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Zora: A Visionary In All Fields



Phyllis McEwen as Zora Neale Hurston

by Frankie Howley

Neighborhood News Bureau

ST. PETERSBURG - In the 1920s and '30s, when African-American women were expected to work only as servants and laborers, Zora Neale Hurston did the unexpected. She pushed the boundaries that held black women down. She broke the rules of racism. Against all odds, she sought and received a top-notch education—and became a writer, scholar and anthropologist who made major contributions to American literature and folklore.

"She spent a lot of her life protecting her right to have her work manifested," said Phyllis McEwen, an actress and scholar who has portrayed Hurston in one-woman shows throughout Florida for more than a dozen years. "She didn't waste her genius. She didn't allow that to happen."

McEwen will dramatize Hurston's life and her genius, her spunk and her humor, at 1 p.m. this Saturday (April 17) at James Weldon Johnson Library, 1059 18th Ave. S. At this performance, which is free and open to the public, McEwen will tell the stories and sing the songs that Hurston chronicled at Florida's turpentine camps, sawmills and jook joints

some 70 years ago.

McEwen's performance will be one of 10 such shows sponsored at libraries around the state this month by the Florida Humanities Council. These performances are part of Gov. Jeb Bush's initiative, "Read Together, Florida," designed to generate enthusiasm for reading.

Florida residents are encouraged to read Hurston's novel, "Their Eyes Were Watching God," and participate in discussions about the book this month at libraries, schools and community gathering places, as well as online. The schedule of program events can be viewed online at the Volunteer Florida Foundation website.

Hurston's novel, written in 1937, records a way of life that otherwise was passed down primarily through oral history, from one generation to another. It is a coming-of-age story that explores the culture of African Americans living in Florida in the 1930s.

"It's got it all," McEwen said. "It's exciting, funny, dramatic, and it demonstrates the options of the African-American people."

There is a strong connection between Hurston's characters and her own life

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Pretty, Poised And Polite



Squire won Junior Miss



Jackson won the Miss category



Rosado was crowned Tiny Miss



Marshall won the Lil Miss title

by Tracie Reddick

Challenger Correspondent

ST. PETERSBURG - Campbell Park may become the training ground for a future Miss America.

If you don't think so, then you probably weren't

in attendance at the 10th Annual Soulful Party Gras in which the 2004 Miss Campbell Park was crowned.

Held at the recreation center at 601 14th Street South, the event was spec-

tacular, said Christopher Lampley, the Campbell Park Teen Council Supervisor.

"Our young ladies had fun preparing for this performance," said Lampley, who credited the pageant's

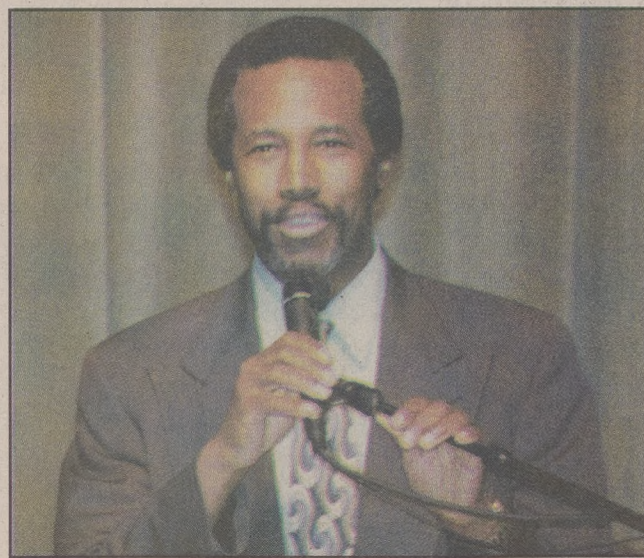
success to his staff in general and Carlos Childs and Erica Davis in particular.

"Every year Mr. Childs puts his heart and soul into

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Diagnosing The Black Family, Searching For Strength



Dr. Ben Carson

photo by Barbara Griffin

by Candace K. Clarke

Challenger Assistant Editor

TAMPA - In 1987, Dr.

Ben Carson received widespread recognition - of both national and international fame - for the successful separation of conjoined West German twins. The 22-hour operation performed by Carson and his team proved a medical turning point in the world of neurosurgery. In 1997, Carson lead a team of South African doctors in the first successful separation of vertically conjoined

twins, an effort that took 28 hours on the operating table.

Carson, author of the best-selling books "Gifted Hands," "Think Big," and "The Big Picture," has a remarkable story of his own. The celebrated professor, lecturer, and current director of pediatric neurosurgery at the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions in Baltimore, Md., broke away from the trappings of poverty and negative peer pressure to find his own success for

living.

Recently, Carson was in the Tampa Bay area, appearing at the University of South Florida's Institute on Black Life's annual conference, a two-day affair. With a focus on the strengthening the black family, Carson offered words of valuable insight during a keynote address last Friday. Drawing from his own challenging past, Carson spoke to an audience that was diverse in age, but equally effected.

Outside the lecture arena at the Special Events Center, merchandisers were on hand to cater to the African-American audience, with everything from paintings, to clothing and jewelry, to books. Among the educators and students gathered in anticipation was former Tampa Bay Buccaneer's coach Tony Dungy, who was there with his wife Lauren. "I learned about [Dr. Carson's presentation] through my wife," mentioned Dungy. Lauren, who knew several of the

organizers, added: "I've read all of Dr. Carson's books and I'm just really excited about the opportunity to be here."

The event began with an energetic performance by the Kuumba Dancers and Drummers, and followed with the occasion by Tampa's poet laureate, James Tokley. Tokley recited his own work, "Obsidian," a fittingly appropriate poem about a young black child struggling with his self-worth and identity.

In a speech that balanced personal memories with the difficulties of current events, Carson's lecture touched on politics, education, and the general need for awareness and motivation within the black community. Not shying away from his own private health concerns, Carson opened the lecture by mentioning his bout with prostate cancer, diagnosed two years ago. Initially

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In Trouble
With The
Law Again...
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A Performing Troupe With "Spunk!"



L-R: Dean Wilson (Jelly), Nate Jacobs (Sweet Back), Jnanna Wilson (The Girl)

photo by Sherrick Rhodes

by Rick Gee

Challenger Correspondent

SARASOTA - On the evening of April 8, I was one of many who experienced an evening of enjoyable theater presented by the multi-talented Westcoast Black Theatre Troupe (WCBTT). The work of one of America and Florida's most renowned authors, Zora Neale Hurston was revived at the Gompertz Theater (formerly Theatre Works), 1247 First St. in downtown Sarasota. Although, headquartered in Sarasota, the WCBTT is available to all of us residing, visiting or just passing through the Tampa Bay area. They are truly one of Florida's dia-

monds in the rough. Personally, I have had the good fortune to observe two full seasons of the troupe's enthusiastic and unfathomable spirit, offering up to appreciative audiences, great and inspiring theater.

On this particular evening, the fabulous young actors of the WCBTT re-created on stage Ms. Hurston's well-known work "SPUNK." Once again, they excited the audience with their unique brand of humor and artistry. Famous director, writer, and producer George C. Wolfe originally adapted SPUNK (three

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Providing A Voice For African Americans



L-R: Linda Scott, Cory Adler, Clarissa Hersey-James and Diane Speights network after the luncheon.

by Tracie Reddick

Challenger Correspondent

ST. PETERSBURG - There are scores of non-profit organizations offering a variety of services to African Americans and other minorities.

But that doesn't necessarily mean their needs are being met.

Oftentimes, the staff and the board members do not reflect the population they serve and therefore don't have a clue as to how to adequately address the

problems their clients face. However, there is one organization trying to provide a voice for African American who come through their doors - CASA.

CASA- which is the Spanish word for house - not only provides shelter to victims of domestic violence, but has worked diligently to make sure its staff looks like the men, women and children who come to

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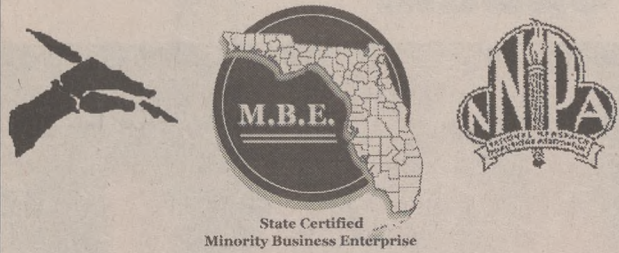
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A knowledge of history brings a feeling of fellowship that runs through the ages - be it a

territory, a village, a district, or a nation. To live without history is likened to living without a form

of memory. To be without history is to live without roots or a past, with the present having

no real foundation, and very little meaning for the future.

The Weekly Chal-

lenger is committed to featuring articles of all ethnic culture for the reading enjoyment of

both the young and old generations.

A Heaviness In Your Heart

by Bernice Powell Jackson

I really hadn't planned to write about this right now. But three times in the past week I had incidental conversations with parents whose children had just returned from Iraq. Then the chaos began in Iraq. And then I heard a television interview with the two U.S. Senators who head the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Republican Richard Lugar and Democrat Joseph Biden. I knew I had to write about the soldiers in Iraq.

The first conversation was at a birthday party where I heard the story of a mother, a Canadian citizen, whose one son had just returned from Iraq and whose younger son was still there. Her eyes told the story of her pain and her fear. But, then in a tone of low outrage, she told of how her Canadian-citizen son is

married to a Welsh woman, whom the U.S. Embassy in Wales will not give a visitor's visa to because they said, "Oh, your husband is serving in Iraq...you'll never leave the U.S. ... visa denied." She said ironically that if her son is killed in Iraq he will be given citizenship posthumously.

The second conversation was a day or so later, standing in the line in the grocery store. The New York Times I was purchasing was in the basket and as I was putting my groceries on the counter, the woman behind me looked at the picture and headline about Iraq. She said that her older son had just returned from Iraq, injured. Like the other mother, her younger son was now there. All I could say to her was, "It must be hard." She just shook her head, saying, "It makes you pray ...a lot."

Then, only a few days later I found myself sitting next to a psychologist on an airplane. After conversation about where we were from and where we were going, we talked a little about family. He told me that his daughter, a psychologist like her father, had just returned from Iraq. He said, "There is a heaviness in your heart when your child is at war," adding, "it just stays with you all the time they are gone."

In the past few days it seems that Iraq has descended into a vortex of violence and chaos which seems to be spreading to multiple cities there. Four civilian contractors were killed and dismembered, their remains dragged through the streets. Our soldiers, many of whom just arrived in Iraq as we rotated forces, are finding themselves coming under

heavy attack. Many are questioning whether we have enough ground troops there or whether we will be able to turn over the government to the Iraqis by June 30. The President declares that these are just bullies and thugs and that the deadline will be met. It seems that he believes now, as he did before he began the war, that a military solution is the only viable one in Iraq.

As of April 4, 610 American soldiers have been killed in Iraq. As I write this, 12 more soldiers have been killed in just one day. Just under 3,000 have been injured. Uncounted are the soldiers who return, but who will never recover from the horrors of war. We don't know how many Iraqis, including civilians, have been killed or injured because the occupation authority no longer allows

the hospitals to keep track. With some 130,000 American soldiers now in Iraq, as well as thousands of soldiers from our other Coalition partners, there must be millions of parents with this heaviness in their hearts. And many of us with no children in Iraq, feel that same heaviness and fear.

But an interview on the "News Hour with Jim Lehrer" frightened me even more. When Senator Lugar and Senator Biden both said that they had no idea what the administration's plan for turning over control of Iraq really is, a shiver went up my spine. If the Republican head of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, which constitutionally has responsibility for advising the President on foreign policy and war, says he has not been informed of the administra-

tion's plan for exiting Iraq, then I am led to believe that the administration is not talking to anyone outside its own inner circle about this war. Recent history - the Johnson administration's isolation during the Vietnam war - shows us the folly of that approach.

It was only when hundreds of thousands took to the streets across the U.S. that the Johnson administration realized that they no longer had the support of the American people for that war.

What will it take now?

Bernice Powell Jackson is the executive minister of the Justice and Witness Ministries of the United Church of Christ and serves as one of the five officers of the denomination. She has been an activist on behalf of civil rights, women's rights and human rights issues around the world for more than a quarter of a century.

Jennifer Porter Should Be Locked Up

by Saleem Muhammad

There is no reason that an individual - that has a past driving record and is now involved with a "hit and run" on four African American children - should STILL NOT have been charged with a few legal felonies. It is appalling to read the editorials print-

ed in the *St. Petersburg Times* and *Tampa Tribune* upholding Porter's willful neglect to this tragedy.

Therefore, I think that Jennifer Porter should be in jail with no bail or bond and if further charges are necessary - then the DA should file them against her immediately. But for Porter

to STILL be free, adds as willful neglect by the white media and law enforcement.

The excuse "We want to investigate this correctly to concretely receive a conviction," is nonsense! We are not letting the state attorney or the sheriff's department pull this white-

boy Plant High athletes' stunt with the Wilkins kids' deaths and injuries, NO WAY.

(In photo at right: Jennifer Porter only raised her head a few times during the press conference.)



Should the Mainstream Press Ignore Internet Rumors of a Political Candidate's Infidelity?

by Amy Ridenour

Two reasons are usually given by those who believe the news media should ignore Internet rumors about a political candidate's alleged infidelity.

The first is that marital infidelity is a private issue, and as such, should only be covered by the mainstream press in extreme circumstances.

The second is that the rumors may not be true.

As every educated person now knows, John F. Kennedy had numerous adulterous affairs. The Washington press corps knew about it - and covered it up. In doing so, a handful

of reporters and editors decided on behalf of the American people, without soliciting their opinion or acquiring their consent, that certain facts about Kennedy weren't pertinent to the question of fitness for office and the public was not entitled to know about them.

The public doesn't need a nanny. It deserves the truth.

Many voters believe that adulterous behavior reveals flaws a person's character, and prefer to vote for persons of integrity. They believe the country benefits from being able to trust that their leader means what he's saying -

even if they disagree with his views. They also believe that a man who can be tempted to hurt his wife might do the same to his country.

Other people claim sexual misbehavior somehow exists in a different realm than other areas of life, and that a person who violates moral standards in the sexual arena is no more likely to be otherwise immoral than anyone else. They will cite for you historical figures who are known to have been adulterers, and who did a good job (at least in the opinion of some; few public figures lack detractors) in public service. But they have no

way to know if the character flaw that made these persons succumb to adultery also made them less capable in public service than they otherwise might have been.

