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Enoch Davis Center Celebrates 25 Years Of Service



l-r: Lynette Buchannon, Sharon T. Melville, J. Morgan, Tyna Middleton

By: SHARON T. MELVILLE
Challenger Correspondent

During the 70's an advisory committee known as "Module 16" urged St. Petersburg City government to build a community center in the Midtown neighborhood. Citizens recall that during this period, no assembly places for the

African American community existed that would accommodate more than 100 persons coming together to dialogue about issues directly affecting black citizens. Dorothy Gilliam, a member of the Module 16 Advisory Committee recalls that "On a warm fall day in the late 1970's, after much sweat and tears, ground was broken to begin construction

on the Module 16 Project." Finally, on September 13, 1981, the Center opened as the Enoch D. Davis Center, operating under the St. Petersburg Recreation Department. Gilliam recalled delivering many meals to home bound seniors unable to travel to the Center. Other services included sewing classes offered to citizens of the community. Also

during those early days, the doors were opened for Pleasant Grove Church and Greater Mt. Zion to hold their Sunday services at the Center.

Enoch D. Davis Center offers services to the accomplished, the young

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A Woman Of Valor



l to r: Sandra (daughter), Rev. Dr. Wayne G. Thompson (pastor), Vera O. Noble (honoree)

By SHIRLEY SCOTT
Challenger Correspondent

A birthday celebration might seem to be a common practice for many people, but when one is celebrating 90 years of life with more than 2-thirds of the life dedicated to serving the welfare of others, then the birthday celebration is an honor.

Ninety-year old Vera O. Noble received such an honor on Friday, September 8, 2006 during an exclusive dinner at the Mahaffey Theatre Grand Ballroom in St. Petersburg. Noble's birthday celebration was well attended. Her children, Gilbert

(Memphis, TN) and Sandra (Atlanta, GA), other family members and friends, were present to give honor to a woman of valor. Dianne Speights, president of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW), emceed the affair. More than two hundred guests shared in this festive occasion.

Apostle Clarice Pennington gave greetings. Pennington noted that the occasion was to "honor an upright lady who has served others well. She is not about foolishness. Ma Nobles says what she means and means what she says". The audience indicated agreement with

applause and Amen.

Vera O. Noble was born in Adel Georgia on September 12, 1916 to H.D. and Mabel McLeod. The timeline of her life is worthy of recording in history. She lived through a time when a segregated South negatively impacted the life of blacks, but she believed in education and excelled in spite of unjust laws. Noble aspired to learn, teach, and grow. She began high school studies at Gibbs High School in 1927 when the doors to Gibbs were opened as the first high school for blacks. Noble did not use her race as a reason not to succeed. She was instrumental in bringing attention to the need for complete parental involvement in school and the need for more funding to prepare students for the future.

In a speech that Noble (then Vera McLeod) wrote and presented to her graduating class of 1936 she pleaded for parent involvement in education. "Why stay at home, criticize and coax your child to develop a dislike for teachers or students? Why find fault of teachers or try to demoralize the school? Your child attends Gibbs High School; it is up to you to make this school just what it should be," she said. She continues to plead with parents to support the school. "Some of our parents sit back and say that the state should furnish school needs, maybe they are right, but the state is not going to have more interest in you than you have in yourself". With that in

mind, Noble continues on a mission to emphasize the importance of Christian Education.

Noble is viewed as a woman whose heart and life are driven by the theme of Christian Education. Those who came to join in the birthday honors praised her for her commitment to Christian Education over the years. Her pastor of the past two decades, the Reverend Dr. Wayne Thompson of First Baptist Institutional Church, who has utilized Noble's dedication to Christian Education, said, "She continuously amazes me with her wit and wisdom, guts and grace, and seriousness and style".

Emanuel Stewart, longtime friend of Noble said, "I wish I had half the energy and expertise Vera has. She is a guiding light at First Baptist Institutional Church and we love her for a million miles". Lucy Parris said she has known Noble for 20 years and has "never met a woman who gives more of herself so untiringly. She should go on for another 100 years". Major Hope Crews described her view of Noble with three words: "wisdom, strength, and perseverance". Dr. Yvonne Williams gave accolades to how Noble encouraged and supported her efforts in attaining her Ph.D. from the University of South Florida. "Mrs.

