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St. Petersburg Links End 2005 With Holiday Dance Extravaganza!



Dr. Paul and Donna McRae

Photos by Rick Gee



Drs. Reginald and Mendee Ligon

By Rick Gee
Challenger Correspondent

On Friday, December 30, 2005, the St. Petersburg Links, Inc. hosted a holiday blast for more than two hundred holiday celebrants at the Dolphin Resort Hotel in St. Pete Beach. Dance music played continuously by the Jeremy Carter Quartet kept the guests on the dance floor throughout the festive evening. It seemed as if everyone had worn his or her dancing shoes for the evenings festivities making good use of the dance floor. A party favorite and very popular style of dance, the 'Electric Slide' was performed more than once, and seemed to get the party moving. With a multitude of dancers arms and feet moving, bodies swaying and heads going back and forth, the band fell into a heavy dance groove and appeared to obtain it's energetic musical power by the energies generated by the dancers. Overheard during a conversation at a guest table, one of the guests said, "This is some party. It's a shame, we can't do this every weekend."

Even though the event was not publicized

as a dinner and dance, food was served, and it was most elegantly presented. Because of the large number of guests expected to attend, and the huge variety of foods to be served, a separate room was used for serving. A buffet style banquet meal was made available, and included separate carving stations for ham and roast beef served with delicious dinner rolls. A fruit table overflowing with a multitude of delicious melons, grapes, and strawberries was strategically positioned, and met each guest as they entered the room. On the same table, one could find at least three different types of bright yellow cheeses that included miscellaneous and varied flavored crackers. At the main table in the center of the room, guests could fill their plates with delicious Chinese style spareribs, sweet and sour sauce, egg rolls, coconut shrimp, fruited scallops, stuffed mushrooms, and Swedish meatballs. Rounding out the scrumptious feast was a serving of delicious vanilla and chocolate cake with a buttercream icing. As is not the usual arrangement at many dinner and dances, in addition to the elaborate food presentation, the Links' event also provided an open bar.

The grand party ended at midnight, and as the guests reluctantly left the dance floor with

huge smiles on their faces, it was obvious that all who attended had enjoyed themselves immensely. There were the usual hugs and goodbyes, including early 'Happy New Year' wishes. Heard in the crowd, as the elevator was filling up to take the guests to the main floor and out of the hotel, 'If you think this year was something, just wait until next year, 'Merry Christmas and Happy New Year' to everyone.

The Links, Inc. was founded in Philadelphia on November 9, 1946, on the principles of friendship and service. Boasting an active membership of more than 9,000 women, it is an organization committed to civic, educational, and cultural activities, with the singular purpose of serving community needs for the improvement of life and the pursuit of excellence. Although, the St. Petersburg/Tampa Chapter of the Links, Inc. was originally organized in January 1951, the St. Petersburg Chapter sought independence and became chartered in 1987, in order to focus on the needs of their respective community. It's mission is to form a "Chain of Strength" that works to positively influence and improve the quality of life for educationally and economically disadvantaged African-Americans.



Left to right: Willie Felton, Dr. Ken Bryant, Dr. Cedric Thornton



Drs. James and Theresa Goss

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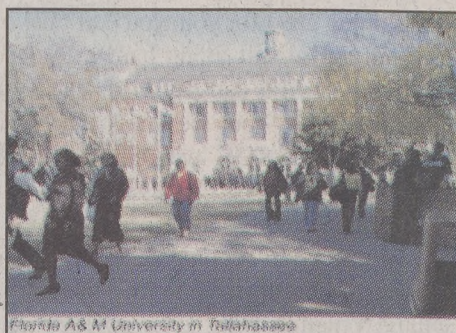
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We Value Diversity. We Value Education. We Value History.

- 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.
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- To know the events of our past (can help us) to know what future events can be.
- The *Weekly Challenger* is committed to featuring articles of all ethnic cultures for the reading enjoyment of both the young and old generations.

Tookie Williams' Story Can Inspire Troubled Teens



by:
 Judge Greg
 Mathis

As is his wish, let's use the life story of Stan "Tookie" Williams to educate our young people about the realities and dangers of the street life. Williams, perhaps recent history's most famous symbol of the debate on capital punishment, never had the opportunity to realize his full potential. Founder of the Crips street gang, Williams was convicted of killing four people and ended up on death row by the time he was in his mid-twenties.

If he had have been given the proper guidance as a young man when he first began to get in trouble with the law, Williams could have positively tapped into his natural abilities as a leader. Williams' story has shed light on the criminal justice system's unwillingness to rehabilitate offenders or recognize those that have reformed themselves.

This 'lock them up and throw away the key' mentality has touched every area of the system: according to a report released by Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch, there are 2,225 child offenders serving life sentences in 42 states in this country. In most cases, the accused killed someone. However, about 25 percent of those locked away didn't commit the murder they were charged with.

They were participating in a robbery or burglary that turned violent, but someone else committed the actual murder. In many states across the country, being at the scene of the murder is comparable to committing one and sentences are handed out accordingly. The govern-

ment would like us to believe that these offenders are not children, but 'animals' that deserve to be put away for life. But about 60 percent of the juveniles serving life sentences are first time offenders.

To be fair, some crimes deserve a stiff sentence. But others involve special sets of circumstances that should be considered during sentencing. Many of these young people can be saved; letting them waste away in prison does very little to increase overall public safety, costs billions in tax dollars and destroys communities. The community hardest hit by these sentences is ours: about 55 percent of juvenile offenders doing life are Black males. Our young men and boys are sentenced to life in prison at alarming and disproportionate rates. If this disturbing trend continues, Black males will continue to dwindle in number and the African-American community will continue to suffer.

Williams has detailed his experiences in several books, among them "Blue Rage, Black Redemption," "Life in Prison," "Gangs and the Abuse of Power." He also issued his "Protocol for Peace" in an attempt to put an end to senseless street gang violence. Williams' books would make perfect gifts for any at-risk young person — he has a street credibility that parents, teachers and youth counselors just don't often have. Because of this, his messages are much more likely to get through to troubled teens.

— Judge Greg Mathis is Chairman of the Rainbow PUSH-Excel Board and a National Board Member of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

Beyonce Knowles, Role Model? You Better Believe It



by:
 Deborah
 Mathis

Figure this one out: She is beautiful, multi-talented, wildly successful, rich, famous, young and, from all indications, sane and happy.

And someone somewhere in the world is bound to hate on her.

You guessed Beyonce Knowles, of course. She is the reigning queen of All That — music, movies, the concert stage, beauty commercials, fashion, living large and who knows how many fellas' fantasies.

What's not to hate?

But, an unusual thing has happened in conjunction with Beyonce's rise to fame. The inevitable envy — and the rumors and faux or quasi-scandals that normally spill from it — have been driven underground. No one dares hate on her openly; there's simply no window for it. Her manifest excellence defies it.

But Beyonce is not the only sistah who can sing and dance. She's not the only one who can fulfill, shall we say, less-than-challenging roles on the silver screen.

She's not the only simply gorgeous one. And she is most certainly not the only one who qualifies for what old school used to call "a brickhouse." When it comes to "bootylicious," Beyonce can claim exclusive rights only to the term.

Why, then, has she become the quintessential entertainer, a role model, the pacesetter and in a league of her own? And how has she escaped the scowls of the morality marauders?

Could it be because when Beyonce flaunts it, it's because she's got it, not because she's faking it or exaggerating it?

Could it be because she treats her sexuality like a natural quality that she controls rather than some freakish thing that sneaked up on her one night and commandeered her mind and body a la Li'l Kim, who begs exorcism, or Britney Spears, who seems stunned and confused by it, or even Janet Jackson, who began treating it like she alone possessed it?

Not to put too fine a point on it, Beyonce may be the new face of Young, Gifted and Black American Womanhood. She has the chops, she puts in the work and she exhibits her gifts in a way that doesn't threaten, but challenges.

In short, she's got it, she's enjoying it, and she's inviting the world to celebrate it with her.

Ultimately, it may be that Beyonce is hard to hate on because she doesn't hate on us. Pretenses and unwarranted hype are deceits, after all, and as such, they offend fans and consumers.

An honest broker is what we want. If life is going great for you, you don't have to pretend you're still living hard in order to win us over. You can say "I'm just Jenny from the block," but we know where you live now. That's OK with us. More stars might be in Beyonce's shoes if they gave us a little more credit.

In the end, keeping it real is about keeping it honest. If you don't have it, we will be fooled for only so long. Then, we're through with you — our turn at keeping it real.

Performers like Beyonce are hate-proof as long as they maintain excellence and stay true to themselves, recognizing that whom they must first answer to is me, myself and I.

We're All Going To Die!

And Other Stories 'Too Good to Check'



by: Eugene
 Robinson

It's easy to rattle off the big stories of 2005, which was a big-story kind of year: Hurricane Katrina devastates the Gulf Coast. The war in Iraq grinds on, with rising casualties in the desert and rising angst on the home front. White House aides try to keep themselves out of jail, while a reporter checks herself in. London has a bloody appointment with terror. Pope John Paul II departs a world he helped change. Terri Schiavo finally rests in peace. Michael Jackson walks, Kanye West talks and George W. Bush misplaces his trusty mojo. Maybe he should look in Albuquerque, where they found the Runaway Bride.

I prefer tallying the best stories of the year — the most stunning, the most surprising, the stories you can hardly believe you're reading. Of course, the reason for disbelief is that they're not, strictly speaking, true. They belong to the category journalists have known since time immemorial as "too good to check."

The phrase is self-explanatory: A reporter hears something utterly incredible, spends a glorious hour or so regaling colleagues with the tale, and then reluctantly sits down and dials the phone. One call, maybe two, and the whole story falls apart. You establish, say, that the vice president was definitely in Washington on a particular day — which means that the tipster was wrong and it couldn't have been the Veep in the middle of that bar fight in Cheyenne.

Sometimes, though, the facts seem so plausible and the sources so credible that the story initially checks out, so everybody runs with it. Weeks or months later, after overlooked facts are noticed and common sense belatedly applied, the "too good to check" diagnosis is made retrospectively.

Hurricane Katrina was a trove of "too good" stories. For example, take the reports of a shocking, deadly shooting rampage by young thugs in what was left of New Orleans. The mayhem was front-page news. But later, when the dead were recovered and autopsied, authorities found no spike in homicides the week after Katrina hit.

Same with the reports that miscreants were shooting at rescue helicopters. People who had spent days stranded on roofs or in attics explained later that they were firing to attract the helicopter pilots' attention, not scare them away.

Science, as usual, provided a bounty of "too good to check" material. I'm not

sure any newspaper or magazine actually ran my ultimate headline about the avian flu scare — "We're All Going to Die!" — but that was the general tone of the coverage. It turns out, though, that the H5N1 influenza virus stubbornly refuses to learn how to pass from human to human. Yes, there will be a flu pandemic someday. No, someday doesn't necessarily mean now.

Then there was South Korean scientist Hwang Woo Suk, who announced in May that he had produced custom-cloned stem cells for 11 human subjects. Soon, stories reported, doctors would be able to engineer specific medical treatments for any individual, the way Bones used to do on "Star Trek." But now it turns out that Hwang fabricated his data. Those lovely bespoke stem cells never existed.

My personal favorite "too good" story of the year didn't fool the newspapers, but it made a big splash on the Internet, which may just be the ideal medium for cultivating believable untruths. With no irony and just the right hint of paranoia, a Web site elaborately "revealed" why comedian Dave Chappelle fled to South Africa just as he was about to cash in on a \$50 million television contract.

The site claimed that a cabal of eminenes calling themselves the "Dark Crusaders" — the Revs. Al Sharpton, Jesse L. Jackson and Louis Farrakhan; entertainers Bill Cosby, Whoopi Goldberg and Oprah Winfrey; and the billionaire founder of Black Entertainment Television, Robert L. Johnson — decided that Chappelle's racially charged humor was demeaning to the African American community, so they threatened and harassed him out of town.

The whole thing was soon revealed to be pure, unadulterated fiction. It looks as if it might have been a "viral marketing" campaign to generate buzz for two of Chappelle's comedy sidekicks, but the only thing that's really clear is that the story was false.

As the new year dawns, President Bush and the Republican majority in Congress are telling us the nation can spend hundreds of billions of dollars on Iraq, tens of billions more on pork-barrel projects, additional tens of billions on Gulf Coast reconstruction — and still keep cutting taxes with a chainsaw, to the benefit of the wealthiest Americans.

And we all just go with the story. Waaaaay too good to check.

— Eugene Robinson is a columnist with *The Washington Post*.

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MIDTOWN NEWS



Norman E. Jones II

THE ART OF LIVIN'

The Sports And African American Culture Road

SAN FRANCISCO, CA. – The first Art of Livin' Column in 2006 comes to you from America's West Coast. The San Francisco Bay Area that I am visiting over the holidays before I travel to Los Angeles for the Rose Bowl game. This is the golden city in the golden state, and I do mean golden! It may be the most expensive city of its population to live in. You could buy a \$35 hamburger in this city. It is, however, a fun city to visit. The food is world class and the arts and sports scene is above average.

MY CALIFORNIA EXPERIENCES

This will be the fifth time I have visited California, and each time was to cover a major sporting event. In 1984, I covered the Olympics in Los Angeles. I was in San Francisco to cover the 1989 World Series between the San Francisco Giants and the Oakland Athletics. That was the "Great Earthquake World Series". I spent the night at the famed St. Francis Hotel as guest of Major League Baseball.

In 1997, I went to San Diego to cover Super Bowl XXXII between the Green Bay Packers and the Denver Broncos. In 2000, I was in Oakland to cover the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Oakland Raiders football game.

Whenever I travel to cover sporting events, I always make it a point to visit many cultural sites and events. This trip will be especially productive, as I will be viewing several African American History Museums in the cultural arts centers around the San Francisco Bay Area. The Museum of African Diaspora in San Francisco opened its doors recently. The African American Museum and Library and the Museum of African American Arts and History in Oakland will be visited.

Of course, I will visit my family and friends who reside in the Bay area, Los Angeles and surrounding towns. Some are long-time friends I've met over the years during my travels covering sporting and cultural events.

