

2003-01-23

The Weekly Challenger : 2003 : 01 : 23

The Weekly Challenger, et al

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalcommons.usf.edu/challenger>

Recommended Citation

The Weekly Challenger, et al, "The Weekly Challenger : 2003 : 01 : 23" (2003). *Newspaper collection*. 816.
<https://digitalcommons.usf.edu/challenger/816>

This is brought to you for free and open access by the The Weekly Challenger at Digital Commons @ University of South Florida. It has been accepted for inclusion in Newspaper collection by an authorized administrator of Digital Commons @ University of South Florida. For more information, please contact digitalcommons@usf.edu.

Jan 23 2001

GUARANTEED!!
CREDIT APPROVAL
Only At
Badcock
Established 1964
HOME FURNITURE
St. Pete 2200 MLK St. S. 822-3741
Pinellas Park 7330 49th St. N. 544-6484
These Two Stores Only!

The Weekly Challenger

Presrt Std
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit #2271
St. Petersburg, FL

University of South Florida Library
St. Petersburg Campus
140 7th Ave. South
St. Petersburg FL 33701-

RECEIVED

FEB 7 2003

VOLUME 35 NUMBER 21

January 23 - 29, 2003

25¢

17th Annual Leadership and Awards Breakfast

Celebrates King Holiday as a "Day On, Not a Day Off"



William Packer, Jr., Keynote Speaker



Christopher Browne accepts a scholarship award from Thomas "Jet" Jackson

by Barry A. McIntosh
Challenger General Manager
ST. PETERSBURG--
On Monday, January 20,
leaders in Pinellas County,

corporations, church
groups, and residents nearly
filled the Coliseum ball-
room floor. They started
arriving as early as 7:00



Tikisha McRae,
scholarship award
recipient

photos by Rassi
a.m., and by 7:30 a.m.
there were 800 persons
who proved by their atten-
dant that they regarded
the King holiday as a "day
on, not a day off."

The morning marked
the 17th annual Leadership
and Awards Breakfast
spearheaded by the St.
Petersburg Martin Luther
King, Jr. Commemorative
Commission in partnership
with the St. Petersburg
Metropolitan Section of
The National Council of
Negro Women (NCNW).

Jon Wilson, FOX 13
anchor, presided over the
morning program. The near
capacity crowd wasn't dis-

appointed. Gwendolyn
Reese of the Commem-
orative Committee greeted
the patrons in 12 different
languages, in symbol of the
fact that we are all one peo-
ple, one body, and in honor
of King's '63 march. She
reminded that we came "to
celebrate his dream of
equality and freedom for
all."

After Shirley Thornton
led the audience in a rous-
ing rendition of "Lift Every
Voice and Sing," Rev.
Keturah Pittman presided
over the invocation. Co-
committee member Watson
Haynes, II introduced the
keynote speaker.

He has been out of
school for barely over six
years, graduating magna
cum laude from Florida
A&M University. He's
chairman of an Atlanta
based African-American
film production company.
His company's first inde-
pendent film *Trois*, was the
fastest million dollar gross-
ing film distributed by
African-Americans. The
Breakfast
continued on pg. 8

Challenger Luncheon Serves To Thank Community, Define Goals



Two of the students profiled, pose with their parents and Big Parents.
L-R: (standing) Roosevelt Powell, Theodis Wilson, Ray Johnson, (seated)
Bettie Powell, Louisa Powell, Sharon Johnson



Barry McIntosh with
IMPRESS Luncheon
sponsor representative
Machele Maner, V.P.
Community
Development Officer
Southwest Florida,
Wachovia



Terry Boehm,
President of Pinellas
County Education
Foundation and
Platinum IMPRESS
sponsor

photos by Bill Thomas



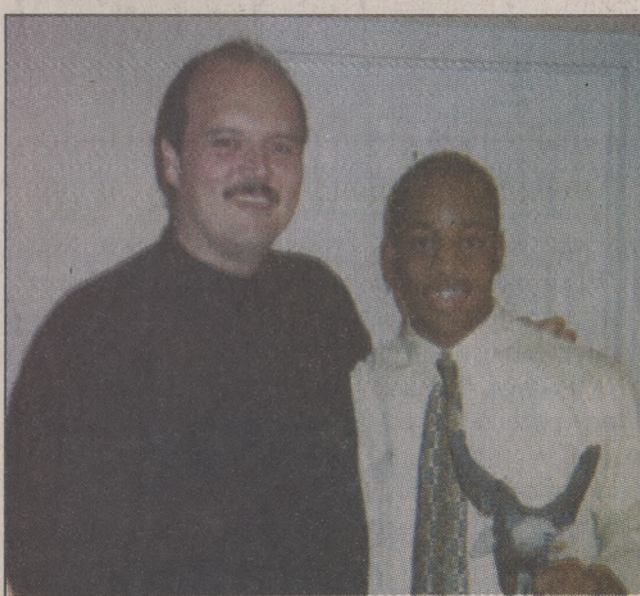
Barry McIntosh with
Silver IMPRESS spon-
sor, representative Cris
Coffin, Director-
External Affairs,
Verizon

more to come, the cere-
mony also served to acknowl-
edge the changes made to
the publication in the last
year, changes that signal an
enhanced direction for *The
Challenger*.

Barry McIntosh, Gen-
eral Manager of *The Chal-
lenger*, opened the lunch-
eon by honoring *The
Challenger's* founder,
Cleveland Johnson, who
passed away in July 2001.
"We must thank the man
who got us here," he said,
"and allowed us to build on
his success." McIntosh
went on to explain to the

Luncheon
continued on pg. 6

Boys & Girls Club Rewards 'Youth Of The Year'



Delandis Richardson and coach David Ho

photos by Candace Clarke
Challenger Staff Writer

The Boys & Girls
Clubs of the Suncoast
selected Delandis Richar-
dson, 16, of the Clearwater
Jasmine Courts Club as
their 2003 Youth of the



Delandis Richardson
and his mother, Jacque
reception at the home of
Ronald and Lenne Ball on
St. Pete Beach, members of
the organizations' corpo-
rate board.

The Youth of the Year
competition is an annual
process and national com-
petition, one that involves
more than 3,000 Boys &
Girls Clubs across the
nation. Going from the
local to the state to the
Rewards
continued on pg. 9

OneUnited Bank Becomes Nation's Largest Black-Owned Bank

New Merger, New Product Offering and New Name Expands Bank's Leadership in Serving Urban Communities.

LOS ANGELES, CA
OneUnited Bank ann-
ounced the closing of its
merger with Family
Savings Bank, a leading
Los Angeles-based minor-
ity controlled financial
institution, creating the
largest Black-owned bank
in the country. This historic
merger was approved by
the FDIC, the Com-
missioner of Banks of the
Commonwealth of Mass-
achusetts, the Office of

Thrift Supervision, the
State of California and the
U.S. Department of
Justice. The newly com-
bined entity which com-
prises Boston Bank of
Commerce, Peoples Bank
of Commerce in Miami,
Founders Bank of Com-
merce in Los Angeles with
Family Savings Bank,
reached \$500 million in
assets under its new name,
OneUnited Bank. With
added resources, One-

United Bank has expanded
its leadership in serving
urban communities by
launching the OneUnited
Bank Membership Pro-
gram, an innovative new
deposit offering providing
customers expanded access
to affordable banking.

With the addition of
Family Savings Bank,
OneUnited Bank has ex-

Bank
continued on pg. 9

Ashley Sullivan Is On The Move



Ashley Sullivan limbers up before the competition at the Bayfront Center

photo by Tangela Fedrick

by Tangela Fedrick
Challenger Staff Writer
ST. PETERSBURG--
Look out Debbie
Thompson, eleven year old
gymnast Ashley Sullivan is
on the charge!

This past Saturday
Ashley competed in the
level 8 Jr. division compe-

dition that was hosted by
the Tampa Bay Turners and
held at the Bayfront Center
in St. Petersburg. Ashley
enjoys competing and just
having fun. Ashley has
been competing for several
years and feels she still has
a long way to go but is well
on her way. Ashley placed
in almost all categories on
her level. Gymnastics is a
sport where African-
Americans are scarcely
seen. Ashley's parents play
a big role in her gymnastic
and social life. Ashley's
coach says that Ashley has
Sullivan
continued on pg. 7

Reverend Representative Frank W. Peterman Jr. Called to Pastor



Frank W. Peterman, Jr.

When called to be a
minister seven years ago,
Rep. Frank Peterman, Jr.
D-District 55, realized that
he would probably pastor a
church one-day, but he felt
this would be far in the
future. As one of the

associate ministers at
Bethel Community Baptist
Church, he received train-
ing from the pastor, Rev.
Dr. Manuel L. Sykes, along
with preaching and minis-
terial assignments. Spirit-
ually, God was blending
this period of preparation
with his growing family
and political career.

Then in recent years,
Peterman, 40 says he kept
being led by the Holy Spirit
to start a church. He dis-
missed these proddings
until a year ago, when he
received an urgent spiritual
message commanding his

immediate obedience.

Back in St. Petersburg,
Peterman spent the next
weeks and months praying
for guidance. Being a pas-
tor would take him to
another level, with expand-
ed requirements. He admits
to feeling a little over-
whelmed. But persistent
prayer and meditation
brought peace, obedience
and a knowledge of how
this was all to take place.

This state legislator,
who is completing his sec-

Peterman
continued on pg. 5



Athletes Of The Month

Read about December's
Athletes, Larry Lindsey
and Paulina McIntosh,
on Page 17

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

Youth Grants Now Available In Pinellas County - Page 3
USF Hosts Key Events For Black History Month - Page 3
Boys Scouts Need Donations For Harvest Drive - Page 3
Renown Jazz Artists Dianne Reeves Stars
At the Mahaffey - Page 14
Health Department Urges Cervical Cancer Screenings - Page 15
TNT Brings All-Star Excitement - Page 16
New Malcolm X Foundation Launched - Page 18
Nigerian Woman Challenges The President - Page 19

INDEX

Opinions.....	2
Tampa Bay Area.....	3-9
Religion.....	10-12
Woman's World.....	13
North Central/Entertainment.....	14
State.....	15
Where Would We Be Without/Sports.....	16
Student Athletes Of The Month.....	17
National.....	18
International/Obituaries.....	19
Classified.....	20

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!

The Weekly Challenger

Cleveland Johnson, Publisher
(1967 - 2001)

Barry A. McIntosh General Manager
Ylonda Powell Administrative Assistant

The Weekly Challenger Office:

2500 M.L. King Jr. (9th) Street South
St. Petersburg, FL 33705
(727) 896-2922
Fax (727) 823-2568
email: tchallen@tampabay.rr.com
www.theweeklychallenger.com

.....

THE BLACK PRESS believes that America can best lead the world from racial antagonism when it accords to every man, regardless of race, creed or color, his human and legal rights. Hating no man, fearing no man... the Black Press strives to help every man in the firm belief that all men are hurt as long as anyone is held back.

MEMBER
Southeast Black
Publishers
Association
Inc.



SPABCC



Cpvs

The Weekly Challenger

Published weekly on Thursdays by
The Weekly Challenger
2500 M.L. King St. S.
St. Petersburg, FL 33705
(727) 896-2922

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

Mail
\$30 for 1 year • \$18 for 6 months
Home Delivery
\$18 for 1 year • \$10 for 6 months
SINGLE COPY
25 cents

Continental United States, Hawaii,
Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands

ATTENTION POSTMASTER:

Send all address changes to
The Weekly Challenger
2500 M.L. King St. S.
St. Petersburg, FL 33705

NO PAPER?

If you have not received your paper during delivery,
phone (727) 896-2922

DEADLINES

All news items, advertising copy and related art submitted
for publication on Thursday must be at the office of
The Weekly Challenger no later than 4 p.m. Monday

COLUMNIST'S DISCLAIMER

The views expressed by *The Challenger*
columnists/advice columnists do not necessarily reflect
the views of *The Weekly Challenger*. By publishing such
columns, *The Challenger* is not advocating the following
of any advice or suggestion expressed.

SUBMISSIONS POLICY

Submissions to *The Weekly Challenger* may be edited for
reasons of space, clarity or for considerations of liability.
All submissions become the sole property of *The Weekly
Challenger*. *The Weekly Challenger* reserves the right to
run all or part of any submission at a later time. Some
submissions may take precedence due to timeliness or
newsworthiness.

Volume 35 • Number 21

Published Thursday, January 23, 2003

20 pages • 2 sections

©The Weekly Challenger

All rights reserved. No portions of this periodical may be
reproduced without expressed consent.

Next Stop: Reparations

by DeBorah Gilbert White

As many remember and honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., we are mindful of the fact that the struggle for equality, justice and peace continues. Dr. King, Malcolm X, Queen Mother Moore, and numerous other named and unnamed advocates for justice planted the seeds, paved the way, and opened doors in the struggle against segregation, discrimination, and other forms of racial oppression.

For several decades, the question of reparations or repair and restitution for the damage of the institution of slavery has been raised. Slavery was a system based on theft, uncompensated labor, and unjust enrichment. The enslavement of Africans and the protracted trauma of slavery on the descendants of African slaves have created a legacy of social op-

pression for African Americans and one of skin-color privilege for European Americans in the United States. So, even if your family never owned slaves or you are among those African Americans who have "made it" in spite of systemic racism, you are positively or negatively impacted in U.S. society, simply by racial group membership.

In his speech entitled *Remaining Awake Through a Great Revolution*, King stated, "The hour has come for everybody, for all institutions of the public sector and private sector to work to get rid of racism. And now if we are to do it we must honestly admit certain things and get rid of certain myths that have constantly been disseminated all over our nation."

There are many concerns about reparations,

namely, why and how restitution should be structured. We must understand that reparations for slavery is concerned with more than individuals receiving a check, some land, and a mule. Instead, reparations would involve monetary compensation that includes structural and systemic changes in our communities which could lead to the economic, social, political, mental, physical, and spiritual healing of people.

In recent years, reparations has come to the forefront through the efforts of U.S. Representative John Conyers, Jr. (D-Michigan) and organizations such as the National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America (N'COBRA), Reparations Mobilization Coalition, and Caucasians United for Reparations and Emancipation (CURE).

Conyer's bill, known as the Commission to Study Reparations Pro-

posed by Ron Daniels

In my most recent article, I argued that African-Americans and the progressive movement must make a strenuous effort to resurrect Martin Luther King's public policy agenda, that his dream of the "beloved community" will be impossible to achieve until there is an Economic Bill of Rights which guarantees a basic standard of living for every human being who lives in this society. But just as King had to confront the madness of militarism in his time, so today African-Americans and the progressive movement are faced with the urgent need to challenge the machinations of the Bush administration as it relates to an ill conceived "war against terrorism" and reckless obsession with waging war against Iraq. Beyond the utter immorality of the pending war against Iraq, the cold reality is that precious resources which are

urgently needed to ameliorate and transform the plight of poor and working people will be squandered to appease the interests of the oil and energy industry in this country. The prospects for building the beloved community will be sacrificed on the altar of profit, greed and the insatiable appetite for more wealth by the rich and the super-rich in this nation.

In making the bold decision to oppose the war in Vietnam, King was clear that the Poor People's Campaign that he was prepared to launch and the Economic Bill of Rights he wanted to see enacted were imperiled by a choice of guns over butter. King proclaimed that "America would never invest the necessary funds or energies in the rehabilitation of the poor so long as adventures like Vietnam continued to draw men and skills and money like some demonic suction tube. So I was

increasingly compelled to see the war as an enemy of the poor and to attack it as such."

While Bush and company create a sense of permanent crisis with the war against terrorism and the pending war against Iraq, there is a decisive retreat from and roll back of civil rights underway which threatens to wipe out much of the progress of the civil rights movement. Moreover, the economy is in shambles. The number of people who do not have health insurance increased by a million in the last two years. The number of people in poverty increased by 1.2 million during the same time span and middle class incomes have declined for the first time since the early 1990's. Homelessness is also on the rise. After years of having surpluses, virtually every state and city in the U.S. is running a severe deficit. Major airlines are filing for bankruptcy and

Wall Street is still reeling from an epidemic of corporate scandals. Meanwhile, the cost of health insurance has increased dramatically including the price of prescription drugs, and unemployment benefits for millions of workers are about to expire with no immediate relief in site.

The plight of average Americans is worsening, but the Bush administration seems impervious to this reality. Bush's "economic stimulus" package follows the path of the formulas he pushed through during his first year in office, deep tax breaks for the rich and little relief for poor and working people. He is even proposing that taxes on stock dividends be abolished as a way of injecting some life into Wall Street. In the meantime Bush continues to search for a prescription benefit program that will be profitable to the pharmaceutical industry. Environmental regulations are be-

present injustice of slavery. H.R. 40 needs to pass! This means your member of Congress needs to hear from you. Contact your Congressional representative and let him or her know that you want them to support House Resolution 40. You can contact your representative by calling (202) 543-1212 or by writing the United States House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20510. You can also send an instant fax or

present injustice of slavery. H.R. 40 needs to pass! This means your member of Congress needs to hear from you. Contact your Congressional representative and let him or her know that you want them to support House Resolution 40. You can contact your representative by calling (202) 543-1212 or by writing the United States House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20510. You can also send an instant fax or

increasingly compelled to see the war as an enemy of the poor and to attack it as such."

While Bush and company create a sense of permanent crisis with the war against terrorism and the pending war against Iraq, there is a decisive retreat from and roll back of civil rights underway which threatens to wipe out much of the progress of the civil rights movement. Moreover, the economy is in shambles. The number of people who do not have health insurance increased by a million in the last two years. The number of people in poverty increased by 1.2 million during the same time span and middle class incomes have declined for the first time since the early 1990's. Homelessness is also on the rise. After years of having surpluses, virtually every state and city in the U.S. is running a severe deficit. Major airlines are filing for bankruptcy and

increasingly compelled to see the war as an enemy of the poor and to attack it as such."

loosened to aid the energy and timber industries. While the drumbeat for the war against Iraq grows louder at a cost of \$120-200 billion, Bush and company continue to propose and implement policies to reward the rich at the expense of poor and working people.

King's dream of the beloved community is threatened in our time by the rampant militarism that has plagued the American character historically. And, just as King challenged militarism by opposing the war in Vietnam in his time, we must resolve to challenge the war against Iraq. Not that we are in anyway sympathetic to the tyrannical regime of Saddam Hussein, but no evidence has been presented that he poses a clear and present danger to the interests of the United States, particularly poor and working people. And, there are international bodies like the

United Nations which should be entrusted with working to resolve issues with Saddam Hussein by peaceful means.

African-Americans and the progressive movement must be clear that the greatest danger to poor and working people is not Saddam Hussein, but the economic insecurity, injustice and terror arising from policies which divert resources away from the urgent needs of ordinary people in this country in favor of the rich and super-rich. As we fight for the fulfillment of King's vision of the beloved community, it is imperative that we understand that our dream will never be realized until militarism is purged from the American character. We must stop this war against Iraq and resurrect King's public policy agenda as the pre-condition for achieving the beloved community. The struggle continues!

United Nations which should be entrusted with working to resolve issues with Saddam Hussein by peaceful means.

African-Americans and the progressive movement must be clear that the greatest danger to poor and working people is not Saddam Hussein, but the economic insecurity, injustice and terror arising from policies which divert resources away from the urgent needs of ordinary people in this country in favor of the rich and super-rich. As we fight for the fulfillment of King's vision of the beloved community, it is imperative that we understand that our dream will never be realized until militarism is purged from the American character. We must stop this war against Iraq and resurrect King's public policy agenda as the pre-condition for achieving the beloved community. The struggle continues!

descent.

DeBorah Gilbert White is minister for anti-racism and conflict resolution with the United Church of Christ's Justice and Witness Ministries based in Cleveland, Ohio. For more information on the reparations movement, contact her at (216) 736-3724 or white@ucc.org.

On January 15, 1929, Michael (later changed to Martin) Luther King, Jr. was born.

TAMPA BAY AREA NEWS

Health Seminar Offered For Women

ST. PETERSBURG — "Breast Health," a training designed for African-American women, will be held in the Medical Office Building at St. Anthony's Hospital from 9:30-11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 28. The speaker will be Maria Scruggs Weston, who describes the event as a "Sister's Party."

While organized specifically for volunteers who serve with Seniors in Service, the public is invited.

St. Anthony's Hospital is located at 1200 7th Ave. North in St. Petersburg.

Boy Scouts' 2003 "Scouting For Food" Drive Collects For Harvest Of Tampa Bay

TAMPA — On February 8, over 5,000 area Boy Scouts will participate in the 13th annual Scouting For Food Drive, fulfilling the Scouting Law to be both helpful and kind in a most notable way. The collection program will benefit America's Second Harvest of Tampa Bay (formerly the Divine Providence Food Bank) and other non-profit agencies in west central Florida.

The Gulf Ridge Council Boy Scouts joined by Cub Scouts and Explorers will hang approximately 30,000 empty bags donated by Publix Supermarkets on doors in Tampa Bay. Residents receiving the bags are asked to generously contribute canned goods and non-perishable grocery items for the hungry, to be picked up by the Scouts when they return on Saturday, February 15.

Scouting For Food, a national Good Turn of the Boy Scouts of America, is always held locally in mid-February to help replenish food banks and recipient agencies depleted after the holiday season.

Last year's drive netted over 25 tons of donated food; and 6,000 pounds were given to America's Second Harvest of Tampa Bay, formerly the Divine

Providence Food Bank. The Certified Affiliate member of the Second Harvest National Food Bank Network collects, sorts, and distributes donated surplus food among 240 charities across 10 counties in west central Florida. Founded in Tampa 20 years ago, the food bank currently feeds an estimated 50,000 people each week.

The Gulf Ridge Council, Boy Scouts of America in collaboration with the community, operates to serve the youth of the West Central Florida Area by providing an environment where leadership opportunities, life-long skills, strong values and morals are the outcomes for future generations.

A kick-off luncheon on January 23, 2003 at 12:00 noon will be held at America's Second Harvest of Tampa Bay at 5300 E. Adamo Drive, Building G. Boy scout troop leaders and the recipient agencies will discuss the importance of local community partnerships with the Gulf Ridge Council Boy Scouts.

Further information about these two organizations is available at www.boyscouting.com and www.dvineprovidence-foodbank.org

Funds Available For Pinellas County Youth

PINELLAS COUNTY — Do you know a youth group looking for funding to do a community service project? Youth As Resources (YAR) has grants available for any youth group in Pinellas County up to age 19 who want to help an organization in the community. School or church groups, youth service clubs, and non-profit organizations are eligible.

Examples of a community service program are to assist the homeless by providing meals, design an anti-drug or gang campaign, perform a planting

project, or trash pick-up.

The spring 2003 funding cycle for the grant application deadline is March 14, 2003. Grant applications are available at: <http://coop.co.pinellas.fl.us/yar/yarweb.htm> or you can call Mary Barnhart at (727) 582-2103.

Youth As Resources is a locally based youth development program providing small grants for youth generated service projects incorporating youth in all aspects of the program from development to delivery.

Seniors Can Lunch And Learn

ST. PETERSBURG — The City of St. Petersburg Office on Aging is sponsoring a free "Lunch and Learn" featuring a showcase of lifelong learning opportunities on Tuesday, February 4, 2003 from Noon to 1 p.m. at the Sunshine Center Center, 330 Fifth Street North. Eckerd College, St. Petersburg College and the University of South Florida will discuss offerings for older adults such as discounts, free classes, educational trips, forums and much more.

Wouldn't it be fun to learn about our native Florida? How about making your money last thru retirement? What do you think about taking a bird watching trip, bike trip or trip to the Sarasota Opera? Want to learn about computers or Russian History? All you have to do is bring a desire to learn and your brown bag lunch and we'll provide cookies and punch and plenty of opportunities! Seating is limited, please call 893-7102 to confirm your attendance.

Could You Be The Queen Of Hearts?

ST. PETERSBURG — The 45th Annual Queen of Hearts Ball committee is busy getting ready for the March 1st event at the St. Petersburg Hilton and Towers, 333 1st St. S.

Invitations will be in the mail by the end of January, according to Chairman Karol Bullard. Participants will enjoy dinner, dancing, a fabulous silent auction and the presentation of the 2003 royal court.

Recipients Of The Ned March Award

ST. PETERSBURG — Congratulations to Detective Joe Dente and Detective Rick Shaw for being selected as recipients of this year's Ned March Awards, a program established in 1953 to create an incentive for better police work. Earlier this month, at a ceremony held at Orange Blossom Catering, the two officers were honored on the basis of alertness, efficiency, courtesy and outstanding performance.

Detective Joe Dente, Robbery Unit, joined the department in 1994. During his tenure he served as a Patrol Officer, Community Officer, TAC Team Member, and a Field Training Officer. Detective Dente resigned from the department in 1998 to move to Pennsylvania with his family. After three months he returned to our agency and continued to work hard and promote the

and the presentation of the 2003 royal court.

Each year, a judges panel selects one queen and eight princesses, based on their community projects and volunteer service. The women are nominated by area service and non-profit organizations. The queen must be selected from among all former princesses.

Proceeds from the ball benefit two area charities each year. This year's charities are PARC and A Brighter Day. PARC (Pinellas Association for Retarded Children), founded in 1953, now serves more than 500 adults and children with developmental disabilities daily. A Brighter Day was founded in 1996 to help restore

homeless families to self-sufficiency through education in employment skills.

Items for the silent auction may be given to Silent Auction Chairman Connie Whitehead. Program ads may be placed through Advertising Chairman Barabara Zaccaria. For information, call Nancy Whitlock at (727) 347-6133, ext. 223.



L-R --- Susan Mittermayr, president of St. Petersburg Rotary Club; Detective Joe Dente; Detective Rick Shaw; Police Chief Chuck Harmon.

St. Petersburg Police Department as a Field Training Officer. In May of 2000, he was nominated as the Field Training Officer of the Year. After serving in the Uniformed Services Bureau, Detective Dente transferred to the Youth Resources Division of the Investigative Services Bureau where he worked as a Child Abuse/Sex Abuse Investigator. He later transferred to the Robbery Unit.

While in the Robbery Unit, he received the Employee of the Quarter Award. His assistance is often requested by members of the Homicide Unit because of the outstanding job he does when he assist members of the unit. Detective Dente is married and has one son.