But we don't need a public consensus on adultery to know that how to judge a candidate is a decision that rightly belongs to individual voters, not to the press.

The second argument made against covering these Internet stories is that Internet rumors may be inaccurate. This is a wrong-headed argument: Widespread false stories about a person of consequence, particularly when

they are unfairly negative, should be corrected. Otherwise, the public is left simply to guess at the truth, and to wonder if the press is taking sides. The mainstream press can provide a valuable public service by separating the libels from the truth.

The mainstream press may like to think that a story isn't a story unless it's covered by newspapers, but those days are gone. Matt Drudge says his Web site had two billion visits last year. The day President Bush announced support for a constitutional amendment defining marriage as a two-gender institution, 100,000 people read gay

marriage advocate Andrew Sullivan's "Daily Dish" blog. The top blog "Instapundit" is said to get 100,000 visits a day routinely. These are respectable readership figures even by newspaper circulation standards. Like it or not, the Internet is a powerful news source.

No more can the mainstream press decide what is news, and what isn't. This is a good thing. Bring on the truth, and let the voters sort it out.

Amy Ridenour is the president of The National Center for Public Policy Research. Comments may be sent to aridenour@nationalcenter.org.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

A proposal by the Florida Senate to reduce Medicaid coverage for the working poor during pregnancy threatens more than a decade of the progress in improving the health of mothers and babies in our state.

When Florida's Healthy Start initiative was passed with bipartisan legislative support in 1991, one of its key features was

the expansion of Medicaid coverage for low-income, uninsured women. This coverage has a direct impact on a woman's ability to get prenatal care. Prenatal care is the key to identifying and addressing problems early in pregnancy, preventing the need for costly medical care after the baby is born. The proportion of Florida women who obtain care early in their pregnancies has in-

creased with the expansions in Medicaid benefits. In 1987, nearly one-third of pregnant women entered care after three months of pregnancy; in 1991, this number dropped to 25 percent. Today, nearly 85% of pregnant women start care early.

According to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, babies born to mothers who received no prenatal care are

three times more likely to be born at low birthweight, and five times more likely to die, than those whose mothers received prenatal care. Prenatal care is cost-effective prevention. For every \$1 invested in prenatal care, \$4 is saved in health care costs for a sick baby.

Babies will still be born. Uninsured pregnant women affected by the proposed cut will still deliver

at hospital emergency rooms. If they are born unhealthy, these babies will be hospitalized in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. We all will pay for this care—but at a much higher price in terms of maternal and child health.

Florida has made significant progress in reducing infant deaths over the last decade. Infant mortality has dropped by 15%. We need to continue this pro-

gress. Babies are our future. We urge the Senate to make healthy babies a priority today by maintaining Medicaid coverage for pregnant women.

Sincerely,
Patty McWhirter
President
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Monster Machine Mania Loads Three Days With Fun and Music

Big Foot and a host of other massive machines will headline the heart-pounding, adrenaline-pumping, high-octane entertainment at Monster Machine Mania and Carnival. Sarasota County Parks and Recreation Department has engineered the metal magic and music for April 16-18 at Twin Lakes Park, 6700 Clark Road.

Monster Machine Mania is three days of carnival rides and games, custom and classic car shows — including edge-of-your-seat car-crushing shows by the one and only Big Foot — and great displays of big trucks and equipment from organizations such as Sarasota County's fire department, public works, Access Sarasota TV-19, and sheriff's office. Children of all ages can climb inside, honk the horns and play with the levers of vehicles from Florida Rock Inc., Publix, Upman's Towing and more.

There will also be con-

certs from the Cimarron Band, the Crackers Band, the North 2 South Band, the Doc Lovett Band, and Charlie Souza and the New Tropics. Entertainment will also include the Cruisin' To The Hop Custom Car Show and an appearance by DJ Tony Accardi, as well as live remotes from The Buzz 105.9 FM, Oldies 108 and CTQ Country 106.5. There'll also be plenty of food and drinks and a special VIP tent sponsored by Left-coast Seafood Company.

Entry fee, excluding carnival rides, is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children 12 and younger. A family package costs \$50.00 and includes two adult and two child entry tickets and two four-hour carnival rides passes. Hours for the event are 5-10 p.m. April 16, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. April 17, and 1-9 p.m. April 18.

For more information or to purchase tickets in advance, call (941) 486-2595.

Open House for 911 Center is April 17

To honor National Public Safety Telecommunications Week, an open house will be held by the 911/ Public Safety Communications Center on Saturday, April 17, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the rear parking lot of the Sarasota Administration Center, 1660 Ringling Blvd.

There will be opportunities to tour the 911 Center, process a "mock" 911 call, learn about the equipment dispatchers' use, register to win a free bike, participate in children's activities, and enjoy refreshments.

National Public Safety Telecommunications

Week, celebrated April 11-17, honors First Responders, who serve as the front line in processing calls for help and assisting emergency units.

For additional information, contact Public Safety Communications at 861-5572.

Siesta Beach and Venice Beach Nationally Certified

Siesta Beach and Venice Beach have been certified by both the Clean Beaches Council's Blue Wave Campaign and the National Healthy Beaches Campaign for 2003-2004. To be certified, applicants must meet specific criteria in each of the following areas: water quality, public health and safety, accessibility, public information/education, programs in place to protect wildlife and the natural environment; habitat conservation, services and amenities, facilities and beach maintenance, beach and intertidal conditions and erosion management.

Blue Wave certification helps the public identify clean, safe and most environmentally well-managed beaches. Healthy Beach Awards are awarded to beaches that have met

stringent environmental and service-based criteria of the National Healthy Beaches Campaign. Certification is valid for only one year, upon which re-application and re-certification is necessary.

The Clean Beaches Council reports issued for Siesta Beach and Venice Beach indicate that overall, these beaches appear "healthy and very well maintained." The reports address the aesthetically-pleasing beach and intertidal zones, outstanding lit-

ter management system, amenities, safety issues, signage and habitat issues; all areas were addressed positively in the report.

Parks and Recreation staff has submitted applications for re-certification of Siesta and Venice Beaches, and is also pursuing certification of Caspersen Beach for the 2004-2005 beach certification season.

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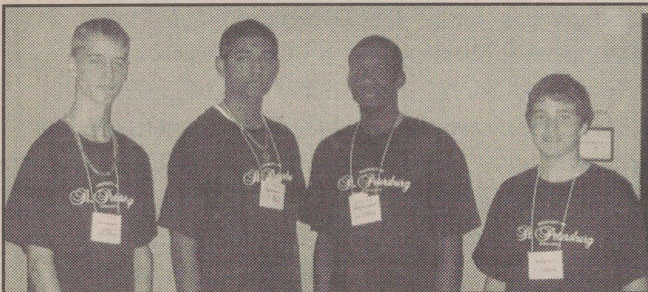
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From L-R: Chris Stephens — 9th grader at East Lake High; Ankit Bavishi — 10th grader at Lakewood High; Dion Burton — 10th grader at Lakewood High; Brett Nichols at East Lake High won First Place in the 9th — 10th grade category at the Florida Education Fund State Mathematics Competition held in March at the downtown Marriott in Orlando. These four gentlemen each received a certificate and a cash award of \$200 from Borders Book Store.



From L-R: Kinjal Patel — 11th grader at Lakewood High; Andrew Bernard — 11th grader at Lakewood High; Anthony Dudley — 12th grader at St. Petersburg High; Kelli Ford — 11th grade Home School; James Douse — 12th grade at St. Petersburg High; (Coach Rodney Bennett) won Second Place in the 11th & 12th grade category. Each of these team members will receive \$200 cash award and a scholarship to attend the state university or college of their choice. James Douse will be attending FAMU this fall and Anthony Dudley will be attending UCF in Orlando. Both gentlemen plan to major in Engineering.

ST. PETERSBURG — During spring break, several of the students in Youth Engineering Society spend their vacation participating in Mathematics Competitions.

Youth Engineering Society — "Yes We Care!"

founded in 1983, is an exciting, Saturday morning, pre-collegiate enrichment program designed to encourage and prepare the underrepresented students in grades 6th through 12th, for pursuing a career in engineering, science, mathe-



2nd Place 11th — 12th Grade Team
From L-R: James Douse, Kelli Ford, Anthony Dudley, Andrew Bernard (not pictured — Kinjal Patel)



From L-R: Anthony Dudley — 12th grade; Andrew Bernard — 11th grade; Navin Singh — 10th grade; and Dion Burton — 10th grade placed 5th in the nation at the NSBE National Try-Math-A-Lon Competition held in March at the Dallas Convention Center in Dallas, TX.

matics and technology. It meets on Saturday mornings, south county, at Lakewood High School and in

Church Burglaries

ST. PETERSBURG — Recently, churches in the west end of the city between 49th and 66th St. N. and Central and 38th Ave. N. have been burglarized during the evening and midnight hours. Thieves have taken cash and have been accessing computers to view pornography websites. There are no suspects as of yet.

We need your help. We are asking that you call the

police if you have any information or see anything suspicious in the area around these institutions.

Churches are urged not to store any cash on the premises and to password protect all computers.

Please contact the Communications Center at (727) 893-7780 or Detective Bob Prescott at (727) 893-7999 if you have any information about these burglaries.

northern part of the county, at St. Petersburg College — Clearwater Campus. Volunteer engineers from the Florida Engineering Society, Honeywell, Society of Women Engineers, National Society of Black Engineers and Constellation Technologies mentor students in design projects for competition. SECME was established in 1975 as a national program of 38 engineering colleges that

prepare and motivate students for engineering and other technical fields.

Lois Norton Bryant Holds Book Signing

ST. PETERSBURG — A book release reception and book signing of "The Winding Streets of Life," Poetic Expressions, a book of inspirational verse by Lois Norton Bryant, will be held Saturday, April 17, 4 - 7 p.m. at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 912 Third Ave. N.

Mrs. Bryant will read selected excerpts from her new book, lecture about its conception, answer audience questions and auto-



graph copies of her new work.

This event is free and open to the public.

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by Mabel Cooper
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If you haven't already, it's time to scrub up the barbecue grill and hose off the picnic table. Matter of fact, you could eat outside tonight. We ate lunch outside this week at a friend's home. It was delightful.

As I pen this, there are some students still home from college for Easter holidays, as well as our winter visitors who were here en masse. On their behalf, please mind your traffic manners, and understand. You have trouble finding your way around strange areas, too, and you drive slowly when you sightsee.

Change that honk to a smile, and wave, all right?

A TONGUE-IN-CHEEK PIECE

Anybody who thinks women have equal rights in this country is crazy. If a man's trousers are too tight, he's just put on a little weight. If a woman's skirt is too tight, she's trying to be sexy.

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If a man has one drink too many, he's "feeling good." If a woman has one drink too many, she's a lush.

If a man has a night out with the boys, he's put in a hard day's work and needs to "relax." If a woman has a night out with the girls, she's up to

no good and should stay home with her family.

If a man cheats on his wife, people say he's probably married to a cold fish, and he's only human. If a woman cheats, she's a tramp.

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DAY BRIGHTENER

Behind every man who achieves success stands a mother, a wife and the I.R.S.

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NAACP News and Events

PINELLAS COUNTY
- The St. Petersburg Branch NAACP will sponsor an open forum with School board member, Mary Brown, on Tuesday, April 20 at 7 p.m. Members, youth and the public are invited to discuss items you wish to be addressed at the school board. This is the general membership meeting of the branch.

The Sarasota, Manatee and the St. Petersburg branches of the NAACP invite the public to join them on Saturday, April 17, for the 3:00 p.m. special performance of "Spunk" at Gomepertz Theatre (1247 First Street, Sarasota). For more information, contact the branch at (727) 898-3310.

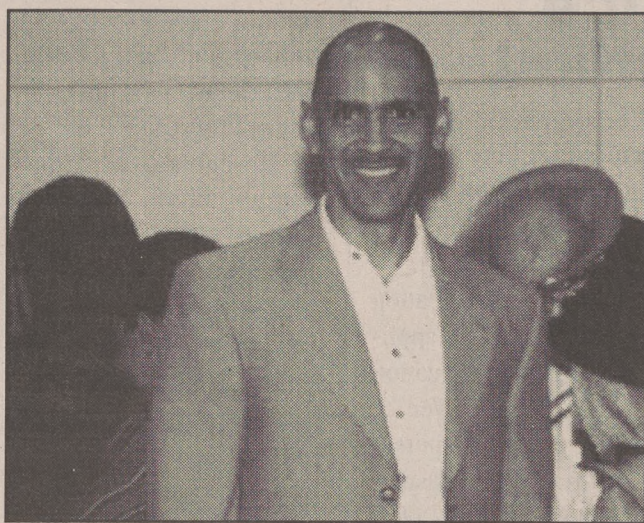
Wildwood Offers Free Summer Quilt-Making Arts Camp

PINELLAS COUNTY
- The Pinellas County Arts Council's Youth Arts Corps QUILTS! After-school and summer arts program is accepting participants for free summer camp. The 10-week camp will run from May 24-July 30, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, with occasional Saturday meetings. The camp is open to girls ages 8-12.

Included in the program activities: hand and

machine sewing; photography, clay and printmaking, and field trips to area arts and cultural centers. The council asks that you sign up early as registration is limited. The deadline to do so is May 10.

The Youth Arts Corps Studios at the Wildwood Recreation Center is located at 1000 28th St. S., St. Petersburg. For more info, please call (727) 552-1825.



Former Bucs' coach Tony Dungy attended Carson's presentation

Strength from front page

fearful that the cancer had spread along his spine, a second look at x-rays revealed the disease to be contained, Carson told the audience. "Today, I'm completely cured," he announced, receiving immediate applause.

Carson, who grew up in Detroit, Mich., was raised under the guidance of his mother in a single-parent household. His mother, equipped with only a third-grade education, made sure that he and his siblings made school a priority. With a self-professed hot temper and a reputation as the "dumbest person in the class," Carson's mother encouraged him to keep applying himself, limiting the time in front of the television and assigning weekly book reports to be graded. Although she herself could not read them, she made sure to underline sentences and put markings on them, he recalled, as her way of keeping him on task.