Next week's Art of Livin' words will come to you from Pasadena, California, site of the famed Rose Bowl Parade and this year's National Football Championship game. My prediction for the game is: The University of Texas will upset the two-time champions of college football University of Southern California, by the score of 28 to 26.

— Please mail your comments to Norman E. Jones, II, Art of Living, The Weekly Challenger, 2500 Martin Luther King St. S., St. Petersburg, FL 33705.



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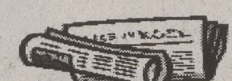
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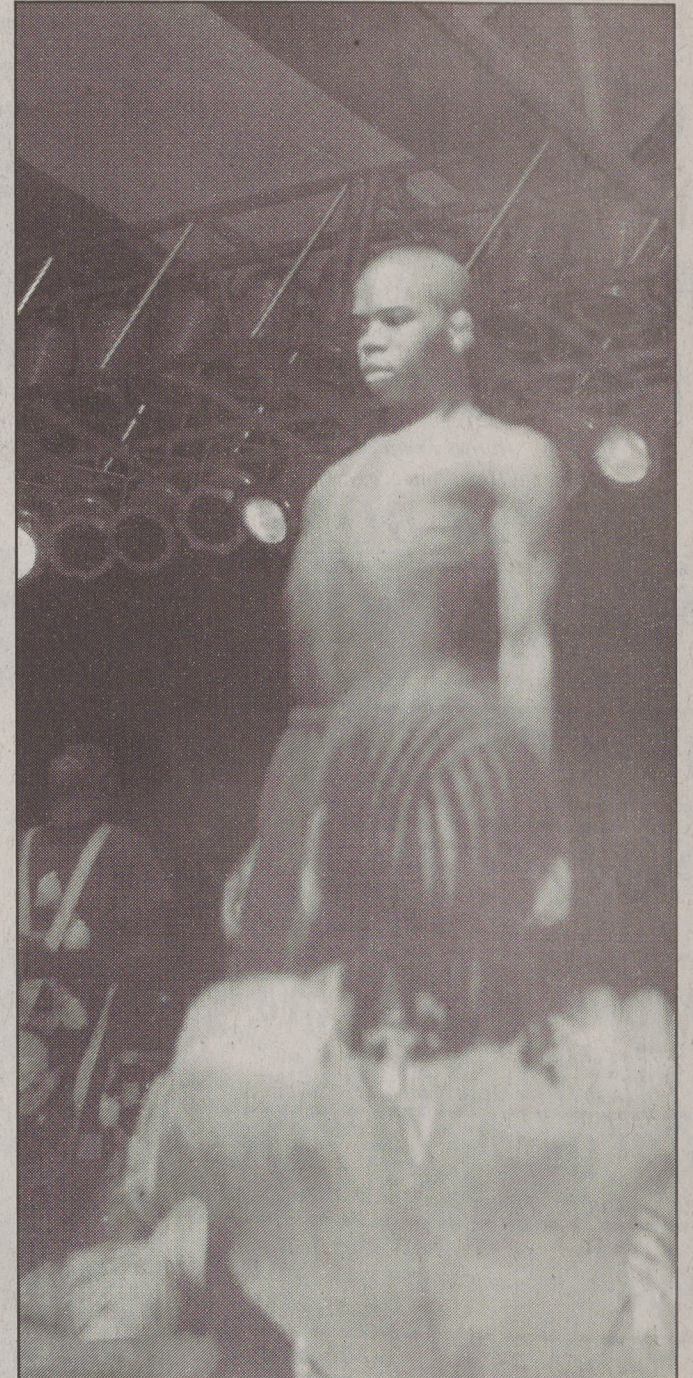
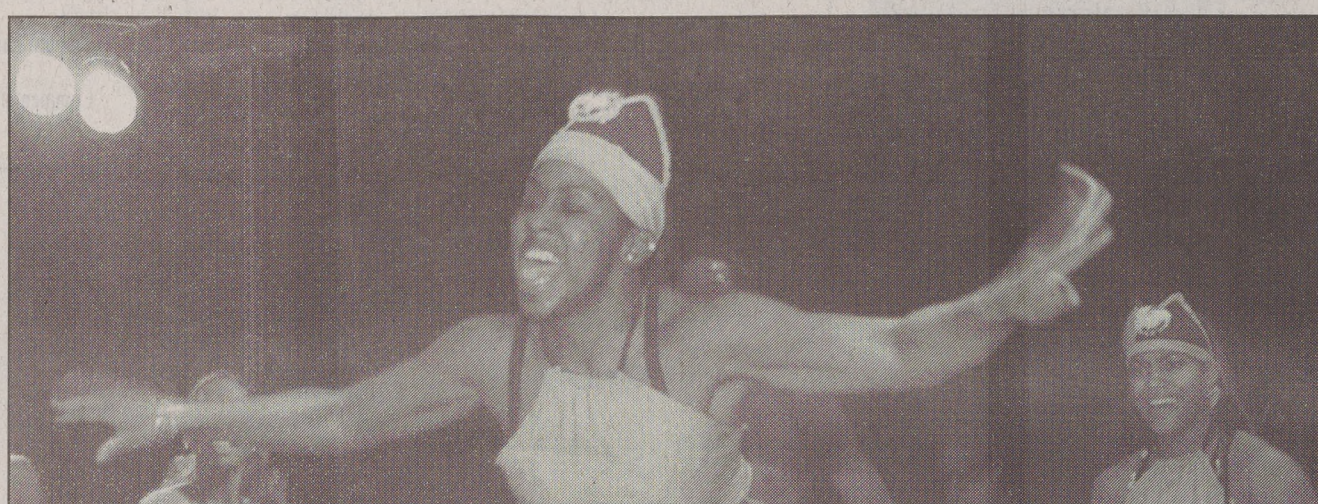
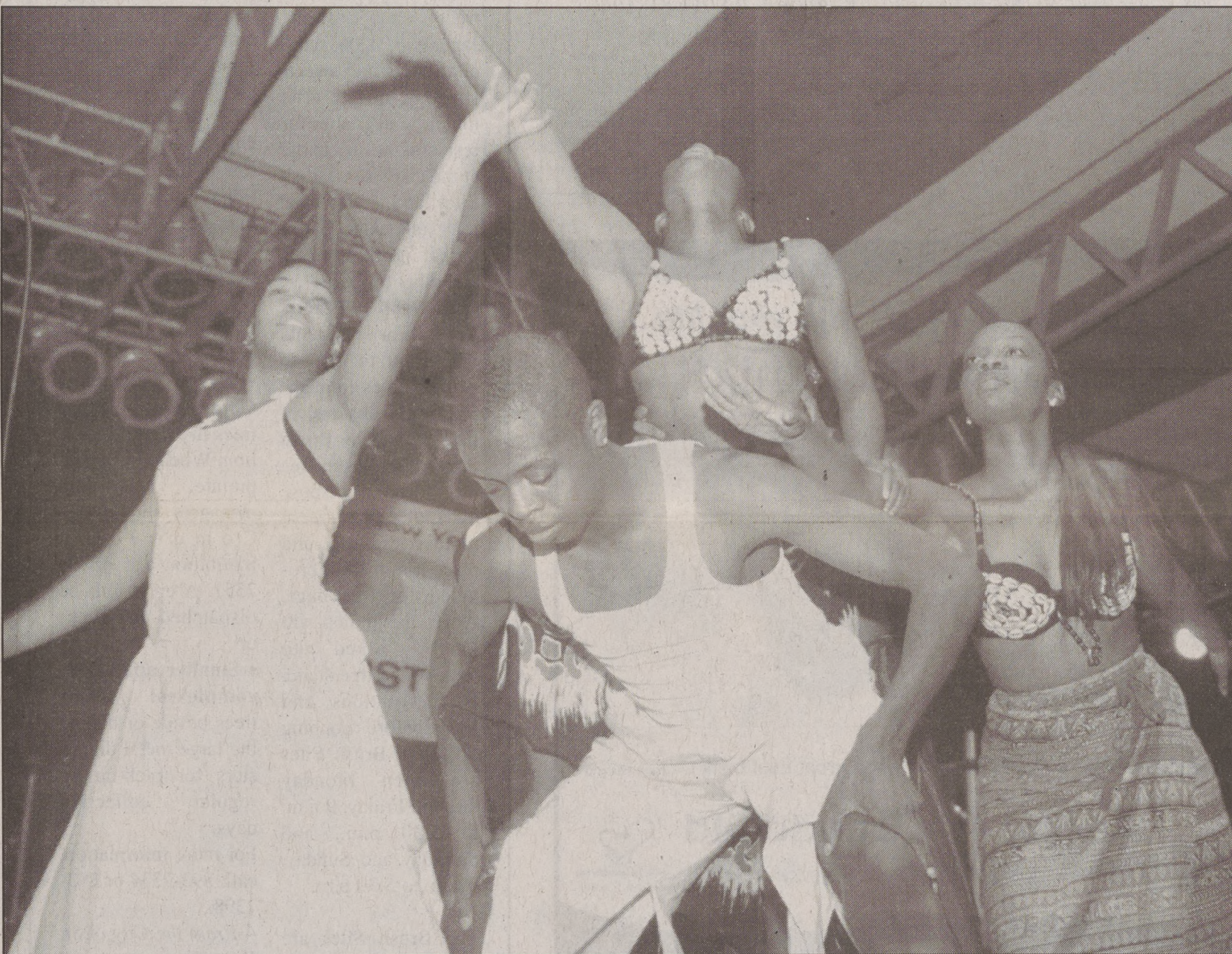
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TAMPA BAY AREA NEWS



Rick Gee's
JAZZ JAMM

"Nat King Cole Reigns As Jazz Musician"

Some jazz fans might not agree about the famous and very popular Nat King Cole being a jazz musician; however, those of you in the know will accept that fact. As a young adult, I can remember being pleasantly surprised listening to Nat's recordings and the wonderfully rhythmic piano playing he demonstrated. In fact, initially I enjoyed his piano playing more than his singing. But, as we all know, the more Nat sang, the more popular his singing became. How many of us can remember the song that was written by Nat himself "Straighten Up and Fly Right"? Better yet, how many of us knew that the song was inspired by a story in one of Nat's father's sermons and a traditional black folktale? Yes, that's right. Nat's father was the Reverend Edward James Coles, Sr. and was pastor of the True Light Baptist Church in Chicago. That's the church where Nat started playing piano, organ and singing regularly from about the age of eleven.

At a very early age, Nat developed an interest in jazz. Unfortunately, this particular interest of his displeased his parents. You see, at that time, jazz was associated with smoky nightclubs and the wild street life.

Nevertheless, Nat had three brothers, Eddie, Fred and Isaac, who were already performing as jazz musicians. And, that is how Nat got his first start as a jazz musician, playing piano in his brother Eddie Coles's jazz band, the 'Rogues of Rhythm'. Long before Nat began his solo singing career, he led a jazz trio. It was in the early 1930's that Nat moved from Chicago to Los Angeles and formed a group that eventually became the 'King Cole Trio'. One night, Nat was playing in a bar, and a customer who had too much to drink, demanded that Nat sing. Nat didn't want to do this and continued to refuse until his boss said he'd better, so he did. This was the same jazz trio that he had when he performed his first national hit single record, the aforementioned "Straighten Up and Fly Right".

Much success followed Nat after his first big hit. Research indicates that Nat scored with such hit records as, "It's only a Paper Moon" in 1945, "The Christmas Song" in 1947, "Nature Boy" in 1948, "Mona Lisa" in 1949, and "Too Young" in 1951. I don't remember, but music history indicates that between 1948 - 49, Nat was the first black jazz musician to host his own weekly radio show. I do remember though, as I'm certain that most of us do, that in 1956 - 57, he became the first black to have a weekly show on network television. However, I also remember the heated discussions we had in college, when Nat's television show was canceled because it could not find a national sponsor.

An interesting and sad story, I'd like to share with you readers involves what happened to Nat in Birmingham, Alabama. First of all, Nat was born in Montgomery,

Alabama on March 17, 1917. In 1956, he returned to Alabama to perform in concert. However, Nat had brought along an integrated band to play for a segregated audience in the municipal auditorium in Birmingham. Bad news! Four members of the White Citizens Council viciously attacked Nat on the stage and attempted to actually kidnap him. But, even though he was hurt in the attack, Nat returned to the stage and completed his performance for an audience of more than 4,000. Nonetheless, even though Montgomery was a place frequently visited by Nat, he vowed never to return to the South, and he did not.

Some more interesting facts about Nat King Cole during his well-known singing days are that he sold in excess of 50 million records during his career. Although it was not widely known, Nat often did a lot of things to make conditions better for black people by refusing to play at places that wouldn't allow black people to enter, or sometimes even making them change their rules before he would play the venue. There's a popular story about Nat when he started making a lot of money, and moved into a very expensive area of Los Angeles. There were protests by some people who lived there, who said they didn't want any undesirables moving in. Nat said that he didn't either and would be the first to complain if any did move in.