Detective Rick Shaw, formerly in Patrol and recently assigned as a detective to the Special Investigations Unit, has received seven letters of recognition from both external and internal sources in 2002. He has caught or been involved in the apprehension of numerous dangerous criminals throughout the year. He has served as Acting Sergeant for two different patrol squads this

past year and is recognized by his peers as the most well rounded officer on his shift. Detective Shaw has been described by one of his peers as the type of person who makes everyone else working around him better. He was selected as the Uniform Services Bureau Employee of the Quarter for October 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002. He is a family man with a strong moral fiber and his dedication to duty is unmatched. He chooses to work the Mid-night Shift in order to spend time with his family. He is a "Soccer Dad", and also serves on the Board of Directors for his Neighborhood Association.

HOME BUYERS

QUICK
SELL

SOMEDAY...SHOULD YOU DECIDE TO
SELL YOUR HOUSE

WE WOULD LIKE TO BUY IT - **ALL CASH**

WE
BUY
CASH

STOP
FORECLOSURE

- No real estate sales, commissions, saving you at least 6%
- No hassles with loan approvals or other financing issues - All Paid In Cash
- Quick closing - usually within 7 days from acceptance of offer
- Eliminates the inconvenience of showing your home at odd hours
- No problem with "contingency offers"

WE BUY ANY HOUSE!

Call Chico Dials
(727) 424-3172 • Fax (727) 328-9848
Project New Life Housing Corporation

The Weekly Challenger thanks Republic Bank for their contribution, benefiting students at Melrose Elementary.

OPERATION HOPE OFFERS

• MEDICAL ADVOCACY
• SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELING
• CASE MANAGEMENT
• HIV TESTING AND
• A FOOD PANTRY IN ADDITION TO
AIDS PREVENTION EDUCATION SERVICES.

OPERATION HOPE
861 SIXTH AVENUE SOUTH
ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA
727-822-2437
WWW.OHOP.ORG

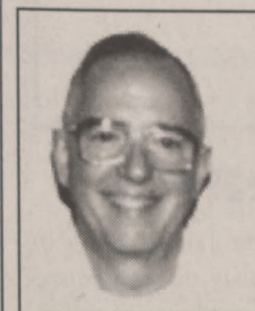
OPINELLAS

Presents... **COMMUNITY BILLBOARD**
Publix.

Upcoming Events

- Celebrate Music with Street Soul, Friday, January 24, 8 p.m. until, Tampa Bay Action Group's offices at 37 4th St. North St. (across the street from post office downtown).
- Health Seminar for Women, Tuesday, January 28, 9:30 - 11a.m., Medical Office Building at St. Anthony's, 1200 - 7th Ave. N.
- Free Course on Florida Condominium Association Operations, Thursday, January 30, 9:00 a.m. - 12noon, Best Western Clearwater Conference Center, 21338 U. S. 19 North, Clearwater. For more info, call Laura at (727) 525-0962.

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



OPINION

by Fenn Ellery

Women - America's Most Underutilized Resource?

Women are roughly 52% of the U.S. population and own 60-70% of the wealth. (The exact figures should be available from LWV, the League of Women Voters, or from one of several government or media sites which have such useful data.)

The wealth figures come from the fact that women tend to outlive their spouses by several years and husbands tend to provide for this in wills and inheritances. After the first spouse dies there is an obvious need for the surviving spouse to have the money to live comfortably and to take care of family interests/business - the children in particular.

That's a truism, and obvious. But it doesn't explain why, after roughly two decades, women are having to try again for passage of the ERA, Equal Rights Act. OR - why Black ACTs (American Citizen Taxpayers) have to keep looking over their shoulders as the Voting Rights Act comes into jeopardy in a shortening period!

Before getting into the performance record of white male ACTs let's take a look at coalitions. Because if there ever was a coalition that was overdue to evolve or be created it is the one which should have come from the maximum number of committed women within the 52%!

We can be reasonably confident that all ACTs (both sexes and all races) include people who are very young, very old, and very lazy. Still, given that reality, the majority of both sexes are of voting age, with productive lifestyles, and at least good intentions about voting.

The question is: Will they? It becomes a matter of who gets organized better. There remains some mythology about women staying home all day - between getting the kids off to school and when they return home - and they watch soap operas, smoke, drink coffee, etc. Somebody must read all those soap opera ads, etc.

Most of us don't buy into that dated and passe mythology any more. Still there are a substantial number of moms who (only!) have to run a home - keep it clean, wash the laundry and dishes, yada, yada. It seems reasonable to expect that there is some significant number of moms to (wo)man some telephone trees, attend some meetings, and organize women toward their 52% minimum voting edge.

And the women won't forget the men! This columnist is more certain of this than the reverse! My view is that there are a lot

of people/males who will support a strong female-centered organization with an equally strong commitment to constructive change. (If no one minds I will tentatively tag it LAV, League of American Voters.)

Black ACTs are definitely a logical part of this coalition. (My view concerning the narrowing of the RIG (Racial Income Gap) is: WHATEVER IT TAKES! Institutions led mainly by white males have been using the RIG for far too long. REBALANCING is far overdue.)

Chicano/Hispanic ACTs have education concerns which are massive, as well as immigration problems. There are some religious groups which could well be supportive of LAV toward limited goals, and the prospect list of coalition partners goes much further.

Ross Perot showed us some of the potential, though he "done in" his own organization - in my opinion, from extensive experience there. The Democratic Party, Republicans, even NOTA (None Of The Above), and some smaller parties have potential roles and support.

Somebody may be thinking: Why is this white male supporting women rather than men? The answer is simple. Whether Black or white, male or female, there is a need to think American. And to think more about the kids and grandchildren.

White males need help! Too much of what our government and other leaders are doing today wanders in the range between Dangerous and Wrong. Our "representative government" system often seems to center on special interests. What's the going price - how much in tax money do I have to give away to get a "safe seat" for reelection?

Somebody needs to calculate the cost per taxpayer of \$5-6 TRILLION in debt - Yours Too! Your slice of the debt and the excessive amount of debt service - the annual payments - which come out of your tax money. Then add in individual shares of the Waste and Pork.

Obviously you then should know your share of the cost of massive troop and weapons buildup, plus the cost of parking them for months or a year while UN inspectors play a seemingly hopeless game. Be Real - do you believe a much larger component of American women in government, leadership, race relations, etc. - could do worse?

Fenn Ellery, ACT - (727) 866-2540. Email: patnfenn@aol.com

The Winner of the Gerome Wilson Award for 2002 is Murray Lenseth



ST. PETERSBURG - The final votes were tallied in December, and Murray Lenseth is the winner of the Gerome Wilson Award for 2002. This award is truly an honor, as sanitation employees vote for the person who most emulates the lifestyle of Gerome Wilson.

Murray Lenseth is employed on the night shift in the Sanitation Shop as a Solid Waste Equipment Mechanic II. He has been with the City since the summer of 1993. He started his career with Fleet Management and transferred to the Sanitation Department in September of 1994.

Murray's dedication to his job and hard work have been noted throughout the years. While with the City, he has received numerous letters of commendation.

Murray is a native Floridian who was born in Ft. Myers, FL. He has spent the majority of his life in Florida.

Murray enjoys being outdoors. When not manning his post at the Shop, he can be found working on or riding motorcycles. He also spends his spare time fishing or working on his home.

Murray is a welcome addition to Sanitation's finest, the Gerome Wilson winners!

Challenger Joins Hands With Dipper

The Weekly Challenger has entered into a partnership with the DIPPER Program to lend its resources to the furtherance of education and awareness of Diabetes Nutrition fitness and other health concerns within the Front Porch area.

African-American Beauty Expert Comes To The Bay

CLEARWATER - Alfred Fornay, one of America's foremost authorities on skin care and makeup, will speak at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4, 2003 at the new Clearwater North Greenwood Branch Library, 905 N. Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue. He will discuss his latest book, *Born Beautiful*, the African American Teenager's Complete Beauty Guide and demonstrate makeup techniques for teens with

assistance from Fashion Fair Cosmetics.

Fornay was creative director for Revlon Cosmetics "Polished Ambers Collection," marketing manager for Clairol, beauty editor for Ebony magazine, and served as the first male beauty editor of Essence magazine. Copies of his book will be available for sale and autographing. For more information, call (727) 462-6800, extension 245.

- HIRES -

Every situation is created out of the choice we choose. Those who choose dishonesty, their life will be a mockery.

If you are man enough to make her a mother, then be man enough to give your child helpful demonstrations, or they will be left at sea without a compass or direction.

Following the lost will lead to catastrophic cost.

Celebrate Music With Street Soul

ST. PETERSBURG - Street soul is the latest multicultural event in Tampa Bay that invites people to express themselves with poetry, music, or any other form of self-expression. The organizers, the non-profit Tampa Bay Action Group, hope to have a place where people feel comfortable, like family, so everyone can feel appreciated. They feel that

other forums of self-expression lack the flexibility or space it takes to represent other demographics of our community, in particular the inner city neighborhoods.

"We want to create a more diverse melting pot that wills us to dance our tongues in linguistic/performance verse," explains Director of Cultural Services, Pete Rodriguez.

"Our hope is for people to stop being angry with each other, and ourselves, so [that] we can start to heal our peoples." He adds, "For when we express ourselves, the anger gets easier to bear with; life now has a chance within our souls."

Street Soul will be presented Friday, January 24, at Tampa Bay Action Group's offices at 37 4th

St. North St. (across the street from post office downtown). The event starts at 8 p.m. and is scheduled to run as long as necessary, with refreshments and a lounge area for hanging out. For more information contact Pete Rodriguez @ (727) 896-8224 or e-mail sevenoh-nine2001. All messages and e-mails will be answered.

DAYTON ANDREWS DODGE

M-F 8:30-8:30 • Sat. 8:30 to 6:30 • Sun. 12 to 6
Family Owned 5 Star Dealer
22nd Ave. & U.S. 19 North
St. Petersburg 727-321-0500

2002 Dodge Neon	2002 Dodge Intrepid	2002 Dodge Caravan Sport
\$149.00	\$239.00	\$269.00
per month with approved credit	per month with approved credit	per month with approved credit
Based on 720 Beacon 60 mos. with tax, tag, title and dealer fees down.	Selling Price reduced from \$15,995 to \$11,995.	Selling Price reduced from \$19,995 to \$15,995.
Selling Price of Car reduced from \$11,995 to \$7,999.	Based on 720 Beacon 60 mos. with tax, tag, title and dealer fees down.	Based on 720 Beacon 72 mos. with tax, tag, title and dealer fees down.
4 to choose, all have remainder of factory warranty.	Remainder of factory warranty	Remainder of factory warranty
List Price \$11,995	List Price \$15,995	List Price \$19,995
Minimum Trade \$4,000	Minimum Trade \$4,000	Minimum Trade \$4,000
\$7,995	\$11,995	\$15,995

JANUARY BLOW-OUT SALE
HUGE DISCOUNTS \$2,000 TO \$5,000
THIS WEEK ONLY!
Expires 1-31-03



THIS & THAT

(823-6092)

by Mabel Cooper

RESOLUTIONS

No one will ever get out of this world alive. Resolve therefore in this year to maintain a sense of values.

Take care of yourself. Good health is everyone's major source of wealth. Without it, happiness is almost impossible. Resolve to be cheerful and helpful. People will pay you in kind.

Avoid angry, abrasive persons. They are generally vengeful. Avoid zealots. They are generally humorless.

Resolve to listen more and talk less. No one ever learns anything by talking.

Be chary of giving advice. Wise men don't need it, and fools won't heed it.

Resolve to be tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and the wrong. Some time in life you will have been all of these.

Do not equate money with success. There are many successful money-makers who are miserable failures as human beings. What counts most about success is how a man achieves it.

Resolve to love someone this year you didn't love last year.

Speak and talk to someone this year you didn't speak and talk to last year.

Love is the most enriching ingredient of life.

DIET DISINTEGRATORS

Well, we're three weeks into 2003, and we can now say that it's all over. About now you're probably getting guilt feelings for all those luscious goodies you've been glomming down after the gallons of rich egg nog and cheers consumed. The horrible dawn hours you've been keeping and the constant going on a social

merry-go-round you've been engaged in. Honestly, now, don't you appreciate everything getting back to normal? I do. No kidding - I'm pooped! When those post-holiday "wearies" set in, there's nothing better to revive the spirit and the body than a trek some place on a vacation. Try it...I am thinking about it seriously.

AND NOW, A BIT OF HUMOR SVEN & OLE

Von day 'Sven' was walking down da street ven who did he see driving a brand new Chevrolet? It was Ole. Ole pulled up to him vit a vide smile.

Ole, vere did you get dat car?" Sven asked.

"Lena gave it to me."

"She give it to you? I knew she vas sweet on you, but dis?"

"Vell, let me tell you vat happened. Ve vere driving out on County Road 6 in da middle of novere. Lena pulled off da road into the woods. She parked, got out of da car, trew off all of her clothes and said, 'Ole take vatever you vant.' So I took the car."

"Ole, you're a smart man. Dem clothes never woulda fit you."

Two women are walking down the street one day when they find a compact on the ground. One of them picks it up, opens it and looks into the mirror. "Hey, this picture looks kind of familiar," she says. The other woman grabs the compact, looks into the mirror and says, "You idiot, that's me!"

STAY LOOSE!

There Is A Reason To Read The Weekly Challenger!

Gordon Photography & Video
www.gpvweddings.com
wedding packages from \$399
Transfer Photos to Video
Get A FREE CD!
Why pay high prices when you can get professional quality at economical prices
office: 813-231-0931
toll free: 866-231-0931

SAM'S BEAUTY SALON

3600 - 18th Avenue South
St. Petersburg, FL
(727) 322-0024 • Cell (727) 542-2189

Ask for Tony
20 years experience in Hair Care
as Barber and Beautician
SAM'S BEAUTY SALON



SERENDIPITY

by Hugh Clay Paulk

Isn't That Interesting?
I Didn't Know That!

Q. What is "the most remarkable restaurant in the entire world?"

A. Bern's Steak House, in Tampa, Florida. Weekly Planet, 12-25/12-31 02. (Sara Kennedy, quoting John Mariani, The New York Times critic).

Q. Who was the first winner of the Kennedy Center Mark Twain Prize for American Humor?

A. Richard Pryor. In making the award, Kennedy Center President Lawrence J. Wilker said, "As a stand-up comic, writer, and actor, he struck a chord, and a nerve, with America, forcing it to look at large social questions of race and the more tragicomic aspects of the human condition. Though uncompromising in his wit, Pryor, like Twain, projects a generosity of spirit that unites us.... They were both trenchant social critics who spoke the truth, however outrageous."

Q. Who has won the prize subsequently?

A. The second recipient was Jonathan Winters. Carl Reiner received the prize in 2000, and Whoopi Goldberg in 2001. The latest was Bob Newhart.

Q. Who was the only comedian on Billboard's 100 Most Popular Albums of the past 40 years?

A. Bob Newhart. When Billboard issued their 100 Most Popular Albums of the past 40 years, Bob was not only the only comedian on the list, but he came in at #20, besting some of the greatest recording talents, like the Beatles, Mariah Carey, Whitney Houston, Elvis Presley and many more. So the television networks, always in need of the largest possible audiences, looked to Bob Newhart to supply them. His first series was a variety show, and it won the coveted Peabody Award and an Emmy.

Q. Whom did Bob Newhart say was the best comedian of the past fifty years?

A. Richard Pryor. Q. What is the best opening line if you want to meet somebody?

A. Saying "Hello."

Q. What is the best thing to say when you receive a compliment?

A. "Thank you." It is so simple. It is so obvious. But it is so rare. Many people feel they must say something, and embarrass themselves. Just say those two words and stop. Also, it doesn't hurt to smile and mean it.

Q. If you wear seatbelts do you need airbags?

A. Yes. Deaths in airbag-equipped cars are 12 percent lower among driv-

ers using their belts and 9 percent lower among passengers with belts, compared with deaths in vehicles without airbags. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, more than 6,200 people are alive as of November 2000 because of their airbags. Driver deaths are being reduced by about 14 percent. Passenger airbags are reducing deaths by about 11 percent.

Q. As of September, 1997, what percent of the small denomination bills in the Chicago area was tainted with cocaine?

A. 78%. (Chicago Tribune, Ted Gregory)

Q. According to the Census Bureau, single women over the age of 15 now represent what percent of the female population?

A. 48 percent.

Q. What percent of Americans feel they have a book in them - and that they should write it?

A. 81%, according to Joseph Epstein. He added, "As the author of 14 books, with a 15th to be published next spring, I'd like to use this space to do what I can to discourage them." (The New York Times, 9/28/02)

Q. What percent of all unsolicited manuscripts submitted to traditional book publishers is rejected?

A. 98%.

Q. The Wall Street Journal reports on the latest wonder drug that lowers your chance of heart disease. What is it?

A. Beer. According to various studies beer can, among other benefits, increase your good cholesterol by up to 20 percent. The key is to drink the stuff in moderation. That means two beers per day for guys and one per day for women. (Slate 8/13/02 Eric Umansky)

Q. After I moved into my new home, a Greek friend asked me how I was doing. "Couldn't be better," I said. "You must be sleeping with your head pointed toward the north," he said. He was correct, but I was not doing it intentionally. (Regardless, that's better than hearing him ask if slept with my pointed head in that direction.) A man I know says, only semiautistically, "Position is everything in life."

Does a person really benefit by sleeping in that position?

A. Charles Dickens thought so. He said it made him a better writer. It must have worked. He was a pretty good writer.

Local NAACP Celebrates Emancipation Proclamation



Darryl Rouson, NAACP President and Karen Brown Dunlap, Keynote Speaker

ST. PETERSBURG — The St. Petersburg Branch NAACP celebrated the Emancipation Proclamation and the Installation of the newly elected officers Sunday, January 12, 2003.

The service was held at McCabe United Methodist Church, with the newly appointed board member of the St. Petersburg Times, Mrs. Karen Brown-Dunlap as speaker. Dr. Arnett Smith presided for this event, delivering several history lessons throughout the evening.

Mrs. Dunlap spoke about how the NAACP has made a difference in her early education, how Thurgood Marshall and other members of the NAACP touched her life. She spoke about the freedom for all US citizens are under fire in the way many of them have not known: post terrorist attack, pre-war uncertainty.

She issued three suggestions to the community:

1. There is a decline of freedom in this nation, due in part to terrorist acts and technology. We have less privacy, more regulations, and more personal intrusions. These are justified and real, but offer avenues of misuse.

2. We live in an environment for greater repression of certain groups. If we have an attack by people of Middle Eastern descent, we might find that interment didn't end with Japanese, repression didn't end with Jews in Germany, and enslavement didn't end with the Emancipation Proclamation.

3. We should maintain a continued pushed for justice in our schools and communities. We have much to celebrate: a measurement to those who do right and an example for

Peterman
from pg. 1

ond term in office, was called to pastor this small congregation after he began his plans to start a church. At the invitation of its pastor, Peterman, a St. Petersburg native, had been preaching to them whenever their pastor was out of town. When the pastor was called to a church in another city, the congregation unanimously called Peterman. At 6:00 p.m. Sunday February 2, Rev. Peterman will be installed as pastor of a small congregation, whose church will eventually be



The new Thurgood Marshall stamp was unveiled at the meeting L-R: Darryl Rouson, Rev. Dwayne Craig, Sue Harton, Karen Brown-Dunlap and Linda Hardaway Watkins



Newly elected officers and executive committee of the St. Petersburg Branch NAACP - Front Row, L-R: Darryl Rouson, Trenia Cox, Juliette Warnke, Emma Watts, Herb Snitzer, Brenda Nelson, Linda Hardaway Watkins and Ernest Fillyau; 2nd Row, L-R: Lonnie Donaldson, Ed Van, Cassandra Jackson, Benaiah Edwards, Mittie Pounds, Mary Calloway, Jessie Wells; 3rd Row, L-R: Harry Harvey, Vincent Edwards, William McClendon, Dr. Arnett Smith, Ruth William Johnson, Mamie Rogers and Rev. Corey Waters

those who do right and example for those who would deny justice.

She challenged the St. Petersburg Branch of the NAACP: Don't forget to run the distance, you've got to be prepared. Training is remembering past strategies; learning from the ancestors and the young; learning from books and literature, classes and reading, and knowing what's going on - be prepared. Explore different routes, and take the next step.

Youth Council president, Benaiah Edwards recited the Emancipation Proclamation, with a standing ovation.

Minister Corey Waters lifted up the name of Jesus with a very powerful prayer, followed by the reading of the scripture by Evangelist Juliette Warnke, Councilwoman Rene Flowers stirred the congregation with a very powerful greeting.

The officers were installed by the state assistant treasurer Mrs. Melinda Poole.

Susan Harton, of the United States Postal Service, read the history of the Black Heritage Stamp dedication before revealing the new Thurgood Marshall

known as the Rock Of Jesus Missionary Baptist Church, during a ceremony at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 4201 Sixth Street South. The congregation is presently having 8:00 a.m. services at the church.

His mother, Rev. Peggy M. Peterman is the assistant pastor. Both were ordained months ago. Peterman is married to the former June Kicklighter, an Eckerd pharmacist. They have four children, ranging in age from 3 months to 11 years old.

For Your
Reading
PleasureSyndicated
feature column

by Valder Beebe

Every Day I Pray: Prayers for Awakening to the Grace of Inner Communion

by Iyanla Vanzant, Christina Lessa (Photographer)
Publisher: Fireside - October 2002

If you have ever thought your prayers were fruitless, read Iyanla Vanzant prayer journal *Every Day I Pray: Prayers for Awakening to the Grace of Inner Communion*. See how prayer changed Iyanla's life. She states "Prayer is 'an inner communion with the divine' and should be 'as natural as breathing.'" Iyanla Vanzant.

Iyanla's communication with GOD is everyday and ordinary with extraordinary results. Her life (as many others) are the reason for prayer, a reason for what GOD can do by taking the ordinary person and making extraordinary human beings.



Iyanla's desire for the continuing divine presence is her life is zealous. She shows anyone who thinks prayer is 'old fashion or does not work,' you simply must 'be patient and wait upon GOD. A 2002 favorite for inspiration and motivation daily. (5 of 5)

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."

The Weekly Challenger thanks our sponsors for the I.M.P.R.E.S.S. program - Edward White Hospital and AmSouth Bank. Their contributions allowed 12 Pinellas County students to showcase their writing talents.

The New 22nd Street South Musical!



Book by: Bob Devin Jones • Lyrics by: Bob Devin Jones & Michele Lamar Richards • Music by: Michele Lamar Richards & Danny Hamilton • Conceived and Directed by: Bob Devin Jones & Bill Leavengood • Choreography by: Paulette Walker Johnson
Musical Direction by: Rick Steuart

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

ticketmaster

(727) 898-2100 or The Coliseum (727) 892-5202

February 20, 21, 22, 27, 28 & March 1 at 8pm
February 22, 23 & March 1 & 2 at 2pm

The Coliseum Ballroom • 535 Fourth Avenue North
St. Petersburg, FL • Co-sponsored by the City of St. Petersburg

UNITED TRUST
COMPANY

St. Petersburg Times
tampabay.com



TIME WARNER
COMMUNICATIONS



CARLTON FIELDS
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

CLEARCHANNEL
OUTDOOR

The Sembler Company

On January 19, 1969, UCLA renamed its social science buildings to honor alumnus Ralph Bunche.

NEWS DEADLINE IS 4:00 P.M. MONDAY

USF Black History Month Events

TAMPA - The following events will take place at the University of South Florida during February 2003, under their "Black Emphasis Month" series. This listing does not include the university's academic calendar, which can be obtained by calling (813) 974-2000. Unless otherwise indicated, all events are free and open to the public. For clarification about any event, call (813) 974-4014.

February 2

Alpha Phi Alpha / Gospel Explosion. Call (813) 974-9089.

February 3

"Taste of Soul" African Attire Day, Devil Rays Blood Drive Martin Luther King Plaza. Call (813) 974-9089.

February 4

McNair Program, brown bag lunch, from 12 to 2 p.m. Call (813) 974-9089.

Delatorri McNeal "Achieving Greatness" 7 p.m., Phyllis P. Delatorri's message cuts through the dogma of race, ethnicity, socio-economic status and religion and gets to the heart of the human spirit. Marshall Ballroom, Room 271. Call (813) 974-9089.

February 5

Prayer Breakfast, Phyllis P. Marshall Ballroom. Call (813) 974-9089.

Lecture-Professor Kennedy McLou. Call (813) 974-9089.

February 6

Lecture: Randall Kennedy Jr. "America's Most Famous Derogatory Word." Harvard Law Professor Kennedy is the author of the controversial book "Nigger: The Strange Career of a Troublesome Word," which was published in 2002 and featured in a powerful episode of Fox's Boston Public. In his lecture, Kennedy discusses the profound history of this "troublesome" word in an attempt to further understand the racial dynamics that define American society.

Using the major points of his research, both legal and sociological, Kennedy relates his lessons with sparkling clarity. This is one lecture that everyone who has ever heard the famous "n-word" should attend. Call (813) 974-9089.

Concert - Ja Rule Concert. Call (813) 974-3111.

February 11

Brown Bag: Voting and Politics. 12 to 2 p.m., Phyllis P. Marshall Ballroom. Call (813) 974-9089.

February 12

"The Duece" Jazz Ensemble, 8 p.m. in the Music Recital Hall, room 101. Tickets \$3 and \$4. Call (813) 974-2323.

Michael Blackson - Comedian, 9 p.m. Special Events Center. Call (813) 974-9089.

February 13

Lecture: Dr. Horst Stormer "1998 Nobel Laureate in Physics," at 7 p.m. Stormer, Professor of Physics at Columbia University, and a recipient of the 1998 Nobel Prize in Physics, will present, "Small Wonders: The World of Nano-Science." The 7 p.m. lecture will be preceded by a 6 p.m. reception. Both events are free and open to the public and will be held in the Phyllis P. Marshall Center Ballroom on the USF Tampa campus. Call (813) 558-5437.

February 18

Brown Bag Lunch: Topic Graduate School, 12 to 2 p.m., Phyllis P. Marshall Center, Room 271. Call (813) 974-9089.

