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Feds to Probe If City Was Racially Biased, Improper in Awarding Block Grant Funds For Mercy Hospital Site Development

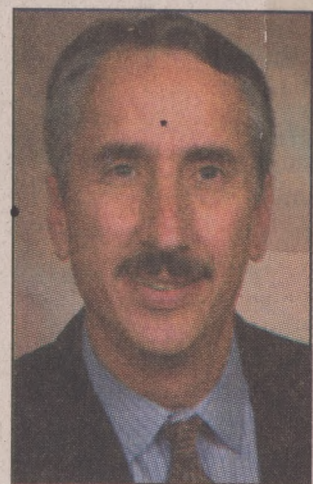
(Special to The Weekly Challenger)

by Roger K. Clendening
ST. PETERSBURG — Did the city government improperly award Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) money to the designated developers of the old Mercy Hospital site in Midtown?

Was the city racially biased in arranging for and awarding CDBG money to the non-minority site developer without a competitive process or a public hearing?

Last week, the federal government said it wants to know the answers to those and other questions raised as part of a racial discrimination complaint filed against Mayor Rick Baker's administration by Source of Health Inc.

Source of Health (SOH), an African-American non-profit, provides health education and other health-related services and strategies to eliminate huge health status disparities between Blacks and other ethnic groups in the city.



Mayor Rich Baker

As part of its focused work, SOH members sought to galvanize and acquired support from more than 1,000 Blacks in the city's Midtown core to seek for African-Americans' development rights for the old but historically



Deputy Mayor Goliath Davis

important 6.66-acre city-owned Mercy Hospital site on 22nd St. South.

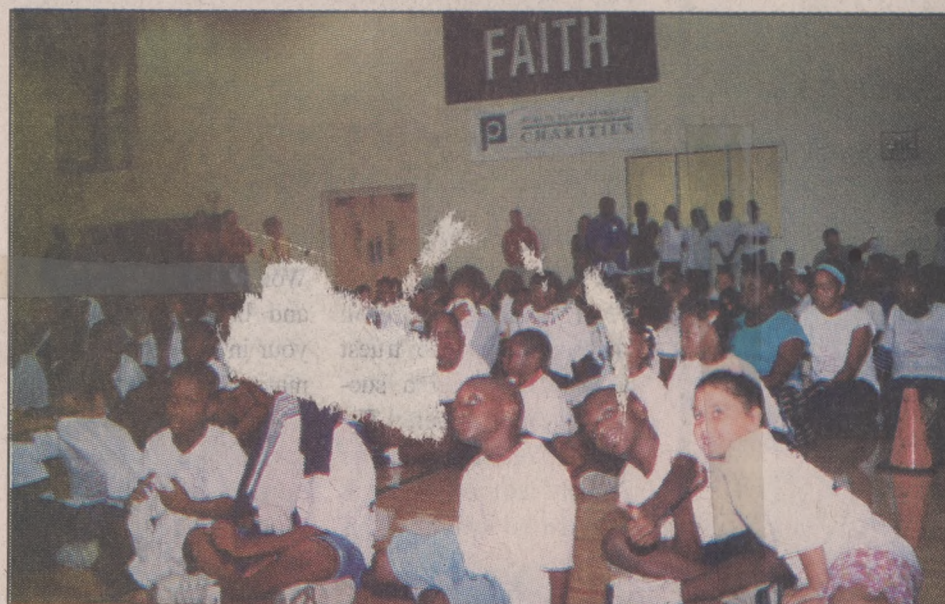
But the city's non-competitive awarding of both development rights and \$450,000 in CDBG funding to the Caucasian-controlled Johnnie Ruth Clark Health Care Center (JRC) appears to violate federal law, if not the city's own competitive process for awarding CDBG funds, according to SOH's complaint filed on September 27.

HUD's Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO) enforces Section 109 of Title VI of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, which requires that no person in the U.S. shall on the ground of race, color, national origin, sex or religion, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity funded in whole or in part with community development funds.

In its Oct. 9, 2002 letter to Council Chair Rene Flowers, Gregory Bernard King, director of HUD's regional fair housing and equal opportunity office in Atlanta, wrote:

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Lights On After School Celebration Shines Brightly



Lights On Afterschool is all about the kids: Kids from all three child care agencies, YMCA, R' Club, and Boys & Girls Club assemble in the YMCA's gymnasium, for the afternoon's program.

by Barry A. McIntosh
Challenger General Manager

ST. PETERSBURG— On October 10, at the Greater St. Petersburg YMCA, local after school facilities participated in an event being celebrated simultaneously around the country celebrating the existence and success of after school programs. Following the lead of other areas in the nation, a new element was added to this year's celebration.

The first year of Lights on Afterschool

occurred in October 2000, and more than 1,200 communities participated around the country. In its second year, the number grew to 3,600, and Arnold Schwarzenegger was named the Chair of Lights on Afterschool. A major financial supporter of Lights on Afterschool is J.C. Penney Afterschool since its beginning in 2000.

The program was created by the national Afterschool Alliance, a non-profit organization, and this year, the leading after school providers formed the local Suncoast Afterschool Alliance, and in celebration of this collaboration, all were present together at the Greater St. Petersburg YMCA.

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Edward White Hospital Golf Tournament Helps Fulfill Dreams



Left: The Weekly Challenger team came in 2nd in the "A" flight (L-R): Gerald Mims, Mike Cappucci, Barry A. McIntosh, Charles Emerson

Below: Edward White volunteers take a brief respite to pose for a picture, during a busy day helping the golf tournament run smoothly.



PALMETTO— On September 28, Edward White Hospital held its 10th Annual Charity Golf Tournament at Imperial Lakewoods Golf course. Twenty five teams participated in the 8:00 a.m. shot gun start, best ball, 4 man scramble. The fun began at 8:00 a.m. Hospital employees, physicians, family members, and representatives from area organizations all enjoyed a day of golf, complete with special events, raffles, and prizes. For 10 years, Edward White Hospital has contributed the tournament proceeds to assist various community organizations such as the Children's

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Councilman Richard Kriseman (L) and James Bennett (R) lead the kids in a rousing cheer.

photos by Barry A. McIntosh

St. Petersburg High School Needs Items for Silent Auction to Fund Debate Team

St. Petersburg High School (SPHS) will be sending a debate team to the Harvard University national debate tournament in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The costs per student is approximately \$600 - \$800 for trip expenses.

For the St. Petersburg High School debate team it represents a once in a lifetime opportunity. To make this a reality, the high school is attempting to help raise funds for their students by means of a silent auction. All donations will be used in this authorized fundraiser. The faculty of SPHS will be bidding on the donated items for the Silent Auction. If you would like to donate items to the Silent Auction, please contact

SPHS's debate coach Vicki Browne. SPHS is also accepting monetary donations, and if by check, please make it payable to SPHS. Items can be donated up until October 21.

Among the students selected to be on the debate team is Louisa Powell, who was recently profiled in The Weekly Challenger in a recently introduced feature, You Inspire Me. Ms. Powell was also one of the winners of The Challenger's first annual Black History Essay Contest.

Your contribution could be a critical investment in the future of high aspirations of SPHS's debate team, as future lawyers, congressmen and women, and circuit judges.

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CHOICE FACT #7

Will a family have an advantage by applying early during the Sept. 16 - Dec. 13 application period?

All applications received during the choice application period will be given equal consideration, regardless of the date submitted. However, parents are encouraged to allow time to research schools and turn in their application in a timely way. Waiting until the last minute may not give parents the time they need to make the best decisions for their children.

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You Inspire Me

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There's A Reason To Read *The Weekly Challenger*!

OPINIONS

A Living Memorial to Cleveland Johnson, Jr.

"Black People Must Sell As Well As Buy Else Remain A Beggar Race"

by Barry A. McIntosh,
General Manager

Few individuals make a major impact on others during their lifetime. Even less accomplish things that remain in memory after they pass. Mr. Cleveland Johnson is an exception to both. His philosophy was clear and simple. One could not argue about his focus and how it was the catalyst that influenced the vision of countless people who met him.

Mr. Johnson was an entrepreneur in the truest sense. He created a successful newspaper, *The Weekly Challenger*, out of virtually nothing, and in doing so he controlled his

destiny, and helped others do the same. That is what he preached incessantly; be in control of your own destiny. To achieve that sort of freedom, one must sell, and even more importantly, sell what belongs to them, not someone else's product or service. In other words, find yourself a business, work it, be successful at it, and thus dramatically reduce your dependence upon others for support. Working for someone else, and having them control your income, has relegated many African-Americans to a beggar race, in some cases more severely than others. Nevertheless, as Mr. Johnson experienced it,

working for someone else, and buying and spending more than selling has perpetuated some level of subjugation.

An often-repeated story from those who tried as they could to write stories for him was his response to essentially "go sell an ad, and keep your story." He promoted the participation in commercial enterprise, controlling your destiny. In addition, he backed up what initially seemed like a harsh request by taking so many under his wings and training them to "sell." This town is filled with people who took his advice, and are forever indebted to Mr. Johnson for

the success they've achieved.

For those of us who were not privileged to meet Mr. Johnson and fully understand his philosophy, it does us well to understand the import of the words, "Black People Must Sell As Well As Buy, Else Remain A 'Beggar Race.'" This is critically important when we look at this equation from the buying side. For example, the National Urban League reported that during the decade of the 90s, "African-American buying power increased almost 73 percent." The challenge we face with that increase in disposable income is the problem with

too much spending.

Moreover, a 1997 U.S. Census Bureau report showed that Blacks spent from .5 - 15% more money, on average, than all American consumers for necessities like Food, Telephone, Utilities, Clothing, and Major Appliances. Another study by the National Tour Association showed that the Black family median income was 54% - 65% of white families in the four age groups 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, and 65+. Conversely, the same study reported that a Black family earning \$30,000 a year spends as much as a white family earning \$50,000. No wonder that

Mr. Johnson stressed "Selling" over "Buying." The net result: a negative net worth for a significant majority of African-Americans when compared to white Americans with comparable incomes.

"Cleve," as many affectionately called him, is no longer here, but the stark reality of our plight remains. It thus does us all well to reflect heavily on what motivated him, his legacy: "Black People Must Sell As Well As Buy, Else Remain A 'Beggar Race,'" lest we find ourselves failing to heed Mr. Johnson's warning issued out of love and respect for all of us!

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Back to Normal After 9/11?

by Kimberley Jane Wilson
A New Visions Commentary

It's been over a year since the tragic events of September 11, 2001 and life is not back to what once passed for normal. Maybe it never will be. Maybe it shouldn't be. Maybe normal is what got us into this mess in the first place.

Some talk about making September 11 a national holiday, but I don't think we should because Americans don't like being reminded of their failures. It's simply not in our national identity. Americans love winners, hate losers and that's all there is to it. And, make no mistake, 9/11 was a failure. Thousands of ordinary people minding their own business were suddenly crushed, scalded, incinerated and vaporized. For those who jumped from

the burning World Trade Center, they were splattered across the New York City sidewalk like rotten fruit. If that's not a failure, I don't know what is. Everything that was supposed to protect us either failed or wasn't even in position to try.

Although the politicians, pundits and the grief counselors will argue differently, the United States was the big loser on 9/11. Abroad, Palestinians danced for joy in the streets and Egyptians clapped and cheered in restaurants. The afternoon of 9/11, in Washington, D.C. - just miles from the burning Pentagon - I encountered a delighted young clerk celebrating at a gas station convenience store. He was momentarily oblivious to me and the two other American customers. Judging by his accent, clothes and the

by Bernice Powell Jackson

Lost in all the war talk in Washington these days is the state of the economy and particularly the state of the economy for the nearly 33 million poor Americans, including 11.7 million children and 3.4 million seniors who live in poverty. The old folks in my African-American community used to say that when the nation gets a cold, black folks get pneumonia. The same could be said for poor people, a growing segment of our society.

Indeed, the Census Bureau just released its annual statistics and they paint a grim picture. The number of poor people is on the rise for the first time in eight years. While most of this increase in poverty occurred in white house-

holds in suburban and rural areas in the South and Midwest, the poverty rate for Black Americans, Hispanic Americans and Native Americans is still double that of whites. It is important to note that the federal government calculates the poverty line at about \$18,000 for a family of four. Few families of four can eke out a living on such a small income.

Moreover, the median household income also fell in all but the nation's richest households. That means that income inequality, which had shown signs of moderating during the 1990's, is growing once more. In addition, the income in Black households fell at more than double the rate for whites and Hispanics.

The reason for the

increase in poverty is, of course, primarily the recession. This increase is alarming because it means that children and working-age adults continue to lose private health insurance as hundreds of thousands of jobs have disappeared from the economy. Under legislation passed over the past several years many states have been able to enroll uninsured children in statewide health insurance programs, but as states find themselves strapped for cash, they are looking to cut costs. Similarly, the Medicaid program, which has paid for such state programs, has suffered a billion-dollar drop in federal funding.

Not surprisingly, only days after the Census Bureau announced the increase in poverty, the

Agriculture Department announced that food stamp rolls are growing, with almost 24,000 more people receiving food stamps in July than a month before. A survey by the U.S. Conference of Mayors found that requests for food stamps had increased by 23%, while requests for emergency shelter were up, on average, by 13%. Churches and community organizations across the nation are reporting similar increases in food banks and feeding programs.

Still more alarming is the fact that the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program, which has provided assistance for poor families since the end of welfare, is languishing in Congress. Organizations like the National Conference of State

Legislators and the American Public Human Resources Association have urged congressional leaders to approve a three-year extension of the current TANF program, but with much-needed increases in child care subsidies. Moreover, many advocates for the poor are calling upon Congress to keep the current 30-hour work requirement rather than the increase in hours being called for by the Bush administration. The administration is also proposing reductions in education and training for TANF recipients and for an end to the current practice of allowing states to decide whether they wish to include legal immigrants in their programs.

Moreover, many mothers who were receiving

TANF are now reaching their time limits for participation in the program and are losing their benefits. Many have found employment, but are still poor because their low-paying jobs seldom include benefits and they lose government-provided health care, housing and child care subsidies. As Congress winds down its current session and as both Congress and the administration focus their attention on the possibility of war, it is imperative that we not let them forget the poor families in this nation who are suffering here and now. If we won't speak out on behalf of the poor, who will?

On October 09,
1962, Uganda was
proclaimed inde-
pendent.

Children Can't Vote, But You Can

by Marian Wright Edelman

What am I missing here? The October 7th New York Times ran a front page article that said a majority of Americans believe President Bush and Congressional leaders are spending too much time studying war while neglecting problems at home.

A second front-page article in the same edition reported that Minnesota Senator Paul Wellstone, visiting an eight-person company in Duluth to help draw attention to the spiraling cost of health care for small companies, had to ask a local television reporter for the favor of mentioning in her news report why he was there. She was only interested in a sound bite about Well-

stone's opposition to unilateral action against Iraq.

Yet the Census Bureau has just reported that for the first time in eight years, the number of children living in poverty has gone up. There are still more than 9 million children in America without health care coverage. And a new Children's Defense Fund survey shows that low-income working families with children are bearing the brunt of state budget crises as states are forced to cut back on the child care services parents need to work and children need to be safe and enter school ready to learn.

These are not acts of God over which elected officials have no control. They are the consequences

of actions taken - or not taken - by our elected officials; the same officials who are now campaigning all across the country for election or re-election to public office. It's time to hold our elected officials accountable for our nation's neglect of our children and it's time for all of us who sincerely care about our children to cast our votes on their behalf.

Women and African Americans fought long and hard for the right to vote. Many put their lives on the line. Some died. Yet, according to the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, only 51% of all eligible voters cast votes in the 2000 election. If the right to vote is worth dying for, how can

we take that right so lightly in 2002 when too many of the officials elected are neglecting the interests of our children with impunity? They lavish tax cuts on millionaires and billionaires, while freezing funds for child care and Head Start. They vow to reform the nation's education system and then withhold funds needed to do so. How in good conscience can we continue to re-elect them?

When elected officials come to our neighborhoods, churches, organizations or community groups seeking our votes, we need to ask them when they are going to re-authorize welfare and child care legislation, and whether or not they are willing to increase

child care funding to the \$11.25 billion that is needed to provide safe and reliable child care for children whose families cannot otherwise afford it. We need to ask them if they plan to vote to re-authorize and expand Head Start in 2003 and what their plans are for making sure that all children have what they need to have a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start, and a Moral Start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities.

We live in the wealthiest nation in the world. If we can't afford to invest in our children knowing that the options for their future and the future of the country are bleak if we don't,

how can we afford to invest billions in a war knowing that all of the options for a more peaceful process have not yet been exhausted?

It is time for new choices. I urge everyone who cares about our nation's children to cast their votes in November. Our children can't vote, but you can.

Marian Wright Edelman is President and Founder of the Children's Defense Fund whose mission is to Leave No Child Behind, and to ensure every child a Healthy Start, a Head Start, a Fair Start, a Safe Start, and a Moral Start in life and successful passage to adulthood with the help of caring families and communities.

textbooks near the cash register, I assume he was a North African-born college student. Call these examples aberrations, but the folks on the Arab "street" know very well who won on September 11, 2001.

Something, of course, will replace the World Trade Center. The new design will most certainly be a smaller group of unimpressive-looking buildings surrounding a park. Many uncomfortably admit that an exact replica of the origi-

nal towers would be too tempting of a target for terrorists and that no one would be willing to work in them. They may have a point. In the face of endless talk about not letting the terrorists win by making us change our ways, however, it's obvious that the terrorists have done just that. Have you flown lately? The sight of two-year-olds being patted down and made to take off their shoes would be comic if it weren't so embarrassing.

Several women I know have complained that airport security drones found way too much enjoyment in searching them and the lingerie in their luggage. Women are complaining they have been fondled and groped by our new crack airport security inspectors. Other friends of mine wearily speak about the naked rudeness of arrogant airport employees.

Has this indignity done any good? Probably not. Reporters from the New

York Daily News recently boarded planes with forbidden objects such as box cutters and knives in their luggage to test the new airport security measures. All of the reporters and their luggage made it through. Doesn't that make you feel safe and warm?

The truth is that, in the year since 9/11, America really hasn't gotten serious about being at war. Most people seem to just want to forget what happened. Perhaps some believe deep

in their hearts that our country and its worldwide image suffered a terrible loss on that day. Perhaps our behavior comes from newfound knowledge that America is no longer a safe haven from the insanity of the rest of the world. Did you notice Hollywood had one of its best years ever? We flocked to the movies, watched "American Idol," longed for the return of "The Sopranos" (I know I did) and adults actually had animated discussions

about the singer Ashanti. We seemed obsessed with anything but dealing with the reality of our situation.

Are we going to go to war on Iraq? Are we ever going to pull ourselves out of the slimy embrace of the Saudis? Who knows? But hey, you can probably still see "Star Wars" at the theater and the new seasons of "Buffy" and "Soul Food" episodes are starting to air, so everything's gotten back to normal, a'right?

TAMPA BAY AREA NEWS

Wisdom, Wit & Wonder

by Baheerah Hazika-Zuna

Prescription Drugs Part 1

Recently we have heard a lot about prescription drug dependency. It has become a problem in all areas of society.

I would not be able to honestly talk about this subject if I had not been through it myself.

Most prescription drug dependencies do not start as an experiment in pleasure seeking but usually because the person has some sort of injury or acute pain.

That is how it started for me. I broke my ankle in 1996 coming back from a field trip with my daughter's high school journalism class.

I endured six surgeries to save my leg from amputation. For me, that was a miracle in itself as I had become diabetic during the course of everything else that was happening to me.

Before I go any further I want to say this is not a "woe is me" story.

After everything that could be done for me, was done, I still had constant pain in my leg and ankle. My doctor prescribed a class three narcotic for pain management. In order to get a class three narcotic you have to have a written prescription every time. The doctor cannot call it in. They are highly addictive which is why doctors are so careful about prescribing them.

I started taking them normally according to the doctor's orders for a while. Along with diminished pain also came a feeling of well-being. It was that feeling of well-being that I began to chase and look

forward to each time I took a dose. That peaceful feeling somehow made all the things I considered negative merge into blissful existence.

I was in a very unhappy marriage, my children were doing well but I was tired of cheering and clapping and going to see stuff I did not want to see. I just wanted to take a few pills and drift off into a world where there was no one to deal with except myself.

Class three narcotics change everything about you including what you used to think was important.

I really don't know when my addiction began but I do remember when I started using two doctors to get the pills. When I think about it now I have to laugh at myself because I didn't think what I was doing was wrong. I used two doctors and several different drug stores to cover up what I was doing. I can remember not caring if I had the medicine I needed for my diabetes but I would raise the roof if I did not get the pain pills.

As with any addictive substance the longer you take it, the more you have to take. That was me lock, stock and barrel. If two makes me feel this good maybe three will make me feel even better. It had gotten so bad at one point I lost count of how many I had taken and had to be rushed to the hospital by ambulance. I had overdosed....

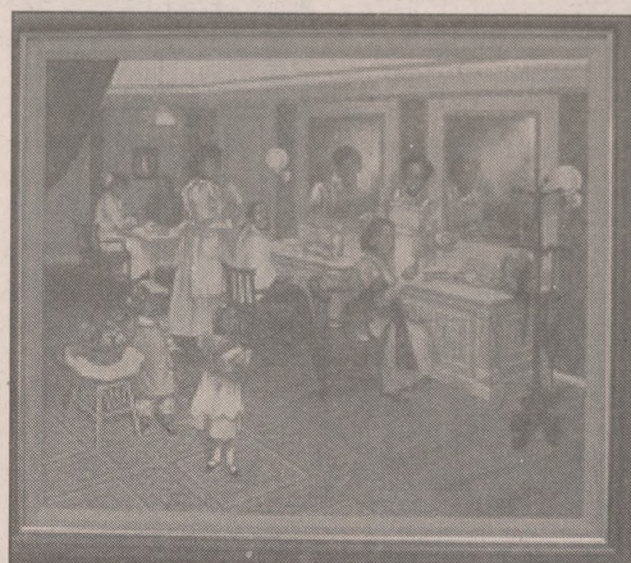
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Harambee!

Soulfood, Jazz And Art Auction



TARPON SPRINGS – Citizens Alliance for Progress and St. Petersburg College in Tarpon Springs are sponsoring a Soul food, live jazz and art auction on Saturday, November 2

from 1-5pm at St. Petersburg College, Tarpon Springs campus. Proceeds from the event will go to local youth in the form of scholarships. Tickets for the event are



\$20 for those 13 and above and \$12.50 for those 12 and under. Ticket price will include a year's membership at Citizens Alliance for Progress and a free tour of Leepa-Rattner Museum at SPC.

Music will be provided by the 6-piece Tampa jazz group Special Delivery and classic soul food by

American Sunday Plate. A silent auction of African-American art by Gloria Rose will be held throughout the afternoon. Arts and crafts vendors will also have tables at the festival.