The entire Nat King Cole story is a fascinating and quite interesting one. You readers can look forward to hearing more about him in future articles. At that time, I'll share information about Nat's two marriages, his children, his movie roles, and of course, add more to his list of popular recordings. It is a fact that some record companies continue to produce Nat's records, tapes and even some of his old videos. Although circumstances

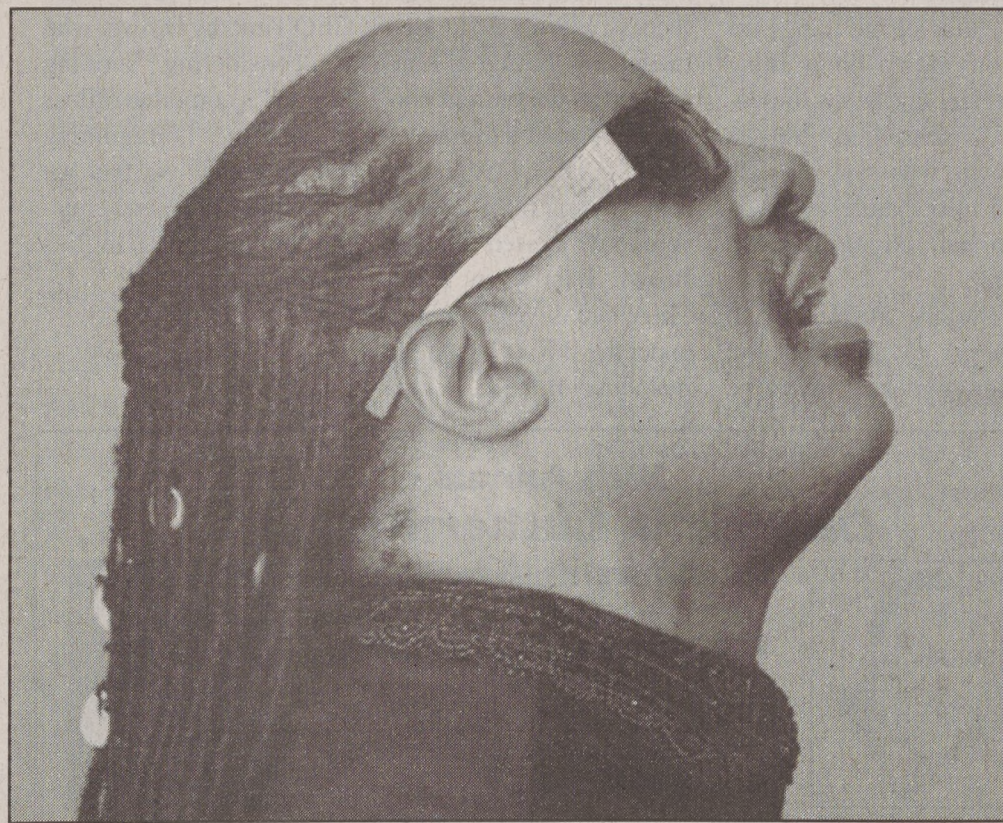


Nat King Cole

resulted in Nat moving away from jazz, and he is best known as a melodious and smooth singer, I believe that his claim to fame in musical history will be both as...pop vocalist and jazz pianist.

Jazz fans - do you have any feedback? I would like to hear from YOU! Mail your comments to Rick Gee's Jazz Jamm, c/o The Weekly Challenger, 2500 ML King St., S., St. Petersburg, FL 33705.

An Evening Of Stars® Tribute To Stevie Wonder To Air On More-TV32



Stevie Wonder

Tampa - The United Negro College Fund (UNCF) will honor legendary songwriter, musician and singer Stevie Wonder with an all-star tribute for his lifetime achievement on UNCF's annual televised fund-raiser, An Evening of Stars®, Tampa's MORE-TV32 will air the four-hour tribute for local viewers Sunday, January 8, 2006 from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM.

"We here at MORE-TV32 applaud the continued efforts of the United Negro College fund," said MORE-TV32 Vice President and General Manager Ken Lucas.

An Evening of Stars®

Tribute to Stevie Wonder is slated to feature some of the hottest talent in the entertainment industry including Fantasia, Maroon 5, India Arie, Toni Braxton, WGN anchor Merri Dee, actress Ruby Dee, CSI's Gary Dourdan, The Wire's Idris Elba, Vivica A. Fox, rap master Doug E. Fresh, Terrence D. Howard (Four Brothers, Crash), comedian D.L. Hughley, Regina King, Tyler Perry, Emmy nominee Jeremy Piven, entertainer and former NBA all-star John Salley, actor-director Robert Townsend, Tyler Perry and the first two recipients of the UNCF Award of

Excellence, Lou Rawls and Quincy Jones.

MORE-TV32 has been producing the local portion of An Evening of Stars® for the past six years. Local hosts this year include MORE-TV32's Thursday Night movie host Jenese Harris along with WTMP Radio personalities Lynn Tolliver and Nicole Gates.

Over the 26-year history of An Evening of Stars®, Wonder has dazzled audiences and viewers a dozen times with his brilliant performances of songs we all know and love. This year UNCF will pay homage to Wonder for his continuous support of

the organization's efforts to raise money through its most popular and successful televised fund-raiser. Wonder will receive one of UNCF's greatest honors - an all-star tribute for his contributions to the music industry and role as a global humanitarian and philanthropist.

As the nation's oldest and most successful minority higher education assistance organization, the UNCF mission is to increase minority degree attainment by providing financial support to its 39 member institutions and reducing financial barriers to college. UNCF institutions and other historically black colleges and universities are highly effective, awarding 25 percent of African American baccalaureate degrees. UNCF administers nearly 450 programs, including scholarship, internship and fellowship programs, mentoring, summer enrichment, and curriculum and faculty development programs. Today, UNCF supports more than 65,000 students at over 900 colleges and universities across the country.

"Their mission is simple but crucial, to provide educational assistance to deserving students wherever they are," said Lucas. "We thank all of those who pledge support to young people with big dreams, but little money."

TAMPA BAY BLACK HERITAGE FESTIVAL Celebrating Tampa Bay's Heart and Soul

January 13th - January 21st

Fri.,	Jan. 13	Heritage Gala - Featured Performer: Five Men on a Stool 7pm Wyndam Harbor Island Hotel - Downtown Tampa \$35 person \$60 couple
Sat.,	Jan. 14	Street Festival - Featured Performers: Midnight Star & The BarKays 11am - 6pm Al Lopez Park - 4810 N. Himes Avenue
Sat.,	Jan. 14	33 rd Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Banquet 5pm Surf's Edge Enlisted Club - MacDill
Sun.,	Jan. 15	Street Festival - Featured Performer: Oleta Adams 12pm - 6pm Al Lopez Park - 4810 N. Himes Avenue
Sun.,	Jan. 15	Festival of the Bands & Drumline Extravaganza 6:15pm Tropicana Field - St. Petersburg, FL
Mon.	Jan. 16	TOBA Martin Luther King, Jr. Leadership Breakfast 6:45am Hyatt Regency Downtown Tampa - \$25 per person \$400 per table
Mon.	Jan. 16	Heritage Golf Tournament 12pm Rogers Park Golf Course - 7901 N. 30 th Street - \$75 fee - Shotgun Start
Mon.	Jan. 16	Hillsborough County Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade 12pm Parade Route: Blake High School to University of Tampa
Mon.	Jan. 16	SCLC Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade 1pm Parade Route: Central Avenue & 4 th Street to Tropicana Field
Mon.	Jan. 16	Living History Movie "Soul of the Game" Negro League Players Present 6pm Tampa Theatre Downtown Tampa - \$3.00
Mon.	Jan. 16	William Packer - Producer of the movie "The Gospel" 6:30pm Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center - TECO Hall
Tues.,	Jan. 17	Negro Baseball League Exhibit Feb., 26 - 9 to 5 HCC - Dale Mabry - 2nd FL Library
Wed.,	Jan. 18	Leadership Luncheon - Speaker: "Xernona Clayton" 12am - 1:30pm 34th Street Church of God - \$15.00
Wed.,	Jan. 18	Heritage Festival - Poetry Slam Semi-Finals 8pm Cotton Club - 2505 N. Albany Ave - \$5.00
Thurs.,	Jan. 19	Genealogy Brown Bag Lunch - "Bring Your Lunch" 12pm - 1:30pm Walter L. Smith Library 905 N Albany Ave
Thurs.,	Jan. 19	USF Speakers Series - Bishop Desmond Tutu 7pm - 9pm USF Sun Dome - 4202 E. Fowler Avenue
Thurs	Jan. 20	Gospel Expose' - Part I 7pm USF Marshall Center Ballroom - \$5.00
Thurs.,	Jan. 20	Heritage Festival - Poetry Slam Finals - Poet: Taalam Acey 8pm The Shark Bar - 102 S. Tampa Street - \$10.00
Fri.,	Jan. 21	Historic Central Ave - "Get on the Bus Tour" \$10 (lunch included) 10am - 1pm Robert W. Sanders Library - 1505 N. Nebraska Ave
Fri.,	Jan. 21	Gospel Workshop 8:30am USF Marshall Center - \$15 / \$20
Fri.,	Jan. 21	Gospel Expose' - Part II 7pm USF Special Events Center - \$5.00

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To Quit Or Not To Quit Smoking That Is The Question



Rosalie Peck

By: Rosalie Peck
Challenger Feature Writer

Or rather, that was the question, for me many moons ago, when first I decided to quit smoking. For some people it is resolution time again.

As a child, hooked on reading everything from Pearl Buck's "The Good Earth," to movie magazines, Hollywood movie stars were a major source of glamorous influence. Neither of my parents smoked; but to my impressionable teen-age years, no one held a cigarette more gracefully, or exhaled a cloud of smoke through perfectly pursed painted lips with more finesse, than Bette Davis, Joan Crawford, and Barbara Stanwyck. They were my role models for how to smoke with style.

I bought my first package of KOOLS at Webb's City. (Not from Miss Minnie's Tenth Avenue South Grocery Store, for obvious reasons). These were the good old days when neighbors would tell on you. Late at night with bedroom door closed and windows open, I sat before the mirror and lit up. Choked. Coughed. Went to bed so dizzy, the bed kept spinning even as I finally fell asleep. It wasn't fun. It wasn't the way I imagined it would be. But I was sixteen. And determined. I kept trying. Night after night, until one night, by Jove, I had it!

Then one night, the thing didn't make me dizzy! That's when I knew. It was time to practice the ultra sophisticated Davis, Crawford, Stanwyck smoking style. The tilted chin, the poised hand, graceful fingers, and pouty lips pushing smoke in some predetermined direction as easily as breathing out and breathing in. But I didn't have their style "down pat" until finally, I learned the most sophisticated part: how to inhale deeply, hold smoke in my lungs while talking, then pause, and casually blow a smoke stream into the air.

Through the years, I graduated from KOOLS to stronger brands. As a young adult, I collected and enjoyed smoking with cigarette holders of various lengths from regular to ridiculous by today's standards. Years later (during the Sixties), having returned to college, during the early stages of Civil Rights protests, sit-ins and marches, I decided to quit smoking. I did it as a test of will. As an experience to prove to myself that I could. And I did. Four times! The longest span of abstinence was forty two days. I was very proud of my will power. I considered it a major achievement in personal

conviction. The Proverb "Where there's a will there's a way," took on new meaning.

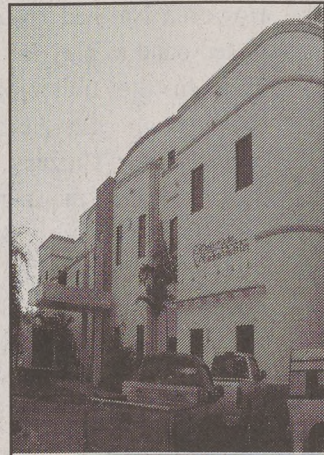
My will power was strong and growing. That is, it was until during an especially fun-filled weekend in Miami, a friend made a Paul Henreid Bette Davis move, identical to the famous scene in the classic movie, "Now Voyager." With one wordless artful gesture, he lit two cigarettes at the same time; one for him, one for me. There was no hesitation when he passed one on to me. I took it. And here we go again. My smoking not only resumed but increased. Two packs a day, sometimes more. The Attorney General's warnings of health hazards and graphic displays of damaged, charcoal-black lungs, only aggravated my attitude and dallied with my denial. I smoked. And I smoked. Until eight years later as a social worker at the VA Hospital in California, I had the opportunity to observe a research procedure on a beautiful Alaskan Husky. Its lungs were the prettiest delicate pink; in stark contrast to frightful images of diseased human lungs displayed on television. "Do my lungs look like that?" I said, sincerely impressed, and hopefully seeking a positive response. "This dog didn't smoke," the doctor said with the instructive, no-nonsense voice of my father.

On that prophetic day in 1972, I tucked the doctor's message into the part of my brain that allowed me to continue smoking through the Thanksgiving, and Christmas holidays. On the morning of December 31, I awoke with a throbbing painful throat. The mirror revealed the source of my agony. My tonsils were blood red and swollen. It was depressing. So what was there to do but, light up a Benson & Hedges, get a cup of coffee, and go back to bed?

I opened a fresh pack of cigarettes. Lit one. Inhaled. The pain was torturous. I wanted to smoke. Needed a smoke. But the pain wouldn't let me. Not then, nor the next day, perhaps not even the day after, depending on how soon my abused tonsils recovered. The cigarettes had won; or so it seemed. I remembered the doctor's voice, his warning words. Angry at myself, I stood there holding a cigarette, unable to tolerate it, but wanting it. Suddenly I turned the anger from me to the cigarette. In a moment of truth I declared, "If I can't smoke today I don't ever have to smoke again." A decision emerged. I recognized the turning point. A vow was taken. It wasn't a resolution. It was a promise. An idea whose time had come. A promise made on the eve of a brand New Year and kept to this day. I still have the pack; complete with the exception of the cigarette I lit and threw out that morning. A note resting between cellophane and wrapper says: "Quit Smoking Day, December 31, 1972." I keep the souvenir as a reminder of the power of free will, defined as the "power or ability of the human mind to choose a course of action, or make a decision without being subject to restraints by antecedent." Four times I tried to free myself. The fifth time I succeeded.

This sharing is with empathetic understanding for all cigarette smokers who want to quit but won't. And encouragement for all who make a vow to change things in the coming of this brand new year. If quit smoking, or whatever burden is your goal, go for it. And know that in some challenges of life, "Even if strength fails, boldness will at least deserve praise. For in great endeavors, even to have had the will is enough."

St. Anthony's Named Primary Stroke Center



St. Anthony's Hospital

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — St. Anthony's Health Care has earned the Gold Seal of Approval (tm) for stroke care. The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations awarded St. Anthony's Primary Stroke Center Certification after an on-site review in November.

"St. Anthony's demonstrated that its stroke care program follows

national standards and guidelines that can significantly improve outcomes for stroke patients," said Charles A. Mowll, executive vice president, Business Development, Government, and External Relations, Joint Commission. Each year about 700,000 people experience a new or recurrent stroke, which is the nation's third leading cause of death. On average, someone suffers a stroke every 45 seconds and someone dies of a stroke every 3.1 minutes.