Lecture: David Groenfeldt "Cultural Therapy: How Indigenous Societies can Survive Globalization." 7 p.m., Phyllis P. Marshall Center, Room 271. With 18 years' experience in water resources development research, analysis, design, implementation, evaluation and training, Groenfeldt is an independent consultant who has recently worked on projects with the World Bank. Some of his projects deal with irrigation issues, poverty reduction, and community workshops on how agriculture can better support cultural goals of the community for the Association of Navajo Natural Resources Professionals. Call (813) 974-9089.

February 19

Black Business Expo, 3 p.m. Call (813) 974-9089.

February 23

Farrakhan, First Baptist Church Service, 1 p.m. Sun Dome. Call (813) 974-9089.

February 24

Brown Bag Lunch - African Diaspora: Black Like Me? 12 to 2 p.m., Marshall Center, Room 271. Call (813) 974-9089. Monday Night Jazz Series, featuring USF Jazz Ensemble I (Wine tasting event at 6:30 p.m.), 8 p.m. Theatre II. Tickets \$5 and \$10. Call (813) 974-2323.

February 26

Leadership Luncheon. Call (813) 974-9089.

Hospice Offers Volunteer Orientations

LARGO - The Hospice of the Florida Suncoast will offer several volunteer orientation classes in February, March and April for individuals interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities with the organization. The Hospice volunteer orientation trainings scheduled include:

- Thurs., Feb. 20, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m., at The Hospice's main community service center, 300 East Bay Drive, Largo

- Tues., April 8, 9 a.m. - noon, at The Hospice's main community service center, 300 East Bay Drive, Largo

- Tues., March 4, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m., at The Hospice's central community service center, 11701 S. Belcher Rd., Suite 130, Largo

- Tues., June 10, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m., at The Hospice's central community service

center, 11701 S. Belcher Rd., Suite 130, Largo

- Thurs., March 13, 9 a.m. - noon, at The Hospice's south community service center, 5639 49th St. N., St. Petersburg

- Tues., March 4, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m., at The Hospice's north community service center, 2675 Tampa Rd., Palm Harbor

Volunteer opportunities include: patient/family support, thrift shop staffing, providing bereavement support, working with computers, office assistance, community outreach and providing support at special events. Some of these opportunities may require training sessions beyond orientation. To register for an orientation class or for more information, please call Kathy Roble, director of volunteer services, (727) 586-4432.

Area Youth Qualifies for Junior Olympics

TARPON SPRINGS - David Sprecher, son of Bob and Kathy Sprecher of Tarpon Springs, Florida has qualified for the Junior Olympics by winning Three Position Smallbore (22 caliber) Rifle and International Air Rifle.

Sprecher will now compete at the National Junior Olympic Championships this April at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. Sprecher, 16, won both gold medals at the Florida State Shooting Association (FSSA)/USA Shooting State Qualification match held in Orlando this past weekend.

At the same competition, Curtis Gagne, 15, son of Bill and Lois Gagne of Largo, Florida, won a silver medal in the International Air Rifle match and a bronze medal in the Three Position Smallbore competitions.

"There are several disciplines in the Junior Olympics," team coach, Bill Gagne explains. "The State competition is extremely rigorous and I am very proud of our team and how

well they did." In Florida, only seven shooters qualified to attend the Junior Olympics. Disciplines include men's Three-Position Smallbore, women's Three Position Smallbore, men's International Air Rifle, women's International Air Rifle, men's Free Pistol and women's Sporter Pistol and Air Pistol for both men and women.

The Junior Olympics is a precursor to the Olympic competition. The competition is based on age and score. Junior Olympics are for ages 13 through 20. Many colleges and universities offer scholarships for target shooting. Such shooting teams include: University of Alaska-Fairbanks, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, The Citadel, North Carolina State University-Raleigh, University of Kentucky, and Xavier University.

The Wyoming Antelope Club (WAC) located in Pinellas Park; Florida at 3700 126th Ave North hosts the shooting team.



Give Your Paycheck A Boost!

PINELLAS COUNTY - Did you work in 2002? You may be eligible for two federal income tax credits, the EIC (Earned Income Credit) and Child Tax Credit. If so, you'll owe less in taxes, or even get cash back if you don't owe taxes.

You are eligible for the EIC if in 2002:

1. You lived with one child and your family earned less than \$29,201.00;
2. You lived with two or more children and your family earned less than \$33,178.00;
3. You are between the ages of 25 and 64, had no children living with you, and you earned less than \$11,060.00.

Eligibility for the Child Tax Credit has expanded and more families may now qualify for up to \$600 for each dependent child under age 17.

For information on these tax credits and free help in filing your taxes, call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040, or log on to their website at www.irs.gov.

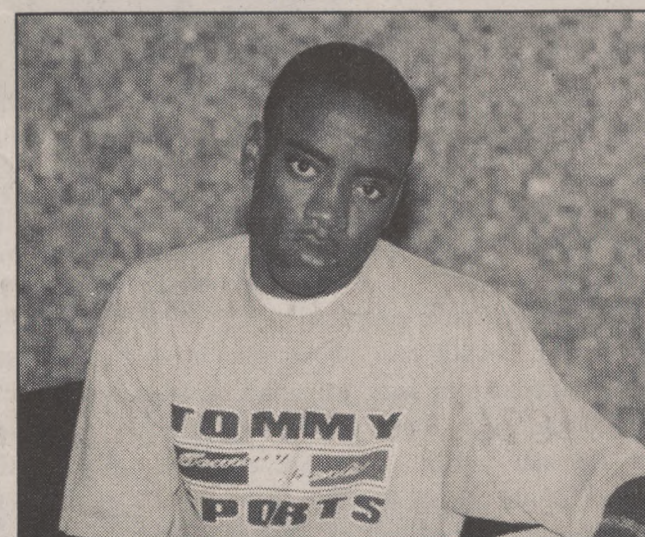
Additional information also can be obtained by contacting Kathy Helmuth, director of communications, Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County, 727-547-5677, or e-mail: khelmuth@jwbpinellas.org.



Demetri Stamas, a winner in last year's Black History Essay Contest



Mirela Setkic, one of the winners of last year's Black History Essay Contest



Orane Allen, one of the students profiled as a Student Athlete of the Month

Luncheon from pg. 1

audience the importance of keeping positive news circulating in the African-American community, a legacy for *The Challenger* that began with Johnson. For McIntosh, however, the purpose of the paper has expanded. "[*The Challenger*] should not just report on positive news, but stimulate it...," he explained last Friday.

IMPRESS is a program that will continue to be carried out on the principal of encouraging positive news. What exactly does the acronym stand for? The meaning lies in: Influence through re-living history, Model positive peer pressure, Promote peer role models, Raise awareness, Encourage learning, Support personal development, and Stimulate involvement. *The Challenger*, in making IMPRESS a persistent goal, hopes to particularly focus on youth.

"When you change the way a youth looks at his or her life, when you change how a youth sees opportunities, when you change the mindset of youth - you change the perspective of generations to come," said McIntosh. As a renewed focus of *The Challenger*, the paper has increased its circulation throughout the school system to now include Boca Ciega High School, South Side Fundamental Middle School, St. Petersburg High School, Academy Prep, and Bay Point Middle School. These schools add to the

circulation that originally only Gibbs High School, Melrose Elementary and John Hopkins Middle School provided. Such a surge throughout the school system is one that may be unprecedented by a weekly African-American community newspaper.

In the past year, *The Challenger* has sought to recognize outstanding youth, adding features such as "Where Would We Be Without?", "Did You Know?", "You Inspire Me" and "Student Athletes of the Month", to add to an already successful debut of *The Challenger's* own "Black History Essay Contest." The IMPRESS luncheon on Friday served to acknowledge those youth who won the contest, as well as those who were featured. Parents, teachers, and principals were also there in support.

For the 2002 Black History Essay Contest, congratulations went out to: Demetri Stamas, Destynne Burkes, John Nathan Graham, Scott Turner, Brandon Little, Louisa Powell, Jasmine Jones, Chase Lewellen, Jenna Lang, Sharalene Burns, Mirela Setkic, and Stacie Bray. Students chosen to be profiled in the "You Inspire Me" series, and acknowledged were: Louisa Powell, Celena Walton, Theodis "Theo" Wilson, and Nakita Moody. The "Student Athletes of the Month" included: Orane Allen, Kerry Allen, Shane Washington, and Jerica Coley.

Like many of the

Challenger owner Ethel Johnson and long-time Challenger carrier, Brenda Harris

proud supporters there that afternoon, one school principal was particularly pleased by the ceremonies. Linda Benware, principal of junior Louisa Powell at St. Petersburg High School, remarked, "Louisa is an outstanding contributor to the environment at [our school]." Powell's English teacher, Elizabeth Alston, also agreed, adding, "There's just nowhere but up for Louisa." Thrilled parents Roosevelt and Bettie Powell looked on as the praises spilled.

Without whom *The Challenger's* renewed energy would have been difficult were some of its most steadfast supporters - the corporate sponsors. After acknowledging the young achievers, McIntosh proceeded to recognize the various businesses throughout the Bay area that have helped keep *The Challenger* aiming towards its goals. With their help, this publication has been able to reach out to the youth, providing college scholarships and internship opportunities. These sponsors included

the providers of IMPRESS's luncheon meal, American Sunday Plate, as well as: St. Petersburg College, Wachovia, Republic Bank, Renaissance Vinoy, SouthTrust Bank, Florida Power, AmSouth Bank, Edward White Hospital, GPM, Inc., Tampa Bay Devil Rays, Verizon, Pinellas County Education Foundation, and Badcock Home Furnishings, a diamond sponsor.

Dr. Carl Kuttler, president of SPC, told the audience, "I want to speak to the hearts and souls of you..." Relaying a story of his immigrant father's success in America, and the values it inspired, Kuttler remarked, "Little did my parents ever dream that I could become a college president, but in this country, you can do a lot of things, no matter what your color skin, your background, your heritage..." Encouraged by the goals set by *The Challenger*, and the spirit of community involvement, Kuttler added, "We're a very proud sponsor."

Please Support Our Paper by Patronizing Our Advertisers



PROFESSIONAL HAIR CARE PRODUCTS
You Can Find These Products At These Locations:



CARLA'S HAIR AFFAIR
321-6802
TODAY'S HAIR
323-9445
ANGELA'S HAIR SAFARI
323-4840
C & C HAIR DESIGN
447-3090

TOTAL PERFECTION
321-5545
L'ORKEL'S HAIR DESIGN
327-3354
ROBERT'S HAIR SALON
866-7070

ZA-LAVAR'S
321-1930
CENTER STAGE UNISEX SALON
327-4074
A PRECIOUS TOUCH
321-8146
MEME'S BEAUTY
322-1712

The Weekly Challenger thanks Badcock Furniture, the Verizon Foundation, and the Tampa Bay D-Rays for their contributions to the I.M.P.R.E.S.S. program - benefiting the youth of our communities.

*The Mercy Community Advisory Group
in partnership with
the Johnnie Ruth Clarke Health Center,
The City Of St. Petersburg and
Bayfront Medical Center*

*Cordially invites our community
to the Groundbreaking Ceremony
for the new Johnnie Ruth Clarke Health Center
at the historic Mercy Hospital Campus*

*Saturday, February 1, 2003
at 11:00 a.m.*

*the 1300 block of 22nd Street South, St. Petersburg
(Historic Mercy Hospital site)*

*J*oin us in this historic occasion as we pay tribute to our
community's medical heritage and celebrate a new beginning
and location for the Johnnie Ruth Clarke Health Center.

Come learn more about Johnnie Ruth Clarke Health Center's
plans for expanded services, community partners and how you can
be a part of the center's future. For more information on
the groundbreaking, call Johnnie Ruth Clarke Health Center
at (727) 822-0664.



RAMBLING

"Yesterday has gone, forget it. Today is here, use it. Tomorrow may not come, so don't wait on it."

896-2152
by Charles Howard

MORE UNIQUE WAYS TO MAKE MONEY

The Enterprises reported in these three volumes can be classified into one of the following categories:

- 1) Service (business or personal)
- 2) Natural resources
- 3) Manufacturing
- 4) Sales
- 5) Construction
- 6) Creative and/or technical

Take your time about looking over the hundreds of business reports. All of them are based on actual profit-making enterprises. Make a list of any which strike you as being your favorite type of business. Let your imagination work with the ideas. You might be able to create your own successful version of any one of these ideas. Most people are so busy worrying over the money they don't have that they never stop to think constructively

about the thousands of opportunities just waiting to be turned into profitable ventures. No matter what your skills or where you live, there is bound to be an idea in this volume which can be adopted to your situation. So dig in! We're excited about unique ways to make money and think you will be, too.

CHOOSING THE RIGHT BUSINESS

When you put all of the following considerations together and evaluate them, you will have a better understanding of yourself and what direction to take when choosing the right business for yourself.

- 1) List your skills and abilities - Can you work with your hands? Type? Put things together? Sew? Do repair work of any kind? Can you sell? Do you get along with children?

2) Consider your interests and hobbies - What do you do in your leisure time? Many a hobby has turned into a profitable second income.

3) Decide how much you want to make - Enough to supplement your regular income? P. money? A million dollars? Your profit goal will have a direct bearing on the type of business you go into. Not everyone wants to be rich. Some people are content just to support themselves in the style they enjoy without hassle. Others have a compulsion to be rich - to have a lot of material things and enjoy all things money can buy.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Kathryn Davis, Mel-vee Chance, Otis (Chuck) Mack, Jr., Zack Graham, Jr., Candee Fowler, Melvin Edwards, Bertha Lily, Paul Henry, Amos Reece, Sr., Carol Donaldson and Mary Peterson.

A wise man will desire no more than what he may get justly, use soberly, distribute cheerfully and leave contentedly.
(Benjamin Franklin)

UNTIL NEXT WEEK,
JUMP TO IT!

The Weekly Challenger thanks Badcock Furniture, the Verizon Foundation, and the Tampa Bay D-Rays for their contributions benefiting students at John Hopkins Middle, Gibbs High, Boca Ciega High, St. Petersburg High, and Academy Prep.

Mahaffey!

Bayfront Center's Mahaffey Theater for the Performing Arts in Downtown St. Petersburg

2002-2003
SEASON

Noteworthy Series



Dianne Reeves

Friday, January 31, 2003 at 8 pm
\$32 and \$28

Dianne Reeves was clearly born of jazz. But music, she feels, should have "no boundaries," so her singing draws upon a world of influences: Africa, Brazil, the Caribbean; gospel and R&B, classic and contemporary jazz. A Blue Note/EMI recording artist since 1987 (eleven albums to date), she has earned a recent Grammy win and multiple nominations.



Box Office: (727) 892-5767

Group Sales: (727) 892-5791

(813) 287-8844

A surcharge may apply to non-members.

St. Petersburg
Times
tampabay.com

Bayfront Center, 400 First St. S., St. Petersburg, FL 33701
www.stpete.org/mahaffey.htm

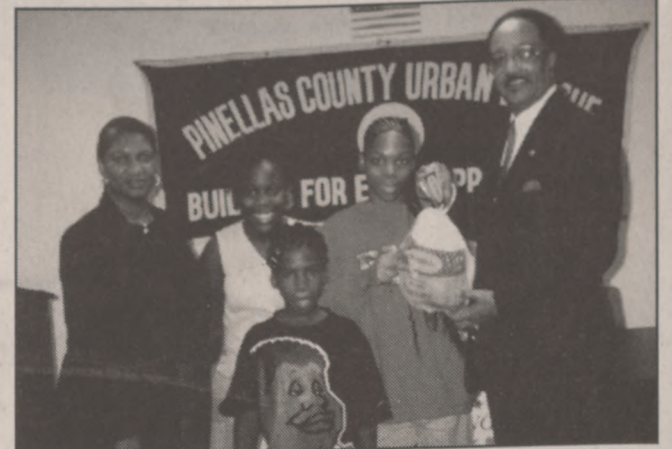
PCUL Donates Turkeys and Grants Christmas Wishes



Kellie Brown and Lillie Collins-Philogene



L-R: Lillie Collins-Philogene, Kellie Brown and James O. Simmons



L-R: Lillie Collins-Philogene, Shatonda Smith, Jaques Smith, Kendashia Smith and James O. Simmons

ST. PETERSBURG - On December 23, 2002, the Pinellas County Urban League donated turkeys to each family of students enrolled in the League's Project Success Alternative School. This is an annual Christmas event that was held at the Pinellas County Urban League headquarters located at 333 - 31st Street N., St. Petersburg.

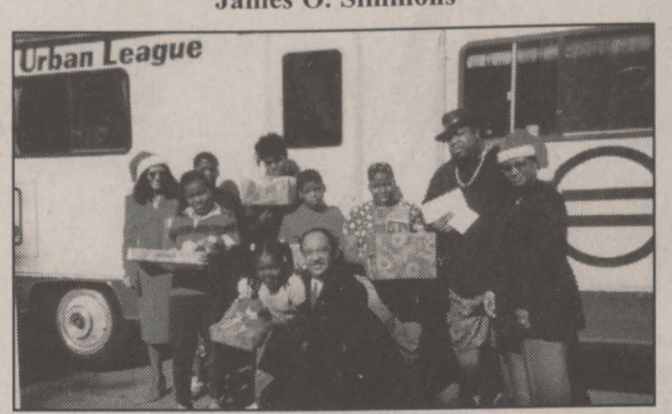
The agency also adopted the family of Frank Robinson, a Project Success student, to grant each family member their Christmas wishes. Tracey Whitehead, the mother of Frank Robinson, Kendrick



L-R: Lillie Collins-Philogene, Maryse Pullard, June Barnett, Scott Reese, Charles Montgomery, Beverly Howard and James O. Simmons

Robinson, Gary Robinson, Frank Robinson, Donesha Robinson and Dontrece Robinson were the recipients of clothes, toys and a turkey with all the trim-

mings presented by James O. Simmons, President and CEO of the Pinellas County Urban League, Lillie Collins Philogene, Program Coordinator of Proj-



Standing L-R: Linda Ali, Donesha, Kendrick, Frank W., Donald, Lillie Collins-Philogene; Kneeling: Dontrece and James O. Simmons

ect Success, and Linda Ali, Administrative Assistant to Mr. Simmons, who assisted with the presentations.

The Pinellas County Urban League takes pleasure in serving the commu-

nity through their many programs.

For more information about Project Success, please contact Lillie Collins Philogene at (727) 323-8676.

Sullivan

from pg. 1

great potential and is already a wonderful and bright star. With such a small body she knows how to maneuver through those bars.

Although Ashley enjoys gymnastics, she knows school work is extremely important as well. Consequently, it is no sur-

prise that she is a honor roll student, member of the National Achievers St. Petersburg College. Ashley hopes to one day be a Veterinarian, after she has realized her dream of being a part of the Olympic team.

Ashley warms-up by doing some stretches and bends. She then go on to practice her next routine. Ashley is very shy but when she gets around a

group of people she warms up.

Prior to graduating to level 8, Ashley finished the 2002 season with a bang in level 7. She was the level 7 Gymnastic State Champion on Vault and Floor Exercise, and placed 2nd as All-Around in the State of Florida. In her first competition of the year in level 8, a few weeks back, she finished 3rd All-Around.

As a testimony to her grit, despite a couple mishaps this past Saturday, she still placed high throughout the entire event. With the help from her parents, coaches and fans she may just be the next great African-American gymnast.

If you would like to join *The Weekly Challenger* as a sponsor in helping this talented athlete from our community reach her

dream, she and her family are soliciting help for their rigorous training, for items and activities like training, booster club, competition, uniform, travel, and Jr. Olympic fees. If you are in a position to provide support, even in a small way, please call Anthony or Marshal Sullivan, at 723-823-2759.

Breakfast

from pg. 1

sequel *Trois 2: Pandora's Box* has already eclipsed a million dollars at the box office, and Lockdown will be opening in early 2003. He was recently named one of the "Up and Coming Black Power Brokers" in Hollywood. He's St. Petersburg's own Will Packer, Jr., now living in Atlanta, GA.

Packer's address was timely spliced with humor, but his message was clear and dramatic. He admonished, "this community can only move forward when we as individuals prosper." To that end, Packer provided his top five things to make the King Holiday "a day on and not a day off."

Starting with number five, he said, "get caught up with world events," and warned that while many may believe being aware of world events won't impact their paycheck today, or even tomorrow, it will

down the road. As world events occur, they impact the economy. Depending upon how well a corporation maintains awareness and readiness for challenging economic conditions, your future paycheck as an employee of that corporation could be affected negatively.

Number four was to "daydream." Packer reminded us it worked for Dr. King, and it can for us as well. He exhorted to dream about change, like "fighting teen pregnancy," or "increasing graduation rates." Do whatever we can to keep our cognitive abilities working hard.

The third thing we can do is "anything positive." "Accomplishing something is better than accomplishing nothing at all." Packer said a remedy to the world's ills starts in our communities, neighborhoods, and our own home.

Number two gives us an example of how those changes can occur. Packer

said, "Talk to your children, talk to your grandchildren. Talk to someone else's children." Don't let the XBOX, or the internet replace familial communication. He reminded us, there is a reason why the activity in the box in our living rooms, dens, and bedrooms, is called television "programming." He warned we are being manipulated by the images and content displayed.

Lastly, the number one thing to do to make the King Holiday "a day on, not a day off," was to "help today's dreamers strive for their dreams, and realize that they are possible." Though he acknowledged that many of our youth want to emulate Hip Hop artists, and athletes, he advised that they should have contingency plans to realize their goals. His advice to the older ones was to not shoot down their goals, for dreams at times do seem impossible to attain. He reminded us of

Dr. King's dreams of Black economic empowerment and equality, as he certainly was thought of as being crazy at the time. Yet today, the economic power that Blacks as a race have achieved are due to the efforts Dr. King and those that believed and supported him. Packer again encouraged us not to "down this generation," referring to our youth, but direct, guide and form them. Help them to realize that knowledge is truly power. He cited a closing illustration in which a city was without lights, with no one in sight to provide an answer. Along comes a gentleman who climbs up a ladder, taps a utility wire, and the lights come on. After receiving the hefty bill of \$10,000, the mayor requested an itemization of the amount. The returning note was short and to the point, "Climbing the ladder, and tapping the wire, \$5.00, knowing where to tap, \$9,995.00."

Packer's delivery was spirited, inspirational, and pointed. The audience's standing ovation was a testimony to just how much his words were appreciated. St. Petersburg truly has another star they can be proud of, though Mayor Baker in a later address made it very clear that his goal is to have Packer again make St. Petersburg his home. City Council member Rene Flowers echoed the desire from the floor.

Several awards were presented at the breakfast,

all exemplifying leadership in one capacity or another.

Mrs. Dorothy Gilliam, the founder and now retiring President of 13th Street Heights Neighborhood Association received the Humanitarian Award.

Ms. Tikisha McRae, a 4.333 GPA student in the medical magnet program at Boca Ciega High School, was the recipient of the Verdyia Dennard Robinson Scholarship.

Mr. Christopher Browne, with a 3.142 unweighted GPA in the St. Petersburg High School IB program received the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship.

Five Precious Jewels, junior women of the NCNW Council received scholarships for books from Verizon's First Annual Doug Jamerson Scholarship. They were Tikisha McRae, Aliya Flanagan, Erika Holden, Nikkia Ganey, and Rashan Williams.

Lastly, the Faith Based Award was presented to Louis Murphy and the Mt. Zion Progressive Baptist Church for having the largest contingency at the Awards Breakfast in 2002.

After closing remarks from Dianne Speights, Shirley J. Thornton again led an audience united with hands clasped in a show of unity through the closing song, "We Shall Overcome." Fr. Callist Nyambo, pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church closed the morning with the Benediction.

**MID PENINSULA SEAFOOD
MARKET & RESTAURANT**

400 - 49th St South
St. Petersburg, FL
327-8309
328-8309
Mon.-Sat. 11 AM to 9 PM
Sunday ... Gone Fishin'!

WHERE THE LOCALS BUY ... FOR OVER 21 YEARS

GAME DAY GOURMET

DON'S CONCH SALAD
2.99/4.99/6.99

**SMOKED FISH
SPREAD**
2.99/5.99

**GULF OYSTERS BY
THE BOX**
\$20 / ORDER AHEAD!

Local Soldier Faces Life in the Desert



Air Force Tech. Sgt. Yvette M. Fairrow works in the Qatari desert as a noncommissioned officer in charge of receiving supplies at the new hub of the war on al Qaida.

by John Dendy

AL UDEID AIR BASE, Qatar — In the middle of the stark Qatari plains, nomads herd camels through the desert, alongside burly workers struggling in the oil fields that dot the lunar-like landscape. The daughter of a St. Petersburg woman is now part of a third group found in this tiny Middle Eastern nation.

Air Force Tech. Sgt. Yvette M. Fairrow, daughter of Martha Fairrow, Pinellas Point Drive, St. Petersburg, is a shift-working noncommissioned officer in charge of receiving supplies in this rough air and space camp that is the hub of war on al Qaida. Desert dust never settles while Fairrow talks about sustaining an expedition to the moon-like terrain of Al Udeid. It is a flat land of tumbling tumbleweeds over ancient camel trails. And a runway sized to land the Space Shuttle on.

"We handle all items arriving on base. My job is to make sure the correct item is delivered to the correct customer," said the 1987 graduate of Lakewood High School. "We handle over 1,000 pieces of property a week."

Al Udeid is a frontline center of intercontinental fueling, monitoring and cargo operations in the war on al Qaida from Northeast Africa to Southwest Asia. The accents of American, British, French, Belgian, Canadian and Dutch military members are heard throughout the camp. These GIs control all the air traffic in Afghanistan and parts of Pakistan — without radar or satellites. They also fly over the Arabian Sea to gas most of the special operations and bomber planes over Afghanistan.

"Receiving's mission to the expedition is important because people all over the base are waiting on materials," said Fairrow. "We must ensure everything is checked in and processed-out in a timely manner."

The base camp runs with minor local media attention, considering it is just miles from where Qatar's own "the CNN of the Middle East," an Arabic TV network known as Al

Jezeera. By night, Al Udeid's cantina offers familiar beverages, and sports on TV. After work, Fairrow or others fumble in flip-flop shower shoes past desert mice on block-long walks to the camp's bathroom tents in an area that looks like the dark side of the moon.