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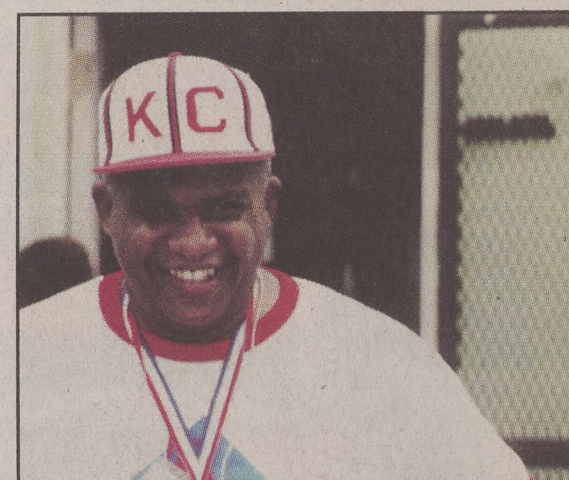
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New Business Opens In Midtown

By: JOYCE JOHNSON
Challenger Correspondent

Fresh vegetable markets of a by-gone era have largely been replaced by large, chrome, impersonal supermarkets. But, that is about to change. Clemontine and John A. Miller are opening J&A Produce Palace at 1617 34th Street South.

Years ago the black community went to different markets within the community to do most of their food shopping. Customers and families knew shopkeepers and they in turn knew the owners. It was not only the principle of shopping or replenishing food items, but also an exchange of camaraderie among neighbors. As a pre-teen during the 1950's, Mr. Miller worked in Clearwater at the old Atlantic Ice House, which sold wholesale vegetables. This experience of youth propelled his love and interest in the fresh vegetable market business. He decided he "wanted one". Mr. Miller wanted to follow a childhood dream of opening a community based fresh produce market that would cater to the local area.

The Millers are family oriented and this is another dream being fulfilled. "The store is named after our grandkids Jade and Andrew who are both three", said Mrs. Miller. "We wanted to leave our family something," Mr. Miller agreed, "It's about family." His brother is returning home after an extended absence and he wanted to have somewhere for him to work. "This will be a family business. Brothers, sisters, and in-laws, we can help them."

The market will offer over 40 types of fresh vegetables. The fall/winter crops will include strawberries, pecans, and an abundant variety of fresh greens. While alternating summer crops will include some of the same winter vegetables it will also have squash, okra, cantaloupes and watermelons. Mr. Miller fondly remembers that his start in the produce industry was selling

watermelons from the back of his pick-up truck over 20 years ago. J&A Produce Palace will also offer smoked meats from Georgia. Weekly shipments will be brought in. Produce will come from other larger outdoor farmers markets. "I personally will be growing a lot of vegetables on my own. Whatever it is, it will be top-notch," Miller said proudly.

John A. Miller recently retired from the Pinellas County Property Appraiser's Office after 27 years as assistant director of tangible personal property. That office determines how much tax businesses must pay on tangible commercial equipment.

John A. and Clemontine Miller live in Largo and formerly owned Millers Men's Wear in the early 1990's in Clearwater. To bring their current dream to fruition it took 2 years of planning and hard work. They decided to purchase land on 34th Street South to establish their business. "I like the location, and the price I paid for the property", Mr. Miller explained.

They had the vacant lot excavated. Mr. Miller personally cut down 20 oak trees. They brought in over 30 loads of dirt.

"Everything is brand new", said Mrs. Miller referring to the 3,200 square foot building that took them over a year to erect.

