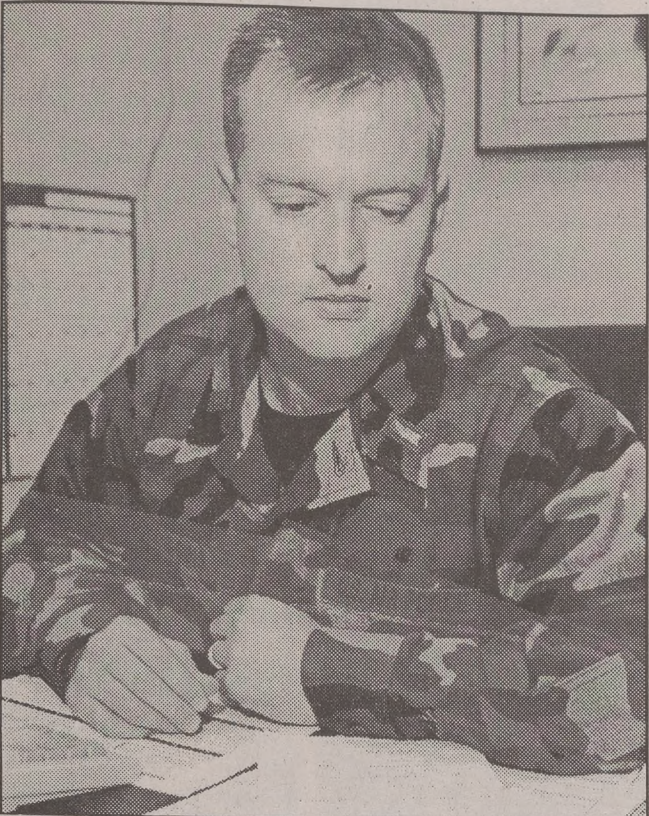
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NATIONAL NEWS

Local Soldier Makes A Difference On Battlefield



ROBINS AFB, GA — Barely a year into the 21st Century, the son of a St. Petersburg woman is involved with a one-of-a-kind unit that is revolutionizing the way we do business on the battlefield. In the face of the recent attacks on American soil, and peacekeeping missions in strife-torn areas such as Kosovo and Bosnia, information that's fresh and accurate is critical to military commanders who need to make quick, decisive responses.

Air Force 2nd Lt. Lowell B. Wiggins, son of Rose Wiggins, 79th Avenue, St. Petersburg, is a member of a unique unit with the responsibility of giving commanders just that. Wiggins is a member of the 93rd Maintenance Squadron involved with the Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System, or Joint STARS, designed to locate, identify and

Wiggins and his fellow service members are in a unique unit that began operations in 1996 in Southwest Asia, Bosnia and Kosovo, flying hundreds of real-world sorties and compiling thousands of flying hours. Whether thwarting Saddam Hussein on the Iraqi border or in the midst of combat efforts over Kosovo, Joint STARS surveillance has taken on an increasingly important role in military operations.

The recent World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks have hit home to Wiggins and his unit just how important this type of surveillance will become as we fight a completely different type of war in the century ahead.

The Joint STARS aircraft are Boeing 707s totally gutted

and refitted with state-of-the-art surveillance and tracking equipment that give commanders almost immediate information on enemy troop movements and locations. The modified planes, called E-8C Joint STARS, are equipped with a series of consoles that are, in essence, digital processors that allow operators to track moving targets. The workstations and graphics displays on the consoles transform the various high-tech radars into both moving dots and visual images that show stationary targets, as well as terrain features from more than 100 miles away.

Wiggins plays a part in the Joint "STARS mission as a squadron section commander. "I'm responsible for running the commander's support staff for the largest squadron in the 93rd Air Control Wing," said Wiggins, a 1984 graduate of St. Petersburg High School.

"I'm also responsible for the morale, discipline and well-being of all members of the squadron."

Whether a pilot, a communications technician or an administrative specialist, training for the Joint STARS mission requires both airmen and soldiers to go beyond the norm.

"As the only personnel officer in the squadron, it's my responsibility to be the expert on all Air Force publications and instructions relating to personnel matters," said Wiggins, who holds a degree in health systems from Chapman University in Orange County, CA. "I do this so the maintainers in the squadron have their personnel matters in good order so they can accomplish the mission."

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H. Patrick Swygert Receives Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund

WASHINGTON, DC — Howard University President H. Patrick Swygert received the 2001 Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund's Educational Leadership Award during the organization's 14th annual Anniversary Awards Dinner on Thursday, Oct. 29th, in New York City.

Howard University Trustee, Earl G. Graves, Sr., publisher and chairman of *Black Enterprise* magazine, received the organization's Alumni Leadership Award during the dinner. MBNA America Bank Chairman and CEO Charles M. Cawley received the Corporate Leadership Award. The Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund last year honored Howard University Board of Trustees Chairman and alumnus Frank Savage, CEO of Savage Holdings LLC.

"I am honored by this accolade," Swygert said. "More than simply a personal award, it is also a recognition of Howard University's progress attained through the collaborative efforts of our faculty, students and administration." Swygert added "the fact that this honor is shared with Trustee Earl G. Graves, Sr., and Chairman Frank Savage underscores Howard's position as a forum of leadership for America and the global community."

The Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund provides merit scholarships, programmatic and capacity-building support to students attending its 45 member historically black public colleges and Universities.

The theme of this year's awards dinner, "Preparing a New Generation of Leaders" bespeaks Howard University's 134-year-old legacy of producing leaders of sterling caliber, beginning with the organization's namesake, Howard University School of Law alumnus Thurgood Marshall

(L.L.B. '33) Today, Howard University continues to produce leaders, including Rhodes Scholar Carla Peterman (B. A. '99), Truman Scholar Louis Sterling (B. B. A. '00) and U. S. Navy Nuclear Power Officer Patrick Price (BSE '01).

Since his appointment in 1995, President Swygert has sparked new momentum at Howard, largely through exacting measures outlined in the University's *Strategic Framework for Action I (SFA-I)*. Those measures included: the infusion of more than \$50 million in student and faculty technology, the completion of the state-of-the-art Louis Stokes Health Sciences and Howard University School of Law libraries, the strengthening of academic programs and services, and the complete revitalization of the LeDroit Park Community. The University now focuses its attention on accomplishing the objectives outlined in SFA-II. For more information on SFA-II, visit www.howard.edu/administration/president/sfa2.

Howard University, located in Washington, DC, comprises 12 schools and colleges. Founded in 1867, the University's 10,700 students today enjoy academic pursuits in more than 120 areas of study leading to undergraduate, graduate and professional degrees.

HBO Sports Presents Dynamic Doubleheader

NEW YORK — HBO Sports, the "Network of Champions", presents a showdown of hotly contested rivals when World Champion Boxing: Floyd Mayweather vs. Jesus Chavez and Manny Pacquiao vs. Agapito Sanchez airs live Saturday, Nov. 10th at 10:15pm from the Bill Graham Civic Auditorium in San Francisco. The HBO Sports broadcast team of Jim Lampley, Larry Merchant and George Foreman will be ring-side for the doubleheader, which will be closed-captioned for the hearing-impaired and presented in Spanish language on HBO Latino.

Undefeated world super featherweight champion Floyd Mayweather (26-0, 19KOs), from Grand Rapids, MI, squares off against top-ranked contender Jesus Chavez (35-1, 24 KOs) of Delicias, Mexico, in a highly anticipated 12-round title showdown. The 24-

year-old Mayweather, voted 1998 "Fighter of the Year" by the Boxing Writers Association of America, is coming off a unanimous decision over Carlos Hernandez last May. In his sights is the hard-hitting Chavez, 29, who recorded his 31st straight victory with a unanimous decision over Juan Arias last May.

In the opener, world junior featherweight champion Manny Pacquiao (33-2, 24KOs), of Kibawe, Philippines, defends his title against top-ranked contender Agapito Sanchez (33-7-1, 20 KOs), of La Victoria, Dominican Republic, in a 12-round bout. Pacquiao, 23, is coming off an impressive sixth-round knockout of Lehlohonolo Ledwaba, while savvy veteran Sanchez, 31, has won his last ten fights.

The executive producer of World Championship Boxing is Rick Bernstein; producer, Thomas Odelfelt; director, Marc Payton.

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TAMPA BAY AREA NEWS

Miller Says Goliath "Go" Davis Needs Us

ST. PETERSBURG — Former Police Chief Goliath Davis and now the City of St. Petersburg Deputy Mayor, is in the process of developing an economic and physical revitalization plan for the Greater 22nd Street Business District and Midtown St. Petersburg. In developing the plan, Deputy Mayor Davis wants community input. He does not want this to be a plan devised from the top down.

Midtown St. Petersburg may never reach its glory days of times past, but it certainly can be improved over what it is now. Economic development, which includes jobs, job training, thriving

existing businesses, new businesses, affordable housing, a reduction in crime and drug sales and a better place for people to live and work, can be accomplished in this area.

In an effort to get community input into his plan, Davis has had three meetings that have had very little support from the community. That shouldn't be. Friends, Goliath Davis III need us. He needs us not for himself, but rather for what he is trying to do for the community. I understand these meetings have been well advertised and another is planned for the near future.

Senator Les Miller (D) District 21 represents this area and believes these

meetings to be important. Miller is urging the residents of Midtown St. Petersburg and the occupants of the 22nd Street Business District to attend the next meeting. "We should be there to lend our support, to encourage Mr. Davis, to offer any suggestions that we may have and to demonstrate to governmental leaders that there is interest and support for what Mr. Davis is trying to do."

Miller said that if Legislative duties do not call for him to be in Tallahassee at the time of the next meeting, he would be there. Miller urges all of you to pack the meeting room. "Go" Davis need us.

FL Division Of Elections To Hold Public Hearing On Rule-Making Process

TAMPA — Rep. Arthenia Joyner has announced that the Florida Division of Elections will hold one of its public hearings regarding rules affecting elections in Tampa on Thursday, November 8th, beginning at 5pm. The meeting will be held at the Tampa Port Authority's administrative offices at 1101 Channelside Drive, Tampa.

Rules being considered are those that establish standards for determining voter intent, particularly on those ballots which are marked by hand and procedural steps for canvassing boards which must be taken

in the event of a recount, including protecting the rights of candidates and public observation of the proceedings.

Rep. Joyner said, "I asked the Division to hold one of its hearings on this issue in our community. I am very pleased it is doing so, and I hope we see a good turnout. Although the proposed rules seem to be carefully thought-out and well-written, it is sometimes the eye which hasn't reviewed something endlessly that picks up that which needs additional tweaking." The public is invited and is encouraged to attend.

The Hospice Awarded \$600,000

LARGO — The Hospice of the Florida Suncoast has been awarded a \$600,000 grant by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Administration on Aging to fund a three-year program titled, "Transforming the Caregiver Experience at the End of Life: The National Train-the-Trainer Program", to continue efforts in support of caregivers in our community and in communities nationwide.

The Hospice was chosen as an "innovative program of national significance". Of the \$6 million awarded to agencies throughout the country, The Hospice has the honor of being the only hospice and palliative care provider among the grant recipients and only one of two projects focusing on end-of-life issues.

"Transforming the Caregiver Experience at the End of Life: The National Train-the-Trainer Program" is a project that has been created in direct response to the lack of special-

ized training for family caregivers who provide care for persons at the end of life.

The training will reach approximately 200 hospice and palliative care professionals and 10,000 family caregivers.

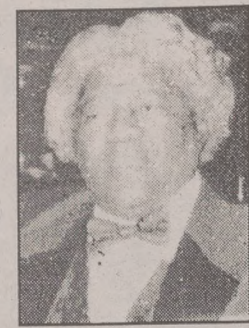
"This grant gives us another opportunity to create a culture of caregiving in which opportunities for growth at the end of life are valued and embraced," Acquaviva said.

The Hospice is a not-for-profit agency committed to caring for individuals dealing with chronic illness, facing the end of life or grieving the loss of loved ones. The Hospice offers comprehensive hospice and palliative care, emotional counseling, spiritual support and other services to the people of Pinellas County without regard to race, age, faith, diagnosis or the ability to pay. Founded in 1977 by volunteers, more than 1300 patients and their families are cared for each day by The Hospice.

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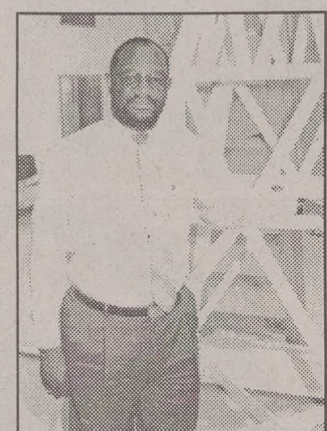
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For further information: The Gas Saver's Guide, Johnny Callender and Douglas Woods, New York Pinnacle Books, 1974.