Stroke is a leading cause of serious, long-term disability in the United States, with about 4.7 million stroke survivors alive today.

"We're proud to achieve the distinction," said Ford Kyes, St. Anthony's president and CEO. "Joint

Commission Primary Stroke Center Certification recognizes St. Anthony's commitment to providing outstanding care to our patients and our community."

The Joint Commission's Primary Stroke Center Certification is based on the recommendations for primary stroke centers published by the Brain Attack Coalition and the American Stroke Association's statements/guidelines for stroke care. The Joint Commission evaluates and accredits more than 15,000 health care organizations and programs in the United States, including more than 8,200 hospitals and home care organizations, and more than 6,800 other health care organizations that provide long term care, assisted living, behavioral health

care, laboratory and ambulatory care services.

In August, St. Anthony's ranked among the top 100 hospitals nationwide in a survey of quality care for heart attack, heart failure and pneumonia. Awarded to the nation's top-performing quality hospitals, this prestigious honor is based on data submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid for quality measures in those three most common conditions. Overall, St. Anthony's ranked 42 in the nationwide assessment. "The Total Benchmark Solution Top 100 Quality Award."

St. Anthony's was the only hospital in the region, and one of three in Florida, to have exceeded both the state and national averages in all quality-measure categories surveyed.

The Good Luck Café At B.R.I.C. Plaza

Tampa - Looking for entertainment and fine dining in Tampa? Look no further than the newest restaurant, well it's not a restaurant, but café, well it's not a café, but entertainment spot - well actually it's all of those and more rolled into one. The Good Luck Café at B.R.I.C. Plaza serves full breakfasts, lunches, and dinners with a twist. The 7000-squarefoot, three level facility will feature live jazz at least four nights a week, Internet connection, pool tables, flat screen televisions, two bars, a VIP area, and preferred seating in the balcony area.

The head chef, Michael Walters, was a chef at a five-star restaurant in the Washington, DC area. The café, located at 1910 East 7th Ave. Ybor City, will have its grand opening/sneak preview Friday January 6 at 7:30 p.m.

"This will be an experience like no other that anyone has had before," said owner Natalie Brown. "We feel people will be receptive to this type of atmosphere."

"One of the things we are trying to do is bring live jazz and blues to people," continued Natalie Brown, who says the café will also feature an International Night once a week.

Natalie Brown is no stranger to the food and entertainment business.

She opened the Good Luck Café in Lanham, MD in April 2005. The café offers a wide variety of foods and beverages, from breakfast sandwiches to gourmet coffees to lattes. During lunch one can choose from fresh salads, wraps, smoothies and a variety of desserts.

B.R.I.C., which stands for Brown Realty and Investment Corporation, has had success with its first Good Luck Café located in Lanham, MD, the current corporate headquarters of BRIC. B.R.I.C. is an African-American owned company started by the Brown Family in 2002. There are several entities under the B.R.I.C. umbrella including B.R.I.C. Com-

munications. B.R.I.C. Realty, Brown Mortgage Acceptance Corporation and B.R.I.C. Marketing in addition to the Good Luck Café. In time, all of the additional services that are offered in Maryland will be offered in Tampa as well.

"We are very interested in this market, the people and the value we can bring to this area," said CEO Timothy Brown, who is considering moving B.R.I.C.'s corporate offices to Tampa. "Beginning with the café we feel we are adding value and creating opportunities in this market."

TRAVEL & ENTERTAINMENT



Travel & Cruise

By: Paulene Jennings

New Passport Requirements UPDATE

On 9/2/05, the U.S. State Department revised the original proposed "Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative." The proposed rules will require ALL U.S. and Canadian Citizens to carry a passport (unexpired) for travel to or from certain countries/areas that were previously exempt. This includes

children and infants. The proposed implementation is as follows: December 31, 2006 - Passport required for all air and sea travel to or from Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean and Bermuda. Note: This will affect guests traveling on cruises that

return to the U.S. after 12/30/06. December 31, 2007 - Passport required for all land border crossings as well as air and sea travel. Note: This will affect guests traveling on cruises that return to the U.S. after 12/30/07. Once the proposed rules are finalized -

either in their current form or a modified form - the cruise industry will communicate that information to our travel agent partners and guests. In the meantime, individuals with future travel plans that would be affected by the proposed new rules are strongly encouraged to obtain a passport now.

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20th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Leadership Breakfast



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Dr. Robert Smith, Jr.

Date: Monday, January 16, 2006
Time: 7:30 A.M.
Place: St. Petersburg Coliseum
535 Fourth Avenue North
St. Petersburg, FL

Theme:

"A day ON, not a day OFF"

Speaker:

Robert Smith, Jr., M. Div, Ph. D.
Associate Professor, Beeson Divinity School,
of Samford University
Birmingham, Alabama

Tickets: \$25 per person
(Sponsorship Opportunities are available and Tables of 10 on a first come first serve basis)

To purchase tickets, contact any of the following locations:
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The Weekly Challenger Newspaper, 2500 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Street South, St. Petersburg - 727-896-2922

Office Furniture Broker, Inc., 2877 22nd Avenue North, St. Petersburg - 727-327-9779 or 800-240-2541

D&L Photography, 2151 5th Avenue North, St. Petersburg - 727-321-9111

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TAMPA BAY AREA EVENTS

THE TAMPA BAY BLACK HERITAGE FESTIVAL - JAN. 13TH THRU JAN. 21ST

For a schedule of events, visit www.tam.pablackheritage.org or call 888-224-1733 x143.

TOASTMASTERS CLUB 2284 - EVERY TUESDAY AT 6 PM

Public Speaking Club meets every Tuesday at 6 pm in St. Petersburg at Piccadilly Cafeteria on 34th St & 22nd Ave. At Toastmasters Club 2284 you will overcome fear of speaking, develop self-esteem, improve leadership skills & have fun! Call 320-0107 for more information.

MLK, JR. LEADERSHIP BREAKFAST - JAN 16TH, 2006 AT 7:30 AM

Jan 16th, 2006 @ 7:30 am at the St. Petersburg Coliseum (535 Fourth Ave N). For more information, contact Dianne Speight's, President, National Council of Negro Women, Inc., P.O. Box 11474, St. Petersburg, 33733 or call 727-896-6556.

ST. PETERSBURG BUSINESS ASSISTANCE CENTER TRAINING SCHEDULE

The St. Petersburg Business Assistance Center (BAC) offers free business training and counseling sessions to assist emerging and existing small businesses with business development. We are located at 33 Sixth St. S, Suite 301 (on the corner of 6th Street & 1st Av. S.). Our Web site at <http://www.stpete.org/bac>.

TAMPA BAY JOB FAIR - THURSDAY, JANUARY 19TH. HOURS: 9AM - 4PM

Looking for a new job? How about a new career? Come on out to the employment event of the season, the Tampa Bay Job Fair. A great day to come on out and get a job... Thursday, January 19th. Hours: 9am - 4pm Free Admission The Coliseum - Downtown St. Petersburg. For more information contact Dave LaBell at 727-893-852

MLK DRUM MAJOR FOR JUSTICE PARADE, VENDOR MEETING - JAN. 5TH AT 6 PM; SAT. JAN 14TH AT 10 AM

For all vendors interested in participating in the SCLC's Annual MLK Parade, you must attend a Vendor Meeting at the Enoch Davis Center, 1111 18th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33705 (727) 893-7096. Vendor placement will be given on a first come, first serve basis.

ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY MONTH ESSAY CONTEST - ENDS ON FEBRUARY 1, 2006

The Pinellas County Urban League's Black-on-Black Crime Prevention Program is sponsoring its Annual Black History Month Essay Contest. The contest begins December 1, 2005 and ends on February 1, 2006. The contest is open to all students attending public, private schools or home schooled in Pinellas County. Contest entries will be divided into the following divisions: elementary (150-300 words), middle (300-500 words), and high school (500-750 words) with first, second and third place winner. Please contact Lendel Bright- Statewide Manager at 727-327-2081, Ext. 225.

SEPIA OF PINELLAS COUNTY, INC. - SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2006

Seipia of Pinellas County Inc. to host annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday celebration on Sunday, January 15, 2006. Speaking will be Bishop Ayako Watkins of St. Petersburg. The theme will be "Remember! Celebrate! Act! A Day On...Not a Day Off!" Banquet to be held at the Clearwater Aquatic/Recreation Complex. Please call Kellis Gleen at (727) 461-3802 or Alma Bridges at (727) 443-3719 for more information.

SPOKEN WORD POETRY SLAM - EVERY 1ST AND 3RD SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH

The African-American Arts Council Presents Spoken Word Poetry Slam every 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month at 8:00 pm located at Simply Natural Boutique, 1622 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, FL 33712. For more information, please call (727) 820-0240. This event is FREE.

FREE COMPUTER CLASSES! - EVERY 1ST AND 3RD SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH

New Computer Classes at the James B. Sanderlin Center for both youth and adults. For further information, please feel free to call the Center at (727) 321-9444.

AFRICAN AMERICAN ORAL HISTORY PROJECT - STARTS JANUARY 16, 2006

The Dr. Carter G. Woodson African American Museum and Front Porch CDA, Inc. are seeking participants for an African American oral history project. The two agencies received funding from Front Porch Florida for a one-year intergenerational project to capture memories of St. Petersburg's African American elders. Youth between the ages of 14-18 are invited to participate in the "Remembering St. Petersburg" project, which will meet 6 hours a week at the museum site (2240 9th Avenue S. in Jordan Park). Elders who have lived in the community for at least 30 years are also invited to contact us if they are interested in being interviewed. The project is scheduled to begin on January 16, 2006. An information session is scheduled for 5-6 pm on Dec. 22, 2005, at the Enoch Davis Center (1111 18th Avenue S.). Sign up forms are available at the Enoch Davis Center, the Front Porch office, the museum office, and at other sites in Midtown. For more information on this project, you can also call Dr. Ginger Baber at the museum (727) 552-2382 or Lolita Dash at Front Porch (727) 898-6144.

GET DOWNTOWN / FIRST FRIDAY. - JANUARY 6, 2006

Street Party on Central Ave. from 2nd to 3rd St. 5:30 to 10 p.m. Live music, band to be announced. Free. 727-393-3597.

SATURDAY MORNING MARKET - EVERY SATURDAY

Central Ave. from 1st to 2nd St. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. European-style open air market featuring fresh produce, prepared foods, gourmet baked goods, greenery, handcrafted gifts & housewares, local artists, and live music. www.saturdaymorningmarket.com <<http://www.saturdaymorningmarket.com>> or 727-455-4921.

BIRD WALK - JANUARY 7, 2006

Boyd Hill Nature Park, 1101 Country Club Way S. 8 a.m. See a variety of birdlife including hawks, ospreys, and songbirds on this serene morning stroll. Free. 727-893-7326.

THE FLORIDA ORCHESTRA MASTERWORKS MAHLER'S SYMPHONY NO. 9. - JANUARY 7, 2006

Pasadena Community Church, 227 70th St. S. 7:30 p.m. Stefan Sanderling, conductor. Tickets \$15.50 to \$50.50. 800-662-7286.

MUSIC FEST ON THE WATER - JANUARY 8, 2006

The Pier, 800 2nd Ave. N.E. 1 to 4 p.m. Live music in the courtyard. Free. 727-821-6443.

SPEAKER SERIES "LIVING WITH OUR WILDLIFE NEIGHBOR" - JANUARY 10, 2006

Boyd Hill Nature Park, 1101 Country Club Way S. 7:30 p.m. Featuring Jeanne Murphy, Pinellas County Extension Park Naturalist. Learn about the surprising variety of wildlife in our backyards and how to live at peace with them. Free. 727-893-7326.

THE FLORIDA ORCHESTRA MORNING COFFEE CONCERT ANYTHING GOES. - JANUARY 12, 2006

Pasadena Community Church, 227 70th St. S. 11 a.m. Susan Haig, conductor. Tickets \$17.50 to \$28.50. 800-662-7286.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JUNIOR ANNUAL ORATORICAL CONTEST - JANUARY 12, 2006

Enoch Davis Center, 1111 18th Ave. S. 6:30 p.m. High School student finalists present winning essays. 727-893-7134.

THE FLORIDA ORCHESTRA SUPERPOPS FIVE BY DESIGN: CLUB SWING. - JANUARY 13, 2006

Pasadena Community Church, 227 70th St. S. 8 p.m. Willis Delony, conductor. Tickets \$15.50 to \$50.50. 800-662-7286.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ANNUAL SCLC AWARDS BANQUET - JANUARY 13, 2006

Hilton St. Petersburg, 333 1st St. S. 6:30 p.m. Keynote speaker is Dr. Earl Edward Cleveland, renowned international evangelist. 727-327-0085.

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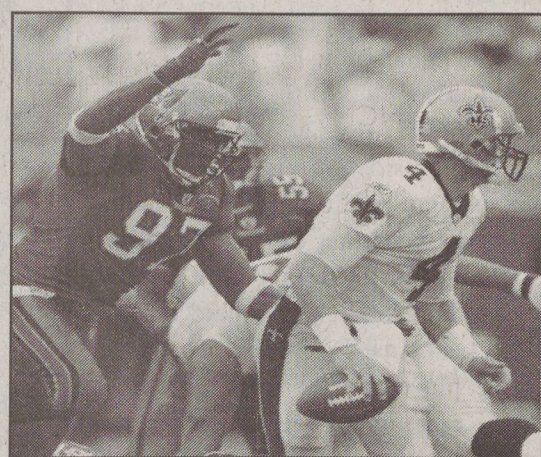
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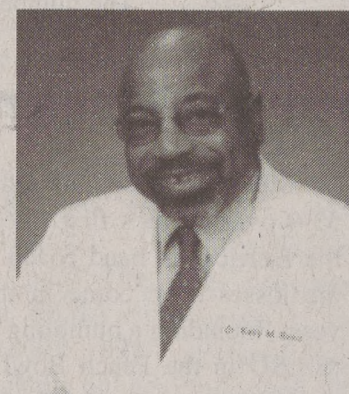
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STATE NEWS

FAMU Leads Florida SUS Homeland Security Consortium In National Research For Disaster Preparedness



Florida A&M University in Tallahassee, Florida

TALLAHASSEE — Member institutions of the State University System (SUS) of Florida Consortium on Homeland Security, lead by Florida A&M University (FAMU), have become major partners in the nation's fifth Homeland Security Center of Excellence. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security announced this week a \$15 million three-year award to Johns Hopkins University to direct 22 universities, colleges, research institutions and medical organizations in researching how the nation should best prepare for and respond to major disasters. The Center for the Study of High Consequence Event

Preparedness and Response will be based at Johns Hopkins. Its Office of Critical Event Preparedness and Response (CEPAR), created shortly after 9/11, will spearhead the research effort. Florida university researchers from FAMU, Florida State, Florida Atlantic, South Florida and Central Florida will work with the national consortium to study awareness, prevention and risk assessment of large-scale disasters. The research focus will include infrastructure integrity, surge capacity, the interaction of networks and the need for models and simulations.

