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ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA

## Officer Grimberg and Youth Make a Difference on the Southside



Participants of St. Petersburg Youth Council

By: JOYCE NANETTE JOHNSON  
Challenger Correspondent

ST. PETERSBURG – African American children are sometimes stereotyped as sullen troublemakers, while police officers suffer labels of apathy and indifference. The St. Petersburg Youth Council, which recently held its closing summer celebration, is working to destroy some of the negative myths and stereotypes by embarking on building better race relations.

The St. Petersburg Youth Council's mission is to get children involved and off the streets by providing wholesome weekly field trips, games, and or guest speakers. Some of the activities this summer included trips to Lowry Park,

Busch Gardens, Adventure Island Range Buggy tours, horseback riding, and The Museum of Science and Industry.

The Youth Council also helps with career development opportunities through educational initiatives and programs. The program not only represents a safe haven for children but also teaches them respect for themselves and others. The children were also taught to value their community by participating in the "Scrubbing De Burg", an event that involved children helping to clean up the entire city. They also visited the St. Vincent DePaul Nursing Home, and the Coast Guard.

The St. Petersburg Youth Council was the vision and dream of, Community Police Officer, Richard Grimberg of the St.

Petersburg Police Department. Grimberg was assigned community police work in the Lakewood Estates area. He approached people in the Lakewood Estates development warmly and friendly – which became his trademark.

It became apparent to Officer Grimberg a lot of the parents were concerned about what their kids were doing and what activities or lack of activities were available to them in the south end of the city. "There was nothing in this part of town for the kids to do, not even a bowling alley," Officer Grimberg recalled.

In 1995 he started the Lakewood Estates Teen council on his own time and with his own personal money. He went to Boyd Hill Nature Trails to secure a meeting place and originally

had 25-30 kids. As word spread more and more kids wanted to join and in 1998 the St. Petersburg Youth Council was born. The council's focus was on four main areas, drug education and information, personal growth and decision-making, environmental change and crime free fun.

There are now four chapters of the Council: Lakewood Estates, Campbell Park, Pinellas Point, and Maximo with a total enrollment of 70 kids for the summer program.

The program has helped children with problems in academics, theft and

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## Academy Prep Welcomes Graduates Home



First male students to attend Academy Prep pictured with graduate support assistant Elizabeth Perkins and Dr. Keturah Mills respectively (center).

By: SHIRLEY SCOTT  
Challenger Correspondent

ST. PETERSBURG – On Saturday, August 05, many current and former staff and students of the Academy Prep Center for Education gathered together under a huge tent on the school grounds to celebrate academic and social success. The gathering resembled that of a class/family reunion. Long tables draped with yellow, red, and green vinyl tablecloths were spread with delectable

foods and cool drinks. Groups clustered together - all trying to talk at the same time to catch up on happenings in their lives. Cheerful laughter, gripping hugs and photo opportunities were in abundance as well. Carrabba's Italian Grill from 4th Street North catered the event at no cost. Owner Emil Ferrand was in attendance.

Although this reunion was laid back and recreational, the planning behind it

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## Local Artist Travels Abroad With First Lady Bush



Rosharra Francis

By: BLANCHE L. GANEY  
Editor

ST. PETERSBURG – Some people are born to do certain things and others are thrown into careers or situations that appear to be the perfect fit. Rosharra Francis, daughter of Sharon Welch, said she knows she was created to perform. "I want to do it all, sing, dance, act everything," said this confident, poised 18 year old soon to be Southern Methodist University college student. Even though Rosharra is an accomplished singer, she says she started out dancing. "I attended several

dance studios including Soulful Arts Academy, growing up," she said.

This past summer Rosharra, along with several other up and coming artists, spent five days in Rome Italy with Florida's first lady Columba Bush the creator of The Arts For Life. In 1999, Mrs. Bush translated her passion for the arts into action by collaborating with Arts for a Complete Education/Florida Alliance for Arts Education (ACE/FAAE) to develop Arts for Life! The First Lady's arts initiative focuses on raising statewide importance of the arts in schools and communities. Through Arts for Life!, Mrs. Bush strives to promote and improve arts education in Florida.

Rosharra, under the direction of her Gibbs Pinellas County Center for the Arts high school teacher, Mrs. Bail, applied for several scholarships as did many of her classmates. Fortunately for Rosharra, she received over \$10,000 in scholarship money. "Some things I wasn't always excited about applying for, but my mom insisted I apply and as a result I got an opportunity to travel abroad, for the first time and perform in

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## Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated Celebrates Centennial Anniversary

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Members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Fraternity

By: JUDGE JAMES V. PIERCE  
Special to the Challenger

The oldest African American fraternity, Alpha Phi Alpha, recently celebrated 100 years of commitment to civil service and social progress on July 27 - July 30, 2006 in Washington, D.C. Highlights of the National Convention included a symposium entitled, "The Future of African American Men: The Mind, the Body, and the Soul. More than 6,000 members registered for the centennial convention and heard inspiring speeches from former Ambassador and Mayor of Atlanta, Andrew Young, Edward Brooke - former Senator of Massachusetts, award winning actor, Lou Gossett, and Captain Pinckney, the first African

American to sail around the world.

General President, Darryl Matthews acknowledge that in addition to celebrating the centennial anniversary, "the fraternity must also plan and deliberate on our course of action for the next 100 years. The mission statement of the fraternity is to develop leaders, promote brotherhood and academic excellence, while providing service and advocacy for our communities. President Bush sent greetings to the fraternity and stated, "I appreciate the members of Alpha Phi Alpha for promoting strong values, fellowship, and academic excellence. Your efforts reflect the spirit of America and contribute to a brighter future."

The Fraternity was authorized by Congress through a joint

resolution to establish a memorial in Washington, DC to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, on the National Mall. The Omicron Beta Lambda Chapter of Clearwater, Florida participated in the convention and presented a contribution totaling \$3000.00 to the Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. Memorial Foundation. Exxon Corporation donated one million dollars to the King Memorial Foundation at the Symposium Luncheon. To date, the fraternity has raised approximately \$60 million dollars of the \$100 million dollars need to construct and build The Dream. For more information please visit the foundation website located at [www.buildthedream.org](http://www.buildthedream.org).

The Memorial will evoke the memory and spiritual presence of Dr. King and the values that empowered his leadership, including courage and truth, justice and equality, non-violent protest, reconciliation and peace. Brother and President James Pierce of the Clearwater chapter stated, "From its founding in 1906, Alpha Phi Alpha has been a front runner and premiere play maker in leveling the playing field for the disenfranchised, being the voice for the voiceless, and providing unsurpassed community service as a catalyst for social, economic and political empowerment.

## Royal Theater Summer Arts Academy Presents "Where Every Child is a Star"



Photo by Jinnie Kerdi

The Royal Theater in St. Petersburg

By: AUDREY PITTS

Challenger Correspondent

"I'm Rodarious I like to play Scooby doo,  
I like to play spider man,  
I like to play batman,  
I like to play."  
Rodarious Sapp - Age 6

ST. PETERSBURG - Family, friends, and staff of the Royal Theater Summer Arts Academy waited with excitement for the program's Finale 2006 to begin themed this year 'Where Every Child is a Star'. "My son and daughter are performing tonight," Veronda Tinson proudly volunteered. "My husband Charles and I have two kids in the program. Instead of just playing all day during the summer they got to learn additional skills. They loved the program."

Over forty of the eighty boys and girls enrolled in the academy's summer program performed during the finale while others worked behind the scenes in sounds, lighting, and props. Confidence and pride was felt and heard as children carried out assignments. "Remember the boy they talked about earlier in the program who was going to be a mortician," Chris Peaton proudly asked pointing to his professional questionnaire during intermission, "that's me."

Along the wall leading inside the theater were poetry, professional questionnaires, and the academy's newspapers written and produced by the students. "These children wrote

and memorized all of the poetry you are hearing here tonight," said Herbert Murphy the Director of the Royal Theatre for the past 13 years. "In the beginning they didn't want to write because they were 'out of school for the summer' and some of the students didn't think they could; now writing is what they love doing and they are good at it."

The authentic nature of the student's poetry and the real life mini dramas written and directed by Ms. P.J. Crosby, the Drama & Poetry Instructor, spoke favorably of budding talents. However the Hip Hop dance, modern dance, ballet, rap, and song demanded its own recognition by often bringing the audience to its feet. There was live piano music playing between performances. Jonathan Rosario, a 12 year old musician with magic fingers played a wide range of music from chop sticks, to classical, and ragtime tunes. "I'm just glad to be able to play well," says Rosario, "because it makes me feel good when my music makes others feel good. That's why I play." His dream is to become a classical pianist and from the sound of his music he appears to have what it takes to make it happen.

The show was very entertaining and the audience realized the correct protocol for appreciating a performance was snapping fingers. It seemed to be a fun way to become an active participant so all started to snap their fingers with the rest of the audience.

George Carty, the BLAST (leadership program) instructor, said "First of all the kids call me Mr. Napps," he teased pointing to his dreadlock hair do, "but seriously, I think tonight's program was a huge success and I hope and pray the kids will continue to live by the things I taught them in the leadership program." In addition to Mr. George and Ms. P.J., high school volunteers from Gibbs PCCA arts program played a major role in the success of

the summer program and the finale event.

"I think it is an excellent professional program," Calvin Dillard one of the parents said. "It's good to see kids involved in positive things. I enrolled my children so they could learn the positive side of the neighborhood."

"I have grandchildren in the program," said Carlton McKenzie. "I think tonight's program will benefit these kids for days to come. We all need something we can grab on to for yesterdays."

"All things considered," Connie Williams the program's administrative assistant said, "none of these children had any kind of musical experience and this is their first time being on stage. It is so awesome to see how much they have developed."

On the second night of the program the staff and volunteers from Gibbs handed out awards to all of the children participating in the program. Special awards were presented for the most improved in focus, dance, discipline, and other areas. Regardless of the type award, every award presented was met with huge accolades from the audience and fellow students.

The Royal Theater Academy, located at 1011 22nd Street South in Midtown offers a broad range of art classes such as writing, drama, public speaking, media, dance, and technologies. According to Murphy with the support of the Juvenile Welfare Board and the United Way programs parents are able to pay based on income.

The centers after school program will start on August 28, 2006, from 1:00 to 7:00. "This year," Murphy said, "we will also offer classes for adults." Contact the academy at (727) 327-6556 or stop by the academy's open house on August 21, 2006 if you are interested in the program.