SPACE FLIGHT AWARENESS PROGRAM AWARD RECOMMENDATION



Kenneth R. Hammonds

Kenneth R. Hammonds of the Boeing MDE, DSE organization received the Leadership Award. His job title is Senior Manager. He has been employed with the company 25 years. NASA recognized four employees for their leadership contributions to Kennedy Space Centers mission. Kenneth Hammonds, a senior manager in engineering, and Tim La Munyon, a senior manager in the people organization, received the 2001

Space Flight Awareness Leadership Award that recognizes outstanding leaders who exemplify those characteristics necessary for success in demanding environment of human space flight support. The award consists of a trophy with an American flag that has flown on a recent space shuttle mission. Pat Houston, director of systems engineering and integration, and Paul Owens, a manager in checkout systems development, received certificates of appreciation for their leadership contributions. Their peers nominated the recipients. Ken is the son of Loden Hammonds of 28th St. S. Congratulate, Ken, keep up the good work!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Today, Nov. 8th, Emery Colston, Joyce Robinson, Rashad Barganier, Angelia Mosley; Nov. 9th through 18th, Juanita (Doll) Jackson, Mary D. Stephens, Alice Burton, Michael Graham, Cheryl Washington, Ruby "Sister Joy" Byrd, Shara Manuel, Robert Bowers, Charlie Mack, Mary Mack Mitchell, Bonnie Brooks, Shana Parks, Ella M. Reece, Richard Stevens, Janekwa Harrell, Herbert Curington, Sonia N. Charles, Morgan Smith, Andrew Glaspie and John "Rico" Allen.

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NTAA Offers Etiquette Training

TAMPA — Last Saturday, Nov. 3rd, at the Jimmie B. Keel Library, the North Tampa Africa Alliance, Inc., offered its first etiquette training. Attorney and Mrs. Clinton Paris were the instructors, along with the host of Eddy's World, Elder Eddy Bexley. Samantha Clinton is a guidance counselor. They gave a special touch to what is expected to be a young lady and gentleman in an acceptable society.

The next class is being offered by Francine Candelario and Rudean Crawley covering "Meeting People and Making Introductions" and "Netiquette". The classes target young girls and boys between the ages of 6 to 9 years of age, but all ages are welcomed. Saturday's class will be held again at the Jimmie B.

September Tourist Tax Collections Drop As Predicted

CLEARWATER — Tourist development Tax collections for Pinellas County dropped as expected in September, but collections for the fiscal year 2000/2001 still finished above last year. The Pinellas County Tax Collector's 2000/2001 Year End Comparative Report shows September 2001 tourist development tax collections were down 19.23 percent from September 2000. The report indicates that tourism tax collections increased 2.5 percent for fiscal year 2000/2001 over a year ago. Tourist development tax collections are receipts received through the resort tax, a 4 percent levy on

short-term accommodations such as hotels, condos and campgrounds rented for a period of less than six months.

Tourist development tax collections for the month of September were expected to drop because of the decrease of visitors due to the terrorist attacks on September 11th.

Tax receipts collected in September 2001 were \$763,600, compared to \$945,500 in September 2000. Annual tax collections totaled \$17,630,862 for fiscal year 2000/2001 (Oct. 2000 through Sept. 2001) compared to \$17,195,558 in 1999/2000.

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







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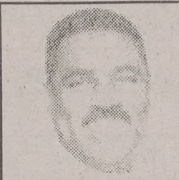
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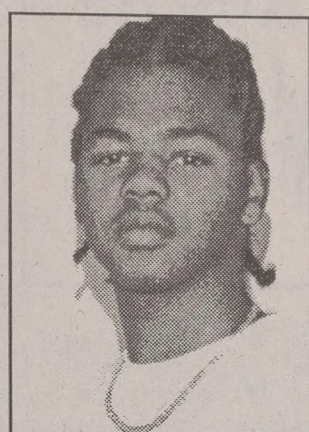
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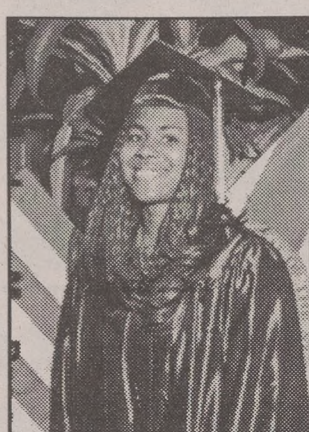
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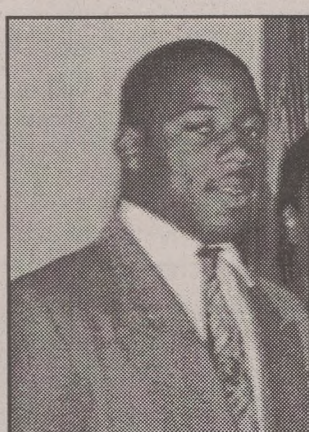
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We at Howard Academy are proud to announce that Melissa Pittman from Forest High "class of 2000" has received her diploma through the Community Education Center at Howard Academy. She is now employed by the City of Ocala and will be attending Central Florida Community College in January 2002.

David Barron from Lake Weir High "Class of 2002" also received his diploma through Community Ed. Mr. Barron is ahead of the game. He will be attending Central Florida Community College next year.

Ronisha Lee from Vanguard High "Class of 2001" is now attending South Florida Community College in Avon Park, FL, on a volleyball scholarship.

Jennifer Pittman from Forest High "Class of 2000" received her diploma through Community Ed and will be attending Central Florida Community College next year.

Khalia Harvey from Belleview High "Class of 2001" will be attending Central Florida Community College in 2002.

Kelvin Butler from North Marion High graduated from Central Florida Community College and is now working on his bachelors degree.

Community-Wide Health Fair

DUNNELLON - "Each day is a life time; how to live longer." Union Missionary Baptist Church and the Greater Gainesville Nurses Association, Inc., are sponsoring a free Community-Wide Health Fair on Saturday, November 10, 2001 from 9 am to 12 noon at the Union Missionary Baptist Church (19976 SW 110th Place) in Dunnellon. A focus on healthy lifestyles will be presented with seminars on hypertension, nutrition, exercise, diabetes, cancer, and how to take your medications effectively. There will also be children games and activities, food, and entertainment. The seminar is free and open to the public.

For more information please call (352) 465-3942, 489-8825 or 489-1222.

FAMU Football Reunion

OCALA - November 2-4, 2001 over 150 former Florida A&M University Rattlers football players from the decades of 1920 thru 2000 convened in Tallahassee, FL for the first ever "Rattler Football Reunion". Event organizers chose the Holiday Inn Select as the headquarters for the historical well attended gathering.

Approximately 9 months ago a group of former Rattlers football players arrived at a vision to organize the reunion around the efforts of fund raising for the purpose erecting a memorial statue in honor of Hall of Fame legendary Florida A&M University head football coach Alonzo "Jake" Gaither on Florida A&M University campus. The committee was successful in raising over \$30,000 which resulted in the unveiling of the statue Saturday, November 3rd prior to the A&M Southern University football contest. \$5,000 was contributed by the National Rattler "F" Club, Inc., of which Whitfield Jenkins of Ocala is president. The statue is located prominently in front of the Gaither's Gymnasium.

A host of activities was carried out for the registrants to include receptions, photo sessions, provision of reunion "T" shirts and church services. All the reunion Rattlers were introduced by the decade in which they played at pre-game.

Local Rattlers who registered and participated in the reunion were coach Ruben "Bubba" Johnson, Eugene Milton, Dr. John Eason, James "Buddy Boy" Long of Howard High School and Whitfield Jenkins and Curtis Taylor of Fessenden High School.

Coach Ruben Johnson was announced as the last living Rattler who played in the first Orange Blossom Classic.

Great kudos, thanks and appreciation goes to the 2001 Rattler Reunion Committee: Rudy Givens-chairman, Curtis Taylor, Ken Riley, Bennie Samuels, Marcellas Durham, Bob Paremore, Lee Harvey, Vaughn Wilson, David Daniels and Dr. Leila Walker.

For further information call Whitfield Jenkins at (352) 351-0824.

7th Annual Native American Festival Comes To Silver Springs

SILVER SPRINGS - Native American tribes from throughout North and South America will be gathering at Silver Springs for the 7th Annual Native American Festival from Thursday, Nov. 15, through Saturday, Nov. 17. During the three-day event, the Plainsmen and Aztecs will celebrate their rich heritage at Silver Springs by performing elaborate tribal dances in authentic costumes, telling centuries-old legends and making crafts. Park guests will also be able to explore a "geo dig," learn traditional survival skills at a Seminole encampment, view artifacts on display and browse among sales booths offering Native American jewelry, dolls and works of art.

During the Native American Festival, Silver Springs will open at 9 a.m. on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 15 and 16, and 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 17. Live entertainment will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday and Friday, and 10:30 a.m. on Saturday. Leading off the program will be the Plainsmen with flute players, tribe members performing the Eagle Dance and Hoop Dance, a storyteller and a demonstration on how to make dream catchers. Also appearing at the event will be the colorfully costumed Aztecs performing ancient dances featuring drums, battle shields and fire.

Ocala Civic Theatre For Young Audiences To Present "Lion And Mouse Stories"

OCALA - Deep in the jungle, a lion is about to make a meal of a tiny, but, as we soon find out, very clever mouse. The mouse forestalls his impending demise by telling his captor a series of stories which feature dozens of animals in the jungle, all of whom have distinctly human characteristics.

Lion and Mouse Stories

will be presented on the outdoor stage on November 10th and 17th at 10am and 12 noon, and on November 12th and 18th at 12 noon. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and the whole family to enjoy this delightful production.

For ticket information and reservations, call the Theatre box office at (352) 236-2274.



Ocala News

by James Thorpe

GREATER HOPEWELL BAPTIST CHURCH

The Greater Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church Missionary Society, assisted by the Nursing Guild, will be having a "Health Fair" on Saturday, November 17, 2001 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

- Blood Pressure check
- Blood Sugar check (Diabetes) (do not eat after midnight the day before the check)
- Heart Rate (EKG if needed after heart rate check)
- Cholesterol Level
- Weight
- Stroke Screening

In addition: Clothing giveaway, worship and praise, continental breakfast and lunch.

Come let us magnify the Lord together!! Pastor Rev. Dr. George W. Lee, Helen Sherman Williams - chairperson, Lillian Lowery - Nursing Guild chairperson.

UPCOMING EVENT

Sunday, November 8th, Annual Brotherhood Observance - 7:30 a.m., Breakfast. 3:30pm. Fellowship Service.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Please help us prepare plentiful Thanksgiving baskets for those we will show our love for.

Can goods and non-perishable items are being requested. Bring your donations to mission meeting, prayer service or Sunday worship service.

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MEMBERS BORN IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

- 1st: Brandi Brown; Geneva Chisholm.
- 2nd: Alberta King; Dorothy Shelton.
- 3rd: Pauline McCray
- 4th: Keelan Thomas
- 5th: Rose Jenkins
- 7th: Dorothy Thomas
- 11th: Shirley Moss; Dominic Gaine; Tiffany Richardson; Dekeria Franklin
- 12th: Eva Davis
- 13th: Maisha Morman; Malkia Morman; John Billings.
- 14th: L. J. Youmans
- 15th: Reginald Swift
- 16th: Lottie Elliott; Gladys White
- 19th: Darin Gaine; Raymond Weathers
- 21st: Kenyata McIntyre; Larry Youmans
- 22nd: Dorisha Dalton; Philip Kelly
- 23rd: Theodore Pullings
- 26th: Kelvin Ketchum
- 27th: Daniel Brown
- 28th: Teretha McKinney

MARION COUNTY BRANCH OF THE NAACP

Thanksgiving of Praise The Marion County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will sponsor a special "Thanksgiving of Praise" Mass Meeting on Sunday, November 11, 2001, 6:45 p.m., Zion United Methodist Church, NW Martin Luther

King Avenue, Reverend Mary Dell Fletcher, Pastor.

This special Meeting will feature Reverend Marvin Charles Lue, Jr., Pastor of Allen Temple Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Tallahassee, as the guest messenger. Music will be provided by a local church choir.

The public is asked to please bring non-perishable food items to the meeting that will be given to local humanitarian agencies to be distributed to the needed.

L. C. Stevenson, Branch President and Reverend Derrick Smith, Religious Affairs Chairman cordially invites the public to attend.

ANNUAL VETERAN'S DAY CELEBRATION

The American Legion Post #210 invites you to our Annual Veteran's Day Celebration to be held on Friday, November 9, 2001 at 7 p.m.

This celebration will be held at the Lillian Bryant Community Center, Ocala, FL.

Guests to include: Brother Roosevelt Davison and the "Spiritual Ambassadors". Dinner will be served.