The couple said they never applied for financing. Instead they

sold some rental property and used their life savings. Mr. Miller says he doesn't like answering questions or filling out applications "He wanted to be his own boss", his wife said. I questioned Miller about how it felt to be an African American business owner. "It's not about being black," he stated emphatically. "It's about achieving a dream. You have goals and you try to achieve them. A lot of people think it's (the building) white owned. They're not used to seeing that black people can have nice things and can compete"

The Millers hope J&A Produce Palace will differ from major supermarket chains by offering better and more selective produce. "We're not here to compete," explained Mr. Miller. "We're a specialty neighborhood store" They want to offer delivery services, for a specific amount of purchase to the sick, disabled, and elderly. They hope the business will grow by word of mouth and will attempt to fulfill specific requests that customers express interest in.

"Both families were very proud when they saw the final product," Mrs. Miller shared. "I feel that we will succeed because GOD has blessed us and it (the business) will succeed because GOD is behind us". John A. Miller concluded thoughtfully. "I hope that it helps the community and that they appreciate it; and I'll appreciate the community."

Photo by Chris Davis



J&A Produce Palace, 1617 34th Street South, St. Petersburg, FL
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and old, the homeless, and the disenfranchised. Direct services are provided by several in-house social services agencies. These services include the Change-To-Change (an after school program for girls), Bay Area Legal Services, Inc., the Pinellas Opportunity Council, tutoring programs, computer training classes, and piano lessons, just to name a few. After approximately 10 years in operation, the Center was expanded which includes the stage area and handicap ramp located in the main hall. The building was rededicated in the winter of 2004.

Sunday, September 10, 2006 found many elderly community residents, dignitaries, and other Midtown supporters at the Enoch Davis Center's SILVER STARS 25th Anniversary Celebration. Ms. Lynette Buchanan, supervisor, acknowledged Mrs. Dorothy Gilliam, an original member of the Module 16 Advisory Committee who was in attendance at the groundbreaking 25 years ago, for her many years of dedicated services. The program began with the women from The American Business and Professional Women, Inc., Jacaranda Chapter, who strutted their stuff through the crowd wearing vintage hats representing the past, then came the wide brim hats depicting the present, as well as the silver, metallic Top Hat of The Future.

Also performing during this celebration were the young students from Studio One Piano class, delighting the audience with piano selections, as their biggest supporter and instructor Mr. James Bolden, proudly looked on.

Reflections of the Past were eloquently spoken by Elihu Brayboy and Mordecai Walker, surviving members of Module 16, as they called each members name during the "Roll Call". The Plaque dedicated to members of Module 16, indicates past Chairpersons who served: Mr. John Hopkins, 1976-1978; Mr. Sam Robinson, 1979-1988; and Ms. Joyce D. Johnson, 1984. Mr. Brayboy spoke to the youth in attendance, offering supportive words of encouragement as the Center looked ahead to the Plans for the Future.

Center Supervisor, Lynette Buchanan, gave the state of Enoch Davis as she presented the Plans for the Future, wearing the Top Hat from the Future (to make her points). The highlight of her speech was the challenge given her by manager, J. Morgan. Looking ahead to the future, Mr. Morgan would like to see The Enoch Davis Center become an accredited Senior Citizen Center. In order to become accredited, there are 9 National Standards the Center must meet and maintain. Joe Mahon, retired IRS employee, and long time VITA volunteer (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance), along with Tyna Middleton, Special Projects Liaison for Midtown, representing

Deputy Mayor Goliath Davis' office, committed themselves as point persons to this 2-year project. The challenge is also open to community citizens to lend volunteer time and talents to this 2-year project. In order to successfully meet the challenge, "one must be always ready to meet the change, which is the only constant we have. During the next 25 years, the senior population will be rapidly growing, and the baby boomers are changing the face of retirees, therefore, closing the digital divide will be paramount," Buchanan said.

Ms. Buchanan gave praise to 2 staff members, Sharon Thomas and Dennis Graham (military veterans) for service "above and beyond" for their commitment to serving the 25th Anniversary Committee. A beautiful Rededication Litany written by the late Barbara Bolden, was read by all in attendance.

As the Alumni Singers closed out the day with "Hold On To Your Dreams", Mr. Gerald Buchert challenged the Center to 25 more years of service. The Enoch D. Davis Center remains today the premier agency in Midtown offering multi-services to the community in order to improve the quality of lives.