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# MIDTOWN NEWS



## The Sanderlin Center Building Wealth

By: Cherin L. Stover

Self-sufficiency and financial independence are part of the American dream. According to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), however, millions of people across the United States are outside the financial mainstream. Newly arrived immigrants, minorities, and low- and moderate-income individuals and families sometimes have little or no banking experience. Without a basic understanding of how money works in our system, there is a lack in having the necessary tools to save and manage money, to build assets and attain the American dream of home ownership and financial security.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation is an independent agency of the federal government whose mission is to "preserve and promote public confidence in the U.S. financial system by insuring deposits in banks and thrifts for up to \$100,000; by identifying, monitoring and addressing risks to the deposit insurance funds; and by limiting the effect on the economy and the financial system when a bank or thrift institution fails."

FDIC knows the impact financial education can have in enhancing the quality of life of an individual and of the entire community. It is through financial education that people can attain the skills they need to save money, borrow wisely, buy their own home, build assets and create financial health and well being. Because of the need for financial education, especially for those with little or no banking experience, FDIC developed the Money Smart program, a financial education program that helps individuals gain financial knowledge, develop financial confidence and use banking services effectively. The Money Smart curriculum has ten modules, each designed to help consumers understand the basics of money management. The program can be taught using all ten modules or specific modules to fill in possible gaps.

FDIC recognizes that collaboration is important to the success of any education effort and became a founding partner when the Wealth Building Coalition of Pinellas County formed in 2002. FDIC and the Wealth Building Coalition have encouraged banks and other organizations to sponsor financial education workshops. Several banking institutions have supported the Money Smart financial education efforts of St. Petersburg Neighborhood Housing Services, a local organization chosen for the FDIC Model Project 2002 and a founding partner of the Wealth Building Coalition. Clearwater Neighborhood Housing Services and Tampa Bay CDC Homebuyers Club are also now working with the Wealth Building Coalition and the Money Smart curriculum.

Among the strong supporters of financial education efforts has been Lisa S. Furnell of Raymond James Bank. Ms. Furnell, Vice President/Personal Banker Team Leader, an active participant in the Wealth Building Coalition's financial education program, discussed her bank's membership in the Wealth Building Coalition: "While Raymond James Bank conducts business on a national scale, we believe it's important to make a positive impact on a local level. Not only do we work here, we also live here, as do our friends and family. So when we had an opportunity to help our neighbors through the Wealth Building Coalition, we jumped at the chance. Raymond James Bank has been a supporting member of the Coalition since its inception in 2002."

According to Ms. Furnell, "making well informed financial decisions is important to the well being of families and individuals. Our goal is to assist the Wealth Building Coalition with helping people make those smart decisions, whether they be through tax planning, saving for retirement or home ownership. Tools like Raymond

James Bank's 103% Affordable Housing mortgage for residents of Pinellas County can help make these goals attainable."

Raymond James Bank has sponsored FDIC Money Smart financial fitness workshops for consumers and Money Smart train-the-trainer sessions for instructors. As well, Raymond James Bank employees have attended the training sessions and taught Money Smart workshops. The bank is the sponsor for the Coalition's Web site, which promotes the Coalition's goals of promoting community awareness of the Earned Income Tax Credit, free tax preparation and asset building.

Ms. Furnell encourages other members of the business community to become involved in the Wealth Building Coalition. "Giving back to the community in which a company conducts business simply makes sense. After all - these are our neighbors, our customers, our friends and co-workers. Reinvesting our time and money into the local community also boosts the morale of employees, since everyone gets excited about helping others. It's rewarding to know that the company you work for cares about reaching out and building up fellow residents," according to Ms. Furnell.

The Chairman of the FDIC, in offering encouragement for financial education efforts, stated that "at the FDIC, we believe it is important to take an active role in ensuring consumers have the opportunity to gain a basic understanding of financial transactions and concepts." He quoted Benjamin Franklin as summing it up best: "If a man empties his purse into his head, no one can take it away from him. An investment of knowledge always pays the best interest."

For additional information about FDIC Money Smart workshops and the Wealth Building Coalition, please contact the James B. Sanderlin Neighborhood Family Center at (727) 321-9444.

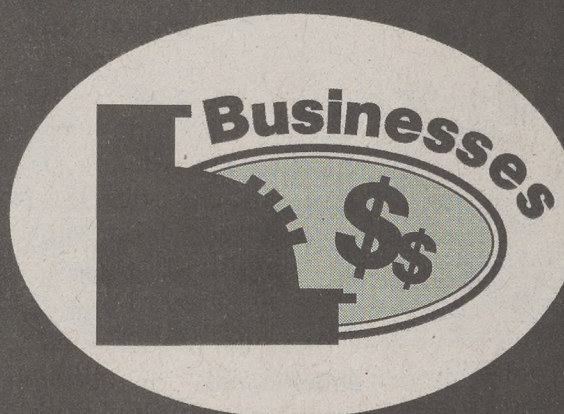
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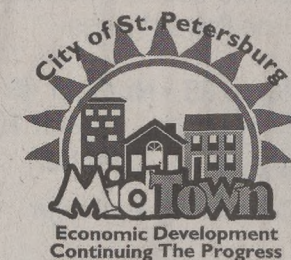
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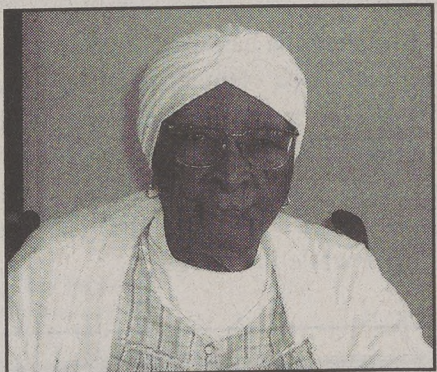
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## Mattie Pearl Coston Celebrates 103 Years of Life



103 year old Mattie celebrates another year of life

By: BLANCHE L. GANEY  
Editor

ST. PETERSBURG - Scientists are intrigued by the number of centenarians alive in America. Some have estimated there are more than 70,000 100 years and older Americans living today. St. Petersburg added to that number several times over when Mattie Pearl Coston celebrated her 103rd birthday July 31 surrounded by family and friends at the Alpine Nursing Home.

Mrs. Coston is the mother of three; Vera Mitchell, Ossie Jenkins and Mattie Lane. Vera and Ossie have passed away. There are 38 grandchildren, 88 great grands, 145 great great grands and 3 great great grandchildren to carry on the legacy of Mattie and her late husband, Will Coston. "There were six generations at my grandmother's celebration," said granddaughter, 46 year old Alicia Sims proudly.

"Our grandmother spent many years in Georgia working in the fields and raising children before they moved to Florida in 1952," said granddaughter, Olivia Lambert. "I spent summers on the farm and I remember how hard she worked and what a great cook she was. She made the best teacakes in the world and none of us have the recipe or the skills to attempt to make those cakes," said Lambert smiling.

Like so many black people in the early 1900s, Mrs. Coston did not get a lot of education, but wanted to

make sure her children were educated. "My grandmother didn't have a lot of education, but she learned enough to read her Bible and she loves being a member of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church where she's attended many years," said Lambert.

Mrs. Coston is recognized as the oldest member of Friendship where she is a member of the All Nations Gospel Singers Choir. "She still loves to sing and she remembers a lot of the songs she sung in the choir and when we visit her she sings for us and can still end with a strong rousing prayer." She was raised in a family with three brothers who all became preachers. Loving and fearing God has been a part of who she has been of her life. Six generations of this loving family surrounded Mrs. Coston at her celebration of life singing and clapping with her as they celebrated a 103 years of a life well lived.



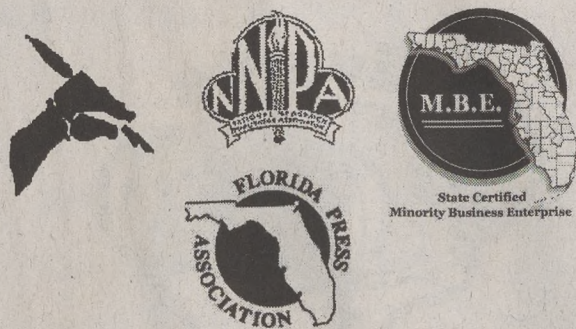
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- To know the events of our past (can help us) to know what future events can be.
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## The News Out of Morehouse Underscores the Irony of the Black Experience



Deborah  
Mathis

It is, for sure, the story of life: There are good days, good things, good people, good times - and there are bad. But it is so underscored in black life that it seems more like paradox or irony than duality. As a people, we seem to live on both extremes, with every great accomplishment and every high tempered and sobered by a defeat and a sorrowful low.

More black women are scoring in the work and business world. But more are also enjoying their success alone, living without a mate when they would prefer one.

For every three black young men, two still have a future to nurture, at least theoretically. But most don't go to or graduate from college; black males populate the largest demographic category of the unemployed and of homicide victims; and the third guy is in jail, in prison, on parole or on probation.

The black middle class has grown

by leaps and bounds, with lots of massive homes in gated communities, St. John's knits in carpeted, walk-in closets and Jaguars in three-car garages to show for it. But the number of us in poverty has grown too. And the poor have gotten poorer.

Black voter registration has grown consistently, bucking a national trend. But black voter turnout, especially among young voters, is still lax.

There are notable advances in combating HIV/AIDS and, arguably, we have loads of information on prevention. But the disease is preying on the black community because we are still hung up on our libidinous legends and won't come clean about homosexuality, promiscuity and machismo and practice what we know.

Back in May, Morehouse College graduated the largest class in its 139-year history - 600 educated, able young brothers who had passed the test, sometimes gloriously so and, in several instances, against the worst odds.

Now, four current or former Morehouse men are accused of torturing to death one of their classmates, allegedly because he

wouldn't cough up the \$3,000 he got from an insurance company as compensation for his injuries in a car wreck.

So I ask you, Could we please have a story in which the happy ending is really the ending? Must there always be a "meanwhile" or "on the other hand," a flip side attached?

I was prepared to write with rejoicing about the Morehouse grads. An old friend had called it to my attention, emailing this link, where I found moving music and pictures - the procession of men, proud in their robes and led through the campus by drummers in African garb. Old alums flush with pride and reverie. Gleeful parents and siblings. Joy, satisfaction, optimism, goodness.