MY DAD

I loved you more than you'll ever know. But I knew in my heart, I had to let you go. Your struggle was not in vain, for God knew your every pain.

So many times I'll need you, so many times I'll cry; and if love alone could have saved you; you never would have died. It hurt so much to lose you, but you didn't go alone, for part of me went with you when God called you home. The memories that you left behind; will always be in my heart and mind. "I'll Love You Daddy" Till the end of time...

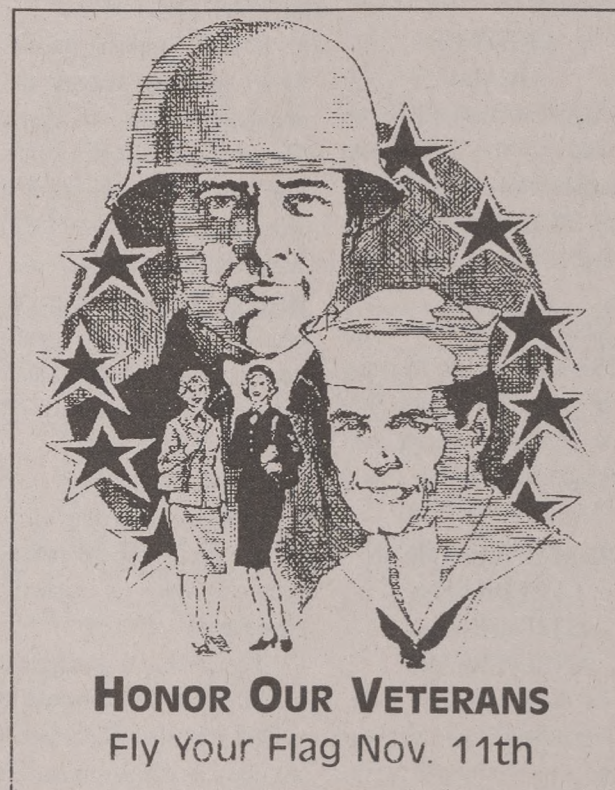
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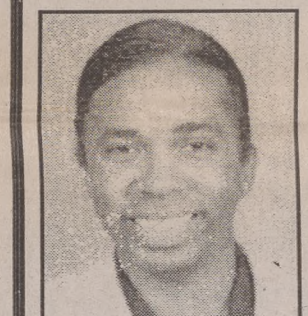
-Cleveland Johnson



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LIGHT OF THE WORLD

By Rev. Daniel Banks



"How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" - Romans 10:15b

This is a lovely verse of scripture and Handel's *Messiah* contains an exquisite soprano air entitled, "How Beautiful Are the Feet of Them." It was adapted from this same sacred writing.

It blesses me in particular because an old girlfriend once told me that she felt her feet were "prettier" than mine and the daughter of a friend once told me I had the ugliest feet she'd ever seen. (Mind you, she had a brother who had nicely formed feet but all ten toenails were black with a fungus and he was only a teenager at the time!)

My feet are narrow and my doctor says I have bunions due to the fact that my big toes point off to the sides. I once saw a man at a foot-washing service that had feet that looked like two big sweet potatoes! Yet, the Bible declares that all preachers have beautiful feet, despite what anyone may say! (smile)

"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace: that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, 'Thy God reigneth!'" - Isaiah 52:7.

For the past seven years, this is what my effort has been with this article: (1) to bring good tidings, (2) to publish peace, (3) to publish salvation,

and (4) to say to the Church in a number of ways, "Thy God Reigneth!"

God is a good God and the highest call on a man's life is the call to preach the gospel. I Peter 2:9 declares that we are a royal priesthood and admonishes us to show the praises of Him. Who has called us out of darkness and into His marvelous light!

I stated a few weeks ago that a lot more could be done toward the upbuilding of God's kingdom, once a person comes to know who he really is and Whose he is! The same notion applies to preachers. Many of us don't know who we are or Whose we are. In the words of Job, "I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God." - Job 19:25, 26 ("I know that My Redeemer Liveth") is another air for soprano from the *Messiah*).

It's very disheartening to hear that a preacher is addicted to drugs or that a preacher has been jailed for the sexual abuse of a child. It's equally disappointing to hear that a preacher's wife is an alcoholic or a brawler!

We preachers must know who we are for if our feet are beautiful, then the rest of us must truly be something else! Let us make sure that we shod our feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace, according to Ephesians 6:15. Pray much for me

Ocala Civic Theatre To Offer Exciting "King Lear" Study Group Opportunity

OCALA - Actor/director James Gammon has contacted Ocala Civic Theatre about setting up a study group for William Shakespeare's *King Lear*.

For the last five years, Mr. Gammon played Nick Bridges on the CBS series *Nash Bridges*. Among his other television credits are roles in *Guns, Smoke, Homefront* and the mini-series *Lincoln*. On stage, his starring role in Sam Shepard's *Buried Child* earned him a 1996 Tony Award nomination for Best Actor and he received the Los Angeles Drama Critics Award as Best Director for a production of *Bus Stop*. He made his motion picture debut in *Cool Hand Luke*, following with *Urban Cowboy*, *Major League I*, *Major League II*, *Silverado* and, most recently, *The Cell*, to name a few. Mr. Gammon is a founding member of the New MET Theatre in Los Angeles.

An audition/interview is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. at Ocala Civic Theatre which is located at 4337 East Silver Springs Blvd., in the Appleton Cultural Center.

For additional information about the audition/interview or study group, call Ocala Civic Theatre at (352) 236-2274 and ask for either Mary Britt or Moira Mangiameli.

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Church Family Conducts Ecumenical Service



by Florence Williams Ray

OCALA — Mt. Tabor A.M.E. Church family conducted an ecumenical service "100 Men and Women Together in Unity" on Sunday, Nov. 4, 2001 in the church sanctuary. The Rev. Harry Dawkins, pastor of Allen Temple A.M.E., Tampa and his gospel choir was in charge of the service. Both the pastor and choir were dynamic as they brought the over-crowded congregation to its feet.

Shouting praises of God and joy, the gospel choir rendered a highly spiritual concert. Sheriff Dean and wife were in attendance. Sheriff Dean hailed the church family for rendering such a needed service. He was zealous in stating that such acts as these are what is needed to conquer the events now present in our world.

Rep. Dennis Baxley championed the causes of the church family. He asked their help in support of state legislation to bring prayer back into the school. His testimony was a beautifully rendered solo, "Great is Thy Faithfulness".

Steward Billie Hudson was eloquent in her welcome and pleading for unity to the church, visitors and friends. Dr. Fred Maeweathers, Moderator of Bethlehem Association

and pastor of Shady Grove Baptist Church and his congregation led the plea for unity at Altar Call. All denominations stood hand in hand as they fellowshiped and prayed. They were joined by pulpit guest pastor.

Steward William Jones and Trustee Queen Jones acknowledged visitors and expressed the church's appreciation for their support. A delectable dinner was served to all.

Sonia Battey is publicity chair.

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LIGHT UP Ocala

Light Up Ocala will be celebrated on the Downtown Square on November 17, 2001 from 2-8 p.m. The public is invited to join in the holiday fun.

The celebration will include music, crafts, food and much more. The Junior Sunshine Christmas Parade will begin at 5:30 p.m.

DR. MAEWEATHERS CELEBRATES 13TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

On November 11, 2001, Dr. Fred Maeweathers will celebrate his 13th Church

Anniversary as Pastor of Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Ocala.

The public is invited to join in the celebration. The afternoon service begins at 4 p.m. The church is located at 9225 S.W. 27th Avenue, Ocala.

PROGRAM HONORS CLUB'S ANNIVERSARY

The Shades of Beige Community Club will celebrate its 26th anniversary with a gospel explosion on November 10,

UF Nurse Researcher Identifies Search Criteria for Wandering Alzheimer's Patients

GAINESVILLE — Less than four percent of memory-impaired adults who wander away from home are able to return unassisted, according to a new University of Florida study.

The findings, based on data collected through the national Alzheimer's Association Safe Return Program, underscore the need for public safety agencies to establish procedures for launching search-and-rescue efforts quickly when a missing person has Alzheimer's disease or another form of dementia, a UF nurse researcher said.

"Law enforcement agencies often delay activating a search for missing adults because they assume the adults will return home on their own," said Meredith Rowe, R.N., Ph.D., an associate professor at the UF College of Nursing and at the UF Institute on Aging. "However, this research clearly shows those policies need to be different for adults who are cognitively impaired as a result of Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia."

Realizing the UF study results may be critically important in helping to find such adults, the American Journal of Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias has given permission to release the research findings before publication.

While the study results are specific to the Safe Return Program only, it is the first time any data have become available on which to base policies related to cognitively impaired wandering patients, Rowe said.

"Law enforcement agencies have clear procedures for finding missing children, but the steps we take when the call is about an adult tend to vary with each situation," said Sgt. James Troiano, a spokesman for the Alachua County (FL) Sheriff's Office. "There are no established standards when we search for adults with dementia."

From 675 missing and discovery incidents reported nationwide to Safe Return over a 13-month period, Rowe identified patterns of where people were found, how long they had wandered and how far they traveled. She also found that nearly 20 percent of the memory-impaired adults found wandering in communities left from nursing homes.

"Wandering happens even in the best caregiving situations, especially if the patient becomes angry or agitated," Rowe said.

Therefore, caregivers should not be embarrassed to call for help, she said. In fact, it is critical for caregivers to file a

2001 at 6 p.m. The event will take place at the Theological Seminary, located at 1205 N.W. 4th Street, Ocala. The Rev. Dr. Fred Maeweathers is Moderator.

The program will include Sister Mildred Blunt, Bros. Clifford Kyler and Bernard Smith, Trinity Choir of Johnson, FL, Jerusalem Choir, Greater Hopewell Mass Choir, Deacon Jerome Brown and Deacon James Thorpe.

The public is invited to

receive a blessing.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Happy birthday greetings go out to Dorothy Shelton and Darwin Barnes, November 2nd; Arizona Vereen Turner, November 3rd; LaKee Sha Jones, November 4th; Doris Powell, November 6th; Doretha Gillings Harvey, November 8th; Ashley Kirby, November 9th; and Willie Gray, November 11th.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

On Saturday, November 10th at 6:30 p.m., New Hope AME Church, located at the corner of 73rd Street and Sunset Harbor Road in Summerfield, will be having a "Talent Extravaganza" and "Modeling Show".

A well known dress designer will be on hand at 6 p.m. with her creations for sale and modeling. This is an affair you do not want to miss! So come out and enjoy the local talent and clothes of distinction that will be available to the public.

Also at New Hope AME, on Sunday, November 11th at 9 a.m., Sis. Shinece Carr, a Senior at Bethune Cookman College in Daytona Beach will

be guest speaker.

Upon speaking with Shinece's grandmother, Sis. Elizabeth Carr of Weirsdale, it is truly amazing how this came to be. Her grandmother said Shinece phoned her and asked to speak at her home church because she had recurring dreams of preaching from a pulpit. And even during her awake hours, visions of scriptures would just invade her mind. Her message will come from one of those visions, Matthew 5:1-10.

Pastor, the Rev. Verdi McKinney, invites the public to come worship with them.

There will be an old-fashioned, fuel for the soul "Revival" at Stanton Baptist Church. The Rev. Hugh Brockington, Pastor.

Rev. Willie F. Long, Pastor of Mt. Olive Baptist Church of Summerfield, will be in charge of Revival Services. The public is invited to come out and partake in these reviving of the spirit, soul and mind services. The Revival will run nightly on November 14-16, 2001.

Stanton Baptist Church is located in Weirsdale, FL.

The Missionary Society of Mt. Olive Baptist Church of Summerfield, will be having a Yard Sale on Saturday, November 17th.

Please stop by during the sale and help out a very worthy cause. The church is located on Sunset Harbor Road approximately 1 mile east of the Post Office.

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RELIGIOUS NEWS

Joy, Pain, Sunshine, Rain At New Philadelphia

Anniversary speaker James Robinson did a masterful job in conveying a Biblical message which showed kinship of "Joy, Pain, Sunshine, and Rain." He made these life-experienced entities speak to how God fulfills His purpose in lives of believers. James related these elements common in every life, to the terrorist actions of September 11th. The message was both inspiring and informative. Jerold Robinson was worship leader.

Throughout month of November, New Philadel-

phia will be celebrating 11 years of spiritual togetherness. Men and boys led church family in worship on Sunday.

Women will preside on second Sunday. Kim Gaskin will be worship leader. The Reverend Edward Nesbitt, Jr. will deliver anniversary sermon to church family.

Church family recently celebrated with a feast and fellowship, the 40 year observance of marriage of "Don and Cookie". Members were joined by family and friends in a meal of delectable delights

at end of mid-morning worship service. Christian commendations to persons preparing and serving food for this occasion, as well as gifts and cards that were also given.