For ticket or vendor information please contact Citizens Alliance for Progress (727) 934-5881 Ext. 0.

NAACP Membership Luncheon

ST. PETERSBURG – The St. Petersburg Branch NAACP Luncheon will be Saturday, November 2, 2002, 11:30 am until 1:00 pm at The Radisson Hotel, 12600 Roosevelt Blvd., St. Petersburg. The speaker for this event will be the dynamic Conference State

President, Adora Kweze. Members from throughout the community that are Life Members will also be honored at the event.

Tickets may be purchased by contacting the branch office at 727-898-3310.

Registration Deadline Is November 8 For Next ACT Test

College-bound high school students who want to take the ACT Assessment have two chances to register before the December 14 test date. The postmark registration deadline is Friday, November 8. There is also a late registration postmark deadline on November 21 (an additional fee is required for late registration). Students can get information from their high school counselor or register online at www.act.org.

ACT scores are accepted by virtually all colleges in the nation, including all Ivy League schools. A student's ACT scores are con-

sidered by colleges for admissions and course placement, along with several other important factors including high school GPA, college prep courses taken in high school, extracurricular activities, personal background and other information. The test fee is \$25 (\$28 in Florida). To learn more about the ACT Assessment, including registration forms and test locations, contact your high school counselor or go to the ACT website (www.act.org), which also offers useful tips, sample tests and the opportunity to order inexpensive test prep materials.

Sunken Gardens Invites You To Spice Up Your Life

ST. PETERSBURG – Celebrate the passion of outdoor living and discover how to add zest to your home garden with herbs, spices, hot chilies and cool plants at Sunken Gardens' Spice of Life Festival, on Oct. 19 and 20, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., 1825 Fourth St. N.

The largest grower of hot peppers in the southeastern U.S., Cripple Creek Growers, will be on hand to sell over 80 varieties of sweet, hot and pungent peppers. Other vendors will offer everything from sauces to salsa, and a variety of plants will be for sale throughout the day. Cooking demonstrations and fun-educational workshops will show visitors

how to grow and use spices and herbs. The little ones will enjoy make-n-take crafts, and special activities and shows created just for them.

Festivities are free with paid admission. Call 551-3100 for more information. Spice of Life is sponsored by the St. Petersburg Times.

On October 08, 1941, Jesse Jackson, minister, civil rights leader, and political activist was born in Greenville, SC.



GOOD HEALTH TO YOU!

by Bettye Burnett-Scott, R.N., M.S.

"A Call to Action"

The power to control the quality of your life is in your hands. Start by seeking information that will empower you to be the key to longevity. You may start and or establish healthy lifestyle activities. This is national cancer awareness season. What does this mean to you? Knowledge of the risk factors. Signs, symptoms and the link between history and health will help you make important health decisions. This empowers you to have the ability to increase your life and its quality.

Cancer may take many forms. Several of the many common cancers include breast, prostate, lung, and colorectal cancer. The disparities of the health among African-Americans and other ethnic groups are vast and increasing at an alarming rate. You can make a difference. Prevention is the key to feeling better and living longer. Change simple habits, for example:

• Stop smoking (The primary cause of lung cancer)

• Frequent breast exams (The most common cancer found in women)

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ST. PETERSBURG – Florida International Museum (FIM) announces that it is offering Florida residents half price full admission during the month of October.

The Florida International Museum currently features four separate exhibits, which include educational displays that rotate through on a constant basis. Now showing are TIME Magazine's Person of the Year at 75, an exhibit that includes a chronology of TIME Person of the Year covers with commentary from both the original issues of TIME and from a modern perspective. The Graceful Envelope, which presents 137 stamped and cancelled envelopes that are artist's canvasses, consists of entries from the National Postal Museum's Graceful Envelope Contest and is organized by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES).

FIM is the permanent home of the largest private collection of Kennedy family artifacts in the world. Also on permanent display is The Cuban Missile Crisis, an interactive presentation that gives visitors the impression that they have gone back in time to the year 1962.

The museum is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday noon to 5 p.m.

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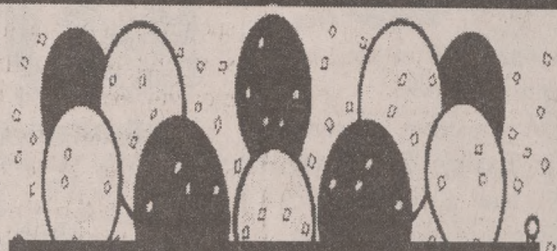
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Book Signing** by authors James M. Evans and Jaiya John, Reader's Choice Books & Gift Expressions, Saturday, Oct. 19, 2:00 - 6:00 p.m. (please see article on page 5)
- **Sunken Gardens' Spice of Life Festival**, Oct. 19-20, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., 1825 4th St. N. Call 551-3100 for more info.
- **Clearwater Jazz Holiday**, Thursday - Sunday, Oct. 17 - 20, Coachman Park, downtown Clearwater.
- **6th Annual Craft Art Festival**, Oct. 26-27, Plant Park on the Univ. of Tampa campus. For more info, call (727) 821-7391.
- **Florida Botanical Gardens' "It's A Bug's Life"**, Oct. 26, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., 12175 - 125th St. N., Largo. Call (727) 582-2671 for more info.
- **NAACP Membership Luncheon**, Saturday, Nov. 2, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., The Radisson Hotel, 12600 Roosevelt Blvd., St. Pete. For more info, call (727) 898-3310.

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And now it's that time of the week again when we share newsy tidbits with you.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Today, Oct. 17th - Reginald Macon, Glen Allen Ahmed, Precious McMillian; 18th thru 24th - Jessie Graham, Nyah Sandy, Patrick Haughbook, Delorean Fester, Robert Belvin, John Holder, Mattie Hutley, Teena Boykins, Jeffery Postell, Jennifer Tee Bowens, Tyrone (Terrible T) Hadley, Jasmine James, Maude Williams, L.D. West, Taura Bishop, Brittany Dennis, Louella Wreaves, Kawanza Thomas, Mary H. Holland, Clarence Tolbert II and Tabitha D. Nathan.

ANNUAL ELKS MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

Combined with the Civil Liberties and Education Workshops was held the week of October 3rd-6th for year 2003. Thursday, Oct. 3rd, was registration. Members motored

into our fair city from all over the state of FL. Greetings were extended from the Exalted Ruler PSP Richard Roberson, Sr., and PGDR Emma Lee, Daughter of the Sunshine City Elks Lodge #225 and Sunshine Temple #168. They were honored to host the 2002 Florida State Association Mid-Winter Conference. Those in attendance were: State President PGER Walter Butler and PGDR Lou Alyce Dean, State Director of Education, State Director of Civil Liberties, PGER Billie McGee, State Directress of Education, PGDR Elaine Crumity, State Directress of Civil Liberties PGDR Sondra McDonald and all other grand officers, brothers and daughters. Thanks and appreciations were extended to city and county officials for their time out from their busy schedules to share their greetings on Friday, Oct. 4th. Official opening was held at the Days Inn at 9 a.m. with guests and city officials. Civil Liberties Workshop was held until lunch. Some ate at places of their choice. For others lunch was available at the Lodge. Following lunch was the Education Workshop. Staff meeting (Daughters, officers, directresses, security) at 8 p.m. A disco followed at the Lodge.

Saturday, Oct. 5th, Mid-Winter Conference session, 8 a.m. Daughters at hotel, Brothers at church. Break for lunch. Joint closing session at the hotel.

From 9 p.m. until 1:30 a.m. - Dance was held at the National Guard Armory. Donation was \$10. Dirty Red was disc jockey playing oldies and goodies. A great time was had by all. Sunday, Oct. 6th, check out of hotel by 11 a.m.

A positive thought from Exalted Ruler - If God had a refrigerator, your picture would be on it. If He had a wallet, your photo would be in it. He sends you flowers every spring and sunrise every morning. Whenever you want to talk, He'll listen. He could live anywhere in the universe, and He chose your heart. What about the gift He sent you in Bethlehem, not to mention that preparation day at Calvary. Face it, He loves you!

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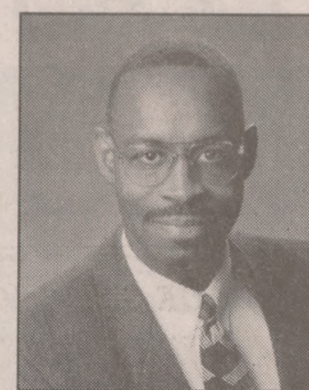
Dr. Ricky Lockett Opens Second Medical Practice Office

CLEARWATER - Dr. Ricky Lockett has opened his second medical practice office in Pinellas County at 1227 Rogers Street, Suite F, Clearwater. Dr. Lockett specializes in pain management and rehabilitation.

Having been in practice in the Bay Area since 1991 with an office in St. Petersburg, Dr. Lockett realizes how fast upper Pinellas County is growing. The new Clearwater office will save time and travel for his north Pinellas patients and allow him to see new patients.

Dr. Lockett received his medical degree from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. He holds a Bachelors Degree in Physical Therapy from the University of Pennsylvania. He is a diplomate of the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and The American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine. He received his MBA from the University of South Florida and is Board certified in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Medicine.

Dr. Lockett is a clinician, author and inventor, with two patents to his credit. He has been in the field of rehabilitation medicine for 20 years. He has worked with musculoskeletal injuries from the perspective of a physical therapist, family physician and as a specialist in both rehabilitation and manipulative medicine.



Dr. Ricky Lockett

Over the years, he has focused on conditions affecting bones, joints, muscles and nerves - while honing skills to treat conditions non-surgically if possible. Exercise has long been his most effective treatment tool.

Dr. Lockett has developed and provided comprehensive seminars for physicians, chiropractors and therapists on the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of musculoskeletal conditions.

Dr. Lockett is the author of the book "Computing & Exercise - Escaping the Aches & Pains of Computer Work", and it is available at Barnes & Noble stores.

'It's A Bugs Life' at the Gardens for Family Entertainment

LARGO - Feel and touch a crawling and creeping bug on October 26 at the Florida Botanical Gardens, 12175 125th St. N., Largo from 10 until 11 a.m. at the Palm Pavilion. Staff Horticulturist Cindy Peacock takes the class participants on an insect search and identification to discover the what, why, and where of bugs.

There is a \$1 registration fee for the insect box, until supplies last, and pre-

registration is required. Please call (727) 582-2671 to register.

The Florida Botanical Gardens is a public garden and part of the Pinewood Cultural Park campus, also home to the Pinellas County Extension, Gulf Coast Museum of Art, and Heritage Village.

For more information or a schedule of events contact the Extension Office at (727) 582-2200.

Upcoming SAC Meeting For Parents

LARGO - The Pinellas SAC Association, Inc. invites all School Advisory Council and PTA members to a workshop, "SAC Budgets: Keeping Track of the Money," from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Oct. 21, 2002, at the Stavros Center, 12100 Starkey Road in Largo.

Doug Forth, Assist. Superintendent of Budget and Resource Allocation for Pinellas County

Schools, will provide information about the process for allocating and tracking School Improvement funds. He will talk about school budgeting codes and give tips on working effectively with school bookkeepers. Claire Walker, SAC Treasurer at East Lake High School, will explain how she keeps track of School Improvement Plan funds.

Clearwater Jazz Holiday Parking And Traffic Advisory

CLEARWATER - Clearwater Jazz Holiday, a four-day musical event bringing national and local artists to Coachman Park, will affect downtown Clearwater traffic today through Sunday, Oct. 20.

Drew Street will be closed from Osceola Avenue west to Cleveland Street from Thursday through Sunday. Beach traffic will be diverted to Cleveland Street.

Free parking will be available Thursday through Sunday in the City Hall lot, 112 South Osceola Ave., Garden Avenue Garage, 28 North Garden Ave., and the Municipal

Services Building Garage, 640 Pierce St. The County Garage, 310 Court St., will be available Thursday through Saturday. Various other metered parking spaces will be available and meters will not be enforced. Concert-goers are encouraged to access parking facilities via Fort Harrison and Myrtle avenues.

For a parking map, go to the Clearwater website at www.clearwater-fl.com under the Public Works section. For more on the concert go to the Clearwater Jazz Holiday website at www.clearwaterjazz.com.

Deadline for All Ads and News is 4:00 P.M. Monday

Hometown News

Jason R. Carey has graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) National Advanced Leadership Camp at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, WA. The camp provides the best possible professional training and evaluation for all cadets in the aspects of camp life, administration and logistical support. Although continued military training and leadership development is included in the curriculum, the primary focus at camp is to develop and evaluate each cadet's offi-

cer potential. The cadet command assesses each cadet's performance and progress in officer traits, qualities and professionalism while at camp. He is the son of Janice A. and Richard L. Carey of 38th Ave. N.E., St. Petersburg, FL. Carey graduated in 1999 from St. Petersburg High School.

Janine N. Garrett has graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) National Advanced Leadership Camp at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, WA. Garrett is the daughter of Henry J. and Dorothea Garrett of 77th Ave. N., St. Petersburg, FL. He is a 1999 graduate of Northeast High School, St. Petersburg.

Army National Guard Pvt. Matthew C. Cabral has graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, MO. Cabral is the son of Lee Gresi of Quail Keep Drive, Safety Harbor, FL. The private is a 2002 graduate of Countryside High School in Clearwater.

On October 10, 1899, IR Johnson patented his bicycle frame.



RECOLLECTIONS

by Frances Pinckney

The Mingle-Mangle of Seasons

Waves roll in and out, making calming water music as I walk along Treasure Island Beach. Summer hangs on here at temperatures in the nineties, though it's almost mid-October. Blue skies overhead are filled with puffy white clouds floating about, masquerading in various shapes. There is Mr. Bear doing a somersault. Oops! He loses himself in the process and becomes just another ragged-edge cloud puff.

A pageant of seasons does not happen here in this part of Florida. Spring is beautiful and distinctive, but autumn does not come in glorious color like in north Florida, where the leaves of the oak, dogwood and hickory nut trees turn to vibrant colors of red, yellow and brown.

But there are signs of a seasonal change in wooded areas around the city. I have noticed the change of the color of the leaves on the sweet gum trees around Lake Vista Community Center where I walk frequently. In recent weeks I've noticed fallen brown leaves fluttering in the breeze around the walking path. The one sweet gum and Chinaberry tree with yellowing leaves and the acorns falling from the huge oak trees around Mirror Lake make noticeable nod to the autumnal scene.

Cool weather is predicted for the week ahead, still I don't think there will be a rush to take the sweaters and coats out of mothballs.

Seasons run together in south Florida. Spring is short lived, severely infringed upon by summer starting unofficially in the early weeks of May and just goes on full force sometimes into November and December. Falls and winters here are long awaited and short lived.

This seasonal mingle-mangle spills over into the commercial world. Check out the malls - Halloween decorations were out in

August; Thanksgiving displays appeared in September; now, before mid-October, Christmas is everywhere in the stores doing a mingle-mangle with Halloween.

I am always amused to see the new fall fashions in department stores in August. Just looking at those fine suede, leather and tweed suits and coats in the 90+ temperatures in August gives me a bit of hope that a winter season is somewhere on the horizon for this part of Florida.

By the end of September there are 50% off sales on the overstocked sweaters, moleskin skirts, leather and suede clothing. Even the local thrift stores get in the act. A full assortment of coats - cashmere and fur, modern and vintage - are found at Salvation Army thrift stores and other thrift stores in the area. Tourists have a field day. Canadians, Germans and fellow Americans from cold climates take advantage of these fantasy winter wonderland sales in south Florida.

As I walk around Mirror Lake, I see some earth-bound replicas of the cloud puff Mr. Bear after he lost himself doing a somersault. Their ragged edges are showing. No doubt they took a few backward somersaults in this business of life.

It appears that they have straggled away from the path of making good use of their lives and have become fettered by their own conduct and behavior. The struggle for daily existence is evident - you wonder if trying hard to make an effort to rise above this way of life is a priority in their mindset.

Seasons of life are indeed on display this sunny afternoon around Mirror Lake. Youth, middle age and old age in mingle-mangle disarray sit on benches or lay on the ground in the shade of a tree, oblivious to the signs of fall.

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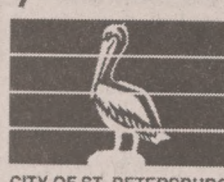
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For all details, call Mary Parker, President, at (727) 821-5192 or see any Silver Star member.

CraftArt Festival Set For Tampa's Plant Park

TAMPA – The Florida Craftsmen statewide organization will host its sixth annual *CraftArt Festival* on Oct. 26 and 27th, 2002 in beautiful Plant Park, located on the University of Tampa campus just west across the bridge on Kennedy Boulevard along the Hillsborough Riverfront.

The festival has grown into one of the top festivals in the country and is the only one of its kind in the state of Florida featuring contemporary craft artists only. The 2-day outdoor festival showcases breathtaking, collectible works by 130 juried fine craft artists from around the country, and will also feature the popular "demonstration tent", where visitors of all ages can watch clay being turned on a wheel to handmade guitar making, stained glass, weaving and beadmaking. The array of food offerings at the festival is also a special treat, featuring local restaurants with tasty and healthy offerings.

CraftArt 2002 will be

juried by Ms. Mary McElwain, a fine arts consultant from St. Louis who is well-versed in fine art and contemporary craft and has worked diligently the past five years to make the St. Louis Art Festival one of the top five shows in the country. Ms. McElwain will be presenting \$10,000 in award money to 15 artists based on the criteria of quality, integrity, distinctive uniqueness and craftsmanship the individual artist displays. There will also be more than \$10,000 in Patron Collector's Choice Awards given to the artists that weekend. Visitors should be prepared to witness incredible two and three-dimensional works, both sculptural and functional, in fine craft media such as clay, wood, fiber, metal, jewelry, glass and mixed media. Many award winning artists will be returning from the 2001 *CraftArt Festival*, including cloisonné enamellist jeweler Kristin Holeman, whose work is in such demand, she has been known to

"sell out" the first day! The festival also welcomes back Griselda Rivera Hernandez, a ceramic artist from Cuba – this year bringing her hand-painted ceramic wall platters and another ceramic friend from Cuba, also an exhibitor. *CraftArt* will also be welcoming many new faces this year exhibiting exciting work such as contemporary hand-crafted furniture, wooden kitchen tools and accessories, incredibly detailed leather handbags, exquisite basketry, and collectible ceramic sculpture. Visitors will be most surprised to find so many luxurious yet affordable items for the home or gift-giving.

The *CraftArt* donation admission fee of \$3 is guaranteed to provide visitors with a full day of meeting these extraordinary artists, possibly making some purchases, enjoying the demonstration tent and learning about new and traditional craft forms as well as enjoying the beauty and quaintness of Plant Park. Students and

children 12 and under are admitted free of charge. In addition, the Tampa Museum of Art, located directly across the river to the East of the *CraftArt* festival, will be offering one FREE admission with every paid admission on Saturday and Sunday with a *CraftArt* receipt or postcard invitation.

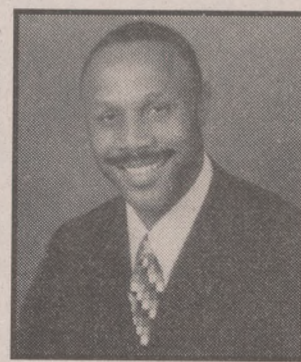
Courtesy of Hartline, free shuttle buses will be running both days from pick-up points next to the Tampa Museum on Ashley Drive, conveniently transporting visitors to the festival in Plant Park just across the bridge. There is ample parking in various lots along Ashley Street to pick up the shuttle in addition to free lots just south of the park off Kennedy Boulevard.

The *CraftArt* festival runs from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sunday. For more information about *CraftArt*, please contact the show organizers, Florida Craftsmen Gallery, (727) 821-7391.

READER'S CHOICE

by Tangela Murph

BOOK SIGNING 2-5 P.M., OCT. 19



James M. Evans, Author, *The ABC's of Authentic Hope*

The ABC's of Authentic Hope

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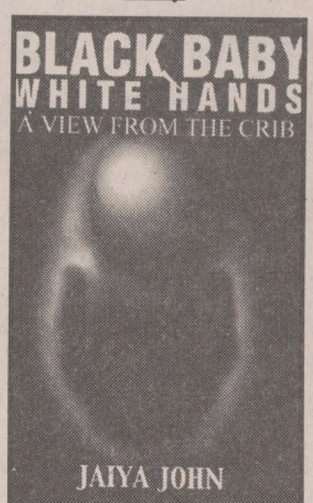
Procrastination.

- Diamond in the Rough: Lack of Character.
- Unmasking Addictions: Habits.
- Violence: How it Develops.

This book is calling the names of many parents, caregivers, teachers, coaches, youth and community leaders. Mr. Evans will personally be available to encourage or speak with youth groups or adults.

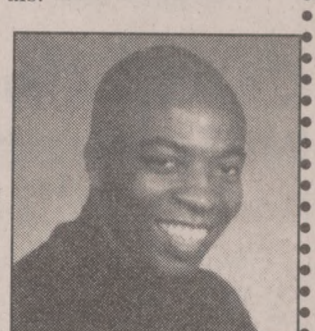
Get your personal copy autographed Saturday, October 19th, from 2-5 p.m. at Reader's Choice Book and Gift Expressions, 4301 - 34th St. S., Suite 102 (Maxi-Mall), outside storefront, down from the produce store. 867-3696.

BOOK SIGNING 3-6 P.M., OCT. 19
Black Hands, White Baby



the history of New Mexico to be adopted by a white family. The life that follows is told in an inspired and captivating story. Dr. Jaiya John's story flows like a soulful river. He was separated from his mother at birth, placed into foster care, adopted by a white family and reunited with his biological family in adulthood - an outstanding journey of personal discovery.

Black Baby, White Hands is a story of pain, love and the honoring of family. Magically, this book finds a way to sing as it cries and to exude compassion even as it dispels well entrenched myths. *Black Baby, White Hands* brings the rain and the sunshine, all at once. This is a must-read for parents, adolescents, educators, students and professionals.



Jaiya John, author, *Black Baby, White Hands*

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Senator Kendrick Meek shows his support and endorsement for Mary Brown, Candidate for School Board. Senator Meek recently appeared in St. Petersburg to open at

the SEIU's telephone center to help pass Amendment 9, an amendment to lower class size in Florida which Senator Meek initiated. Mary Brown supports that Amendment and

Senator Meek supports her campaign for School Board in Pinellas. He appeared at a fundraiser for her on October 14. Ticket information about other events, including a fund-

raiser at Saffron's with Senator Miller can be obtained at the Mary Brown for School Board Campaign Headquarters, 6055 9th St. S. St. Petersburg, FL 33705; 865-0401.