"This is absolutely beautiful," my friend wrote. "But where was BC, NCB, CBS, Fox, CNN, MSNBC, UPN, BET and every other news media? Was it not newsworthy? If this had been 500 blacks rioting, every network would have provided coverage." And this: "Did anyone besides Atlantans see these pictures in their newspapers?"

Indeed. The news media, of which

I have long been a part, has been so consistent with negative coverage about black people, especially of black men, that it's a wonder they consider it news anymore. In fact, if you rely on the basic definition of news - something unusual, unprecedented or unexpected - you would think the mainstream media would have considered the Morehouse commencement worthy of extraordinary coverage.

You can rest assured that there will be no such oversight in the case of the murder of young Carlnell James Walker, Jr., who was beaten to a pulp and left to die in the trunk of a car, allegedly by friends who ultimately netted \$20.

Fact is, the case deserves pull-out-all-the-stops treatment. It is unusual, unprecedented and unexpected for college boys - all reportedly from "good" families - to commit such an atrocity. The tragedy has a legitimate news hook.

But wouldn't it be wonderful, just once, to have seen the other Morehouse story too? And wouldn't it have been the best if that was all there was to tell?

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## GRIMBERG

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truancy. "Involvement in the program turned kids around from bad grades to good grades and kept them away from drugs," said Officer Grimberg, Treasurer, Gini Sarno had accolades about the work Officer Grimberg has done. "He touched the hearts of these kids and helped them to take a different path. He's a role model for them. He gradually earned their trust."

The closing celebration was held last week at the St. Petersburg Little Theater on 31st St. South to honor the kids. The surprise of the evening was honors given to Officer Richard Grimberg who made the program a reality. Ms. Sarno noted, "This is a celebration to show parents what their kids were doing this summer and the talents they possess."

The Council invited members of each of the military branches; the fire dept, E.M.T. police dept, Pinellas County Sheriff dept and members from the strategic Central Command from Mac Dill for the children to pay homage to for all they do for the community and the world.

One of the highlights of the evening was the tribute to Officer Grimberg. He received awards from several chapters of the St. Petersburg Youth Council, including a "Volunteer of the Year Award from Rev. Lorenzo Pollard from Bay Vista Church of Christ.

Everyone offered words of praise for this one of a kind police officer and the program. Darrell Ward, 17 said, "The program gave me the opportunity to get to know more people and help in the

community. Officer Grimberg has been a great influence to all the kids." Jasmine Conyers 14 said, "It's been fun to go places and learn new stuff. We learn to be respectful, to share with others and to not talk back to parents."

Parent Willis Burley, father to Solomon Burley said, "It's been a great success in the community because it kept the children thinking positive. It kept them doing something constructive."

Many proud parents came to the celebration to support their children and applaud the efforts of the St. Petersburg Youth Council and its board members. Board members are Delquande Turner, Vice President of Council, Gini Sarno, treasurer, Stephanie Bell, President of the Lakewood Chapter, Pastor Pollard and Bros Burley from the Bay Vista Chapter, and Shabazz Rogers and Rashanda Coston from the Campbell Park chapters.

The heroes of the evening were the kids and the man who stepped up to the plate to make a difference in the community and in the lives of these children even when others thought it couldn't be done. Thanks Officer Grimberg, job well done.



Ofc. Grimberg receiving one of  
several awards

## ROSHARRA

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the House of Bishops in the Vatican." The group visited museums and other landmarks in Rome when not performing. They attended dinners and receptions in their honor.

Confident and grounded are two words that continued to surface when talking to this talented young lady who aspires one day to perform on Broadway and on television. "I won't limit myself. I plan to do it all." Preparation to do it all has included many hours of studying her music to fine tune her craft and studying when she'd rather hang out with her friends. Rosharra says she has a lot of faith and that her faith is what keeps her going. "Life has not always been easy, but I have watched my family, who are all involved in Prayer Tower church overcome some things

through faith and I know I too can do all things."

Rosharra is a proud member of the National Honor Society, the Alpha Kappa Alpha Exquisite Gems, The Thespian Honor Society and Ebony Scholars. "I like to be busy. I have a great work ethic because I get to do things that I enjoy doing. When my grades are good doors open so I get opportunities to do things that I enjoy doing like performing and singing."

She sings opera, classical, jazz, gospel and contemporary music as well as musical theater which she says she loves.

She says she has several friends that she's had since elementary school that are as driven as she is. "We have fun, but my friends want to do well too. So we keep each other motivated." Rosharra has a 3.7 G.P.A. that she plans to maintain while in college.

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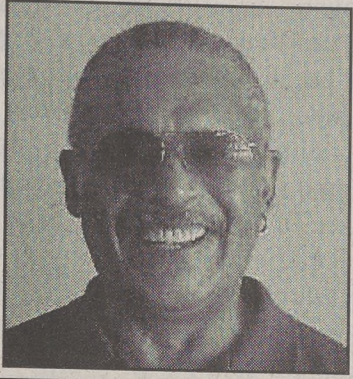
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# TAMPABAY AREA NEWS



## Rick Gee's JAZZ JAMM

### "Birdland Succumbs to Rock & Roll"

In last week's article, I mentioned that Birdland opened its doors at 52nd and Broadway, New York City for the first time in December 1949. However, in 1965 bad times took its toll. It seemed that a new music called Rock & Roll had taken a hold on the public, and Birdland's popularity began to decline resulting in a "bottom-line" of red ink. After many, many late nights and early morning jams, the time had come when the "hippest" club in the United States said "goodbye".

Nevertheless, Birdland and the music "bebop" had made its mark on the jazz community. During its heyday, Birdland was an exciting place to be any day of the week. Its popularity attracted celebrities and it was common to see celebrities sitting elbow to elbow with the general public enjoying the music. Hollywood stars Gary Cooper, Marilyn Monroe, Marlene Dietrich and Ava Gardner were frequent visitors. Popular entertainers such as Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis, and athletes Sugar Ray Robinson, Archie Moore, Joe Louis and

Willie Mays might be seen at the club also. Sure enough, Birdland was the place to be seen.

Since, Birdland first closed its doors in 1965 little has been said about the man who was responsible for creating the club. Recognizing an opportunity of a lifetime, Morris Levy, a man who reportedly had mob connections, opened the jazz club Birdland. Opening Birdland proved to be an excellent business idea, and Levy subsequently became one of the most powerful men in the music industry. A story of his rise to power would stand on its own and may be covered in a future article.

After about 20 years or more in 1986, Birdland once again opened its doors in a new location on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. The club wore the address of 2745 Broadway at the corner of 105th Street. A new owner, John Valenti had obtained the rights to the Birdland name. He saw the club's revival as a true happening for the jazz community. It started out with a bang, since many jazz fans remembered the old Birdland and

wanted to see if the new club met its standards and small tables. At the new club location, Valenti arranged to promote many of the artists who had performed at the original club on 52nd Street. Once again, Birdland became the venue for up and coming jazz musicians to appear with the hope of making it big.

The years seemed to pass as fast as it took the "A" Train to take you from downtown Manhattan up to Harlem. Ten years of successful jazz performances came to another end, when Valenti decided to change the location of Birdland back to midtown Manhattan. In his mind, he thought "It would be the natural continuation of the legendary jazz corner of the world."

As you can imagine, Birdland history contains many interesting stories about many interesting characters. Jazz fans still talk about how Bud Powell invited legendary Jackie McLean on stage one night in 1951 and he blew the audience away with his fantastic and creative playing. The rest is history. An extremely popular and at times



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Birdland is located at 315 West 44th Street in New York City

misunderstood Miles Davis was accosted by detectives and officers of the New York Police Department for simply standing in front of the original club taking a smoke break. He was arrested for loitering. A photograph of a bloody Miles made front-page headlines of the New York News the next day. Billie Holiday was barred from singing in Birdland and any other nightclub in the city because of her drug record. Author Norman Mailer was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct after he tried to pay his bill with a credit card, although the law prohibits the purchase of liquor on credit.

Today, Birdland is located at 315 West 44th Street in New York City. You can check out what's happening there by going to their website at: [www.birdlandjazz.com](http://www.birdlandjazz.com). For those readers who might be planning a trip to the "Big Apple" this summer, there are a few other jazz clubs that I recommend. Here's a list of clubs, addresses and websites for your information: Village Vanguard, 178 7th Ave., South at 11th St., [www.villagevanguard.com](http://www.villagevanguard.com); Blue Note, 131 W. 3rd St., [www.BlueNoteJazz.com](http://www.BlueNoteJazz.com); Iridium Jazz Club, 1650 Broadway at 51st St., [www.iridiumjazzclub.com](http://www.iridiumjazzclub.com); and the

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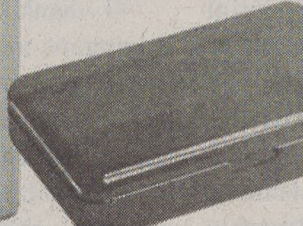
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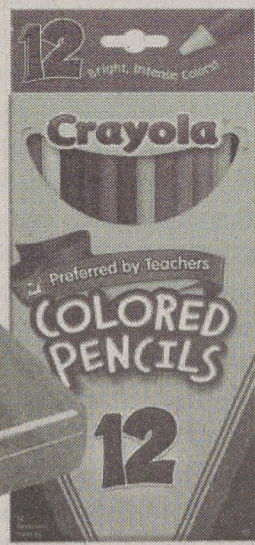
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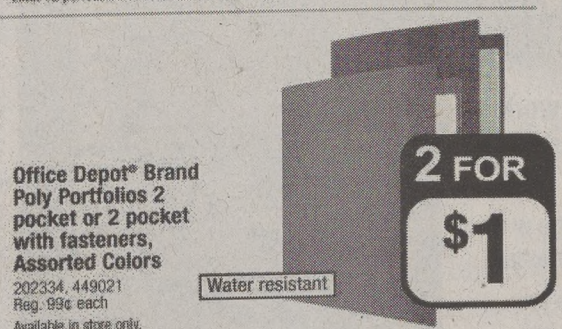
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## Hundreds Come Out To Reclaim The Community



Pictures of the men and women who have fallen victim to the violence that continues to attack the black community.

By: BLANCHE L. GANEY  
Editor

ST. PETERSBURG – The recurring theme of the rally was “we the community are the we to take back our communities and turn things around”. “Gangs are just a substitute for the church and what the church has to offer,” said Trenia Byrd-Cox, NAACP President. “I’m sorry you’re paying your mama’s rent with drug money and that she allows you to but drugs are not the answer.”