"Dreams are what carry us through the hard times," Carson noted. "They are what give us hope." Although at times he wavered under the peer pressure to fit in and not be so academic, Carson held tight to his goals, concentrating on his desire to become a doctor. Eventually, Carson earned an academic scholarship to Yale University, received an M.D. at the University of Michigan, and went on to serve as a neurological res-

ident at Johns Hopkins. At 32, he became the youngest surgeon in the nation to become the director of pediatric surgery, a position he's held at Johns Hopkins since 1984.

With a soft-spoken, charming way, Carson's approach on controversial subjects in the world of politics was self-assured and well-received. Of his tough childhood times and less than fortunate household situation, Carson recalled how his mother worked several jobs to avoid being a part of the welfare system. Referring to it as too comfortable of a national program in its promotion of dependency, Carson remarked, "I'm not so sure it was that bad of a thing to be desperately poor. [That kind of situation] puts fire in your belly."

At another point, Carson speculated that if more attention was placed on finding alternative means of energy other than oil,

the power that the terrorists in the Middle East hold over the nation would be absolved. Touching on the more recent obsession over censorship in the country, Carson went on to remind the audience that great nations such as the United States can fall, historically referring to the destruction of the once powerful empires of Egypt and Rome. With so much emphasis on sports and entertainment and materialistic achievement, Carson surmised that the U.S. was heading towards its own downfall, unless people started to focus on self-awareness.

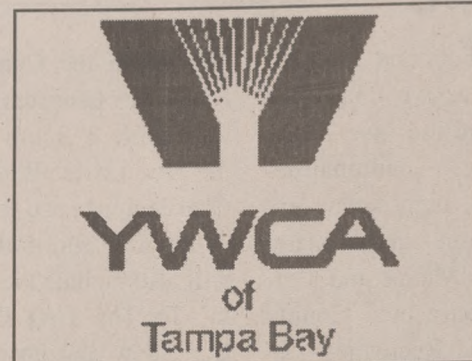
Carson, who along with his wife, Candy, heads up a scholarship fund, maintains a philosophy that "education is liberation." The Carson's Scholars Fund awards \$1,000 scholarship to kids as early as the fourth grade, in an effort to keep young students encouraged. Since its inception in 1994, more than 800 scholarships have been awarded. For Carson, it's simply his way of giving back. He emphasized, "There is no one we can afford to throw away."

Turning his focus to African American youth in particular, Carson, a father of three, admitted to having concerns about what kind of future lies ahead. "I am very disturbed by what

I see of the African-American community in the media," he said, also referencing "distorted views of success." He stressed instilling self-esteem, raising personal expectations and pride at an early age through education. Carson mentioned African-American inventors who are often mentioned in school history books, such as beauty entrepreneur Madame CJ Walker, Dr. Charles Drew, whose discovery of storage techniques for blood plasma saved countless lives, and Charles Brooks, who invented the modern-day street sweeper. Carson urged for mentorship efforts, asking audience members, black and white, to reach out to African-American youth and remind them of their ancestors past in shaping the country.

Passionate in his faith, Carson ended the evening by giving the audience his "THINK BIG" philosophy, which relies on achieving insight from others, a continuous hunger for learning, and focusing on God. For Carson, the definition of success, a definition he urged the African American community in particular to accept, is in "taking the talent that God has given you, and using it to elevate others."

TOWARDS A BRIGHTER CHILD



Universal Free PreK and Getting Your Child Ready to Learn

by Bonnie Touchton

Florida voters approved a constitutional amendment aimed at reforming education. Floridians agreed that it is important to prepare our children for success in school. We believe that children need to get ready to learn and that what is needed is a program that focuses on early literacy and math skills.

The universal pre kindergarten constitutional amendment provides for local innovation and local control. Parents will have the option of placing their four year olds in a high quality pre school environment of their choice and determine if the provider will be a public, private or faith based setting. The legislature hasn't determined how long the school day will be. They will probably vote for a three or a four-hour a day program. The PreK program will be free, but parents would be financially responsible for the extended day.

The program will have highly trained credentialed or degreed teachers. There will be pre and post testing to ensure that the child has learned and is ready for Kindergarten. There will be fewer children per teacher and a research-based curriculum. This is a very good thing for us as a society, and especially for the children.

Educational programs focus on language- listening and talking, fine motor activities- things you do with your hands, gross motor activities- things you do with your legs, social- how well you get along with others, emotional- identify and control your feelings, math- understanding numbers, cognitive development- the development of the intellect which will include developing abstract concepts after many experiences with all kinds of people in different situations, lots of experimentation with toys, and game

experiences.

Using the above ideas you, as your child's first teacher, can, during your everyday activities do a lot to get your young child ready. The most important activity is talking and reading to him. Point out things in your environment that help to teach her to "read" such as the signs on restaurants or stores. Teach him his name, his address, his phone number, letters of the alphabet, his colors, and his numbers. When you decide to buy toys consider the educational games that include matching colors, numbers or letters such as bingo. Buy or make games that teach sequencing such as small, medium and large, and what comes first, second and third. Don't forget paper, pencil, crayon, paint, chalk, and washable markers as a medium for learning. Instead of throwing away your newspaper save it and use it to paint, write, or draw on. Watch your child for signs of enjoyment to continue playing and signs of disinterest to stop the game. Make it fun because if it's not fun learning won't take place. Learning is fun.

Give your child as many "field trips" as possible. Every experience you give your child develops brain connections and those connections increase IQ. Don't forget music, playing an instrument helps us to develop our math ability. Finally physical exercise is important too, more running, jumping and less TV viewing. It's a proven fact: a better start for children improves education, reduces school dropouts and improves your child's opportunities for a brighter future with more options.

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Bonnie Touchton serves as director of childcare services for the YWCA of Tampa Bay.

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Hundreds Attend Tampa Wake for Brothers Killed in Hit-and-Run

TAMPA—Hundreds of mourners paid their respects to two young brothers killed in a hit-and-run accident, while members of a black activist group drew support for a protest because no charges have been filed against a driver involved in the accident.

Friends, family and strangers viewed the bodies of Bryant Wilkins, 13, and his brother Durentae Caldwell, 3, in a six-hour wake Friday at Morning Glory Funeral Chapel. A funeral was set for Saturday afternoon.

"They say it takes a village to raise a child," said Carol Ransom, of Temple Terrace, who did not know the family. "When something like this happens, it happens to all of us. It's sad that it takes a tragedy to bring us together, but it did bring us together."

The boys were walking with their 8-year-old sister and 2-year-old brother when all four were hit as they crossed the street in front of a community center. The two surviving siblings have since been released from the hospital.

Jennifer Porter, a 28-year-old dance teacher at a



Attendees flock the church

nearby elementary school, was the driver of a car involved in the accident, her attorney Barry Cohen said last week. As many as two other vehicles might have been involved in the March 31 incident.

No one had been charged as of Saturday, although Hillsborough County Sheriff Cal Henderson promised last week to make an arrest after a careful investigation, including forensics tests on Porter's car. Sheriff's spokeswoman Debbie Carter said the investigation was continuing.

About four members of the black activist Uhuru movement stood outside the chapel, handing out fliers advertising a Saturday rally at the intersection where the boys were killed.

"We have respect for the family," said Connie

Burton, president of the Uhuru branch in Tampa. "This is in no way to undermine or disrespect the family in any way. But we have a right to demand justice even as we mourn."

The group, which is working independently of the boys' mother, had a poster with a large picture of Porter and the phrase "Why is this white woman not in jail now?"

Porter is white, the victims were black.

Cohen did not return a phone message left at his office Saturday.

Family acquaintance Robert Tiller said there was an undercurrent of anger at the wake.

"There's a lot of anger because that lady who hit these kids, they (haven't) looked her up," he said. "She should have been arrested a long time ago. I've been angry about it."

Polite

from front page
our Miss Campbell Park Teen pageants. Ms. Davis came in this year and added a touch of jazz to our flavor."

The result was an affair to remember.

Those attending the pageant agreed the event was well organized and had very few, if any, glitches. All of the girls were dressed to impress and held the audience captive as they sashayed down the runway in their evening wear. They also got a chance to show off their talent by singing, reciting poetry or dancing.

"This was an outstanding opportunity for the young ladies to showcase their talents," said Bonnie Marshall, whose granddaughter won the Lil' Miss title. "The pageant was very well done and it was extremely exciting to sit back and watch in awe as Brine did her thing."

"She already has a great deal of self-confidence and this was an extra boost to her self-esteem. She's already talking about going on to become Miss St. Pete, Miss Florida and Miss America."

Campbell Park has held their ceremony for the



St. Petersburg's future divas!

gories.
Tiny Miss Contestants:
• Amanda Rosado, 6, a kindergartner at Gulfport Montessori

• Alliyah Marshall, 5, a kindergartner at North Shore Elementary
Lil' Miss Contestants:
• Surmetria Hammond, 8, a second grader at Melrose Elementary

• Brine Marshall, 10, a fourth grader at James B. Sanderlin Elementary
• Victoria Squire, 7, a second grader at Perkins Elementary
Junior Miss Contestants:
• Shatara Bradley, 12, a sixth grader at Meadowlawn Middle

• Charlynn Stewart, 12, a fifth grader at Cross Bayou Elementary
• Chasidy Marshall, 11, a fifth grader at North Shore Elementary
• Keyana Squire, 12, a sixth grader at John Hopkins Middle
Miss Contestants:
• Marika Jackson, a 9th grader at Boca Ciega High
• Donika Swanson, 14, a 9th grader at Gibbs High
• Ernika Mells, 15, ninth grader at Gibbs High
Rosado was crowned Tiny Miss, Brine Marshall won the Lil' Miss title, Squire won junior Miss and Jackson won the Miss category.

However all the girls — who were pretty, poised and polite — were winners in the hearts of their parents, judges and others attending the event.

"All of our young ladies are beautiful," Lampley concluded. "That's what makes this pageant so wonderful. It gives us an opportunity to validate how special they are and it makes them feel good on the inside. They don't hear that everyday because there are not a lot of programs out there that gives us a chance to tell them that."

Celebrating Fifty Years Strong with the Masons and Eastern Stars

TAMPA — International F. & A.M. Masons, Inc. and Order of the Eastern Star will be celebrating the State of Florida's 50th year as being a part of this prestigious organization. "Fifty Years of Light and Still Shining Bright" is the theme for this year's celebration of St. James Grand Lodge and Mary McLeod Bethune Grand Chapter which will be held at the Doubletree Hotel 4500 Cypress in Tampa from April 15-17.

Grand Master Renford Brown and Grand Matron Christine Hayes along with the Youth Grand Master Terrance Baker and Youth Grand Matron Mattie Adams will be hosting Supreme and National officers from around the world along with delegates of this state.

The Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter Educational workshops for the Masons and Eastern Stars will begin at 7 a.m. Friday

and Saturday mornings. The Grand Youth Court meetings will begin at 10 a.m. each day. On Friday at 6 p.m. the Administrative Degree Graduation Ceremony will take place. At 7 p.m. there will be a Welcome Program at which Tampa's Mayor Pam Iorio will speak. Tampa City Council members and Hillsborough County Commissioners have been invited to attend this event which will also showcase a mini gospel concert.

The weekend celebration will culminate on Saturday evening at 7 p.m. with the annual banquet. The organization will be giving special recognition to the first Masonic Lodge and the first O.E.S. Chapter it set up in Tampa fifty years ago. The attire for this event is formal. Tickets for the banquet are available and can be obtained from any member of the organization. The pub-

lic is invited to attend the General Assembly and all of the evening affairs.

Ill. James O. Dogan, 33°, Supreme Grand Master and Dgt. Patricia J. Hollowell, Supreme Grand Matron will be conducting all Grand Executive Board elections and appointments for the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter. Friend Aline Mathews and Friend Alonzo Burgess will conduct the elections and appointments for the Grand Youth Court. The Supreme President and CEO of this great organization is the Ill. George Mathews, 33°. The corporate office is located at 2101 Gratiot Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48207. If you are interested in becoming a member, learning more about the organization or would like to attend these events, please feel free to call (727) 867-1218 or (727) 894-2969.

Zora

from front page
as an African-American woman during this time.

Born in Nostasulga, Alabama in 1891 and raised partly in the Florida town of Eatonville, Hurston spent most her life traveling in Florida, Washington D.C., Baltimore, New York, Central America, and the Caribbean. She received her education at Morgan Academy, Howard University, Barnard College, and Columbia University.

But working as a writer, anthropologist, and folklorist presented a challenge for Hurston.

During a time when these professions were predominately occupied by white males, Hurston repeatedly fought for her voice to be heard, never allowing her status as an African-American woman to stand in her way, according to her biographers. Using spunky and candid remarks, she treated the issues of race, sexism, and poverty as negotiable, scholars point out.

McEwen says Hurston should be remembered for her strength and ability to overcome the odds. And it is that determination, hard work and spirit that McEwen hopes to portray in her performance, she said.

"Zora was a visionary in all fields," she said.

"She's a very successful black woman."

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"She was difficult. She betrayed all superficial labels and thoughts...that was a treasure to me."

McEwen said she never tires of portraying Hurston, and she welcomes questions about Hurston from the audience following each performance.

"There is always something new to discover about (her) work," McEwen said.

McEwen, herself a writer, poet and scholar as well as an actress, shares some similarities with Hurston.

"(You) get a sense of Zora just by knowing Phyllis," said Janine Farver, associate director of the Florida Humanities Council, which sponsors McEwen's shows. "They would have been great friends."

Like Hurston, McEwen was raised in the South and attended Barnard College. Mc-

Ewen was born in Atlanta and lived in Florida for several years where she was a staff member of the Humanities Council and the Off Center Artist Collective at the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center. McEwen recently moved back to Atlanta and is returning to Florida for her series of performances. Her portrayal of Hurston has earned McEwen widespread recognition. But no matter how many times she performs the role, it's always different, Farver said.

"Phyllis brings so many different flavors to the stage," Farver said. "I've never seen her do the same program twice."

Frankie Howley is a reporter for the Neighborhood News Bureau, a program of the Department of Journalism and Media Studies at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg.