CNHS Partners To Receive Changing Neighborhoods Awards

Reginald Roundtree, News Anchor Serves As The Keynote Speaker At An Event 23 Years In The Making

CLEARWATER — In four weeks, the Bay area will share an unforgettable night of appreciation with the Clearwater Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. (CNHS) that has been 23 years in the making.

Clearwater Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. will celebrate its "First Annual Appreciation Gala", Saturday, Nov. 9, at the Sheraton Sand Key Resort from 6:30 - 10:30pm.

"It will be a night of landmark history," says Isay Gulley, CNHS's Executive Director. "Reginald Roundtree, WTSP-TV 10 News Anchor will be the first keynote speaker to open CNHS' gala. Several of our public and private

partners will receive our 2002 Changing Neighborhoods Awards," says Gulley.

This is the first time such an award will be given by the CNHS. The awards will be presented to partners deserving special recognition for commitment and financial support to change neighborhoods.

CNHS partners' list read like a page from a corporate digest. Amongst the list is Wells Fargo Mortgage Inc., Bank of America, Republic Bank, Allstate Foundation, AmSouth Bank of Florida, Fannie Mae Foundation, and First Union National Bank. Also, City of Clearwater, Pinellas County Commu-

nity Foundation, Premier Community Bank, Publix Super Markets, SouthTrust Bank of West Florida, SunTrust Bank of Tampa Bay, United States Automobile Association, World Savings Bank and more.

Family, friends, business leaders and elected officials will come together to celebrate CNHS neighborhood revitalization and economic development accomplishments. The gala promises to be the talk of the town with networking, first class dining, dancing, entertainment, and a mini-auction.

The excitement is also mounting over items to be auctioned at the gala. Items for auction include spas to

home decorating packages. "About 20 businesses have contributed items for the mini-auction. It's just great to have the support of the merchants in the community. It's a major contribution to the success of the gala," says Gulley.

The American Management Team, Inc. landed the contract with CNHS to create and market the event, and develop the 2002 Changing Neighborhoods Awards. For tickets or more information, call Clearwater Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. at (727) 447-5487.

Ballroom Dancing At Azalea

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County Presents Education Award To Largo's Harriet Thompkins

SEMINOLE — The Pinellas County Department of Public Affairs presented its First Annual Suncoast Access Award to Harriet Thompkins on October 5, 2002 at St. Petersburg College Seminole Campus. Thompkins was recognized with this award in the Educational Category for producing the show "CEO of Your Career." Thompkins was also the only African-American to win an award that night.

Thompkins, and guest Sharon McCormick, a professional career counselor, discussed the importance of taking charge of your career and managing it like a business. As President of "You Incorporated," it is vital that you develop your marketable/ transferable skills and keep current

with technology, said McCormick. The days of working for one company for 30 years are long gone. The average stay on one job is five to seven years.

The Suncoast Access Award is given to producers whose show is outstanding in content, delivery and overall production. Special thanks go to the celebrity judges, A.L. Jamal, Andre Moore and Tyrone DuBose of Hollywood, California.

Thompkins is a librarian at Pinellas Public Library Cooperative, and an adjunct with St. Petersburg College, Clearwater. She just retired from the Coast Guard Reserves with over 20 years of service. Thompkins resides in Largo, with her daughter, Rebecca.

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How to Be: Contemporary Etiquette For African Americans

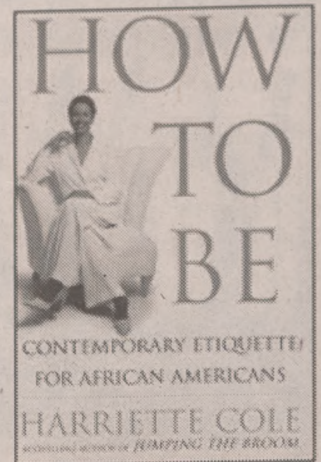
Author, Harriette Cole (Simon and Schuster)

Now a classic (1999), *How to Be* is a wonderful tool for etiquette, conduct and *How To Be* in many of life's situations. Harriette Cole, a graduate of Howard University is a qualified and brilliant writer who seamlessly translates her life experiences for others to develop, enhance and elevate their social skills. A must read for skills needed to elevate life, career and social relationships. (4 of 5****) Valder Beebe, Editor

Harriette Cole is the writer of the syndicated Q&A column of *Sense and Sensibility* (2002). She also is the author of *Jumping the Broom*, the groundbreaking guide for African-American brides. Now Cole brings experience, expertise and social skills to the world of etiquette.

A society once ruled by Emily and Peggy Post, has a competent rival, Harriette Cole. Cole the former fashion editor of *Essence Magazine* and president of Profundities Inc., brilliantly writes the rules of behavior, updating them with contemporary language, without changing the rules and values.

How to Be also has spiritual guidance as Cole addresses, "Do I have to change my vocabulary when I am speaking with elders?" Her response to



these and similar questions are graceful, sensitive and candid, in the same style as her syndicated column, *Sense and Sensibility*. Cole's topics are familiar to everyone, with answers that African-Americans can relate to. The book reflects harmony in living in a society by understanding the etiquette that permeates all levels of lifestyles.

An English major graduating from Howard University, Cole exhibits grace, style, and knowledge that is contemporary and elegant. Harriette Cole is president and creative director of Profundities, Inc., a New York-based style and life-coaching production company. She has appeared on the *Oprah Winfrey Show* and ABC's daytime talk show *The View*. Cole's column *Sense and Sensibility* appears in syndication.

Valder Beebe, CEO of www.photography-by-james.com, a Dallas newspaper Editor and syndicated column writer. "Living the life of her dreams: with her husband, James and their four kids."

Eckerd Senior Expo—

ST. PETERSBURG — Plan on joining more than 10,000 Florida seniors at the free two-day event sponsored by Eckerd Cor-

poration and presented by the St. Petersburg Times. Scheduled for today and Friday, October 18th, from 9am - 4:30 pm (both days), the Eckerd Senior Expo will provide seniors the information and resources they need to maintain a healthy, active lifestyle.

Seniors will receive free and discounted health screenings (blood pressure, mammogram, cholesterol/glucose, bone density and more) and health information, attend seminars conducted by St. Anthony's Health Care and take home sample from hundreds of exhibitors.

Special live entertainment includes Jack Jones, the Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra and the Stars of The Lawrence Welk Show featuring Dick Dale and Mary Lou Metzger.

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Brothers Now In Wedded Bliss



Rewa and Kelly Collier, III



Carla and Kelvin Collier

ST. PETERSBURG — Two former St. Petersburg residents and brothers, Kelvin and Kelly Collier, III, recently took two Atlanta residents as their wives.

Kelvin Collier, who is presently in nursing school to become a Registered Nurse, was wed last month to Carla Williams, an RN



L-R: Kelly III, Keith and Kelvin Collier



Family members enjoy a visit with the newlyweds supervisor with a medical management corporation in Atlanta. They reside in Powder Springs, Georgia.

Kelly Collier, III, an Atlanta policeman, was wed in June to Rewa Newbern, an Assistant

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"We have determined that the southeast/Caribbean Office of FHEO has jurisdiction to investigate the complaint. A summary of the allegation in the complaint that has been accepted for investigation is:

'Source of Health Inc. alleges that the St. Petersburg Community Development Block Grant Program is improperly awarding program funds.'"

Last week, despite knowing the complaint had been filed, the City Council, with only Flowers voting no, approved Baker and Deputy Mayor Goliath Davis's recommendation to award development rights to JRC (with its partner, Bayfront Health Systems) and to lease them nearly three acres of the 6.66-acre city-owned property for 25 years at a total "rent" of \$1 a year.

As part of the deal, the city as "applicant," claimed \$450,000 in CDBG money and is turning it over to JRC without JRC having to compete with other non-profit organizations that typically must spend time and resources

to apply for the money and demonstrate how it will benefit targeted numbers of low-income persons.

For its part, the city has maintained that because it owns the site, it can select any developer in any way it deems appropriate for the city.

SOH wants the feds to hold off on approving the city's 2002-2003 Consolidated Annual Action Plan until the city meets with and reaches an "acceptable resolution with the African-American community" over the development of the Mercy Hospital site.

Meanwhile, the city is considering an unrelated amendment to that plan to set up a list of projects to receive CDBG money as funds become available. The City Council will hold a public hearing on Nov. 7, 2002 at 9 a.m. at City Hall to consider the proposed amendment.

Among those organizations and projects in Midtown on the proposed list, in order of proposed funding, are:

- \$305,839 to Campbell Park Neighborhood Association Inc. to rehabilitate the old McLin Pool

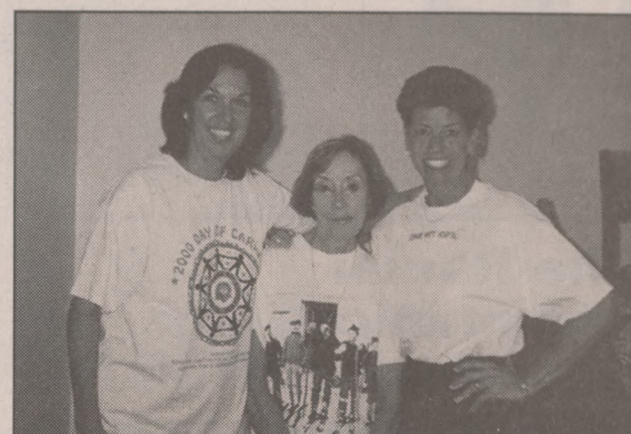
bath house at 1201 Seventh Ave. So., or build a new building at that site for use as a neighborhood center. Two years ago the city threatened to tear down the building. It rented only after individuals and organizations in the African-American community applied major political and other pressure on the administrations of Mayor David Fischer and Rick Baker.

- \$158,000 to Neighborhood Housing Services Inc. to assist in construction of a Homeownership Center at 1620 Dr. ML King St. So.

- \$100,000 to Coalition for a Safe and Drug Free St. Petersburg Inc. to purchase the building at 1655 16th St. So. for offices and operation of a drug prevention, intervention and treatment program.

Written comments from the public on the proposed amendment may be submitted to Housing and Community Development, 440 Second Ave. No., or P.O. Box 2842, St. Petersburg 33731 by 4 p.m. on Nov. 6, 2002.

Edward White Hospital Volunteer Efforts Benefit the Urban League



L-R: Judy Humphries, Judi Stewart and Judy Brown

ST. PETERSBURG — Recently, a team of volunteers from Edward White Hospital participated in the United Way's annual Day of Caring.

Hospital volunteers were assigned to paint the inside of the Pinellas County Urban League. "Our dedicated team of Healthcare professionals have joined together to once again reach out to our community and lend a helping hand," commented Sherry Sirmans, Hospital Marketing Director.

Edward White has participated in the annual day of caring multiple times over the years. Previously, the Edward White team painted The Deaf Services Center, Girl's Inc., and The Suncoast Center for Community Mental Health.



Ernest Robinson

"We constantly strive to meet the needs of our patients and the community in which we serve. The healthcare field is forever changing. It is vital to our community that the providers of their healthcare share the knowledge and understanding of Outreach programs," said Sirmans. The Administration of Edward White Hospital extends thanks to its team and to the United Way Day of Caring organizers.

Department of Health Steps Up Efforts To Educate The Public About Lupus

October Is National Lupus Awareness Month

TALLAHASSEE — Lupus is a potentially life-threatening disease that causes the immune system to attack the body's own cells and tissues. It can affect major organs, including the heart, lungs, kidneys and brain. According to the Lupus Foundation of America (LFA), although 1.4 million Americans, mostly women, have a form of lupus, public recognition and understanding of the autoimmune disease remains low.

"We are coordinating efforts with health partners to increase awareness of lupus and its symptoms," said Florida Department of Health (DOH) Secretary John O. Agwunobi, M.D., M.B.A. "It is important that individuals with this

disease are properly diagnosed and seek medical treatment."

DOH's Bureau of Chronic Disease Prevention is working with the LFA, Greater Florida Chapter and Southeast Florida Chapter, to implement six regional seminars over the next year that will cover diagnosis, treatment and care of lupus patients. These seminars, which are open to the public, will target women, specifically African-American and Native American women.

The most common symptoms of lupus are joint swelling, joint and muscle pains, extreme fatigue, fevers, and skin rashes on the face, neck and scalp. Symptoms that might indicate vital organs

are affected include chest pains on deep breathing (pleurisy), excessive protein in the urine and seizures.

The key to controlling lupus and preventing damage to vital organs is early diagnosis.

At the present time, there is no cure for lupus. If diagnosed early, medications are available that can treat symptoms in most patients. Effective treatment can minimize symptoms, reduce inflammation and maintain normal bodily function.

For more information about lupus, call the LFA toll-free at 1-800-558-0121, or visit their Web site at www.lupus.org.

East Lake High Drama Club Performs For You

TARPON SPRINGS — East Lake High School's Thespian Troupe #4356 and the Class Act Drama Club will present *You Can't Take It With You*, a comedy written by Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman, as their fall production Wednesday, November 13 through Saturday, November 16, 2002. The East Lake High School Theatre is located at 1300 Silver Eagle Drive, Tarpon Springs. The play is double casted, meaning a different cast will play every other night. All performances will take place at 7:30pm. Tickets will be available each night at the door for \$6.00 general admission and \$5.00 for senior citizens.

The Pulitzer Prize winning comedy, *You Can't Take It With You*, is about the young Alice Sycamore, daughter of the wacky duo Paul and Penelope Sycamore and her new love interest, Tony Kirby, Vice President of the prestigious Kirby and Co. and son of the straight and narrow, snobby Anthony and Miriam Kirby who are surely destined to be together forever. The only problem is...Alice has yet to introduce Tony to her family! After a mad first encounter, Tony decides he wants to bring his family over to meet the Sycamore clan. Alice quickly trains her folks and a few other residents how to act on the night Tony's parents will come to dinner. What happens when Tony deliberately brings his rich parents over on the wrong night? Will Tony and Alice's love affair last forever more?

The play which is based in the 1930s promises

to entertain all with its nutty characters which include a tall, hairy Russian male ballet teacher, a crazy mother who has a knack for writing horrid plays and cheap grandfather who refuses to pay the government a cent of tax money. It also is equipped with a

huge, elaborate set and is filled with corny, outlandish dialog.

For more information or to pre-order tickets, please call 727-942-5419, ext. 255 (weekdays 7:00A.M. -3:00P.M.) or 727-943-5574 (24 hour answering service).

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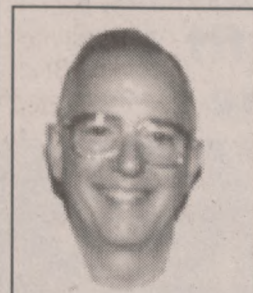
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OPINION

by Fenn Ellery

The Racial Communications Gap: Want It Wider Or Narrower?

One nice part of being an opinion columnist is the letters and comments of some very intelligent and concerned people. A recent one came from Eileen O'Sullivan, a member of the League of Women Voters and AAVREC. She quoted from my column, "... More than 10% of white ACTs are already quite willing - without half trying! - to work with effective and intelligent Black ACT leadership toward closing the under American racial income gap."

She refers to a reading by two people with the Florida Council for the Humanities from a book "Parallel Lives" co-authored by Bill Maxwell, a columnist from the daily paper. Eileen says, "It was a truly for-weather night, but St. Peter's was FILLED - mostly with white people. It struck me how many EuroAmericans really want to do something about the racial hard feelings that still linger..."

They "don't know how or what to do (and won't participate, I suspect, with people who dump blame on them, but are still a population to be drawn upon somehow). I don't know what the answer is, either. I know a number of Black people who are mighty tired of being the token Blacks at white organizations, trying to bring them along, letting them claim the cachet of being "integrated", and just don't want to do it anymore - and I can't blame them." WHAT TO DO?

1) At the "warm bunny" my wife and I used to attend - Al Lang Field, where the St. Pete Cardinals toiled with varying degrees of success - sometimes a pop foul was hit into the partly-filled stands. An adult would grab it and, immediately, a loud peer-pressure cry (sometimes so loud as to seem like a "threat") would go up: "Give it to the kid".

That's part of the answer. Get together, do it for the kids and grandchildren! Some 2-3 centuries since slavery was in bloom, and nearly 14 decades since the Civil War! We need to ask: How many generations will it take before we get together to do something effective about the racist "head worms" we still educate into kid's heads?

2) Could we use more proactive leadership? It could prove advantageous if St. Petersburg officials, like Mayor Baker, would stand up and state a strong position against the racial income gap - or even against American Racism, and bigotry, etc. How

about PinCo County Supervisor head Barbara Sheen Todd? Aren't the St. Petersburg City Council and PinCo County Supervisors so seemingly variable, disunited and indecisive that neither has a viable race relations program?

How about Dr. Howard Hinesley and the PinCo School Board? They have met with AAVREC (African American Voter Research and Education Comm.) at noon meetings at the Urban League offices? Is Linda Lerner the only one to speak strongly, in public? How effective has Dr. Roy Kaplan been, as head of the NCCJ, Natl. Conference for Community and Justice? These are nice people, Black and white, but...

How badly do we as voters want our politicians to keep on "kissing babies", grabbing "photo ops" with youth and community groups - while dodging the tough questions and the real problems?

3) **Content of our character.** That's the way the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. put it - and wasn't he right? Our character, and their character. Black ACTs (American Citizen Taxpayers) and white. And how about our reservoirs of morality and integrity? The white-predominant SPMA, St. Pete Ministerial Assn. And the Black-predominant IMA, Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance.

Is Sunday the most segregated day of the week, as is so often stated? Why? When was the last time you went to church and had your religious leader effectively tell you why American Racism was a sin? And that the continuing evidences of Segregation and (reverse) Apartheid were evil, and morally wrong as well as corrosive of unity and democracy.

4) **Is it beyond our capabilities?** How many ACTs are able to say honestly and effectively: "Why do I oppose American Racism? Because it is wrong!" We had effective race relations programs in San Diego more than three decades ago. Our City and County still lack these!

Part One in a series. Remember, Readers: This is the Challenger!

Fenn Ellery, ACT - (727) 866-2540. Email: patnfenn@aol.com (Fenn Ellery is a resident of St. Petersburg, and is a member of AAVREC, the African American Voter Research and Education Committee, and CUSP, Citizens United in Shared Prosperity.)

"Star Wars: Episode II - Attack Of The Clones" Set To Open At IMAX Dome Theatre At MOSI

TAMPA - Move over "Rocky Horror" - the big film this Halloween is sure to be "Star Wars: Episode II - Attack of the Clones" opening at the only IMAX Dome Theatre in Florida

(the IMAX Dome Theatre at MOSI) at midnight Oct. 31. The special engagement showing will run through Dec. 24.

Tickets for the large screen version of the popu-

lar movie for those "die-hard" and "not-so-diehard" fans may now be purchased online at www.mosi.org.

DIPPER's Closing The Gap!



Pictured in photo are back row (L-R): Catherine Crumb, Cynthia Tomlin, Ira Whitson and Carol Alexander. Front Row: (L-R): Myron Mills, Bettye Burnette-Scott, Yolanda Sacipa, Carrie Avery, Mary M. Nelson and Josey Robinson.

photo by Peace Productions and Photography

ST. PETERSBURG - The DIPPER Front Porch "Closing The Gap" Program survived a site visit with glowing remarks of praise and encouragement on September 18, 2002.

Yolanda Sacipa, Government Operations Consultant, Florida Diabetes Control Program from Tallahassee, made her visit to monitor the progress of the program toward achieving its goals according to the Work Plan for 2002-2003.

Documentation of project activities, educational program logs, program evaluations and updates on community partners were made available to her. She was also able to attend the Quarterly Coalition Meeting. Sacipa spent eight hours scrutinizing every aspect of DIPPER. Her ending remarks were complimentary of the work being done.

The staff of DIPPER welcomed the visit as there

was a knowing degree of confidence that exceptional work was being done with a positive impact on the designated community.

Free Testing is held at the DIPPER office on Tuesday and Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., and at the Enoch Davis Center every Monday from 6:00-7:30 p.m.

For more information, call the DIPPER office today at (727) 897-9129.

Allstate Center Celebrates SPC's 75th Anniversary Through Public Safety Day

ST. PETERSBURG - The Allstate Center at St. Petersburg College will celebrate SPC's 75th anniversary as well as Red Ribbon week through its Public Safety Community Day Oct. 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

During this family-oriented event, participants will get an up-close view of DARE officers, fire trucks, helicopters and motorcycle training. In addition, there will be hourly demonstrations of SWAT teams, canine officers, car rescues, and bomb squad operations. "We are very proud to be able to partner with our many local, state and federal public safety agencies to show the many programs and capabilities available to the community," said J.C. Brock, associate provost of the Allstate Center.

Law enforcement recruiters will be on hand, as

well as police program displays, crime prevention techniques and tours of the Allstate Center. There also will be free hot dogs, pop-

corn and soda.

For more information, call (727) 341-4495.

St. Petersburg Police Volunteer Opportunity

The St. Petersburg Police Volunteer Road Patrol and Disabled Parking Enforcement units are currently accepting applications for the position of Road Patrol or Disabled Parking Enforcement.

Road Patrol volunteers handle non-criminal duties of the police officers, making available more time for the officers to investigate serious criminal activity and respond to dispatched calls. Road Patrol assists the Police Department by tagging and impounding abandoned vehicles often locating stolen vehicles in the process. They also transport found property to designated locations within the police department. They also may assist in traffic control at vehicle crashes and fire scenes.

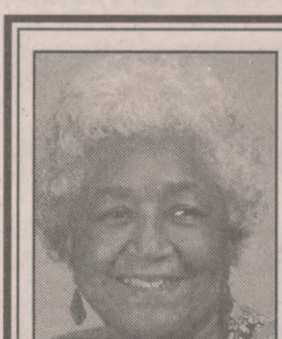
Disabled Parking Enforcement Specialist Unit. A separate unit of the Road Patrol is comprised mostly of disabled persons who, after completing the volunteer application and training requirements, patrol in their own vehicles, citing parked vehicles which violate disabled parking regulations. A mileage reimbursement is provided by the city to compensate for fuel usage.

All Road Patrol and Disabled Parking Enforcement Specialist applicants must meet strict qualifications prior to participation in the Road Patrol Program. These include but are not limited to:

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- Polygraph Test
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by Mabel Cooper

ANOTHER BAD ONE!

What a lousy day I had yesterday! I've had bad days, but nothing like yesterday! Firstly, I woke up face-down on the floor. After I got up, I looked in my bathroom mirror, and it cracked. Then I looked into the dresser mirror, and I cracked. I saw I was in big trouble! But, I bravely went forth to face my farce.

Everything I ate tasted like lint, everything I drank was too gluey and everything I touched ripped. I finally got one eye open and noticed the other one was black. I went to hang up the clothes I wore home from the party the night before and couldn't find them. I sat down and cried.