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Noble made it possible for me to complete an oral history assignment. She was my subject and allowed me to interview her for the project. She is genuinely a nice person," Williams concluded.

Music was woven throughout the program. Musician and singer Brian Selmon provided dinner music that enlightened hearts. In tribute to Noble, he sang a traditional spiritual, "My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord", arranged by Moses Hogan. Barbara Cox also rendered a song in tribute to Noble entitled "People Who Need People," written by Bob Merrill and made famous by Barbara Streisand. This selection seemed to have encapsulated the life of Vera O. Noble, a people person who lives her life in service to others. At one point in the program, City Council member Ernest Williams asked guests to "Look around the people-filled room and see how much love is being given back to a woman who has given so much to help others."

Presentations and reflections were numerous, including presentations by Ernest Williams (City Council, District 6), Keisha Iman Wilson (Miss Orange State & Miss Teen African American 2006); Emanuel Stewart; Rev. Joseph A. Ferreira (Area IV Minister, American Baptist Churches of the South), who described Noble as "Three times the Lady" based on a ballad by Lionel Richie. Other reflections were offered by Noble's pastor, Dr. Wayne Thompson (First Baptist Institutional Church); Dr. Walter L. Parish II (Executive Minister, American Baptist Churches of the South/MD); Mary Clowers (former president NCNW); and Hazel Barnes (Church Women United of Greater St. Petersburg).

Many well wishers who could not be present sent letters to honor her, including Congressman Jim Davis (11th Congressional District of Florida) who honored Noble for her courage to break down racial barriers at Gibbs High School as a youth.

Noble's niece, Attorney Cheryl Moultrie and son, Gilbert Noble presented a special family tribute to honor Noble as well. Their words

mirrored what others have seen in Noble's life through the years. The two supported the grand thoughts that Noble is a strong, courageous, spiritual woman. "Her favorite scripture, Psalms 23: 6, ensures the reason my mother is the way she is today", her son, Gilbert said. The words exude hope; "Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever".

Touched by accolades of friends and family, at the end of the evening the honoree graciously said, "I have come a long way and have been blessed with many children who call me blessed. I appreciate your remarks and concern for me".



Mrs. Noble surrounded by family

Remembering St. Pete Oral History Exhibit

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Remembering St. Pete. Oral History Exhibit" on September 30, 2006, G. Woodson African American Museum, 2240 9th Avenue South from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Should you have any further questions, or would like RSVP for the event, please do not hesitate to contact me at (727) 898-6144 or by fax at (727) 898-4845.