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

I, Glenda E. Hood, Secretary of State of the State of Florida, do hereby give notice that a GENERAL ELECTION will be held in PINELLAS County, State of Florida, on the SECOND day of NOVEMBER, A.D., 2004, to fill or retain the following offices:

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State Attorney: Judicial Circuit 6
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State Senator: Districts 11 and 13
State Representative: Districts 45, 48, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54 and 55
Supreme Court, Retention of Two Justices
Second District Court of Appeal, Retention of Five Judges
Circuit Judge, Sixth Judicial Circuit: Groups 3, 13, 18, 20, 22, 23, 27, 29, 30 and 40
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County Court Judge: Groups 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12, 13 and 14
School Board: Districts AT1, 4 and 5
County Commissioners: Districts 5, 7, AT1 and AT3
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East Lake Tarpon Fire Control District: Seats 1, 3 and 5
Pinellas Suncoast Fire and Rescue District: Seats 1, 2 and 5
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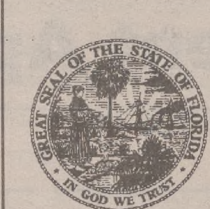


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STATE NEWS

Seminole County Approves School Desegregation Agreement

SANFORD, Fla. (AP) — The Seminole County School Board has approved an agreement with the Department of Justice that would end nearly 35 years of federal oversight of school desegregation in the district.

That end of court oversight could come within the next few months, county officials said last week after the unanimous approval.

"Seminole County has come so far," School Board member Dede Schaffner

said. "We have opened so many doors for so many children."

Seminole is one of several districts in Florida still under court desegregation orders.

The school district has been working since 1996 to mix predominantly black schools with other high schools so that the racial makeup of the schools were balanced.

While Seminole is under the order, it needs court approval for changes in everything from student,

faculty and staff assignments to facilities, student transportation and extra-curricular activities. Every decision that affects racial makeup of the schools is weighed.

School officials said they are continuing to push for more black cheerleaders, more black students in gifted and advanced classes and fewer discipline referrals for black students.

School district and federal officials agreed in the document approved by the board last Monday that the

Seminole County school district has "eliminated the vestiges of segregation to the extent practicable and demonstrated its good faith commitment to the constitutional rights of all students."

The agreement now goes to U.S. District Judge G. Kendall Sharp, who will make the final decision whether the school district can be released from the desegregation order.

Child Abuse Cases at Detention Centers Number in Hundreds

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — More than 600 cases of youth abuse or neglect have taken place at Department of Juvenile Justice facilities in the past decade, with nearly two-thirds of the cases happening since 2000, a newspaper reported Sunday.

The 661 confirmed cases at department facilities since 1994 were scattered across the state, and range in type from physical to sexual abuse, according to an Orlando Sentinel review of state records.

C. George Denman, acting Juvenile Justice secretary, called his department "a good public agency," but said it must change.

"Any time we have one confirmed case of child abuse, it bothers us," he said. "The higher the numbers go, the worse it is."

The department has been coping with a series of high-profile incidents in the past year, including the death of 17-year-old Omar Paisley from a burst appendix in a Miami-Dade County detention center last June.

Since then, nearly two

dozen agency employees - from the head of the department to guards at the facilities - have taken extended leaves, stepped down or been pushed out. Six children have died under the department's care since 1998. The Department of Children & Families, which investigates all reports of child abuse throughout Florida, attributes two to abuse or neglect - the 2001 suicide of Shawn D. Smith, 13, at a Volusia County center, and the 2000 death of 12-year-old Michael Wiltzie, who was crushed by a 320-pound counselor at a facility near Ocala. A grand jury attributed Paisley's death to abuse and neglect.

The newspaper's review of DCF records found the number of abuse or neglect cases peaked in fiscal year 2001-02, with 119 verified incidents. Last year, that number dropped to 72.

Juvenile Justice spokeswoman Catherine Arnold said the variations could depend on the number of children confined, reporting methods or staff training.

Polk County facilities reported the largest number of confirmed cases, 93 cases in the past decade. Fifty-seven of those took place at the Polk Youth Development Center in Polk City, one of the biggest facilities in the state, with 350 high-risk offenders.

The newspaper's analysis showed many facilities have just a few confirmed cases, often clustered within a short time.

The department oversees about 8,500 youth offenders between ages 11 and 18, at nearly 200 programs and facilities. Eighty percent of the juveniles in custody are at long-term facilities, the majority of which are run by private contractors.

A House Select Committee investigating the facilities has focused on the 25 short-term centers holding an average of 2,000 youths daily.

But the newspaper's review shows most cases of child abuse and neglect took place at residential facilities, where an average of 6,600 youth offenders are serving sentences each

day. Chairman of the House committee, Rep. Gus Barreiro, R-Miami Beach, said he was "appalled" by the numbers. Barreiro said he wants to expand the scope of the inquiry, which would require approval from House Speaker Johnnie Byrd, R-Plant City. Since Denman started his job less than two months ago, he has taken some steps to stem the problems. He recently prohibited the "hammerlock," a hold in which workers twist an offender's arm behind his back and lift, after a 14-year-old boy's arm was broken at a Panhandle facility on March 21.

Premier Behavioral Solutions, Inc., the company running that facility, said it fired the worker. Last year, Premier had the highest number of abuse and neglect cases, of any of the state's private contractors. Most of the 11 cases happened when staff tried to restrain offenders, Chief Operating Officer Jorge Rico said.

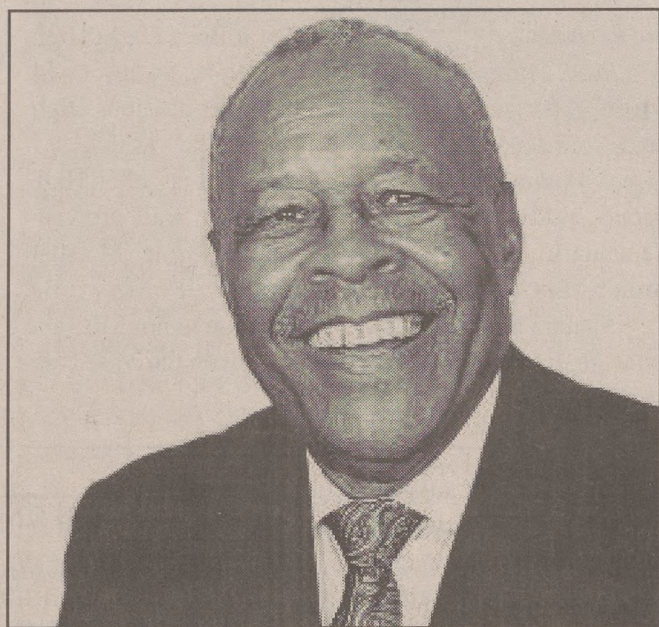
B-CC Mourns the Loss of Former Chaplain Rogers P. Fair

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Handpicked by Bethune-Cookman College founder Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune to be the first College chaplain, the Rev. Rogers P. Fair, Sr., passed away Monday, March 29. He was 88.

For 47 years, Rev. Fair served as the campus' spiritual advisor until his retirement in 1994.

"The passing of Dr. Fair brings much sadness to our hearts," said B-CC President Dr. Oswald P. Bronson, Sr. "The College community remains very grateful for his tenure at Bethune-Cookman College and for the thousands of students who were touched by his ministry. His legacy will live at Bethune-Cookman College as long as the College exists."

Rev. Fair came to Daytona Beach in 1947 after the Methodist Church transferred him from South Carolina to serve as pastor of Stewart Memorial Church and B-CC. Though



Rev. Rogers P. Fair, Sr.

he retired from the Florida Conference in 1986, Fair continued to serve at B-CC. His 47-year tenure was among the longest in the United Methodist Church.

"He was one of the most outgoing men you could meet," said Dr. James Huger. "After church and family, his goal was to direct as many people as possible to Jesus Christ. Believe it or not, he was successful. He will

live on in their lives as a shining example of one who tried to help his fellow man. I will certainly miss him."

He was listed in "Who's Who Among American Clergymen 1973-89," received more than 200 citations and honors throughout his career, including a 1991 award by the Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministries of the Florida Conference

of the United Methodist Church for Rare and Most Distinguished Service to Christian Higher Education and Campus Ministries.

Colleagues of Rev. Fair will remember him for his positive outlook and keen sense of humor.

"He would start my day off with humor," said Clarence Childs, B-CC Vice President for Student Affairs. "He had the ability to make people laugh. I can't think of anybody he couldn't get to laugh."

Rev. Fair graduated from Clark-Atlanta in 1946. He later attended Gammon Theological Seminary in Atlanta and was awarded the Master of Arts degree in Sociology in 1949.

He is survived by his wife, the former Agnes Motley, two children — Dr. Rogers P. Fair, Jr., El Paso, Tex., and Mattie Julia Fair-Murphy, Daytona Beach, and five grandchildren.

*"To serve
& never be
tired is
love."
-Sri
Chinmoy*

UCF President Apologizes for Wearing Afro Wig



To left, UCF President John Hitt

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — University of Central Florida President John Hitt apologized for wearing an Afro wig after a picture of him and a university trustee was published on the front page of the campus newspaper.

Hitt said he and Board of Trustees Chairman Dick Nunis, who are both white, were acting like many UCF basketball fans have this season in support of Dexter Lyons, a black student who wears his hair in a combed-out Afro.

"Just as many fans wear Afro wigs to the games, we wore them to salute the player and the team," the president wrote in the e-mail. "I sincerely apologize to any members of the UCF family and community who may have been offended."

Hitt sent the e-mail apology recently to students, faculty and administrators after the *Central Florida Future* published the photo showing him and

Nunis donning the wigs at a recent trustees meeting.

The president said he decided to apologize after he began to hear concerns that it resembled racist imagery used to mock blacks.

Lyons, UCF's leading scorer, said he wasn't offended. He attended the March 22 trustees' meeting where the men donned the wigs, and posed with them for another photo.

"It's a big deal for me

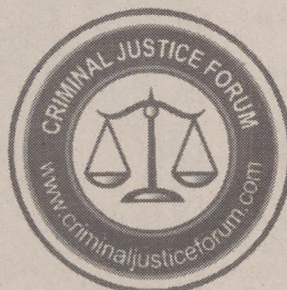
to get the president of this university to put on an Afro wig," Lyons said. "That's an honor."

Hitt and the trustees recognized Lyons, 22, and the rest of the Golden Knights for winning their third A-Sun championship and for an NCAA Tournament appearance last month in which they lost to high-seeded Pittsburgh, 53-44.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Lawmakers Seek to Extend Civil Rights Act to Unnoticed Victims

by Jeffrey McMurray
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON, DC (AP) — There were no sit-ins, bus boycotts or million-man marches to protest the injustices some lawmakers are seeking to correct in a supplement to the 1964 Civil Rights Act. But, in many ways, they figure the lack of attention makes the case even stronger.

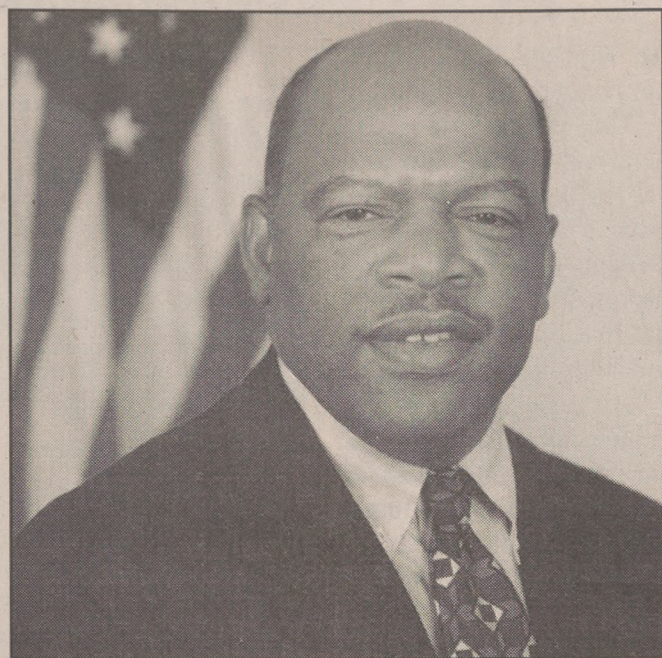
These are billed as the forgotten figures in the civil rights movement: the woman who misses out on a promotion because she's too old; the immigrant denied a driver's license because she can't speak English; the girls' basketball coach who loses his job after complaining about sexist treatment for his team.

Rep. John Lewis, a Georgia Democrat and foot soldier in the 1960s struggle for equality, says unfavorable court decisions make necessary his new Civil Rights Act, which is sponsored in the Senate by Massachusetts Democrat Edward Kennedy.

"I thought we had completed this task in terms of legislation," Lewis said, "and to some degree, I feel like we're going down this same road again."

The road may be similar, but Lewis acknowledges the landscape couldn't be more different.

In the 1960s, the movement largely involved one race and a highly publicized struggle to win rights they never had before. This year, those complaining of inequalities come from diverse backgrounds, and proponents of the 2004



Rep. John Lewis (D-GA)

Civil Rights Act say it would merely restore the rights Congress granted four decades ago that have since been eroded through the legal system.

Back then, blacks found influence through their numbers. Now, it's the individual stories of injustice — some applying to only a few people — that civil rights activists are using to make their case.

Roderick Jackson lost his job as girls' basketball coach at Ensley High School in Birmingham, Ala., after complaining male players received better treatment. He sued the Birmingham Board of Education, but a federal court ruled he didn't have proper standing to file a claim against the government.

"I was just told to hush your mouth, play ball, or you'll make problems for yourself — and boy, they weren't kidding," said Jackson, who remains at the school as a teacher and recently was hired back as coach, albeit on an interim

basis. "I've never really had my day in court. I've never been able to bring it to the table, say this is what's going on, this is the pattern of discrimination."

Judy Jones, 79, sued her employer, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, for being denied promotions and training. She was fired after filing the lawsuit, but a jury found Metro responsible for age discrimination and awarded Jones \$200,000 in damages and her job back. Later, the U.S. Supreme Court concluded individuals don't have the right to sue state employers for money damages, so she never received the full amount.

Jones still works a supervisory shift but claims she still hasn't received proper training and has no chance at promotion.

"I don't even apply anymore because it's so insulting," she said. "I'm 79, and I can outwork anybody."

Perhaps the most glaring example of 21st Cen-

tury discrimination, the bill's authors contend, was the Supreme Court's 2001 decision that a Mexican immigrant lacked standing to sue the state of Alabama for its "English-only" policy. The high court turned down Martha Sandoval's request for a Spanish driver's test, ruling 5-4 that Congress didn't expressly grant that right, and therefore, it is a state decision.

"That's why this rollback of civil rights has been so pernicious," said Wade Henderson, executive director of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights. "It's been quiet, done without fanfare. It reflects an ideological divide between those who advocate a broader view of federalism and narrow view of states rights."