By noon I had a ring around everything, bad blotches, the trouts and my hair hurt. "If anyone in the world felt unhappy, miserable and wretched, it was yours truly, this writer."

So, I called suicide prevention, and they put me on hold. I finally called the police, and they told me to sober up and call my lawyer. My lawyer advised me to stop bothering him and to call the police.

I'd give you more details, but I'm still confused.

A SURPRISE B'DATE CELEBRATION

On Monday, October 7th, Pauline Russell of 24th Ave. and 22nd St. S. was feted with a surprise b'date dinner on her "84"th birthday. Her hostess chose the Red Lobster on 34th St. N. for the celebration with just a handful of really dear folks who matter sharing the goodies.

The hostess, Pauline's great granddaughter Patricia Ruck, and the invited guests really pulled the surprise off beautifully as planned. In addition to the tantalizing, lip-smacking seafood spread, Pauline was presented with a large beautiful b'day cake, party snacks and plenty of party chatter.

On hand to sing the b'day songs to the b'date celebrant and to help make the celebration an unforgettable one were: the honoree's hubby, Arthur Russell; her daughter,

Janette Gainor and hubby Redrick; her niece, Charisse McGrew; Mandy Thompson, Lucille Hodges, Deana Ryan and Chaye Mobley. Also, Mary Bray and daughter Debbie Hawkins, Darlene Hill, Ordria Bacon and daughters, Rolanda and Keana Williams.

Also attending were Pauline's great great grands Brianna and Alexis Jenkins. It was a very happy celebration, and everyone had fun and enjoyed it.

A SUMPTUOUS B'DATE COOKOUT

Lord a mercy, Mandy Thompson and her hubby Craig were saying just the right prayers for the nice weather to hang around a little longer. It did just that Sunday evening past, October 13th, when the Thompsons of 45th St. and 13th Ave. S. hosted a down-home, sure 'nuff finger-lickin', lip-smackin' backyard cookout for four of Mandy's five children - all Libras.

They are Marvin and Quintanna Alexander whose birthdays are October 16th. They were 16 and 12 respectively. Twins Emerald and Crystal Alexander turned eleven on October 13th.

The Thompsons didn't leave anything to be desired. They went all out for the children's happiness. Each b'date celebrant's friends were there in abundance wishing them happy b'date plus their loving grandmother Francis Alexander from Douglas, GA, devoted grandfather of our town, caring aunts, other relatives and friends.

The quadruples children were elated and thankful for their gifts and b'day cards, some heavy with money.

The young guests attending were: Mechelle Stone, Diamond Beaton, Jasmine Jackson, Ashanti Jenkins, Tyneisha Eady, Christopher Deloch, Alona Frazier, Martesh Honor, Kali, Vehonda and Showna Beaton.

Others enjoying were: Karielle Jackson, Ciara Ramsey, Chaneice Jenkins,

Jasmine Thompson, Alice Middleton, Myshayla McKenzie, Victor Patterson, Zamirra Colder, Latedra Everett, Robert Middleton, Al Walker and last but not least Alcolhea Everett.

There were plenty of adult guests enjoying, including this writer. Space is short at this writing, but we enjoyed the "food", the party chatter, the games and just being there.

SPEND VACATION WITH MOM

After spending two enjoyable weeks visiting with his darling grandma, Lula Vinson in her Bayou Blvd. home, her son Johnny Vinson has gone back to his home in Los Angeles, CA. Johnny killed two birds with one stone. He celebrated a birthday in addition to his visit. His mother gave a bar-b-que cookout for him and other family members; so did his sister Edith Anderson in her 15th St. S. abode.

Before the vacation ended a few suns and moons ago, his mother said Johnny did some fishing at the Pier and visited with other relatives and friends.

ALSO BIRTHDAYING

Was Mary Stephens whose natal day was October 6th. Mary said she is a happy, satisfied 67 year old Christian. It's nothing wrong with that, right?

ON THE FLIP SIDE

I write this with the deepest wish that's followed by a prayer that all sick and shut-ins in our town keep the faith and don't despair. As I pen this, we are told that our friend Ralph Tillman is a patient in Bayfront Medical Center. Also, Algerend Falana is ailing and a patient in Northeast Hospital.

Let us remember them with prayers and if possible with a visit. Let them know you care.

AND NOW A BIT OF HUMOR

This diddle was sent to this writer from a friend, Norris Malloy:

I know some folks who, if there was a nip in the air, would drink it... never yell at each other unless the house is on fire.

Now, until next write around, good luck and may God's blessings be yours.

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Juvenile Justice Town Hall Meeting

ST. PETERSBURG — With the theme, "Florida's Juvenile Justice System: A Fair, Impartial and Balanced Approach?" the town hall meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 22, from 6pm-7:30 pm at the Poynter Institute. That location is 801 Third St. South, St. Petersburg.

This event, hosted by the non-partisan Children's Campaign, is free and open to the public. For more information, please call, (813) 887-3995.

Ghost In The Garden

ST. PETERSBURG — Bring your little goblins to Ghost in the Garden Halloween evening, Oct. 31, from 6 - 8 p.m. at Sunken Gardens, 1825 Fourth St. N.

Come see the garden alive with excitement as ghosts, witches, ghouls and goblins play along pathways. A creepy crawly creature show, storytelling, games and a great pumpkin patch make this a naturally fun evening, suitable for all ages.

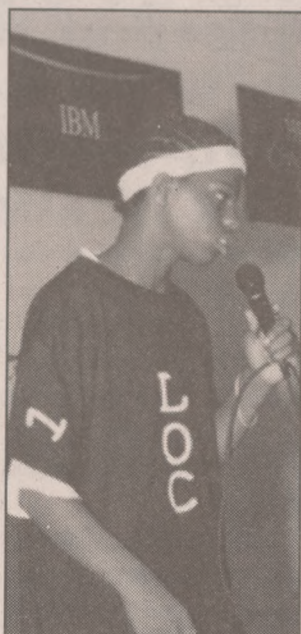
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Susan Casper of Bay News 9 emceed the program

Celebration from pg. 1

The Suncoast Afterschool Alliance is a testimony to unselfish efforts by area child care agencies. In the words of G. Scott Goyer, President/CEO, YMCA of the Suncoast, "We all got together and put away our polite competitive edges... to see what can be done for all the youth" in their individual programs. By celebrating together, more publicity is brought to all of the programs. Scott added, "Albeit, we serve collectively, there are still thousands of kids that go to an empty home." And it is during the hours of 4 - 6 p.m. that challenges exist. According to James E. Mills, Executive Director, Juvenile Welfare Board (JWB), "the research is clear across board" showing high incidences of



Antwan Hill of the Lights On Crew, and also a Boys and Girls Club member

teen pregnancy, substance abuse, and violence during this period of the day. The setting for the celebration was especially helpful to funding agencies like JWB, which only had to attend one celebration and see the progress of all of the child care facilities at one place. Last year, the individual child care organizations celebrated *Lights On Afterschool* at various places around the county. JWB earlier in the day, awarded \$850,000 to the various after school agencies. JWB's generous donation is specifically earmarked for the formation of 10 new before and after school care programs for middle school youth.

Ruth Barrens, organizer of the Suncoast Afterschool Alliance, articulated what was the consensus of the repre-



L-R: Coty Curry, R' Club, Kelvin Solomon, YMCA member, and Patricia Davis show their support displaying drawings of childcare children

sentatives from the various programs, that middle school youth are often the most under-represented. Besides the financial burden it presents on parents, more notably single parent homes, it is believed, or perhaps hoped, that middle school aged children don't need the before and after school programs nearly as much as the younger children. Yet, the research validates the need for supervision, for life altering and setting events take place to children in this age group.

According to Carl Lavendar, Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club of the Suncoast, and Afterschool Ambassador for the Suncoast Afterschool

Alliance, the *Lights On Afterschool* extravaganza had two goals. First, it served as a tribute to the work of the child care agencies. Secondly, it recognized the performance of the youngsters, and third, this particular celebration would be honored by a proclamation by Mayor Rick Baker. Jim Henderson, Vice-Chairman, YMCA of Greater St. Petersburg, added, "we're trying to bring forth awareness... Parents need to know where they can be provided with after school care."

St. Petersburg Councilman James Bennett, stated the city support when he said, "We all believe in the entire program, and want

to be involved. Anyway to expand this for all children we support."

The R'Club serves 4,000 children daily in Pinellas and Hillsborough counties, with 44 centers, and 31 youth programs. The guiding principals they instill in their kids are the four "R's" - "Respect, Responsibility, Resourcefulness, and Responsiveness."

The Boys and Girls Club of the Suncoast focus on helping disadvantaged youth. Sixty-five percent of their kids are from economically disadvantaged families, under federal guidelines. The organization is 130 years old, and here in our area, 60% of their children are boys, and 40%

photos by Barry A. McIntosh are girls.

The YMCA teaches their children "Caring, Honesty, Respect, and Responsibility." There are 2400 YMCAs in 10,000 communities, and some 1,800 children and families are impacted by their work here in St. Petersburg.

The United Way of Tampa Bay's Elizabeth Gunderson, Vice-President of Community Investment was on hand to see the fruition of the work of their funding. The United Way gives \$1.5 million to after school care, representing 23% of all of the funds they provide.

Some 250 kids from the Boys & Girls Club, R'Club Child Care, Inc.,

and the YMCA were the recipients of the day's activities, which included music by "Island Breeze", a youth band directed by David Pridgen of John Hopkins Middle School. Christopher Oz mesmerized the children with his magic and illusion during pre-program activities.

During the program, Mayor Rick Baker read a proclamation from the city in support of the program, and J.C. Penney received the Light The Way award for their continued funding of the *Afterschool Alliance*, nationally and locally.

Three highlights of the program were driven by the kids themselves. One was a video presentation by students of John Hopkins Middle School. A second was entertainment provided by the group "Lights On Crew", members of the Boys & Girls Club of the Suncoast, and a third was the reading of letters by some of the youth, written by governmental representatives from Washington in support of our community programs.

The program ended with the display of 400 pictures drawn by kids in the after school programs, as children, counselors, program representatives, parents, YMCA members, and city officials helped hold up the drawings protected inside one continuous roll of plastic.



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Tampa Bay Symphony's 17th Season



Kimberly Cann

SEMINOLE — The Tampa Bay Symphony proudly announces its 17th season of bringing outstanding classical music programs to the Greater Tampa Bay area. Our first performances of the new season will feature the winner of this year's "Young Artists' Competition".

It is with great pleasure that we announce Kimberly Cann as our 2002-2003 winner. Kimberly is a recent graduate with high honors from Florida Southern College and is currently a student of Dr. Gray Wolf at the University of Central Florida.

She has been playing the piano since the age of five. She gave her recital debut at twelve and her orchestral debut at fourteen with the Southern University Symphony in Tennessee in 1995. Since then, she has performed and competed extensively throughout the United States.

In 1999, she was the winner of the Clara Wells National Piano Competition and the Grey Perry Collegiate Artist Competition-Florida. In 2001 she was the runner-up for the Music Teachers National Association Collegiate Ar-

tist Steinway Competition in Florida.

For this concert series Miss Cann will perform the first movement of Sergei Prokofiev's "Concerto in C major".

The Symphony will perform Beethoven's "Symphony No. 8 in F major, Op. 93" which Beethoven completed in 1812 and first performed in 1814. It was to be his last symphony for 12 years. The first movement is noted for its extreme vitality - no slow introduction for this masterpiece! Alert listeners will hear the call of a hunting horn in the 3rd movement.

The recognizable "Roman Carnival Overture" by Hector Berlioz will also be on the program. This was based on his opera "Benvenuto Cellini" which told the story of a sculptor living in Rome. Like Beethoven's Symphony No. 8, this number starts off at a breakneck speed.

Every middle-aged American can probably sing a few bars from at least one number written by a composed named Jacob Gershovitz. For this concert series, the Tampa Bay Symphony will per-

form his "Cuban Overture" - oh yes, he changed his name to George Gershwin.

Music lovers can see and hear Dr. Jack Heller, Conductor and Musical Director for the Tampa Bay Symphony, lead this magnificent 90-piece all-volunteer orchestra at the following performances: Saturday, October 26th, at 8 p.m. at the Mahaffey Theater in St. Petersburg; Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m. at Tampa's Performing Arts Center and the final performance at Ruth Eckerd Hall in Clearwater on Monday, October 28th, at 8 p.m.

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Miss USA 2002 Launches Award Program



Shauntay Hinton

INDIANAPOLIS — Shauntay Hinton, Miss USA 2002, introduced Eli Lilly and Company's new LillyforLife Awards to honor the everyday accomplishments and outstanding achievements of people with diabetes. Shauntay's grandmothers both had diabetes. The new awards are an expansion of the Lilly Insulin 50-Year Medal program that has been honoring people since 1974.

"Growing up with my grandmothers, I saw the dedication and commitment needed to manage diabetes," said Hinton. "My grandmothers worked hard and celebrated life. That is what the LillyforLife Awards represent, which is why I am proud to be a spokesperson for this project."

Approximately 17 million Americans have diabetes, while an estimated one million additional people are diagnosed every year. Diabetes is a progressive disease for which there is no cure.

The LillyforLife Awards include two categories - The LillyforLife 50-Year Insulin Award and the LillyforLife Achievement Award. The Lillyfor-

Life 50-Year Insulin Award, formerly called the Lilly 50-Year Medal, recognizes people who have taken insulin for at least 50 years. Since 1974, about 1,500 people have received this prestigious award.

"People with type 1 diabetes, to remain healthy must constantly monitor their blood sugar levels, eat healthy, exercise and take daily insulin doses. This is a full-time job with no breaks," said Dr. James Gavin, President-elect of The Morehouse School of Medicine.

Type 1 diabetes occurs when the body does not produce insulin, a hormone required to convert sugar, starches and other food into energy. Currently, these people must take insulin injections for the rest of their lives.

The LillyforLife Achievement Award recognizes the outstanding achievements of people with diabetes. Those recognized do not have to be well known or famous for their achievements, but can be everyday people who have done or are achieving outstanding things.

The winner of the LillyforLife Achievement Award will receive \$5,000, be featured on LillyforLife.com and travel to Lilly's headquarters in Indianapolis, IN, for a formal presentation.

Nominations are now being accepted, and the first award will be presented in 2003.

More information and applications for the LillyforLife Awards can be obtained by calling 1-888-545-5115 or visiting www.LillyforLife.com.

On October 13, 1970, Angela Davis was arrested in New York City and charged with unlawful flight to avoid prosecution for her alleged role in California courthouse shoot-out.

Stella Grooves on Her Night Out



L-R: John Ovelton, Stella Burton and Stella and William Burton.

CHICAGO — Chicago native Stella Burton is the first-prize winner of the Lawry's "Soul Food Night Out Sweepstakes". Her prize included transportation, hotel accommodations and dinner at Lawry's The Prime Rib Restaurant.

Stella, an aircraft mechanic at Chicago's Midway Airport and a poet in her spare time, is a seasoned fan of genuine soul food and of Showtime's "Soul Food" television series.

She was joined by her fiancé, John Ovelton, and her parents, William and Stella Burton. While she and John were relishing in their prize-winning evening, her parents were busy celebrating their 31st wedding anniversary.

"Lawry's gave me just the escape I needed," said Stella. "With the wedding only a couple of months away, it's been hard for us to find the time or the money to enjoy ourselves."

The "Soul Food Night Out Sweepstakes" was a great way for consumers who use Lawry's Seasoned Salt to vie for the opportunity to enjoy dinner at a Lawry's restaurant as well as a way for Lawry's to increase product awareness. The sweepstakes ran for two months. Entry forms were available at

Sally's Beauty Supply locations and online at www.soulfood.SHO.com.

Importance of Early Detection in Treatment of Breast Cancer

TALLAHASSEE — During National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Florida's top health official is encouraging everyone in Florida to learn more about this disease and the importance of early detection.

"The observance of this month should result in an increased awareness about breast cancer," said Florida Department of Health Secretary John O. Agwunobi, M.D., M.B.A. "It is extremely important that people know the direct relationship between early detection and successful treatment of this disease."

Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women, excluding nonmelanoma skin cancer. It can afflict men, but this disease is approximately 100 times more common among women. A woman's likelihood chance of developing breast cancer increases with age. About 77 percent of women with

breast cancer are over age 50 at the time of diagnosis. The American Cancer Society (ACS) estimates that 12,000 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed in Florida in 2002, with approximately 3,000 of them resulting in death. According to the ACS publication "Florida Cancer Facts and Figures," death rates are declining for breast cancer. These successes are likely the result of earlier detection and improved treatment.

The facts are:

- Thirty percent of breast cancer deaths are preventable through early detection (mammograms and clinical breast exams);
- Beginning at age 20, women should have a clinical breast examination;
- Women aged 40 and older should begin having routine screening mammograms;
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tions every month. By doing the exams regularly, women get to know how their breasts normally feel. This helps them detect any

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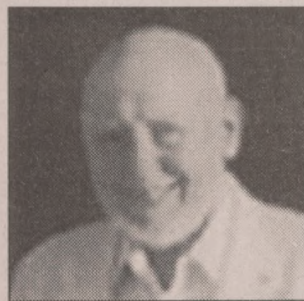
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Q. What was the first city to make a profit on the Olympics?

A. Los Angeles, in 1984. The Los Angeles Olympics were the first privately financed Games ever and made an unheard of profit of \$215 million. Time magazine was so impressed that it named organizing president Peter Ueberroth its Man of the Year.

Q. Who was the

first United States chief executive to ride in an automobile?

A. President Theodore Roosevelt in 1902.

Q. In do-it-yourself households - those where someone works on a car - what percentage of the repair work is now being done by women?

A. 34% in 2000, up from 27% in 1994. (USA Today).*

Q. Film industry analysts say that in the history of independent filmmaking, only two other films, "The Blair Witch Project" and "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon," have had the suc-

cess of this movie. With no end to this film's popularity in sight, it could surpass them both. What movie?

A. "My Big Fat Greek Wedding," the movie that Nia Vardalos wrote and starred in. It was the hit of the summer of 2002.

Q. What percent of American men do the grocery shopping, cooking, and act as primary food handlers for their families?

A. 27%. The percentage of men in the audience for the Television Food Network's programs is 42 percent and rising, according to the network.

Q. In what country do economists

estimate that half of potential income tax revenues are lost to evasion?

A. Argentina.

Q. What was the bloodiest day in United States military history?

A. In 1862, Union forces hurled back a Confederate invasion of Maryland in the Civil War Battle of Antietam. During the battle, 23,100 were killed.

Q. What was the most phenomenal best seller ever written by an unknown author of a first novel?

A. Gone With The Wind, by Margaret Mitchell.

Q. What is

Hobson's Choice?

A. It is the choice of taking either what is offered, or nothing --the absence of a real choice. The saying goes all the way back to Thomas Hobson (1554-1631), an independent cuss who owned a livery stable in merry old England. He would not let the customer choose the horse he wanted: The customer was obliged to take the horse nearest the stable door or none at all.

Q. What were "Hobson's Kisses"?

A.. The daring feat that handsome Congressional Medal of Honor recipient, Richmond Pearson Hobson performed in June, 1898, during the Spanish-American War has been pronounced one of the most brilliant deeds of

heroism in the entire military history of the nation. Hobson led a volunteer crew of eight in an attempt to sink a Spanish ship in the channel of Cuba's Santiago Harbor to prevent the Spanish navy from sailing. Although the feat was not successful, it made Hobson a hero. He was decorated personally by President McKinley. After the Navy arranged a national speaking tour for him, his popularity grew rapidly. When one young woman out of a crowd managed to plant a kiss upon him, the news touched off a national wave of kissing that earned Hobson the reputation as America's most kissed man. That led to the manufacture of "Hobson's Kisses," a candy product, and more fame for our

hero. He capitalized upon his popularity by running for Congress and winning. At that time alcohol was blamed for everything we now blame on other drugs. The 1914 Congressional record states that Hobson claimed liquor traffic was "responsible for 25% of the poverty, 37% of the pauperism, 45.8% of child misery, 25% of insanity, 19.5% of divorces, and 50% of the crime. These are grave charges, and their truth have not been denied." Hobson, who came from a prominent old Southern family, at fourteen had entered the Naval Academy at Annapolis, and he ended up an Admiral.

Q. What percent of the growth in inmate populations at state prisons

from 1990 to 2000 was for violent crimes?

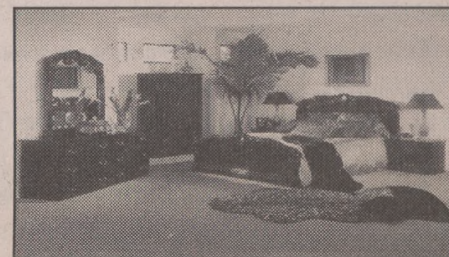
A. 50%

Q. What percent growth was for drug crimes?

A. 20%. During the prison-building boom of the last two decades, the number of Americans of all races in jail or prison quadrupled, to 2.1 million in 2000 from 502,000 in 1980, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics. Now more Black men are in prison than in college.

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Your HOROSCOPE

ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) You can enjoy your involvement in organizations that make charitable contributions. Things may not be as harmonious as you would like with colleagues or employers this week. Your ideas are good and career moves can be realized.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- May 21) You may meet that special person if you attend fundraising functions. Look into events that you might find interesting, and compromise by doing a few things that you both like to do. Problems with relatives and friends could surface. Travel if it's needed to start the ball rolling.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) You will tend to overeat this week. Don't expect anyone else to pay your bills for you. Any intimate relationships with colleagues will lead to gossip that could easily affect your position. Think about your priorities.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Don't be too quick to blame others for your bad mood. Your moneymaking opportunities will flourish. Be sure to take time for old friends or relatives you don't get to see that often. Resist any idle chatter.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) You will get out of shape easily if you don't keep on top of things. Get ready to discover love, passion, and the desire to enjoy all that life has to offer. Travel will initiate new friendships or love connections. Try not to overspend on friends or family.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) Minor fevers or infections will develop if you're over-stressed. Make arrangements to spend quality time together with a loved one. You may come down with minor infections if you have allowed yourself to get run-down.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) Secret affairs could cause upset. Try to avoid serious discussions with loved ones. You can put in some overtime and make extra cash. Consider a trial separation if you and your mate just can't come to terms.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) A friendship might suffer if money becomes an issue. This is probably causing upset and confusion on the home front. Don't let any money slip through your fingers this week.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) If you haven't already, consider starting your own business. Follow your gut feeling regarding your business ventures. Be prepared to step into the limelight if you wish to promote your ambitions.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) Don't let your emotions interfere with your efficiency. You might not be as reserved on an emotional level as you'd like. You may have difficulties with in-laws or family members.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Don't let others bully you into agreeing with them. You will be popular with acquaintances; however, loved ones could feel left out and insecure. Friends may not understand your situation. Try not to overspend on friends or family.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) You're in the mood to spend money. You can make new connections if you play your cards right. Don't get involved in secret affairs or underhanded involvement's. You can get good solid advice from relatives or close friends you trust.