FAMU researchers from the Colleges of Engineering, Education and Arts and Sciences will play a role in infrastructure protection, crash worthiness and impact analysis, cultural competence, policy ethics and law and response networks. Member institutions of the Florida SUS are heavily involved in the state's emergency preparedness strategy and will offer

their collective strengths to U.S. Department of Homeland Security through this new grant.

"The expertise of our state university system will tremendously benefit the new Homeland Security Center of Excellence," said FAMU Interim President Castell Vaughn Bryant. "FAMU is proud to have lead a state university consortium that has established solid relationships on domestic security with state and federal agencies." Existing Homeland Security Centers of Excellence include: The National Center for Food Protection and Defense at the University of Minnesota; The Center for Risk and Economic Analysis of Terrorism Events at the University of Southern California; The Center for Behavioral and Social Research on Terrorism and Counter Terrorism at the University of Maryland; and The National Center for Foreign Animal and Zoonotic Disease Defense at Texas A&M University.

Governor Bush Regarding The New Year 2006

TALLAHASSEE — "In 2005, Florida endured another record-setting hurricane season. Many Floridians not only worked to return their own lives and homes to normal, but also assisted individuals in our neighboring states affected by Hurricane Katrina. Our team of emergency responders remained the best in the nation and we continued to improve our state's emergency response system. Going into the New Year, we encouraged all Floridians to work together to create a 'Culture of Preparedness' as we ready ourselves for future hurricanes.

"Throughout 2005, Florida's students made significant gains in the classroom. The progress shown in this year's FCAT scores is a testament to the hard work of

our teachers and students. As we raised the bar for student achievement, our students met it with overwhelming success. Today, 161,000 more students in grades 3 through 10 are reading at or above grade level and 223,000 more students are performing math at or above grade level, compared to 2001. Additionally, we continue to close the achievement gap.

"Florida's job growth remained strong throughout the year and our unemployment rate was at its lowest level in nearly three decades. We unveiled a \$3.4 billion growth management plan to improve major transportation corridors across the state, benefiting Florida's citizens, visitors and businesses. "In December, the Legislature convened for a special session and passed historic legislation

to transform Medicaid in Florida. Through the initial stages of the Medicaid reform program, thousands of Florida's Medicaid recipients living in Duval and Broward counties will gain better access to quality health care. The best practices of this program will then be expanded throughout Florida. I thank the Legislature for their hard work and commitment, and look forward to another year of fulfilling ambitious goals to enhance our state.

"It is my sincere hope that 2006 will bring peace to our world. I encourage all Floridians to keep our troops in their thoughts and prayers as they continue to defend our nation and our freedom. "Columba and I wish all Floridians a happy, healthy and peaceful new year."

Reported Hate Crimes Up 21 Percent In 2004

by: Brendan Farrington
Associated Press Writer

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — Reported hate crimes in 2004 were up 21 percent over the year before, an increase that was largely attributed to a growing recognition of what constitutes a hate crime, the attorney general's office said. There were 334 reported hate crimes in 2004, compared to 275 in 2003. The total was one short of the 2001 level, a year when hate crimes motivated by religion and ethnicity spiked after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The number of race motivated crimes in 2004 was 190, or almost 57 percent of the total. The year

terrorists flew planes into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, only 39 percent of hate crimes were race motivated.

Of the 95 law enforcement agencies that reported hate crimes, St. Petersburg Police easily had the most with 49 victims. Of those, 29 were victims of violence after a jury rejected a \$1.6 million lawsuit brought by the family of TyRon Lewis, a black motorist who was fatally shot by a white officer eight years earlier.

"Over half of our numbers come from one night of violence," said Bill Proffitt, a St. Petersburg Police spokesman. "We had about six hours of civil unrest."

Seventeen of the incidents were white drivers that had rocks thrown at their cars when driving past crowds of blacks gathered to protest the verdict, Proffitt said.

Otherwise, the city showed a downward trend from the previous two years, Proffitt said, adding that the department has a program that much more aggressively reports hate crimes compared to other departments.

Attorney General Charlie Crist's office cautions that it's difficult to draw conclusion from the annual report because law enforcement agencies around the state have different reporting policies.

The numbers do seem

quirky, considering Gainesville Police report 31 hate crimes and municipal police departments in Miami, Tallahassee, Sarasota, Daytona Beach, Fort Myers, Ocala, West Palm Beach and Key West didn't have any to report. Fort Lauderdale police reported only one, while the nearby suburb of Sunrise reported seven.

In all of Miami-Dade County, which had an estimated 2.4 million people in 2004, only 16 hate crimes were reported. But in Alachua County, which contains Gainesville, 39 hate crimes were reported out of an estimated population of 223,090.

"Some agencies do a more vigorous job than

others of reporting it, but that's really up to local policy," said Jon Peck, a spokesman for Crist's office.

Agencies are becoming better trained to recognize hate crimes, which accounts for much of the increase in the 2004 report, said Peck.

"Law enforcement agencies are getting increasingly sensitive that certain crimes are hate motivated," Peck said. "The attorney general's office is constantly working with local agencies, training them on how to spot hate crimes, how to be more helpful to victims of hate crimes and how to do a more thorough job of reporting to the state."

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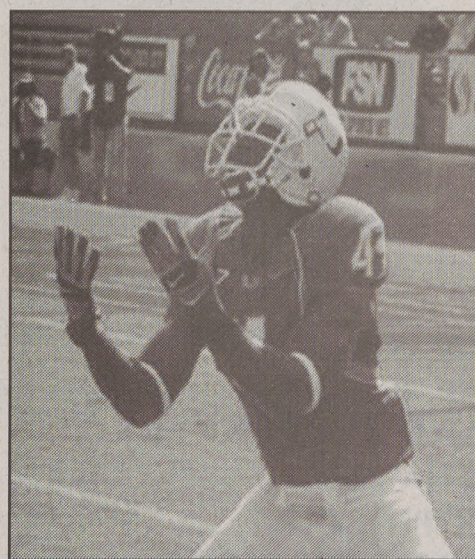


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Miami Fires Four Assistant Coaches, While Hester Turns Pro



Devin Hester

by: Tim Reynolds
AP Sports Writer

MIAMI (AP) — Kick returner Devin Hester chose to skip his senior season and leave Miami on Monday, a decision announced only hours after the Hurricanes fired four assistant coaches following consecutive three-loss seasons.

Miami was 9-3 this season, and is 53-9 over Coker's first five seasons as the Hurricanes' head coach. But six of the losses have come in the last two years, including a humbling 40-3 defeat to LSU in the Peach Bowl on Friday, the Hurricanes' worst defeat since 1998.

And Miami is almost certain to finish outside the AP Top 10 for the second straight season; that hasn't happened since before Coker took over in 2001.

"I'm very surprised. These coaches know how to win," offensive lineman Tyler McMeans, whose Miami career ended with the Peach Bowl loss, told the AP. "They've all been a part of great programs at Miami. There's going to be big changes for this program now, obviously."

Over his Miami career, Hester, who played cornerback, running back and wide receiver for Miami, plus ran back kickoffs and punts, gave the Hurricanes an average of 17.7 yards every time he touched the football. On 117 interception returns, kick returns, catches and

carries, he's totaled 2,070 yards.

In recent weeks, Coker has said he would use Hester in a role like the one Southern California has in utilizing Heisman Trophy winner Reggie Bush. Coker has even drawn parallels between Hester and Bush of late.

Now, the only real parallel is that both seem likely to skip their senior years and chase NFL riches.

While Hester's future is in the pros, the former Miami assistants were pondering what their next moves are. Soldinger said he was told of his dismissal at an 8:30 a.m. meeting, one where Coker didn't offer an explanation.

"If he can find somebody better, more power to him," said Soldinger, 61, who was at Miami from 1984-88 and again from 1995 through Monday. "Maybe he'll find younger. He won't find anybody better."

Werner's playcalling has been the subject of scrutiny for months in Miami. The Hurricanes entered bowl

season with only the 60th-ranked offense in Division I-A teams, in terms of yards per game. Last season, Miami ranked 66th in that department.

"I understand the profession," Werner said in a statement distributed by the school. "When the offense is not productive, it falls on my shoulders. I'm not happy with the decision, but I have to move on. I respect coach Coker's decision."

Kehoe had been at the school since 1979, and coached on each of Miami's five national championship teams.

"You accept your fate and move on," Kehoe said. "I've got all the emotions raging inside of me right now. You've just got to quell yourself and just try to do something better for yourself and your family. I don't know what else to do. It's hard. ... It's a hard thing to leave. Last time I checked, we won more, we played in more big games, we'd done more in college football than anyone in the whole game."

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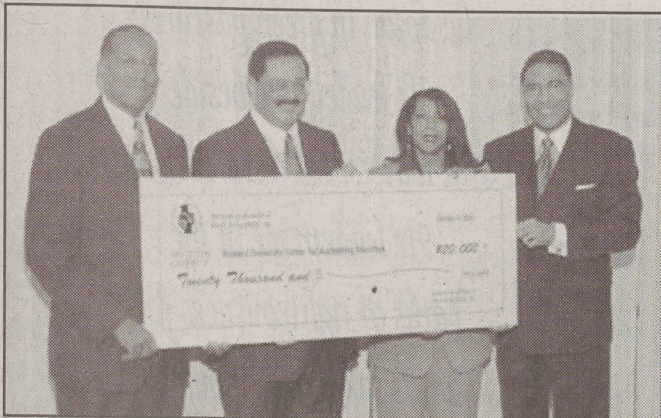
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NATIONAL NEWS

The National Association of Black Accountants Pledges \$60K For Howard University's Center For Accounting Education



(From left to right): Dr. Hubert D. Glover, CMA, CIA, CPA Chair, Howard University School of Business Accounting Department; Frank Ross, NABA founding president and director of the CAE; Johnetta Boseman Hardy, NABA deputy executive director; and Darryl R. Matthews, Sr., NABA executive director and COO.

Greenbelt, MD Black-News.com - The National Association of Black Accountants (NABA), a leading association dedicated to advancing people of color in the accounting and finance industries, recently presented the second installment of its \$60,000 pledge to Howard University's Center for Accounting Education (CAE).

The CAE, located on Howard's Washington, D.C. campus, offers a range of programs to support highly talented African-American accounting graduates as they begin their careers. Dr. Hubert D. Glover, CMA, CIA, CPA, chair of Howard's School of Business Accounting Department, and Frank Ross, NABA founding president

and director of the CAE, were on hand to receive a \$20,000 check from, Johnetta Boseman Hardy, NABA's deputy executive director, and Darryl R. Matthews, Sr., executive director and COO of NABA.

"Accountants are in high demand, and it is important that programs like ours continue to flourish and offer the best accounting education available to people of color," Glover said. "NABA's contribution will go towards our goal of increasing the actual number of Howard students entering into the accounting profession and enhancing their future in the field."

"Because the accounting industry will continue to be scrutinized, NABA recognizes the need to increase the pool of quali-

fied black CPAs to lead compliant finance departments," NABA's Matthews said. "By supporting programs such as the CAE, we are taking proactive measures to make sure that the accounting field will be rich with diversity in the future."

The CAE partnership is just one of many initiatives NABA has embarked on to support the advancement of people of color in accounting and finance. Last summer, NABA and its Division of Firms (DOF) participated in the CAE's inaugural weeklong Leadership Skills Development program, where several senior audit and tax leaders from Deloitte and the DOF led participants through a series of courses focused on professional development as well as preparation for the CPA

exam. NABA also joined forces with Becker CPA Review and Gleim Accounting Publications to offer high-quality, career-boosting CPA exam review workshops at its 34th Annual National Convention and Diversity Recruitment Expo last year in Detroit. NABA will partner with these organizations again and provide similar offerings at the 35th Annual National Convention and Diversity Recruitment Expo at The Westin Diplomat in Hollywood, Fla., June 13-17, 2006.

NABA, Inc. is one of the premier professional organizations in the nation. NABA represents the interests of more than 100,000 people of color in the furtherance of their educational, professional and career goals in the related fields of accounting.

African-American Film Critics Pick "Crash" As Best Film



"Crash" The Movie

NEW YORK (AP) - "Crash," the Los Angeles ensemble drama about the prejudices of intersecting characters, has been selected as the top film of the year by the African-American Film Critics Association.

Besides "Crash," the AAFCA chose nine other movies as the top films of the year: "The Constant Gardener," "Good Night, Good Luck," "Brokeback Mountain," "Syriana," "Walk the Line," "Hustle & Flow," "Capote," "Batman Begins" and

"North Country."

"The films selected for 2005 boldly reflect a bridge towards tolerance," AAFCA President Gil Robertson IV said in a statement this week.

Last year, "Ray" was selected by the AAFCA as 2004's best film. The association was founded in 2003.