Should Congress approve Lewis' bill — and even he admits it has little chance until next year — the rights Jackson, Jones and Sandoval sought unsuccessfully would be codified in federal law, getting the same footing as laws against racial discrimination.

Despite the variety of topics covered in the 2004 Civil Rights Act, there is one clear omission: it doesn't address the divisive question of gay marriage. Even some black lawmakers have questioned whether that should be billed as a civil right, and Lewis — who supports its legalization — says he'd prefer to fight that battle through other legislation.

The bill, H.R. 3809, does include several other rights, including allowing women to recover damages in cases of wage discrimination based on gender. Efforts to make gender pay equity a civil right have repeatedly failed in Congress in recent years.

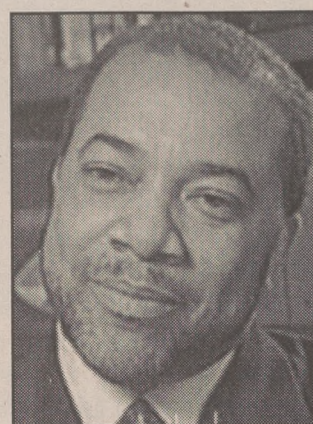
"Some of the judges have taken the pious position this is not discrimination, not deliberate," Lewis said. "Maybe it was not the intent, but the action of a local government, a particular company, a school board or employer can lead

100 Black Men of America, Inc., Announce 2004 HBCU Leadership Institute

MIAMI BEACH, Fla.

— Thomas W. Dortch, Jr., National Chairman, and members of the Executive Committee of the National Board of Directors, announce the launching of a Leadership Institute. The 100 Black Men of America, Inc., in collaboration with the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame Foundation, will host its First Annual HBCU Leadership Institute, June 9-13, 2004. This in-depth program is design to cultivate knowledge, skills and behaviors desired and considered necessary to become an effective leader. The Leadership Institute will target alumni and student leaders of Historically Black Colleges and Universities. The 2004 HBCU Leadership Institute will feature network opportunities, career development and numerous interactive learning sessions highlighting non-profit management, infrastructure building, fund development, marketing, public relations, citizenship and community service.

The 18th Annual National Conference of 100 Black Men of America, Inc. scheduled, June 9-13, 2004, will be held at the



Thomas W. Dortch, Jr.

Loews Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida. The theme is "Saluting The Past... Securing The Future." The Institute will be held at the Royal Palm Hotel in Miami, Fla., in conjunction with the 100's 18th Annual National Conference.

Registration and information regarding 100 Black Men of America, Inc.'s 18th National Conference, June 9-13, may be received by calling 1-800-598-3411 ext. 45, or visiting the website at www.100blackmen.org.

The public is invited to join members of the "100," America's youth, corporate leaders, government, community and political officials, entertainers, and athletes as we convene to share and discuss issues of interest to our communities, and attend performances by well known

recording artists. The Conference will provide attendees with the opportunity to network with dignitaries and corporate leaders, as well as participate in workshops with national speakers.

Additionally, there will be activities geared toward youth and spouses.

Health Fairs are scheduled for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 10-12. The Community Health Fair on Saturday, June 12, will operate from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. 100 Black Men of America, Inc. will collaborate with the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation to present a Town Hall Meeting, June 12th, from 1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

100 Black Men was founded as an organization in New York City in 1963. The national organization, 100 Black Men of America, Inc., began with 9 chapters in 1986 as a national alliance of leading African American men of business, industry, public affairs and government.

Today, under Dortch's direction, the organization has 101 chapters, and growing, in the United States, England, and the Caribbean. There are over 10,000 members from a

myriad of professions, including corporate executives, physicians, attorneys, entrepreneurs, entertainers, elected officials, professional athletes, educators and men from numerous other professions.

The "100," as it is widely known, has created programs which provide an environment where young people are encouraged and motivated to learn and achieve. Each member serves as a strong Black role model for our youth in today's society.

The "100" has four major program components that aide in achieving the mission of the organization. Entitled "Four For The Future," these subject areas encompass Mentoring, Economic Development, Education, and Health & Wellness. All of the signature programs of the "100" are contained in one of these content areas. The accomplishments made through these programs have allowed the "100" to gain notable prominence internationally as one of the world's leading organizations for mentoring African American Youth.

Ex-Officer DeeJay Bails Out Church from Loan Default

CLEVELAND (AP) — A gospel music deeJay has come to the aid of an inner-city church whose financial problems almost forced it onto the auction block.

Last month, Dale Edwards, known on the radio airwaves as "Brother Edwards" and known among his former police department colleagues as "Disco Dale," paid off a \$200,000 defaulted loan that had threatened the survival of the Harvest Missionary Baptist Church.

With the church facing foreclosure, his check halted the auction of the church property and effectively made him the new owner.

Edwards said he was negotiating with the church's pastor, Rev. Artis Caver, and church trustees for a loan repayment plan. "It's no big deal. I saved the church," said Edwards, 51. "I'm a low-profile individual."

After about 15 years

working as a program manager for gospel radio stations around Cleveland — while at the same time working as a police officer — Edwards bought two radio stations near Youngstown for \$300,000 in 2001.

Then, in 2002, Edwards paid \$3 million for WABQ-AM in Cleveland, according to Federal Communications Commission records.

Edwards sold one Youngstown station for \$350,000 and recently asked the FCC for permission to move the other, WRTK, to the Cleveland suburb of Lakewood, records show.

When he retired from the Cleveland police force on March 30 after 26 years on the force, he was making about \$56,000 a year, city records show.

Although WABQ recently finished last in overall ratings among 24 local

radio stations, it has its share of influence, particularly in the black community.

Many local ministers, including Caver, buy time to broadcast their sermons, and in the political season, candidates often run ads on the station to reach black voters.

WABQ airs a weekly public-affairs program hosted by the Rev. E.T. Caviness, pastor of Greater Abyssinia Baptist Church in Cleveland. Recent guests included Cleveland Councilman Zack Reed, a possible mayoral candidate, and City Council President Frank Jackson.

The station is "an icon in our community," said the Rev. Earl Preston, pastor at Morning Star Baptist Church. "I would say a good percentage of the city of Cleveland's churches listen to WABQ."

In the late '80s and early '90s, Edwards was

one of a handful of Cleveland officers who worked as bodyguards for Mike Tyson, the former heavyweight boxing champion. Edwards also worked for Don King, the boxing impresario and former Cleveland bookmaker.

At the time, Edwards was a detective with the police vice unit.

In 1990, his supervisor accused Edwards of drug possession after cocaine was found in a desk Edwards once used. Edwards said the supervisor wanted more work with Tyson and framed him.

A jury cleared Edwards of all charges four months later.

Edwards again skirted trouble in 1991, when he accompanied Tyson on an infamous trip to Indianapolis that landed the fighter in prison for rape.

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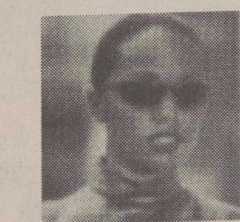
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U.S. Troops in Haiti Hampered by Limited Mandate and Hostility

by Paisley Dodds

Associated Press Writer
PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — They pick up trash, patrol streets and search for weapons — all the time counting the days before their tour ends.

Six weeks into a mission to stabilize Haiti for a second time in a decade, U.S. troops are hampered by a 90-day mandate that leaves little time to accomplish any meaningful change, and by hostility that is a far cry from the joyous welcome the Americans got in 1994.

"I don't think three months is going to change much," said U.S. Marine Staff Sgt. John Schultz, 34, of Hammond, Ind.

Still, he finds Haiti a respite from Iraq: "I've been there twice, and each time I hope will be the last."

Haiti's crisis comes at a bad time for the Bush administration, which is trying to fill a power vacuum left by ousted President

Jean-Bertrand Aristide while coping with mounting casualties in Iraq.

Secretary of State Colin Powell recently visited and pledged U.S. support, but said the administration will not spend more than the \$55 million earmarked for Haiti — about \$20 million less than last year and a fraction of the \$235 million that flowed months after the 1994 intervention.

Less money means less chance of getting guns off the street, though everyone agrees that is the only way to secure the Caribbean country.

Since the first U.S. Marines arrived Feb. 29, fewer than 150 weapons have been collected and rival street gangs and rebel groups remain armed. There's no buyback program to entice citizens into turning in their guns.

The streets are patrolled by 3,600 soldiers and marines — more than half of them Americans, the

rest Chileans, Canadians and French. The primary goal is to bring order before a U.N. force takes over in June.

At least 300 people were killed in the rebellion that erupted Feb. 5 and ended with the Feb. 29 overthrow of Aristide, who is now in neighboring Jamaica.

The Americans arrived as Aristide supporters bewildered by his departure set up flaming roadblocks, robbed, killed and looted.

While a semblance of order has returned to the cities, many provincial towns controlled by rival gangs or rebels sporadically erupt.

Early on, U.S. troops shot and killed six Haitians they said either fired on them or tried to run roadblocks.

Haitians accuse the Americans of being trigger-happy and note French troops have not once fired or been fired at. Also, Haiti is a former French colony

and its Creole language is close to French.

U.S. officers respond that the Americans patrol the most dangerous areas — the slums that are strongholds of armed Aristide supporters.

To win trust, U.S. troops have scaled down patrols and help with small projects like repairing an orphanage and running pipes from a well.

"Here you can really see the efforts you make," said Gunnery Sgt. James Ganbrell, 29, from Grand Junction, Colo. "It's not like Iraq. Most people know you're here to help and you can really walk away with a good feeling because of that."

"We're happy they're here," agreed Ronel Monpremier, 30. "The country is still insecure but they're helping us feel a little safer."

Like many in this impoverished nation of 8 million, he survives doing odd jobs, sweeping a tailor's

shop and delivering bags of ice with a wheelbarrow.

Curious children ran out to grasp at the hands of helmeted, flak-jacketed Marines who brought pencils and notebooks to a school in Cite Soleil, a seaside slum filled with Aristide followers.

"Give me one dollar!" they exclaimed in English. They got gum.

Hostility and anger are fed by Aristide's claims that Washington ousted him.

It's very different from the 1994 intervention when President Clinton, overriding opposition from the U.S. military, Congress and public, sent 20,000 troops to reinstate Aristide, Haiti's first democratically elected president. Those troops arrived after the Haitian military that ousted Aristide agreed to stand aside.

"The difference is we asked for American help in 1994," said Rodney Jean-Baptiste, a 32-year-old gas station attendant. "Today, the U.S. troops aren't bring-

ing anybody back, and they're not really helping."

U.S. troops must deal with rival armed gangs as well as the rebels, whose swift advance put Aristide to flight. They include soldiers of the disbanded army that for decades supported brutal dictatorships.

Also, the interim government installed with U.S. support is seen as an elite in a shady alliance with the ex-soldiers, including convicted human rights violators.

U.S.-led coalition members helped police recently detain two top rebel figures — actions which may help dispel that perception.

"It's hard to take seriously our efforts in Haiti given they (Marines) are working alongside... known killers," said U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters, a California Democrat who supports Aristide.

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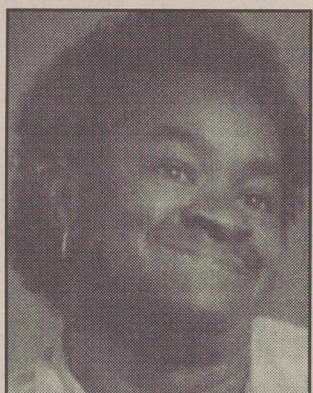


CUBBY, ELZADIE S., 99, died recently. Survivors include her stepson, David Lee (Margie) Cubby, Richmond, Va.; an adopted son, Byron Cubby; one Goddaughter, Martha Faye Perry; two grandsons; several nieces and nephews, including Arthur Cubby, Rev. Clarence Cubby, Alton Cubby, Esther Chambers, Barbara Shorter, Alice Ingram and Martha White; and several friends. McRae Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.



HARRIS, JOHNNY LEROY "PENNY," JR., 49, died March 24, 2004. Survivors include his father, Johnny L. Harris, Sr., St. Petersburg; one stepson, Carlos Williams, St. Petersburg; two brothers, Sylvester Harris, Cross City, and Frankie Harris, St. Petersburg; three sisters,

Aletha Sams, Harriett Harris and Debra Harris, all of St. Petersburg; his companion, Mary Jones, St. Petersburg; and several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Smith Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.



JOHNSON, SHEILA D., 46, died March 29, 2004. Survivors include her son, Eugene R. Johnson, St. Petersburg; her mother, Marie Johnson, St. Petersburg; two sisters, Edna Mae Bodger, New York, N.J., and Margaret (Willie) Wells, St. Petersburg; two brothers, Joseph Leroy Johnson, St. Petersburg, and Nathaniel (Amy) Johnson, Canada; one aunt, Lucille Emanuel, Jacksonville; her companion, Willie McNair, St. Petersburg; and several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Smith Funeral Home, St.

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and several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. McRae Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.



ROBINSON, RODNEY L. "FAT-BABY," 21, died April 5, 2004. Survivors include his mother, Mae Cowart; his father, Rodney L. Robinson, Sr.; his grandparents, Ida C. Brewer and Willie Anderson; his Godparent, E.B. Smith; one brother, Travis Marrian; three sisters, Crystle Cowart, Shaklisha Williams and Rodneshia Robinson, all of St. Petersburg; 10 uncles; six aunts; one nephew, Joey Rush, Jr., St. Petersburg; and several other relatives, cousins and friends. Smith

Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.



VINES, HAROLD LEE, 48, died March 31, 2004. Survivors include two sons, Steven Goodman and Jay Vines, both of Clementon, N.J.; one brother, Willie James Vines, Jr., Westville, N.J.; six sisters, Dianne Vines, Betty Williams, both of St. Petersburg, Bernice (Wiley) Hawkins, Newark, N.J., Ophelia McElwee, Margie Vines, both of Camden, N.J., and Carol (Phillip) Morris, Boston, Mass.; four grandchildren, Rhanelle Goodman, Quiyana Goodman, Tyree Goodman and Tyron Goodman, all of Sicklerville, N.J.; and several

nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Smith Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.



SAVAGE, CYNTHIA EDGE, 47, died Sunday, April 11, 2004, at her residence under the loving care of her family and Hospice.