"Life in Qatar is tough and demanding; but we make the best of it because it's what we joined the military to do," said Fairrow. "We work 12-hour days, but all-in-all, it's not that bad. I've enjoyed 15 years in the military and would do it all over again." Living hidden for security in this rocky hub of hubs and Qatari tumbleweeds definitely offered Fairrow an opportunity to raise some dust in a war. And the unearthly cloud may thin soon. The anti-terrorist caravans just began driving over eight miles of new paved roads. The camp itself is beginning to look and feel less like a lunar expedition in the war.

On January 08, 1867, legislation giving the suffrage to Blacks in the District of Columbia was passed over President Andrew Johnson's veto.

12% of the U.S. population is African American

35% of patients awaiting kidney transplants are African American

lives will be saved if you do nothing

Organ Donation
Only you have the power to save lives.

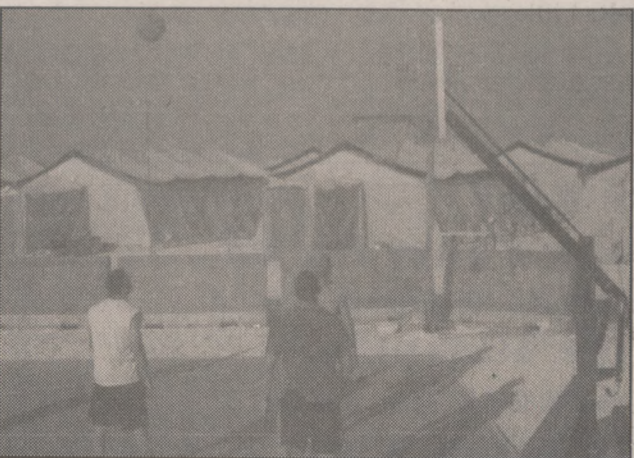
1-866-LETS-GIVE
www.shareyourlife.org

DONATE LIFE

MAGAZINE "WINNERS" | COLOR AND B&W | FULL PAGE | Print Ready | Also available on CD



Camp roads are old dirt tracks where U.S. security patrols rove on all-terrain vehicles through tumbleweeds and barbed wire in the desert.



Airmen burn off energy with a game of hoops where the 'court' is made of metal planking used to land aircraft on.



The Qatari sunset drenches airmen in bright blue and then bright orange in less than 10 minutes. Temperatures drop from 140 to 70 degrees in a matter of minutes.



There's no privacy and no place to go when airmen accept orders to the desert. And it's always a one-block walk from most 'sleeping tents' to 'restroom tents' or 'showering tents.'

Rewards from pg. 1 national level, the competition awards a \$25,000 scholarship to five national finalists. The finalists also travel to the White House to meet the President. Judging the young teens in several categories, the Youth of the Year competition focuses on areas such as home and family life, spiritual values, future goals, and their level of commitment to the Boys & Girls Club. Participants also write essays and interview individually and in front of a panel.

With this in mind, the reception last Saturday evening began by honoring all three finalists, who besides Richardson, included Jeff Albenzio of the Tarpon Springs Club and Michael Boykins of the new Royal Theater Club in St. Petersburg for their efforts. "The Youth of the Year process is an extremely important program . . . teaching youth important life preparation activities, such as poise, setting goals, and public speaking," remarked Carl Lavender, Executive Director of the Suncoast organization. All three of the young men, in turn, had a chance to thank the organization for their time and support.

When Richardson was

announced the winner, he was, as training coach David Ho said, "uncharacteristically speechless." Ho has helped prepare the teen for the rigorous steps involved with the Youth of the Year contest, including perfecting Richardson's public speaking skills. His commitment began last summer with the urging of Jasmine Court director Aaron McGlon; it's one that Ho's grateful for. He quickly became impressed by Richardson's personality and drive. "Really," revealed Ho, "there wasn't a whole lot of work on my part. He worked so hard and has been so beneficial to the Club, it was simply a matter of me keeping him on task and on track."

The son of a single parent, Richardson is no stranger to hard work. The young man is not only a Dean's List student at Tarpon Springs High School, but also serves as Vice President of the Debate Club, sports anchor for the school's morning TV show, and participates with the 500 Role Models club. Richardson's goals are already formed; he plans to attend Penn State University and become a neurosurgeon.

Although Richardson moved to Tarpon Springs several years ago, he

remains dedicated to his roots at the Jasmine Courts Boys & Girls Club, which he has attended for more than 12 years. Every weekday, Richardson travels an hour by bus after school just to participate at the club. Currently, he serves as a Junior Staff member, leads arts and crafts programs, and also mentors other club members through the Goals for Growth program. In addition, Richardson's commitment to community service has grown since joining the Club, he now also runs a "Parent's Night Out" babysitting service for residents of the Jasmine Courts neighborhood, and somehow also finds time to volunteer at Mount Maliya Church and Helen Ellis Hospital in Tarpon Springs.

Richardson's mother, Jacque, is undoubtedly proud of her son's achievements. With her daughter, Tiara, 14, also enrolled in the program, Jacque is grateful for the opportunities the club has provided her children. She particularly notes the changes that the program has brought to Delandis, remarking that he's become "more responsible." Her son acknowledges his change in attitude, admitting that he's come a long way. "The club has inspired me a lot,"

he said thoughtfully.

On hand to congratulate Richardson for his new title was Nakita Moody, 2002's winner. Moody, 15, knows how intense the next few months will be for her friend. Saturday night however, was about doling out praise for her successor. "I'm so proud of him," she said, hugging Richardson several times and grinning. Although he lost out this time, fellow finalist Albenzio, 18, had nothing but praise for his friend as well. Shaking his competitor's hand, Albenzio told him, "Congratulations . . . you deserve this."

While the recent win for Richardson was a great honor, he also knows that the ultimate award, as national Youth of the Year, will require much diligence, patience, and focus. Next up, Richardson will go on in April 2003 to attend the statewide competition in Sarasota. If his hard work and dedication in the past is an indicator, however, Richardson may truly serve as a challenge for his fellow nominees. In a tough competition known for its pressure, Richardson just may be the one to go all the way.

Bank from pg. 1

panded its Los Angeles branch network and increased its lending capabilities. Family Savings Bank brings a powerful lending engine that had recently exceeded its capital capacity, resulting in a loan to deposit ratio last year of over 100 percent. Family's loan products and services coupled with OneUnited Bank's higher lending limit will enable the combined entity to expand its community lending in Los Angeles, Boston and Miami. By combining four banks over the past four years, OneUnited Bank has achieved the critical size and scale necessary to expand access to financial services to urban communities.

"Our mission is to empower urban communities by uniting Black banks on a national level and offering affordable financial services for all," stated Kevin Cohee, Chairman & CEO of OneUnited Bank. "Despite our progress, we still see a proliferation of check cashing outlets in inner city communities, while nearly one-third of the residents do not have bank accounts. We believe all customers, regardless of their account balances, need and deserve affordable access to capital to achieve financial security. Our mission is to meet that need. On this historic day, as we celebrate the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr., we are pleased to announce our progress in creating more equal access to banking services for all."

Eliminating traditional banking costs, the OneUnited Bank Membership Program provides members with access to unlimited checking, savings and money market accounts for a low, flat monthly membership fee. No minimum

balances are required to avoid fees; there are no check cashing or transaction fees. Membership is free for senior citizens, youth and students.

"Family's lending expertise and OneUnited's new Membership Program expand our ability to serve the banking needs of urban communities across the country," said Jheryl Busby, Director of OneUnited Bank, former President of Motown Records and the original architect of the OneUnited Bank and Family Saving's Bank merger. "Our success symbolizes what inner city businesses

and communities can achieve if we unite and share critical resources, management talent, technology and ideas."

About OneUnited Bank

OneUnited Bank (www.oneunited.com) is revolutionizing financial services in urban communities from coast-to-coast by uniquely offering affordable banking services for all and fostering economic growth and individual opportunity. As the first interstate and fastest growing African-American bank in the U.S. with \$500 million in assets and branches in

Massachusetts, Florida and California, OneUnited Bank is the premier banking institution for inner city communities across America. OneUnited Bank is backed by A-list celebrity shareholders, including NBA Hall of Famer turned businessman, Earvin "Magic" Johnson; entertainer, Janet Jackson and music executive Jheryl Busby; and led by Kevin Cohee, Chairman & CEO and Kenneth T. Lombard, Vice Chairman of OneUnited Bank and President of Johnson Development Corporation and Magic Johnson Theaters.

RED'S SNAK SHAK

1701 16th St. S.
St. Petersburg, FL 33712

2
Drumsticks
99¢

COMMUNITY SPECIAL

2 BIG RED CHEESEBURGERS
2 REG ORDERS OF FRIES OR OKRA
1 LARGE SODA
1 REG SHAKE

\$7.99
plus tax
\$11 value

COMMUNITY SPECIAL

10 PCS DARK
10 HOT WINGS
2 REG ORDERS OF FRIES OR OKRA
3 REG SODAS
1 REG SHAKE

\$14.99
plus tax
\$20 value

RELIGIOUS NEWS

Post-King Holiday Tribute at New Philadelphia

In view of the pending threat of war, New Philadelphia will observe a "peace protest" as a post-King holiday tribute to the slain civil rights leader. This service seeks to make Dr. King's legacy of love and peace, a living one.

Last Sunday's celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday was a joyous occasion. Ashon Nesbitt commenced worship with a stirring devotion of praise to Jesus. The Nesbitt family ministered in music to the heartfelt delight of worshippers. Aundrea Gaskin delivered excerpts of the King speech during "March on Washington," to the background music of the FAMU Marching Band.

Mr. James Oliver spiritually mesmerized chil-

dren, youth, young adults, church family and friends with an informative and inspiring presentation of Dr. King's 6 principles of non-violence protest. He sacredly engaged worshippers at the outset by reminding them of the "Divinity" within us. Weaving in Ghandi, King, Mandella, and Jesus, Mr. Oliver lucidly displayed the spiritual significance and contribution of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

James Bolden, minister of music, played selections common to this era of peaceful, non-violent protest and demonstrations. Spontaneous hymns initiated by worshippers present created the soulful mood of praise characteristic of this civil rights era in American history.

Friendship Missionary Baptist

Pastor John A. Evans, Sr., the official church staff and the entire Friendship Missionary Baptist Church family invite you to join us in Sunday worship this Sunday and to all church-related activities and events during the week. Your attendance is important and appreciated.

Services begin at 7:45 a.m. with the Deacons Ministry leading the Devotion. The Angelic and Teen Choirs will sing songs of

praise, 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 presiding.

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

Weekly schedule:
Thursday, January 30 - 7:00-8:45 p.m., Prayer/Praise Service and Bible

Study; also, Youth Enrichment Hour.

Monday, February 3 - 6:30 p.m., Boy Scouts meeting.

Wednesday, February 5 - Noonday Bible Study; also each Wednesday from 12 noon-2:00 p.m., Bread of Life Ministry serving lunch to all needy in the community.

Let us continue to pray for all sick and shut-in members. A visit or a phone call can mean so

much to lift the spirit when illness keeps us confined in our homes of any medical facility.

Other church news can be found in the church bulletin that's passed out each Sunday.

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6).

Macedonia Freewill Baptist Church

The Macedonia Freewill Baptist Church will be celebrating their Family and Friends Day on Sunday, January 26, at 11:00 a.m. at 930 - 18th Street S.

The guest speaker will

be Evangelist Lillian Thompson of Zion Temple Ministries.

We're asking everyone to come out and join us on this joyous occasion.

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6).

Good Samaritan Baptist Church

1820 - 18th Avenue South
St. Petersburg, Florida 33712
Ph: (727) 821-3265



The Rev. Larry Williams, Pastor

The congregation would like to invite you and your family to worship with us. Come as you are!

Sunday Service 8:45 A.M.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 P.M.

"The Church of Love, Healing and Restoration"

God Knows Best
Our Father knows what's best for us
So why should we complain
We always want the sunshine.
But He knows there must be rain
and so He tests us often with
sickness and with pain.
Not to hurt or punish us, but so that we may gain
strength to meet with courage life's troubles, trials
and sorrow, knowing there awaits us the joy of
God's tomorrow.

THERE IS ONLY ONE RACE IN THIS WORLD - THE HUMAN RACE



New Philadelphia Community Church

The Reverend Don A. Gaskin, Pastor

2335 - 22nd Avenue South
P.O. Box 15935 • St. Petersburg, FL 33733
Wisdom School 9:50 AM • Morning Worship 10:30 AM
Bible Study Fellowship 6:30 PM (Wed.)

Deacon Ministry Deacon Edward Nesbitt
Finance Ministry James Robinson
Children & Youth Ministry Joyce Robinson
Clerk Ministry Wyonna McGee
"A Church With Passion for God and Compassion for People"

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

Bible Holiness Church of God in Christ
419 - 5th Street S., St. Petersburg, FL 33701
Phone: 898-3838

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

Pastor: Elder B.O. Walker



10th Street Church Of God

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

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting/
Bible Study 7:15 p.m.
Evening Worship (1st & 3rd Sunday) 6:00 p.m.

International Headquarters, Anderson, Indiana

New Faith Free Methodist Church

2427 Irving Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL
Phone: 824-2814, Pastor • 323-1290, Church

THEME: Looking Upward, Searching Inward, Striving Onward
SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 AM
MORNING WORSHIP 11:00 AM
YOUTH BIBLE STUDY WED. 6:30 PM
ADULT BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER SERVICE WED. 7:00 PM



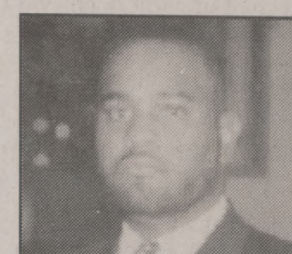
Rev. Curtiss L. Long, Pastor

ST. MARK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Schedule of Services

Church School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Baptist Training Union 5 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting
Thursday 7 p.m.



Rev. Brian K. Brown

"One week from church makes one weak."

BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

"We're Busy as Bees - But Sweet As Honey"

912 Third Avenue North
St. Petersburg, FL 33705
Phone: 727-822-2089

Church School 9:00 A.M.
New Member Class 9:00 A.M.
Morning Worship 10:30 A.M.



Rev. Roosevelt Hardy, Pastor

GOD BLESS

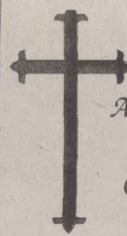
New Covenant Baptist Church

3850 Pompano Drive SE, Coquina Key
St. Petersburg, FL 33705
Ph: 865-9636

Pastor, Joseph Bobby Reid

Prayer/Praise Service ... 7:30 p.m. Wednesday
Bible Study 8:00 p.m. Wednesday
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship ... 10:00 a.m.

Ordained Missionary
Johnnie Mae Howard
Call: 727 895-5239



A Woman After
God's
Own Heart...



Spiritually Connected
Call for Prayers &
Testimonies

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.



Rev. Clyde Williams

Tuesday Night
General Bible Study
Thursday Night Prayer
Meeting & Teachers Meeting

We welcome you at all times.

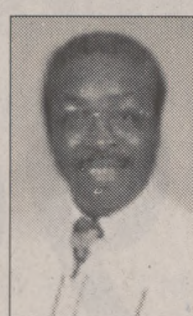
Emmanuel Christian Fellowship Inc.

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.

"All Are Welcome" • "Bring A Friend"



FIRST BAPTIST INSTITUTIONAL CHURCH

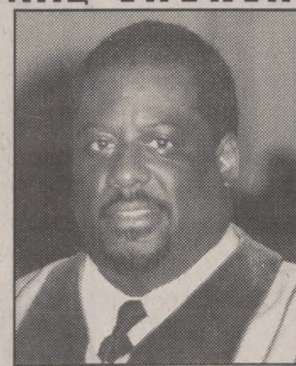
3144 THIRD AVENUE SOUTH
ST. PETERSBURG, FL
PHONE: 323-7518

REV. WAYNE G. THOMPSON, PASTOR

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:30 A.M.

MORNING WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

COME WORSHIP WITH
THE FIRST BAPTIST FAMILY



WINGS OF FAITH CHRISTIAN CENTER

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

Bishop Ronald Moten, Pastor
Alfreda Moten, Co-Pastor

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

Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship & Children's Church 10:45 A.M.

Prayer/Fasting Tuesday
Intercessory Prayer & Bible Class Wednesday, 7:30 P.M.



You are hereby invited to fellowship with



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

727-327-2849 or
Fax: 866-1896



"...let the one that is thirsty come."
(Revelation 22:17)

Sunday Worship Service
10:30 A.M.
Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
Bible Study, Tues. 7-8 P.M.

527 49th Street South
St. Petersburg, FL 33707
www.wateroflifechristianchurch.org

Travelers' Rest

"And be ye kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." (Ephesians 4:32). Welcome to the house of the Lord!

Worship Service times: 8:00 a.m., Early Morning Contemporary Service with the Praise Team rendering musical selections. The Word will be delivered by Pastor D. Franklin Browne.

9:30 a.m., Sunday School. Lesson topic: Peter - Restored Leader. Scripture: Luke 22:31-34, 54-62; John 21:17. Classes are available for all age levels.

11:00 a.m., Mid-Morning Traditional Service

with the Youth Department in charge of service. Sermon will be preached by Pastor Browne.

Members and friends who will be attending the Gospel Musical Conference in Hinesville, GA, are requested to meet at the church on Friday, January 24, for departure at 10:00 a.m. Our prayers and God's blessings for a safe trip!

Members are reminded to please mark your calendar for the monthly business meeting scheduled for Friday, January 31, at 7:00 p.m.

Weekly activities: Thursday, January 23 - Mid-Day Bible Study, 11:00 a.m., an in-depth

study of the Scriptures; and nursing home visitation; Mass Choir rehearsal at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, January 24 - 5:30 p.m., Praise Team rehearsal; 7:00 p.m., Intercessory Prayer Group fellowship and petition of prayers.

Wednesday, January 29 - 7:00 p.m., Prayer and Praise led by the Deacon Ministry; and 7:30-8:30 p.m., Bible Study, Pastor Browne, Bible teacher.

If seeking church membership, we welcome you to become a part of our church family.

Needing transportation service? Please contact the church office at 822-4869 the day prior to any scheduled service and not later than 12 noon on Saturdays.

Thought for the week: *The Christian who claims the promises of God should obey the commands of God.*

WHEN LIFE KNOCKS YOU TO YOUR KNEES, YOU'RE IN THE PERFECT POSITION TO PRAY!

Pleasant Grove

Pastor Joseph Gordon and the Pleasant Grove Church family invite you to worship with them on Sunday, January 26. The Gospel Chorus will render Song Service, and the Adult Male Usher Board will serve in the 7 a.m. Early Morning Worship Service.

Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. with Superintendent Deacon Philip Carter presiding.

Mid-morning worship begins at 10:50 a.m. The Youth Praise Team and Choir will render Song Service, and the Youth Usher Board will serve.

Also, at 5:00 p.m. the Baptist Training Union and new member orientation will culminate, Dessie Marshall, President.

The Bible Drill Team will rehearse on Friday, January 24, at 6:30 p.m. with Commander Deacon Anderson.

The Youth Choir will rehearse on Saturday, January 25, from 1:30-3:15 p.m. Parents - please bring and encourage your children to attend. Parents will be notified if there are any changes.

Also, the Youth Usher Board will meet with their Directors, Henry and Julia Watkins. Likewise, parents

- please encourage your children to attend.

An Appreciation Banquet will be held at the Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church in Tampa on Saturday, January 25, at 5:00 p.m. in honor of our former Moderator, Dr. Joseph Gordon. Please see Kathryn Monroe for Banquet tickets. Dr. C.T. Kirkland is host Pastor and Moderator.

Pleasant Grove is sponsoring two tours for the summer of "2003" - a seven-day Caribbean cruise from May 25-June 1 and a land-lovers bus tour to New York City and the Pocono Mountains from July 11-17. Please contact Kay Curry at (727) 864-2937 after 7:00 p.m. for details.

Let us continue to lift up the sick ones in prayer. Our condolences go out to the Anderson and Davis families in their bereavement.

Thought for the week: *"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy." (Matthew 5:7).*

May His peace be with you till we meet again.

"Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring."

Greater Mount Zion AME Church

"I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise shall continually be in my mouth."

The presence of the Lord filled the church on Sunday as Pastor Williams preached the Word with power. His text: Fallen down, standing up and moving forward coming from Ezekiel 1:28-2:10. We were richly blessed stating we must have the Word of God in us to triumph, for righteousness sake.

Pastor Clarence Williams and the Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church family invite you with open arms to fellowship with us at any of our services starting with our 7:30 a.m. early morning worship followed by Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. service. The Youth Choir will render Song Service. They will set your soul on fire! Come join us as we rejoice in the Lord!

If you're in need of a mid-week lift, come out on Wednesday evening for our "Hour of Power". The anointing and spirit of God

reigns, and the Holy Ghost takes control. Come as you are and be blessed. It's from 7:00-8:00 p.m. We are having a Hallelujah-good time each week. It gets better and better!

Countdown - the "Unity Super Bowl Tea" is here to be held Saturday, January 25, 4:00-7:00 p.m. Several teams are in heated competition and geared up to win. Great food, fun and fellowship will be provided. Make plans to join us as we salute our 2003 champion. Be there for the victory celebration when the winners take their rightful place as champion.

On Sunday, February 9, Mt. Zion will celebrate its 78th Anniversary and Founders Day. Our church family extends an invitation to the community to join in celebrating this great milestone. This year's focus is TEAM work - Together Everyone Achieves More. Your dedication, prayers, support and patronage are needed to make this endeavor a dynamic Spirit-filled wor-

ship experience giving praises to God for the great things he has done.

Two power-packed services have been scheduled. Our 7:30 a.m. speaker is Rev. Ellis Hodge, Senior Pastor of Word of Life Fellowship Church here in the city, and at 11:00 a.m., Rev. Maria White, Associate Pastor of St. Phillips A.M.E. Church of Monticello, FL. With great anticipation we are expecting mighty things to happen as members, friends and family gather to give glory to God. We invite you to join us and partake as we witness the presence and power of God as we worship Him in spirit and in truth.

Our weekly activities include:

Monday - Bible Study, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Wednesday - Vintage Bible Study, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Hour of Power Praise, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

We look forward to worshipping with you. Be blessed and have a Jesus-filled week.

All Nations Church of God By Faith

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

327-5926 • 327-2656

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

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.
YPMW 5:30 p.m. Sunday
Church Service 6:30 p.m. Sunday
Night Services 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday Services 7:30 p.m.



GRACE FELLOWSHIP CENTER

4240 Central Avenue • St. Petersburg, FL 33711 • (813) 328-9412

GRACE FELLOWSHIP CENTRAL
F
E
L
L
O
W
S
H
I
P
C
E
N
T
R
A
L
Except God build the house they labor in vain that build it. Ps. 127:1

GRACE CENTER

SERVICE
Sunday School 9:30 - 10:30
Morning Worship 10:30
Evening Worship 6:30
Wed. - Pray 7:00
Bible Study 7:30
O
W
S
H
I
P
Phone (813) 328-9412
NURSERY AND CHILDREN'S CHURCH AVAILABLE

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
Prayer and Bible Study 7 PM also Youth Enrichment Hour
Thursday

GIVE GOD WHAT'S RIGHT, NOT WHAT'S LEFT!

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.

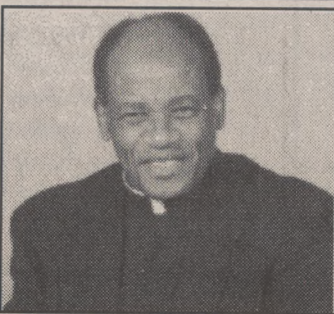
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

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



St. Joseph Church

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



Father Callist Nyambo, Pastor

Sunday Masses Are At:

9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Gospel Choir 9 a.m.

Traditional Choir 11 a.m.

TRAVELER'S REST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

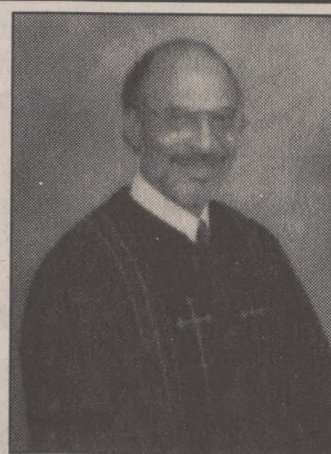
2183 - 22nd Avenue South
St. Petersburg, FL 33712
Church Phone: 822-4869
Residence: 824-6021

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

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Prayer/Praise Service (Weds.)

Rev. Donald F. Browne



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

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.

ATTEND YOUR

PLACE OF WORSHIP THIS WEEK!

NEW HOPE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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

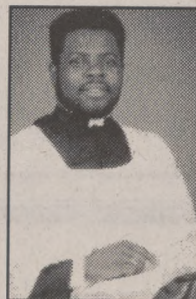
Join us as we lift up the name of Jesus

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



Morning Glory Sunday 9:30 a.m.
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.

"A church working together for the upbuilding of God's kingdom"

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

Masjid Al-Muminin

Islamic Services

Jumuah Prayer - Friday 1:30 p.m.

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

Taleem - 12:00 p.m.

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



BREAKTHROUGH CHRISTIAN CENTER

2900 - 34th Street South

St. Petersburg, FL 33711

(727) 867-4600/888-447-PRAY (7729) • Fax (727) 867-4662

Website: www.breakthroughcc.com • E-mail: pastor@breakthroughcc.com

Sunday Services:

Power Breakthrough Service @ 11:00 am

A Night of Prophecy @ 6:00 pm

Tuesday Services:

"Word Explosion" @ 7:30 pm

Friday Services:

"Miracle Service" @ 7:30 pm

RADIO MINISTRY:

WRXB-1590 Saturdays - 5-10am

(Prophet Glenn Miller's Gospel)

WRXB-1590 Sundays 9:30-10:00 am

WINB-13570 KHZ - Wednesdays 4-4:30pm

(Shockwave Radio)

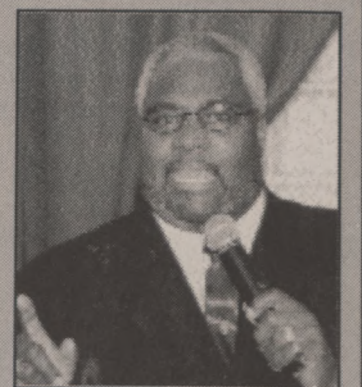
"PROPHETIC FIRE IS FALLING"

Come As You Are - No Dress Code

"Breaking Through the Barriers of Impossibilities"

Tape Ministry/Dynamic Praise & Worship

Prayer 30 Minutes Before Every Service



PASTOR/PROPHET
GLENN MILLER

New Hope Missionary Baptist

We greet and welcome you to the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church.