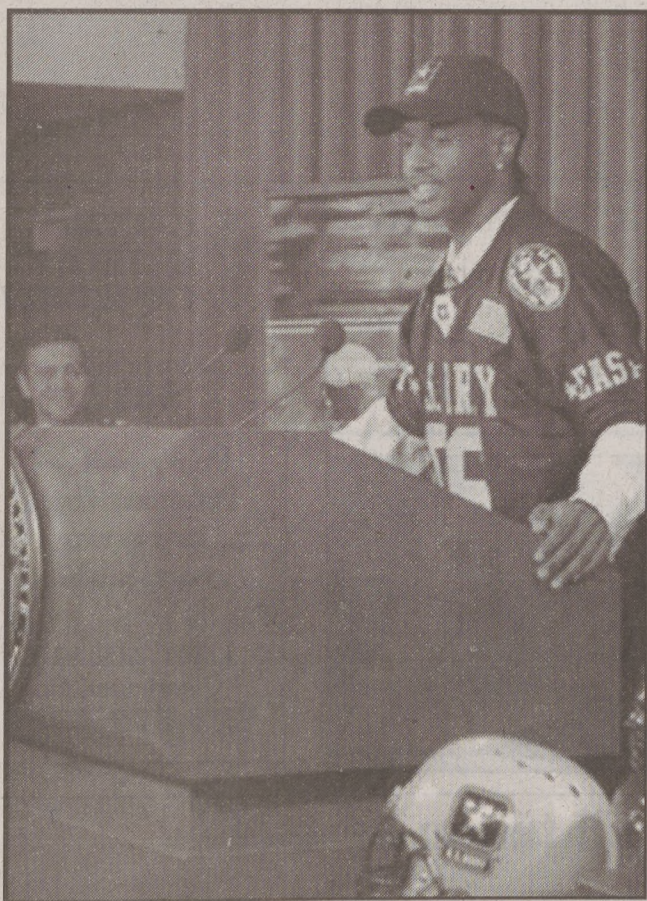
The AAFCA chose as Terrence Howard as best actor for his performance in "Hustle & Flow." Felicity Huffman earned the best-actress recogni-

tion for her gender-bending role in "Transamerica."

"Although our organization pays special attention to work by artists of African descent, in the end, merit carries the day and Ms. Huffman is undeniably amazing in this role," Robertson said.

John Singleton, the producer of "Hustle & Flow," was given the achievement honor. Singleton's other films include 2000's "Shaft," "Rosewood" and "Boyz n the Hood."

African American Student-Athletes Dominate U.S. Army All American Bowl Roster



A.J. Wallace, the first student-athlete chosen to play in January's U.S. Army All-American Bowl, addresses reporters at a kick-off press conference in the Pentagon yesterday.

SAN ANTONIO, TX - African American student-athletes will dominate the star-studded roster in the 6th Annual U.S. Army All American Bowl, the premiere high school all-star football

game in the country. The U.S. Army and Sportlink, Inc. will once again present the game, which features 78 of the nation's top high school football players in an East vs. West match-up. The game will be played in the Alamo dome in San Antonio on Jan. 7, 2006 at Noon (CST) and will be broadcast live on NBC.

Top African American players will include cornerback Myron Rolle from Princeton, NJ; running back Chris Wells from Akron, OH; lineman Andre Smith from Birmingham, AL; defensive back Stefon Johnson from Los Angeles; and linebacker Sergio Kindle from Dallas, TX. The East team will be coached by Ted Ginn Sr. Coach Ginn is not only the father of U.S. Army All-American alum Ted Ginn Jr., now playing at Ohio State, but he also heads

up the program at Cleveland's Glenville High School.

"The U.S. Army All-American Bowl is coming off of its best year in attendance and we believe the game will keep building momentum and continue to be a traditional all-star game fans will look forward to every year," said U.S. Army Colonel Thomas Nickerson, Director of Strategic Outreach, U.S. Army Accessions Command. "The U.S. Army is proud to be associated with these fine student-athletes and we congratulate past alumni, including 2005 Heisman trophy winner Reggie Bush, and those players who are excelling in college and playing in the NFL."

The first five years of the U.S. Army All-American Bowl have featured outstanding talent including 2005 Heisman Trophy winner Reggie Bush

(USC) and 2004 Heisman finalists Adrian Peterson (Oklahoma). Other alumni stars include college standouts Chris Leak (Florida) and Teddy Ginn Jr. (Ohio State). Alumni also include National Football League players Tommie Harris (Chicago), Kevin Jones (Detroit), Marquise Hill (New England), Marlin Jackson (Indianapolis), Anttaj Hawthorne (Oakland) and Michael Clayton (Tampa Bay).

The All-American Bowl is more than just a football game. Players are involved in the game for an entire weekend, learning about key Army values such as leadership, teamwork, and action. Additionally, the game offers other competitions and clinics including the U.S. Army All American Cheer Bowl and the 2005 U.S. Army All-American National Band Competition.

Hud Extends Signup Period For Disaster Housing Assistance Program

HUD-assisted families seeking rental assistance now have until March 11th to enroll

WASHINGTON - The Department of Housing and Urban Development today announced it is extending the signup date for the Katrina Disaster Housing Assistance Program (KDHP), a transitional rental assistance program that is currently helping thousands of displaced families. The extension means families now have until March 11, 2006, to register. The signup period was initially slated to end on December 31, 2005.

Families must first register with FEMA by calling 1-(800) 621-FEMA or applying online

at www.fema.org before March 11, 2006 to be considered eligible for the program. It is important that individuals and households promptly update their FEMA registration information with any change of address or new telephone numbers so they may receive assistance in a timely and direct manner.

"Over 13,000 families are currently using this program as a bridge to help put their lives back together," said HUD Secretary Alphonso Jackson. "By extending the KDHP registration window we can help stabilize the lives of many other families."

KDHP provides rental assistance to previously HUD-assisted families who were living in certain presidentially declared disaster areas in Louisiana, Mississippi or

Alabama. The program is designed to offer uprooted families with up to 18 months of rent from the date of the declaration of the disaster.

Displaced families will decide where they would like to move. Upon arriving in their new community, the evacuated family will meet with the local public housing authority that would help them to find a suitable place to live.

Families will be given a rental subsidy based on 100 percent of Fair Market Rent in that community. Eligible families include displaced public housing residents; Section 8 voucher holders; other HUD-assisted households; and, pre-disaster homeless individuals who were directly affected by Hurricane Katrina.

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SANDRA N. BULL ALLEN-CLDENING

Sandra N. Bull Allen-Clendening, 59, of St. Petersburg, died Monday, Dec. 19, 2005 at home with her daughter Kellie in Granada Hills, Calif. while under the care of Hospice.

Born in Harlem, N.Y., she re-located to St. Petersburg in 1983. A faithful Christian and member of Unity Temple of Truth Church in St. Petersburg, she was also a committed member of the St. Petersburg Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. Sandy graduated from the College of New Rochelle in New York, majoring in Psychology, and served on the Executive Team at the N.Y. Urban League before moving to Florida. Locally, she was a Contract Manager for the Florida Department of Children and Families in Tampa, and a Counselor at Operation PAR, the Juvenile Services Program and the Pinellas County Urban League.

Survivors include her husband, Roger K. Clendening, St. Petersburg; her daughter, Kellie Jackson, and two grandchildren, Jonathan and Nicholas, Granada Hills; two stepchildren, Rashida Clendening, San Francisco and Roger K. Clendening II, St. Petersburg; her parents, David and Virginia Bull, Islip, N.Y.; three brothers, David "Sonny" Bull (Katrina), Charlottesville, Va.; Chad Bull (Rhonda), Columbus, OH; and Kyle White, Islip, NY; a sister, Shawn White-Thomas, Harlem, N.Y.; two sisters-in-law, Leah Clendening, St. Petersburg, and LaVerne Clendening, Woodside, N.Y.; two goddaughters, Renee Ragin, St. Petersburg and Shauna Haynes, Nashville, Tenn.; and a host of relatives and friends. Cremation by Rose Family Mortuary, Simi Valley, Calif.

A Celebratory Memorial Service will be held at a time and place to be announced.



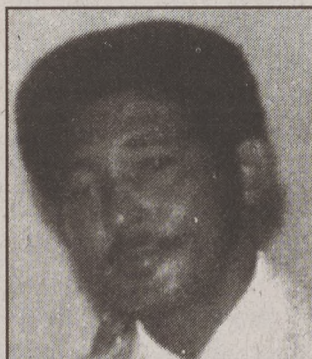
CALANTHIA W. BROWN

Calanthia Brown was born on June 20, 1939, in Adel, Georgia to Rosa Allen. She came to St. Petersburg, Florida over 50 years ago.

Calanthia was a cook for the Postal Service for 15 years and a cook for the former TLC Nursing Center for seven years. She was a member of the Jehovah Witness Kingdom Hall of South Pasadena.

Calanthia Brown departed this life on Friday, December 23, 2005, at her residence.

She leaves to cherish her memories four sons: Ronnie Allen, Byron Lambert, Michael Davis and Dana Davis, all of St. Petersburg, Fla.; three daughters: Cheryl Allen of Tampa, Fla., Juanita Gibbs of St. Petersburg, Fla. and Stephanie Mattarr and husband Kenneth of Madison, Fla.; two brothers: Charles Allen and Mitchell Allen, both of Adel, Ga.; one sister: Ruby Lee Allen of Hollywood, Fla.; 19 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews and other loving relatives.

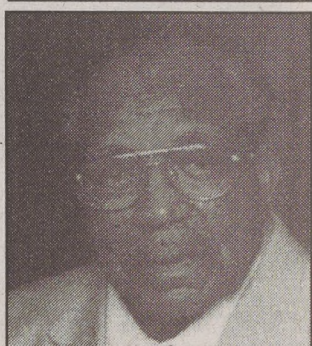


CURTIS P. HAMMOND

Curtis P. Hammond, Sr. was born on May 26, 1945, in Brooksville, Fla. to Altha H. Peck. He came to St. Petersburg, Fla. in 1960 and was employed as a heavy-duty construction equipment operator. He was a member of Mt. Zion African Methodist Church, Brooksville, Fla.

Curtis P. Hammond, Sr. departed this life on Saturday, December 24, 2005, at Bayfront Medical Center. He leaves to cherish his memories a son: Curtis Hammond, Jr. and wife

Jori of Atlanta, Ga.; three daughters: Wanda Hammond-McIntosh and husband Kenneth of Sweetwater, Ga. Grace Black of St. Petersburg, Fla. and Tamula H. Andres of Atlanta, Ga.; a stepdaughter: Tiffany Goddard of St. Petersburg, Fla.; his mother: Altha H. Peck of St. Petersburg, Fla.; five grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.



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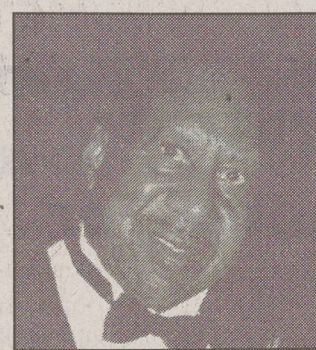
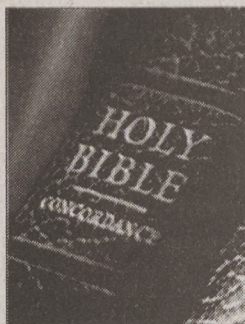
Robert L. Kitchen was born September 7, 1915 to the late Isom and Rhonda Kitchen.

He came to Clearwater in 1932 from Macon, Georgia. He was a retired cement finisher.

He was a member of St. John Missionary Baptist Church and served as Chairman of the Deacon Ministry and a member of the Brotherhood and Male Chorus.

He passed away on December 16, 2005 at Woodside Hospice House.

Survivors include his daughter, Cora Dixon, and husband Lenzy Sr., son, Robert Kitchen, Jr. and companion, Minimah; daughter-in-law, Shirley Kitchen; five grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; three, great, great, great grandchildren; three sisters-in-laws; seven step sisters/brothers; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN LEONARD

Benjamin Franklin Leonard recently passed away. He was born April 25, 1919, to John Henry and Irene W. Leonard. He attended Gibbs Senior High School and attended two years at FAMC (FAMU). He was an EMT in New York City and served as PFC in the U.S. Army, 3285 Quartermaster Service Company.

Survivors include his daughters: Carol Jenkins, Sonja Leonard; son: Charles Johnson; grandchildren: Dana Doren, Richele Jenkins and Kia Perry; sister: Essie Slyke; brothers: James Leonard (Dorene), Charles Leonard and Joseph Leonard (Jacqueline); and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.



ESAW MOORE JR.

Esaw Moore, Jr. was born November 24, 1957, to the Late Esaw Moore, Sr. and Leola Ellison. He was a Baptist.

He attended Gibbs High School.

He passed away on December 14, 2005.

Survivors include his son: Chris Moore; stepdaughter: Shirley Daniels; aunt: Mattie Chavous; uncle: Harvey Anderson, all of St. Petersburg; and host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.



ASHLEY SUGGS

Ashley Suggs was born on October 20, 1983, in St. Petersburg Florida to Natalie and Michael Suggs. Ashley attended Northeast High School. She worked in housekeeping at LaQuinta Inn. She was a Baptist.

Ashley passed away on Saturday, December 17, 2005.

She leaves to cherish her memories her mother, Natalie Suggs and father Michael Suggs, Sr.; one sister, Michelle Suggs; one brother, Michael Suggs, Jr.; stepsister, Shiwan Blue; grandfather, Homer Lambert; great grandmother, Ola Mae Hudson all of St. Petersburg, Fla.; maternal aunts, Marisa Hudson, Kyah, Kenya, Shantrell and Nell Lambert all of St. Petersburg, Fla.; several paternal aunts, Barbara McNeal, Frances Nelson, Rovenia Suggs-Webb, Linda Suggs-Garvey, Ruby Suggs-Hines and Patricia Suggs-McCrone, all of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Gwendolyn Knight of Augusta, Ga.; paternal uncles, Rod, Reggie and Darryl Hudson St. Petersburg, Fla., Anthony and Merlin Knight of Atlanta, Ga., Gerald and Jeffrey Suggs St. Petersburg, Fla.; and a host of great aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and sorrowing friends, best friends Tim and Kenyatta, special friend Marlon of St. Petersburg.