Cynthia was a graduate of Dixie Hollins High School and the University of South Florida. She was employed as a HRS Social Worker and later by the

Department of Corrections as a Court Intake Officer.

Cynthia gave up her job as a sacrifice in order to help her husband of twenty four and a half years, Pastor Daniel G. Savage III in his ministry. She was a member of the Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church, Crystal River, FL, where she served well in several ministries of the church.

Survivors include her husband, Pastor Daniel G. Savage III, Crystal River; her father, Herman Edge,

St. Petersburg; two sisters, Fay (Larry) Ford, St. Petersburg, and Sharon (Willie) Outley, Clearwater.

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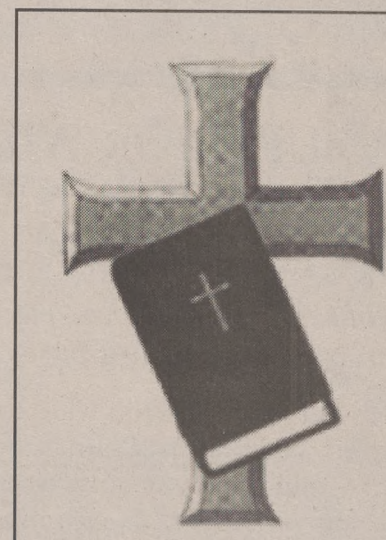
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Funeral Notice

Cynthia Edge Savage. Funeral services for Cynthia Edge Savage will be held on Sunday, April 18, 2004, at Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church, 2105 N. Georgia Rd. (Hwy. 44), Crystal River, FL @ 2 pm. The wake will be at the church from 1-8 pm on Saturday, April 17, 2004.

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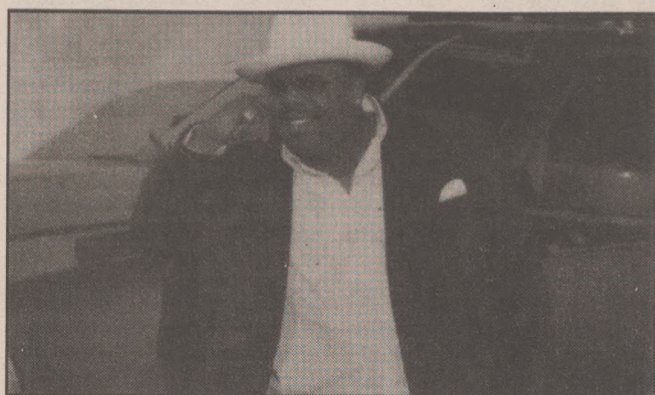
Lincoln Navigator Joins Stars in Fox Searchlight's Latest Film, "Johnson Family Vacation"



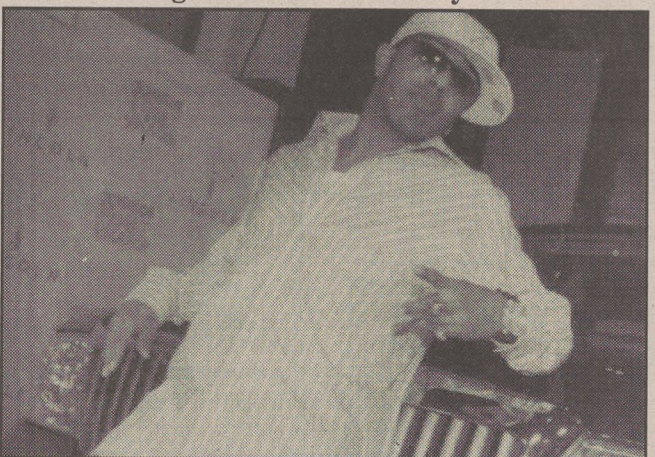
Jeanine White, Multicultural Marketing Manager, Lincoln and Cedric the Entertainer, star of the new comedy film, "Johnson Family Vacation," enjoy a moment during the film's post-premiere party at the Sunset Room in Hollywood on March 31. The film, about a family who takes a cross-country vacation trip to their annual reunion in a Lincoln Navigator, dubbed "Mr. Hip Hop," opened to audiences nationwide on April 7.



Actress Solange Knowles (center), star of the new comedy film, "Johnson Family Vacation," dazzles the crowd with her sister, singer and actress Beyonce Knowles (left), and singer Kelly Rowland (right) at the film's Hollywood premiere. The film is a comic adventure about a family's cross-country trip to their annual reunion in a tricked-out Lincoln Navigator.



Actor-comedian Cedric the Entertainer, star of the new comedy film, "Johnson Family Vacation," poses on the red carpet next to the tricked-out Lincoln Navigator featured in the movie. The Navigator plays a pivotal role in this high energy comic misadventure about a family that takes a cross-country road trip to their annual reunion. The film's premiere was held at the famed Cinerama Dome in Hollywood on March 31. The movie also stars Vanessa Williams, Bow Wow, Solange Knowles and Gabby Soleil.



Actor and singer Marques Houston arrives in style for the world premiere of the highly-anticipated comedy, "Johnson Family Vacation," in Hollywood, March 31. The tricked-out Lincoln Navigator is featured throughout the film.

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State Representative: District 43
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Circuit Judge, Fifth Judicial Circuit: Groups 2, 10, 23, 24 and 25
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Superintendent of Schools
Supervisor of Elections
County Court Judge: Group 1
School Board: Districts 2, 4 and 5
County Commissioners: Districts 1, 3 and 5

IN Testimony Whereof, I Hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Florida, at Tallahassee, The Capital, this Second day of April, A.D., 2004.



Glenda E. Hood
Secretary of State

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Clerk of the Circuit Court
Sheriff
Property Appraiser
Tax Collector
Supervisor of Elections
County Court Judge: Groups 1, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 15
School Board: Districts 1, 3, 5 and 7
County Commissioners: Districts 2, 4 and 6
Heritage Isles Community Development District: Seats 2 and 3
Carrollwood Recreation District: Seats 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9
Hillsborough Soil and Water Conservation District: Groups 2 and 4
Tampa Palms Community Development District: Seats 3, 4 and 5
Westchase East Community Development District: Seats 1 and 2
Westchase Community Development District: Seats 3, 4 and 5
Tampa Palms Open Space and Transportation Community Development District: Seats 4 and 5
Arbor Greene Community Development District: Seats 3, 4 and 5
Lake Saint Charles Community Development District: Seats 3, 4 and 5
Heritage Harbor Community Development District: Seats 2 and 3
Fishhawk Community Development District: Seats 3, 4 and 5
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Covington Park Community Development District: Seats 2 and 3
Cory Lakes Community Development District: Seats 2 and 3
Twelve Oaks Special District: Seats 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9
Parkway Center Community Development District: Seats 2 and 3

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Spunk from front pg.



"Joe Clark's Bench" - Joe Clark (dummy) in the center, Dean Wilson on his left and Michael Kinsey on his right



L-R: Nate Jacobs (Otis D. Slemmons), Jnana Wilson (Missie Mae), Michael Kinsey (Joe) and Dean Wilson (Boy)

one-act plays based on stories by Ms. Hurston) in 1990. First produced at Joseph Papp's Public Theater in New York City followed by many productions throughout the country. Theatergoers will be able to see the play in Sarasota, until it's finale on Sunday, April 18th.

As writer and cultural anthropologist, Zora Neale Hurston (1891 - 1960) was both a collector and teller of stories about black life in the Deep South. She was born in the all-black township of Eatonville, Florida, which was the first all-black community in the United States to win the right to govern itself. While still in her teens, Ms. Hurston left her quiet and peaceful town and eventually, became a worldly, well-known writer. In May 1925, she won two important prizes at the Opportunity: A Journal of Negro Life magazine awards banquet. Ms. Hurston won second place awards, one for "Color Struck", a play she had written, and also second place for her short story "SPUNK".

Van Huff, a resident of Sarasota is guest Director of SPUNK. He comes with a background of more than sixty productions at theatres in the Midwest and Florida; most recently, "Dirty Blonds and The Lion", "The Witch & The Wardrobe" for American Stage in St. Petersburg and "Aunt Rudele" - written by and starring Nate Jacobs - for Florida Studio Theatre.

The short story SPUNK is about Spunk Banks, a "giant of a brown

skinned man" who goes too far in manipulating and intimidating people. Set in a black village much like Eatonville, the story follows Banks, who "ain't skeered of nothin' on God's green footstool - nothin'."

The evening's presentation starts out with lots of fun. The players enter the theatre from the rear of the building strutting down the aisle laughing, smiling and greeting members of the audience. This lively entrance puts the audience in a happy and jovial mood, primed just right for the humor and excitement, which follow.

The three plays are all well - acted. Leon Campbell as Guitar Man, and Margaret Clark portraying Blues Speak Woman provide music and song. They play and sing the "blues" throughout the complete presentation. Nate Jacobs, the Artistic Director of the troupe is simply hilarious as the characters "Sykes" and "Sweet Back."

Michael Kinsey and Dionndra Kinsey as Delila and Elijah Mosley, respectively, are excellent in their roles. It's been some time, since Ms. Kinsey debuted the Sarasota stage in her dynamic performance as Drucella in Nate Jacobs' production, "Rocking down Fairytale Lane." Mr. Kinsey has performed in several outstanding productions and has become one of Sarasota's favorite talents.

The effervescent Jnana Wilson garners an outstanding performance as Missie Mae opposite Mr.



2 Zoot Suiters - L-R: Dean Wilson (Jelly), Nate Jacobs (Sweet Back) and Michael Kinsey (Slang Talk Man)



L-R: Jnana Wilson (Missie Mae), Michael Kinsey (Joe), Nate Jacobs (Otis D. Slemmons), Dean Wilson (Boy) and Dionndra Kinsey (Woman)



The Gilded Six

photos by Shedrick Rhodes

Kinsey's role as "Joe." They both play their roles as if they have truly lived the experience. Dean Wilson is also a delight to watch. Performing since the age of 11, he spent some time with the Essential Theatre at Florida A&M University. His roles of Jim Merchant, Jelly, and Boy in the evening's presentations are superb.

One of the most hilarious performances is "On Joe Clark's Porch" - imagine two of Joe Clark's friends are sitting next to Joe on his porch. (Joe is actually, a dummy who looks human, and is unbelievably ugly). His realistic (head, arm and leg) movements are manipulated by one of his friends sitting by his side, which makes Joe appear to be human. The audience howls with laughter, when Joe Clark (the dummy) finally speaks. Here's a prime example of WCBTT's creativity and humor.

At the finale, Nate Jacobs informed the audience that SPUNK is the final show of WCBTT's Premiere Subscription season. WCBTT has met

great success being embraced by the Sarasota community. Mr. Jacobs says that in the coming season, WCBTT plans to do The WIZ, and also The Piano Lesson, in addition to other offerings. He added that he hopefully anticipates future performances to be presented in their (own) theatre.

If you have not been to any of the Westcoast Black Theatre Troupe's performances, you are doing yourself a grave injustice. This is a brilliant team of enthusiastic and bright, young actors, spirited and joyously overflowing with pure enthusiasm. For this final performance of the season, Zora Neale Hurston put it on paper...the WCBTT put it into action, demonstrating that they "sho nuff" have plenty of "SPUNK".

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The church family is reminded of worship service with Earth Mission on their Pastor's and Church's thirteenth anniversary on Thursday, April 15 at 7 p.m. Earth Mission is located at 2611 - 5th Ave. S. Please support!!

Worship Services:
• 8 a.m. Contemporary Service
• 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
• 11 a.m. Traditional Worship
Pastor Browne will preach at both services and the Konsonant choir will provide the music ministry. We are blessed to celebrate our Church's Sixtieth Anniversary beginning April 19-25 at 7:30 p.m.

Churches and Pastors sharing in this celebration are:

- Monday, April 19: New Congregation Church of Christ, Rev. Mills
- Tues., April 20: Gethsemane, Rev. Ronald Gibson
- Wed. April 21: Agape International, Rev. Nathaniel

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- Thurs., April 22: Dine at good Fortune Buffet
- Fri., April 23: Word of Life Christian Center, Dr. Ellis Hodge
- Sun., April 25: 8 a.m. By the Word of Faith, Inc., Rev. W.C. Sands
- 11 a.m. Minister Leroy Williams, Orlando, FL
- 4 p.m. New Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist, Rev. Joseph Sykes.

The entire community is invited to attend. Needing information or transportation to church, contact the office at (727) 822-4869.

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Pentecostal Temple COGIC

Easter weekend began with a Good Friday service highlighting the last seven sayings of Christ from the cross. Even in the midst of intense suffering, Christ's words indicate to us the power of His love, compassion, concern and control of His life as He gave up Himself to redeem us from the curse of sin.

The Pentecostal Temple family was happy to receive many guests and visitors to the Easter Worship service. Sunday School was exciting as the classes studied the resurrection of Jesus and what it means to us.

The Morning Worship service was filled with rejoicing as we reflected on the finished work of Christ on the

cross and the power of His resurrection. These events are the basis for our relationship with God and hope of salvation. The high praises of God went forth and reminded us His goodness and the greatness of His love for us. The Sunshine Band and Purity Class gave the Easter story through an oratorical presentation. The Mime Boys, Angels of Light, Inspirational and Little Hands of Praise combined and blessed us with an inspirational dance. The song "Redeemer" was sung by pastor's daughter before he ministered the Word of God using Job 19:23-27 as the text with verse 25 as the key verse. He challenged us to think about what God would say about us

if our name came up in heaven. Pastor preached under a special anointing pointing out that even after losing all of his possessions and family and experiencing great physical suffering, Job declared that his Redeemer was alive and would restore him at the latter day. We rejoice greatly in our personal assurance that Jesus, our Redeemer, is alive forevermore and offers us restoration and hope for now and the days to come.

We invite you to join us on Sunday, April 18 at 5 p.m. in a festive service as we celebrate Sunday School and Superintendent Daisy Lawson. You're sure to be greatly blessed!

Trinity Presbyterian Church

The Trinity Presbyterian Church cordially invites the community to join in a study of the Book of Revelation, for the Lord says, "Blessed are those who read, and blessed are those who take these words to heart." (Rev. 1:3).

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Elder Martin Rainey is the Bible teacher, and Rev. Dr. Myron Miller is interim pastor.

88th Birthday Celebration

Lucy Clide Toms celebrated her 88th birthday on Friday, April 2. Lucy is a member of Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church.

Family and friends held a gala celebration for Lucy on Saturday, April 3, at the Dolphin Beach Resort on St.