Members of Deaconess and Deacon ministry will meet Saturday at 2:00 p.m. with chairminister Mary Robinson. Pastor will also be instructing new Deaconesses at this time. A discussion session with prospective Deacon will also take place on Saturday afternoon.

Jesus Saves!

Greater St. Paul

To God be the glory for what He has done ...

He blessed us with a spirit-filled man of God as pastor/teacher, Rev. Clyde E. Williams. Come join us as we celebrate our Pastor's 3rd Anniversary, November 7th, 8th, 9th and Sunday, November 11th at 4 p.m. He has been a blessing to us, and now it's time to let him know we love

and appreciate him.

Choir Union #2 will be hosted by the Greater St. Paul Youth Choir on Thursday, November 15th, Alma Peoples, president of Choir Union #2. Special guest will be Rev. Constance Samuels and the Earth Mission Choir. Mary Joe Lee is asking all choirs to GSP to open services at 8 p.m. November 16th and 18th,

all choirs anniversary on Friday the 16th. A musical will kick-off this celebration and Sunday at 4 p.m. Rev. D. Lewis and Grand Central Progressive M.B. Church family will render service.

Busy, busy, Saturday, November 17th, Senior Women Ministry will host a prayer breakfast. Barbara Bonner will be the guest speaker.

Breakthrough Christian

You're invited to join us on Friday night for a Powerful "Jubilee Service" at 7:30 p.m. with Pastor Glenn ministering. Join us every 2nd and 4th Saturday starting at 6 p.m. for "Youth In Action" with Youth Pastors Samuel and Beverly Grant. Refreshments will be served after every service. So, we look forward to seeing you this Saturday!

You're welcome to join us every Sunday in our new service at 8:30 a.m.; 11 a.m. "Power Breakthrough Service" and 7:30 p.m. with Pastor Glenn ministering in all three services. Continental

breakfast will be served after every 8:30 a.m. service. Don't forget our Tuesday "Word".

Saturday, Nov. 17th from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Campbell's Park will be our Annual Thanksgiving Goshpelt. We will be serving hot food, giving away non-perishable food items and personal hygiene items. There will be testimonials, special singing and other giveaways. If you would like to donate items towards this event it would be greatly appreciated. Just call the office (727) 321-4986. Continue to tune in to WRXB 1590 & WTAN 1340. Check our ad

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1135 37th Street South, St. Pete, FL

Elder Clarence Welch, Pastor

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



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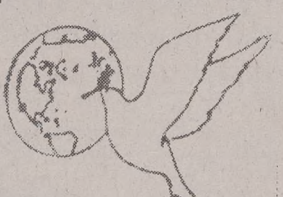
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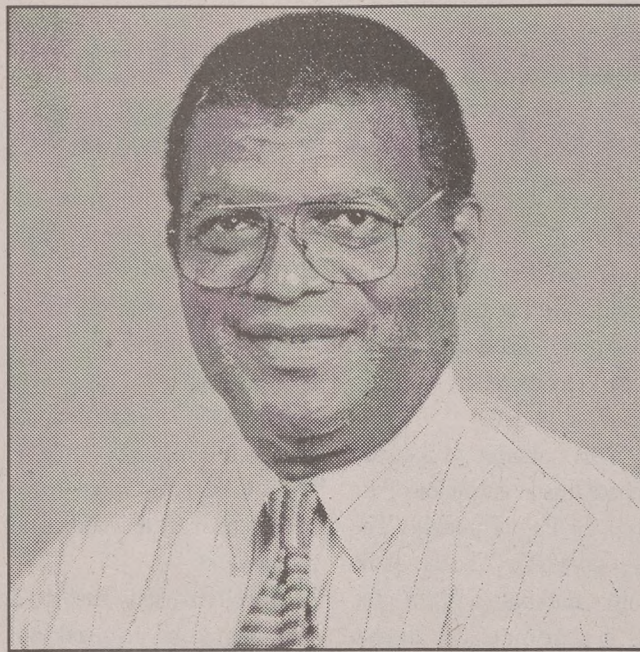
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Rev. P.D.H. Leonard

Pastor



SUNDAY
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.
TUESDAY
Bible Study 7:30 p.m.
FRIDAY
Evangelical Service 7:30 p.m.
PRAYER TIMES
Tuesdays, Fridays & Sundays - half an hour before service.
Mondays & Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Friday nights at midnight.
RADIO BROADCAST
Sundays 7:45 a.m.
If you would like to come to church and do not have a way, call 327-0997.
The Church Where Everyone Is Welcome



Dr. H. Robert Allen

Unity To Celebrate 44th Anniversary

Unity Temple of Truth Church cordially invites you to help us celebrate our 44th Church Anniversary on November 11th, at 11 a.m. The church is located at 511 Prescott Street South.

The keynote speaker for this wonderful occasion is Dr. H. Robert Allen.

Dr. Allen is an Administrator at the Palm Harbor University High School. Dr. Allen has worked in the field of education for 27 years. Previously he has been a classroom teacher

and guidance counselor.

Dr. Allen's educational preparation includes a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English, a Master's Degree in Ethnic Studies, a Master's Degree in English and a Doctorate Degree in Leadership.

Dr. Allen is a devout Christian and minister whose sermons are not only inspirational and uplifting but motivational as well.

Please don't miss this opportunity to hear a great speaker and be wondrously blessed.

Travelers' Rest

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High." - Psalms 92:1

Pastor D. Franklin Browne and the Travelers' Rest Church family welcomes all to worship service on Sunday. We meet and greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Sunday Church School begins at 9:30 a.m. followed by Morning Worship service at 11 a.m. Ministry of the Word will be preached by Pastor Browne. The Mass Choir will sing praises to God. Usher Board #2 will serve as doorkeepers, and the Men's Ministry will greet all worshippers.

Deacons and Deaconess Ministries will participate in a workshop on Friday, November 9th from 7-9 p.m. and Saturday, November 10th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dr. Bracy and his staff from New Covenant Baptist Church in Orlando will facilitate the workshop.

Sunday School teachers and all interested persons will meet on Saturday, November 10th at 10 a.m. to study and discuss the lessons for the month.

Weekly Activities:

Thurs., Nov. 8th, Mid-Day Bible Study, 11 a.m.; Mass Choir rehearsal, 7 p.m.

Fri., Nov. 9th, Deacons and Deaconess workshop, 7-9 p.m.

Sat., Nov. 10th, Deacons and Deaconess workshop, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Sunday School teachers' meeting, 10 a.m.

Mon., Nov. 12th, District #2 & #5 meeting, 7 p.m.

Tues., Nov. 13th, Trustee

Emmanuel Christian

"Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me." - Psalm 51:10.

The Youth Pastor of Emmanuel, Elder Lawrence Range, Sr., spoke to us as the Holy Ghost gave the utterance, "The heart of the matter". He just gave us a reminder from the Lord, letting us know as saints of God our heart must be holy unto God. Members, friends and visitors were blessed as the man of God spoke to us from the Word of God.

I Kings 14:7, I Samuel 16:7, Proverbs 4:23, Psalm 119:11 - Just a few scriptures to encourage your heart during these times in this world. Choir #1 let the Lord use them as they sang "The Lord is Blessing Me Right Now".

On Sunday, November 11th, again we invite you to visit with us at Emmanuel for it is Youth Sunday, and the youth will shine for the Lord, as a sun beam for Him. Our worship service schedule will remain the same.

On Friday, November 9th, 7:30 p.m., Emmanuel will worship with Shiloh Fire Baptized Holiness Church. Pastor

Alford, is the pastor. All members are asked to accompany the pastor there.

On Tuesday, November 13th, 7:30 p.m., Emmanuel will worship with Greater Light A.M.E. Zion Church, where Pastor Jones is the pastor. Again, the members are asked to be in attendance.

Let us remember to continue to pray for one another; for prayer changes things.

Our prayers go out for our pastor, and assistant pastor, as they get some much needed

R's - rest, restoration and being revived as the Lord ministers to them as they meditate and seek instructions from the Lord for His people.

We are still accepting tax-exempt donations for our building fund. You may mail your donations for the Building Fund to: Emmanuel C.F. Church, P.O. Box 15993, St. Petersburg, FL 33733. Your donations are very much appreciated. To God be the glory for the things He is doing and going to do.

PRAYER HELPS

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

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

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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.

St. John Missionary Baptist Church

1500 N. Pennsylvania Avenue

Clearwater, Florida 33516

Church Phone: 443-1945 Parsonage: 446-6056

Rev. Fleming Tarver, Pastor

Sunday Services

Sunday Service 8:00 a.m.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Baptist Training Union 5:00 p.m.

Weekly Services

Bible Class Monday, 7:00 p.m.

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

The church where everybody is somebody and Christ is all.

Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church

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

Early Morning Worship 7:00 a.m.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.

Baptist Training Union 4:30 p.m.

Communion 7:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Prayer Meeting & Bible Study

Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.

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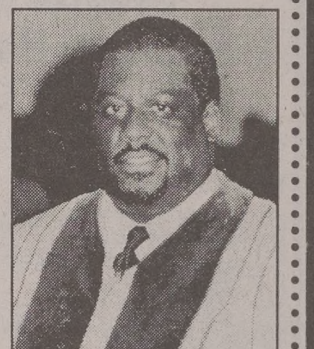
REV. WAYNE G. THOMPSON, PASTOR

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:30 A.M.

MORNING WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

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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.

Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.

Prayer Meeting

Thursday 7 p.m.



Rev. Brian K. Brown

"One week from church makes one weak."

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

STEWART-ISOM MEMORIAL CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

(813) 327-0593

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

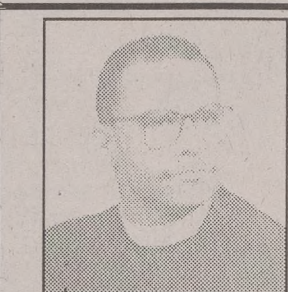
Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.

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

"To God Be The Glory"



Rev. Calvin Hopkins



Rev. Clarence Williams, Pastor

GREATER MT. ZION AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

Early Morning Worship 7:30 a.m.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

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

Prayer Meeting Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

Bible Study Monday 6:00 p.m.

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

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("The church with a heart in the heart of the city")

RELIGIOUS NEWS

Peaceful Zion Missionary Baptist Church

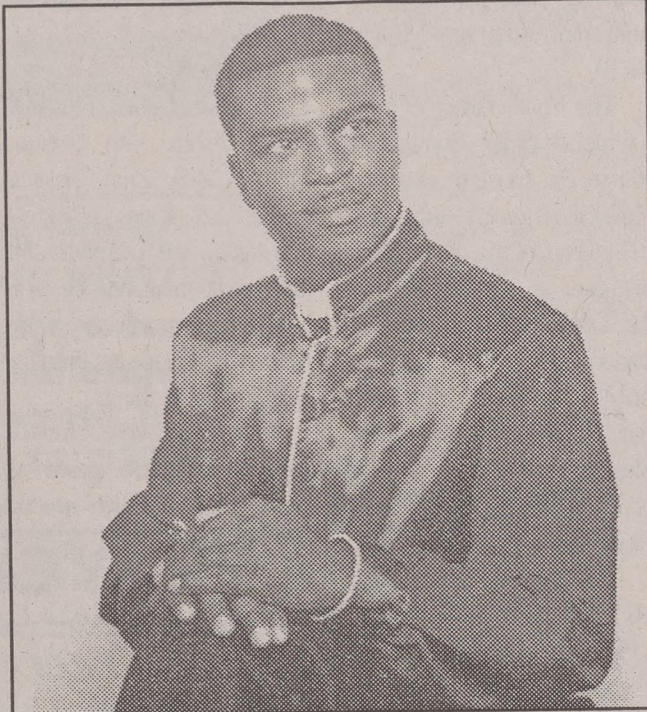
Announcing!! "A Thanksgiving Appreciation Service" given by the Peaceful Zion Missionary Baptist Church Family for their Pastor, Reverend Frank Gaines Jackson. 91 Years Young and Still Faithful to the Call of God!

"Be thy faithful unto death" is His motto!

This celebration will be held at First Baptist Institutional Church, 3144 - 3rd Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL, Reverend Wayne Thompson, Pastor.

The service will be held on Saturday, November 24th, at 6:30 p.m.

Message from the Word of God: Elder James Gaynard Hicks, Pastor Frank Jackson's Grandson (Also serving in the United States Marine Corps, Jacksonville, FL).



Elder Frank Gaynard Hicks

There will be guest choirs participating in the service. The Peaceful Zion family invites all to come and share with them in Praising God and Lifting Up the Name of Jesus for all He's Done.

Pleasant Grove M.B.