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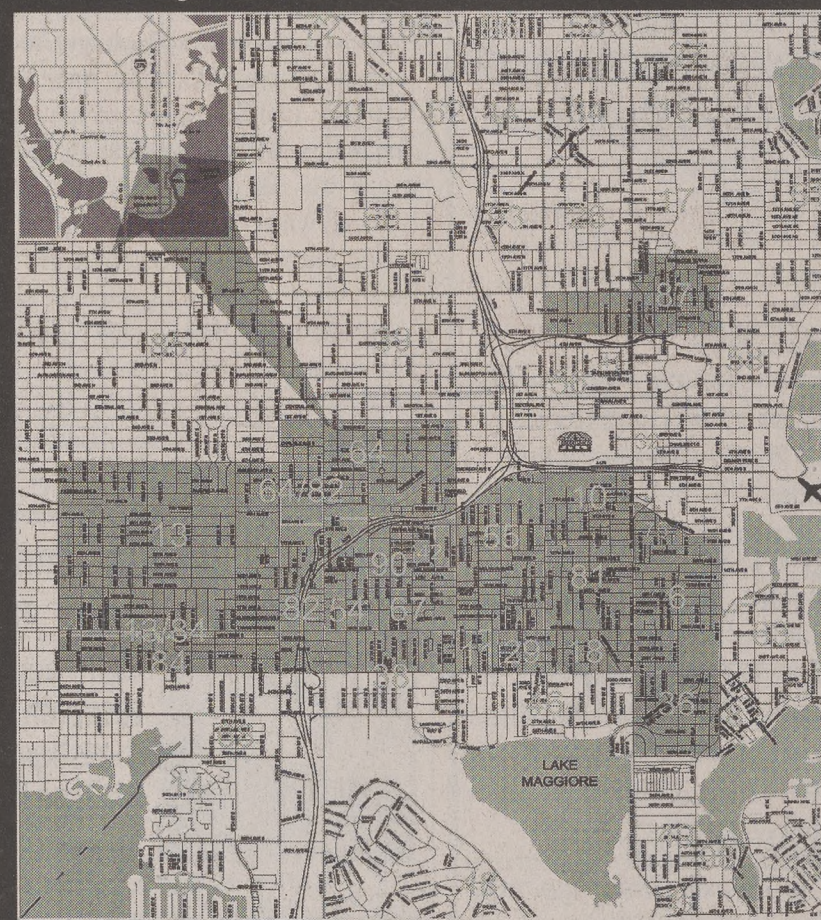
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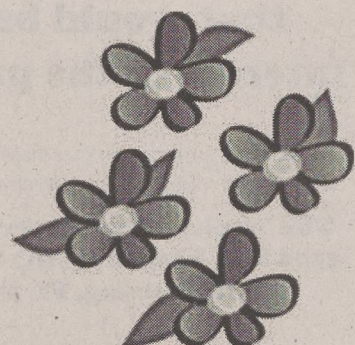
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Pride Before The Fall



Jesse Jackson

The fox, it is said, knows many things. It adjusts to circumstances, keeps trying new tricks until one works. This is important both in hunting and in escaping when being hunted.

The hedgehog, on the other hand, knows only one thing. It pursues its strategy no matter what the circumstances. If it doesn't work, it redoubles its efforts. Perseverance is a virtue. But the pride that lies beneath stubborn refusal to adjust to reality is a deadly sin. One definition of insanity is continuing to do the same things in the same way and expecting a different outcome.

George Bush is a hedgehog. He knows one song and sings it no matter what the circumstances. We are now in the fifth year of what economists call a recovery. For the first time ever, however, wages are lower after five years than they were when the recovery began. Profits are up, productivity is up, but wages aren't keeping up with costs. Americans are working harder, and more efficiently, but getting less in return.

And not only wages are going south. So are benefits. More people go without any health insurance. Fully one-quarter of workers between the ages of 25 and 55 have no health insurance at work. Companies are bailing out on pension promises. At best, they provide workers with a way to save - but with wages not keeping up with the cost of gas, health care, college and energy - Americans have a hard time saving. In fact, as a whole, for the first time since the Great Depression, Americans are tapping their savings, not adding to them.

Bush's answer to this is to ignore the reality, celebrate the economy and call for staying the course. Trade accords are shipping good jobs abroad and driving down wages at home. Bush calls for more trade accords, but without any sense of a national strategy to make trade work for working families. Tax cuts are adding to inequality without generating good jobs. Bush was for top end tax cuts when the budget was in surplus. He's for them when the budget is in deficit. He was for them when we were at peace; he's the first president to cut taxes on the wealthy while the country is at war. The costs of the war will be sent to the sons and daughters of

the working people who fight the war.

Similarly, Bush promised, in the wake of Katrina, to act resolutely to lift the stain of concentrated poverty from our cities. But he proposed not one new initiative to meet that promise. When he returned to New Orleans, he praised the volunteer spirit of Americans. Praised their grit and their faith. He pledged to stay as long as it takes to rebuild the Gulf Coast, but offered not one new initiative to make that happen. At this rate, the residents of the Gulf will need faith and grit, because the rebuilding process may last longer than many of the survivors.