Join us for Church School at 9:00 a.m. where Minister Donald Pate, Superintendent, encourages all ages to attend.

Worship Service begins at 10:15 a.m. where the Deacons will be in charge of devotion, and the Mass Choir will render the Praise and Song Service.

Minister William Shepherd will deliver the Bread of Life.

Other weekly services include:

Tuesday - Prayer Meeting/Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday - Prayer Band, 11:00 a.m.; Mass Choir rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday - Zora Neale Hurston Festival, 8:30 a.m.

Upcoming events:
February 9 - Ushers Pew Rally.

February 15 - Black History Program.

February 21 and 22 - General Mission Women's Retreat.

Our church is in need of a Minister of Music. If you are interested in this position, please contact Deacon William Simmons at (727) 360-8935.

Have a blessed week!

Bethel Metropolitan

Pastor Joaquin C. Marvin and the Bethel Metropolitan church family invite you to share the Word with us on Sunday at the 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. service, and Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. The Praise Team, Sanctuary and Male Ministry Choir, and Youth Ushers will serve.

You are invited to join us Sunday during the 11:00 a.m. service, for the kick-off event of our Centennial Celebration. Bethel Metropolitan Baptist Church has uplifted the Word of God in this community for 100 years, come this September 2003.

Bethel Metropolitan desires to be a friendly people, who offer a kaleidoscope of ministries for all ages and interest. If you are seeking a place of worship, we invite you to unite with this church family in giving a positive Christian witness in the spirit of worship.

politan Baptist Church has uplifted the Word of God in this community for 100 years, come this September 2003.

Bethel Metropolitan desires to be a friendly people, who offer a kaleidoscope of ministries for all ages and interest. If you are seeking a place of worship, we invite you to unite with this church family in giving a positive Christian witness in the spirit of worship.

Prayer Tower COGIC

Supt. Elder Clarence Welch and the entire Prayer Tower family welcomes you with open arms to fellowship with us at any time. We invite you to share with us at any of our spirited services, where we fully believe in lifting up the name of the Lord!

"Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins." (1 John 4:10) Mission Itinerary:

On January 27, the Minister's and Deacon's Wives will hold a Prayer Breakfast from 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon. At 7:30 p.m., the CWC will sponsor a Open House, to inform the women about their services to God, the church, and the community. The Drama Guild will have a meeting from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. in preparation for the Black History Month Celebration. Lastly, the annual Business Meeting of the

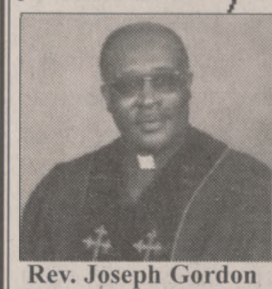
New Covenant Baptist

The New Covenant Baptist church family invites you to join us as we celebrate our pastor 3rd year anniversary on January 26, at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, at 3850 Pompano

Drive SE., in St. Petersburg. Visiting our church will be St. John Missionary Baptist Church of Clearwater pastor Rev Fleming Tarver.

Jesus Saves

Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church



Rev. Joseph Gordon

2550 9th Avenue S. • St. Petersburg, FL
Early Morning Worship.....7:00 a.m.
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship.....10:50 a.m.
Baptist Training Union.....4:30 p.m.
Communion.....7:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting & Bible Study
Wednesdays.....7:30 p.m.
"The Church Where Everybody Is Somebody"

STEWART-ISOM MEMORIAL CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Rev. Calvin Hopkins

1820 Walton Street S., St. Pete, FL 33712
(813) 327-0593
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study: Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.
"To God Be The Glory"

St. John Missionary Baptist Church



Rev. Fleming Tarver

1500 N. Pennsylvania Avenue
Clearwater, Florida 33516
Church Phone: 443-1945 Parsonage: 446-6056
Rev. Fleming Tarver, Pastor
Sunday Services
Sunday Service.....8:00 a.m.
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Baptist Training Union.....5:00 p.m.
Weekly Services
Bible Class Monday, 7:00 p.m.
Prayer Meeting & Bible Study, Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
The church where everybody is somebody and Christ is all.

Macedonia Freewill Baptist Church

930 - 18th Street South St. Petersburg, Florida
Morning Worship.....8:00 a.m.
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Mid-Morning Worship.....11:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting and Bible Class Wed.....7:00 p.m.
Elder: Tony Smith
Transportation to Church: 727-743-3993 or 727-798-4430
Communion is observed quarterly the first Sunday after every 5th Sunday.
The Church Where Everyone Is Welcome

LIGHTHOUSE CATHEDRAL OF FAITH

309 15th Avenue North
St. Petersburg, FL 33704
Telephone: 727-823-5750
Fax: 727-821-9000
Archbishop Willie Bolden, D.D., D.D.
Pastor Glenda Bolden, PH.D., D.D.
Delores Ross, Resident Pastor



Willie & Glenda Bolden

Sunday Morning Prayer.....8:00 AM
Sunday School.....8:15 AM
Sunday Worship Service.....9:00 AM
Intercessory Prayer - Wednesday.....6:30 PM
Bible Study - Wednesday.....7:30 PM
Intercessory Prayer - Saturday.....6:00 PM
"Arise shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." (Isaiah 60:1)

"Soaring Higher in Christ Jesus"



Pastor Keturah D. Pittman

Saint Mark

African Methodist Episcopal Church

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

2232 62nd Avenue South
St. Petersburg, Florida 33712
(727) 867-2400

Bethel Metropolitan Baptist Church

3455 - 26th Avenue South • St. Petersburg, FL 33711
(727) 327-0554



Rev. Joaquin Marvin

"Church of The Open Door"
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship:
8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Wed. NBC/AWANA/Bible Study/
Praise & Prayer 7:00 p.m.
Thurs. Midday Bible Study
12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.
Sat. Noon Day Prayer Hour
12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.

THERE IS ONLY ONE RACE IN THIS WORLD - THE HUMAN RACE

Earth Mission Miracle Temple Of Deliverance



Rev. Constance D. Samuels

"The Church Where The Anointing Makes The Difference"
Sunday Morning Worship 10 a.m.
Church School & Prayer 9 a.m.
Weekly Bible Study Tuesdays 7 p.m.
Ministerial Class Thursdays 6 p.m.

Cultural Arts Programs After School Mon., Wed., Friday - 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Free Registration
For more information, contact Deborah R. Green, Executive Director, at: (727) 821-9472

Bus ministry provided for all services • Your presence is welcomed

Harvest Revival

Enlarge Our Coast.....Join us for the Feast/Nightly Services Sept. 20th thru Sept. 28th, 2002 @ 7:30 PM
Saturday services @ 2:30 PM

House Of God, PGT
930 18th Street South
St. Petersburg, FL 33712

For additional information, call 550-2521 or 866-0643
Pastor - Bishop James W. Paschal
Guest Evangelist - Evangelist Irene Crawford of Cincinnati, OH



Rev. Clarence Williams

PEACEFUL ZION M.B. CHURCH
2051 - 9th Avenue South,
St. Petersburg, FL 33712
Clifford F. Cannedy, Sr., Pastor
(813) 822-2455

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

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

20th Street Church Of Christ

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

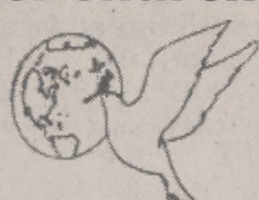


Bro. Robert Smith

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

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

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

E-MAIL ARTICLES FOR PUBLICATION

TO: tchallen@tampabay.rr.com

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

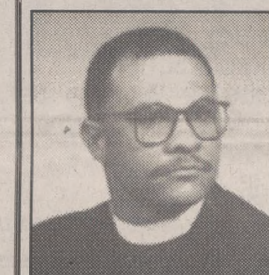
2830 - 22nd Avenue South • St. Petersburg, Florida 33712
(727) 327-8560

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

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



Dr. Frederick D. Terry



Rev. Clarence Williams, Pastor

GREATER MT. ZION AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

Early Morning Worship 7:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
All Male Bible Study Weds. 6:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
Bible Study Monday 6:00 p.m.
Vintage Bible Study Wednesday 11:00 a.m. - 12 noon
Live Broadcast WRXB (Every Sunday 8:30 a.m.)
Tape Ministry • Bus Ministry

Need a tape of a service or transportation - Dial 894-1393
("The church with a heart in the heart of the city")

Queen Street Church Of God In Christ

1732 9th Avenue South
St. Petersburg, Florida 33712
(727) 896-4356

Elder A.P. Conage, Pastor

8:00 A.M. - Sunday Service
9:30 A.M. - Sunday School
11:00 A.M. - Morning Service
9:00 A.M. - Tuesday Prayer
7:00 P.M. - Tuesday Bible Study
7:30 P.M. - Thursday Pastoral Teaching

YPWW First and Third Sunday of Each Month after Morning Service

Are you doing what God wants you to do? Need your Ministry Degree or Ordination? Call Us Today!

Associates thru Doctorate Home Study Available

BLESSED HOPE BIBLE COLLEGE

It's easy
It's convenient
It's affordable
WE FINANCE

Call 813-237-6076
Toll-Free 877-428-6588
816 E. Genesee St.
Tampa, FL 33603

WOMAN'S WORLD

Women on the Job Honors Dr. Barbara Ross-Lee

Women on the Job, the leading agency in the fight for women's rights in the workplace on Long Island, marked its 21st Anniversary at the Annual Holiday Brunch on December 8 at the Crest Hollow Country Club. Dr. Barbara Ross-Lee, Vice President and Dean of NYIT's College of Osteopathic Medicine was honored in the field of Health.

Her colleague and WOJ Board Member, Dr. Adrienne O'Brien, introduced her. Dr. Ross-Lee is one of only seven women Deans of Medical Schools



Dr. Barbara Ross-Lee

in the country, and the first African-American woman to hold that title.

Over the years, Women on the Job and its Task Force, a 60+ coalition of organizations, has championed pay equity, sexual harassment and pregnancy discrimination prevention, moving women ahead on corporate boards and into the non-traditional occupations. It has a demonstrated record of having educated employers and employees about workplace rights helping to make for a gender bias-free environment.

Novelist, Folklorist and Anthropologist Featured on U.S. Postage Stamp

Postal Service Continues its Celebration of Literary Arts with Zora Neale Hurston Stamp

WASHINGTON, DC—Novelist, folklorist and anthropologist, Zora Neale Hurston, known for her artistry and her celebration of Black culture, will be honored by the U.S. Postal Service on a 37-cent postage stamp.

The first day of issue ceremony will take place at 11 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 24, 2003, at the Fourteenth Annual Zora Neale Hurston Street Festival of the Arts and Humanities, Center Stage, 100 East Kennedy Blvd., Eatonville, FL.

The Zora Neale Hurston stamp is the 19th stamp in the Literary Arts series. She was a central figure in the Harlem Renaissance, a flowering of African-American literature, music and the visual and performing arts that took place primarily in the 1920s and early 1930s. She wrote four novels, two books of folklore, an autobiography and more than 50 short stories and essays.

Although Hurston's writing went out of fashion in the 1950s, it enjoyed a dramatic revival in the 1970s. Today Hurston is considered one of America's most original and accomplished writers. Other notable Americans in the Literary Arts series include John Steinbeck, Edith Wharton, Dorothy Parker, Thornton Wilder, Ayn Rand and Odgen Nash.

"Our Literary Arts series continues the proud tradition of presenting a stamp program that is educational, interesting and reflects the rich culture of the written word," said David Failor, Executive Director, Stamp Services. "Zora Hurston is a wonderful addition to the series and we are pleased to feature this great American on a postage stamp."

Zora Neale Hurston was born on Jan. 7, 1891, in Notasulga, AL. (Hurston gave various years for her



birth date, but census and family records confirm that 1891 is the correct year.) She was raised in Eatonville, FL, a self-governing, all-Black town near Orlando. Hurston's family and community imbued her with self-confidence and pride in her heritage. The voices she heard and lessons she learned in Eatonville would infuse her writing.

"In her own way, Aunt Zora used her creative genius to bring the unique culture of African-Americans through her captivating novels, short stories and dramatic presentations," said Dr. Clifford J. Hurston, nephew of Zora Hurston. "I, along with other family members, are truly honored that the U.S. Postal Service has selected Zora to receive such a high honor, and we thank you. As a result of the Zora stamp, the family hopes this honor will encourage those individuals who are not familiar with her writings to become so for their self-gratification, cultural enrichment and entertainment."

Hurston began her career as a writer in Washington, D.C., where she was a student at Howard University. "John Redding Goes to Sea," her first published story, appeared in the May 1921 issue of Stylus, Howard's literary magazine. In December 1924, the National Urban League published her story "Drenched in Light" in its journal Opportunity. Impressed by Hurston's talent, the editor

of Opportunity urged her to move to New York City, where the Harlem Renaissance was under way. She arrived there in January 1925. Hurston quickly became a favorite in Harlem with her wit, style, and repertoire of Eatonville folklore. She won two prizes in a literary contest sponsored by Opportunity, which published her story "Spunk" in its June 1925 issue. That September she enrolled in Barnard College in Manhattan. The only African-American student at Barnard, Hurston studied with the pioneering anthropologist Franz Boas. In 1928 she received her bachelor's degree in anthropology. Hurston was a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

From the late 1920s through the early 1940s, Hurston made a series of trips to collect Black folklore. Traveling in the American South, the Bahamas, Jamaica and Haiti, Hurston studied the stories, music and ceremonies of the communities she visited.

She discovered links between African-American and African-Caribbean folklore. "Mules and Men," published in 1935, resulted from her fieldwork in the South. Her research in Jamaica and Haiti, supported by two Guggenheim fellowships, produced her second collection of folklore, "Tell My Horse," in 1938.

After finishing the manuscript of "Mules and

Men," Hurston wrote "Jonah's Gourd Vine," the first of her four novels. Published in 1934, it chronicles the rise and fall of a gifted Black preacher. "Their Eyes Were Watching God," considered Hurston's masterpiece, was published in 1937. This novel broke new ground in its portrayal of a Black woman's search for identity, love, and freedom. "Moses, Man of the Mountain" (1939) presents the biblical Moses as a figure from Black folklore, a "conjure man" with magical powers. "Seraph on the Suwanee" (1948) restates themes from the earlier novels, but the cast of characters changes from Black to white.

Hurston also wrote short stories, plays, essays, and an autobiography, "Dust Tracks on a Road" (1942). In 1943 Dust Tracks won the Anisfield-Wolf Book Award for its contribution to race relations.

Hurston died on Jan. 28, 1960, in Fort Pierce, FL. Today Hurston's writing is widely studied in colleges and universities and is loved by readers from all walks of life.

Howard E. Paine of Delaplane, VA, was art director for the stamp. Drew Struzan of Pasadena, Calif. was the stamp artist and based his portrait of Hurston on a 1934 Black-and-white photograph taken in Chicago by Carl Van Vechten. The background of the stamp art recalls the setting of Hurston's novel, "Their Eyes were Watching God."

Seventy million Zora Neale Hurston self-adhesive stamps will be printed for the January 2003 issuance. To see the Hurston stamp, visit the Postal Service Web site at www.usps.com and locate the online version of this press release by clicking on "News and Events," then "Philatelic News."

Mari Marrow, Robinne Lee Star in National Security

Former talk show host, Mari Marrow, joins Martin Lawrence in his latest action-comedy film, *National Security*. For her part, Marrow plays Martin Lawrence's sexy girlfriend in the Columbia Pictures' movie, opening nationwide on January 17th.

Lawrence plays Earl Montgomery, a cocky L.A.P.D. cadet who would probably be a great cop if he weren't such a show-off. Earl's rebellious attitude gets him thrown out of the police academy and he has to settle for a job as a lowly security guard with *National Security*. After a run-in with an uptight police officer, Hank Rafferty (Zahn), Earl accuses him of harassment. Hank loses his badge, is thrown into jail and eventually winds up working for *National Security*, as well.

During a usually uneventful night on the job, Earl decides to kill time by engaging in comical sexcapades with his girlfriend, played by Marrow. While the two are utilizing a vacant office, the business Earl should be securing is being robbed right under his nose. Just as things are getting steamy between them, Earl notices the criminal activity going on outside the door and leaves her handcuffed to a pipe, only



to be found by the police the following day.

Most recently known to TV audiences as one of the hosts on the popular BET talk show, Oh Drama, Marrow's first television appearance was on the popular syndicated series Baywatch. She went on to secure a recurring role on ABC's Family Matters, and guest spots on a number of popular shows including The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air, The Jackie Thomas Show, and M.A.N.T.I.S. Marrow's big screen debut was in the film Bodily Harm where she starred with Daniel Baldwin and Linda Fiorentino.

Marrow has gone on to work with some of the industry's most talented actors including Denzel Washington in Virtuosity and Mekhi Pfeiffer in the Acapulco Film Festival winner, An Uninvited Guest. Her undeniable sex appeal and comedic skills, garnered her a co-starring



Robinne Lee

role with Bill Bellamy in How to be a Player, and she also had a recurring role with LL Cool J in the UPN comedy In The House. However, to legions of fans, Marrow is best remembered as Rachael Gannon on the popular ABC soap opera One Life to Live.

Marrow co-starred with Robin Givens and Richard T. Jones in the BET/Artisan Entertainment film Book Of Love, and also had a recurring role as Desiree the neighbor on UPN's The Parkers.

Robinne Lee also joins

Lawrence and Marrow in the flick, playing Denise, Hank's once trusting girlfriend who is also blindsided by Earl's bombastic demeanor. However, for Earl it was shocking to meet his uptight, blond colleague's African-American girlfriend. After that he begins to look at Hank in a more positive light.

Working with Lawrence and Zahn was a fun experience for Lee. "What a great time I had. First of all, you have Martin's character that is absolutely hysterical. Then Steve plays so well off him that it was hard to remember that I was supposed to be serious. The scene called for me to be emotionally charged about this man who's trying to walk back into my life, and it was no laughing matter. But I really had a difficult time keeping a straight face," she says.

While getting a formal education has always been important for Lee, she hasn't been able to deny the lure of Hollywood, either. Shortly after she received a psychology degree from Yale University, she decided to move to Hollywood to study with well-known acting instructor Sonda Lee and pursue an acting career.

SISTAHS SUPPORT BREAST HEALTH

Save another woman's life. Host a Sistah Party. These get-togethers give women the opportunity to discover the power of early breast-cancer detection. St. Anthony's Health Care, serving the African-American population for more than 70 years, will support your Sistah Party.

As a hostess, you need to:

- Invite 5 friends or relatives
- Provide a location
- Prepare a snack
- Follow-up with your guests



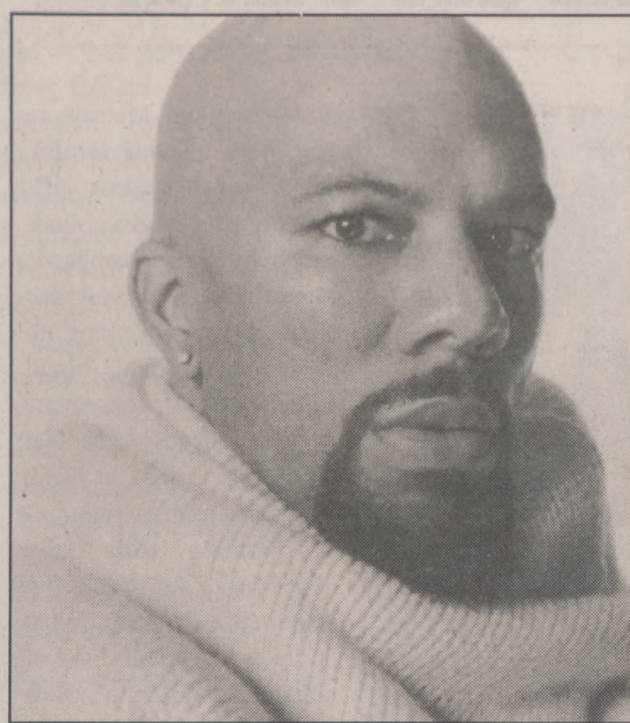
To host a Sistah Party, call (727) 825-1056.

On December 31, 1953, the Spingarn Medal was presented to Paul R. Williams for his achievements as an architect.


St. Anthony's
HEALTH CARE
www.stanthony.com

ENTERTAINMENT

Common's Electric Circus



Common

As he presents his fifth and most personal album to date, Common invites you to enter and experience the Electric Circus, a vibrant musical wonderland fertilized by the ripe nectar of bold innovation and individuality. "To me, Electric Circus describes the energy of my new album," he explains. "Electric represents the energy that can be transferred from me to other people through the music, and Circus freedom in the music, which is cohesively linked under one presentation. I think you can close your eyes and picture a lot of different colors when you hear it,

but it still has a certain darkness."

Electric Circus is an audacious endeavor that marks a defining moment in an impressive career that began ten years ago with the release of Common's debut album, 1992's *Can I Borrow a Dollar?* That effort was praised for its down-to-earth vibe and intelligent rhymes, but the unapologetic middle-class sensibilities conveyed on Common's second album, 1994's *Resurrection*, which yielded the hip-hop classic, "I Used to Love H.E.R.," earned him the respect enjoyed by kindred spirits such as A Tribe Called Quest and De La Soul.

Following the release of his deeply introspective third album, 1997's *One Day It'll All Make Sense*, which addressed serious issues like family planning, Common relocated to New York to heighten his visibility and become more involved in the music industry. After signing with MCA Records and settling into the rhythm of long-distance fatherhood (he's the proud parent of a 5-year-old, Omoye Assata Lynn, named in the spirit of exiled black activist Assata Shakur), Common unleashed 2000's noticeably more musical *Like Water for Chocolate*. The album was a versatile mix of gravity, sardonic humor and soulful hip-hop beats that spawned the Grammy-nominated single, "The Light." Like *Water for Chocolate* also signaled Common's emergence as a member of the Soulquarians — a collective of musicians that includes Roots drummer Ahmir "Questlove" Thompson, beat-maker Jay Dee and keyboardist James Poyser, among others — which reconvened in January 2001 to produce the bulk of *Electric Circus*.

The free-spirited energy that guided *Like Water for Chocolate* opened the

door for Common to reach new heights and explore bottomless depths on his latest journey into sound: *Electric Circus* is anchored by an uncommon and refreshing air of open-mindedness, both musically and lyrically. Indeed, while Common's previous albums displayed his passion for soul music by either collaborating with contemporary soul babies such as D'Angelo and Bilal or sampling legends like Stevie Wonder and the Family Stand, *Electric Circus* finds him stretching the limits of hip-hop by reflecting his newfound appreciation of rock artists such as pink Floyd, Jimi Hendrix, Joni Mitchell, Traffic, Van Morrison and John Lennon. Take, for instance, the aptly titled cut, "New Wave," which features vocalist Laetitia Sadier from Stereolab. Undulating between hard and soft textures, it's a deliciously inventive track that helps Common succeed at fulfilling the ambitious mission he set out to achieve with *Electric Circus* — "to create something beyond what we thought hip-hop could be so that we can understand that hip-hop can be whatever we create."

Amid the album's most

musically adventurous songs, "Jimi Was a Rock Star" stands out above all. It's a psychedelic and magnificently strange duet with Erykah Badu in homage of its namesake wherein Common sings (for the first time, ever!) rather than raps. "That song is an experience and an experiment for me," he says. "Sometimes, I can't even believe it's on my album because it's strange for me to hear myself singing — with somebody who can really sing!"

The tone and lyrics on *Electric Circus* are equally informed by Common's broadened state of mind. Produced by the Neptunes and featuring Mary J. Blige, "Come Close" is a tender love song that was inspired by Erykah Badu. Also produced by the Neptunes, "I Got a Right To" is a rugged proclamation of self-determination and individuality, in which Common declares, "I ain't switch over, I just made my own lane."

"I'm at a new place in my life so I felt a certain amount of freedom, peace and enjoyment while I was making this album..." Common explains. *Electric Circus* is in stores now.

Blue Note Jazz Vocalist Dianne Reeves On Tour



Dianne Reeves

Blue Note recording artist, two-time Grammy Award-winner and today's pre-eminent jazz vocalist Dianne Reeves will be on tour in select West Coast cities this winter.

Recognized as one of jazz's pre-eminent vocalists, Dianne Reeves is one of the most significant singers to come into her own in the last ten years. During the same decade that saw the passing of so many great female jazz vocalists — Sarah Vaughn, Carmen McRae, Ella Fitzgerald, Betty Carter and others — a handful of new

singers arrived in the 90s to carry the torch into the future. Steeping their voices in the tradition while at the same time taking bold new steps, they found new audiences and assured jazz aficionados that the vocal heritage was in good hands.

With her strong, agile voice, rhythmic virtuosity and improvisational ease, Reeves was clearly born of jazz, but her singing draws upon a world of influences. As with Carmen McRae and Billie Holiday, Reeves' musicianship is tied to a powerful story telling instinct.

Dianne Reeves has recorded 13 albums for Blue Note and has won two consecutive Grammy Awards (2001 and 2002). Her two latest releases pay tribute to her own musical heritage as well as one of the greatest jazz singers.

"The Calling: Celebrating Sarah Vaughn" (2001) pays homage to the esteemed jazz vocalist who inspired Dianne to seriously pursue singing.

Recalls Reeves, "I was struck by the sound of her

voice — its color, range, the places it went to create feelings. I didn't know the voice could do all that. She changed my way of listening, and all of a sudden I had a place to reach for in my own singing."

"The Calling" features a 42-piece orchestra of L.A.'s top studio musicians and was produced by George Duke and arranged and orchestrated by long-time friend Billy Childs.