RELIGIOUS NEWS

St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church



Minister Charles Williams and wife Morris were given special honor at the St. Mark M.B. Church as Family of the Year 2002.

Standing is Pastor Brian K. Brown and the Family of the Year committee.

Seated is Minister Charles and Morris Williams.



Bethel A.M.E. to Mark 107 Years



L-R: Rhunette Stewart, Mildred Reed, Lois Bryant, Alva Orsborne, Archie Nelson, Larry Walker, Gary Miffin

photos by Bill Thomas

Ministry, now in existence for more than ten years and expanded to serve our homebound and all who come.

This week all AME churches in the Tampa Bay area are participating in Annual Conference activities, meetings and services at St. Paul AME Church in downtown Tampa. At the closing service on Friday, October 18th, ministers will be assigned to the churches they are to pastor during the coming year. Everyone extends best wishes and God's blessings to the pastors of the Tampa FL Conference.



Maurice Jackson

At Bethel A.M.E., it's a joy for us to say, "We're busy as bees and sweet as honey." However, it is our goal to show it in every way we can for Christ. We invite you to visit our beehive of love anytime and join us in lifting the name of Christ. You are always welcome!

Highlights of the Conference Preparation program and reception held for Pastor Hardy and the Ministerial staff include an appreciation tribute to Minister of Music Maurice Jackson. Some stewards stand behind the appreciation table prepared for the pastor and other ministers.

Pentecostal Temple COGIC

Pentecostal Temple COGIC was blessed with several visitors during Sunday School. The lessons for the youth classes centered on making wise decisions by putting God's Word into practice in their daily lives. The adult lessons focused on God's demand that we honor Him by honoring those we live with from day to day. He is pleased when we are kind, fair and compassionate toward others.

The congregation was stirred through praise and worship by our youth praise team and the youth was the focus of the message ministered to us by Elder Jeffrey Brooks. Pastor Anderson was excited to introduce/present Elder Brooks as the speaker of the hour.

Elder Brooks is a member of Evangelist Temple COGIC in Denver, Colorado. He was reared here in St. Petersburg and is a product of Pentecostal

Temple. The Word of the Lord came to us from Daniel 10: 2, 3, 12 and we were encouraged through the subject - "God Heard You the First Time."

Elder Brooks said that everything must be subject to the will of God. Our requests might be delayed but they are surely not denied. He exhorted the youth and general congregation about being sincere in our walk with God, being faithful in the work of God, waiting prayerfully, building up ourselves with songs of encouragement, being mindful of who we "hang around" with while we are waiting for our prayer to be answered and not letting our good be evil spoken of.

We do not want to frustrate the plan of God for our lives. He also told the youth that if they make a mistake, they can get up, dust themselves off and turn to God for help. The youth were anointed with

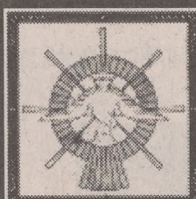
oil and prayed for as the service came to a close. As usual, God fed us richly through His Word.

Special services have been scheduled to help us be a blessing to our pastor and first lady for their 15th Pastoral Anniversary. Our theme is "...Hitherto hath the LORD helped us." You are cordially invited to come and be blessed in the presence of the Lord. Services are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

We look forward to: Tuesday, October 15, when Missy Hattie Bemby will exhort us from the Word of God on behalf of our Mother's Board; Thursday, October 17, Pastor & Mrs. Willie Sands and the Zion Temple Holiness Church family; Sunday, October 20, 4:00 p.m., Pastor & Mrs. Willie Matheney and

the East Lake COGIC family from Tarpon Springs; Monday, October 21, Pastor & Mrs. Scott Dixon and the Reach The Unreach COGIC family along with Pastor & Mrs. Franklin Evans and the Emmanuel Christian Fellowship church family; Tuesday, October 22, Pastor & Mrs. Clarence Welch and the Prayer Tower COGIC family; Friday, October 25, Pastor & Mrs. Clethan Sutton and the Miracle Temple COGIC family from Tampa. We will not have our regularly scheduled Bible study during these two weeks. We pray God's choicest blessings upon each of you.

GOD BLESS AMERICA



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

Finance Ministry

Children & Youth Ministry

Clerk Ministry

Deacon Edward Nesbitt

James Robinson

Joyce Robinson

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10th Street Church Of God

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

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting/

Bible Study 7:15 p.m.

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

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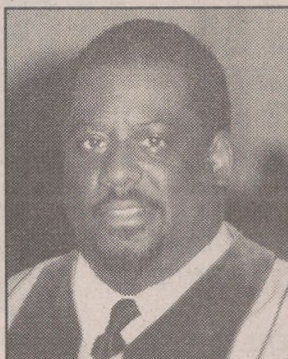
REV. WAYNE G. THOMPSON, PASTOR

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:30 A.M.

MORNING WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

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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.



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

Rev. Clyde Williams welcome you at all times.



Emmanuel Christian Fellowship Inc.

3501 37th St. So. • St. Pete, FL 33711

Church: 867-4144

Pastor: Elder Franklin Evans

Co-Pastor: Sis. Rebecca L. Evans

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship 11:15 a.m.

Bible Study (Monday) 7:00 p.m.

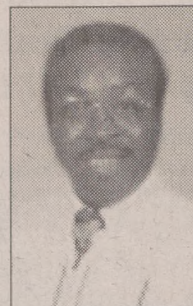
Youth Bible Study (Tuesday) 6:30 p.m.

Prayer (Wednesday) 6:30 p.m.

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

Prayer (Sat.) 6:00 a.m.

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Sunday Worship Service

10:30 A.M.

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For more information, contact Pastor Jerome & Pastor Kisha Jordan at

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www.wateroflifechristianchurch.org

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

Schedule of Services

Church School 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship 11 a.m.

Baptist Training Union 5 p.m.

Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.

Prayer Meeting

Thursday 7 p.m.



Rev. Brian K. Brown

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912 Third Avenue North

St. Petersburg, FL 33705

Phone: 727-822-2089

Church School 9:00 A.M.

New Member Class 9:00 A.M.

Morning Worship 10:30 A.M.



Rev. Roosevelt Hardy Pastor

Earth Mission, Inc.'s, 8th Annual "Youth on the Move"

ST. PETERSBURG- Earth Mission, Inc., is proud to present its 8th Annual "Youth on the Move" two-day musical, motivation self-esteem workshop at John Hopkins Middle School, 701 - 16th Street S..

This event is co-sponsored by the City of St. Petersburg, Verizon, "Weed & Seed" Program, local businesses and community members.

This positive event allows young people the opportunity to express themselves through various forms of the arts. Youth on

the Move will recruit 300 participants this 2002 year.

On October 20th from 4-8 p.m. will be the Music Production featuring: 2002 "Youth on the Move" Community Youth Workshop Choir, Dundu Dole African Dancers, The Four Little Girls, Gibbs High School PCCA Birmingham Bombing Production, Earth Mission Youth Cultural Arts Dancers, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (Delta Academy Step Team), The Precious Jewels Cultural Performers (St. Petersburg Florida Chapter National Council of Negro Women),



Derrick Isham and the Earth Mission "Youth On The Move" Community Workshop Choir

Ashley Doss, Dramatical Skit (Prayer Tower C.O.G.I.C.), Friendship M.B. Church Youth Cultural Dancers, LaQuelle Mills, Ballet Selection (Gibbs High School PCCA Pg. & Alvin Ailey Dance School, New York City) and Rachel Cato, Ballet Selection (St. Petersburg High School).

Greetings will be presented by: Khana Riley (Shorecrest Preparatory High School), Mistress of Ceremony; Florida State Representative Frank Peterman, Jr.; City Council Member Ernest Williams; Lounell Britt, Sanderlin Neighborhood Family Centers; Diane Overton, Realized Potential Institute; Ron Dock, New York Yankees; Solomon Stephens, Pinellas County Schools; and the St.



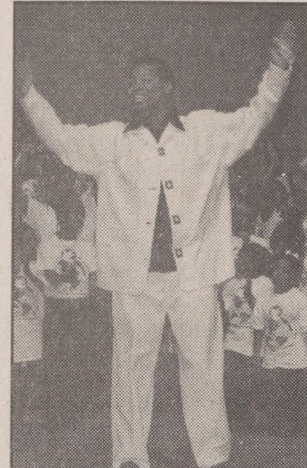
Rev. Constance Samuels and the Earth Mission Cultural Arts Dancers

Petersburg Police Department.

Come one, come all! Get your youth department involved!

On behalf of Pastor Constance Samuels, Rev. Deborah Green and the Earth Mission family, we look forward to seeing you there.

PRAYER HELPS



Lead Voice Trainer Derrick Isham

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

"For Thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt Thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. Thou wilt shew me the path of life; in Thy presence is fullness of joy; at Thy right hand and there are pleasures evermore." - Psalms 16:10,11.

The Friendship Missionary Baptist Church family, under the leadership of Pastor John A. Evans, Sr., invites you to join us in Sunday worship 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 Fellowship Choir will render the Song Service, the ushers will greet you and Pastor Evans will preach the divine Word of God.

Church School begins at 9:30 a.m. with the superintendent in charge.

A second service is held at 10:45 a.m. opening with Minister of Music Cheryl Copeland and the Praise Team.

Plans and preparations are well under way for the pastor's Fifth Anniversary November 10th-17th. More information will be forthcoming as the time approaches. A joyous and spirit-filled occasion is expected to be overflowing. Ribbons, ads and patrons are available. Please stop by today and secure your ribbon and ad!

Weekly schedule:
Thursday, October 24th, 7-8:45 p.m., Prayer/Praise Service and Bible Study; also, Youth Enrichment Hour.

Saturday, October 26th - 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Let us at the

SHIP come together to the goodness of God. All Ministries and members within the SHIP will help to meet the needs of those less fortunate at Williams Park in downtown St. Petersburg. For witnessing - see Minister Goolsby. For inspiring through song - see Deacon and Deaconess Jenkins. Other members to see for more information - Carlisa Mills or Sis. Talbert, as well as Sis. Gillette.

Wednesday, October 30th - 12 Noonday Bible Study; also each Wednesday from 12 noon-2 p.m., Bread of Life Ministry serving lunch to all needy in the community.

Let us continue to pray for all families who are bereaved, as well as the sick and shut-in.

All Church Articles Must Be Emailed By
Monday No Later Than 4:00 P.M.

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

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

Join us as we lift up the name of Jesus

Pentecostal Temple Church of God in Christ

2230 - 22nd Street S., St. Petersburg, FL 33712
(727) 894-6764 • (727) 550-0388

Elder William E. Anderson, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:30 a.m.
Community Bible Study Tuesday 7:30 p.m.
Prayer & Bible Study Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
Intercessory Prayer Saturday 5:45 a.m.

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

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Islamic Services

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

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



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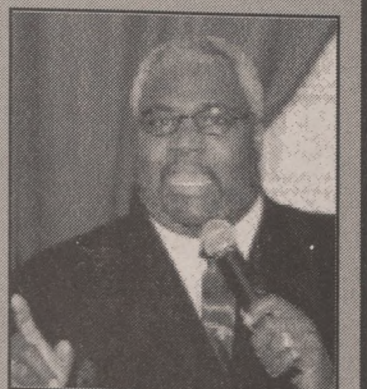
Sunday Services:
Power Breakthrough Service @ 11:00 am
A Night of Prophecy @ 7:30 pm

Tuesday Services:
"Word Explosion" @ 7:30 pm

Friday Services:
"Miracle Service" @ 7:30 pm

RADIO MINISTRY:
WRXB-1590 Sundays 9:30-10:00 am
WTAN-1340 AM Sundays 4:30-5 pm
WINB-13570 KHZ - Wednesdays 4-4:30pm
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3000 - 4th Avenue S. • St. Petersburg, FL
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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Night Worship 7 p.m.
Tuesday Bible Class 8 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 8 p.m.
Friday Tarry Service 8 p.m.
Saturday Sabbath School 11 a.m.

Rev. Johnnie Lee Williams, Pastor



Moore's Chapel AME Church

Rev. James T. Blount - Pastor

Sunday Worship - 8:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School (all ages) - 9:30 a.m.

Noon Day Prayer/Bible Study - Wednesday - 12:00 p.m.
Bible Study - Wednesday - 7:00 p.m.

3037 - Fairfield Avenue south
St. Petersburg, Florida 33712
(727) 321-3545

"Where The Word Is Changing Lives"

Prayer Tower Church Of God In Christ

1135 37th Street South, St. Pete, FL

Elder Clarence Welch, Pastor

Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Service 11:30 a.m.
YPWW 5:30 p.m. Sunday
Church Service 6:30 p.m. Sunday
Night Services 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday Services 7:30 p.m.



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GRACE CENTER

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

Pastor Leonard Wilson • Phone: 536-1890

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

Galilee Missionary Baptist Church

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

Morning Worship 7:45 a.m.
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Mid-Morning Worship 10:50 a.m.
Baptist Training Union 5:00 p.m.
Mid-Week Worship Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
Bible Study/Prayer Service Thursday 7:30 p.m.

Come join us at the Church where everyone is Welcome!



Rev. Earnest Jones, Pastor

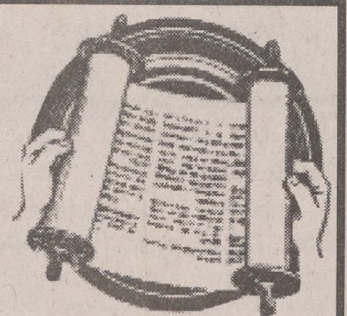
Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church

3700 22nd Avenue S. • 321-0020
Elder Clarence L. Warren, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

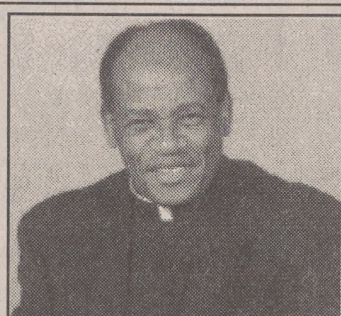
The church where everyone is welcome & the Spirit of Christ lives.



St. Joseph Church

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

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



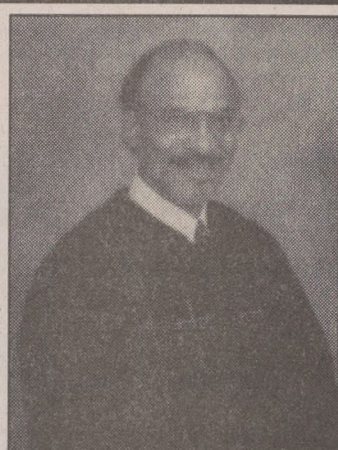
Father Callist Nyambo, Pastor

TRAVELERS REST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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

Rev. Donald F. Browne



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Mt. Zion Progressive Missionary Baptist Church

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

Phone: 894-4311
www.mzprogressive.org

Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service: 8:00 a.m. • 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, Prayer Meeting: 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Bible Study: 8:00-9:00 p.m.
(Adult and Youth)



Pastor Louis M. Murphy, Sr.

Prayer Tower

"And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south; and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed." - Genesis 28:14.

Supt. Elder Clarence Welch and the entire Prayer Tower COGIC family extends to you a warm invitation to fellowship with us at all times. We encourage your continual and fervent prayers, as well as your patronage of this church on fire for God!

Our Mission itinerary: On October 22nd at 7:30 p.m., Prayer Tower will visit Pentecostal Temple COGIC. The pastor is asking that the Inspirational Choir and the Usher Board serve in this service.

Prayer Tower Christian Academy has openings for children between the ages of 2-5 years old.

Neighbor to Neighbor applications are available in the church office. Please see Janika Hubbard or Lamour Welch for details.

Prayer Tower Church of God in Christ will celebrate Family and Friends Week beginning on October 21st. Each night of the week we have planned many family activities to practice at home and at church. Don't forget family prayer on Wednesday and family Bible Study on Thursday. These services will culminate Sunday, October 27th. We encourage everyone's support and full patronage of these services throughout the week "...but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." - Joshua 24:15.

Please continue to keep our sick and shut-in members, all the saints of God everywhere and our nation lifted up in prayer. One word frees us from all the weight and pain of life: That word is love!

Faith Memorial Missionary Baptist

Faith Memorial Missionary Baptist Church will have its annual Dual Day service on Sunday, October 27th. Service will begin at 10:45 a.m. The theme will be "Great is Our Lord and Mighty in Power", taken from Psalm 147:5. The speaker will be Minister Thomas Whitlock from St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church.

Services leading up to Dual Day Sunday will begin on Sunday afternoon, October 20th, at 4 p.m. Our speaker will be Reverend Wayne Thompson, Pastor of First Institutional Baptist

Church; on Monday evening, October 21st, at 7 p.m., Elder Clarence L. Warren, Pastor of Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church; on Tuesday evening, October 22nd, at 7 p.m., Reverend Jerry Alexander, Pastor of Union Missionary Baptist Church will be our speaker. All are invited.

Faith Memorial Missionary Baptist Church is located at 1800 - 18th Avenue S., St. Petersburg, Dr. Bragg L. Turner, Pastor.

GOD BLESS

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"



20th Street Church Of Christ

820 20th Street South
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Bro. Robert Smith

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

Christ Gospel Church

2512 22nd Ave. S.
St. Pete, FL 33712
327-0997
Rev. P.D.H. Leonard
Pastor



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

Pleasant Grove

Pastor Joseph Gordon and the Pleasant Grove Church family invite you to worship with them on Sunday, October 20th.

The Senior Male Chorus will render Song Service, and Usher Board #3 will serve in the 7 a.m. Early Morning Worship Service.

Mid-morning worship begins at 10:50 a.m. The Mass Choir and Gospel Chorus will render Song Service, and Usher Board #3 will serve.

Also, at 4 p.m. we will worship at St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church where the Rev. Brian K. Brown is Pastor. Pastor Gordon is requesting the Mass Choir, Gospel Chorus and Usher Board #3 to serve.

The Bible Drill Team will rehearse on Friday, October 18th, at 6:30 p.m. with Commander Deacon Jim Anderson.

The Youth Choir rehearsal will be held Saturday, October 19th, from 1:30-3:15 p.m., Tempie Etheridge, Supervisor. Parents,

please encourage your child/children to be in attendance. Also, parents will be notified if there are any changes.

Pleasant Grove sponsors two tours for the summer of "2003" - a seven-day Caribbean cruise May 25th-June 1st and a land-lovers bus tour to New York City and the Pocono Mountains July 11th-17th. Please contact Kay Curry at (727) 864-2937 after 7 p.m. for details.

Pastor Gordon extends special thanks to the combined choirs, ushers and members who supported him at the Association in Thonotosassa on Wednesday.

Thought for the week: "Come now and let us reason together, saith the Lord. Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow. Though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." - Isaiah 1:18.

May His peace be with you till we meet again.

New Philadelphia Community Church

Preparation for anniversary observance is focus of New Philadelphia for month of October. Pastoral leadership is continuing to exhort church family in fine-tuning their faith and focus for church's 12th anniversary celebration in November.

In the proclaimed instruction by Associate Pastor, the Reverend Edward Nesbitt, one of 12 symbols for the Bible was used to deliver a message on "truth." He skillfully

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Saturday, October 19-Cub Scout meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Voices of Faith Choir Rehearsal at 5:00 a.m. Sunday, October 20-Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Worship Service at 11:00 a.m.

Missionary's Night In White at 4:00 p.m.

Monday, October 21-Youth Reaching Out for Christ at 7:00 p.m.

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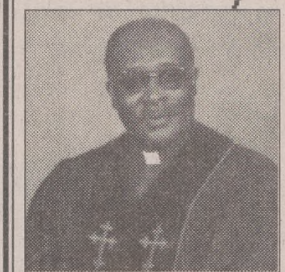
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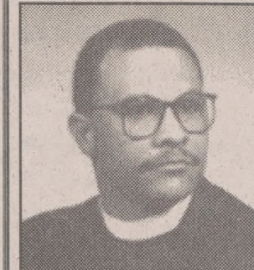
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Updated Pick-up Info: The church van will be happy to give you a ride. We pick-up Sunday thru Thursday. Please try to notify us one day in advance. For regular pick up please leave a message with the church office, 894-4311 ext. 801. For emergency pick up ONLY, call Coa-Coa Rivers at 550-0396, Deacon William Harris, 821-0041 or Brother Peter Smith, 895-9261. WE ARE IN NEED OF VAN DRIVERS.

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Our theme for this occasion is "Becoming A Vessel that God Can Use," I Corinthians 12: 1-10 & Ephesians 4:11. The color

scheme for the Sunday services are red/gold. Anniversary Services Wednesday, October 23, 2002 7:15 p.m. - Pastor Thomas Scott and the members of the 34th Street Church of God, Tampa, Fla. will be in charge of the service.

Friday, October 25, 2002 7:15 p.m. - Pastor Ellis Hodge and the members of the Word of Life Fellowship, St. Petersburg, Fla. will be in charge of the service.

Sunday, October 27, 2002 11:00 a.m. - Rev. Dr. Tywanna Estell, New Life Church of God, Jacksonville, FL. will bring forth the Word. She will be accompanied by the praise team and praise dancers.

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The Youth Department and Young Women's Ministry will co-sponsor Fall Festival on October 26th at 11 a.m. Come out and be informed about Pinellas County "Choice Plan". Videos will be shown on breast and cervical cancer for women and prostate cancer for men. Clothes closet will be open for those needing clothes. The entire community is invited to attend.

Weekly activities: Thurs., Oct. 17th - Mid-Day Bible Study (in-depth study of the Word) and nursing home visita-

tion, 11 a.m.; 6 p.m., Konsonant Choir rehearsal; 7-9 p.m., Autumn Bible Study.

Fri., Oct. 18th - 5:30 p.m., Praise Team rehearsal; 7-9 p.m., Autumn Bible Study.

Sat., Oct. 19th - 10 a.m., Christian Education Ministry.

Weds., Oct. 23rd - Prayer meeting, 7-7:30 p.m.; Bible Study, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

We invite you to worship with us at all times. For transportation needs, contact the church, 822-4869.

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Gospel Musician James Cockerham Releases New CD



James Cockerham

ATLANTA- Longtime South DeKalb resident and gospel musician James Cockerham will release his new CD, "Morning Meditation," on November 1.

The 10-song Christian instrumental CD of quiet, soothing music is the culmination of nearly two years of work.

It began in 2000 after Cockerham stopped brushing aside suggestions from members of From the Heart Church Ministries of Atlanta in College Park, Georgia, where he has been minister of music for six years.