Eighty-five signs with pictures of men and women were planted around the

stage of the rally. Each of those people were a victim of a community under siege. “We have failed our young men,” said Elder Clarence Welch of Prayer Tower Church of God in Christ. “We have concentrated so much on our girls and the boys have been left behind to fend for themselves.”

The church, community and government came together Saturday in an effort to put faces on the victims and the problem that continues to steal lives and shatter families. “I support today’s efforts because I believe it’s going to take all of us to help turn things around. Education is definitely

a part of the equation,” said District 7 school board member, Mary Brown.

Some of the family members of the victims took part in the march. “I wish there had been more young people here,” said Ronald Hicks, whose ex-wife Catherine Hicks was violently killed two years ago. “Drugs change people and have them do things they wouldn’t normally do.”

The Nehemiah Movement, an organization of pastors and citizens was formed to address the growing issues of black on black crime plaguing the city. “Rep. Peterman formed the Nehemiah

Movement, targeting the Childs Park area, in hopes of bringing the pastors from that neighborhood on board to formalize a get on the street plan to combat the growing crime,” said business owner, Gershon Faulkner. “I live in the Childs park area and have talked to many of the residents and they just want some help to deal with the crime. They want to know the city, clergy and government are behind them and that they are not in the struggle alone,” said Faulkner.

The men of the Nehemiah Movement, which is named after the prophet Nehemiah in the Bible who built a wall of defense to protect the city of Judea, plan to make a visible presence in the area of the city where they feel they can be most effective, going door to door if they have to in an effort to reach the young men and women who most need direction.

“We will do whatever we can to keep somebody’s child out of the grave,” said Pastor Louis Murphy of Mt. Zion Progressive Missionary Baptist Church.

Seventy three year old Dr. Gustave Victor called for a coming together at the rally: “Join hands with the person next to you. Community is not about church denomination or affiliation. We have to unite. Love overcomes all faults.”

Senator Les Miller, Councilman Earnest Williams along with Hillsborough Commissioner Kathy Castor and other city officials attended the rally. “I am glad to see we are getting the clergy involved to do what we can to take back our community. I will do what I can to support this issue,” said Senator Miller.

Members of the Nehemiah movement

met with the media prior to the march to share their vision to do whatever it takes to stop the violence and senseless killings. “We together can make a difference. We are not afraid because we know we have God on our side,” said Rep. Peterman. All of the ministers and politicians present reiterated that this issue is bigger than any egos and personal agendas. “There are people on both sides of this drug problem who feel helpless. We want to let them know there is hope and that they are not alone,” said Pastor Murphy.

Trenia Cox-Byrd said the rally and march should be called a “family meeting”. She said the church has always been the master of behavior change in the black community and it is time for the church to reclaim its own.

Some commented that the event was not as well attended as they would have liked, but those who did attend and those who donated food, water and time felt a sense of togetherness that is not always apparent to all. “I wish the young men who feel like drugs are the only way to go would have attended the rally,” said Pastor Welch. “They need to know we care about them too.”

“I’m encouraged by this effort,” said Pastor Ricky Houston of Bethel Metropolitan Baptist Church. “Not everyone came to the rally, but the people that we saw during the march in route to the rally who came out of their houses and stopped their cars to talk with us got the message and took it back into the neighborhoods. God is always in control.”

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## 50 Looks Good on Lucinda



Lucinda Grant

By: BLANCHE L. GANEY  
Editor

ST. PETERSBURG – When Oprah turned 50, newspapers, magazines and television sounded the trumpets to announce the

fanfare and glitz that would surround the event, inviting everyone, well not really, but at least inviting curious viewers to tune in to watch the extravagant celebration. Saturday morning at the Bay Vista Community Center, Lucinda Grant had a celebration to begin her month long festivities leading up to her half century milestone of life. Although the event was not as grand as Oprah’s, it was a wonderful celebration that allowed Grant to be surrounded by family and friends who wished her well.

Each table was decorated with fragrant, fresh long stemmed flowers. Music played softly throughout the room ushering

each guest in who was greeted with a hug or kiss from Grant. This elegant, petite city employee invited over 75 of her closest friends to commemorate a life filled with joy, peace and family.

One of the guests of honor was Lizzie Daniels, Grant’s 80 year old mother. “My mother has been very ill so I feel so blessed to have her here today. She is my best friend,” she said.

“I thank each of you for helping me to soar when I didn’t think I could make it,” Grant said through tears. “Even though I love Oprah and admire so much of what she has done, I didn’t organize this celebration to mimic her, but I do understand

like she, that life deserves to be celebrated.”

The Breakfast celebration was hosted by Grants’ sisters Lizzie Daniels and Catherine Washington. The delicious meal was graciously served by Frank Lacy, Deacon Bernard Reed, Robert Harris, Deacon Thad Mitchell, Kenny Sanders and Rashad Rembert of Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church where Lucinda is a faithful member. “These men mean so much to me. They gave up their Saturday morning to serve me and my friends,” said the cheerful celebrant.

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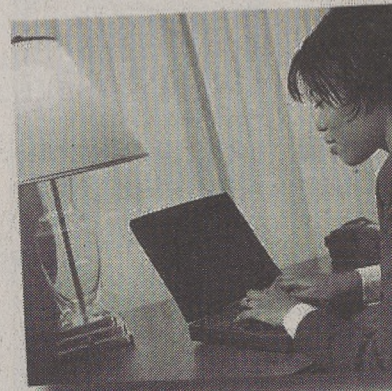
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Antoinette was a 2002 graduate of Lakewood High School Center of Advanced Technologies. She is the daughter of D. J. and Shirlean Jones; granddaughter of Warren and Clementine Williams. Antoinette has a sister Shenequa and brother Joshua. She is also the proud parent of Nyla D. Griffin.

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**Citywide Crime Prevention Block Party - August 19th in Central Oak Park.** Residents of the Central Oak Park Neighborhood Association have called a citywide block party to pull numerous neighbors and groups together Saturday, August 19th from 3 to 5 pm. The location of the block party is Dartmouth Ave N between 39th & 40th Streets. Please also extend this invitation to others you know, particularly those who work to prevent crime in their neighborhoods. Attendees are asked to bring a side dish or soda, and seating!

**Pancakes, Children and Candidates**, an information exchange and policy briefing between concerned citizens and candidates for local, state and federal office. The event is sponsored by the South St. Petersburg Advocacy Project, Minority Issues Advisory Council, Generations United, Children's Campaign, R'Club, Operation PAR, Early Learning Coalition, YMCA, Family Resources, Coordinated Child Care and others.

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**22nd Annual 5k Crime Prevention Run and Family Festival in the park** will be held **Saturday, September 16, 2006** from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Campbell Park Community Center 601 14th Street South. Crime prevention run registration starts at 9:00 a.m. with the race beginning at 10:00 a.m. Family festival will start at 11:00 a.m. and end at 2:00 p.m. For more information contact Lendel Bright at (727) 327-2081, ext 225.

**19th Annual Silver Hat Awards.** WorkNet Pinellas is proud to invite you to be a part of the 19th Annual Silver Hat Awards, honoring Pinellas County's outstanding older workers and their employers. WorkNet needs your help in finding older workers and employers around the community who deserve to be honored. The Silver Hat Awards will be a light luncheon event held at Ruth Eckerd Hall on Wednesday, **September 27, 2006**, in union with National Employ the Older Worker Week. The deadline for nominations is Friday, August 18, 2006.

If you have any questions, please contact Jacqueline Skryd at [jskryd@worknetpinellas.org](mailto:jskryd@worknetpinellas.org) or (727) 507-4300 ext. 3033.

**St. Petersburg Times Festival of Reading Announces early line up of authors.** The 14th Annual St. Petersburg Times Festival of Reading is scheduled for **Saturday, Oct. 28**, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg. The free festival is an annual celebration of literacy, featuring nationally known authors, book signings, panel discussions, workshops and a variety of entertainment. Applications can be downloaded from the Times Festival of Reading web site at [www.festivalofreading.com](http://www.festivalofreading.com) or requested by leaving a name, address and phone number on the Festival of Reading information line at (727) 892-2358.

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**Permanent Road Closures.** Anticipated construction of the new Wildwood Park Sports complex addition tentatively scheduled to begin Aug. 1 and be completed by Oct 31 will permanently close 3 roadways: 1. Irving Ave. S. between Yale St. S. and 26th St. S. will be removed. 2. 10th Ave. S. between Yale St S. and 26th St. S. will be removed. 3. 26th St. S. from 10th Ave S. to 11th Ave S. will be removed. For more information contact Capital Improvements Department, City of St. Petersburg 727-893-7250.

**M.O.V.E. Needs You.** Motivated On Vision And Empowerment Council, Inc.(M.O.V.E.) and the PARENT SUPPORT IN EDUCATION PROGRAM? M.O.V.E. and Parents meet monthly on the **1st Monday – 6:30 p.m. @ the Enoch Davis Center 12th Street and 18th Ave, South**, starting August 7th. All are welcomed and encouraged to participate. For more information contact Elder Rainey at (727) 866-2589.

## ACADEMY

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points to success in reaching students who strive to attain a well-rounded education. Academy Prep Center for Education, a private school in south St. Petersburg, has served students in grades five through eight for the past nine years. Since its inception in 1997, Academy Prep has had a steady student membership. Out of the 87 students who attended for four years straight and graduated at the end of the middle school level, 95.4 % of those students have gone on to secondary and post secondary schools. After completing their studies at Academy Prep 32.2 % of the students continued their education at a public school; 16.1% in a private non-Catholic school; and 20.7% in a Catholic school. Thirteen of the 87 former students are currently in college, whereas only four are not in school.

Academy Prep has served hundreds of students who have entered its doors to learn more than just academic standards. Some students at Saturday's event offered their take on gaining an education at Academy Prep. William Miles, now in 11th grade at St. Petersburg Catholic School graduated from Academy Prep at the end of his 8th grade year. Miles believed that he gained a lot of training through the various programs offered and that he was prepared for the next step in his life. "The teachers taught me more than academics. They taught me skills that can help me survive situations that crop up in life."

Academy Prep Center for Education is a place that provides students with many opportunities throughout the extended school days in a year-round educational program. The nurturing environment is intended to help foster more than

just academic achievement, but to also develop personal responsibility, intellectual and social growth, moral awareness, and encouragement to give back to their community.