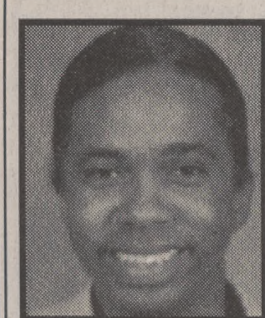
Also released in 2001 was "The Best of Dianne Reeves", a 12-song collection that charts her ascent as one of jazz's most important vocalists.

In 2002, Reeves brought down one of the biggest of houses with her spell-binding performance at the Winter Olympics closing ceremonies. She also appeared and sang in the 2002 season finale of *Sex and the City*. In November 2002, Reeves was named Creative Chair for Jazz for the Los Angeles Philharmonic.

On January 31, Reeves will be at the Bayfront Center.

On December 30, 1928, rhythm & blues singer and guitarist Bo Diddley was born Ellas Bates near McComb, MS.

NORTH CENTRAL NEWS



LIGHT OF THE WORLD

by Rev. Daniel Banks

Keep Your Head Up!

"And as some spake of the temple, how it was adorned with goodly stones and gifts, He said, 'As for these things which ye behold, the day will come in which there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down'."

And they asked Him, saying, "Master, but when shall these things be? And what sign will there be when these things shall come to pass?" And He said, "Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in My name saying, 'I am Christ;' and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them. But when ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified: for these things must first come to pass; but the end is not by and by."

Then said He unto them, "Nation shall rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom: And great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven. But before all these, they shall lay their

hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for My name's sake.

"And it shall turn to you for a testimony. Settle it therefore in your heart, not to meditate before what ye shall answer: For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist. And ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolk, and friends; and some of you shall they cause to be put to death. And ye shall be hated of all men for My name's sake. But there shall not an hair on your head perish. In your patience possess ye your souls."

"And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. Then let them which are in Judea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto. For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written

may be fulfilled. But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days: For there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people. And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled. And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring.

"Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." (St. Luke 21:5-28).

"Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory. Selah." (Psalm 24:7-10).

Ocala Housing Authority Tightens Belt

OCALA — The Ocala Housing Authority (OHA) has geared up to tighten its belt, along with 3,200 other public housing authorities across the nation, to make up for HUD's \$250 million shortfall from last year. On January 6, 2003, four months into its fiscal year, HUD notified OHA that its FY 2003 Public Housing operating subsidy budget would be cut by approximately 50%. HUD has notified October 1 fiscal-year agencies that they will face a 50% cut, while all other housing authorities will face a possible 30% cut.

The OHA Board and management have developed a strategic plan to immediately address HUD's drastic budget cuts. "The continuation of providing quality housing and services to the 2,000 families we serve daily is our utmost priority," said Executive Director, Gwendolyn B. Dawson. At OHA, we are a family, a group of employees working together as a team for the good of the community. This team approach has equated to OHA's employees giving up 4 hours per week to help meet the deficit. Unfortunately, one employee will be laid off, and one other position is being eliminated by attrition. "Along with staff's finan-

cial sacrifices, eliminating all travel and training, longevity and educational programs and overtime; and foregoing some of the planned capital improvements of our public housing units and conscientious stewardship, OHA will make it through this crisis," said Board Chairman, Howard L. Gunn, Jr.

"We take pride in the high quality of our public housing; however, OHA will need to transfer some of its capital improvement fund program dollars to operations in order to survive this hiccup," said Deputy Director, Tijuana Woods. "As a housing authority with less than 250 public housing units, the OHA is allowed to utilize its capital fund grant for operations. For the OHA, these cuts directly impact its Public Housing Program, which serves 185 families living in apartments owned by the OHA at Deer Run, Pavilion Oaks, Pine Gardens and Shady Hollow communities. The other 1,800 families served in the Section 8 Rental Assistance Program, Resident Opportunities Self Sufficiency, New Homeownership, Family Self Sufficiency and After-School Programs and other tenant services, will be impacted as well.

"Our goal is to lessen

the impact of these cuts to the public," said Board Vice Chairman, Elnora Mitchell. One of the ways we are handling this is to have our office remain open five days per week. OHA's new office hours for the general public, effective January 31, 2003, will be 9:00 AM — 4:00 PM.

The tiny light glimmering at the end of this dark tunnel is that HUD's Assistant Secretary, Michael Liu, has issued a letter to housing authorities, advising that HUD intends to fund at or near 90% of eligible subsidy requirements if Congress passes HUD's requested budget. In the interim, the OHA intends to continue serving its 2,000 families to the best of its ability, and is requesting the patience and understanding of the families it serves.

Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church

BROOKSVILLE — On Sunday, January 19, members and friends of Mt. Zion, Mondon Hill, had a "hallelujah" good time, with a message from God's servant, the Rev. Kenny Irby, Associate Minister at St. Mark A.M.E. Church, St. Petersburg, FL.

Rev. Irby was accompanied by his devoted wife, Sis. Karen Irby, and their three lovely daughters. The congregation was on its feet, as Rev. Irby expounded on the meaning of friendship — what it means to have a true friend.

Music was furnished by the Mt. Zion mass choir, and the junior ushers served as "doorkeepers" today.

Pastor Lowery, officers and members of Mt. Zion wish to thank everyone who came out to share

our annual "Family and Friends Day". After the benediction, a lovely dinner was served in the church annex.

Have a blessed week, and remember, you are always welcome at the little church on Mondon Hill, where our credo is "Love Makes The Difference."

For information about our services, call the church office (352)795-1955; or you may call Pastor Lowery at (727) 866-0126.

Our Sunday service begins at 9:15 a.m., Church School, followed by morning worship at 11:00 a.m. Bible Study is each Monday evening at 6:30 p.m.

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

NEWS DEADLINE IS 4:00 P.M. MONDAY

ACCIDENT INJURY SPECIALISTS

I Accept Workers Compensation & PIP Insurance Claims

STRESS RELIEF THERAPISTS

We Specialize Also In:

- Weight Loss Body Wraps
- Lymphatic Facials
- Sports Massage
- Carpal Tunnel
- Fibromyalgia

H.T. WELLNESS & MASSAGE CENTER

NEUROMUSCULAR MASSAGE

NUTRITION & RELAXATION MASSAGE

328-7600

3727 CENTRAL AVENUE

LIC. #MM005879

FAX 328-8869

Gift Certificates Available For All Occasions 5 Days, etc.

For Pain & Stress Relief, Call:

Patricia Williams MA 15717

STATE NEWS

Students Prepare to Discuss Terrorism and Refugees at B-CC's Model United Nations Conference

DAYTONA BEACH – "Terrorism and Refugees" will be among the hot topics for this year's gathering of the Model United Nations Conference on the Bethune-Cookman College campus, hosted from January 22-25.

Now in its 22nd year, the Model United Nations program is an extension of the classroom environment that is sponsored by the Division of Social Sciences to help encourage students to participate in international affairs and become global citizens.

Dr. James Allen Zow, executive assistant to the president and an associate professor at Savannah State University is the keynote speaker for Wednesday's opening session at 6:30 p.m. in the

Wendell P. Holmes, Jr. business building.

A B-CC graduate, Zow earned his juris doctor from the University of Florida College of Law. A recipient of the 2002 "Health Care Hero Award" in the innovation category presented by the Georgia Medical Society, he has received numerous commendations from federal, state, local and government officials and national dignitaries.

Zow is an advisor and consultant to educational institutions, non-profit and government agencies. He has published in the areas of Law and Policy, Desegregation, Affirmative Action and Entrepreneurship. He currently serves as chief legal officer for Savannah State University.

Department of Health Urges Regular Screening for Cervical Cancer

January is National Cervical Cancer Awareness Month

TALLAHASSEE – Florida Department of Health (DOH) officials are urging women throughout the state to mark National Cervical Cancer Awareness Month by being screened for the disease. The American Cancer Society estimates that nearly one-third of the 13,000 women diagnosed with cervical cancer each year will die from the disease, simply because it was not caught early enough.

"With cervical cancer, early detection is key to saving lives," said Florida Department of Health (DOH) Secretary John O. Agwunobi, M.D., M.B.A. "We could greatly reduce the number of women who die from cervical cancer through Pap tests, even after menopause. These exams and tests allow health care workers to detect and treat most precancerous conditions before cancer develops."

Agwunobi explained that older women are especially at risk because they often discontinue routine screening exams after menopause. However, as they age, women tend to be at higher risk for abnormal cervical changes that could progress to invasive cervical cancer.

Risk factors for cervical cancer include: failure to receive regular Papanicolaou (Pap) tests, human papillomavirus (HPV) infection, certain sexual be-

haviors (including intercourse at an early age, multiple male sexual partners and sex with a male who has had multiple male partners), and immunosuppressive disorders such as HIV/AIDS.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), older women of all ethnic groups were more likely to be diagnosed with advanced stages of cervical cancer, largely because these women stopped having routine Pap tests that could have detected the cervical abnormalities at earlier stages. The CDC found that Hispanic women are diagnosed with cervical cancer almost twice as often as other women, because they are not having routine Pap tests.

DOH's Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program was created in 1994 through a federal grant from the CDC. This program provides assistance to women ages 50-64 who are uninsured or underinsured. Since its inception, over 18,000 women have received Pap tests through this program. For more information, call the toll free line, 1-888-538-7788.

For more information on cervical cancer, visit the National Cancer Institute web site at www.cancer.gov.

On December 21, 1976, the Spingarn Medal was presented to Alvin Ailey "in recognition of his international pre-eminence in the field of dance." On December 24, 1881, the United Order of True Reformers was established.

New Website Explains Risk of Smallpox

GAINESVILLE – What do a lottery ticket and a smallpox vaccination have in common? Before getting either one you need to understand the odds it will pay off, says University of Florida smallpox expert Dr. Parker Small Jr., M.D., a professor of pathology, immunology and laboratory medicine with UF's College of Medicine.

Small and risk assessment specialist John Paling, Ph.D., a UF environmental toxicologist, have set up a new Web site to help people concerned about smallpox bioterrorism evaluate the risk posed by the viral disease and the vaccine intended to prevent it. "Our main point is that all people are not at equal risk," Small said. "Where someone lives and whether they have been vaccinated before determines how much they should worry. This Web site offers a visual tool to help individuals assess their own risk." The site is located at <http://ccl.ichp.edu/smallpox>.

Smallpox vaccinations currently are available only to military, law enforcement and medical personnel, but the federal government has developed a voluntary program for the general public that could be implemented in 2004. "It is very important to recognize that the U.S. government and especially its public health departments are prepared right now to vaccinate anyone and has enough vaccine for every-

one were smallpox to break out," Small said.

The vaccine once was routinely administered to children but has not been used in the United States since 1972 because efforts to control the disease were so successful, Small reported. Using data gathered in previous studies from around the world, Small estimates that in a smallpox attack large enough to infect 1,000 U.S. residents, people younger than 30 who live in major cities and have never been vaccinated would have a one in 85,000 chance of becoming infected. If infected and left untreated, their risk of dying would be one in 250,000, a mortality rate of approximately 30 percent. For people older than 30 who have been vaccinated previously and do not live in major cities, the odds of becoming infected would be about one in 100 million, Small said. If infected and left untreated, their risk of dying would be one in 1.7 billion, a mortality rate of approximately 6 percent. Compare that to the odds of winning one of the weekly Florida Lotto drawings, which are about 1 in 23 million, according to the Florida Lottery.

The odds of dying from a first-time administration of smallpox vaccine are about one in 500,000, Small said. People with compromised immune systems are at much greater risk of harm from the vaccine and should consult a

physician if considering vaccination. On the Web site, examples of the relative risks of the disease and the vaccination are presented in an easy-to-follow chart known as the Paling Perspective Scale, which Paling designed. "I am sure the public would appreciate a more clear explanation of what their odds are, according to their specific circumstances," Paling said. "To the best of our knowledge, this is the first time anyone has tried to show the public these issues in a visually understandable way."

Small also added that there is no risk of developing smallpox as long as there is not a terrorist attack using smallpox as a weapon. "If there's a smallpox terrorist attack, those people exposed in the initial attack will probably not know it until the symptoms develop about two weeks later," he concluded.

Smallpox is moderately contagious, transmitted when people encounter the virus on surfaces or in the air. Once a person is infected, the disease incubates for about two weeks then produces symptoms that include fever, headache, backache, malaise, fever and perhaps vomiting. After two or three days of these symptoms, a bumpy rash appears on the face and extremities. People who have been infected can only transmit the disease after the rash appears when they are likely to be seri-

ously and noticeably ill, said Small. "They will not be out wandering the streets spreading the virus, they will be in bed," he said. "Only the people caring for them will be at risk."

If an attack occurred, smallpox vaccine administered within two or three days after exposure should be close to 100 percent effective in stopping the disease, said Small. Scientists are still debating whether the window of opportunity may last longer, especially for those who have been previously vaccinated. The new Web site could generate controversy because not all scientists agree on how best to handle the issue of vaccination, Paling said. The site includes a downloadable Paling Perspective Scale, on which users can fill in their own data and submit their own calculations of the risks.

"I believe this will be the single biggest health-care communications issue of the next 12 to 15 months," he said. "I don't think it should be controversial in America to try to have an academic discussion in a way that the public can look over the scientists' shoulders and see what the points of difference are in order to help 'we the people.'"

Dr. Rudolph McKissick to Speak at B-CC's President's Assembly



Dr. Rudolph McKissick

DAYTONA BEACH – Dr. Rudolph W. McKissick is this year's speaker for the Bethune-Cookman College President's Assembly scheduled for Wednesday, January 29, at 10:20 a.m. in the Richard V. Moore, Sr. Gymnasium. Having been in pastoral ministry for more than twelve years, McKissick is currently serving as Senior Pastor of the Bethel Baptist Institutional Church in Jacksonville, which has a membership over 8,000.

A Jacksonville native, McKissick earned the bachelor of arts degree in opera and sacred music with a minor in pipe organ performance from Jacksonville University. He later received the masters of divinity degree from Virginia School of Theology and the doctor of ministry

from United Theological Seminary.

McKissick continues to receive numerous preaching invitations from churches all across the United States and has been selected by the Congress of National Black Churches to write for the African-American Devotional Bible.

Listed in Who's Who in Religion, Who's Who in Music and Who's Who in Executives and Business, McKissick is actively involved in his hometown. He serves on numerous boards including: the local advisory board of the United Negro College Fund; the Jacksonville Urban league; the Jacksonville Alliance for the Prevention of Adolescent Pregnancy and the Boys and Girls Club. He is married to and has three children.

Setting the tone for continuous intellectual and professional growth, leadership and service, the President's Assembly is the first general meeting of the entire B-CC family for spring semester that is presided over by B-CC President, Dr. Oswald P. Bronson, Sr. The event is free and open to the public.

The Weekly Challenger thanks Badcock Furniture, the Verizon Foundation, and the Tampa Bay D-Rays for their contributions benefiting students at John Hopkins Middle, Gibbs High, Boca Ciega High, St. Petersburg High, and Academy Prep.



Center for Education

A private educational center for 5th through 8th grade boys and girls

Successful candidates qualify for need-based scholarships and have the ability and desire to succeed in a rigorous academic program

Small classes, full-day, year-round activities
A safe, structured setting

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS
For Grade 5 and 6 classes to begin in June

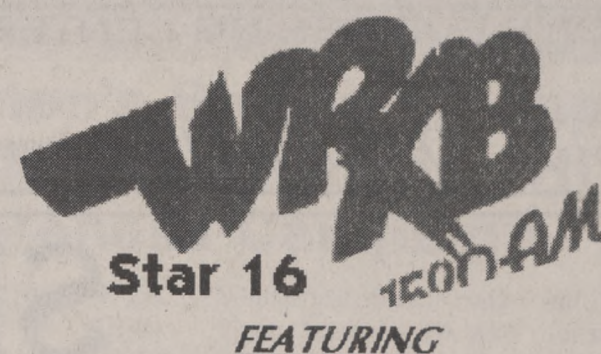
Call the school office at (727) 322-0800
2301 22nd Avenue South, St. Petersburg 33712

CARPET • WOOD • TILE

HUNDREDS of Carpet Remnants to Choose From!!	COMMERCIAL	Wood Flooring and Laminates in Stock	CERAMIC TILE
HEAVY TEXTURE	from \$3.49 SQ. YD.		from 69¢ SQ. FT.
WHOLE HOUSE CARPET	DESIGNER BERBERS from \$4.99 SQ. YD.		HARTCO WOOD \$1.99 SQ. FT.
\$699 Up to 60 Sq. Yds. Installed w/Pad			

CARPET STORE

ST. PETERSBURG SW CORNER 22ND AVE. & 28TH ST. NORTH 727-321-9590	CLEARWATER 24099 U.S. 19 NORTH 727-726-1099	TAMPA 5015 W. HILLSBOROUGH AVE. 813-249-2088
--	---	--



- **B.J.:** Saturday morning gospel. Wake up with a praying Spirit 5am-10am
- **DIANE HUGHES:** 5am-10am, M-F. Total Praise with the best in inspirational music, news, weather and the Spoken Word.
- **UNCLE DAVE MICHAELS:** 10am-1pm Just playing the music the way you like it.
- **MICHEAL T:** Old school and music to drive home by.
- **TONY CHARLES:** Take you back home with your favorite blues and 'chu-chu' oldies 9pm-2am.

FOR ADVERTISING CALL
DONZA DRUMMOND, SALES MANAGER
727-821-9947

REQUEST LINE 864-1600
Serving Tampa Bay Since 1976
Office: 327-WRXB (9792)
2060 - 1st Avenue North, St. Petersburg, FL 33713

WHERE WOULD WE BE WITHOUT....

Sponsored By:

ESTABLISHED 1904
Badcock
HOME FURNISHING CENTERS

St. Pete
2200 MLK St. S.
822-3741

Pinellas Park
7330 49th St. N.
544-6481

Huge Clearance Sale
Up To 75% OFF
Limited Time

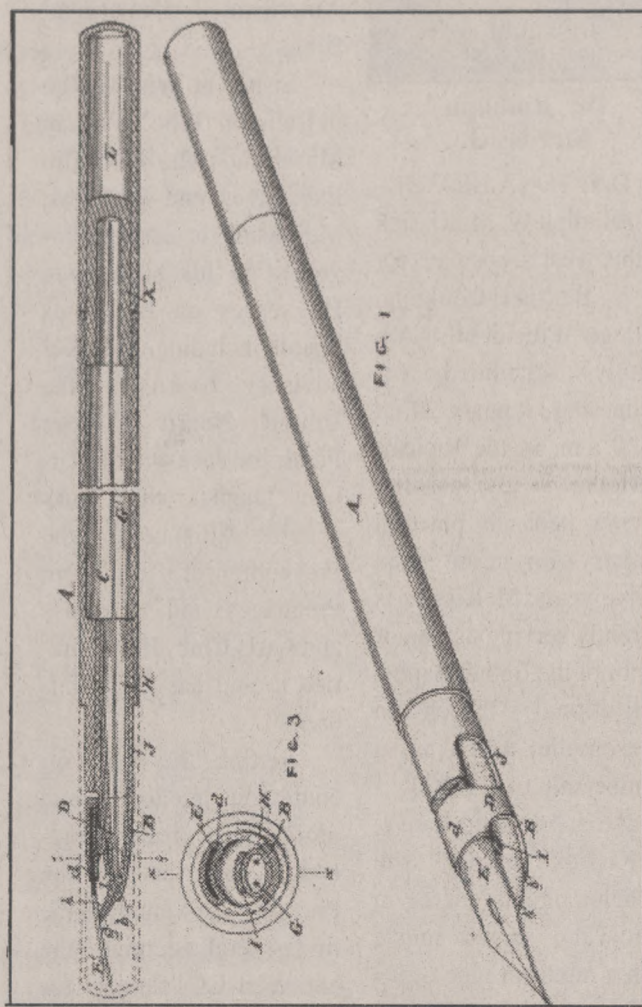
• Free Thank You Gift With Purchase
• No Money Down
• 0% Financing
• Fast Express Delivery
• Furniture, Major Appliances, Televisions, Stereos,
Lawn & Garden (Mowers, tractors, etc.)

Guaranteed Credit Approval

At These 2 Store Locations Only

If we go back a couple hundred years, it would have been hard to imagine today's promise. For African-Americans, this country offered very little hope, recognition, and prosperity. However, so much of what we have today is here because of the heroic efforts of African-Americans. This feature is dedicated to their spirit which could not be denied despite very little opportunity. Today, opportunity abounds. Learn about their stories, learn from their determinedness, and be inspired to take advantage of opportunities. We pray the inspiration is contagious.

William Purvis - Inventor



Improved Fountain Pen - patent #419,065 -
Patented on January 7, 1890

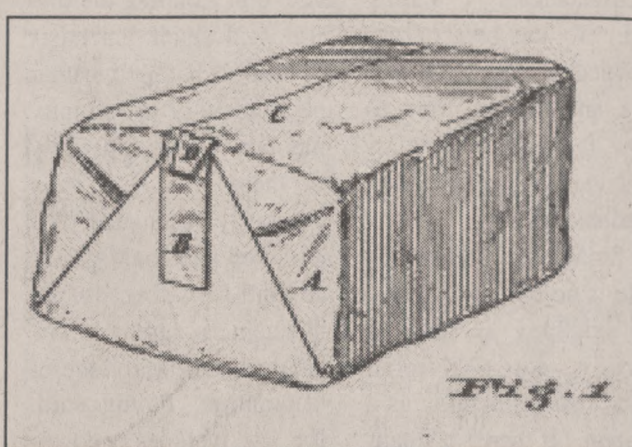
by Barry A. McIntosh

Challenger General Manager

They come in all sizes, shapes, and colors, and they can cost pennies, or hundreds of dollars. Today, there is a pen for everyone. Many of us have a "favorite" pen. But long before today's ball point pen, were pens with ink cartridges, and before that, fountain pens, and before that, quill pens, utilizing the natural ink reserve found in the hollow channel of a bird's feather.

It was the fountain pen that became the first truly marketable writing instrument, and mass produced. The oldest known fountain pen that we have today dates back to 1702, and the inventor was a frenchman named M. Bion. It took over 100 years before an American received a patent on a fountain pen. Peregrin Williamson, a Baltimore shoemaker, received a patent in 1809.

John Jacob Parker, namesake of today's Parker



Bag fastener - patent #256,856 - Patented on April 25, 1882

Pens patented the first self-filling fountain pen in 1831.

There was one thing all of these pens had in common. They were very susceptible to ink spills, as well as other inadequacies, making them impractical to really mass produce and market.

It wasn't until Lewis Edson Waterman, again, a namesake of today's Waterman Pens, 1984 patent, that the first practical fountain pen was produced. Interestingly, the improvement came on the heels of a disastrous business deal. Waterman was an insurance salesman, and when a valuable sales contract was rendered useless because of a leaky pen, Waterman felt something had to be done. His innovation was to add an air hole in the nib and three grooves inside the feed mechanism. The nib, which is the part of the pen which has con-

tact with the paper, is one of the three main parts of a fountain pen. The ink flow from the reservoir to the nib, is controlled by the feed, a second major part. Lastly, is the barrel which holds the nib and the feed, and protects the ink reservoir. This is the part that you grip while writing.

William Purvis Emerges

It was at this moment in time that a Black man made vital contributions to the fountain pen. William Purvis, of Philadelphia, already an inventor in his own right, had previously received a patent of the bag fastener in 1882, and a self-inking hand stamp, patented in 1883. Obviously using some of the principles learned in the self-inking hand stamp, in 1890, he made valuable improvements to the fountain pen. His improvements made it "more durable, inexpensive, and a better pen to

carry in the pocket." He did this by using an elastic tube between the pen nib and the ink reservoir that used a suction action to return any excess ink to the ink reservoir, reducing ink spills and increasing the longevity of the ink.

Thus today, we can thank Purvis for taking us one step closer to the modern day ball point pen, which once it burst on the scene, all previous types of writing instruments lost their practicality. Today, fountain pens are sold as classic writing instruments. Over his lifetime, Purvis secured 16 patents, of which 11 were connected with the manufacture of paper bags, and most were sold to the Union Paper Bag Company of New York. His first paper bag machine (patent #293,353) created satchel bottom type bags in an improved volume and greater automa-

tion than previous machines.

He is also responsible for improvements on the Electrical Railway, and magnetic car balancing.