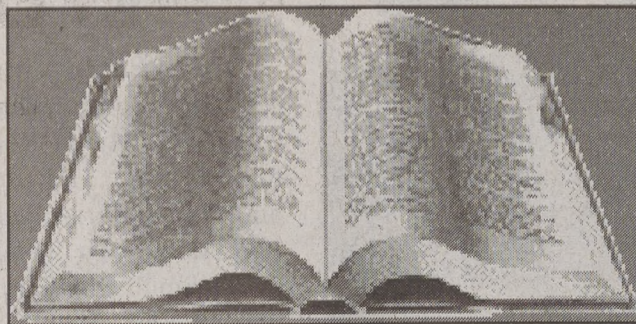


SYLVIA TERRY

Sylvia Terry was born on September 20, 1959, in St. Petersburg, Fla. to Harold Skeenes and the late Patricia Skeenes. She attended St. Petersburg High School and was a member of All Nations Church of God By Faith. She was employed as a domestic worker. Sylvia Terry departed this life on Monday, December 26, 2005, at Bayfront Medical Center. She leaves to cherish her memories one son: Clinton J. Terry of St. Petersburg, Fla.; two daughters: Tkisha Terry and Shauna Terry, both of St. Petersburg, Fla.; her father: Harold Skeenes of St. Petersburg, Fla.; maternal grandmother: Evelyn Tinsley of St. Petersburg, Fla.; three grandchildren; and a host of other loving relatives and friends.



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RELIGIOUS NEWS

Archbishop Desmond Tutu Delivers Lecture At USF

TAMPA, FLA. (Jan. 3, 2006) – The University of South Florida welcomes Archbishop Desmond Tutu who will deliver his lecture, "No Future without Forgiveness: An Evening with Archbishop Desmond Tutu," Jan. 19 at 7 p.m. at the USF Sun Dome. Admission is free and open to the public.

Born in South Africa, Tutu became a world-renowned activist for human rights. He entered the priesthood of the Anglican church in 1960, paving the way for his lifelong commitment to speaking out against apartheid. In 1975, he became the first black African to serve as Dean of St. Mary's Cathedral in Johannesburg. From 1976 to 1978, he was Bishop of Lesotho. In 1978, he became the first black General Secretary of the South African Council of Churches.

In 1984, Tutu was awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace, "not only as a gesture of support to him and to the South African Council of

Churches of which he is a leader, but also to all individuals and groups in South Africa who, with their concern for human dignity, fraternity and democracy, incite the admiration of the world."

Two years later, Tutu was elected Archbishop of Cape Town. He was the first black African to serve in this position, which placed him at the head of the Anglican Church in South Africa, as the Archbishop of Canterbury is the spiritual leader of the Church of England. International economic pressure and internal dissent forced the South African government to reform. In 1990, Nelson Mandela of the African National Congress was released after almost 27 years in prison. The following year the government began the repeal of racial-discriminatory laws.

After the country's first multi-racial elections in 1994, President Mandela appointed Archbishop Tutu to chair the Truth and

Reconciliation Commission, investigating the human rights violations of the previous 34 years. The Archbishop counseled forgiveness and cooperation, rather than revenge for past injustice.

In 1996, he retired as Archbishop of Cape Town and was named Archbishop Emeritus. Today he is a Professor of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta. Published collections of his speeches, sermons and other writings include *Crying in the Wilderness*, *Hope and Suffering* and *The Rainbow People of God*.

The lecture is sponsored by the University Lecture Series in partnership with the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Celebration Committee and the Peace Through Diversity Lecture Series.

— From the University of South Florida

BETHEL METROPOLITAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Bethel Metropolitan Baptist Church extends an invitation to join us in the celebration, cultivation and communication of His Word. The doors of God's House in the city swinging on welcome hinges are open for both 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. services on Sunday; Sunday school at 9:30 a.m., Bible Study and Teen Summit on Wednesday evening, at 7 p.m.

Our monthly Prayer Breakfast and the first for 2006 will be held on Saturday, January 7 at 8:30 a.m. The Music

Ministry is hosting this month's breakfast and the theme is "Guaranteed to Succeed with His Authority." Join us for a spirited and appetizing fellowship.

The Youth Ministry is in the process of finalizing plans for Black History Month.

Coordinator Sharion Thurman-Reeves and Youth Director Angela Lockhart say the ministry is planning many innovative as well as informational tributes throughout the month.

NEW HOPE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

"United as one body, as one spirit, in one hope."

The New Hope Missionary Baptist Church extends to you a cordial invitation to worship with us on Sunday morning. Our morning begins with Sunday School at 9 a.m. You will meet some prepared teachers willing to rightly offer the Word of truth. There are classes available for all ages. Bring the entire family to learn about our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The morning continues with Praise and Worship at 10:30. The Male Chorus will sing praises unto the Lord accompanied by the awesome music team of Michael McKenny, Vernard McKenny, and Marcus Childs. As we learn more of Him, we can attest that when praises go up, blessings come down! The Bread of Life will be served by our Esteemed Pastor, Reverend Carlos Senior.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Tuesday: Prayer Meeting/Bible Study, 7 p.m.
Thursday: Prayer Band, 11 a.m.

We give God the praise and honor for the year 2006. We pray God's richest blessings upon each of you!

NEW PHILADELPHIA COMMUNITY CHURCH

From Epiphany to Lent

The New Philadelphia Church family commences its liturgical year by observing season of Epiphany. A series of sermons on bodily manifestation of Jesus Christ in the flesh will be proclaimed. Primary scripture sources will be Four Gospels. These exhortations will continue through beginning of Lenten season. Services start at 11:30 a.m.

Christian praise and gratitude to God is offered for His blessings bestowed upon church family's Shepherd's Village ministry. The new year commences with 100% occupancy of all rental units. The landscaping and structural

beautification stage is now being done. Heartfelt commendations to all who made this possible through work and sacrifice. Mary Robinson coordinated this effort.

Plans to consecrate and initiate next phase in church's goal attainment plans for the year, also include land God has blessed church with.

Unveiling of sign to signify that primary focus of family will be edifice construction of Christian Family Life Center. Members are urged to support these phases of development essentially through disciplined daily prayer and spirit-led periods of Biblical fasting.

PENTECOSTAL TEMPLE C.O.G.I.C.

Pastor William Anderson and the members of Pentecostal Temple COGIC invite you to join us this year as we grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our schedule of services can be found in the church directory of this newspaper.

The Daughters in Ministry presented a glorious service on the last

Sunday of 2005. Messages centered around "God's Greatest Gift: Jesus." The Watch Night service was filled with excitement as the congregation gave grateful praise to God. Pastor Anderson gave the first message of the New Year 2006 and conducted the service of Holy Communion.

Pastor Anderson and the Daughters in Ministry

invite you to join us for our **Annual Women's Day service on Sunday, January 15 at 4 p.m.** The guest speaker will be Missionary Mary Alice Martin of Haines City, Florida. Missionary Martin received the Holy Ghost at the age of twelve and has been in service to God for over thirty years. She is a prayer warrior and an anointed woman of God. She is also the

daughter of Superintendent Charles E. Lewis of Winter Haven, Florida. You are sure to be richly blessed through the Word of God, the guest choir, soloist and the holy women of God who will be participating in this service. We are anticipating a mighty move of God in this worship experience and we know that we will not be disappointed!

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"Look to the Lord and His strength; seek His face always." Psalm 105:4

It is a brand new year and we ask the question, "Where did the year fly to?" The body of believers here at Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church feel it is a great time to take inventory. Go back over the year and ask yourself, did I meet all my goals, or at least some of them? Did I keep all my promises, at least, those I remember. Have my relationships strengthened with family and friends? Did my life in the Lord Jesus Christ deepen and grow? We hope you feel it is a good time to close out the old; to tie up all the loose ends, and to bring closure to one year before you begin a new one. Ask the Lord to remind you that quiet time with Him is the source of your strength and that you want to glorify Him in the year to come.

OUR WEEKLY MINISTRIES:
• Bible Study, Monday at 6 p.m.
• Vintage Bible Study, Wednesday at 11 a.m.
• Prayer and Praise Service, Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
UPCOMING EVENTS
January 21: Youth Evening of Bowling
February 4: Super Bowl Tea, 4 p.m.

Be blessed this week and use your Five Senses to:

Touch someone's heart whenever you can;
Taste all that the Lord has for you;
Smell the roses;
Hear the nice things that others have to say; and
See the beauty inside everyone.

CHURCH EVENTS LISTING

ST. MARK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

The St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church, under the leadership of its dynamic, spirited, man of God, the Reverend Brian Kenneth Brown, its official staff of Deacons and Trustees, and the entire congregation of St. Mark, extends to the community at large, its wishes that there would be an overflowing of God's blessings upon their lives in the New Year. St. Mark is grounded in a Christ-centered doctrine that has as its central theme, a belief that we are a haven of hope, help, and healing for a world hungering for and thirsting after the enlightened word of God. At St. Mark, we are Christians willing to work and partner in unity, praising God for His awesome gift, His son Jesus Christ. Our prayer for our community is that you would join us in fellowship as we worship and praise the true and the living God.

The St. Mark M.B. Church, 1301 37th Street South, St. Petersburg, Fla., 33711, is seeking a committed and dedicated believer in Jesus Christ to serve as an Assistant Minister of Music. If you are looking for a place to

serve and use your God-given gift of music, please submit, in writing, a letter of interest to the church listing your experience and work history by January 8, 2006. Please feel free to call the Church's Office Monday - Friday during the hours of 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. for more information.

EVENTS FOR JANUARY

January 6: Year End business meeting and Installation of Officers for 2006
January 14: Women's Bible Study (9 a.m.)
January 17: Church Outing - True Light M.B. Church located at 3318 Emerson Avenue South, Reverend Charlie Ward, Pastor. The Pastor and congregation will celebrate their church and pastor's anniversary. Services to begin at 7:30 p.m.

January 25-28: Congress No. 2.

ADDITIONAL MINISTRY INFORMATION

Sunday School is held for both children and adults of all ages. Sunday School starts each **Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m.** All are invited to come out and join us.

Baptist Training Union is each **Sunday at**

5 p.m. Members and the general public are invited to come out and study the Bible with us and learn "What Baptists Believe".

St. Mark Tutoring Ministry: Free tutoring is available for all school age children each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 4:15 p.m. to 6 p.m. at St. Mark under the direction of sis. Rhonda Jackson. Volunteers are both needed and welcomed.

As part of our ongoing ministry, we invite the public to join us in worship and fellowship during our weekly worship services, which include:

• Early morning worship (First Sunday Only) at 7 a.m.

• Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

• Morning Worship at 10:45 a.m.

• Baptist Training Union at 5 p.m.

Other weekly services include Children and Youth Ministry Meetings (Mondays at 6 p.m.); Sunday School Teachers' Meeting (Tuesdays at 7 p.m.); Senior Hour of Power Bible Study (Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.) and Prayer Meeting and Bible Study (Thursdays at 7 p.m.).

FRIENDSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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The Friendship Missionary Baptist Church Family takes great joy in extending to you, our community, a cordial invitation to worship with us as we sail "The Ship" through new waters and new horizons under the dynamic leadership of "God's anointed one", Dr. John A. Evans, Sr. Come let us worship together in the precious and miraculous name of "Jesus the Christ," come let us bow in his name.

Join us this week for:
• Bible Study, Wednesday at 7 p.m.
• Youth Enrichment, Thursday at 7 p.m.
• Church School, Sunday at 9:30 a.m.
• Early Morning

Service, Sunday at 7:45 a.m.

• Mid-Morning Service, Sunday at 10:45 a.m.

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Museum Exhibit Traces Bible History

by: Mitch Stacy
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

ST. PETERSBURG (AP) — Written, assembled and translated over many centuries, the Holy Bible is the most printed and most read book in human history, influencing everything from art and music to politics and pop culture.

Regardless of whether its first scribes were touched by a divine hand as Christians believe, the Bible's evolution from ancient Hebrew text to the English language is a rich lesson in the history of civilizations, origins of the written word and the revolution of printing.

The tale is recounted in an exhibition opening at the Florida International Museum on Jan. 13 that boasts artifacts as rare and priceless as they come, among them bits of the Dead Sea Scrolls, a fragment of the Gospel of John dating to about 250 A.D., a 1455 Gutenberg Bible and a first edition of the King James version from 1611.

Founder and chief curator William H. Noah isn't a biblical scholar but a pulmonary physician

who lives near Nashville, Tenn. He said his personal interest in the history of the sacred text led him to study it and begin to assemble a collection that opened in Tennessee a year ago called "Ink & Blood: Dead Sea Scrolls to the English Bible."

"I had traveled the world researching this for years and was just curious," Noah said. "You get all these extreme views (of the Bible) from different groups, and as I started to research this I found that the real academic view was an incredible story."

Noah said the focus of the 8,500 square-foot exhibit is more historical than religious, tracing the evolution of the Bible from early pictograph writings on clay tablets 5,000 years ago to the Dead Sea Scrolls — the oldest known copies of most of the Old Testament books, written on animal skins — to translations into Latin, German, French and English.

The displays include a working replica of Johannes Gutenberg's printing press, which brought the Bible to the masses in the 15th century.

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The St. Petersburg opening is the first big splash for the exhibit, which was tested in civic centers in Knoxville, Tenn., and then Lexington, Ky., in 2005, drawing about 100,000 visitors. The four-month St. Petersburg stop is the exhibit's first in a museum and its first in a major population center.

"I wanted to open in a smaller community because of the controversial nature of anything biblical, and I wanted to see how it would be received," Noah said. "I was very impressed."

The crowds, he said, included academicians, religious leaders, the faithful and the curious. The exhibit was even held over in Knoxville because of the demand.

While in Lexington, the exhibit drew visitors from all over the state of Kentucky, said Niki Heichelbech, spokeswoman for the city's convention and visitors bureau.

"Whatever you may go into it with, you come out with a completely different feeling," she said. "It definitely opens your

eyes in ways you thought it might not. It certainly had an effect on people."

Kathy Oathout, executive director of the Florida International Museum, said "Ink & Blood" fits with the mission of the 10-year-old museum.

"Our history is that we've told stories," she said, citing last year's Princess Diana exhibit and a Titanic show in 1997. "So this exhibit, when we saw we immediately liked it, and it had the same vision we had of telling a story."