Pastor Joseph Gordon and the Pleasant Grove Church family invite you to worship with them on Sunday, Nov. 11th. Choir #2 will render song service and Usher Board #2 will serve in the 7 a.m. early morning worship service. Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. with Superintendent Deacon Philip Carter presiding. Mid-morning worship begins at 10:50 a.m. Choir #2 and the Angelic Choir will render song service and Usher Board #2 will serve.

Also, at 4 p.m., we will worship at the Friendship Mis-

sionary Baptist Church in the celebration of their pastor's (Rev. John A. Evans) anniversary. Pastor Gordon is requesting Choir #2, Angelic Choir and Usher Board #2 to serve.

This is the last week to order your "2002" calendars from the Youth Department. Let us support our youth by being an example.

"Black Heritage" Path to Freedom bus tours The Freedom Trail, March 23-29, 2002; Also, Pleasant Grove cruises to Alaska June 11-19, 2002.

Please see or contact Kay Curry at (727) 864-2937 after

7 p.m. for details.

The Hospitality Ministry will begin taking orders for poinsettias as we are approaching the holiday season.

Let us continue to pray for the sick and bereaved members of our church family and for peace in the world.

Thought for the Week: "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." - 1 Corinthians 15:58

Elim Seventh Day Adventist

Pastor Theus Young and the Elim Seventh Day Adventist Church invite you to come worship with us each Sabbath starting with Sabbath School at 9 a.m. followed by worship service at 11 a.m.

This quarter's Sabbath School lesson is entitled "Pass Over Or Pass Through". The memory text is "The day of the Lord is darkness, and not light. As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house, and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him". Amos 5:18 & 19, NIV. Come join our church at study starting at 9 a.m.

Adventist Youth Society program is every Sabbath 1 1/2 hours before sunset (5:30 p.m.). Please come support the youth of our church. This Sabbath's program will feature an evening worship service.

A special invitation: You are cordially invited to attend a Revelation Seminar which started Sunday, October 21st - November 29th at the Lake Vista Community Center - 1401 62nd Avenue South. The seminar will be held every Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7-8 p.m. Come hear how to improve your health and study with us as we unfold the book of Revelations. For

additional information or for transportation, please contact our church at 894-5246.

Elim Junior Academy - training the hands, the head and the heart. All kids grades kindergarten through ninth grade are welcomed. Remember - there is no work more important than the education of our youth.

If you have kids and would like them to be involved in a club that teaches Christian values, please have them join the Adventurers (ages 5-9) or the Orion Pathfinders club (ages 10-above). For more information, please contact our church at 894-5246.

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

A Bible Study is held each Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to attend.

A Bible Study Class is held each Sunday afternoon at 4:30 p.m. We are in the studying from the book "Patriarchs and Prophets". All are invited to come!

Upcoming Events:
Nov. 17th: Community Guest Day.
Dec. 23rd: Elim's Christmas Banquet.

"Do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Let the day's own trouble be sufficient for the day." St. Matthew 6:3

Moore's Chapel

"The church where everybody is somebody"

Rev. Marcus Burke and Moore's Chapel's Church family welcome you to their services, this 2nd Sunday in November, the 11th, at both 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. The 8 a.m. sermon will be delivered by Rev. Ira Whitson, 11 a.m. the sermon will be delivered by Rev. Swygert. Music will be provided by the Mass Choir, directed and accompanied by Minister of Music, Michael Melvin, with Carlos Farley on the drums. The Stewardess Board and the Usher Board will serve. For transportation to church, please contact the Transportation Ministry, Willie F. Bryant, 894-6067, Anthony Macon, 328-0022, 542-2189, Robert Golden, 867-0156 or

Mose Bell, 906-8525.

Church School will begin at 9:30 a.m. with Superintendent Anthony Macon in charge, assisted by Assistant Superintendent Rev. Ira Whitson. Everyone is asked to attend.

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

Rev. Burke and Moore's Chapel's family will worship with Rev. Raleigh Allen and Mt. Olive A.M.E. Church family in Rubonia, FL, on Sunday, November 11th, at 4 p.m. The bus will leave the

church at 3 p.m.

Services/Rehearsals Meetings
Noon Day Prayer Service, Wed., 12 noon.
Prayer Service/Bible Study, Wed., 7 p.m.
Youth Choir (ages 5-12) rehearsal, Tues., 5:30 p.m.
Lay Organization - Meeting Mon. after the 3rd Sunday.
Mass Choir rehearsal - Tues. and Thurs. before the 1st and 2nd Sunday, 7 p.m.
Male Chorus rehearsal - Thurs. before the 3rd and 4th Sundays.

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

Y.P.D. - Meeting 3rd Sunday, 4 p.m.

Women Growth Meeting - 2nd Saturday, 11 a.m.

Pentecostal Temple Church Of God In Christ

II Chronicles 7:14 says, "If my people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves; and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

Pastor William Anderson and the Evangelistic Department invite the public to our "Harvest Time" Prayer and

Revival Services.

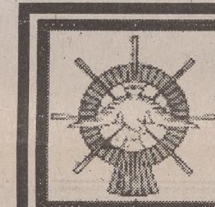
Pre-revival prayer will be held on Sunday and Monday, November 11th and 12th. Revival services will follow beginning on Tuesday, November 13th and commencing on Thursday, November 15th.

Praise and worship will set the atmosphere for the Word of God which is being presented by Deaconess Brenda Gra-

ham on Tuesday, Minister Jimmie Jackson on Wednesday and Missionary Susie Holcombe on Thursday.

All services are set for 7:30 p.m. nightly. Pentecostal Temple COGIC is located at 2230 - 22nd Street South in St. Petersburg.

Come expecting to be blessed through the power and presence of Almighty God.



New Philadelphia Community Church

The Reverend Don A. Gaskin, Pastor

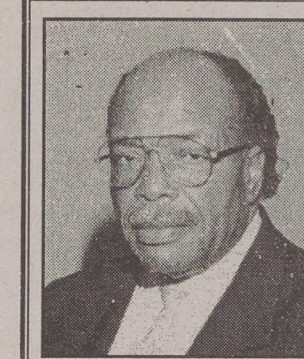
2335 - 22nd Avenue South

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 Wyonna McGee

"A Church With Passion for God and Compassion for People"



Macedonia Freewill Baptist Church

930 - 18th Street 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.
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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
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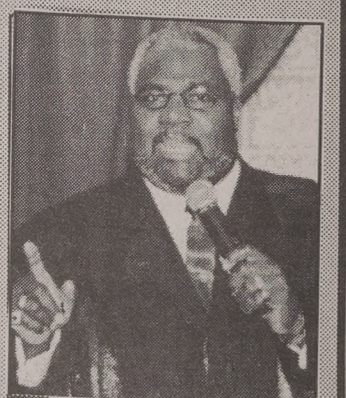
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Sundays 9:30-10:00 AM
WTAN-1340 AM Sundays 4:30-5 PM



PASTOR/PROPHET
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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



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

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. Curfiss L. Long, Pastor

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.



Moore's Chapel AME Church

Rev. Marcus H. Burke, Jr. - Pastor

321-3545

3rd century

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.

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

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 & Newcomers Class (Wednesday) 6:30 p.m.

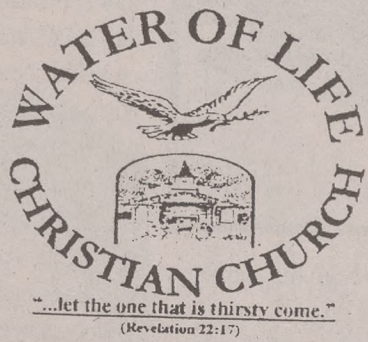
Prayer (Tues. & Thurs.) 11 a.m.-12p.m.

"All Are Welcome" • "Bring A Friend"



RELIGIOUS NEWS

Water Of Life Christian Church



Praise the Lord for truly the Lord is worthy to be praised. Grace be unto you and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort.

On behalf of the members of Water of Life Christian Church, I do hereby invite you to attend our annual "I Am The Lord That Healeth Thee Con-

ference", on Friday, Nov. 16th, at the Howard Johnson, located at 4601 34th Street South, St. Petersburg, beginning at 7 p.m.

Come share with us in a time of refreshing, renewal and healing for all who wish to come to the healing stream flowing from the Holy Ghost.

Seating is limited so please don't delay. We look forward to seeing you there.

Greater Mt. Zion A.M.E.

Pastor Clarence Williams and the Mt. Zion Church family extend an invitation to worship service on this Sunday, November 11th.

Services begin at 7:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. The Richardson Special Chorus will be praising the Lord in songs throughout the day. Pastor Williams will proclaim the gospel at both services.

Church school begins at 9:30 a.m. Please plan to join us in our Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service here at the church on Monday, December 24th, at 6 p.m.

Thought for the week: Remember, Jesus paid it all so that we may have life more abundantly.

Have a Jesus-filled week.

THE FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER STAYS TOGETHER

All Nations Church of God By Faith

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

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

Rev. Johnnie Lee Williams, Pastor

Faith Memorial Missionary Baptist Church

1800 - 18th Avenue S., St. Petersburg, FL

Reg. Bragg L. Turner, Pastor

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

"The Church That's Moving Forward Together"

ELIM Seventh-Day Adventist Church

801 - 6th Avenue S., St. Petersburg, FL 33712
(727) 894-5246 / 823-1619

SATURDAYS

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

WEDNESDAY

Prayer Meeting: 7:30 PM

ELIM Junior Academy & Day Care Center

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

Bethel Metropolitan

Pastor Joaquin Marvin and the Bethel Metropolitan Church family invite you to worship with us on Sunday during the 8 and 11 a.m. services and Church School at 9:30 a.m. The Praise Team, Angelic Choir, Youth Choir and #2 Usher Board will serve.

Our Midweek Bible Study (NBC) and Prayer Service on Wednesday at 7 p.m. are designed for the spiritual growth of the entire family. Transportation is available. Call the church office (327-0554) if you have a need.

Noon Day Bible Study has been put back on the weekly schedule and is held each Thursday at 12 noon. Pastor Marvin is the facilitator.

The Evangelism Ministry is preparing for Victory Sunday and the Spiritual Awakening Revival. Victory Sunday will be observed on Sunday, Nov. 18th during the 11 a.m. service. The Rev. Walter Ellis, Pastor of Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, Montgomery, AL, will be our guest preacher for the day and the two night Awakening Revival. Monday the 19th and Tuesday the 20th at 7 p.m. The Revival will begin with a Concert on Sunday, Nov. 18th, at 6 p.m. The concert will feature Rev. Walter Ellis and the Country Boys, from Montgomery, AL, and many other local artists and choirs including the Mighty Sons of Zion and Florida Spir-

itual Aires. You may call the church office for additional information.

The pastor along with the Missionary Society and SHARE program are preparing to give Thanksgiving baskets to needy families. The giveaway day will be Tuesday, Nov. 20th. Please call the church for additional information.

A Grant Writing/Economic Development Workshop will be held on Saturday, Nov. 17th, from 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Facilitators will be Elise Ashby and Joseph Harris of Brantley & Harris, Inc., Washington, DC. Please call the church office at (727) 327-0554 for registration information. The workshop will accommodate only fifty (50) people.

If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to unite with us in giving a positive Christian witness in the spirit of worship. It is our desire to be a friendly people who offer a kaleidoscope of ministries for all ages and interest.

October Calendar:

18th: Victory Sunday Service, 11 a.m.; Victory Sunday Concert, 6 p.m.

19th: Bible Study, 6 p.m., Rev. Chico Dials, Expositor; Spiritual Awakening Revival, 7 p.m.

20th: Bible Study, 6 p.m., Rev. Chico Dials, Expositor; Spiritual Awakening Revival, 7 p.m.

First Baptist Institutional Honors Pastor

In a gala celebration simply entitled "25 Years in Ministry: A Journey of Faithfulness", the congregation of First Baptist Institutional Church will honor its pastor, Dr. Wayne G. Thompson. In addition to acknowledging his quarter of a century in the ministry, this event will also commemorate the occasion of his 52nd birthday.

Throughout 25 years of ministry, eighteen of which have been spent as pastor of First Baptist Institutional Church, Dr. Thompson, a native of St. Petersburg, has been blessed by God as he has developed an inimitable leadership style that makes him a

well sought after preacher, lecturer and teacher. Prior to his pastorate, he served as assistant to the pastor of Bethel Community Baptist Church under the late Dr. Enoch D. Davis.

The community is graciously invited to share in this memorable occasion on November 18th, at 5 p.m. at the St. Petersburg Hilton Hotel, as we gather together to honor this great man of God as he continues his journey of faithfulness.

For tickets and/or other information, please call Mrs. Signora Farris at (727) 327-3154 or the church office at (727) 323-7518.