When he finally decided to listen to the requests, the project took on a life of its own. Cockerham, who plays keyboard, said he thought first of doing contemporary gospel songs you can move to and get up and dance to- but late one night, he realized the value of the other side. "There is beauty in quietness," he said. "There is beauty in simplicity. You don't have to have everything just coming at you."

He decided then to pro-

duce a quiet CD, devoted to relaxation and meditation. It was not an easy task.

"It was difficult writing quiet music," he said. "How do you make people relax?"

The CD features nine of the familiar hymns that Cockerham grew up with in the church and the original song, "Morning Meditation," which he wrote two years ago. He arranged and played all the songs on the disc.

On the title track, Cockerham, who has never been to Africa, said he pictured beautiful Victoria Falls and tried to capture its beauty in the music.

"I imaged the water cascading off the falls and seeing it in the early morning with the sun rising," he said. "I tried to capture the awesomeness of God in sound."

"Morning Meditation" is Cockerham's eighth recording and his second CD. His first CD, "Nobody Like Jesus," was released in 1999.

On "Morning Meditation," music lovers will find not only piano solos, but also bass, guitar, drums, strings and horns that Cockerham orchestrated on old favorites like "Be Grateful," "I Surrender All," "Give Me a Clean Heart" and "Hear Our Prayer, Oh Lord."

As he did the arrangements, Cockerham said he envisioned individuals lis-

tening to a piano, bass guitar, and drums softly playing "Sweet Hour of Prayer," "Blessed Assurance," and "Just As I Am" as they begin their day with

prayer.

He is hoping that individuals and churches will play the CD as background music as they pray, and he envisions people relaxing

to it after a stressful day at work, or just, for meditation.

Morning Meditation is released by Cockerham's own company, Copro

Record Company, which he started in 1980 to produce his music. As an independent producer, he is using friends and the Internet to help sell the CD, which

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Jonathan Butler, "Surrender"



Jonathan Butler

In the world of categorization, definition and labeling, no limiting moniker suffices to describe the recording artistry of Jonathan Butler. A vocalist and guitarist that writes and produces most of his own music, he's had successes over his twenty-five year recording career in pop, R&B, smooth jazz and adult formats. But his canvases are even more expansive than the above mentioned genres define as he masterfully dips his brush into vibrant hues of Africano, world music and gospel colorings. Butler, a soulfully inspired man, sees music as his salvation and "the purpose and tool which God has used for my

life." If we must label and define this individually gifted artist and his music, "Soul Jazz" seems to be the most fitting.

Jonathan Butler heard these words emerge from within and he knew he must heed them. At 40 years old and newly signed to Warner Brother Records, it is a new day for the artist that inked his first record deal as a teenager with Jive Records. "I view life in seasons and this season is all about surrender," reflected Butler, who feels that he is in the best place he has been in personally in over a decade. "It's really about opening ourselves up to our higher purpose and allowing it to guide you on your journey. We should be grateful for the guidance and strive to live in attunement with it. For me this and every season is all about surrendering to God. I think it's something we need to do in some way every day. That's what I'm most concerned about at this point in my life."

The youngest of twelve children, Butler started singing publicly in South African townships as a seven-year-old simply to attract his parents' attention. Soon the child's fervent guitar strumming and singing financially support-

ed the family. Music carried Butler far across the country he saw being destroyed through Apartheid. He traveled with nearly 100 singers, musicians and dancers in a show that traversed South African villages to perform. The mode of travel and living conditions were squalid, certainly not fit for a child still in single digit years. On occasion he'd perform at lavish concert halls for whites where he wasn't even allowed to use the bathroom, and the very next night he would perform in a decrepit township. It was a duality that was hard to comprehend and reconcile. However, he was happy and felt comfort when engaged with playing his guitar and singing. His first language was Afrikaans, but he learned English in his travels, which created a gulf between him and his family left behind. "I know I was born to make music," said Butler. "It's not so much about business and a career for me. I see myself as a working artist."

British record producer Clive Calder signed Butler as a teenager to Jive Records. His first single was the first by a black artist played by white radio stations in South Africa and

earned a Saria Award, South Africa's equivalent to the Grammys. Jive was headquartered in England, so Butler moved there and called it home for seventeen years. His self-titled debut album introduced him internationally and scored a Grammy nomination for the pop hit "Lies." An instrumental, "Going Home," earned a Grammy nomination and the mid-tempo ballad, "Sarah, Sarah," confirmed Butler's place in popular music.

A collection of diverse albums followed. Through them and extensive concert tours, Butler solidified his presence in the 1990s with a body of music that crossed color and age lines. Was he a jazz instrumentalist that sang soulfully or a passionate R&B singer that played a cool jazz guitar? "I came to the West seeking artistic freedom to express myself," he recalled. "While my albums have always offered vocal cuts and instrumentals, for me it was never about creating music for a particular format or type of audience. That's too narrow and restrictive. For me, it's about surrendering to the will of the music and just letting it flow through me, whichever direction it may go."

Over the years, Butler has experienced pain and inner turmoil. Feelings of guilt torment him on occasion for leaving his family behind and not having enough time to visit with them. "While I have grown and changed over the years, I've had little interaction with my family in South Africa," Butler shared. But now his perspective offers hope. "I believe there will be a season when we will connect on deeper levels and communicate on a new level, which will bring healing and answer all the unanswered questions between us."

Butler went back to South Africa in early 2001, which inspired his songwriting for the new album. "Although I've been back home many times, my wife (Barenese) and I have not gone together. It was a remarkable experience," he recalled. In the past, Butler has relied upon others to give words to his emotions, but this trip fueled an outpouring of creativity lyrically. "I've never been so prolific. God just gave me the words."

Butler quotes the Bible often in conversation and offers his own pearls of wisdom with a knowing glimmer in his eye and a radiant smile upon his face. "When I started singing and playing guitar as a child, it was usually out of fear and to escape the pain of injustice and prejudice that I saw everywhere in South Africa under Apartheid. It's like the world and all my fears dis-

appear when I'm in my creative space," confessed Butler. "If a man is true to himself, he should be without fear."

The release of "Surrender" marks Butler's twenty-fifth anniversary as a recording artist and he feels this album, his thirteenth, is totally without compromise. He wrote eight new songs, co-wrote one and selected one cover. "I titled the album 'Surrender' because I think it is sensual and the grooves on the album are incredibly soulful, sensual, and emotional yet the music and the message are deeply spiritual," said Butler.

For the first time in several albums, Butler shared the production duties. Paul Brown, known for producing hits with Boney James, Peter White, Richard Elliot and many other smooth jazz stars, produced the album with Butler. "When Paul heard the demos, he was amazed with what I already had on tape," Butler explained. "He wanted to stay true to the demos and not change anything unnecessarily. Paul gave me ideas space and room to breathe. His true genius is displayed in the horn section, organ and background vocals that help bring the songs to life."

Initially Butler felt compelled to make a gospel album and some of the songs on "Surrender" were intended for such a collection. "I was driving in my car one day and I heard

MusiQ's song, 'Love,' on the radio. I came home and wrote 'This Is Love.' It would have been the anchor for the gospel record." The album opens with this paean of divine gratitude. Wah-wah electric guitar riffs and a big warm horn section fills up the track with funk while a choir of backing vocals propel the chorus to the heavens. A version of Miriam Makeba's "Pata Pata," a major hit in South Africa in the 1960's, delivers an authentic sampling of South African culture to the collection. Butler's nylon guitar and jazzy scat vocals intertwine with a shuffling percussion rhythm, a rousing organ and blasts from the horn section. On the title cut, Butler uses his nylon guitar to seemingly pick out the notes as thoughtfully as a poet chooses his words. Sax sensation Boney James engages Butler in a call and response between guitar and sax before James takes over at the bridge solo.

Butler said, "The instrumentals on this collection are truly reflective of who and where I am today." Listen to "Wake Up" and it's obvious that he is about celebrating his South African roots. It's a festive, energetic feel good number powered by a pulsating rhythm, blazing horns and a snappy South African melody. Bright like the sky at dawn, the instrumental is alive and fun. Apparently he's also in the mood for romance. Butler utilizes a suave Bossa

Nova beat for the whole-some love song "Thoughts Of You." While his voice never sounded smoother, he rips a nylon guitar solo that communicates an intense sense of yearning.

Jonathan Butler was born into Apartheid and experienced first hand the travesties and injustices of racial discrimination and a corrupt government. His enormous family was destitute. He left home and family behind at a very young age. He was exposed to the trappings of the road as a teenager (drug and sex abuse). In his later teens, he found his spiritual path and has persisted to conquer the challenges and difficulties he's faced on his voyage. While it's never been easy, the man has tapped into an endless source of hope and optimism that he pours liberally into his life and craft, touching and uplifting others along the way. Butler's story of life is about the triumph of the spirit against incredible odds. "This has been a great journey thus far," Butler summarized. "I think that I'm a more sensitive man due to the hardships and trials that I've faced. While there have been some very dark days, I've never lost my faith and never lost hope. Despite enduring real pain, I know I'm blessed. I've got an incredible wife for twenty years now, three beautiful children, and I make a living making music. Life is sweet."

Hip-Hop Summit Action Network's Third Major Summit Establishes Regional Youth Council

DALLAS—(BLACK PR WIRE) (BUSINESS WIRE)-- The Hip-Hop Summit Action Network (HSAN), which held its first major Summit in New York in June 2001 and the second in Los Angeles in February of this year, just completed its third major Summit meeting of hip-hop artists, record industry and business executives, civil rights leaders and elected officials in Dallas, Texas on October 11 and 12, 2002.

During the last eighteen months, mini-Hip-Hop Summits have also been held in Queens, New York, Miami, Oakland, Kansas City, Washington, DC, Seattle, and Raleigh, N.C.

Under the theme of "Taking Back Responsibility: Empowering our Youth," a special effort to increase youth involvement resulted in a tremendous response from over one thousand young participants. HSAN made the decision to convene in Dallas as a result of an invitation from hip-hop legend and Dallas native, the D.O.C., who was so moved by the L.A. Summit he attended. The official radio station of the Dallas Hip-Hop Summit was 97.9 THE BEAT, a Radio One affiliate.

The Dallas Hip-Hop Summit featured HSAN Chairman Russell Simmons; HSAN President/CEO Minister Benjamin Muhammad; the D.O.C.; Reverend Run from Run-DMC; Motown recording artist Erykah Badu; Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson, Chairperson of the Congressional Black Caucus; former Dallas Mayor and Democratic U.S. Senatorial

candidate Ron Kirk; Dr. Beverly Brooks-Mitchell, President and CEO of the Dallas chapter of the Urban League; State Senator Royce West; Dallas County Commissioner John Wiley Price; Dallas business consultant Cliff Miller; Silverback Records COO Vernon Norris; Latino Hip-Hop community representatives Rikki Rincon and Synbad and 97.9 The Beat on air personality Action Jaxon.

At the conclusion of the two-day meeting, the Dallas-Ft. Worth Hip-Hop Summit Action Network Youth Council was established, spearheaded by the D.O.C., whose mission it is to coordinate programs utilizing hip-hop culture to improve the quality of life of communities in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area.

"I think it was humble beginnings for great things to come for Dallas-Ft. Worth," commented the D.O.C. "The children are the key. We gotta get them now, while they're young or they're going to be plum out of luck. Without the older folks caring about the younger folks and the middle-aged folks caring about the older folks, none of it is going to work. Everyone has to get on the same page. After the turnout at this Summit, maybe the people of Dallas will take that more seriously and we can really make a change here. I'm committing myself to making sure that happens." Russell Simmons noted the growing positive influence of hip-hop on society. "Jay-Z is more influential than Colin Powell and the large number of youth here today at the Hip-Hop Summit proves that young people

are interested in changing society for the better," Simmons stated.

"The Dallas Hip-Hop Summit was a powerful statement from the grass roots, indicative of the return to greater social consciousness in the evolution of hip-hop," added Minister Benjamin Muhammad. "Young people are standing up and young people are speaking out and it is our responsibility, through the Hip-Hop Summit Action Network, that the voice and the interests of the youth are served."

Erykah Badu introduced her latest video, "The Love Of My Life," which is included in the soundtrack of the newly released hip-hop movie, "Brown Sugar." In Badu's address to the Summit, she chronicled the historical development of hip-hop and noted that hip-hop is about speaking the truth and not being silent in the face of injustice. "We need to bum rush the system with truth," commented Badu.

In addition, the Urban Leaguer Def Jam Reader literacy program, the NAACP/Rap The Vote, the S.I.T.E.S. (Students Information Technology Education Scholarships) program, Bryan's House, an adolescent program to help Dallas-Ft. Worth youth become responsible adults, as well as programs on Hip-Hop Economic Development with Merrill Lynch, Hip-Hop Political Empowerment and the Dallas-Fort Hip-Hop Summit Youth Council were also included in the Dallas Summit.

On the morning of October 12th, Russell Simmons, Minister Ben-

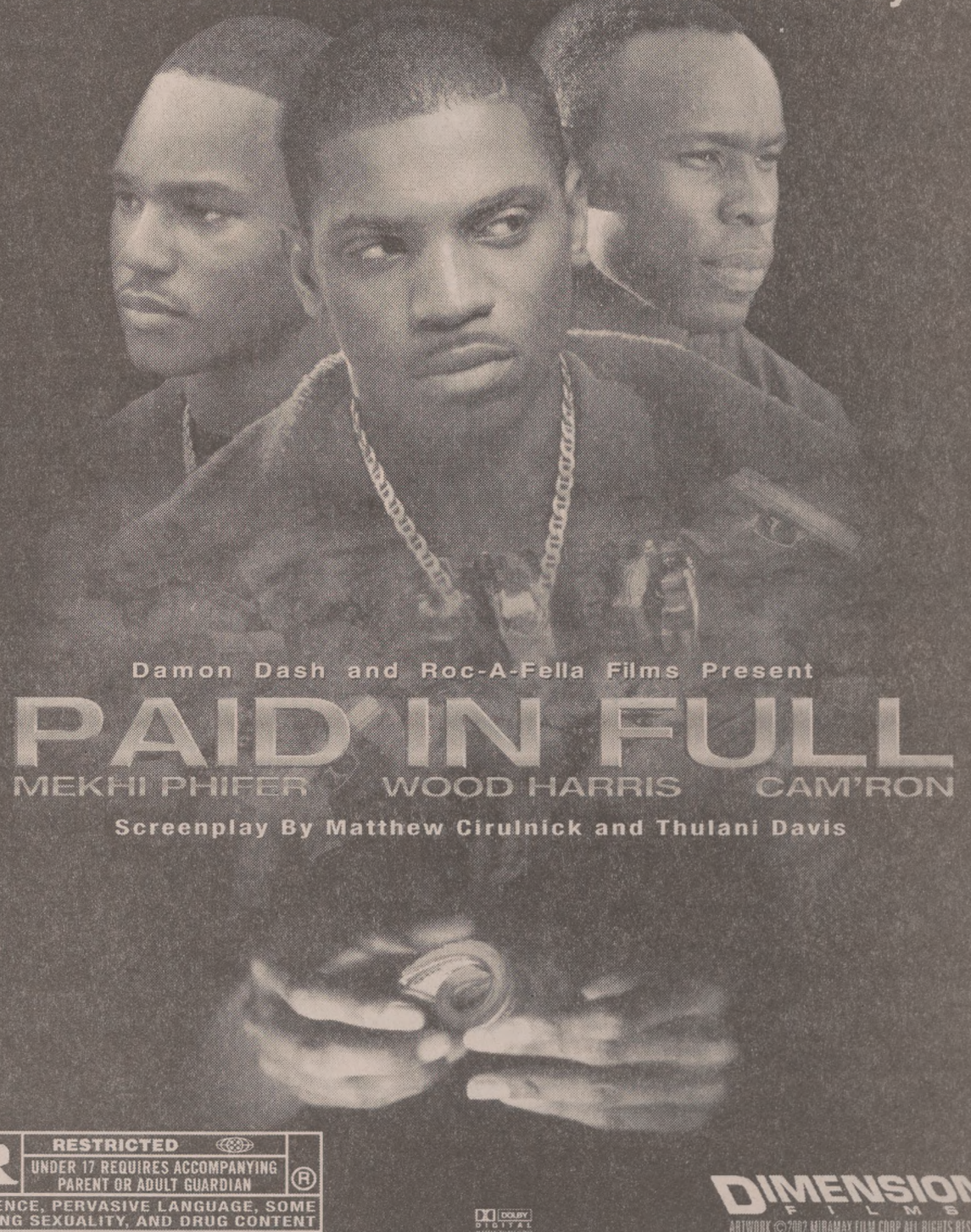
jamin Muhammad, the D.O.C., Erykah Badu, and Dallas County Commissioner John Wiley Price visited the Dallas County Youth Detention Center, a rehabilitation facility for offenders ages 13 to 17. The Dallas Morning News, in its report on the visit, stated, "When the floor was opened for questions, a youngster asked, 'Are we gonna get to freestyle?' An impromptu talent show followed. One teen provided the beats by slapping and striking a plastic chair. Several junior rappers showed off their rhymes...They all earned praise and big grins from

Mr. Simmons, D.O.C. and Mr. Muhammad. They seemed thrilled by the visit. 'I think it's great they came out here,' said Charles, 15. 'They took their time out from their busy schedule to come down here and see us. We're locked up and stuff. I just think it's nice they did that for us.' 'It made me think what it would take to get me somewhere I want to be,' said 17-year-old Brandon. 'I've got to put my head into it and everything. Set my mind where I want to go.'

The second day also featured a Get Out The Vote rally and special appearance by former Dallas Mayor and Democratic Senatorial candidate, Ron Kirk. Kirk was introduced by Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson. "Your voice is powerful and will make a difference in the election," commented Mr. Kirk at the Summit. "You have the ability to influence America's direction in policy decisions, if you only vote."

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SPORTS NEWS

HBO Sports Presents Documentary: "O.J.: A Study In Black And White"

Broadcast Examines Race Relations Throughout O.J. Simpson's Life

NEW YORK-- HBO Sports, honored six times with George Foster Peabody Awards for broadcast excellence in sports documentaries, has completed production on the "Sports of the 20th Century" special "O.J.: A Study In Black And White," presenting itself as a penetrating examination of race relations in America.

Scheduled to debut Tuesday, November 12 (10:00 p.m. ET/PT) on HBO, the special travels to the heart of race relations between Blacks and whites in America through the experiences of O.J.

Simpson. During an extraordinary football career, high-profile endorsement, acting and broadcasting careers, and his trial for the murders of his former wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ron Goldman in 1994, Simpson displayed an ability to move comfortably between races. Tensions reached a red-hot zenith during the landmark trial in Los Angeles as Simpson, arguably the most famous American ever charged with murder, was found not guilty of the two murders. "This ambitious documentary is not a rehash of what happened during the trial, the jury's

verdict, or a typical biography," said Greenburg.

"Our mission is to trace O.J. Simpson's life intelligently, and shed light on why the events of 1994 polarized this country along racial lines." This exclusive "Sports of the 20th Century" presentation will feature HBO Sports' acclaimed combination of rare footage, archival photos and revealing interviews.

The documentary features interviews with NFL legends Jim Brown and Eric Dickerson; educators Kimberle Crenshaw, Dr. Mary Jo Kane, Dr. Todd Boyd and Lawrence

Grossberg; broadcasters Jim Lampley and Bernard Goldberg; activist Harry Edwards; former Buffalo Bills teammates Reggie McKenzie and Joe Delamielleure; and former USC football coach John McKay, who passed away last year.

"This documentary will explore the origins of the American public's interest in O.J. Simpson," said Bernstein. "One of the questions we intend to answer is: 'How did Simpson become so accepted by both Black and white America?'"

Fire Cup Golf Tournament Benefits Family Resources

SEMINOLE - The Pinellas County Fire Cup Golf Challenge is returning for its sixth consecutive year to benefit Family Resources, Inc. Organized by the Seminole Professional Firefighters Local 2896, the tournament will take place on Thursday, October 31, at Seminole Lake Country Club. The event, which will begin to a shotgun start at 9 a.m., will include awards, door prizes and lunch. Teams will consist of

scrambles of four at \$65 per player. All proceeds will benefit Family Resources. Entry deadline is October 17. Hole and Major sponsorships are also available.

For more information, or to enter, call Mark Blackburn at 392-2299 or 393-307, Mike Murray at 392-2299, or 535-8949; or Rick Soto at 393-8711 or 320-9856.

Golf continued from page 1.

Dream Fund and The United Way of Pinellas County. This year, the tournament raised nearly \$4,100 for charities. The fundraiser has fulfilled many children's dreams, including a young person whose dream was to take a trip on the maiden voyage of Disney's Magic cruise ship.

Sherry Simons, Edward White Hospital Marketing Director, said "The tournament was a tremendous success. We look forward to donating the funds to assist the people in our community

and to help make dreams come true."

Edward White extends a special thanks to the 25 hospital employees whose hard work and dedication contributed to the success of this event. The Weekly Challenger was among the various businesses throughout the Tampa Bay area that participated in the Charity Golf Tournament, providing teams, making contributions or donating raffle gifts. The Challenger team came in second place in the "A" Flight.

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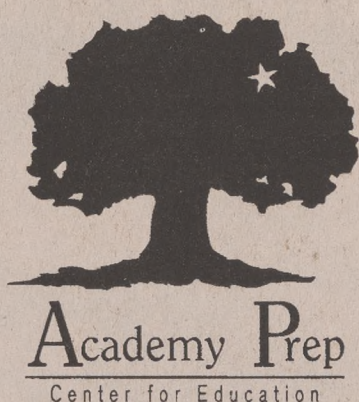
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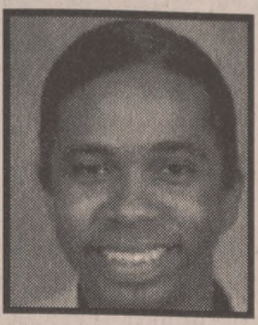
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NORTH CENTRAL NEWS



LIGHT OF THE WORLD

by Rev. Daniel Banks

I had a lovely time last Friday evening, October 11th, ministering to the congregation of the Mt. Herman United Methodist church in Fairfield. The Rev. Jacqueline Doby is pastor. The assistant pastor, Rev. Hodges, the choir, and those in attendance, including Calvary Primitive Baptist Church where the Rev. Victor Boyton is pastor, made me feel very welcome.

I'd been invited to preach by Sis. Joyce Jenkins and her daughter, Sis. Gwen Perry. The text was St. Mark 14: 3-9. The topic I chose was "What Is An Alabaster Box?" The lesson told us of the woman who anointed Jesus with the precious ointment of spikenard that had been contained in an alabaster box.

Since alabaster is a hard substance like concrete, the box had to be broken in order to access the expensive ointment. Some of Jesus' disciples objected by stating that the costly ointment could have been sold for much and the money given to the poor. Jesus' response was, "the poor ye have always. Me ye have not always."