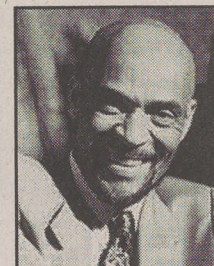
And now on Iraq, with an election beckoning, the president has gone back on the offensive. Once more he vows to stay the course. To not leave until Iraq is a democracy. But we've been there four years already. We went in to get rid of Saddam Hussein and his weapons of mass destruction. Saddam is gone and there were no such weapons. The president says stay the course. We're providing al-Qaida with a recruiting boon across the world. Stay the course. Violence is getting worse in Iraq as the civil war spreads. Stay the course; 30,000 casualties and \$300 billion are not enough. We'll invest in rebuilding Baghdad even as New Orleans still waits for the first federal assistance for home rebuilding.

George Bush doesn't plan on changing. His aides dismiss the military generals, diplomats, intelligence analysts and national security mandarins who decry the wrong-headed policy in Iraq as part of the "reality based" world. They don't understand, the White House says, that the United States is so powerful it can ignore reality. The president can act and create a new reality.

And having acted, the president vows not to change. He'll stick with tax breaks for the wealthy and expect different results. He will stick with no urban plan and promise different results. He will stay the course in Iraq and expect different results. He is like a king too proud to change, too powerful to listen.

This is why our Founding Fathers chose to create a democracy. Unchecked, a ruler can let pride and ego and narrow vision get in the way of the nation's common good. In a monarchy, nothing can be done but to beg the king to change. In a democracy, the people can demand a change, no matter what the king says. That is what elections are for. And surely this election cannot come any too soon.

A Black Mother's Courageous Plea To Gang Killers



Earl Ofari Hutchinson

It took me a few minutes to fully grasp what Marcia Holmes told me. She told me that 23-year old Ashley Patrice Cheval, gunned down in a gang related crossfire attack in South Central

Los Angeles a week

earlier, was her daughter. At the time, I vaguely remembered a brief news report on the killing. But it was just another of many reports of violence I heard in recent weeks in Los Angeles. It rated the barest of passing note, and quickly passed from my radarscope.

Marcia had been an active participant in our weekly public issues roundtables for the past few years, and in that time we had become friends. Now as I listened to her tell her tale of suffering, the pain and loss she felt hit home with me. Ashley was a college educated, real estate professional, and Marcia's only child. In short, she was another among the growing legion of innocents that have fallen victim to senseless violence in Los Angeles and America's big cities. There are more of them than in the past decade.

Nationally, the FBI in its latest crime report notes a spike up in murders from 2004 to 2005. That's the biggest percentage jump in 15 years. Every big city has been hit and hit hard by the violence plague. The prime victims are young black males, but they are not the only ones. Children, and young women such as Ashley, have also been victims. They are not being gunned down by Neo-Nazis, the Klan, or the police, but by black killers. That was the case with Marcia's daughter.

But Marcia did not call me to get sympathy or compassion, although I had plenty of that to offer. She called with a novel idea. She wanted to make a public plea for a dialogue with the killers, and other gang members that have wreaked terror and mayhem in black communities. Marcia wants justice for her daughter, but that does not mean revenge or retribution. She did not demand to lock em up and throw away the key, or as many family members of murder victims have loudly demanded that they be quickly dispatched. She wants to understand why they commit their terrible acts. But she also genuinely believes that these individuals are in pain too, and desperately need help to turn their lives around.

Marcia has no illusion that the killers will risk arrest and imprisonment and come forth, or that a dialogue alone will do much to halt the spiraling violence. She does hope that if a dialogue can save one life then it is worth the effort. And

why not try? More prisons and police have not stemmed urban violence. Neither have tougher laws, dragnets, barricades, and street sweeps.

Marcia's search for an answer to the big, tough and tormenting problem of why so many young black men slaughter each other at an alarming rate must begin with this understanding. They are not by nature violent or crime prone. They are not killing each other simply because they are poor and oppressed.

When the violence implosion that drives many black males to indulge their murderous impulses on their community, they are often taking out their pent-up frustrations, that have no other outlet, on those whom they perceive as helpless and hapless as themselves. The twisted psychological forces that turn black aggression inward are not due to personality flaws, or a racial aberration, but more likely are a warped response to deprivation, blocked opportunities, powerlessness and alienation.