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Every Word of God is pure: He is a shield unto them that put their trust in Him. Proverbs 30:5

Prayer Tower

"And we knew that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose." - Romans 8:28

Supt. Elder Clarence Welch and the Prayer Tower family would like to thank Mayor Rick Baker and family, Elder Charles Davis and the College Hill C.O.G.I.C. Congregation and all of the families and participants who helped make our Family Services a great success! Remember, as always, you're invited to attend any of our services and events.

Just a little reminder!

Neighbor to Neighbor applications are still available. Please contact Janika Hubbard for a form at 321-0670. Prayer Tower Tutorial Program is still being held on every Monday and Tuesday from 5-7 p.m. For more information contact Ellender Jackson or Darlina Hubbard at 321-0670.

Calling all Young Men 10-18!

Boy's Club will be meeting November 10th from 10-12, at the church. Please contact Greg Roberts at 321-0670 for more information.

Don't cook next Sunday, November 11th. Contact Lucille Herring at 321-0670 for a Dinner Sale ticket and menu.

Attention! Attention!

Get your calendar's ready for The Church of God In Christ's 2001 Homecoming Services, which will be held at Prayer Tower on November 21st, at 7:30 p.m. The speaker will be our own Supt. Elder Clarence Welch. See you there! Also, Prayer Tower family and friends, our church's anniversary service will be held this 4th Sunday at the church. More information will be forthcoming.

Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is worthy to be praised!

You are hereby invited to fellowship with



For more information, contact Pastor Jerome & Pastor Kisha Jordan at 727-865-7763 or 888-353-9555, ext. 2445

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Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
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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.

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• Sunday - Worship Service, 11:00am
• Tuesday - Operation "BIG EAR", 6:00pm- 7:00pm

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

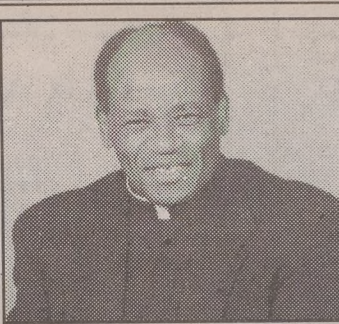
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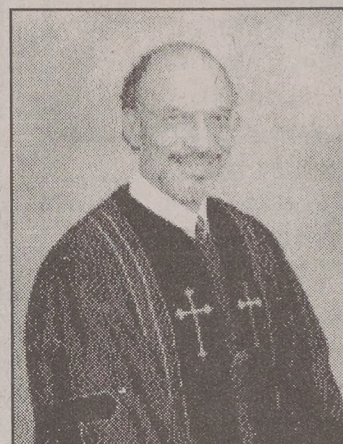
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Residence: 824-6021

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

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Wednesday, Prayer Meeting: 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Bible Study: 8:00-9:00 p.m. (Adult and Youth)



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Morning Worship:

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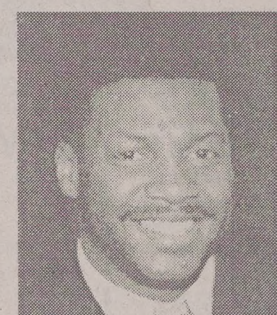
Praise & Prayer 7:00 p.m.

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

MORE RELIGIOUS NEWS

Friendship M.B.

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

The Friendship Missionary Baptist Church family, under the leadership of Pastor John A. Evans, Sr., extend to you a warm invitation to worship with us this Sunday and to all church-related activities and events during the week.

Services begin at 7:45 a.m. with the Deacons Ministry leading the Devotion. The Male Chorus will render the song service. The #2 Ushers will greet you, and Pastor Evans will preach the divine Word of God.

Church School begins at 9:30 a.m. with the assistant superintendent presiding.

A second service is held at 10:45 a.m. opening with the Praise Team.

All regular activities and events will be held the usual time - Prayer/Praise Services, Bible Study, Youth Enrichment Hour and Bread of Life Ministry.

Attention! Attention! On Saturday, November 10th, the Pastor's Fourth Anniversary Celebration Banquet will be held in the church fellowship hall. There are still tickets available. See any member of the anniversary committee or call the church office (727) 906-8300.

The vision continues: United in the Body of Christ - Ephesians 4:3.

These are the pastors and churches on program for the Pastor's Anniversary services:

This afternoon at 4 p.m. Pastor Joseph Gordon and the Pleasant Grove Church family will be in charge of the services. The community is invited to come out and be blessed by a powerful spirit-filled speaker.

Please note: Sunday, November 18th, 7:45 a.m., Pastor Julius Wynn, Highland Avenue Baptist Church, Tampa. Also at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Pastor Bell Smith and Mt. Lebanon, of Akron, OH, will be in charge of both services.

Human Rights Activist, 91, Named Top Catholic Missionary



by Carrie Swearingen for News USA

NU - "You can get angry at the things people do, but you can't hate any person," said Marie Wilkinson while gasping the torture whip she inherited from her father-in-law, an escaped slave. "I take this whip, and I teach a lot of people not to hate."

Wilkinson, 91, is the recipient of the Catholic church's highest honor for missionary work in America. The Lumen Christi award - Light of Christ in Latin - is presented annually by Catholic Extension, the organization that distributes more than \$16 million each year to missionary efforts in poor Catholic dioceses throughout the United States and its territories.

Nominations, made by U.S. bishops, are judged by a prestigious panel of humanitarians including Ethel Kennedy, select bishops and actress Catherine Hicks of TV's "7th Heaven".

Aside from spending a lifetime speaking against hate, Wilkinson has developed child care centers for single mothers, rescued Hispanic workers living in box cars, launched college funds for underprivileged children and enabled more than 60 charitable organizations. When refused a seat at an Aurora, IL, diner in the 1950s, it was Wilkinson who won her case before the Illinois Supreme Court.

Born Marie LeBeau in New Orleans, Wilkinson studied business at now defunct

Straight College, visited Chicago at age 20 and settled in Aurora, IL, where she was married to the late Charles Wilkinson for more than 60 years.

"I've tried to be an advocate for the persecuted - those who just weren't getting a fair deal," said Wilkinson, who has the launch of many respected organizations to her credit. "God points me in the right direction. I know it is God, because the things I felt passionate about were always 30 years ahead of their time."

She refers to her insight about the need for preschools for the children of single mothers, fair housing laws, Feed the Hungry Program, Breaking Free Drug Program, the Catholic Social Action Conference, Sci-Tech youth science museum and the Urban League - to name a few.

Catholic Extension further honored Mrs. Wilkinson with a gift of \$10,000; nominating Bishop Thomas Doran receives \$25,000 for his and Wilkinson's Diocese of Rockford.

To learn more about Catholic Extension, call 1-888-473-2484 or visit the web site at www.catholic-extension.org.

Commissioner Welch Supports Affordable Housing Project

OLDSMAR - At its October 23rd meeting, the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners passed a resolution to allow the development of an affordable housing apartment complex in the Oldsmar area. Pinellas County Commissioner Ken Welch rallied support for the project, paving the way for City of Oldsmar to approve the 270-unit apartment complex for low- and middle-income residents.

Many in the Oldsmar community feel that the City is opposing the project because of prejudice against low-income residents. After initially approving the project, the City of Oldsmar attempted to stop the project, claiming that the number of units was too high and violated the County's density requirements. The County does, however, allow higher densities for affordable housing projects under certain circumstances, and voted 5-1 to allow the higher density for the Oldsmar project, with Commissioner Welch making the motion to approve the project.



Kenneth T. Welch

Prior to the vote, Commissioner Welch repeatedly asked the lawyer representing Oldsmar why the City only op-

posed the project after becoming aware that it was an affordable housing project. Unsatisfied with the lawyer's responses, Commissioner Welch stated, "I don't think I'm getting a straight answer here," and made the motion to approve the project.

State Park Admission Fees Waived

TALLAHASSEE - Lt. Governor Frank T. Brogan announced recently that admission fees at Florida's award-winning state parks will be waived for all visitors Saturday, Nov. 10th, through Monday, Nov. 12th, in honor of America's veterans. Joining him for this announcement was Department of Environmental Protection Secretary David B. Struhs, Matthew Ubben, Executive Director of the Florida Commission on Veterans' Affairs, and Wendy Spencer, Director of Florida State Parks.

"The State of Florida and each of our 155 state parks offers this special invitation to every citizen as well as our guests from out of state," said Lt. Gov. Brogan. "Florida's state parks, which we call The Real Florida, represent our state's past as well as its present. That is one reason why Veterans Day is such an appropriate occasion to offer a reminder that our parks have something for everyone, both young and old."

Florida's state parks play a vital role in Florida's tourism industry, with over 18 million persons visiting parks last year. Their attraction is attributable to the variety of recreational opportunities offered. Activities ranging from camping, hiking, boating and nature trails are among the family-oriented possibilities that exist for park guests.

"Our state parks offer unique and diverse facilities suitable for all ages; there is truly something for everyone," said Struhs. "While record numbers of visitors are frequenting our parks, millions more are probably not fully aware of what they have to offer. Through this one-time sneak preview, we feel that some first time visitors will be repeat customers."

Admission fees for a carload of up to eight people are being waived. Other fees, such as camping and cabin rentals, will remain in place, as well as fees for the privately operated Skyway Fishing Pier State Park in St. Petersburg.

"We believe that in these emotionally and economically difficult times Floridians may choose leisure activities that are located close to home," said Spencer. "In addition, we are inviting visitors to our state to experience Florida's finest, more authentic natural areas and discover why our state parks system is nationally recognized."

In addition to their growing contribution to Florida's economy, Florida's state park system is one of the largest in the country. The 155 parks cover nearly 600,000 acres throughout the state.

Free information on Florida Parks is available by calling (850) 488-9872 or at the state parks website at www.MyFlorida.com.



JUST RIBBING: Twelve rib vendors from as close as St. Petersburg and as far away as Ohio compete at this weekend's Ribfest 2001, Friday, Saturday and Sunday (gates open at 11 a.m.) in Vinoy Park. City Council Members will be among the judges, sampling ribs each day at noon. Included on the panel will be Council Vice Chair Lasita and Council Members Bennett, Bryan, Foster, Littrell and Williams. Proceeds from Ribfest benefit Northeast Exchange Club charities. For a complete line-up of bands and entertainment, visit www.ribfest.org.

MERCY SHIP: Reminder - this is the last weekend that the M/V Caribbean Mercy will be docked at the Port of St. Petersburg and open for tours. The Mercy Ship is visiting St. Petersburg after four months in Honduras, where its doctors, dentists, nurses, teachers, cooks and marine personnel offered humanitarian aid. The last time the ship was in St. Petersburg (1996), 10,000 people toured the vessel and learned how they could help the poor worldwide through the fleet of hospital-equipped Mercy Ships. Tour times: Friday, Nov. 9th, from 1-4 p.m., Saturday,

Nov. 10th, 1-8 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 11th, 1-5 p.m. For tour and other information, contact: 822-6251.

NATIONALLY RANKED WEB SITE: St. Petersburg's Web site, www.stpete.org, was ranked 8th in the United States by the Center for Digital Government and "Government Technology" magazine in a survey of more than 300 City government Web sites. The survey examined how well cities are using information technology to deliver services to their citizens, and examined which municipal services are offered online. St. Petersburg's Web site, with more than 500 pages, appeared as No. 8 for cities in the 125,000 to 250,000 category. Survey results are available at www.centerdigital.gov.com. Contact: 893-7467.

PINELLAS RECYCLES: Recycling enthusiasts may want to come out and celebrate "Pinellas Recycles Day" this Saturday at Largo Central Park (intersection of Seminole Boulevard and East Bay Drive) for a special event from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. There will be kids games, arts and crafts using recycled materials, and the opportunity to win prizes by signing a pledge card to buy items that have

been recycled. For more information, visit <http://utility.co-pinellas.fl.us>. FYI: the city of St. Petersburg recycled 51,440 tons of material last year - that's 103 million pounds of recycled newspaper, aluminum, glass, yard waste, office paper, metal, cardboard and construction materials. St. Petersburg has one of the highest per capita recycling rates in Pinellas County, and Pinellas County is one of the top recyclers in the state of Florida. Contact: 893-7937.

VETERAN'S DAY: On Monday, November 12th, most city offices will be closed as the City observes Veteran's Day. The Florida International Museum will open its door free to veterans, military personnel, police officers and fire and emergency personnel on Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. as a gesture of thanks in response to recent events. Sunday will be the last chance to view the Norman Rockwell Family-Life Series. Other current exhibitions include the Kennedy Collection, the Cuban Missile Crisis, U2: The Spy Plane and the City Hall Experience. Contact: 822-3693.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS: As Historic Kenwood neighborhood residents welcomed visitors to their front porches for this past weekend's BungalowFest, Kenwood is just one of 11 neighborhoods in the city to have benefitted from Operation Commitment. Another two neighborhoods are currently in process of going through or starting Operation Commitment.