Sources: www.inventors.about.com, www.purposefullintro.com

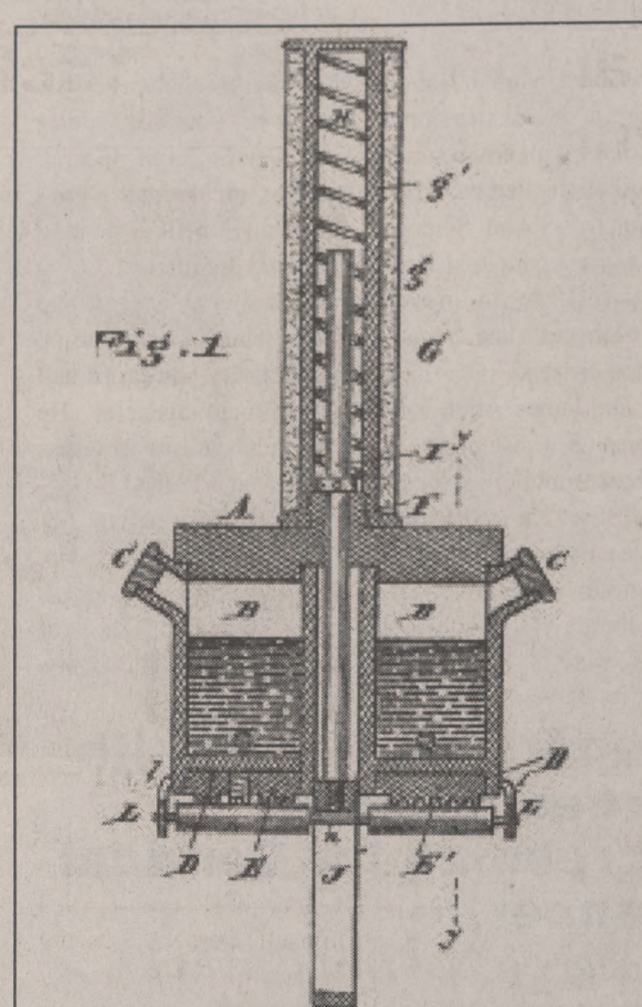
WE WELCOME YOUR LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Send Your Letters

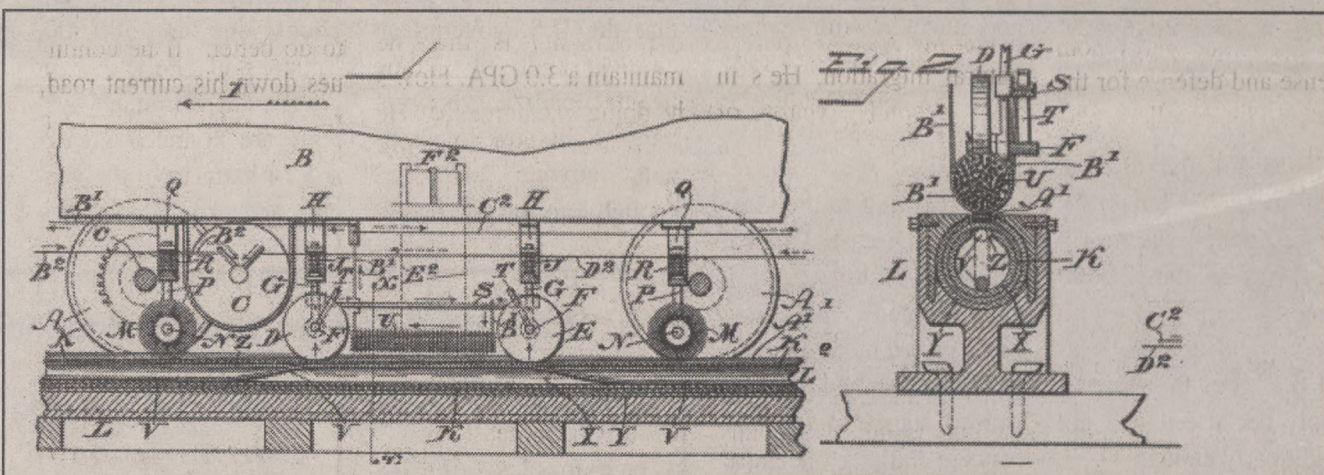
to:

The Weekly Challenger

2500 M.L. King St. S.
St. Petersburg, FL 33705

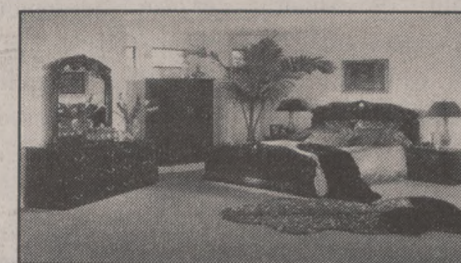


Hand stamp - patent #273,149 - Patented on February 27, 1883



Electric railway - patent #519,291 - Patented on May 1, 1894

ESTABLISHED 1904
Badcock
HOME FURNISHING CENTERS



"Only when lions have historians will hunters cease being heroes." ~ African Proverb

SPORTS NEWS

TNT Brings The Excitement Of The NBA All-Star, Celebrity Game To Prime Time

Marv Albert Teams with Cheryl Miller And Others For NBA All-Star Game

Turner Network Television (TNT) is bringing the excitement of the NBA All-Star Game to prime time when the network carries its first-ever NBA All-Star Game on Sunday, Feb. 9, at 8 p.m. ET (pre-game coverage starts at 7:30 p.m. ET), live from Philips Arena in Atlanta, GA. The game, part of more than 10 hours of TNT NBA All-Star Weekend coverage, will be called by Marv Albert, Mike Fratello, Jeff Van Gundy, Craig Sager and

Cheryl Miller, with the Emmy Award-winning Inside the NBA studio team of Ernie Johnson, Jr., Charles Barkley, Kenny Smith and Magic Johnson on-hand for all the weekend coverage.

This is the 18th year that Turner Broadcasting has featured NBA All-Star coverage and the first time in the event's history that the NBA All-Star Game itself will tip off in prime time. The game will mark a milestone for NBA Hall of Fame Announcer Albert,

who will be calling his 10th NBA All-Star Game, six for NBC and three on national radio broadcasts.

TNT's programming for the NBA All-Star Weekend is Feb. 7-9. Also on the schedule is TNT's NBA All-Star Celebrity Game, which kicks off Friday, Feb. 7, at 8 p.m. (ET). Commentators include Ernie Johnson and Magic Johnson. Charles Barkley and Kenny Smith will serve as team head coaches. Scheduled to appear on Team Barkley

include rap artist, writer, director and actor Ice Cube, Grammy Award winning country singer Tim McGraw, rapper Nelly, and Mark McGrath, lead singer for Sugar Ray. Celebrities on Team Smith include Justin Timberlake of pop group 'N Sync fame, comedian and actor Jamie Foxx, and singer Brian McKnight. Completed rosters, with NBA Legends and WNBA stars, to be announced at a later date.

Black Enterprise Magazine To Take Vail By Storm

Star-studded Lineup Scheduled For Leading Business Networking Event

(AFRICAN AMERICAN NEWSWIRE) NEW YORK, NY-- BLACK ENTERPRISE magazine, along with title sponsor AXA Advisors, will turn Colorado's Vail Cascade Resort & Spa into an exhilarating winter paradise as they proudly host the fifth annual Black Enterprise/AXA Advisors Ski Challenge held over the Presidents' Day weekend, February 12-17, 2003. This winter's premier event for business networking, the Ski Challenge attracts more than 700 of the country's

leading African American entrepreneurs and business professionals.

Headlining the weekend's entertainment lineup is J Records recording artist and neo-soul diva, Angie Stone. The winner of two Lady of Soul Awards, the platinum-selling R&B singing sensation will hold center stage, along with comedian Beth Payne; legendary hip-hop emcee Doug E. Fresh; and comedian Michael Colyar, former host of Black Entertainment Television's (BET) Live from LA and

Comic View.

Vail's breathtaking backdrop will set the stage for five days of networking, skiing, snowboarding, spa indulgence, snowshoe tours, après ski cocktail receptions, as well as dazzling evening entertainment. Event highlights also include financial seminars hosted by title sponsor AXA Advisors, motivational and wellness seminars, yoga and pilates classes, a mountaintop picnic, and an off-site shopping excursion.

Sponsors of the Black

Enterprise/AXA Advisors Ski Challenge include: /AXA Advisors, American Airlines, AT&T, Citibank, City of Denver, Coors Light, Federal Express Corp., Grand Marnier, Hennessy, Jaguar, Land Rover, Moët & Chandon, Pepsi, Polo Ralph Lauren, State of Colorado, Vail Cascade Resort & Spa, Vail Resorts, Volvo, and Xerox Corporation.

To register for the Ski Challenge, visit www.blackenterprise.com or call 800-229-7229 for more information.

STUDENT ATHLETES OF THE MONTH

Sponsored By:



Huge Clearance Sale
Up To 75% OFF
Limited Time

• Free Thank You Gift With Purchase
• No Money Down
• 0% Financing
• Fast Express Delivery
• Furniture, Major Appliances, Televisions, Stereos, Lawn & Garden (Mowers, tractors, etc.)



The Devil Rays and The Rays of Hope Foundation proudly support community efforts, education programs and charities throughout the Tampa Bay Area.

For tickets or information call **888-FAN RAYS**

St. Pete
2200 MLK St. S.
822-3741

Pinellas Park
7330 49th St. N.
544-6481

Guaranteed Credit Approval

At These 2 Store Locations Only

Larry Lindsey - Tackling Opponents and Life

by Barry A. McIntosh

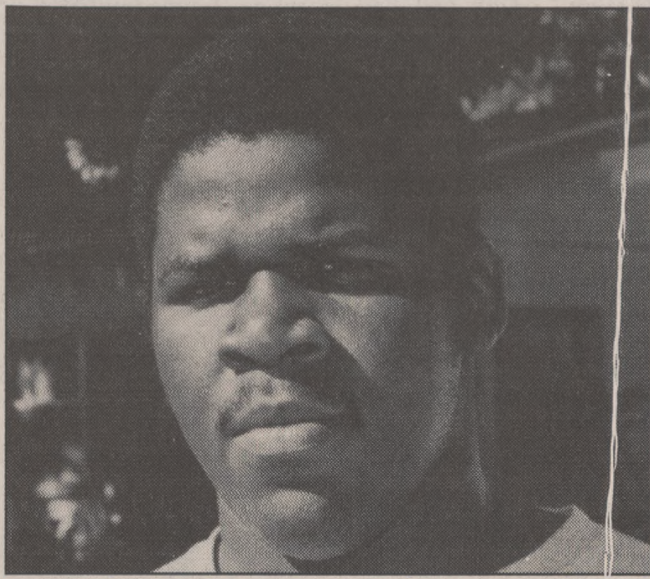
Challenger General Manager

Larry Lindsey, Jr. became an athlete late in life, relatively speaking. His first exposure to an organized sport was as a sophomore in high school. He was encouraged by his sister's boyfriend to try out for the school football team. That was all he needed.

Lindsey is now a senior at Boca Ciega High School, and is a two sport athlete. He always wanted to play football, but his weight prohibited him from playing with kids his age, and his mother, Tawana Cooks, was concerned about the possibility of injury if he played with kids that were much older.

In high school, the weight wouldn't be a restriction, so, the 6'1 1/2", 265 lb. senior plays both offense and defense for the Pirates. His excellent play opening holes and helping his team score at will against Pinellas Park, earned him co-MVP game honors in November. On offense he plays the weak side guard position, and on defense, he plays tackle.

Being new to the sport, Lindsey wasn't sure what



Larry Lindsey

photo by Barry A. McIntosh

position he would play when he tried out a couple years ago. He even fancied himself perhaps playing quarterback, but quickly realized the position his size and speed was suited to play.

Lindsey's stature, strength and quickness made his second sport a natural migration. He's in his second year of wrestling. As a junior, he was the team's co-MVP of the year. Competing in the heavyweight division, he was the PCAC Champion of the year as a junior. This year he came in second to Curtis Chance of Dixie Hollins, losing by 4 points in the championship match.

Lindsey isn't sure about what he wants to do after high school, besides attending and graduating from college. To that end, he is working on a Florida Bright Futures Scholarship. Lindsey says the scholarship will pay 75% of the tuition costs. One of the requirements is that he maintain a 3.0 GPA. How's he doing in that regard? He has proven that the requirement is no problem, a massing a cumulative 3.54 GPA through his senior year!

Lindsey showed the same determination to exceed expectations when his mother told him he had to achieve at least a "C" average to play football.

He wasn't always so studious. He admits he "played around in his freshman year." So he had some catching up to do. If not for that first year, he'd be sporting a much higher average. However, since his sophomore year, he's brought home report cards to make any mom proud. Ms. Cooks' one admonishment is to not regress in any class, so she's quick to point out where his grade may have slipped from the previous marking period, Lindsey says. Lindsey is in a single parent family home, but it is very clear he has a great deal of respect for his mother.

When asked why he exceeded both his mother's requirements and that of the state, he smiled and said, it was a matter of "bragging rights, I wanted to do better." If he continues down his current road, Larry Lindsey will have a lot more to brag about in the coming years.

There Is A Reason To Read The Weekly Challenger!

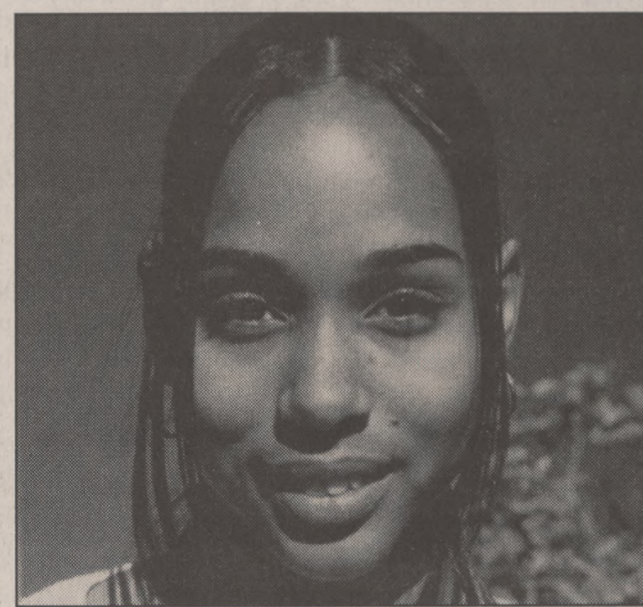
Paulina Mc Intosh - Scoring on the Soccer Field and In Class

by Barry A. McIntosh

Challenger General Manager

Paulina Mc Intosh, a junior at Boca Ciega High, in the school's medical magnet program, has been playing soccer for just six years. Yet she has already built up some impressive credentials. She currently plays club soccer for the St. Petersburg Raiders, a competitive team that travels every other weekend to play against other club soccer teams. She's a three year veteran of the club, of which her father, Elon Mc Intosh is the coach. Her success in Club soccer has spilled over into her high school life, where she is a star midfielder for the Pirates.

Mc Intosh appears to be a very modest young lady, hence a little reticent to ramble on about her on-field exploits. However, she did score 5 goals against Dixie last season as a sophomore, and this year she had a 3 goal game against Northeast. She played varsity soccer while a sophomore, and her play was highly appreciated, shown by being voted the team's Most Valuable Player for the school year! This year's MVP has yet to



Paulina Mc Intosh

photo by Barry A. McIntosh

be decided.

Mc Intosh says the Pirates are currently in 3rd place in the conference, with a 6-5-2 record.

Soccer keeps her busy. Every day, she is either practicing or has a game. Every other weekend she plays 3 games, for the Raiders, and she practices every Sunday for the club team.

Mc Intosh enjoys the things that most girls love, shopping, movies, just hanging out with her friends, and watching TV. She laughs and says, "I have to make time for TV." Her athletic performance is something to be proud of,

and it certainly doesn't seem to have damaged her social life, and beyond that, everything appears pretty normal, but there's much more to this teenager.

Somehow, Mc Intosh has found the time, and drive to excel in school. Her cumulative weighted GPA through her junior year is a staggering 4.219! How boastful is she of her classroom achievements? When asked how she's doing in school, her demeanor never changed from any other question asked, and very matter of factly she answered. She wasn't even sure what her GPA was, and whether it

was cumulative or just for this year, or this semester. However, she was sure of one thing. She has to study a lot, and she maturely adds, "in the time you do have free, you have to use it wisely." Out of the mouths of babes... She was quick to dismiss any idea that all her studying is robbing her of enjoying her teenage years.

Mc Intosh loves working with babies. Somehow she still finds the time to baby-sit regularly for relatives. This experience and the strong influence from a grandmother who is a doctor, has her career choice all but sewn up. She plans to be a neo-natologist. She's in the right school to lead her to her goal.

Mom Mirian and father Elon have undoubtedly been a constant encouragement to their well adjusted and determined daughter. Mc Intosh says, their advice to her is "stay focused, all the hard work will pay off in the end."

Observing her performance thus far, one can't disagree; in fact, we can only add, there's no end in sight for this accomplished student.



Rep. Jim Davis Bets On A Bucs Victory

Davis puts Cuban sandwiches on the line

WASHINGTON, DC - Congressman Jim Davis and Congresswoman Barbara Lee of Oakland, CA have made a friendly wager on whether the Tampa Bay Buccaneers or the Oakland Raiders will win this weekend's Super Bowl XXXVII.

Davis predicts the Bucs, bringing one of the best defenses in the history of the Super Bowl, will stop the Raiders' offense and take home one of professional sports' greatest prizes.

When the Bucs win, Rep. Lee will deliver coffee from Berkeley and a gingerbread cookies from Oakland. In the highly unlikely event that the Raiders squeak out a victory, Davis will provide Rep. Lee and her staff with Cuban sandwiches, black beans and guava turnovers.

"I am looking forward to a great game on Sunday and a resounding win for the Bucs," said Congressman Davis. "I can already taste the coffee and gingerbread, although I can't imagine that Berkeley's coffee could compare with café con leche."

Schools Teaching Bucs Lessons

TAMPA-- Schools throughout the School District of Hillsborough County are incorporating activities related to the Buccaneers and the Super Bowl into their lesson plans this week, as follows: 7:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 22 and Thursday, Jan. 23 - Jefferson High School - Using the Super Bowl as a destination, Rochelle Stanfill's Travel, Tourism and Hospitality students will research different target markets. Students are assuming the role of a travel agent and researching costs of flights, lodging, meals and entertainment options while in San Diego for different types of Buccaneer Fans. The different target groups are a family of four, a couple in their 50s, a couple in their

20s, and two men in their 30s. They are also going to research the economic impact of hosting the Super Bowl.

8 a.m. to 2:15 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 22 and Thursday, Jan. 23 - Schwarzkopf Elementary School - Kindergarten teacher Deane Miller is having her class do a number of curriculum activities related to the Super Bowl, like developing graphs based on what they believe will be the outcome of the game.

1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 23 - Progress Village School of the Arts - Former Buccaneer players from the inaugural 1976 team David Green, Council Rudolph and Frank Oliver will be attending a pep rally with students and staff. Other teammates have been invited.

8 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 23 and Friday, Jan. 24 - Mintz Elementary School - Students will be asked Bucs trivia questions all week on the school's closed-circuit television morning show. Students, faculty and staff will also wear Buccaneer clothing or colors Friday.

8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Friday, Jan. 24 - Pizzo Elementary School - Mary Schmitz's 1st and 2nd grade combination class will incorporate Bucs activities in their math, language arts and art lessons.

8:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., Friday, Jan. 24 - Tampa Palms Elementary - Fifth grade math students in Bernadette Conger's class are incorporating the Buccaneers in math problems, graphs and statistics.

Women's Boxing Champ Laila Ali Joins Nationwide HIV/AIDS Awareness Campaign

WASHINGTON, D.C. (BLACK PR WIRE)-- Laila Ali, super middle weight champ and daughter of boxing legend Muhammad Ali, will lend her support and time to the third annual National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NBHAAD), Feb. 7.

"This is an important health issue, especially for the youth in our community," said Ali. "I hope that my involvement can make people more aware of HIV/AIDS so that they can take care of themselves."

On Feb. 7, more than 150 local HIV/AIDS organizations and civic groups across the country will conduct educational and outreach programs in their communities including free HIV testing, town meetings and youth rallies. Ali will be joined by other prominent African-American leaders including nationally syndicated radio personality Doug Banks, and U.S. Congresswoman

Donna Christensen, (D-Virgin Islands), and who also chairs the Congressional Black Caucus' Health Braintrust, which oversees and advocates minority health issues nationally and internationally.

Congresswoman Christensen will serve as the honorary chair of the 2003 National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. "We are united in the fight for our lives," said Christensen. "The HIV/AIDS epidemic has reached a state of emergency in the African-American community."

African-Americans make up 13 percent of the U.S. population yet represent 38 percent of total AIDS cases. Seventy-two African-Americans are diagnosed with HIV every day.

The goals of NBHAAD are to encourage African-Americans and other concerned citizens to get educated, get tested and

get involved in advocating for more resources to fight the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day is a project of the Community Capacity Building Coalition (CCBC), a coalition of organizations committed to halting the spread of HIV/AIDS in the African-American community. The coalition is funded by the CDC through the National Minority AIDS Initiative. Members of CCBC are Concerned Black Men of Philadelphia; Health Watch Information and Promotion Service, Inc.; Jackson State University - Mississippi Urban Research Center (MURC); the National Black Alcoholism and Addiction Council; and the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS.

For more information about National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, call toll free 1-877-867-1446 or visit www.blackaidsday.org

WE WELCOME YOUR LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THERE IS ONLY ONE RACE IN THIS WORLD - THE HUMAN RACE

NATIONAL NEWS

New York Life Sponsors Sixth Annual Rainbow/PUSH Wall St. Conference

NEW YORK — New York Life Insurance Company was a Platinum sponsor at the Sixth Annual Rainbow/PUSH Coalition Wall Street Project conference, founded by Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, which ran January 14-17 at the Sheraton Hotel in midtown Manhattan. The program was titled, "Equity for All: Establishing the Agenda for Growth."

"The Rainbow/PUSH 2003 Wall Street Project conference aims to enhance economic opportunity and access to capital, and we are pleased that New York Life will join in this important endeavor," said Rev. Jackson. "We strongly believe that corporate America must get

involved if we are to realize meaningful gains for underserved communities."

"New York Life is proud to play a significant role in supporting the Wall Street Project conference which addresses the importance of economic empowerment and financial literacy," said Sy Sternberg, chairman and chief executive officer of New York Life. "A critical component in this effort is consumer education and we are working closely with Rainbow/PUSH and other organizations to enhance the learning opportunities available in communities of color."

Fred Sievert, president, New York Life, will participate in a high-level lunch-

eon roundtable addressing trends and opportunities in the insurance industry along with other industry leaders. Additionally, New York Life will participate in the Wall Street Project Career Expo as part of the company's strategy to recruit and retain a diverse pool of qualified employees. This conference will also cover such subjects as: business opportunities in sports, travel and tourism, the Hip Hop entertainment industry, supplier diversity, corporate governance and other timely topics through plenary sessions, panel discussions and a series of interesting workshops.

Black College Fund Receives Boost

WASHINGTON, DC — William H. Gray, III, president and chief executive officer of the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) Inc., recently announced that the Sodexo Foundation, the charitable arm of the nation's leading provider of food and facilities management services, has donated \$150,000 to fund UNCF scholarships for college students in need of financial assistance.

"On behalf of the United Negro College Fund and the students who now will gain the opportunity to attend college, I am honored to accept this grant from the Sodexo Foundation," Gray said. "This funding will enable many of our most promising young people to receive a college education, helping them to reach their full potential as individuals and as citizens of our nation."

"For more than five decades, the United Negro College Fund has made the dream of higher education a reality for thousands of students in this country, and as the largest provider of services to historically black colleges, Sodexo is very proud and pleased we can contribute to this important effort," said Sodexo President and CEO Michel Landel, in presenting the grant today at the company's headquarters in Gaithersburg, MD. "The Sodexo Foundation is committed to fighting hunger in our society and ensuring that all our young people have the necessary educational opportunities to enable them to provide for their families."

The Sodexo grant will fund scholarships awarded to financially disadvantaged students attending one of the nation's his-

torically black colleges and universities. Recipients of the scholarships must maintain a grade point average of 3.0 or above (on a 4 point scale) and demonstrate involvement in programs dedicated towards fighting hunger.

For Sodexo employees, many of whom contribute to the foundation, today's donation was particularly meaningful because UNCF announced last year that it would provide full college scholarships for the children of Benjamin "Keefe" Clark, the Sodexo chef who died in the September 11 attacks on the World Trade Center.

Children of 9-11 victims are eligible to receive a full scholarship to any of UNCF's 39 member colleges and universities. Scholarships cover the cost of tuition, fees, room and board, books and supplies.

Minorities Unfairly Targeted for Layoffs, Says Survey

LIVINGSTON — Diversity initiatives have not affected the belief that minorities are the last hired and first fired, according to a recent survey by WorkplaceDiversity.com, a job search web site for experienced diversity talent.

Answered by people who visited www.WorkplaceDiversity.com in December, the survey found that 72 percent of respondents believe that minorities are unfairly targeted for layoffs. Fifty-nine percent gave racial and gender bias as the primary reason for the unfair treatment, followed by the lack of minorities in decision-making positions. In addition, nearly 70 percent of respondents believe that ethnicity and gender are disadvantages in seeking employment in this current job market.

One possible reason for the belief that minorities are unfairly targeted is that organizations' diversity initiatives and goals may still be unclear to employees. According to the WorkplaceDiversity.com

survey, 76 percent of respondents indicated that employers do not have clearly defined or communicated equal opportunity or workplace diversity programs.

"In this economy, employers must do a better job of showing employees and the public that layoff decisions are based on sound financial reasons and not race or gender," said Dan Honig, chief operating officer of WorkplaceDiversity.com. "Despite diversity initiatives, people still believe that minorities are the last hired and first fired." Added Honig, "Companies must further support and empower their diversity departments to enable them to better communicate the commitment to workplace diversity and make employees more aware of the programs that will make that commitment a reality." "Otherwise," said Honig, "companies may make themselves vulnerable to even lower employee morale or possible discrimination lawsuits."

Malcolm X/Ella L. Little-Collins Family Foundation Launched — Founder Rodnell P. Collins, Nephew of Malcolm X, Recognizes Malcolm's Life and Legacy

BOSTON — Rodnell P. Collins, the nephew of Malcolm X, has officially launched The Malcolm X/Ella L. Little-Collins Family Foundation, to recognize Malcolm's life and legacy. One of the Foundation's objectives is to grant scholarships to individuals who wish to pursue careers in the fields of government, science, medicine, divinity, education, health and the trades, whether in colleges, universities, and/or vocational institutions. The recipients will be those people who have demonstrated their volunteerism in communities.

Rodnell Collins is the nephew of Malcolm X and son of Ella Little Collins, Malcolm's sister. Ella Collins knew Malcolm X perhaps better than anyone else. Ella took Malcolm into her Boston (Roxbury, Massachusetts) home after his father was lynched and his mother was institutionalized following a nervous breakdown. Also, Ella was the one who went looking for Malcolm in the streets of Boston when he was a

rebellious teenager and monitored his development in prison. In addition, Ella later paid for Malcolm's trip to the holy city of Mecca.

"Malcolm's life was cut short, but there were important things around his life not included in his autobiography, and we hope to share this information," said Rodnell Collins who spent much time with Malcolm, and at times, was even his driver and confidant. Collins, author of "Seventh Child: A Family Memoir of Malcolm X," is the curator of the Malcolm X/Ella Little Collins house in Boston, MA and the Founder/President of the Malcolm X/Ella L. Little-Collins Foundation Inc. In addition, he is the President of the Organization of Afro American Unity Inc., founded by Malcolm X.

The Foundation name-sake was formed in honor and recognition of over 175 years of the Little and Collins families struggle for freedom/empowerment and human rights in community, religion, and gov-

ernment (national/international). The Foundation will seek to collect materials to archive for scholarly research and preservation of Malcolm and his family legacy. It will also manage the Malcolm X/Ella Little Collins house, a historical landmark designated by the City of Boston and state of Massachusetts. Institutions or individuals who seek to preserve the legacy of Malcolm X may work collectively with the Foundation, a 501(c)3 state/federal non-profit tax exempt organization.