The Lord further explained that the woman had worked a good work on Him. He stated that she had prepared Him for His burial.

I compared the alabaster box to a human condition. Once we become broken before the Lord, then the Holy Spirit can come in and inhabit our spirit. When this happens, just as the room filled with the sweet odor of the ointment; our spirits will sweeten any area or place we happen to be in.

However, the Holy Spirit won't reach our spirits until it pierces the soul. See Hebrews 4:12. Then it has to bypass our emotions, our feelings, our intellect, our understanding, our fears, and desires

which live in the soul!

I won't tell it all, but we had a great time! As a result, one person came to the altar and allowed the Holy Spirit to minister to her! God is good!

Before I end this article, I must give a great BIG thanks to Councilwoman Mary Sue Rich and the Ocala City Council for donating \$649 to the National Head Start Association's Dollar-Per-Child Campaign! I've been making appeals for a while now to keep lobbyists on Capitol Hill fighting for the continuance of this very worthwhile program that President Bush would like to change. We greatly appreciate what Mrs. Rich and the City Council have done!

Still, there are others that I've contacted who have not responded. They are Lockheed-Martin, Deluca Toyota, and Target Stores, Inc. These businesses claim to have interest in helping children. Now's the time to reach out to give back to your community!

St. Paul AME Church and Greater Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church jointly gave \$112.10! We thank you! Mrs. Margie Campbell donated \$15 and Ms. Bertha Lester donated \$20. I thank you all sincerely.

Yet, there is more work to be done and Lord willing, I will be campaigning for Head Start until February 2003! I urge you to donate to Head Start. Make checks or money orders payable to Marion County Head Start. Specify that it's for the annual Dollar-Per-Child Campaign and mail to Childhood Development Services, Inc., 1601 NE 25th Avenue, Suite 900, Ocala, FL 34470-8823.

Tell'em Daniel sent ya! Together we can keep the future bright for our preschoolers! Thank You!

Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church

On Sunday, October 13, 2002, Mt. Zion, with Bro. Sam Cook presiding, had a wonderful appreciation service for Rev. and Mrs. Lowery. The guest speaker was Minister Bruce Williams, and the music was furnished by the mass choir and the youth choir combined.

Minister Williams preached a beautiful sermon. Reflections and presentations were made by the boards and clubs of the church. All agreed that we had a good year, and are looking forward to an even

better year when the pastor returns from Annual Conference.

Pastor Lowery had everyone come to the Altar, to pray for the success of the Conference, which will convene at St. Paul A.M.E.C., Tampa, FL.

Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church, 8160 W.P.A. Rd., Brooksville, FL 34601, Rev. Marvin Lowery, Pastor.

Have a blessed week, and remember our credo, "Love Makes the Difference."



OCALA NEWS

by Jim Thorpe

DR. M.L. KING, JR. COMMEMORATIVE COMMISSION

To My Brothers in Christ,

Next year, I am asking the Marion County Community Male Chorus to perform at the Dr. Martin Luther King Commemorative Ecumenical Services as part of the 2003 Celebration, which will be held at the Queen of Peace Church (6455 Southwest State Road 200) on January 19, 2003. Those of you that are interested in participating should attend practice on Thursday, November 21st at 6 p.m. at the Theological Seminary (1205 Northwest 4th Street). If you have any further questions, please feel free to call me at 629-2948. May God Bless you and keep you. James Thorpe, Chairman - Dr. Martin Luther King Commemorative Committee.

GET OUT TO VOTE RALLY

GOTV - Sponsored by the Marion County NAACP will be held on Saturday, October 26, 2002 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Pinkney Woodbury Field (M.L. King Recreational Complex - across from the Thelma Parker Center). There will be FREE Bar-B-Que Dinners with all the trimmings (serving from 12 noon - 1:30 p.m.). The National NAACP Voter Empowerment Bus will be on the scene. Candidates for the following offices have been invited: Governor, U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representative; Florida Senate; Florida House of Representative; Attorney General; Commissioner of Agriculture and Marion County Commission. For additional information contact Frances Johnson - 351-4560 Monday, Wednesday & Friday 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. L.C. Stevenson - 622-7751 or Loretta Pompey Jenkins 351-0824. - Lift Every Voice & Vote! - Tuesday, November 5th.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Third Annual Men Coming Home Conference (All women are welcome to every service) At Temple of Faith (2830 NW 27th Ave Ocala, Florida - October 24th - 27th, 2002. On Thursday, 24th - at 7:30 p.m. Pastor Mark Jones and the New Life Temple Fellowship from Palatka, FL will be in charge of the service. On Friday the 25th - at 7:30 p.m., Bishop Willie Courtney and Higher Anointing Temple of Gainesville, FL will be in charge of service; on Saturday, the 26th

at 6 p.m., Pastor Joseph Lee and the Lords House Ministries of Miami, Florida will be the special guest. On Sunday, the 27th, at 11 a.m., Pastor Joseph Lee will be the guest speaker. The 27th at 4 p.m. 200 Men In Black, a prayer and praise gathering - all races and denominations are invited to attend.

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Drug Plans Can Offer Low Income Seniors Relief But Many Don't Know They Exist

Seniors may not be aware of help available through special drug programs offered by a number of major pharmaceutical companies. For example, as many as 300,000 Florida seniors may qualify for LillyAnswers, a program offered by Eli Lilly and Company, but, to date, only 9,500 have signed up.

LillyAnswers offers qualifying seniors access to any retail medications that Lilly produces, including medicines to treat diabetes, osteoporosis and depression, for \$12 a month per prescription. The program is available to Medicare-enrolled seniors who earn up to \$18,000 a year individually or up to

\$24,000 per household and have no other drug coverage.

The LillyAnswers card is accepted by pharmacies throughout Florida, including major chains such as Eckerd, Wal-Mart, Walgreens and Publix.

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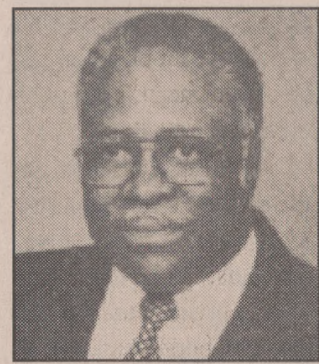
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SOCIETY IN OCALA

by Florence Wms. Ray

AN EVENING HONORING DR. FRED MAEWEATHERS



On Saturday, October 12, 2002, the Second Bethlehem Baptist Association presented "An Evening Honoring Dr. Fred

Maeweathers, Sr." at the Steinbrenner's Ramada Inn in Ocala. Dr. Maeweathers is the new president of Florida General Baptist Convention, Inc. The program theme was "God's Man For This Hour."

The Rev. Jerone Gamble, Executive Board Chair, presided over the program. A musical prelude, Bro. Brandon Boyd, musician and Sis. Sabrina McGill, soloist kicked off the grand occasion. Other program participants included: Sis. Deloris Collier, Welcome & Occasion; Sis. Gay Gamble, solo;

Rev. Marion S. Drye, Invocation/blessing.

Recognition of Honoree came from Second Bethlehem Baptist Association, Rev. R. L. Lawrence; 2nd Vice Moderator: Rev. Burdell Strickland; 3rd Vice Moderator: Sis. Erma Rush who gave a moving tribute; United Theological Seminary, Rev. Samuel Seals; Sis. Edna Simons, Ladies of Second Bethlehem Association and a family tribute from Deacon Earsel Brown.

Presentations came from the Howard Academy Class of 1954, Dr. Maeweathers is a member of this class. A plaque was presented to him by class president Florence Williams Ray; Shady Grove Baptist Church, represented by Deacon Louis Throver, chair of deacon Ministry and Sis. Gloria Throver and Second Bethlehem Baptist Association, Rev. Warren Hardaway, General

Secretary. Grateful expressions came from the Honoree and closing prayer was delivered by Rev. J. D. Berry, 1st Vice Moderator. Along with being the new president of Florida General Baptist Convention, Dr. Maeweathers is Moderator of the Second Bethlehem Baptist Association, Director of the United Theological, Florida Center; Pastor of Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church; 1st vice president of the Marion County Chapter of the NAACP; Seminary instructor for 20 years; retired 1st Sergeant United States Air Force; he was honored with the naming of the Dr. Fred Maeweathers Highway and was inducted into the Howard Academy Black Achieves Hall of Fame. He is married to Sis. Irma Player Maeweathers and they are the proud parents of eight children and 28 grands.

Congratulations to Dr.

B-CC Elects Miss Homecoming and Mr. Maroon and Gold 2002

DAYTONA BEACH - As part of Bethune-Cookman College's weeklong homecoming celebration, "Generations Bridging Nations", the student body has elected Victoria Monique Grover and Davon T. Bagley as Miss Homecoming and Mr. Maroon and Gold 2002.

A native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Grover

is a senior majoring in Biology Education. She is a member of the Epsilon Nu chapter of Gamma Sigma Sigma National Service Sorority, Incorporated, The National Council of Negro Women, Out of State Club, Peer Counselor and Peer Facilitator.

After graduation Grover plans to pursue a masters degree in Bio-ethics at

the University of Pittsburgh.

Bagley, a native of Suffolk, Virginia, is a senior Business Administration/Marketing major and a member of the Marching Wildcats. Bagley is the president of the Black Executive Exchange Program (BEEP), and an intern for both Black Entertainment Television and Elektra

Records. Upon graduation, he plans to attend American University in Washington, D.C. to obtain his masters in Business Administration.

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STATE NEWS

USF Study Finds Florida Teachers Believe FCAT Falls Short of Goal

TAMPA — Many Florida elementary school teachers believe the state's high-stakes testing program has not achieved its intended goals and may actually hinder student learning, according to findings of a just-completed study by two professors at the University of South Florida, St. Petersburg.

Brett D. Jones and Robert J. Egle, in a report titled "Teachers' Perceptions of the FCAT," studied the attitudes of third, fourth, and fifth grade teachers regarding the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT). Some 708 teachers from 30 school districts throughout the state participated in the on-line survey. The 51-item questionnaire asked the teachers about their current teaching practices and their beliefs about high-stakes testing in Florida. The survey was conducted between February and May, 2002.

"The purpose of this study was to provide data that would be helpful to educators, policymakers, parents, and concerned citizens in understanding how teachers perceive the effects of the Florida Com-

prehensive Assessment Test (FCAT)," the researchers write in the study.

The study does not evaluate the basis for the teachers' beliefs about the FCAT, Jones said. However, the researchers noted that "Without acknowledging and addressing the concerns of teachers, we cannot expect Florida's testing program to improve teaching and learning."

More than 90 percent of the teachers responding believed that students would learn the same or more without the tests, the study found. In fact, about half of the teachers reported that students would learn more if they didn't have to take the tests.

Noting that this belief is in direct contrast to the stated intent of the testing to increase student achievement, the researchers said "Clearly there is a mismatch between the stated intent of the testing policy and the perceptions of teachers."

Other findings of the study are:

- About 80 percent of teachers believe that the FCAT is not "taking Florida's public schools in the right direction."

- Nearly 94 percent believe that it is not "fair to assign grades to schools based on the FCAT scores."

- About half of the teachers say that the FCAT has a negative effect on developmentally appropriate practices.

- Almost all teachers - 96.7 percent - report that they feel from "some" to "a lot" of pressure. In fact, 61.8 percent indicate that they feel "a lot of pressure" to improve students' scores.

- Teachers report spending about 40 percent of their instruction time on "test taking strategies specifically designed to help them score higher on the FCAT."

- More than half of the teachers report the FCAT has no effect, or a negative effect, on their motivation to do a better job as a teacher.

- At the same time, nearly 60 percent of them report that the possibility of receiving FCAT bonus money at the end of the year has no effect on their motivation.

- Teachers believe the FCAT to be somewhat accurate in assessing students' knowledge and skills, but not overly accurate.

rate.

- Most teachers, 81.4 percent, say that science should not be tested as a "new separate component of the FCAT in elementary school."

Teachers find FCAT results to be useful to some degree in assessing students' strengths and weaknesses in writing, reading and mathematics, but few teachers find them very useful.

When asked how the FCAT influences their ability to use effective teaching methods, teachers are evenly divided on whether the influence is negative, positive or has no influence at all.

Jones, an assistant professor of educational psychology, conducted similar research at Duke University, where he taught for two years before coming to USF St. Petersburg in 2001. Egle, an assistant professor of educational leadership, worked for 17 years as an administrator at elementary, middle and high schools in Florida and Mississippi.

The study can be viewed at <http://www1.stpt.usf.edu/bjones/survey.htm>.

Martinez Announces More Than \$1 Million in Grants to Help Families in Florida

TALLAHASSEE — The Department of Housing and Urban Development recently announced the delivery of \$1,431,764 in grants to 30 housing authorities in Florida that will be used for job training and placement for low-income citizens.

"This funding will help hundreds of citizens in Florida find employment and eventually become economically independent," said HUD Secretary Mel Martinez, who announced that 687 housing authorities in all 50 states,

the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands will receive \$45.9 million in HUD Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program grants.

Among the recipients were the Pinellas County Housing Authority (\$88,310) and the Clearwater Housing Authority (\$31,696).

HUD's FSS Program provides funds to public housing agencies specifically for the employment of family self-sufficiency coordinators. The FSS coordinators assist adults in

job training, childcare, counseling, transportation and job placement programs. Families who participate in the Housing Choice Voucher Program, formerly known as Section 8 are eligible to participate. Participants in the job preparedness program, some of whom are on welfare, sign a contract that stipulates the head of the household will get a job and the family will become self-sufficient within five years. While enrolled in the program, as a family's income rises, a third of that income

goes to an interest-bearing escrow account.

If a family fulfills the contract requiring employment and independence from welfare, they can use the escrow account for down payment on a home purchase, starting a business, paying back debts and paying educational expenses. If a family fails to fulfill the contract, they do not get the funds in the escrow account and may be terminated from the FSS Program.

"Hispanic HIV/AIDS Awareness Day"

TALLAHASSEE — On October 11th, the Florida Department of Health (DOH), Bureau of HIV/AIDS sponsored the 2nd Annual "Hispanic HIV/AIDS Awareness Day." DOH, county health departments, and community-based organizations across the state will participate in this effort to emphasize awareness of HIV/AIDS among Hispanics and encourage individuals to be tested for HIV.

"Eliminating health disparities among Florida's racially and ethnically diverse communities has been one of Governor Bush's top priorities," said DOH Secretary John

O. Agwunobi, M.D., M.B.A. "It is estimated that one in 127 Hispanics are infected with the virus that causes AIDS. Taking the test and determining your status is the first step toward addressing this disparity."

"Recognizing Hispanic HIV/AIDS Awareness Day supports the state's ongoing efforts to address racial and ethnic health disparities," said HIV/AIDS Bureau Chief Thomas Liberti. "Once people learn they are infected with HIV, they are linked directly into primary medical care, social support systems, and other services that can help them live long, productive

lives." DOH and the county health departments partner with numerous community-based organizations and faith-based agencies throughout the state to provide confidential and convenient testing locations and appointment times. This helps to ensure people return for test results and counseling. While it is important on "Hispanic HIV/AIDS Awareness Day" to make testing accessible and available to as many people as possible, it is equally important to provide high-quality prevention counseling and risk assessment to ensure that those tested learn their HIV status.

The Bureau of HIV/AIDS has implemented a number of initiatives to reach minorities. These include the Minority AIDS Initiative, which consists of eight funded projects around the state; and a media campaign to raise awareness of free or low cost medications eligible persons may receive through the AIDS Drug Assistance Program.

For more information and scheduled events on "Hispanic HIV/AIDS Awareness Day" or other HIV/AIDS minority initiatives please visit www.WeMakeTheChange.com or call 1.800.FLA.AIDS

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AFRICAN AMERICAN APPOINTMENTS

As a result of Governor Bush's commitment to diversity, minority appointments to the judiciary, to boards and commissions, and to positions within the Governor's office and his 14 agencies have outpaced those of previous governors. Governor Bush has appointed African Americans to the Florida Supreme Court, as heads of the Departments of the Lottery, Health, Labor, Veterans' Affairs, and the Agency for Health Care Administration, and as directors of Legislative Affairs, Office of the Inspector General, Film Commissioner, and Front Porch Florida within the Executive Office of the Governor.

MINORITY CONTRACTING

Under the One Florida plan, state spending with African American certified businesses has increased by 119% in three years. Jeb Bush is opening the door to increased minority contracting in Florida.

RACIAL PROFILING

On June 19, 2001, Governor Bush signed Senate Bill 84, relating to law enforcement and discrimination. This new law requires sheriffs and local law enforcement agencies to adopt anti-discriminatory profiling policies and train their officers in interpersonal relations with diverse populations.



In February of 2001, Governor Bush requested an investigation by state law enforcement into allegations of discrimination against a black Maryland lawmaker in Perry, Florida.

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NATIONAL NEWS

UNITY: Journalists of Color Announces Founders Scholarship Winners

WASHINGTON, DC — Journalists of Color, Inc., was pleased to announce that it awarded \$2,500.00 non-sustaining scholarship grants to four students majoring in journalism or mass communication at accredited colleges or universities. These awards are dedicated to the founding members of UNITY: Journalists of Color, Inc. and their vision, commitment and hard work in realizing the mission and goals of UNITY.

The four UNITY Founders Scholars demonstrated a track record of experience and excellent potential in the field of journalism, an interest in and commitment to understanding multicultural issues, and a solid academic record. Dr. Jesse R. Borges, UNITY Scholarship Director, notes that "the quality of the candidates applying for this year's scholarship was truly outstanding. Indeed, this was by far the most competitive year in the history of the award!"

Congratulations to the following UNITY Founders Scholarship 2002 awardees!

Nzinga Moore (NABJ) - B.A., Radio & Television, San Francisco State University, San Francisco, CA. Nzinga is a Radio and Television major at San Francisco State University. She is currently studying documentary production at the University of Technology in Sydney, Australia through San Francisco State's student exchange program, and she plans to produce a documentary about aboriginal culture and its struggles with the Australian government. Last summer, she interned for National Public Radio's Morning Edition in Washington DC. More recently, Nzinga was an Assignment Desk Intern for KTVU Television in Oakland, CA, and a Producer/Reporter for Youth Radio in Berkeley. Nzinga has received awards from the Golden Key International Honour Society and the Black Engineers Association.

"I've always thought of my work as giving a voice to issues or groups of people ignored by the mainstream. So overall, with

each story I bring to light, I hope to influence other reporters on the importance of finding stories that aren't being told — the importance of empowering communities. And with whatever media organization I own, our basic goal will be...empowering communities."

HongDao Nguyen (AAJA) - B.S., Communication, Biola University, La Jolla, CA. HongDao is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Communication with an emphasis on Journalism & Political Science at Biola University in California. She is also currently a Reporting Intern at the Detroit Free Press. In the past, she has been a Reporting Intern for the Columbus Ledger-Enquirer in Columbus, Georgia, and the San Jose Mercury News in San Jose, California. HongDao has won numerous journalism awards and has most recently been the recipient of the Knight Ridder National Newspaper Scholarship, San Jose Mercury News Minority Scholarship, and both the AAJA National and San Francisco Chapter Scholarship.

"This business is not only about telling a story in a sexy way or beating the opposition, I think it's based on trying to tell people's stories who otherwise wouldn't have any other outlet, in the most fair and accurate way possible. The best thing I could do for this industry is to become the best person and most skilled reporter in my capacity, and never forget where I came from, who I am, or what I stand for, which isn't always the most glamorous or popular point of view."

Luis Perez (NAHJ) - B.S., Journalism, Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, NY. Luis is a Journalism major at Brooklyn College in New York. He was the Editor in Chief of his school newspaper, the Brooklyn College Kingsman in 2001. He has also served as a Staff Writer for the Legislative Gazette, an Editorial Intern for Courier Life Publications and is currently an Editorial Intern for the New York Daily News. "As a journalist, it's exciting to be part of the social

conscience of American society. To know that I am making, in whatever type of article I write, a rough draft of history that may alter the moral, ethical, and intellectual knowledge of countless individuals is both exhilarating and a privilege. As a Latino journalist, and a Dominican American, I believe I can present a portrait of the Latino community that, more often than not, more accurately portrays the Latino community than one attempted by my non-Latino colleagues."

Jessica Delos Reyes (NAJA & AAJA) - B.S., Mass Communication, Bemidji State University, Bemidji, MN. Jessica is a student at Bemidji State University in Minnesota. No ordinary Mass Communication major — Jessica is pursuing a second major in psychology and was recognized as the Most Outstanding Mass Communication student at her school in 2002. Jessica has served as the Copy Editor of Bemidji State University's Northern Student newspaper and was a writer for Native Voice, NAJA's convention newspaper in 2001 and 2002. Prior to this, she worked as a freelance writer for the Billings Gazette from 1998 to 2000. Jessica will be starting an internship this fall with the US Olympic Committee at the Colorado Springs Training Center, where she will be responsible for covering the events of the athletes, particularly the Paralympics.

"I will not pigeonhole the subject of a story into what I know is untrue. I will not peg people with mental illness as criminals. I will not label Asian Americans with martial arts terminology, and I will not write stories of Native America that only focus on gaming or alcohol. I know there is more to the stories of these people; I have lived and worked amongst them. I represent them. Being politically correct means nothing when you lack compassion for and/or understanding of those you write about. We're all more alike than we are different, right?"

Verizon Internship Program Provides Hands-On Advertising Experience

WASHINGTON, DC — Verizon, in association with the American Advertising Federation (AAF) and Lowe Worldwide, has developed an innovative internship program to provide minorities with the professional experience that will enable them to have a successful career in advertising and marketing. The program will provide recent college graduates with in-depth exposure to Verizon's marketing initiatives and to the workings of the company's ad agency. The initiative was designed to provide professional educational opportunities for individuals in the AAF's Most Promising Minority Students program.

"This intensive, hands-on learning opportunity creates a fast-track to develop diverse talent in the advertising profession," said Bruce Gordon, president of Verizon's Retail Markets. "Upon completion of the program, interns will be well-prepared to make an immediate contribution to the advertising community."

Each graduate selected for the internship will spend six months with Verizon and six months with its agency of record, Lowe Worldwide. The first intern to take part in the program is Erica Perkins, a graduate of Alabama State University.

Perkins is looking forward to the experience. "I am fortunate to receive, straight out of college, experience at this level with a vibrant company like Verizon," she said. "Working with the company and its agency will no doubt better prepare me for a future in corporate advertising."

AAF's Most Promising Minority Students program is the premier advertising industry awards program to recognize and recruit outstanding minority college graduates in advertising, marketing, media and communications. The program brings together top advertiser, media and agency companies with the most outstanding multicultural advertising candidates from AAF college chapters, universities and historically black colleges around the nation.