Kente Jamison, Gibbs High School senior & community pantomime artist, shared his story. "I was a child in trouble all the time - labeled at-risk and sent to time out constantly. My mother enrolled me in Academy Prep after being referred by one of her friends. I soon reached a turning point in my life and began to accept responsibility for the things I did. I saw doors open for me to express my talent- a talent I never knew I had until I came to Academy Prep. I dealt with a lot of anger that I had in my heart while participating in many programs at the school. I learned discipline and cooperation," Jamison resounded.

Another successful student, Theo Williams was videotaped while attending Academy Prep and acquired the nickname The Dreamer because he had dreams of going places in the future-places that some can only imagine. After graduating from Academy Prep, Williams' high school years were spent at Berkeley Preparatory School in Tampa, Florida. He graduated in May 2006 and will attend Eckerd College in St. Petersburg this fall. Williams attributes his success to the training received at Academy Prep. "This school guided me to the next school and connected me with the best school for my needs," Williams said.

Academy Prep's strong partnership plan keeps the center connected to quality educators and philanthropists within the community. Parents and families, role models and community members join the school's effort to promote academic and behavioral success in students. The students are supported throughout their middle school studies and are guided into the next track of their

academic experience - high school and beyond.

Semeon Madir, a student studying to become an educator at Jacksonville State University is a product of Academy Prep. He asked, "How many students remember their middle school experience and what their teachers help them do? The teachers at Academy Prep treated what I needed and provided me with great role models," Madir continued.

The Graduate Support Program (GSP) utilizes available resources to maintain a connection with the students who have graduated from Academy Prep at the end of eighth grade. They seek the most supportive and educationally stimulating academic environment to continue to support their students after they leave middle school. Essentially, this plan is a preventative measure to curtail problems that could possibly cause a student to drop out of secondary school before graduation.

Dr. Keturah Mills, director of Graduate Support, emphasized, "Laying a strong educational foundation for the future of the students includes teaching them to be responsible and productive citizens who will do what is right."

Graduates from Academy Prep may attend high school at either a local private school or public school after completing their middle school studies. They also have the option of attending boarding schools around the nation if the schools fit the needs of advancing students. Support continues for students from Academy Prep. They are matched with secondary schools and colleges that best suit individual student needs. At the end of their experience with Academy Prep students are empowered to take ownership of their lives and to return to their communities to promote success in the future.

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# STATE NEWS

## Kehsi Iman Wilson Crowned The First Miss Teen African American



Kehsi Iman Wilson is first Miss Teen African American

(BlackNews.com) — Miss Orange State, Kehsi Iman Wilson of St. Petersburg, Florida was crowned Miss Teen African American. The audience filled with family and supporters, who like the contestants traveled from across the country, gave a rousing ovation for Ms. Wilson and all the contestants who participated in the evening's production. The two week scholarship and development program held its final competition and crowning ceremony at Pease Auditorium on the campus of Central Piedmont Community College. In addition to a \$10,000 scholarship Ms. Wilson will receive a car and make appearances at national events across the country.

The runners-up to Miss Teen African American were Miss Sunshine State, Melissa George of Eaton Park, Florida and Miss Palmetto State, Candice Mack of

Charleston, South Carolina. They will receive \$5000.00 and \$2500.00 scholarships, respectively.

Unlike other pageants, the Miss Teen African American Scholarship Pageant is a personal growth and character development program. Over a two week period the contestants participated in seminars led by national experts on numerous topics that included personal finance, wealth management, health, government and politics, volunteerism and spirituality. Belmont Abbey College hosted the pageant participants and was also the site of the educational seminars. Traditional pageant activities take place the final evening.

The pageant organizers, Keith J Cobbin, President/CEO and wife Rachel Oliver-Cobbin, Executive Director/COO were very pleased with the success of this year's inaugural event and have already begun planning for next year. This year's sponsors included the Wachovia Corporation, Dudley Products Inc., Belmont Abbey College and the Charlotte Regional Visitor's Authority.

Applications for the 2007 pageant and development program will be accepted beginning September 1, 2006.

## Precautions to Avoid Bites From Spiders and Other Insects

With the summer weather, insects and spiders are more prevalent, and outdoor activities make us more vulnerable to bites and stings. These precautions, from the Pinellas County Health Department, apply at home and in your garage as well as at work:

- When working in enclosed areas such as crawl spaces, ensure that you are wearing protective clothing, including long sleeves tucked into gloves, long pants tucked into boots, and coveralls or a jacket with a hood. Rubber bands over pant legs and sleeves will minimize the possibility of a spider's running up a sleeve or pant leg in a confined situation.

- It's also wise to wear gloves when you work outdoors in potential habitats such as rock gardens or flower beds. Don't put your bare hands in places where you don't have clear visibility, as spiders and insects could be hiding there.

- When indoors, shake all clothing thoroughly if it has been hanging or lying in a spider- or insect-inhabited building. Also shake out blankets and clothes that have been in the attic or an undisturbed closet.

- Check gloves and boots before you wear them.

- Be cautious when moving boxes or other objects that have been undisturbed for some time.

- Vacuum frequently, using a corner attachment to remove spiders

and their egg sacs (dispose of the vacuum bag in a container outdoors). Concentrate on corners and the ceiling and anywhere spider webs appear.

- Don't leave clothes on the floor, since people have been bitten by spiders that have found their way into clothing or shoes.

To avoid insect bites when outdoors, take the following measures:

- Wear protective clothing to limit exposed skin. For example, wear long pants when hiking or mowing the grass, gloves while gardening, and shoes or sandals.

- Wear white or light-colored clothing; dark and yellow clothing and flowery designs are more likely to attract insects.

- Use unscented deodorant and rinse off perspiration after vigorous exercise. Many insects are attracted to the scent of deodorants and perspiration.

- Avoid any strong-smelling perfume, cologne, hair preparations or lotions, as some insects may be attracted by the smell.

- Use insect repellants.

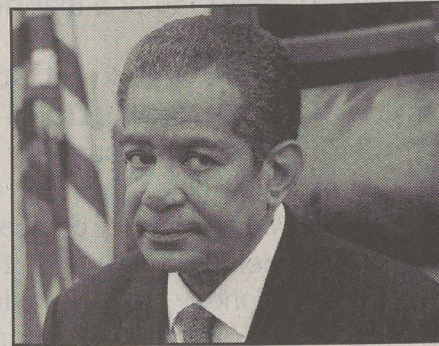
- Carefully check outdoor toilets before use.

- The smell of food is a strong attraction for many insects. Cover food and drinks at outdoor events as much as possible. Don't forget to cover garbage as well.

For more information, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/nasd/index.html>

## ACLU Accuses Jackson's Black Mayor of Racial Profiling

(AP Photo/Rogelio V. Solis)



Mayor Frank Melton

By: Shelia Byrd  
Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — The national American Civil Liberties Union on Tuesday accused the city's black mayor of civil rights violations including racial profiling in his crusade to stem crime in Mississippi's capital city.

The accusations against Mayor Frank Melton and police are based on complaints from people who say they were pulled over on the basis of their race and searched without probable cause, the ACLU's national racial profiling coordinator, King Downing, said at a news conference.

"For me to leave my office and come into one of the states means that there is a very serious problem," said Downing, who is based in New York. "There are problems here that it's going to take the attention of the nation in order to solve."

Downing said the mayor's race should make him "more sensitive to the problems this is creating."

However, Melton said in an interview Tuesday that he wasn't interested in the ACLU's complaints

against him or the police, and denied he had violated anyone's civil rights.

"We have 26 people that have been killed in Jackson this year. We have 300,000 people killed across America each year. The majority of them are African-American and it's time to do something different," Melton said. "I want to know what the ACLU wants to do besides criticize."

Melton took office last July after winning 88 percent of the vote on a tough-on-crime platform.

Melton declared a state of emergency last month to attack the city's escalating crime problem, basically adopting a stricter curfew for teenagers and homeless people. He also continued his practice of riding with police officers on patrol or at roadblocks.

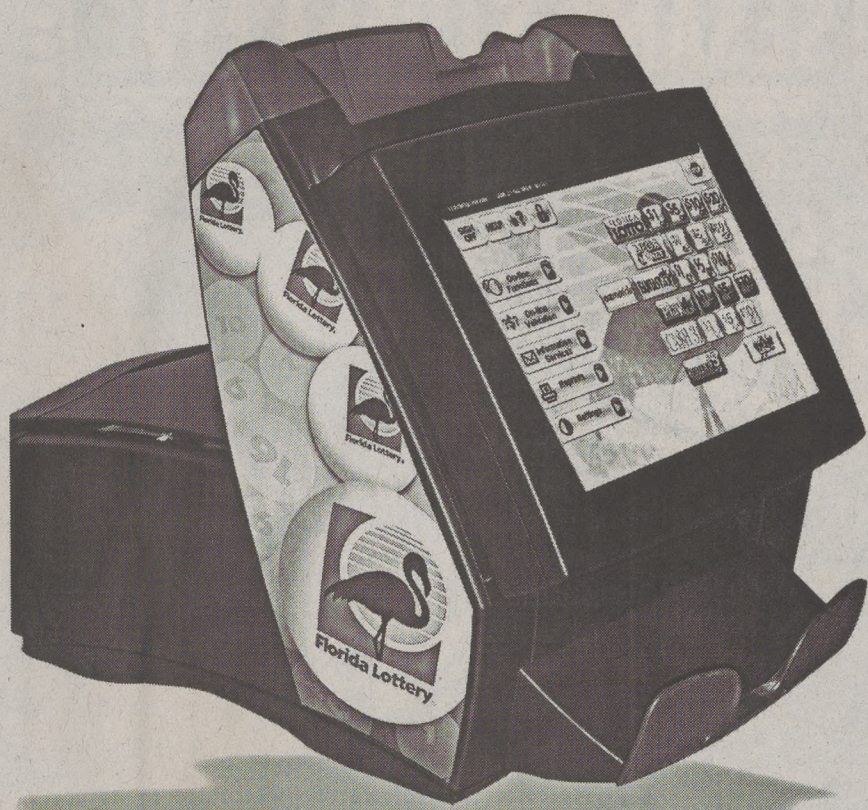
The city's population of 184,256 is nearly 71 percent black, and 23.5 percent live below the poverty level.

Since his election, federal authorities have told him to quit packing his pistol on commercial airline flights, Mississippi Attorney General Jim Hood told him to stop wearing police gear, and Faye Peterson, the district attorney in Jackson, has said the mayor was breaking the law by impersonating a police officer.

Melton criticized the ACLU's plan to hold meetings in Jackson to inform residents of their rights if they're stopped by police.