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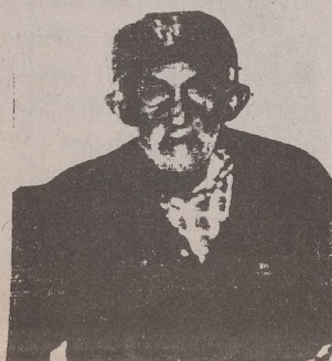
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OBITUARIES

St. Pete Final Rites



CLINTON, NELLIE MAE, 70, died October 29, 2001. She leaves to cherish her memories two sons, Raymond (Catherine) Clinton, Earmon (Callie) Clinton, Jr.; a daughter, Julia Scott; a sister, Isabell Norton; five brothers, Robert Norton, Jr., Joseph (Rosann) Norton, Roosevelt Norton, Ansel (Gloria Jean) Norton, Daniel Norton; 16 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other loving relatives and friends. Smith Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

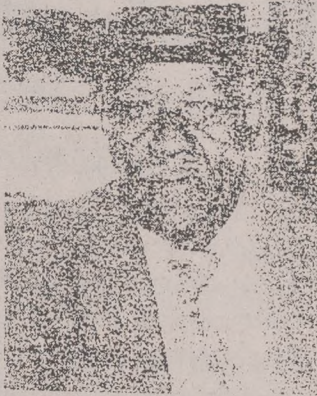


DENT, ARTHUR, 87, died October 27, 2001. Survivors include, a son, Willie (Rose) Reese; two daughters, Mary (Melvin) Oliver, Virginia Dent; two granddaughters, Tamarsha (Dale) Robinson, Jacqueline Bell; one great grandson, Demetrius Smith; and a host of nieces, nephews, and cousins. Smith Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.



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Ocala Final Rites



GASKIN, DAWNJALA
DENISE "MIRACLE" DIA-

MOND, 2 Months, died October 30, 2001. This angel leaves to mourn her parents, Dorian & Damitha Gaskin, Sr.; two sisters, Ashley and Reann Gaskin; one brother, Dorian Gaskin, Jr.; grandparents, James & Queen Carter-Sims, Clarence & Sandra Johnson, Robert Gaskin, Sr.; great grandparents, Clotelia Brown, Gertrude Carter; Godparents, Alamandria Montgomery, Anna Lambert, Teshana Collins, Okema Evans, Michael Pryor, Mr. & Mrs. Izell James; uncles, Larry Gaskin, Charles Jenkins, Morgan Mitchell, James Galberth; aunts, Lynn Mitchell, Joanne Gaskin, Teshana Collins, Blanche Byrd, Janice Gaskin, Clotelia Mattox, Yolanda Gilberth and a host of cousins and friends that supported our family through our times of need. Summers Funeral Home, Ocala.



HOWARD, WILLIE, 70, died, October 20, 2001. He leaves to cherish his life, a loving and devoted wife, Elder Maurice Howard; a daughter, LaVerne Howard; a son, Randy Howard; stepchildren,

Azora Kennedy, Eugene Nelson and Kenneth (Pamela) Nelson, Ozell Nelson; Mikel Green, Sr.; like a son, Mikel Green, Jr.; 21 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren, two God children, Burnetta Harris, Terraine Mobley; one brother, Johnnie Thomas; two nieces and one precious aunt, Caroline McCullough; a host of cousins and friends. Summers Funeral Home, Ocala.

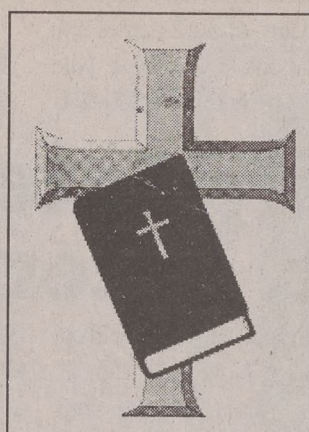
WILSON, BOBBY WELLS, 52, died October 28, 2001. She leaves to cherish her memories, a loving husband, Leroy Burton; a daughter, Shirley Wilson; sons, Larry Wilson, Calvin Wilson, Jimmy Wilson; sister, Maxine (Tommy) White; brother, Willie (Mary) Scott; 12 grandchildren, one great grandchild, 4 nieces, 7 nephews, 13 great nieces & nephews; mother-in-law, Mrs. Willie Mae Rhodes; and a host of other relatives and friends. Summers Funeral Home, Ocala.

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Psalm 33**

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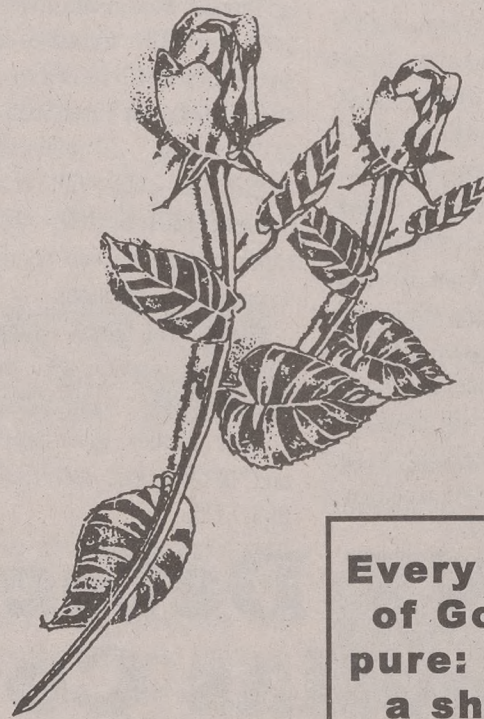
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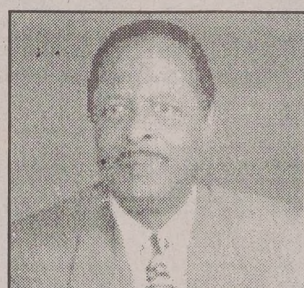
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TAMPA BAY AREA NEWS

Motorcycle Drawing To Benefit Creative Arts Grants Program

TAMPA — The social Order of the Unsinkable Molly Brown, Inc., announces the 'SOS' (Save Our Schools) Creative Arts Grant Program. This program, in conjunction with the Hillsborough Education Foundation, will provide funds for musical instruments and art supplies for Hillsborough County Public Elementary School Music and Art teachers.

The Social Order of the Unsinkable Molly Brown, Inc., with her Krewes is a newly-created 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation organized to benefit local art, education and healthcare initiatives. The Social Order is an organization where men and women can

enjoy cultural events and volunteer their time to a select number of worthy causes.

In order to raise funds for the 'SOS' Creative Arts Grant Program, the 'Mollies', with the help of their sponsors, BMW Motorcycles of Tampa Bay, Inc., Jackson's on Harbour Island and Joffrey's Coffee Company in Ybor City are sponsoring a drawing for a new 2002 BMW R 1150 R Roadster Motorcycle with BMW Integrated ABS brakes. Only 2,000 tickets will be sold, and sales will close on November 27th. You need not be present at the drawing to win. For ticket information, contact Bianca West Fehring at (813) 831-5096.

Free Seminars On Diabetes, Sugar And You

ST. PETERSBURG — The African People's Education and Defense Fund invites everyone to FREE Seminars on Diabetes, Sugar & You on Saturday, Nov. 17th from noon to 4 p.m. at the Wellness Center, 1327 9th Street South (rear) in St. Petersburg.

Please come to these important free seminars on the life-threatening disease of diabetes in both adults and children. There will be discussion of the different types of diabetes, how to control diabetes through exercise, proper nutrition and other lifestyle changes and with medications, and information about sugar substitutes and the effects of sugar on the body.

Presentations will be made by Bettye Burnett-Scott, RN, MS of the Diabetes Intervention Prevention Program and Zenzee Kokayi of the African People's Education and Defense Fund.

More than 2.3 million Afri-

can-Americans have been diagnosed with diabetes, with a 33% increase in the disease in the black population between 1980 and 1994. Africans are 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 times more likely to have diabetes as whites, and one in four black women 55 years of age or older has diabetes. Diabetes is the third leading cause of death from disease among African women in the U.S.

This program on diabetes is one of a series of monthly health and fitness seminars sponsored by the Wellness Program of the African People's Education and Defense Fund (APEDF) to promote exercise, proper nutrition and wellness, and to address the grave disparities in health and health care for the African community.

Please call (727) 821-2437 for more information or to volunteer.

"A Healthy African Community Is Good For Every Body!"

Mr./Mrs. Clearwater Award Nominees Sought

CLEARWATER — The Clearwater Regional Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for the "Mr./Mrs. Clearwater Award". The award is presented annually to an individual in the greater Clearwater area who has contributed most to the community over the past several years and who meets the criteria set forth by the Chamber. Several areas that should be taken into consideration when nominating an individual for this award include:

- Active in civic affairs and organizations;
- Performs voluntary ser-

vices not pertaining to his/her business or profession;

- Could represent Clearwater with distinction at various functions;
- The nominee should not hold a public office.

The traditional surprise announcement will be made at the Chamber's Annual Meeting, January 2002, location and date to be announced. Firm deadline for all nominations is December 3, 2001.

For more information, or to receive a nomination form, please call the Chamber, (727) 461-0011, ext. 223.

The evening of November 27th, the 'Mollies' and other enthusiasts will converge on Jackson's Bistro, located on Harbour Island next to the Wyndham Harbour Island Hotel, for the 'Cruisin' at Jackson's' event. This event, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., will feature motorcycles from BMW Motorcycles of Tampa Bay, Inc., a beer tasting, libations, wonderful food and entertainment by The Hunks of Funk. The motorcycle drawing will be held at 8 p.m., featuring media celebrity Jack Harris, who will draw the winning ticket. For 'Cruisin' at Jackson's' event tickets, contact Alicia Keim at (813) 920-2737.

WNV Detected In Pinellas County

ST. PETERSBURG — The Florida Department of Health has released tests showing evidence of West Nile virus (WNV) infection in a sentinel chicken in north Pinellas County. West Nile virus is a mosquito-borne illness first reported in the United States in 1999. It is maintained in wild birds (it has been found in more than 50 species) and can infect humans, horses and other mammals. Infected mosquitoes transmit the virus from birds to humans. There is no human-to-human or animal-to-human transmission. There have been no reported human cases of the disease in Pinellas County. To date, there have been a total of 11 reported human cases of WNV in Florida this year.

UT Presents The World goes 'Round

TAMPA — The World Goes 'Round, The University of Tampa's Department of Speech, Theatre and Dance will present this exciting musical revue by John Kander and Fred Ebb on Thursday through Saturday, Nov. 15th, 16th, 17th, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 18th, at 2 p.m.

All performances take place in the David Falk Theatre located across from The University of Tampa campus at 428 West Kennedy Boulevard.

For more information contact the Department of Speech, Theatre and Dance at 253-6243.

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Soldier Stories At The Pinellas Settlement

ST. PETERSBURG — Boyd Hill Nature Park's Pinellas Pioneer Settlement invites the public to Five Centuries of Soldiers, Nov. 17-18, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., 2900 31st Street South, St. Petersburg.

Soldiers relive all eras between 1501 to 2001 with captivating stories and hourly weapon demonstrations.

Kids will enjoy many games and activities like the obstacle course.

For further information and ticket prices call (727) 893-7326.

Remember, all mosquito-borne illnesses are preventable. Even though the weather is changing, the Department of Health is still urging all Floridians to take the following precautions against mosquito bites:

- Avoid outdoor activities between dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are likely to be looking for blood meals;
- If you must be outdoors when mosquitoes are active, cover up by wearing shoes, socks, long pants and long-sleeved shirts;
- Use mosquito repellent, and
- Eliminate stagnant water in birdbaths and any other receptacles in which mosquitoes might breed.

The Department of Health

NAACP Update Of South St. Petersburg

ST. PETERSBURG — This update will be held on Thursday, November 15th, 8 a.m. - 9 a.m., Hampton Inn, 1200 34th Street North, St. Petersburg.

Due to the large number of participants, reservations will be required to attend!

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"Christmas Shopping On Main Street" Seeks Vendors, Exhibitors

ST. PETERSBURG -- The 22nd Street Redevelopment Corporation is now accepting applications from food, music, clothing, art and craft vendors and exhibitors to participate in "Christmas Shopping On Main Street".

This event will be held on 22nd Street South on December 15th.

Call 327-4435 for an application form and further information.

Free Thanksgiving Dinner For The Homeless And Lonely

ST. PETERSBURG -- The International F. & A.M. Masons, Inc., and Order of the Eastern Star sponsors "free" Thanksgiving dinner for the homeless and lonely.

This event will be held on Thursday, November 22nd,

from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Masonic Temple, 855 13th Avenue South, St. Petersburg.

Call and reserve your "free" dinner invitation by Friday, November 16th. Transportation provided. Contact: 823-7616 or 867-1218.