Petersburg Beach.

Lucy and family would like to thank all those who attended for the beautiful cards, wonderful gifts and, most of all, thank you for sharing your time with Lucy on her special day.

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The New Hope Family invites each and everyone to come worship with us. We are the church of the open door. Please join us as we rightly divide the Word of God and share ourselves with one another as we grow in Christian knowledge and maturity at Sunday school which begins at 9 a.m. with Sister Brenda Adams in charge. A spirit filled devotion begins at 10:15 a.m. with the Deacons of New Hope in charge. The Male Chorus will render song and praise service under the tutelage of Minister Tony Young assisted by Brother Vernard McKinney. Pastor Senior will serve the Bread of Life. Please come and join us.

The New Hope J.L.

Fennell Scholarship Committee along with the Voices of Hope invite everyone to join us for our First Annual Youth Concert honoring the Class of 2004 on Saturday, April 17 at 6 p.m. Come support our youth along with several other local Youth choirs as they lift their voices in the name of Jesus! The J.L. Fennell Scholarship Fund named for the late Rev. Jesse Lee Fennell honors New Hope's Graduating class by presenting each graduating High School senior with a financial blessing. The J. L. Fennell Perpetual Scholarship Fund is our way of keeping the Rev. Fennell's ideas and commitments to youth forever in our minds.

This Weeks Events:
• Prayer Meeting/Bible Study (Tuesdays) 6:30 p.m.

- Prayer Band (Thursdays) 11 a.m.
- Voices of Hope Rehearsal (Thursday) 6 p.m.
- Male Chorus Rehearsal (Thursday) 8 p.m.
- Men's Ministry Breakfast (Saturday) 8 a.m.
- Upcoming Events:
• J.L. Fennell Scholarship Youth Concert Saturday, April 17 at 6 p.m.
- Senior Citizens Day Saturday, April 24
- Youth Day Sunday, April 25

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Calling all experienced Drummers!!! If you're interested in joining Mt. Zion's Drum Line, please call Everard Harris at (727) 866-1034 for details.

Attention RN'S, CNA'S and LPN'S. The Wellness Ministry is organizing the component of the Nurses Guild to their Ministry. Please contact Sister Carolyn Swanson at (727) 825-6692 or fill out a form located in the Church foyer.

The Reading and Math Enhancement Program meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. for children age 5-13. Students that are interested in the program, please apply in the Genesis Building. We are in need of teachers and volunteers to assist in areas such as monitoring and one-on-one teaching. Classes meet in the Kings Kids Building. For more information, please call (727) 894-4311 ext. 808.

Mt. Zion Human Services, Inc. provides after school training & tutoring

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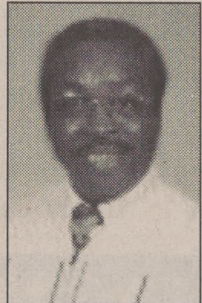
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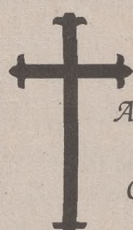
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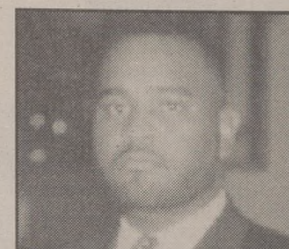
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Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Baptist Training Union 5 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting
Thursday 7 p.m.



Rev. Brian K. Brown

"One week from church makes one weak."

Post-Easter Observance at Academy and Church

New Philadelphia Community Church and Bishop Academy II will observe a solemn period for post-Easter reflection and meditation. The main focus will be post-resurrection appearances of the Christ to women, disciples, and many others according to the scriptures.

On Sunday, children and youth will lead church family in worship. Doorkeeping duties and praise activities will be done by young people in the church family. The Reverend Aaron V. Gaskin, youth minister, will offer proclamation for mid-morning services. "Pennies-for-Progress" and "Silver-Giver" offerings will be given on Sunday.

Christian commenda-

tions are conveyed to friends and family members who attended Easter Sunrise Service and "Break-fast" last Sunday. Special gratitude is given members who prepared and served the breakfast meal at conclusion of Sunrise Worship.

The church's Christian Education Ministry is requesting that members of church family become more involved in Wisdom School and mid-week Bible Study. Both of these areas of study can enhance one's Christian growth and development. Both classes are taught with a Biblical exegetical, and theological expositional relevance.

Prayer Tower



Judge Myra McNary

"A good man obtaineth favor of the Lord, but a man of wicked devices will be condemn" (Proverbs 12:2).

Spt. (Elder) Clarence Welch and the Prayer Tower COGIC church family, welcomes you with open arms to worship with us at any time. We encourage your continual patronage, love, fellowship, and support of our church.

Special Announcement: Prayer Tower will be celebrating their Annual Dual Day on Sunday, April 25.

Guest speaker for the 11:30 a.m. service will be Elder Jimmie Williams of Lighthouse Church of God in Christ in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

Guest speaker for the 4:30 p.m. service will be Judge Myra McNary. Judge McNary is the first lady for Antioch Fellowship Baptist Church in Spring Hill, Florida where the Elder Lavaughn McNary is the pastor.

Our theme for this year will be "If It Had Not Been For The Grace Of God" and our colors are blue and silver.

We would like to give each of you a personal invitation to both of our services at 11:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. We would be delighted with your attendance. Come and praise and worship the Lord with us!!!

Verse of the Week: "The fear of the Lord teaches a man wisdom and humility comes before honor" (Proverbs 15:33).

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

Pastor John A. Evans, Sr., First Lady and family along with Friendship Missionary Baptist Church would like to cordially invite you to attend worship services with us at 3300 31st St. S. this Sunday.

We also invite you to all church related functions in the upcoming week.

First church service begins at 7:45 a.m. with devotion being led by the Deacon's Ministry. The Fellowship Choir will sing songs of praise and the Fellowship usher Ministry will serve. Pastor Evans, Sr. will deliver the message from God Almighty.

Church Sunday School

Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" Psalms 46:1

The Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church Family under the leadership of Pastor Clarence A. Williams welcome your presence this Sunday for Worship services. We are always happy to receive guest and visitors at any of our services. The teachings of the Word, songs of praise and worship, and the inspiring messages will help you along this spiritual journey as your faith and understanding increase. Join us as we endeavor to learn more of God's Word and strive to be more Christ-like. Our early morning services begin at 7:30 a.m. followed by Church School at 9:30 a.m. Come grow and glow as we share the Word one with another. At 11 a.m. we'll participate in Contemporary Worship. Join us for a hallelujah good time as we lift high the name of Jesus.

The Richardson Special

begins at 9:30 a.m. with the Assistant superintendent in charge. A second church service is held at 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, April 13 at 7 p.m. Youth Bible study and Enrichment hour is held along with youth Choir rehearsal and youth usher practice on alternate Tuesdays.

Wednesday April 14 at Noon Day Bible Study along with Bread of Life Ministry serving lunch to the community at large/in need. Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. Prayer service, Praise team sing praises to God and bible study is rendered this week by Pastor Evans, Sr. (book of Luke 19)

We wish to express sincere condolences for those who lost loved ones last week: Brother Rollins and family; Mary Reed and family; and others that we may not have been made aware of. Our hearts and prayers are with you.

Thank you on last Sunday for a stupendous Easter celebration at the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Easter Program was excellent as well as the messages from Pastor Evans, Sr. We wish to thank all those who helped with the breakfast and served. Hats off to you, also!!

We will be worshipping with Earth Mission where

Pastor Samuels is the Pastor at Traveler's Rest on April 18. Any other information you wish to know please contact the local office at (727) 906-8300 between 9 a.m.-3p.m. Mondays through Friday.

Our Women's ministry is hosting a women's conference on April 23-25. More information can be obtained by contacting Mrs. Evans, Senior chairperson at (727) 906-8300 between Mon - Fri 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Other pertinent news can be found in church bulletins handed out each Sunday by the hospitality committee. Have a God encountered week!

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All Worship Services are held at:
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or 244-0832

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Experience 10:50 a.m.
Prayer Meeting and Bible Study
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

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Tuesday Night

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Pastor John A. Evans

Sunday 7:45 AM and

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Sunday School 9:30 AM

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Morning Worship 10:30 A.M.

Prayer / Bible Study Tuesday 7:00 P.M.

Youth Bible Study Thursday 6:00 P.M.

TRAVELER'S REST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

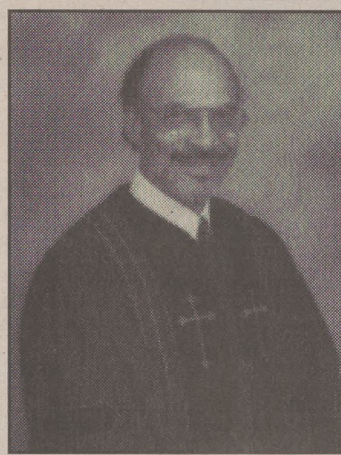
2183 - 22nd Avenue South
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Church Phone: 822-4869
Residence: 824-6021

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

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

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

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

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Pastor Ronald Fluker
and wife, Shana

Rev. John A. Evans
Ministry Assistant

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Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

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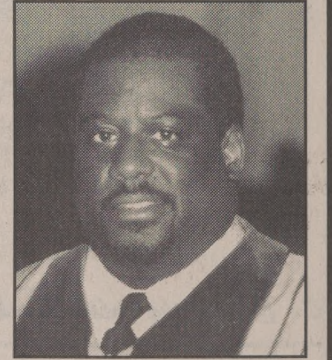
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All Nation Church Of God By Faith

We extend greetings in the mighty name of Jesus and we offer a word to those who may not have one, awesome! That's how we know God to be in every way - awesome. We thank our God for another Easter and for bringing us into the knowledge and understanding of how very important it is to know that Jesus lives. Amen! Sunrise service at the pier brought us into a special place of praise and worship that flowed into Sunday school morning service and the fullness of the day.

From Phil 3:12, Evangelist Lewis saw from the birth the life and the res-

urrection of Jesus that we have a right to press towards the mark because our savior lives, we have a reason. A reason to tell the world that we have glory in our God because he supplies all our needs.

As usual, our men rendered a mighty spirit filled service and all were blessed opening with "Yes Lord" as a surrender to God. We began our Easter program devotion lead by Brother Simpson and prayer by Elder Wayne Wells. Henderson as conductor of Sun Beam Choir Team was an eye opener to how children see good and bad. The greet-

ings from each child were extraordinary and the butterfly dancers were exceptional. They finished their parts with the song "What love." The program concluded with a very touching play enactment of "The Passion of the Christ." The cast was outstanding and even Mel Gibson couldn't do a better job. We thank God for Jesus and pray that your Easter was blessed and filled with his resurrecting. We bless each of you in the name of Jesus from the hearts of Pastors James E. and Johnnie L. Williams.

Tournament chairpersons and Beverly Campbell - Gala chairperson. Additional information can be obtained by calling (727) 323-3364.

Dates to Remember:
• Tutoring- Monday & Thursday- 6 p.m.
• Noon Day Prayer & Bible Study- Wednesday
• Bible Study- Wednesday-7 p.m.

Both our Noon Day Prayer/ Bible Study and Wednesday Night Bible Study are on a 52 week study- "Journey of a Lifetime" which is taking us from Genesis to Revelation. Come join us and enjoy an informative and inspirational biblical journey.

For transportation to Church School, Bible Study or Worship Services, call Sister Bridgette Keeley at (727) 321-9273 or Brother Willie Frank Bryant at (727) 894-6067.

"My ego talks, my humility acts."

- Sri Chinmoy

Moore's Chapel AME

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deliver the messages at both services. Our Young Peoples Department (YPD) will be in charge of the 11 a.m. services.

Easter (11 a.m.) service was such an inspiring and informative one. Our Christian Education Department, under the leadership of Cheryl Keeley presented a cantata "God is Love." Pastor Blount delivered an exhortation "Can They see Jesus in Me" - biblical text- Matthew 26:69-74. It was such an impressive and

enlivening service as we witnessed the presence of the Risen King.

We are delighted and excited as we launch into our upcoming events-The Inaugural Golf Tournament to be held May 14 at Pasadena Yacht & Country Club and the Gala Event- "An Evening with Angela Bassett"- May 15 - Tropicana Field. Beverly George Williams is the chairperson of the Steering Committee. Melvin Penn and Keith George-

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Saint John Primitive Baptist Church

Elder Benjamin Adams, Jr., Senior Pastor

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Mailing address: P.O. Box 1235, Clearwater, FL 33755
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Email: sjpbcc@tampabay.rr.com
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Elder Benjamin Adams, Jr., Senior Pastor

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Church School - 9:45 am
Mid-Morning - 11:00 am
Mid-week Family Night Bible Study - 7:00 pm

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Wednesday Night Bible Study 7:15 p.m.

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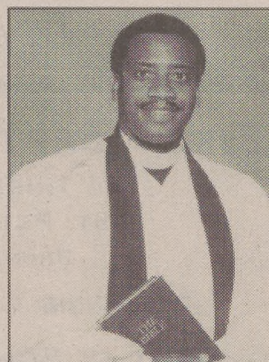
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Worship Service - 10:00 a.m.
Communion - Every First Sunday Bible Study - Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.



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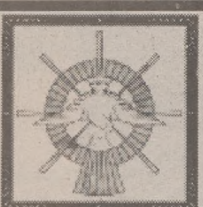
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Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday Evening Bible Class 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Youth Rehearsal 5:30 p.m.
Thursday Prayer & Church School Study 7:30 p.m.
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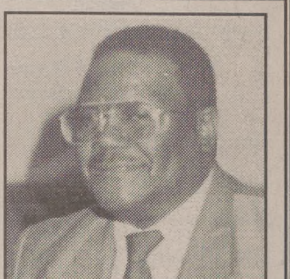
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Baptist Training Union 5:00 p.m.
Mid-Week Worship Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
Bible Study/Prayer Service Thursday 7:30 p.m.

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Rev. Fleming Tarver, Pastor

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Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Baptist Training Union 5:00 p.m.

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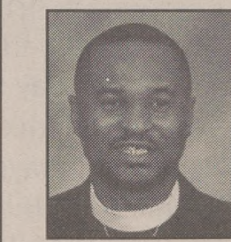
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Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.