"I hope they don't obstruct justice and give people false information because if they do, then we'll be focusing on them and we'll come after them," Melton said.

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**Dr. Scott Rose**  
Former Pinellas County Superintendent of Schools



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**Michelle Dennard**  
President, Pinellas Classroom Teachers Association



I have known Lew Williams since he hired me as a teacher at Pinellas Park High School in 1985. He is a man of integrity who is not averse to taking on the tough challenges facing Pinellas County public school students and employees. He has the experience and knowledge to hit the ground running on the school board.

**Kim Black**



Lew Williams' background as a teacher, principal and district administrator has prepared him to lead our district in the difficult years ahead. We endorse him without reservation.

**Jade Moore**  
Executive Director, PCTA-PESPA



Lew Williams is a former Principal in St. Petersburg, Clearwater, Dunedin, Pinellas Park and Seminole schools.

I spent over 34 years in the Pinellas County School System, as a teacher, a principal, and a district administrator. When I retired, I didn't just "turn off" my commitment to our public schools.

I care deeply about every child. My children attend our public schools. I am passionate about public education. Everything that we value about our community is reliant on a strong education system.

I know the responsibility of being a good steward of the resources provided our school system by Pinellas County citizens.

While our schools have recently weathered difficult challenges, I believe the challenges ahead are even more formidable. It will require a greater depth of experience on the School Board to address critical issues like our growing budget in the face of shrinking revenues, what will happen after Choice, living up to the voters' demand for smaller class size, increasing our graduation rate, and holding our District better accountable to the taxpayers.

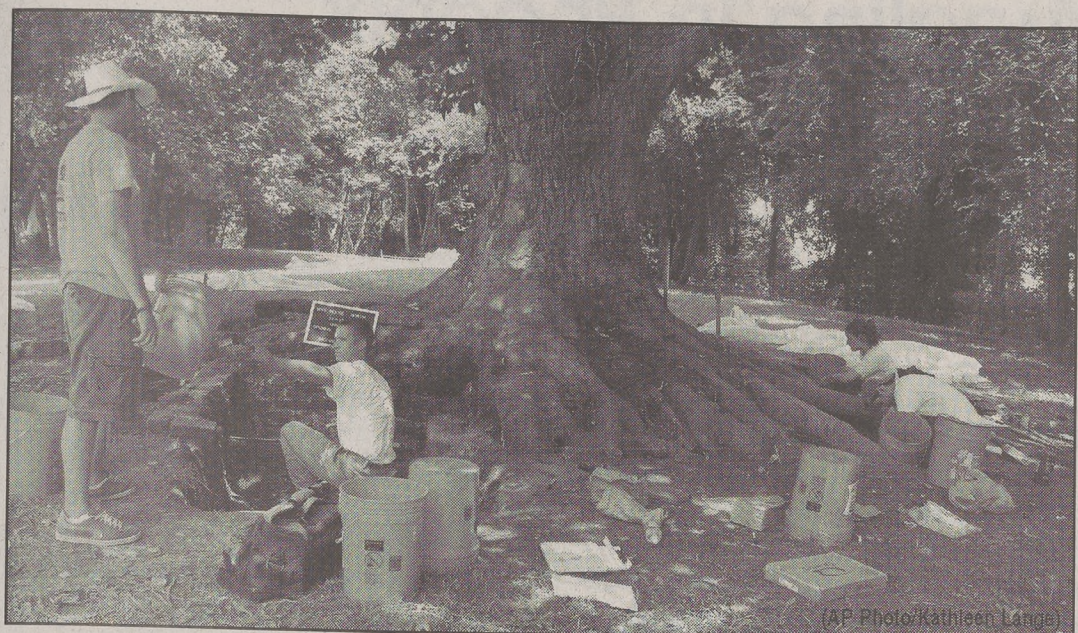
I promise that I will work hard and make smart decisions to effectively serve the entire Pinellas County community. I will only succeed with your support.

**Lew Williams**



# NATIONAL

## Archaeologists Unearth Frederick Douglass' Childhood Home



Excavation of the soil around a 70-year-old tulip poplar tree on Wye House Farm in Easton, Md. uncovers a building dating back to the early 1700's to early 1800's that is believed to have housed slaves.

By ALEX DOMINGUEZ  
Associated Press Writer

EASTON, Md. (AP) — The Great House still stands on the plantation where Frederick Douglass spent his childhood. But the quarters where the famed abolitionist once lived along with other slaves are long gone from the 350-year-old estate.

While the history of the Lloyd family, which has owned the property since the 1600s, is well documented, much less is known about the daily lives of their slaves.

University of Maryland archaeologists hoping to flesh out the story of those who built and worked on the estate are wrapping up their second season at Wye House, guided in part by Douglass' account of his childhood in slavery.

Jennifer Babiarz, a university archaeologist supervising the dig, said slaves such as those who worked at the plantation were the backbone of Maryland's early economy.

"We were very interested in what daily life would have been like for people who were enslaved on this plantation and making sure that people knew the rich history, not just of the Lloyds, but of all the people who lived and worked here," Babiarz said.

"There were so many men women and children who lived their lives here and it's important their story gets told."

The estate now has about 1,300 acres, much reduced from its 42,000-acre peak in the early 19th century, but the core remains intact. Along with the Great House, with its lengthy tree-lined drive, the property has one of the country's few remaining orangeries, a type of greenhouse used to shelter orange and other citrus trees during the winter. An overseer's house, a slave graveyard, a captain's house, a smokehouse and other structures also dot the property.

A strip described by Douglass as the Long Green is where the archaeologists are concentrating their efforts.

Douglass lived at the plantation for several years in the mid-1820s and wrote about it after his 1838 escape from slavery. In the 1845 autobiography "Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass," he described the plantation as "a little nation by itself, having its own language, its own rules, regulations, and customs ... The overseer was the important dignitary ... All the people were the property of one man, and they could themselves own no property."

The foundations of three buildings, and possibly a fourth, have been discovered along the narrow strip of land between a gravel path, mentioned by Douglass, and the Chesapeake Bay. A tall poplar grows between the foundation of what may have been a two-story slave quarters Douglass mentioned. An American Indian burial ground dating to before the Lloyd plantation has also been found there.

Other buildings were used as either housing or workspace by the slaves, many of whom had backgrounds in fields such as carpentry, blacksmithing and barrel-making, said Lisa Kraus, a doctoral student who used Douglass' autobiography and old maps to decide where to dig.

Many slaves at Wye House "were actually purchased and brought there specifically because they had skills the Lloyds needed in order for the plantation to function," Kraus said. "They were producing material that was used by the plantation but also producing things that were shipped out, which was totally different than most other plantation slaves."

Mark Leone, an anthropologist supervising the project, said the plantation did not just provide for the owners' needs: Wye House was the head of a large commercial enterprise.

"How do you turn farm products into international trade for a profit? That's what

these places are really all about and that's what this Long Green is — it is the labor base for a very big set of diversified industries," Leone said.

Before digging began, Leone said archaeologists contacted descendants of slaves who worked on the property, many of whom still live in nearby Unionville and Copperville, and asked what questions they had. The descendants were most interested in slave spirituality and the role the Wye House slaves had in blacks' fight for freedom, Leone said.

Items relating to those questions have not yet been found, although some items

believed to have had spiritual significance were previously discovered in buildings on the estate, he said.

The excavation is being done with the permission of Mary S. Tilghman, who inherited the property in 1993 and is an 11th-generation descendent of Edward Lloyd, who first settled the property.

"The history here is of intense personal interest to me, and I'm dedicated to its preservation," she said. "This land has been part of my life for so long that I feel a duty to preserve the heritage it holds."

A third and final year of excavation is planned for next summer.

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# HURRICANE NEWS

## FEMA Offers Tips For Hurricane Preparedness

WASHINGTON, DC – The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reminds residents of hurricane-prone areas to prepare – even though fewer storms are now predicted for the 2006 season.

The National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) announced today that it expects seven to nine hurricanes this year, a decrease from earlier estimates. The hurricane season, which began June 1, ends November 30. So far this year, NOAA says there have been three named storms, but no hurricanes.

"This is not a time to be complacent. It only takes one storm. People still need to develop family disaster plans and compile kits with necessary supplies to last three days," FEMA Director David Paulson said. "They also should stay informed about local weather conditions and pay attention to emergency information from local

and state officials."

FEMA recommends taking these steps to prepare for hurricanes:

- Develop a family disaster plan and know how to stay safe in a hurricane. Discuss what your family should do when a hurricane comes ashore and where you might go in an evacuation – to a shelter, hotel or to stay with family or friends. Don't forget about pets. Many shelters will not permit them, so plan in advance what to do with them.
- Know and review your evacuation routes and never drive through high water.
- Develop a family communication plan. Identify a friend or relative in another state or city to serve as a point of contact in case family members are separated.

Put together a disaster kit and store it in a portable container in case of evacuation. The kit should include:

- At least a three-day supply of food and bottled water for each family member
- Battery-powered radio and flashlights with extra batteries
- First aid kit with family members' medications
- A manual can opener
- Emergency contact list and phone numbers
- Hygiene and personal care items
- Pet supplies
- Copies of important papers
- Emergency cash or credit card in the case of an evacuation with little notice.

FEMA manages federal response and recovery efforts following any national incident. FEMA also initiates mitigation activities, works with state and local emergency managers, and manages the National Flood Insurance Program. FEMA became part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security on March 1, 2003.

## Many Katrina Evacuees Still Struggling in Phoenix

MESA, Ariz. (AP) – Nearly a year after Hurricane Katrina ravaged New Orleans, forcing the city's residents to flee to often far-flung states, many who came to the Phoenix area are unable to keep jobs, find places they can afford to live or even buy groceries.

Plenty of Gulf Coast families, including a family of 18 in Phoenix, have thrived, capitalizing on financial and emotional help they've received to start anew in Arizona. Others apparently made their way back home.

But more than 1,100 evacuees have sought help this year from Project Restore, a state-supervised effort to provide immediate services to families, everything from help paying rent to getting Federal Emergency Management Agency benefits.

About 350 people also receive long-term help from faith-based recovery teams, led by caseworkers with Lutheran Social Ministry, Catholic Charities and St. Vincent

de Paul. The Lutheran agency is the local lead for a federally funded effort called Katrina Aid Today, a \$66 million grant to faith-based organizations to help families get on their feet. The money pays for case management, but not services.