Citizens Jam School Board Workshop To Gauge Board Response To South County Issues

ST. PETERSBURG -- AAVREC and parents attended a Pinellas County School Board workshop recently. The board's agenda item concerned feedback from AAVREC's Wednesday noon meetings at the Urban League with School Board members individually and Superintendent Dr. Howard Hinesley.

AAVREC is the African-American Voter Registration and Education Committee, chaired by retired Area Supt. of Pinellas Schools Vyrle Davis. The attendance of AAVREC members and parents appeared to be roughly 50, despite notice that the workshop was "not a forum for dialogue or participation from the public".

The large turnout represented concern and attention - Supt. Hinesley's personnel had to continue to bring in more chairs, and run off additional copies of materials for the audience. They even neared the point at which, per pre-agreement, they would have had to move to a larger auditorium.

Chairman Davis has set a standard for effective meetings of AAVREC - including both AAVREC's regular meetings and the eight PinCo School

Board noons at the Urban League. Normally they start very much on time, and end at the agreed time. They have an agenda which is developed with members' input, and usually have good Minutes.

Time limits upon speaker's questions to a Board member were observed, and questions from the maximum number of attendees was an obvious goal. Each meeting had input from Adelle Jemison, and Veatrice Farrell of the TB Black Business Investment Corp. spoke about grant applications. Most meetings also had excellent questions from Gwen Reese (NAACP's First Vice President and a Healthy Start leader), and several others, with critical controls by Dr. Yvonne Williams.

The questions were serious, and professional. They addressed topics like: school choice, the achievement gap, lack of parental involvement, and low graduation rates (i.e.,

only 289 African-American males graduated last year). Also, too many students are in Special Education, and rates for participation in extracurricular activities are disproportionate. Recruiting, hiring and retention of teachers are a problem, as are rates for administrative positions. School people knew that there was a major advocate for strong improvement in the education of African-American children both in Midtown and outside. As this article is being prepared by *The Weekly Challenger*, the AAVREC team is meeting to prepare a detailed report to present at a regular meeting of the PinCo School Board - for action!

The direct and personal meeting by Board members, AAVREC members, and parents was valuable, and useful to watch. Because of the meetings, the NAACP has joined the effort. Look forward to results from AAVREC's work and the coming Board meeting to act on AAVREC's report. These will be reported to *The Weekly Challenger*!



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for restoration of voting rights. Many convicted felons don't understand the procedure and cannot afford the cost of an attorney.

The American Civil Liberties Union Voting Rights Project Representative Peterman, the League of Women Voters and Senator Les Miller will sponsor a workshop to help ex-felons navigate the lengthy, complicated process of getting their voting rights restored.

Participants will receive hands-on assistance, required forms and critical information they need to begin the restoration process.

The workshop will be held promptly at 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 10th, at Lakewood United Church of Christ, 2601 54th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL.

For further information please call (813) 272-2831.

Tenth Annual Doorways Celebration To Rock The Trop!

ST. PETERSBURG -- This year's Pinellas County Education Foundation Doorways Celebration will rock the home of the Devil Rays, as more than 4,000 students, educators, business and community leaders and volunteers "Step Up to the Plate" to celebrate the success of more than 2,200 Pinellas County public school students who are well on their way to a college education thanks to their Doorways Scholarships. The Celebration, presented by AON Consulting, will be held on Thursday, November 8th at 11 a.m. at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg.

For the past nine years, the Doorways Scholarship Program has continued to build a successful game plan for deserving students by providing them full tuition four-year college scholarships or technical school training. These students, grades 3 through 12, have earned a four-year college tuition scholarship through the support of businesses, individuals, clubs, churches and civic organizations, through the Pinellas County Education Foundation. Students also are matched with volunteer mentors who serve as role models and help keep them motivated, focused on education and excited about their futures. In exchange, Doorways students sign a contract promising to work hard, attend school, get good grades

and stay out of trouble. More than \$11 million has been contributed to Doorways Scholarships since the program's inception in 1992.

According to Bill Johnson, Doorways Program Chairman, "Many of our Doorways students would have no chance for a college education without the generous support of this community. Doorways is a program that really works."

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Schools To Observe Veterans Day

TAMPA -- Public schools throughout Hillsborough County will conduct ceremonies during November in observance of Veterans Day.

Activities will include assemblies with patriotic music and ROTC Drill Teams, an ap-

pearance by former Congressman and World War II veteran Sam Gibbons and a performance by MacDill's parachute team.

For further information please call Linda E. Cobbe or Mark Hart (813) 272-4055.

Don't Drive Your Tax Deductions Into 2002!

ST. PETERSBURG -- With a new year just around the corner you may not realize you could be driving a tax deduction. That's right! A Tax Deduction! If you own an operable used car, boat, camper or RV, that you no longer want or need, you can donate it to The Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center by December 31, 2001 and get a great tax deduction. Instead of going through the trouble of trying to trade or sell your vehicle - donate it and get a tax write off!

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Plus, 85% of the proceeds raised from the sale of locally donated vehicles goes right back into your community. The Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center provides individuals who suffer from drug and alcohol addiction a spiritual program with food, clothing, shelter, medical care, and counseling. These individuals take part in a work ther-

apy program, where they are placed in jobs based on their skills, abilities, and interests. As a result, rehabilitated individuals restructure their lives and return to the community as productive citizens. In addition, The Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center provides all of these services for free, which saves local taxpayers hundreds, even thousands of dollars.

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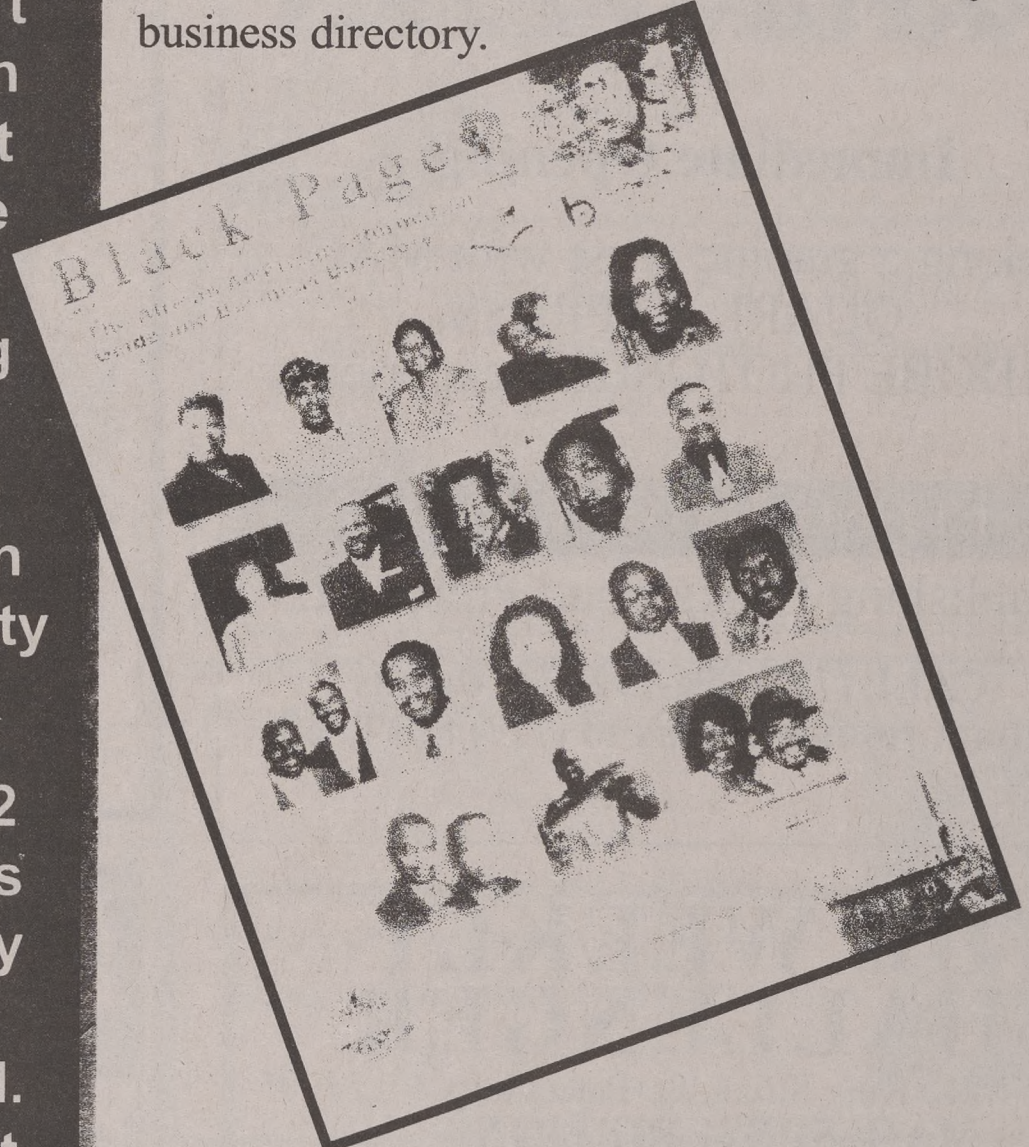
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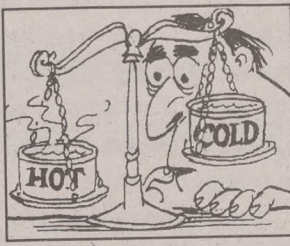


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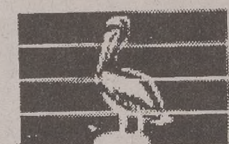
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Ories March 21 to April 19

Take time out for yourself on the 10th; the R&R will do you a world of good! On the 11th, make it a point to spend quality time with your mate and his family. Romantic sparks will fly on the 15th.

Taurus April 20 to May 20

A quiet dinner at home on the 10th will fan the flames of passion. On the 11th, carefully consider a relative's request for help before committing yourself. Think before speaking on the 14th.

Gemini May 21 to June 21

A household "checkup" on the 10th will save you a bundle by nipping a plumbing problem in the bud. Begin a new diet on the 15th, and the planets promise success!

Cancer June 22 to July 22

A potluck dinner on the 10th will be great fun for all—and could lead to an important new relationship. On the 14th, pay extra attention to details at work. Expect a romantic evening on the 15th.

Leo July 23 to Aug 22

Keep your opinions to yourself on the 10th if you know they'll create waves. On the 11th, don't allow a "pal" to take advantage of your good nature. You'll be the darling of the office on the 13th.

Virgo Aug 23 to Sept 22

Pay close attention to a pet's habits on the 10th; you'll catch a potential health problem. On the 11th, avoid financial discussions with your mate. A lucrative new job opportunity may pop up on the 13th.

Libra Sept 23 to Oct 22

Record your dreams on the 10th; they hold the key to your future happiness. On the 11th, don't take sides with squabbling children—they must learn responsibility. Your charm will dazzle others on the 12th.

Scorpio Oct 23 to Nov 21

Graciously accept others' well wishes on the 10th. On the 13th, plan a romantic surprise, but make sure your honey's schedule is clear first! Accept an olive branch from an estranged friend on the 16th.

Sagittarius Nov 22 to Dec 21

Play the peacemaker on the 12th, and both sides will express their gratitude. On the 15th, you'll be in a prime position to negotiate a better salary. Enjoy a romantic escape on the 16th.

Capricorn Dec 22 to Jan 19

Attend an important social event on the 10th, and your star will rise. On the 11th, spend time in quiet contemplation and work out long-range plans. Research an investment opportunity on the 15th.

Aquarius Jan 20 to Feb 18

Pay extra attention to your appearance on the 10th; you never know who's watching! On the 12th, you'll be swept away by romance. A night out with friends on the 14th will boost your spirits.

Pisces Feb 19 to March 20

Plan a get-together with old friends on the 11th and relive happy memories. On the 13th, new financial information may compel you to rethink your budget. Watch that leadfoot on the 16th or risk a ticket.

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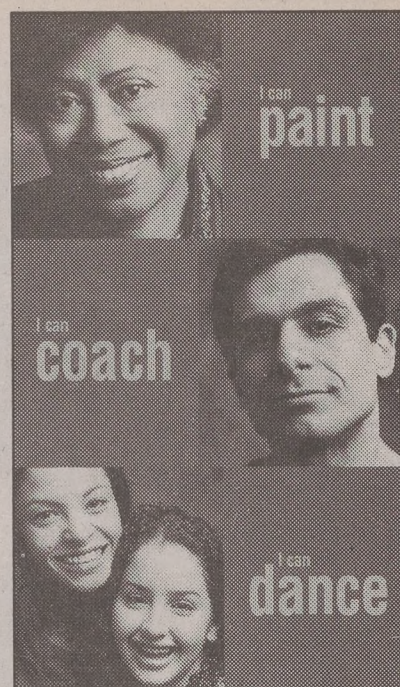
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