To learn more about the AAF's Most Promising Minority Students program, contact Heide Gardner, senior vice president-strategic multicultural programs and executive director-AAF Mosaic Center on Multiculturalism at (202) 898-0089 or hgardner@aaf.org.

Federal Court Rules for Cracker Barrel in Lawsuit

LEBANON, TN — A federal judge in the Northern District of Georgia has denied certification of a class action in a claimed \$100 million lawsuit against Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc., which alleged discrimination against African-American customers at the company's restaurants.

"We are pleased the court's ruling supports what is, in fact, the truth," said Cracker Barrel President and Chief Operating Officer Donald M. Turner. "Since the day the lawsuit was announced, we have said there is no basis for a class claim that Cracker Barrel engages in a pattern or practice of discrimination against African-American customers or any other group of people. On the contrary, our success has been based on treating all customers with dignity and respect."

"We are a large and successful company with a wide diversity of customers," Turner added. "For 12 years, we have been voted by a national consumer survey of consumers of all ethnic and racial back-

grounds as the best family restaurant chain in America. You don't get that kind of ranking by mistreating any customers."

Turner noted that pay raises, increases in fringe benefits and advancement for hourly employees at Cracker Barrel are all tied to treating customers well. Furthermore, about 23 percent of Cracker Barrel's more than 50,000 employees are minorities, he said. Some 13 percent are African-American. According to Turner, more than 7 percent of the company's store managers are African-American and the company's three top executives who handle human resources, employee training and purchasing also are African-Americans. "This simply isn't the profile of a business that engages in a pattern or practice of discrimination," said Turner.

In a 64-page ruling dated October 1, 2002, U.S. District Court Judge Harold Murphy of the Northern District of Georgia, Rome Division, said the plaintiffs and their attorneys had failed to prove that a common set of cir-

cumstances existed to justify a national class action suit. In upholding a preliminary recommendation from a U.S. Magistrate that supported Cracker Barrel's position, Judge Murphy wrote, "In sum, the Court finds that the Report and Recommendation [denying class certification] is correct in law and in fact, and that all of Plaintiffs' Objections to the Report and Recommendation are without merit."

Turner said he was pleased that "our efforts to defend our company's reputation against the class allegations continue to be successful."

Last December, plaintiffs' attorneys representing a group of 21 African-American customers held a news conference in Washington, D.C., to announce they were pursuing a \$100 million class action lawsuit against Cracker Barrel for alleged incidents of racial discrimination, such as slow and poor service.

The company has consistently denied the allegations, and later said sworn statements by witnesses and a detailed review of

company records showed major inaccuracies in public statements by the plaintiffs and their Birmingham, Alabama-based law firm.

Turner pointed out that earlier this year an independent, national consumer survey of 3,000 Americans — including African-Americans — rated Cracker Barrel as the best family restaurant chain in the nation. The survey is conducted annually by Restaurants & Institutions Magazine. Cracker Barrel has received the highest overall rating for family restaurants 12 years in a row.

Turner said those restaurant customers surveyed by the magazine ranked Cracker Barrel first in all seven categories of customer satisfaction with both white and Black customers giving the company's restaurants high ratings for quality food and service.

"Of course, we're not perfect. But delivering a quality experience for every customer is at the heart of everything we do. When we fall short, we make it right," he said.

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National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week



L-R: Andrew C. Taylor, Dr. Henry Givens, Margaret Spellings and Ambassador Leonard H.O. Spearman.

WASHINGTON, DC — Enterprise Rent-A-Car Chairman and CEO Andrew C. Taylor recently presented a grant of \$1 million from the Enterprise Rent-A-Car Foundation to Harris-Stowe State College

President Dr. Henry Givens to enhance the college's business administration degree program.

The grant presentation kicked off National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week recently

in Washington, D.C.

Several federal officials attended the ceremony, including Margaret Spellings, assistant to the President on Domestic Policy, and Ambassador H.O. Spearman, executive direc-

tor of the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

Enterprise Rent-A-Car is the largest rental car company in North America with more than 5,000 loca-

tions worldwide and 50,000 employees.

The Enterprise Rent-A-Car Foundation has supported a number of educational causes recently, including more than \$30 million in scholarships and educational support for minorities and financially disadvantaged students.

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\$47-Million Settlement Awarded in Sex Discrimination Suits

ST. LOUIS — The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission recently announced that Judge David Herndon of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois granted final approval to a \$47,000,000 landmark agreement reached by attorneys for a class of over 5,000 women, the EEOC, and Rent-A-Center (RAC) to settle two major lawsuits alleging class-wide sex discrimination.

The parties estimate that under the terms of the settlement, RAC will offer jobs to more than 1,100 women who had claimed sex discrimination under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Rent-A-Center, based in Plano, Texas, is the nation's largest rent to own company with over 2,200 stores.

Since the parties reached their historic agreement in principle last spring, they have been ne-

gotiating over the specifics of changes necessary to stop the conduct that gave rise to the two lawsuits (Wilfong et al. and EEOC v. Rent-A-Center and EEOC v. Rent-A-Center), and to reverse practices that operated to keep women out of the workforce. The parties' agreement, reached in June 2002, is intended to institutionalize systems — including creating a new human resources department where none existed before — that will help Rent-A-Center prevent future sex discrimination in employment.

"Rent-A-Center is to be commended for taking the first steps on the path toward equal opportunity for all female employees and applicants," said EEOC Chair Cari M. Dominguez. "This historic reshaping of a business with the shared goals of access, inclusion, and opportunity for women is the

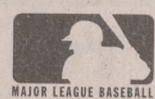
result of intense and cooperative negotiations. The message for employers is clear: All individuals deserve the freedom to compete and advance in the workplace on a level playing field without discriminatory barriers."

Rent-A-Center has until December 5, 2002, to transfer \$47,000,000 in settlement funds that will be disbursed to women who claimed they were fired or forced out after the company was acquired by Renter's Choice in 1998. Over 4,600 women will receive monetary benefits.

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Aspiring Against The Odds

by Candace K. Clarke
Challenger Staff Writer

Celena Walton frequently flashes a bright smile. The soft-spoken teenager, a junior at Gibbs, is a serious student who also energetically performs the roles of a dedicated friend, sister, and daughter. Despite the many challenges she's faced in her 16 years, Celena remains determined to make it.

The person she admires the most is her mother, the pinnacle of a close-knit support group for this aspiring young woman. A single mother, Celena's mom has had the tough task of raising eight children, and by all accounts, has done an excellent job. "She never really pushed me to do well. It was always, well, I do well to make her proud," Celena states. "I try my best."

When asked about her father, Celena simply and firmly remarks, "I really hope I don't see him." He just hasn't been around, she says with a matter-of-fact tone. Admitting that she hasn't seen him lately, Walton has no plans to reunite any time soon. If there is one thing she is adamant about, it is her family's self-reliance without him.

"It was my mom, and

my grandmother and my grandfather that was my basis," she adds, her eyes lighting up. "My grandma and my grandfather helped my mom a lot. Frequently we had to live with them and it was hard sometimes," she explains. Celena, the second youngest (the youngest, a girl, is 14), has always had her five older siblings looking out for her as well, which includes four brothers and one sister. "Sometimes they're around more than I'd like," she says, chuckling. Don't doubt that she is appreciative and proud, however, of the brothers she says are "buff and strong;" her older beautiful sister who is "extremely smart" and of the little sister who is "clumsy but graceful on the stage as a dancer."

Besides family, the other main focus in Walton's life is school. "I've always been in art magnets," Walton reveals. From Perkins Elementary to John Hopkins Middle, Walton currently is enrolled in Gibbs P.C.C.A. program, designed for talented art students. From the time she began at Gibbs, she has busily studied the stage and its actors, earning technical experience by working on several plays. This year



Gibbs' Doorways Coordinator Valerie Santos has called Celena Walton an exceptional student.

marks a change, however. Among the many perks of being a junior in the program, Celena is finally able to audition for shows and test her skills. At the time of this interview, she had just been cast in the play, "The Man Who Came to Dinner," and her excitement was palpable. Although her first part would only be a few short lines, she couldn't wait to go through the rehearsal process and get on stage. Although she has an interest in theatre, Walton isn't making that her only focus

in a field that is so highly competitive. "I know it's really hard to get started," she remarks. Despite her talent for the stage, Walton wants to focus on stability, setting her sights on a career in marketing and advertising. The plans also include attending Florida A&M University in Tallahassee, a decision that also reflects her closeness with her family. "I like my family...FAM is only a short drive back down to St. Pete," she says, giggling. "I'd probably break down if I moved out of

state," she adds, breaking into a laugh.

As ambitious as this student is, she has been hampered by health problems in the past, making it difficult at times, to do her best. Her number one obstacle in that regard has been her asthma condition. Diagnosed only a few years ago, Celena's battles with her asthma somehow worsened in 2001. "I grew into it and it was really bad," she reveals of her struggles. "I missed 20-something days in first period," she remembers, an illness that

interfered with her usual string of A's and B's. "Oh, I had to work my butt off to maintain those grades," she adds, shaking her head.

The compounding problems also caused Celena to quit the job she held at the time, working as a clerk at Winn Dixie, a disappointment for her because she was trying to help her mom out. Celena has worked ever since she could, legally. "I was waiting on my fourteenth birthday," she recalls, smiling. "All I could think was that 'I gotta get a job.'" Celena currently works at Kash N' Karry, working between 20 to 25 hours a week to earn money for her mom and herself, but mainly her mom. An obviously loving and selfless daughter, Celena doesn't hesitate to give back to her mom. "She pays the bills, she buys the food, and I don't really need the money for myself" remarks Celena. "I know my mom hates asking me for money, but I'll give her anything she needs." In this close-knit family, Celena also gives as much as she can to her grandmother, running errands when she can.

Over the last few years, Celena and her grandmother have enjoyed attending Faith Memorial Missionary

Baptist church every Sunday morning. With her latest schedule, however, Celena's Sundays have been spent working 8-hour shifts at the grocery store. "It's something that really bothers my grandmother," she says, fingering the cross necklace she wears as a symbol of her faith. "I never take this off," she says, looking down, "it's my lucky charm. I couldn't do it without Him."

It's this faith that helps keep her confident in her abilities. Her list of activities and ambitions already reads like a well-rounded resume — currently junior vice-president of student government in her class, Celena also wants to join the National Honor Society and the community service club in her school. Add to that her activities in the thespian club, which requires frequently attending district competitions and honing her acting skills. "I wanted to join the gospel choir this year," she adds, "but I didn't know where I was going to fit it in."

Somehow, between work and school and family responsibilities, Celena still plans time for herself, although she doesn't feel like the typical teenager, preferring to spend a lot of

quiet evenings at home. "I'm a big bookworm and movie buff," she remarks, noting Maya Angelou and Stephen King as two of her favorite authors. Also admitting to being a bit of a tomboy, Celena loves playing sports, particularly soccer. As her asthma has slowly gotten better, she hopes to get a spot on her school's team.

If things do get a little overwhelming in the days to come, Celena knows she can rely on her family for support and guidance. "People have asked me, 'Wasn't it hard growing up?' " "Well, no not for me," she'll always reply. "It was hard but my mom made it so it wasn't. I didn't care if I didn't have the Nike's, if I didn't have the blue polo suit when I back to school, if I didn't have my hair all pretty. It was all about family," she says firmly.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Zimbabwe: Teachers Union Leader in Police Custody

HARARE (GIN) — Police are holding Raymond Majongwe, leader of a Zimbabwean teachers' union, on the second day of a walk out over salary increases and other benefits. Majongwe's lawyer, Tereayi Gunje, said the union leader appeared to have been assaulted while in custody. "He has been beaten up and when I saw him [last Wednesday] night he couldn't sit on his own. I think he has broken ribs and internal bleeding," said Gunje.

Majongwe gave himself up to the police on last

Wednesday, the second day of a teachers' strike called by the Progressive Teachers Union of Zimbabwe, after police had been to his house looking for him, said the national coordinator of the union, Innocent Shimbanda. According to his lawyer, Majongwe has not received medical treatment for his injuries.

Last week, Phiri confirmed the police were holding Majongwe, and that he was due to be charged under the Public Order and Security Act which makes it an offense for "any person who, acting

in concert with one or more other persons, forcibly invades the rights of other people."

The police have alleged that Majongwe, Zhou and two others went around schools, threatening teachers who wanted to work and disrupting classes. The union is demanding a 100 percent salary increase backdated to January and a 100 percent cost of living adjustment backdated to June. Teachers in Zimbabwe are said to be the lowest paid in the southern African region.

Nigeria: Labor Group to Target Big Firms Over "Temporaries"

LAGOS (GIN) — The Nigeria Labor Congress (NLC) has announced plans to set up picket lines this month at the premises of multinational companies to protest the increasing use of so-called "temporary workers."

Union president Adams Oshiomhole said the companies they intend to target include Nestle Foods Plc, Guinness Nigeria Plc, Dunlop Nigeria Plc, Unilever Nigeria Plc. Oshiomhole said that the proposed industrial action would try to close down the companies for a week, during which time they could reconsider the use of temporary or casual labor.

The NLC president disclosed the plan recently at one-day workshop on

"Promoting Industrial Harmony in the Nigerian Economy: Stemming the Tide of Industrial Actions Against the New Forms of Employment Relationship - Practical Ways Forward". He criticized the use of casual labor as a 'new form of employment relationship', which has expanded to include employment contracts for farmworkers, tailors and even beauticians. "With the collapse of other value systems (socialism), the capitalist world is returning the world to the stone-age where greed rather than human compassion drives business activities," he said. Oshiomhole said management must return to the tradition of mutually accommodating the interest.

Ivory Coast: Cocoa Workers Flee as Fighting Spreads

ABIDJAN (GIN) — The cocoa harvest on which Ivory Coast depends may be fatally disrupted as the war between government forces and rebel soldiers moves further into the countryside in the West African nation.

More than 2,000 Burkina Faso nationals were chased from cocoa plantations in the western Ivory Coast region of Duekoue and taken refuge at a local Roman Catholic mission, and at least 10 have been killed, informed sources said last week.

"More than 2,000 people were chased out of their villages and their belongings were looted," said Karim Yaro, the representa-

tive of the Burkina consulate in Duekoue. Ivory Coast's population of 16 million includes 4.5 million immigrants from other west African countries, some three million of them from neighboring Burkina Faso, which Ivory Coast's state television accused of masterminding the rebellion, led by soldiers who have returned from exile, and mutineers. The Burkinabes have borne the brunt of hate attacks since the well-planned rebellion erupted, with hundreds of their homes torched in shantytowns around Abidjan.

Burkina Faso has recently come out strongly against the persecution of

its nationals in Ivory Coast, denouncing the "barbarity of Ivorian forces and civil groups" who it says have killed several of its nationals. The rebellion by mutineers and former soldiers is about to enter its fourth week with insurgents holding the entire Muslim-dominated north of the west African country, the world's biggest cocoa-producer, and key towns in the center, west and east.

The rebels are demanding an end to discrimination against northern soldiers in a country becoming increasingly divided between the largely Muslim north and Christian-dominated south.

Rwanda: Suspects in Mass Killing Forced to Face Victims

BUTARE (GIN) — In a dramatic public ceremony, more than 100 prisoners suspected of taking part in the 1994 Rwandan genocide were made to face both the perpetrators and victims of the massacre, to see if any could be identified as parties to the mass killing.

The suspects, whose police files are incomplete, were recently taken to Butare's football stadium and presented to over 2,000 prisoners who have confessed to taking part in the genocide and thousands of members of the public.

Public prosecutors asked the public and perpetrators alike to say whether each of the suspects had been involved in the massacres. The operation, bringing hundreds of genocide victims face-to-face with those who committed the crimes, left many crying and shaking with the pain of remembered suffering. Some became hysterical as the tales of atrocities unfolded.

All suspects who were not firmly identified by the crowd were granted bail on the spot, pending trial by a village court. The Rwandan government organized the first public presentation ceremony in September 2000, but Sunday's event in Butare was the first to be held in large city.

"The operation allows us to release prisoners without legal files, the elderly and the sick... and prepare the population for the future release of prisoners following the Gacaca trials," said a public prosecutor.

The innovative system of village courts, called Gacaca, was launched in Rwanda earlier this year and is due to handle the trial of more than 100,000 genocide suspects. The concept, a resurrection of traditional village conflict resolution tribunals, is massive in scale, involving more than a quarter of a million judges in 11,000 jurisdictions.

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U.N. Troubled by Rise in Child Rapes in South Africa

by Thalif Deen

UNITED NATIONS (IPS) — South Africa is reporting an alarming increase in sexual violence against children, most of it involving family members or people known to the victims, a United Nations official said recently.

According to reports, attackers are targeting young children as sexual partners in order to reduce the risk of contracting HIV/AIDS, said Juan Miguel Petit, a special rapporteur with the U.N. human rights commission. Petit said he was also told of child rape by individuals who believe that sex with a virgin will cure them of HIV/AIDS. While there is insufficient evidence to prove the reports, they cannot be discounted, he added.

"Of great concern is

that the age of the perpetrators of rape is getting younger -- even young boys and teenagers are now being implicated in acts of sexual violence. Similarly, reported instances of gang rape are increasing," Petit added. But he praised the government of South Africa for making "tremendous efforts" since apartheid ended eight years ago to begin creating a culture of respect for human rights.

The increase in the reporting of rape cases is a welcome development; Petit said, compared to pre-1994, when very few reports were made. Petit plans to present a full account of his investigations to the commission at its forthcoming session in Geneva next March. The report was prepared following his visit to South Africa last month.

According to his preliminary findings released Friday, the rape of children, including very young children and babies, is not a new phenomenon in the country. The report says that rape in South Africa results from several factors, including the general high incidence of violence, the culture of patriarchy, and the treatment of children as commodities. High levels of alcoholism also lead to sexual violence, pointed out Petit.

The preliminary report says that poverty coupled with domestic abuse is forcing children, mainly girls, into prostitution. As the children's education grant ends at age seven, many children drop out of school because their parents are unable to pay school fees. In some cases, a family friend or relative

assists the child to attend school, in return for sex, Petit said. Additionally, the AIDS epidemic has left many children orphaned, and the breakdown of traditional extended family structures has led to a rise in the number of child-headed households.

In many of these families, girls may resort to prostitution in order to feed their siblings. The report adds that the issue of trafficking of children in South Africa has received very little attention. Trafficking itself is not yet recognized as a criminal offence, it adds. Yet reports state that South Africa is becoming both a receiving and a transit country for child victims of trafficking, both from other parts of Africa and from Asian countries. "The very desperate food shortage, particularly in coun-

tries bordering South Africa, is contributing to an increase in trafficking of children," Petit added. He recommends several "urgent" measures to help protect children.

Victims of sexual violence, he said, must be given prophylactics against HIV/AIDS, which should be made available at schools, shelters and police stations. The government should also provide access to treatment, care and support for children living with HIV/AIDS. The school fees grant of 130 rand a month (about \$13) for poor children up to the age of seven should be extended and made available to all children at least to the age of 15. Officials should explore the possibility of part of the grant being paid directly to the school. The government should also

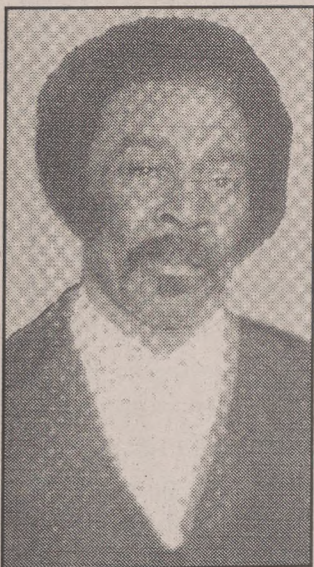
make serious efforts to alleviate poverty and unemployment, as many acts of sexual violence against children appear to result from anger and boredom, adds the report.

Petit said that although many different and committed groups are working on behalf of children's rights in South Africa, they are not well coordinated. "There is currently not a specific referral center, no first entry point for children who have been abused," he added. He recommends a collective structure, such as a multi-sectoral children's ministry, to bring the many actors together. It should be fully resourced and have qualified staff, Petit added.

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DUNBAR, CLIFFORD, JR., died recently. Survivors include five sons, Clifford Dunbar III, Derrick Dunbar, Lorenzo Dunbar, Steve Heatly and Marshall Heath, all of St. Petersburg; three daughters, Linda Dunbar, Teresa Heath and Jennie Heath, all of St. Petersburg; two sisters, Josephine Gooden, Largo, and Christine Duhart (Grover) Bell; one brother, Robert L. (Louise M.) Dunbar, St.

Petersburg; seven grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; four nieces, Cora (John) Smith, Patricia Moore, Largo, Marilyn Wiggins and Brenda Alston; a nephew, Clinton Nichols, St. Petersburg; his best friend, Shorty Woods; and several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. McRae Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.



THOMAS, SARAH E., 77, died September 30, 2002. Survivors include three daughters, Jereline (John) Rivers, St. Petersburg, Janet Crawley and Nadine Corey, both of Atlanta, GA; four

sons, Tyrone Hodges, Gil (Kathy) Hodges, both of Atlanta, GA, Darrell Hodges and Vincent (Louise) Hodges, both of St. Petersburg; 19 grandchildren; 47 great grandchildren; five great great grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and friends. McRae Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

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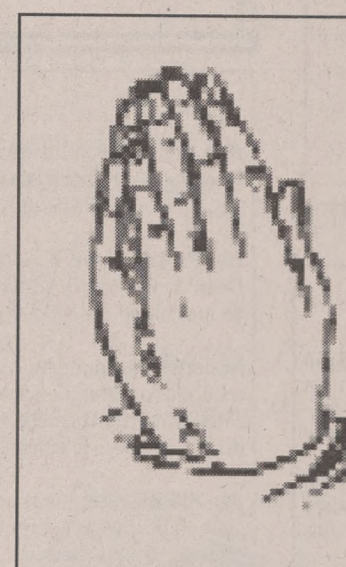


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Interested persons should submit a resume and cover letter to the **Employment Office, P.O. Box 2842, St. Petersburg, FL 33731**, no later than November 15, 2002

INVITATION FOR BID

Bids are requested from qualified, licensed general or paving contractors by the Pinellas County Housing Authority (PCHA) for Resurfacing and Concrete Replacement work located at French Villas Apts., 6835 54th Ave. N., St. Petersburg, FL 33709.

Bid Package: will be available for purchase after 10:00 AM on October 17, 2002 at PCHA, The Dean S. Robinson Administration Bldg., 11479 Ulmerton Rd., Largo, FL. This Bid Package may be purchased for \$25.00 per set. No partial sets will be issued.

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Interested persons should submit a resume and cover letter to the **Employment Office, P.O. Box 2842, St. Petersburg, FL 33731-2842**, no later than October 28, 2002