The Arizona Ecumenical Council this summer is asking churches and their congregants to raise \$50,000 for things like housing, transportation and job training to those who already have a plan but can't find those resources anywhere else. The nonprofit Legacy Foundation has agreed to match contributions up to \$50,000.

The Rev. Jan Olav Flaaten told the East Valley Tribune, however, that it's been difficult to raise money. The fund has collected less than \$1,000 in its first month.

"You have a certain amount of donor fatigue and people saying, 'By now, shouldn't everything be OK?'" said Flaaten, executive director of the ecumenical council.

The reasons for the problems are many. For starters, the right agencies didn't have the evacuees' addresses, and weren't actively looking for them until spring.

Private donors weren't in it for the long haul, and some evacuees who couldn't find work or affordable housing were reluctant to ask for help. Others didn't know where to find it, and still don't.

Traci Gruenberger, director of operations for Lutheran Social Ministry, said some people waited until they were desperate. They were used to relying on each other, and it's not easy asking for help, especially from strangers.

"If you've lived in a community where the community supports individuals, you don't go to people that you don't know," she said. "Their families ended up scattered across the nation. It wasn't like those networks were recreated here in Phoenix."

## Officials Reveal Top 10 Hurricane Myths

When it comes to preparing for hurricanes, you'll hear a lot of tips from well-meaning friends, relatives or self-proclaimed "hurricane experts." While some of their tips can help – others can endanger your life if you follow them.

As Pinellas County gears up for the beginning of the Atlantic hurricane season, here are the Top 10 Hurricane Myths, along with reasons why they could be hazardous to your health – or even fatal:

### 1. My windows are ready. I have them taped.

Taping windows to prevent breakage or limit the amount of shattering is not an effective form of window protection. Window shutters made of 5/8" plywood or metal and fastened correctly can improve the chances of having your home survive the impact of a storm.

### 2. I'm going to open the windows on the side opposite the wind so the difference in air pressure doesn't explode my house.

The best way to keep your home safe is to keep the wind OUT! Studies have shown that opening a window can increase the amount of damage done by wind. When a hurricane threatens, keep your home sealed up tight.

### 3. Why should I prepare my house? When the big one comes, it's going to be destroyed anyway.

While a hurricane's winds can destroy even the most solidly built structures, taking some basic precautions can significantly reduce damage from a storm. Pictures of areas devastated by hurricanes will often show one house standing while a neighbor's lies in ruins. The difference? The owners of the house in good shape took some basic precautions to safeguard their property. Shuttering windows, bracing garage and entry doors and bringing in yard items can mean the difference between destruction and minor damage.

### 4. The storm surge is only going to be 15 or 20 feet at worst. My condo is on an upper floor. I'm riding the storm out here.

Vertical evacuation, or escaping the rising storm surge by going to the upper stories of a building, is a very bad idea. Wind speeds increase the higher you go, so you will be

evacuating into a more dangerous place. Plus, the high winds and water will make getting help to you nearly impossible after the storm passes.

### 5. We get high winds in our summer thunderstorms. A hurricane can't be much worse.

While summer thunderstorms can produce wind gusts in excess of 60 miles per hour, the winds of a major hurricane can be twice as fast – or even faster. And, these winds will be sustained for hours, much longer than a brief thunderstorm. Remember, each time the wind speed doubles, the force it exerts is four times as strong. A Category 2 hurricane, with winds of 96 to 110 miles per hour, can do considerable damage to roof structures and topple trees.

### 6. I've got my mobile home tied down and braced. It will be a safe place to ride out the storm.

A mobile home is NEVER a safe place to weather a hurricane. In fact, once a mandatory evacuation is ordered, all mobile home residents, in all evacuation levels, are required to leave their dwellings, no matter how well secured they are.

### 7. When I get the evacuation order, I'm leaving Pinellas County. There's no high ground here, and everyone knows that it will be much safer inland.

While Pinellas County has an extensive coastline, there are many places that are non-evacuation zones that are safe from storm surge. In fact, in some locations, beach residents need travel no more than one mile to get to safe areas. Hurricanes Hugo (1989), Andrew (1992), Floyd (1999) and Charley (2004) have also demonstrated that the effects of hurricane force winds, tornadoes and heavy rains can be felt well inland from the actual landfall. Traveling a great distance to escape the effects of the storm may actually lead you into danger. And, the further you go to evacuate, the longer it will take you to get there and the longer it will take to return to your home after the storm passes.

### 8. Why do I need an evacuation plan? When the order comes down, I'm going to go to an emergency shelter.

Emergency shelters are safe places to ride out a hurricane, but they are not the most comfortable. They will be crowded and noisy, and, most likely, you will be sleeping on the floor. Shelters will also not accept pets. Your first and best option is to evacuate to a host home, the house of a friend, co-worker or associate living in a non-evacuation zone. Now is the time to determine where you will go and, if you will serve as a host home, to ensure that you have taken protective measures such as preparing hurricane shutters, bracing garage doors and the like.

### 9. The weather looks great, but we're under an evacuation order. That doesn't make any sense. I'm going to wait until the weather gets bad before I evacuate.

This can be one of the most dangerous decisions you can make. Storm paths are extremely unpredictable, and waiting until the last minute can leave you with no place to go to escape a storm's fury. Evacuation orders are given based on the best information available and are issued early enough to allow sufficient time for people to get to shelters. Don't take chances with your life. Gather your important papers such as your homeowner's insurance policy, deeds to property and birth certificates, your hurricane survival kit, prescriptions and cash, as you may not be able to use credit cards after the storm. Secure your home and leave as quickly and safely as possible.

### 10. It will never happen here!

That's probably what people in Port Charlotte thought before the arrival of Hurricane Charley on August 13, 2004. As long as we choose to live, work and vacation on the shores of the Gulf of Mexico, we need to pay close attention to the tropics to ensure our safety.

For help creating your hurricane survival plan, go to [www.pinellascounty.org/emergency](http://www.pinellascounty.org/emergency), where you can also find your home's evacuation level. For information, call the Pinellas County Emergency Management Department at (727) 464-3800.

## ACLU Questions Hurricane Memorial

CHALMETTE, La. (AP) – The American Civil Liberties Union is objecting to plans for a hurricane memorial in St. Bernard Parish that will feature a cross bearing a likeness of the face of Jesus.

In a letter to the parish, Louisiana ACLU Executive Director Joe Cook said the plan violates the constitutional standards of church-state separation because the memorial would be located on a public waterway. Cook asked the parish to erect a religiously neutral symbol.

But Parish President Henry "Junior" Rodriguez said he sees nothing improper about the memorial, which will be mounted near the shoreline of the Mississippi River-Gulf Outlet at Shell Beach.

The cross and accompanying monument listing the names of the 129 parish residents who died in Hurricane Katrina will be put on private land and are being financed with donations, Rodriguez said.

The Parish Council voted several months ago to erect a monument, but at the time did not offer specific plans. The parish recently announced plans to dedicate the memorial on Aug. 29, the one-year anniversary of hurricane.

The stainless steel cross will be 13 feet tall and seven feet wide and will be lighted.

Rodriguez and others like the idea of putting the monument along the banks of the MRGO, because that waterway, dug by the federal

government as a shipping shortcut in the 1960s, is widely blamed for much of the deadly flooding that accompanied Hurricane Katrina.

Over the years erosion has widened the outlet, so the bank on which the cross will be erected is on privately owned land, Rodriguez said.

The ACLU believes a storm memorial is appropriate, but the parish's plan is "still all very questionable," Cook said.

"I think there is official government involvement with the endorsement and advancement of this clearly religious symbol," Cook said.

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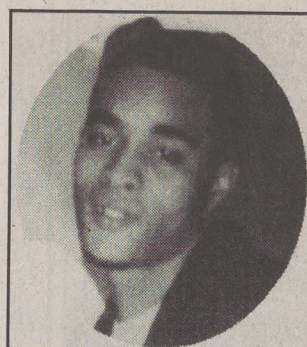
## — FINAL RITES —



**Gail Elizabeth Mann-Ewell**

Born December 27, 1955 in St. Petersburg to Mr. and Mrs. Gene (Sara) Mann, Gail Elizabeth Mann-Ewell passed away on Wednesday, July 26, 2006.

She leaves to cherish her memories her parents, Gene and Sara Mann of St. Petersburg; brothers, Allen Starks of Gainesville, FL and Gregory Gene (Patricia) Mann of St. Petersburg; sisters, Brenda E. (Eric) Mann and Michelle F. Mann, both of St. Petersburg; aunts & uncles, William (Eva) Dunmore, Jr., Hazel D. (Bobbie) Porter, Helen Mixon, all of Ft. Lauderdale, FL, Mark (Joyce) Dunmore, Sr. of Gainesville, FL and Maggie Racker of Boston, MA; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.



**Maurice Deangelo Jenkins**

Born on January 10, 1981, to James Isaac and Sheila Jenkins, Maurice Deangelo Jenkins departed this life on July 27, 2006.

He leaves to cherish his memories a daughter: Quinya Jenkins of St. Petersburg; his parents: James Isaac and Sheila Jenkins of St. Petersburg; three brothers, Louis Jenkins, Steven Teal and Mathis Roberts, Jr. (BOP), all of St. Petersburg; six sisters: Shakeyla Jenkins, Shatoya Jenkins, Shatrina Jenkins, Shakiya Bush, Marketa Teal, Kanithra Teal, all of St. Petersburg; Paternal grandparents, Jerry and Helen Daniels of St. Petersburg; Great grandparents, Dennis and Estelle Watkins of Gainesville, FL; and a host of other relatives and friends.

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# RELIGIOUS NEWS

## CHURCH EVENTS LISTING

### NEW PHILADELPHIA COMMUNITY CHURCH

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The entire New Philadelphia Church family extols the goodness and greatness of God! Thanksgiving is expressed to God for the evident spiritual growth and maturity seen in a growing remnant in church family. The unity and solidarity which exists among family members, pleases God and promotes harmony in the body of Christ.

In order to continue emphasizing importance of spiritual togetherness during this season following Pentecost, both Bible Study and Wisdom School also address Godliness of love within the body of Christ. It is true that, "they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength..." The strength of patience is causing fruition of God's spirit in lives of church family members.

Love is the communal adhesive which keeps members of God's family together. Christian commendations are conveyed to all persons who have faithfully and selflessly given of themselves to call of God upon their lives!