The exhibit is being promoted heavily with mailings to area churches and schools, and the museum hopes to lure the area's wintering snowbirds.

Oathout shrugged off criticism from some who have said the exhibit leans toward being too evangelical. Every visitor will take away something different, she said.

Said Noah: "Whether someone believes the Bible is inspired or not, they cannot ignore that this is the most significant group of writings in Western culture."



Inside page from Johannes Gutenberg's Bible. A 1455 edition of Gutenberg's Bible will be on display during the "Ink & Blood" exhibit at the Florida International Museum in St. Petersburg beginning January 13.

Black Churches Celebrate Anniversary Of Slavery's End

by: Ben Greene
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

BALTIMORE (AP) — The words and the voices rose softly at first, a few members of the choir celebrating the sweetness of freedom, 140 years of freedom for blacks in the United States.

"Oh freedom, Oh freedom," they sang with the organ, while, across the sanctuary of First Baptist Church, the celebrants grew more and more joyous, clapping their hands and raising their own voices in song.

"We have come here to declare our freedom in God," said Rev. Nathaniel McFadden, pastor of Zion Hill Baptist Church, as he opened the Freedom

Worship Service, a gathering of area black churches celebrating the anniversary of the end of slavery in 1865.

Rev. Leroy Fitts, pastor at First Baptist Church for 33 years, organized the event about a month ago when he realized this year was the 140th anniversary.

"It dawned on me that we ought to celebrate (it)," he said. "We ought to have a national celebration."

Fitts plans to repeat the event next year and hopes it grows to become a nationwide event. He wants to organize a major event in April 2010 for the 145th anniversary.

Drawing on the enthusiasm of the crowd of more than 100 people at the

church, Fitts said, "We sound like some free people in here today."

He noted that the first African slaves landed in Jamestown, Virginia in 1619. "They stayed in slavery for longer than we have been in freedom."

Celebrating the past has enabled black people, especially younger blacks, to continue the work of achieving freedom's goals, said Rev. Dorothy Boulware, a speaker at the event and editor of the Baltimore Afro-American Newspaper.

"It is in rehearsing your story that you gather the strength you need. If you don't look back, then you don't really understand how important education is," she said.

In his message, Fitts cited that same strength in history, noting blacks needed it to defeat segregation and the attitude that created it.

"We had to live with that attitude ... which led to segregation and we overcame it," he said.

Looking ahead, Fitts explained victory would come when "we see ourselves fundamentally as Americans and beyond that as citizens of the world, not as different races."

"We have to have a psychology of liberation. We have to change the way black people think," he said after the ceremony.

Blacks' pursuit of progress needs to continue on moral, economic, spiritual and educational lines, Fitts said.

"We can pause to celebrate," he told the crowd. "But we cannot stop our progress in freedom."

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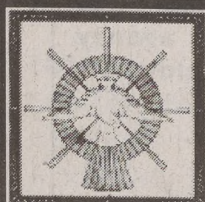
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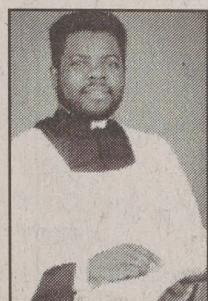
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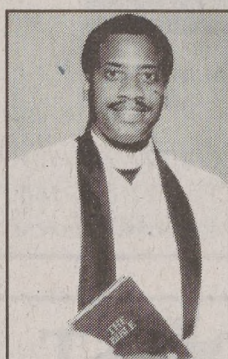
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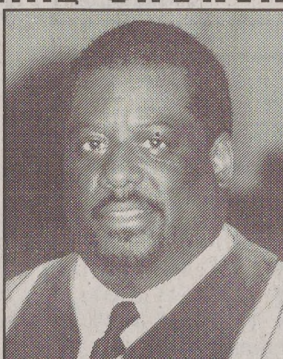
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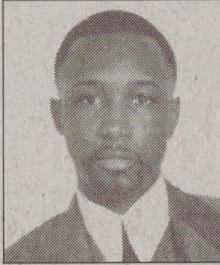


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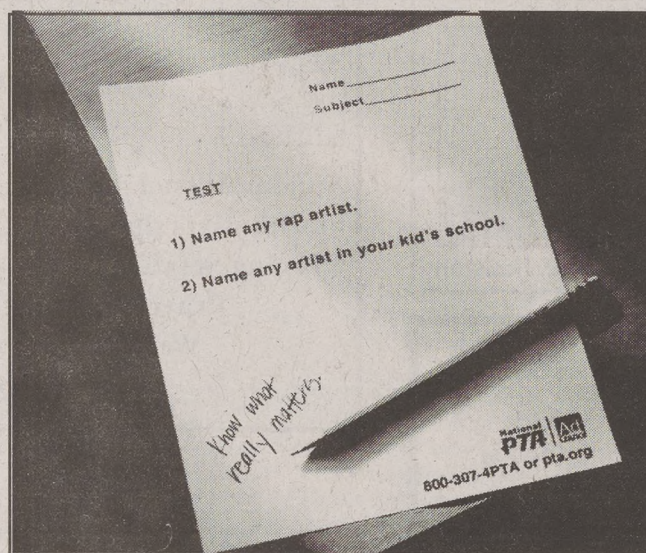
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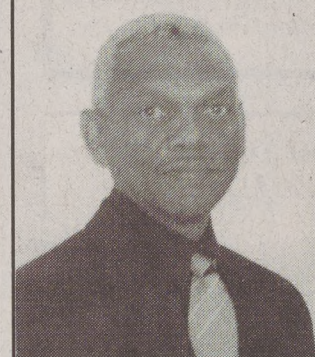
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This Week In Black History

January 8:

1811

The largest slave revolt in American history takes place on this day in 1811. **Charles Deslandes** leads an estimate 500 slaves in an uprising in St. Charles and St James parishes in Louisiana. After burning crops, plantations, and killing several whites, the slaves march on New Orleans. But federal troops aided by a militia of plantation owners turn them back killing 63 blacks. Deslandes and 20 other slaves were sentenced to death and beheaded.

1836

Fannie Mae Jackson is born. She becomes the first black female college graduate.

January 9:

1866

Fisk University is founded in Nashville, Tennessee for recently freed slaves by the American Missionary Association. The college grows to become one of the leading black institutions of higher learning in America by graduating several figures who played major roles in black cultural, political and entertainment life.

1906

Poet and novelist **Paul Lawrence Dunbar** dies. Born in Dayton, Ohio, Dunbar rapidly gained national recognition as a poet. Although he only lived to be 33, he was prolific — writing short stories, novels, plays and songs. In Dayton, he was a classmate of the Wright brothers of aviation fame. In fact, the Wright brothers helped Dunbar finance his newspaper — the Dayton Tattler.

1935

Black Enterprise magazine founder and publisher **Earl Graves** is born on this day in Brooklyn, New York.

1946

Poet **Countee Cullen** dies at 42 in New York City. Cullen was one of black America's greatest poets and novelists. One of his most controversial works was "The Black Christ & Other Poems." He was born in 1903. But some mystery surrounds exactly where he was born with both Baltimore and New York City being given as his place of birth. Cullen also taught high school. One of his best known students was the great writer James Baldwin.

1967

The Georgia legislature finally seats Representative **Julian Bond**. In an amazing anti-democracy display of arrogance, Georgia legislators had refused to allow Bond to take seat he had duly won because of his opposition to the U.S. war in Vietnam. But a 1966 U.S. Supreme Court ruling declared their action unconstitutional. Bond is now chairman of the NAACP Board of Directors.

January 10:

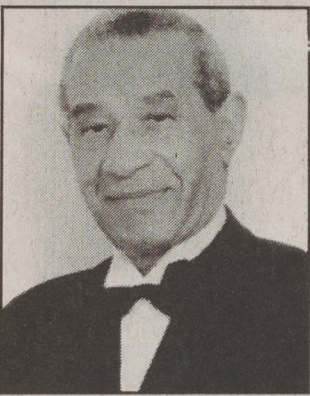


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Jazz drummer Max Roach.

1924

Legendary Jazz drummer and composer **Max Roach** is born in New York City. He was perhaps the greatest drummer-composer of the Jazz era performing with some of America's best known Jazz musicians and singers. He formed Debut Records in 1952 with bassist Charles Mingus.

1957

The **Southern Christian Leadership Conference** is founded in New Orleans, Louisiana by a group of black ministers led by Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. The SCLC goes on to become one of the premier leadership organizations of the Civil Rights Movement. Among the original founders were Ralph Abernathy, Joseph Lowery, Fred Shuttlesworth and C.K. Steel. Washington, D.C. minister Walter Fauntroy was chairman of the board of directors and one of the leading women of the Civil Rights Movement, Ella Baker, became Executive Director.

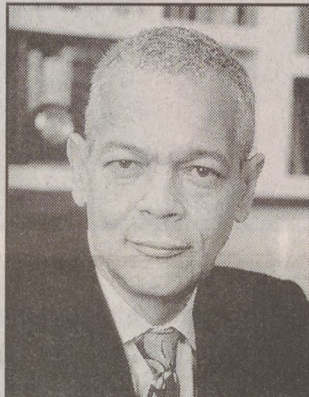


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Julian Bond, chairman, NAACP Board of Directors.

January 11:

1965

The extraordinarily talented author and dramatist **Lorraine Hansberry** dies. Deeply committed to the black struggle, Hansberry's brilliant career was cut short by cancer. She was only 35. Her primary works included "A Raisin In The Sun" and "To Be Young, Gifted and Black." "A Raisin In The Sun" became the first play written by a young black woman to be produced on Broadway.

1971

Popular R&B singer **Mary J. Blige** is born on this day in the Bronx, New York. She is said to be currently working on a movie about the legendary career of songstress Nina Simone.

1988

Scientists (paleo-anthropologists) announce the discovery of the "African Eve" — the mother of all humankind. Based on research in East African involving mitochondrial DNA, the researchers from the Wellcome Trust Centre for Human Genetics in Oxford, England conclude that the original woman evolved in East Africa approximately 200,000 years ago and that all of humanity can ultimately trace their ancestry to this woman.



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Singer Mary J. Blige

January 12:

1890

Educator **Mordecai Wyatt Johnson** is born in Paris, Tex. Johnson became the first black president of Howard University and presided over the prestigious black institution for over 30 years. He died in 1976.

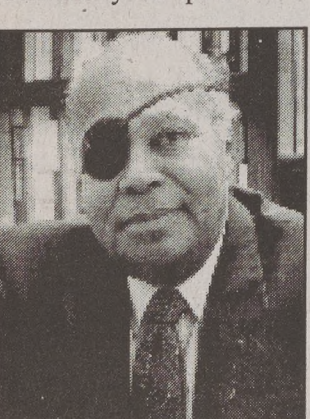


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Civil rights leader James Farmer. He died in 1999.

1920

Civil rights leader **James Farmer** is born on this day in Marshal, Texas. During the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960's he was among the top 3 or 4 most prominent civil rights leaders. He helped organized the "Freedom Rides" to help desegregate public transportation and founded the Congress of Racial Equality.

1944

Boxer **Joe Frazier** is born in Beauford, South Carolina. His fights with the legendary Muhammad Ali have become boxing classics.

1960

Basketball great **Jacques Dominique Wilkins** is born in Paris, France.

1971

The **Congressional Black Caucus** is first organized on this day in 1971.

January 13:

1869

On this day in 1869, one of the earliest post-Civil War attempts at organizing blacks on a national level occurs. The **National Convention of Black Leaders** is held in Washington, D.C. Frederick Douglass is elected president. Also, the first black labor union convention takes place. It was called the Convention of the Colored National Labor Union.

1913

The sorority **Delta Sigma Theta** is organized on the campus of Howard University by 22 coeds. It develops into one of the most prestigious and influential black Greek letter organizations in the nation.

1953

Don Barksdale becomes the first African American to play in an NBA All-Star game.

1966

Robert C. Weaver becomes the first black member of a presidential cabinet. Lyndon B. Johnson appoints him Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

1987

In what many considered a racist decision, Arizona Governor Even Mecham rescinds the gubernatorial decree which had established the birthday of civil rights legend Martin Luther King, Jr. as a state holiday. The decision sets off protests and a **national black boycott of Arizona**.

1989

Poet **Sterling Brown** dies. Brown, a middle class black, born into one of Washington, D.C.'s most prominent black families, has probably never received full credit for the power, thought-provoking and even revolutionary nature of his poetry.

1999

Superstar **Michael Jordan** retires from professional basketball.

January 14:

1895

A group of African Americans organize the **National Steamboat Company** in Washington, D.C. The group sails the luxury steamer "George Leary" between the nation's capital and Norfolk, Virginia during the waning years of steamboat popularity in America. The George Leary was a triumph for black entry into business.

1930

Ernest Just becomes vice president of the American Association of Zoologists. Just was perhaps the most noted black zoologist in American history. He accomplished pioneering research in fertilization and cell division while also publishing over 70 scientific papers and books. Born in Charleston, South Carolina, he was a brilliant student who graduated from Dartmouth magna cum laude. Just died in 1941 of pancreatic cancer.

1972

"Sanford and Son" starring Redd Foxx and Demond Wilson premieres on NBC. The sitcom gains almost immediate popularity among blacks as well as develop a large following of whites.

RIGHT:

Demond Wilson (left) and Redd Foxx. The name "Sanford" came from John Sanford — Redd Foxx's real name.

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Poet Sterling Brown was a professor at Howard University for nearly 40 years.

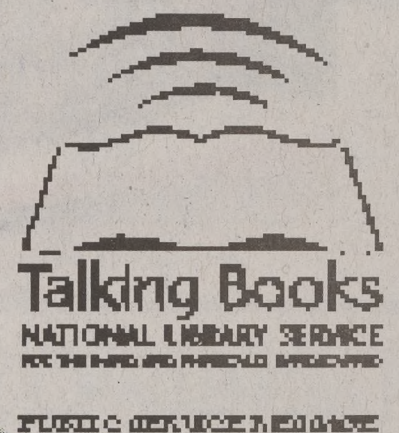


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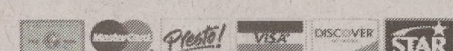


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