"We will also work with those individuals and all institutions of higher learning for program development on the pedagogy and myth of Malcolm X," said Rodnell Collins. "He has been called an American icon, a demagogue, portrayed too often as a symbol without substance. The Foundation will provide the programs and materials to chronicle the life and legacy of Malcolm, not to interpret."

GOD BLESS AMERICA

WTMP AM 150
Nothin' but the JAMZ

Mid-Day Drive
ERIQ STORM
FEATURES SMOOTH GROOVES!
TO GET YOU THROUGH THE WORK DAY
MONDAY-FRIDAY
10:00 AM-2:00 PM

Afternoon Drive
2 to 6 PM
with Bobby Holiday
EVENING NEWS 6PM

Citizen's Report
Host: Jetie B. Wilds, Jr.
Saturday Mornings
9 am-10:30 am

All Adult Sundays
GOSPEL
5am-5pm

STREET PARTY DJ
Big \$\$\$ Oed
6:30 pm to 10:00 pm Mon thru Fri.
6:00 pm to 10:00 pm Saturday

Mix Show DJs:
Mad Linx
Christian

HOT 96.1 FM
Tampa's Hottest Jamz

The Weekly Challenger thanks Badcock Furniture, the Verizon Foundation, and the Tampa Bay D-Rays for their contributions benefiting students at John Hopkins Middle, Gibbs High, Boca Ciega High, St. Petersburg High, and Academy Prep.

REV. MOTHER SUPERIOR WILLIAMS

Ordained Psychic Christian Reader & Adviser

HAVE YOU BEEN HOODOOED?
ARE YOU SICK IN ANY PART OF YOUR BODY?

Rev. Mother Superior Williams has God Given Power to help you overcome your problems no matter how big or small.

She will tell you just what you want to know about friends, enemies or rivals; Whether husband, wife or sweetheart is true or false; How to gain the love you most desire; Control or influence the action of anyone, even though miles away. Tell you of lucky numbers. She has helped thousands through all walks of life. She will advise on love, marriage, business, health, divorces, lawsuits, luck, alcoholics, happiness, spells, success and evil influences of all kinds. Tells who your friends and enemies are. Guarantees to remove all evil and bad luck! WHY SUFFER when you can be helped and freed from all your troubles?

Don't fail to call or write to her today.
Send Self-Addressed Envelope

Rev. Mother Superior Williams
3716 W. Horatio, Tampa, FL 33609
(813) 874-5581

I was having bad luck, miserable and it seemed like everything was against me. Just a few visits to Rev. Mother Superior Williams and now I'm doing fine with a good home and good man who loves me.

- Hillary Williams

Mormen Realty & Development Inc.

a Full Service Real Estate Office



Rose Ford

Announces its affiliation with Rose Ford

Rose can assist you in satisfying your Real Estate needs.

Call Rose at 727-327-0184

Charles W. Cherry, Sr.
Realtor

Vivian Harmon
Office Manager

or contact
Mormen Realty & Development Inc.

1427 22nd Street S. • St. Petersburg, Florida

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Caribbean Feels Backlash From Venezuela Crisis

by Peter Richards

PORT OF SPAIN (IPS) — When Trinidad and Tobago shipped 300,000 barrels of oil to neighboring Venezuela on Dec. 31, the opposition in Caracas said the action was tantamount to political interference in the domestic affairs of a sovereign state. Trinidad's Foreign Minister Knowlson Gift dismissed the accusation, insisting it was helping a "legitimately, democratically elected government. It is not as though we are sending soldiers to Caracas or arms and ammunition," he added.

While Caribbean nations have largely stayed at arms-length from the political turmoil created by the opposition strike in Venezuela, they have been hurt by the drop in imports of cheap petroleum from the South American nation. The English-speaking Caribbean, schooled in the Westminster system of government, finds it extremely difficult to support any move to overthrow any democratically elected government, says Anthony Gonsalves, head of the Institute of International Relations at the University of the West Indies (UWI). "We are very constitution minded. This is where the Caribbean governments are coming from: Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez heads an elected government; they have difficulty in going against a government that was elected," Gonsalves told IPS.

Even attempts by Venezuela's opposition to get the region's trade unions on its side have been rebuffed. The powerful Oilfield Workers Trade Union (OWTU) in Trinidad and Tobago labeled the street demonstrations in Caracas as a "big business, CIA strike against the democratically elected government."

Venezuela opposition spokeswoman Francia Galea says the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) countries are being duped by Chavez and "a good international propaganda machinery." Galea also had a warning for the nations. "The fact is that Chavez is leading this country down the road of Communism and dictatorship, and once that happens in Venezuela it would happen in the Caribbean islands, including Trinidad and Tobago."

Warning signs are being raised in the economic sphere, with one economist recommending regional leaders approach international lenders as a bloc "to use whatever leverage they can muster in the international community to gain concessionary financing from the large economies" to deal with the fallout from Venezuela.

"The Venezuela crisis could not have come at a worst time for the island economies of the Caribbean. It adds another handicap to the difficulties they have to deal with," said Dhanyshar Mahabir, a lecturer at UWI. "The Venezuela situation is going to increase the cost of running the economies of these islands, including their balance of payment problems," he added.

Recently, Cuba said it lost more than \$200 million in 2002 due to interruptions of oil deliveries from Caracas. Under an agreement signed between President Fidel Castro and Chavez in October 2000, Caracas promised to sell the Communist state 53,000 barrels of crude a day for five years. Other CARICOM and Latin American countries that purchase oil from Venezuela at preferential rates are also suffering.

The Jamaican government, worried not only about the situation in Caracas but also of a possible attack on Iraq by the United States, has been encouraging energy conservation. Commerce, Science and Technology Minister Phillip Paulwell said that the Petroleum Corporation of Jamaica (PCJ) would be mandated to get back into the business of selling solar panels for solar water heaters.

In order to meet the shortfall in the Venezuelan supply, Jamaica has started purchasing more crude oil from Ecuador and Mexico and bought finished products such as gas oil, diesel oil and liquid petroleum gas from Trinidad, he added. Prices of petroleum products have jumped between 53 and 97 per cent in

Haiti, where commuters have also started paying higher bus fares and petroleum dealers are asking for increased subsidies from the government.

Other beneficiaries of cheaper petroleum under the Caracas Accord are Barbados, Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama and the Dominican Republic. Mahabir says that Caribbean nations have been forced to look for alternative sources of petroleum at a time when the world market for oil has increased tremendously. In addition, many of those states have not yet recovered from decreased tourism after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks in the United States and have suffered from rulings by the World Trade Organization (WTO) that have affected the sale of bananas and other regional products on the global market.

Many English-speaking Caribbean states are already running budget deficits, says Mahabir. Not even oil-rich Trinidad and Tobago is in a position to help its neighbors substantially, although Port of Spain recently announced it might build a pipeline to provide oil and gas to neighboring states. But the administration of Prime Minister Patrick Manning faces a \$6.6 billion national debt, which Mahabir believes will cost at least a billion dollars annually in service fees.

Nigerian Woman Challenges for President

by Toye Olori

LAGOS — Nigeria's first female presidential aspirant, Sarah Jubril, will challenge 29 men, including incumbent President Olusegun Obasanjo, at the polls on April. Jubril, a long-time politician, was unanimously adopted as her party's candidate during a recent convention held in Abuja, the administrative capital of Nigeria. Jubril, who has been aiming at the presidency since 1992, is sponsored by newly registered but less known Progressive Action Congress (PAC).

"The wind of change is in favor of the progressives. A government of the true progressives is the answer. Therefore, this is not the time to give up, but a time to think positive towards a better tomorrow," she said, while accepting her nomination. The nomination of Mrs. Jubril is a plus at least; it will inspire women to renew their hope. But, generally speaking, I do not see her as making any impact," says Toro Oladapo of Women in Nigeria (WIN), a non-governmental organization (NGO).

"Mrs. Jubril was a presidential aspirant of the disbanded National Party of Nigeria (NPN) and came fourth (in 1992). She knows she cannot achieve her ambition of standing as a presidential candidate in big parties. Hence, she went to a party she knows she can manipulate and get a ticket easily," Oladapo claims.

"Nobody in the big parties, where men hold sway, would have given her the chance. It is all a joke, she knows she cannot win. It is still a man's game in Nigeria," says Oladapo. But Yetunde Gandonou, of

the Lagos-based National Council of Women Societies, has pledged to mobilize women to contribute 'morally' and 'financially' to make Jubril's bid at the April polls a success. "We do not want the military to come back through the backdoor to politics. We have to do something to ensure they are not back whether as civilians or military. We are going to mobilize our womenfolk to vote for Mrs. Jubril," Gandonou recently told IPS news service. President Obasanjo and, his main rival, Muhammadu Buhari, were both army generals and former military rulers.

Nigeria has 30 political parties, which are expected to submit their nomination lists to the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), following the primaries in which presidential candidates were elected. For two years, Nigeria's big political parties - the ruling Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), the All Nigeria Peoples' Party (ANPP) and the Alliance for Democracy (AD) - have promised female members a level playing field. They also exempted female aspirants from paying nomination fees, which range from \$2,500 to \$100,000 depending on the position being contested. However, when federal government primaries were taking place, the major parties shoved aside their female aspirants, prompting accusations of alleged marginalization of female politicians. The ploy prompted 400 PDP female aspirants to invade Abuja on Jan. 9 to complain about their marginalization.

Chidima Ibe-Ejiogu, a parliamentary aspirant, alleges no primary was held in her constituency in eastern Nigeria, where, she claims, "doctored" list of voters was presented. Ejioogu, who claims she has been a member of the ruling PDP since its inception, says she was marginalized simply because she did not make the compulsory donation of \$2,500 to the party. "It is hard to believe that men, who said women should not pay fees to contest, can now turn around and frustrate them," she says. "If the PDP wants to win the general elections in April, our grievances must be addressed."

Kofo Olugesan, another female aspirant from Lagos, claims she defeated a male colleague in local council elections but that the PDP electoral committee refused to declare the results 'because there was no electricity and the votes could not be counted.' "Justice must be done," she told President Obasanjo when the protesting PDP women sought the intervention of the Nigerian leader a few weeks ago.

Obasanjo pledged to support any change in the party's constitution to provide increased opportunity for women candidates in future election. "What you have to do is to persuade the men folk to allow you to participate, because we are in a male-dominated society and change would not be easy," he told the women.

Nigeria's 360-member House of Representatives has 12 female members, while the 109-member Senate has three. Political observers and women groups argue that - going by the primaries of the various parties in which women aspirants have lost out - there might be fewer women in the national assembly, come April, in

the two houses.

"The prospect of having as many women in the national assembly this time around looks bleak. Only one female senatorial candidate has emerged from the PDP, which claimed to have offered both male and female aspirants a level playing field," Oladapo adds. "Most of the women were screened out through various styles of adoption and hand-picking," she says. "A lot of women also edged out of the race because of the unfavorable policies that are introduced at the party level."

Oladapo believes the exemption of paying fees is a ploy to attract women to join political parties, remarking that, "The wavers are just window dressing to attract them to join political parties." Nigeria, she says, is ripe for a woman president, but the odds in the country's politics, she warns, will make it impossible for a woman to clinch the top job.

"The existing odds are still there. Unless we start fighting seriously for affirmative action, which offers 30 percent of all public offices to women, we will not achieve our goals. We NGOs did a lot of mobilization and sensitization of women, but a wide gulf still exists between men and women," Oladapo concludes.

She has urged the next federal government to implement the long-awaited 30 percent affirmative action through appointment of women at various levels of state and local governments. To the chagrin of women, Nigeria has only six women -- out of 42 ministers in the federal cabinet - serving under President Obasanjo.

The Weekly Challenger thanks Badcock Furniture, the Verizon Foundation, and the Tampa Bay D-Rays for their contributions benefiting students at John Hopkins Middle, Gibbs High, Boca Ciega High, St. Petersburg High, and Academy Prep.

NEWS DEADLINE IS 4 P.M. MONDAY

OBITUARIES

ST. PETERSBURG RITES



SUAREZ-ISAAC, RUBEN, 79, died January 10, 2003. Survivors include her husband, Cleve Isaac; two daughters, Carole Gulston and Regina Whitlow; one son, Charles Suarez, Jr.; four grandchildren, James, Cordero, Riccardo and Leila; and

two great grandchildren, James "B.J." and Candace. McRae Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

GIVE GOD WHAT'S RIGHT, NOT WHAT'S LEFT.

GOD HATH NOT PROMISED

*God hath not promised skies always blue
Flower-strewn pathways all our lives through;*

*God hath not promised sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.
But God hath promised strength for the day,*

*Rest for the labor, light for the way,
Grace for the trials, help from above,
Unfailing sympathy, undying love...*

"The Lord is great and is to be highly praised; His greatness is beyond understanding." - Psalms 145:3



Young's Funeral Home

A Full Service Firm
Robert C. Young
Funeral Director
Since 1975
1005 Howard Street
(Corner So. Greenwood Ave. & Howard)
Clearwater, FL
442-2388

SERENITY FUNERAL HOME, INC.

Family Budget Plan \$1,399.00
(Cloth Casket - Grey or Blue)
Traditional Burial \$2,199.00
(20 Gauge Steel Casket)
Elite Services/Deluxe \$3,599.00
(18 Gauge Steel Casket)

Plans do not include: Minister, Flowers, Police Escort, Programs, Grave Space or Cemetery Services

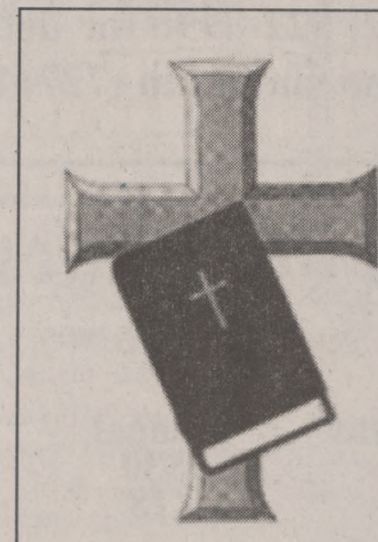
A Full Service Parlor

• Professional Staff • Casket Display
• Cremations • Urns Available
832 N.E. 5th Street (Hwy. 44), Crystal River
1-866-564-1408 • 1-352-564-1408



Elder Leon Lavell Thomas, Sr.
Founder/Executive Director

"It's all taken care of"



These were the words that brought calm to me when my family member passed away. She had already taken care of her funeral and burial expenses three years ago. We just placed one call to McRae Funeral Home and found out that not only was the funeral paid for - it was at prices that were in effect at the time she made the arrangements. What a savings - What a peace of mind.

So that your funeral is fully funded and won't be a financial burden on your family, contact McRae Funeral Home today and discuss how you can guarantee the future price at today's cost.

McRae Funeral Home
1940 Martin Luther King Jr. Street South
St. Petersburg, Florida 33705
(727) 895-6005

CLASSIFIED ADS...get results!

CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG
Employment Division
Office is Located at
One 4th St. N., 4th Floor
Mon., Wed., Fri. Only
www.stpete.org

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER



Section 8 Housing
3, 4, 5 Bedrooms For Rent
in St. Petersburg & Gulfport
(813) 244-7388

SAVE UP TO 80%
On Dental Services
Includes FREE Prescription, Vision
and Chiropractic Plans
(727) 864-6675

BENNIE BRINSON Insurance Agency
Your Neighborhood
Insurance Agency
Specializing In
Affordable
Life•Health•Dental•Vision
Disability•Commercial
Liability & Bonds Also
Ph: 727-328-9878
Fax: 727-328-9545

HAIR STYLIST
Wanted to work in a
2-person salon located
in Clwr. Booth rental
\$880/wk. Call (727) 466-
9582. Leave message.

AD DEADLINE
IS 4:00 P.M.
MONDAY

MEET YOUR MATCH
1-900-226-5883
Ext. 3157

\$2.99 per min.
Must be 18 yrs.
Serv-U (619)648-8434

Toonari Web Dev.
Presents:
African American History For Students And Teachers On The Web.
www.africanaonline.com
www.toonari.com

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Tampa no later than 1:30 p.m. on the indicated Bid Date(s) for the following Project(s):
PROJECT: PWT268, Tampa Convention Center Boat Docks
BID DATE: February 18, 2003
ESTIMATE: \$438,000 **DEPOSIT:** \$80.00 **SCOPE:** construction of floating docks with gangways, finger piers and solar lighting **PRE-BID CONFERENCE:** Tuesday, February 4, 2003, 2:30 p.m. **CONTACT:** Ed Rice, AIA, 813/274-5677
Bids will be opened in the 4th Floor Conference Room, Tampa Municipal Office Building, 306 E. Jackson Street, Tampa, Florida 33602. Pre-Bid Conference(s) are held at the same location. Plans and Specifications for this work may be examined at the Department of Public Works, 306 E. Jackson Street, 4th Floor North, Tampa, Florida 33602. Copies may be obtained upon payment of the refundable deposit indicated for each set. Deposits are refunded if documents are returned in good condition within 15 days after bid opening. Deposits should be in the form of separate checks for each project. Copies of Standard Contract Forms and Provisions (a part of the Contract Documents, but not reprinted in the Specifications) are available for \$15.00 each (non-refundable). Mailing is available for an additional charge of \$10.00 per set. Check should be made payable to the City of Tampa. Subcontracting opportunities may exist for City certified Women/Minority Business Enterprises (W/MBEs). A copy of the current W/MBE directory may be obtained at www.Tampagov.net. Phone (813) 274-8721 for assistance.

WANTED
PERSON WITH TRANSPORTATION
To deliver The Weekly Challenger each Thursday to home - business subscriptions. Excellent chance for the right person to have their own route.
CALL - 894-3294 FOR DETAILS
Competitive Wages

LEWIS ELECTRIC CONSTRUCTION, INC.
"When You Need Quality Craftsmanship"
All Phases Of Residential & Commercial Work
(727) 492-8195
Bonded & Insured
LIC#ER1301211

There is a Reason to Read The Weekly Challenger!

THE HOSPICE
OF THE FLORIDA SUNCOAST
Caring for Pinellas County, Florida since 1977
A Unique Profession!!
Hands-on care of the terminally ill.
Accepting Applications
RNs, LPNs
(FL License Required)
& HHA/CNAs
(Both FL cert. needed)
586-4432
300 E. Bay Drive
Largo, FL 33770-3770

DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SELL? STOP IN OR CALL TODAY TO PLACE YOUR AD 896-2922

Advertising Support/Sales
The St. Petersburg Times seeks sales/service reps to make telephone sales calls and provide customer service to advertisers, as well as provide office/clerical support to the sales team. Require PC keyboard and excellent communication/organization skills and an aptitude for sales. Apply at, or mail resume to, the Times' Advertising Office, 1000 N Ashley Dr. Tampa 33602, fax to Attn: JC (813) 226-3334 or e-mail resumes@sptimes.com (specify job title as subject and paste resume to body of e-mail).

RN/ LPN's ALL SHIFTS
Contact Linda at
SOUTH HERITAGE HEALTH & REHAB
718 22nd Ave. South
St. Pete
727-894-5125

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS
6TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT - Pinellas

Juvenile Program Attorney - Legal and administrative work relating to juvenile issues within the Family Law Division. Assists judges and court programs with case mgmt of delinquency and dependency actions. Req. FL Bar membership + 1 yr of law practice. Exper. with juvenile court system preferred. Salary \$1,641 biwly + bnfts. Located in mid-Pinellas
Court Program Specialist I (Adult Drug) - Assists with case mgmt of adult drug-related cases. Req. BA in public or judicial admin. or related soc. sci. and 2 yrs exp. in program admin. Salary \$1,072 biwly + bnfts. Salary \$1,098 biwly + bnfts. Located in mid-Pinellas.
Court Applications ONLY by January 31.
Available at:
www.jud6.org
Criminal Justice Center, 14250 49th St. N., 2nd flr, H-wing (HR Dept.), Clwr
Clearwater Courthouse, 315 Court St., Rm. 401, Clwr.
501 Building, 501 1st Ave. N., Rm. 729 (Alt. Dispute), St. Pete Court Administration, Rm. 219, West Pasco Judicial Center, 7530 Little Rd., New Port Richey
EOE AA Drug-Free Workplace. Any person with a disability requiring a special accommodation to participate in the application process should call 727-453-7164.

WRXB RADIO STATION IS SEEKING AN ENERGETIC, SELF STARTER WITH A MINIMUM OF 2 YRS. SALES EXPERIENCE. COMMISSIONED. MUST POSSESS GOOD COMMUNICATION SKILLS AND BE PERSONABLE. COMMISSION ONLY. PLEASE FAX RESUME TO (727) 321-3025

CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG INTERNAL AUDITOR
\$39,678 - \$62,965
CLOSE: January 31, 2003

This is professional accounting related work in conducting internal, financial and program audits of City agencies and departments. Must be a graduate of an accredited four year college or university with major course work in accounting. Considerable experience in governmental or commercial accounting with emphasis on internal accounting is preferred. CPA or CIA is also preferred. Some familiarity with Excel, Word and WordPerfect software is highly desirable. Must also be in possession of and maintain a valid State of Florida driver's license

EOE/VP/DFWP

OPERATION PAR SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROJECT
PAR provides substance abuse and mental health services for families who receive cash assistance or are low income families. Services are offered at no cost to individuals and are confidential. Services are available to adults and children.
For more information, contact Gerald Syrkett At 727-893-5438 Crack Cocaine Kills People and Shatters Lives

THERE IS ONLY ONE RACE IN THIS WORLD - THE HUMAN RACE

ADVERTISEMENT INVITATION FOR BID
IFB #02-007
HVAC REPLACEMENT

The St. Petersburg Housing Authority (SPHA), St. Petersburg, Florida, is requesting bids from qualified, responsible, licensed contractors interested in replacing the HVAC equipment in the Jordan Park Gym, Daycare Center, and Human Services Office, located at 1201 22nd Street South, in accordance with the requirements of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD").

IFB #02-007 document packages will be ready for pick-up on Wednesday, January 29, 2003. A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the Jordan Park Gym located at 1201 22nd Street South, St. Petersburg, FL 33712, on Thursday, February 6, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. Bids are due by 10:00 a.m. (EST) on Friday, February 21, 2003.

If you are interested in submitting a bid, please fax your request for an IFB package to (727) 552-1443 Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. You may also pick-up a copy in person at 327 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Street South, St. Petersburg, FL, 33705 from the General Services Department during the same days and hours.

GO BUCS!



PICK OF THE WEEK!
9-10-34
47-49-50

CASH 3
354 166 490
812
767 045 288



8-6 1-7 3-5
4-1 5-8 2-7

Sales Representative

The Weekly Challenger has an
Immediate Opening
For a Newspaper Advertising Sales Executive
Unlimited Income Potential
PREFER OUTSIDE
SALES EXPERIENCE

CALL (727) 822-8996 for details
or submit resume via fax to (727) 823-2568

The Weekly Challenger

2500 Dr. M.L. King Street, St. Petersburg, FL 33705

Subscription: 6 Months Annual
Mail \$18 \$30
Home Delivery 10 18

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Phone _____
Is this a renewal? ____ If so, who is your carrier? _____



Make checks payable to: The Weekly Challenger

Are you purchasing a home?
NO MONEY DOWN
NO CLOSING COSTS

Special Financing provided by



Buccaneer Mortgage, Inc.
727-898-2827 • 1-888-314-8839

Ask for Leshana McIntosh

or apply online at: www.buccaneermortgage.com

Rates and loan programs are subject to change without notice.

Your HOROSCOPE

ARIES (Mar. 21 - April 20) You can't do everything on your own. Don't take offense at comments made by coworkers. You can get the attention of important individuals but it might not be the time to get them to help or to back your ideas. Your input into their activities will help bring you closer together.
TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21) Do not push your opinions or try to reform your emotional partner this week. Do not over expand if you have your own business. Sit tight. You can get a lot done if you get your hands on the right equipment. You need to lie back and enjoy a little rest.
GEMINI (May 22 - June 21) Older family members will make demands on your time. You should be traveling to that exotic destination you've been dreaming about. Set aside any decisions regarding your personal life this week. Give everyone in the house a physical chore that will help burn off some of the excess energy.
CANCER (June 22 - July 22) You may be fortunate while traveling. Your boss may be pushy. Take work home but be sure to spend some time with your mate. Work hard on improving your living quarters.
LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22) You always seem to spend more than you make. You are best to be accommodating for the time being. Sudden romantic infatuations won't be lasting. You're apt to make a move or experience changes at home. Avoid conflicts with in-laws or other family members.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 23) You need to enjoy the company of those who enjoy the same pastimes. Make sure that you take time to remember those you love. Be careful; you may say something you'll regret later. You're apt to make a move or experience changes at home.
LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23) Think of starting a new business or emotional partnership. Try to take care of the needs of those you love. You can accomplish a lot if you put some effort into household duties or redecorating plans. Romantic opportunities may not be as they appear.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Have a heart-to-heart talk with family and find out what the problems are. Lack of funds may add stress to your already uncertain situation. Listen to the problems of others and offer suggestions where possible. You will find the excitement gratifying.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21) Changes will not be easy for the youngsters involved. Change will be required to make your life more harmonious. Try to calm down and listen to your partner's complaints. Compromise may be necessary. A long discussion is in order if you wish to clear the air.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20) Don't allow colleagues to stand in your way. Be careful how you handle friends and relatives, they may take things the wrong way. Avoid any petty ego confrontations; they could lead to estrangement if you aren't careful. Be confident in your endeavors and others will believe in your efforts.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19) New relationships could evolve through group activities. Try to deal with the problems of those less fortunate; however, don't allow them to make unreasonable demands. Major moves will be emotional and not necessarily to your benefit. False information is likely if you listen to idle chatter or gossip.
PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20) You will have a problem dealing with groups. You can make personal changes that will enhance your appearance and bring you greater popularity. Make changes around your house and plan to do some entertaining. Don't hesitate to enlist the aid of friends or family if you have a big project to finish in your domestic environment.