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

Phillipians 3:14 "I press towards the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus"



Rev. Anthony Robinson III

Prayer Tower Church Of God In Christ

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Elder Clarence Welch, Pastor

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



SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

TALLAHASSEE — Florida Department of Health (DOH) officials recognize April as Sexual Assault Month, which is observed to focus on the devastating effects of sexual violence, and to encourage the public to become better educated and more aware about this issue.

"Myths and misconceptions about sexual assault and rape must be corrected in order to support the victims of these attacks and prevent future incidents," said Deputy State Health Officer Bonnie Sorensen, M.D., M.B.A. "Public education and awareness of sexual violence are vital to the success of this endeavor."

According to the Florida Council Against Sexual Violence (FCASV), rape and other forms of sexual assault are the most under-reported crimes in America. The FCASV reports:

- One out of every eight adult women has been the victim of forcible rape, which equates to

more than 12 million women in America.

- In Florida, a sexual offense is reported to law enforcement every 42 minutes.

- Rape is responsible for 11-20 percent of teen pregnancies.

- Rape is also responsible for increased substance abuse and mental health problems, including major depression, suicide, and post-traumatic stress disorder.

- According to a 1996 study by the National Institute of Justice, total costs of sexual violence, excluding child sexual abuse, are estimated to be \$127 billion a year.

- Medical expenses, lost productivity, treatment of psychological trauma, pain, and suffering are estimated to cost each victim \$110,000.

DOH's Sexual Violence Prevention Program currently funds seven rape crisis centers that offer victim services in Florida, and 18 sites that provide rape prevention education.

During the month of April, many of these and other rape crisis centers are holding sexual assault awareness events. Information about sexual violence, including locations of the nearest crisis center, can be found at www.fcasv.org or by calling the Florida Council Against Sexual Violence at 888-956-7273.

According to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's 2002 *Crime in Florida Report*, 12,810 sex offenses (forcible rape, forcible sodomy, and forcible fondling) were reported in Florida in 2002. The Federal Bureau of Investigation estimates that only 37 percent of all rapes are reported to the police. The DOH, along with rape crisis centers, believes that rape education, expanded counseling, and advocacy services for sexual assault victims would be effective in increasing victims' willingness to report sexual assaults.

The Black People's Project



Christine, CAT member for the Black People's Project, and her daughter, Cheyenne

The Black People's Project creates new ways of thinking and talking about rape and sexual assault in the context of self-identifying as African American, African, or Afro-Native in the Americas and abroad.

The BPP develops creative and radical ways to challenge rape culture as it connects to the experience of being Black in America. This includes presentations, curricula, and peer education about the American slave trade and culture; lynching movements at the turn of the 20th century and in contemporary USA; sexual abuse, torture and continued assaults on the black body as "object" and subject of loathing; disproportionality; the Criminal Justice System: police brutality, the prison industrial complex, the death penalty; and economic justice.

The Black People's Project uses the following organizing strategies:

- Organize against groups that coerces women of color and poor women to get sterilized.

- Organize discussion groups and forums in Black churches and mosques to empower faith communities to use resources to support survivors and hold perpetrators accountable.

- Work with homeless women to increase peer advocacy and self-advocacy skills for those who have been assaulted or harassed.

- Organize community forums and dialogue on mental health, internalized racism, sexism, sexuality, and sexual violence in Black communities.

- Create a 'zine as a forum for Black people to articulate their experiences of sexual violence, as well as sexual liberation, and distribute them in their communities.

For additional information call (206) 322-4856.

Education Remains the Best Protection

EAST LANSING — This month, the Michigan State Police is seeking to educate citizens regarding sexual assault and personal protection. In fact, the best defense against sexual assault is education.

With April being "Sexual Assault Awareness Month," it is a good time to learn more about sexual assault. For instance, more than 80 percent of all sexual assaults occur between people who know each other.

Furthermore, statistics show that someone is raped every two minutes, and that one out of three women will be raped in her lifetime. However, sexual assault doesn't happen only to women. Both males and females are victims of sexual assault, although females are more likely to be sexually assaulted.

Fortunately, there are some precautions you can take when you're in your car, on the street or in your home to reduce your risk of being sexually assaulted. They include:

In Your Car

1. Keep windows and doors locked.
2. If you should be followed into your driveway, stay in your car with the doors locked. Sound the horn to get the attention of neighbors or scare the other driver off.
3. When parking at night, select a place that will be well lit when returning to the car.

4. Check the interior of the car before getting in. **On the Street**

1. Be observant of things around you. If someone is following you, go to the nearest house or store.
2. Walk near the curb and avoid passing close to shrubbery, dark doorways and other places of concealment.
3. Do not hitchhike.
4. Avoid shortcuts through parking lots and alleys.
5. Don't walk alone if possible.
6. Don't jog in secluded areas.

In Your Home

1. Be sure to keep your doors locked at all times.
2. All windows should have secure locks and frames.
3. All entrances and garages should be well lit.
4. Never open the door after a knock. Require the person to give their name. In the case of service per-

sons, ask for proper identification.

"Above all else, trust your instincts. If things don't feel right, be suspicious," said Sergeant Michele Hernandez, MSP Prevention Services Section. "Back away from the situation and don't be afraid of being rude. It may save your life!"

If you are sexually assaulted, the best resistance you can use against an attacker is your common sense. Try not to panic, and remember that you are not trying to fight the attacker, you are attempting to divert the attacker long enough to get away.

Throughout the month, various community groups will be out in full-force seeking to educate the public about sexual assault. For a list of events in your area, please contact your local State Police post.



l-r: Roy James of Prudential Life Insurance, Clarissa Hersey-James, Director of CASA's transitional and residential housing programs, and George Smith of Mt. Zion Progressive Baptist Church discuss ways their organizations can link up to eradicate domestic violence within the black community.

Voice from front page

their home on a temporary or long-term basis.

Now, the organization wants to literally change the face of its board of directors.

"We serve a large percentage of the (African American) community," said Linda Osmundson, CASA's executive director. "However, we are not getting a good representation of (minority) leaders on our board and we need those voices."

That's why CASA held a luncheon last week in which prominent African Americans were given a chance to learn more about the organization and an invitation to serve on its board.

Those in attendance included: Janice Ford of the city's Weed & Seed Office; Tyna Middleton of the city's Special Projects Division; Pamela Hobbs of the Mahaffey Theater's Marketing Division; Vice Mayor Goliath Davis; Diane Speights of the

National Council of Negro Women and Doyle P. Scott and his wife, Linda. Scott is the senior pastor of the Dominion Worship Ministries and a certified victim's advocate with the attorney general's office in Tallahassee.

Forty-four percent of CASA's staff consists of minorities, while 36 percent of the people it serves are people of color.

However, only one of its 12 board members — Diane Overton — is of African American descent. Overton spearheaded the event.

"What does a victim of domestic violence look like?" Overton asked and then replied that oftentimes it looks like the people in the audience.

Therefore, those in attendance were encouraged to speak on behalf of women whose voices have been silenced.

"We have to become a voice for the voiceless," concluded Clarissa Hersey-James, the director of CASA's shelter and transi-

tional housing programs and the president of the Women of Color Caucus for the Florida Coalition of Domestic Violence.

"We know the problem exists in our community and we are the only ones that can really do something about it. We have to set the example, to be the leaders, when it comes to eradicating domestic violence in our homes."

Folks who want to learn more about domestic violence are invited to attend a fundraising luncheon sponsored by CASA titled, "A Good Night's Sleep."

The event is free and features Hersey-James as the keynote speaker. To RSVP, call 727-895-4912, ext. 114.

"In our homes, don't think every shut eye is closed," said Hersey-James, a domestic violence survivor who will share her story. "Some of us never rest peacefully because we never know when we will have to flee in the middle of the night."

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LEGAL ISSUES

Rodney King to Begin Jail Sentence



Rodney King

FONTANA, Calif. (AP) - Rodney King, the black motorist whose videotaped beating by police officers sparked the 1992 Los Angeles riots, was ordered to spend 120 days in jail as part of his sentence for driving under the influence.

The jail sentence stemmed from a car crash last year in which police said King drove through a Rialto intersection at more than 100 mph, lost control of his sport utility vehicle and slammed into a power pole. Police said he was under the influence of PCP.

King pleaded guilty to driving under the influence and was sentenced Aug. 27 to jail time and two separate drug and alcohol treatment programs.

San Bernardino Superior Court Judge Mary Fuller gave King a day to attend to financial and

family matters. King was released on his own recognizance and was expected to turn himself in Friday at court, prosecutors said.

King, who now lives in Rialto, was arrested in October for allegedly punching his girlfriend, but prosecutors decided not to press charges, said San Bernardino Deputy District Attorney Jim McGee.

King, 39, is to serve his time at Glen Helen Rehabilitation Center in Devore, where he will attend a drug and alcohol rehab program.

He had wanted to serve his jail time on weekends - a common practice in San Bernardino County - and said he believed his request was denied because of who he is.

"I know I'm being treated differently," King told the Inland Valley Daily Bulletin. "It's never going to be over for me. It's a non-ending thing."

His attorney, Duane Dade, said any other defendant would likely have been allowed to serve their sentence on weekends for the same crime. King could have kept his construction job, remained in treatment and tended to his family if

that had been allowed, Dade said.

McGee said the jail sentence was appropriate for King.

"He had the same problem throughout his life and he had a string of arrests for being under the influence of PCP. Under the law, you only get one chance at that," he said. "The only thing left for us to do in this case was to have him do jail time."

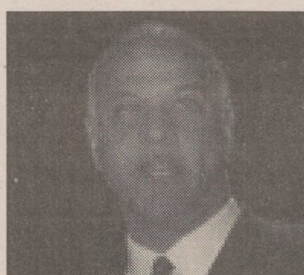
But King disputed that, saying his struggle with a 13-year-old drug addiction is made more difficult by the scrutiny he faces.

"Jail does nothing for me," he said. "Jail teaches me - not good things. But I'm going to make the best of it I can."

King, who is black, was chased by police through the San Fernando Valley in 1991 and was captured on videotape being beaten by four white officers. After their acquittals in 1992, riots broke out that left 55 dead and caused \$1 billion in property damage.

King received a \$3.8 million settlement from the city of Los Angeles in 1994. He has had several convictions since.

Campbell Pushes for Justice in Police Shooting of Black Man



Mayor Bill Campbell

COLUMBUS, Ga. (AP) - Former Atlanta Mayor Bill Campbell told a crowd to keep demanding justice for an unarmed black man shot by a white sheriff's deputy during a routine traffic stop. The crowd of about

150 needs to reclaim "the struggle for justice and democracy," Campbell said Friday at the 24th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Awards Banquet of Excellence dinner at the Columbus Convention & Trade Center.

"We are in trouble as a people because too many good people sit silent on the other side of the road," he said. Campbell is a partner in the law firm representing the family of Kenneth Walker, which is suing the

sheriff's department for \$100 million over his December death.

The shooting showed "how fragile life is ... it still can be taken away from us in the blink of an eye because of the color of our skin," Campbell said.

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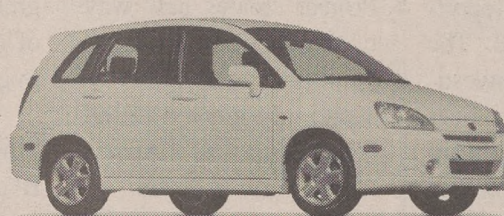
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TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21) Be cautious when dealing with foreigners. Try to keep ahead of the game. Tempers may flare if you haven't been completely honest about your intentions or your whereabouts. Get involved in activities that will bring you knowledge about foreign land, philosophies or cultures.
GEMINI (May 22-June 21) Opportunities to upgrade your living standards will come through your lover or through joint financial investments. You will learn easily if you put forth an effort. You are best to avoid such unsavory circumstances, especially if you're in a group situation. Your emotions will be touched off concerning recent encounters with your lover.
CANCER (June 22-July 22) Pay attention to small but important details. You may want to take a trip; however, before you do, make sure that your car is serviced properly. Do not get involved with individuals who are already committed to others. Be careful that you don't overextend yourself.
LEO (July 23-Aug 22) You're likely to encounter new partners if you take short trips. Double check your work and be sure that your boss is in a good mood before you do your presentation. Direct your energy into physical entertainment. Ask family members for help and you will be able to complete the projects more quickly.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 23) Emotional matters may not be easy for you to handle. New friendships will develop through group events. Get the red tape and the unwanted paperwork out of the way. You can look around for the right place and enlist some of your friends to help you move.
LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23) You can get into self awareness groups or look into physical enhancement programs. You can make money through your creative efforts. Nagging has never been something that you could tolerate, and it's once again driving you into a lonely state of affairs. Don't be afraid of opposition; your suggestions are valid.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Get the whole family involved in a worthwhile cause or cultural event. You will want to take off and have some recreation. Start sending out those resumes. Don't be too confident that coworkers are on your side.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) You need to be active and spend time with friends you enjoy. Your emotional partner will push all the right buttons this week. Don't be too quick to react. You may feel that someone at work is holding you back.
CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan. 20) Direct your energy wisely this week. Anger will prevail if you expect help from others. Refuse to let others make unrealistic demands of you. You will enjoy interacting with those who come from different backgrounds. Your outgoing charm and obvious talent will be admired.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19) Keep a lookout for any individuals eager to confront you with unsavory situations. You might have some problems balancing your books. Your intellectual charm will entice new love interests. Use your better judgment before you sign up for a costly venture.
PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) You need to take some time out to decide what you want to do. Social activity should be on your agenda. Clear up domestic chores that have remained undone for some time. You can make it up to them later.

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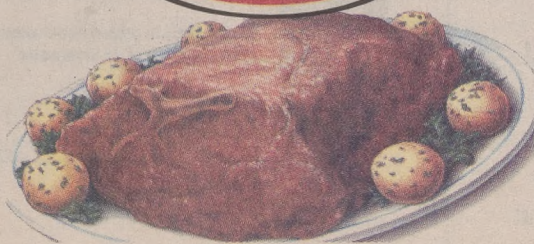


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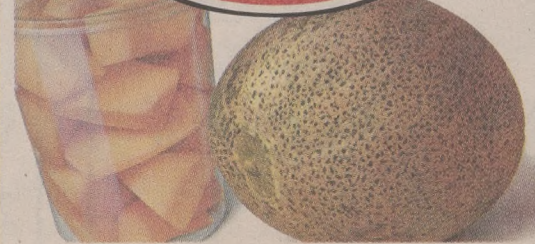


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