### 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 an invitation to join its Christian Women's Conference committee in "Celebrations of a Woman: A Faith That Sustains Her Through All Seasons". A Season of Pampering for women of the community will be held on this Saturday, August 12 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. A continental breakfast (8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.), mid-morning snacks and lunch will be provided. We invite all of sisters in the community to come focus on your temple mind, body and soul. Indulge yourselves in facials, massages, manicures, aroma therapy, and health care information and learn how to expand your prayer life. Giveaways will include gift certificates to local spas and health and beauty products as well as other gifts. Please join us in a day of pampering our temples so that we can be better fitted to do the will of our Father. On site registrations will be accepted.

#### Church Calendar for August

**August 13** Baptist Training Union - High Attendance, penny Rally and City Wide BTU. Classes for all ages. Come join us at 5:00 p.m.  
**August 22** Quarterly Ministry Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.  
**August 28** Pizza Ministry - Community outreach for all children.

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 7:00 a.m.  
(First Sunday Only)  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.  
Baptist Training Union 5:00 p.m.

Other weekly services include Children and Youth Ministry Meetings (Mondays at 6:00 p.m.); Sunday School Teachers' Meeting (Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.); Senior Hour of Power Bible Study (Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.) and Prayer Meeting and Bible Study (Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.).

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Worship continues at 10:30 with the New Hope Male Chorus leading the congregation in praise. The Music team consists of Michael McKenny, Vernard McKenny, Marcus Childs, and Matthew Humbert. The Bread of Life will be served by our Esteemed Pastor, Reverend Carlos L. Senior. We will be delighted to have you worship with us!

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Bible Study will be held on Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. Join us in learning more about becoming better Christians.

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#### UPCOMING EVENTS

**August 19th**  
Pastors and Leaders Study  
(8:00 - 9:00 a.m.)

**August 19th**  
Women's Mentoring Workshop (Part II) 55 and older  
(10:00 a.m.)

**August 20th**  
Church Engagement: Concord M. B. Church  
(4:00 p.m.)

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Begin the day with joyful soul,  
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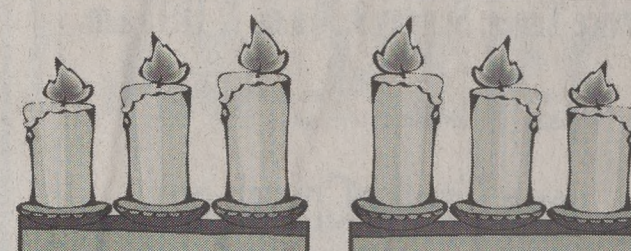
### PENTECOSTAL TEMPLE COGIC

The Pentecostal Temple church family is always happy to greet guests and visitors. Our services are filled with heartfelt prayer, glorious praise and worship and anointed preaching from God's Word. Please see our listing in the Church Directory section of this newspaper for the days and times of services.

The "Hallelujah Celebration" on Friday, August 4th marked twelve years of service by our youth choir under the direction of Sis. April Ash. The Presence of God was great in our midst. Lives were touched and blessed as various forms of worship and praise went forth. We send our sincerest thanks to those who came to help us make the service a success. The ministry through song, mime and inspirational dance presented hope, encouragement and renewal of our spirits.

The first Sunday worship was focused on our relationship with God and the friendship that we have with Jesus. Pastor William Anderson delivered the spoken Word and reminded us that "There is Not a Friend like Jesus." Expounding on the scriptures from Luke 7:11-17, Pastor Anderson joyfully proclaimed that Jesus is concerned and cares about our life situations. He encouraged us to believe that even if our situation looks dead and seems hopeless, Jesus has not forsaken us and He will step in right on time. Because of His compassion for us, just one touch from Jesus and a single word can bring about positive change and renewed hope. Prayer was offered and the service of Holy Communion was administered.

The Youth Department is in charge of the second Sunday service. We welcome you to worship with us in the beauty of holiness and be blessed in the Presence of the Lord.

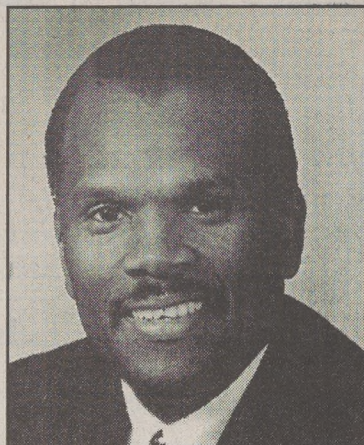




## Dr. Anthony "Tony" Lewis to Speak Saturday Morning

Former Lakewood High School graduate, Dr. Anthony B. Lewis, Cardiologist and Internist will return to St. Petersburg to speak August 12, Saturday morning at the Elim Seventh Day Adventist Church, located at 801-Sixth Avenue South, during their annual Health Day. The theme this year is "A Healthy Start For Your Heart." Dr. Lewis will speak at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

At 4:00 p.m. he will conduct a free workshop dealing with heart health. Joining him is Ayakao Watkins, of Victory Christian Center Church, and founder of Caring For Your Temple ministry. Watkins believes the African American community particularly women, are disproportionately represented in the areas of obesity, diabetes, hypertension, and heart disease. Obesity, which is often associated with diabetes, hypertension, heart disease, and a host of other health issues, can be addressed with lifestyle changes such as proper diet and exercise. Watkins embraces the Adventists diet noting statistics that indicate some Seventh Day Adventists live longer healthier lives. The public is welcomed and encouraged to attend. Come and join Dr. Lewis and Ayakao Watkins for "A Healthy Start For Your Heart".



Dr. Anthony Lewis

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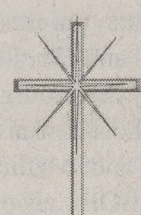
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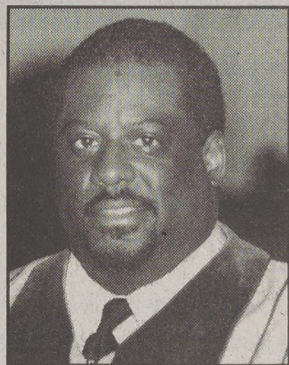
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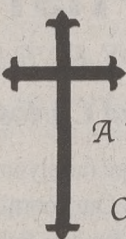
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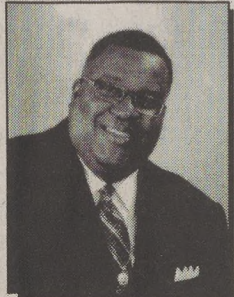
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Church School - 9:30 AM • Morning Worship - 11:00 AM  
Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting & Bible Study - 7:00PM



## Victory Christian Center Church



Claude S. Williams, Pastor

3012 18th Avenue South  
St. Petersburg Fla. 33712  
(727) 321-0911

### Schedule of Services

Sunday Worship\*  
10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study\* - 7:00 p.m.  
Friday Prayer - 7:00 p.m.  
Intercessory Prayer - 9:00 a.m.  
(except Wednesdays)

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Elder Clarence Welch, Pastor  
Elder Carson Skinner, Assistant Pastor  
1137 37th Street South  
Saint Petersburg, FL 33711  
(727) 321-0670

### Services

Sunday School - 10:30 a.m.  
A. M. Service - 11:30 a.m.  
YPWW (1st & 3rd Sunday) - 5:30 p.m.  
P.M. Service (1st & 3rd Sunday) - 6:30 p.m.  
P. M. Service (2nd & 4th Sunday) - 5:30 p.m.  
Morning Prayer - 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.  
Prayer Service - 7:30 p.m.  
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Rev. Frank W.  
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1717 18th Avenue South  
Saint Petersburg, Florida  
33712

(727) 823-7020

Pastor Office  
(727) 823-6078

Email:  
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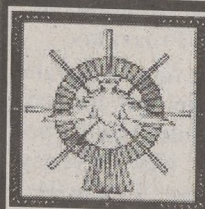
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 Intercessory Prayer Saturday 5:45 a.m.

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Elder: Tony Smith

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Pastor (727) 895-2119

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Elder A.P. Conage, Pastor

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 Wednesday Evening Bible Class .....7:00 p.m.

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

### Sunday Services:

Church School .....9 a.m.  
 Praise & Worship Service.....10:30 a.m.

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Church School .....9:30 a.m.  
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 Baptist Training Union .....5 p.m.  
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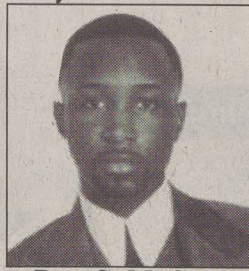


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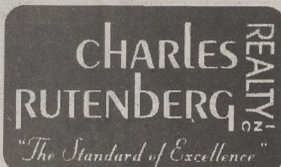


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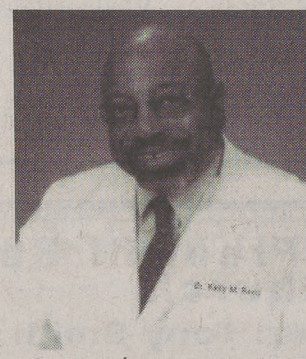
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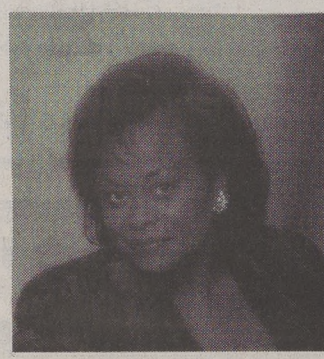
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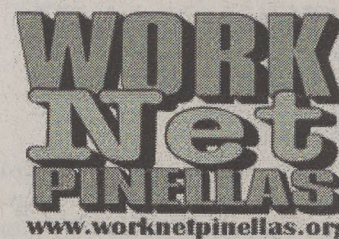


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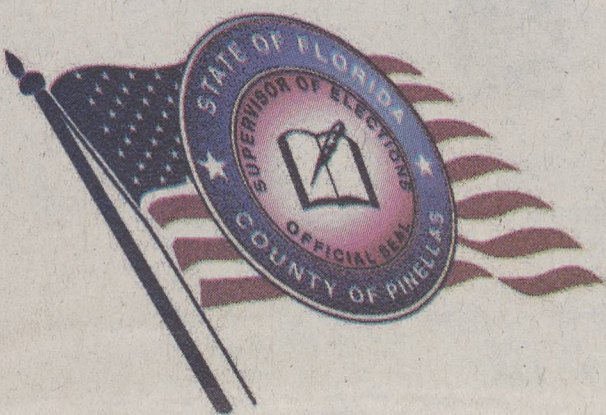
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