Many of those who tuck guns in their waistbands and shoot-up their neighborhoods, or pump bullets into innocents hardly flinch at the prospect of doing a long stretch in prison if caught. There are troubling reasons why they have no fear of jail, death, and being universally reviled as cowards, predators and, of late, urban terrorists. Many actual or wanna-be gang members feel that no one cares whether they live or die. Their belief that their lives are devalued fosters disrespect for the law and forces them to internalize anger and displace aggression onto others.

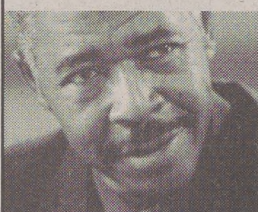
Another powerful ingredient in the mix of murderous violence is the gang and drug plague. Much of the recent escalation in the murder rates can be directly traced to busted drug deals, competition over markets and disputes over turf. Gangs will terrorize residents, and commit senseless murders to imprint their name on neighborhoods.

The stark reality is that with near double-digit joblessness among young blacks and continued high drop out rates, the slashes in skills training, recreation, and gang prevention programs has been another cause of the violence surge.

Marcia's plea for a dialogue with her daughter's killers and those who terrorize black communities is not simply a mother's effort to forge healing and reconciliation out of her personal tragedy. It's a deep and sincere effort to bring a small measure of peace to communities torn by violence.

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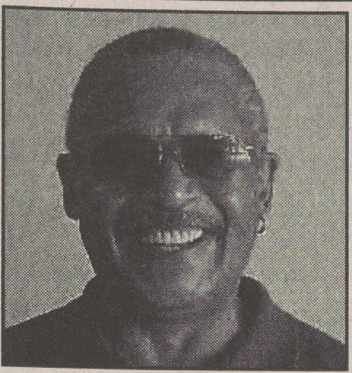
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Rick Gee's
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"Silas Simmons: A Very Special Man"

This week's article is not about America's only original art form "jazz", but like "jazz", it is about someone who is just as original and unique as the music itself. I asked the Editor of the Weekly Challenger for permission to write about someone I met in church the previous Sunday. I'm most appreciative that I received her okay, and it's an honor to share this interview with you.

September 4th seemed to be an ordinary uneventful Sunday, attending service at St. Augustine Episcopal Church, 26th Street South, St. Petersburg. However, much to my surprise, I've come to consider it as one of the most eventful Sundays in my entire life. If your taste buds have been whetted to learn why I say this, it's all because I met Mr. Silas Simmons, a 30-year member of the church and a resident of Westminster Sunshine Manor (a retirement community), in St. Petersburg.

You're probably wondering why I feel this way, so I'll share a few things with you. First, imagine that the price of a 5 pound bag of flour is 12 cents and your mother can purchase a pound of round steak for

12.3 cents. A pound of bacon costs 13-cents and a pound of butter 25-cents; a dozen of eggs go for a little more than 20-cents, milk is selling at 14-cents for one-half gallon and you can load up with 10 pounds of potatoes for 14-cents. What super market has this special sale you may be asking? Well, as you know, those prices are long gone, because it was the year 1895.

That year was a very special year for one Silas Simmons because that was his year of birth to Eugene and Amy Simmons in Middleton, Delaware. And, for your information, in that same year, Frederick Douglass, the escaped slave and anti-slavery leader, and the famous scientist Louis Pasteur, discoverer of pasteurization, both died. But, on a brighter note, it was the year, when 200 blacks left Savannah, Ga. for Liberia, West Africa; Booker T. Washington delivered his now famous "Atlanta Compromise" address, and Alfred Nobel established the Nobel Prize. If you haven't yet figured out Simmons' age, he is a very young 110-year old.

Soon after his birth, Simmons' parents moved to Philadelphia,

where he spent most of his early years. He has been married twice; first to Mary for 29 years, until she passed away. They had five children, 3 boys and 2 girls. He married again to Rebecca Jones while living in New Jersey, and they were together for 40-years until she passed on. They did not have children, but from the children of his first marriage, he has 4 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

Simmons' education extends to the eighth-grade; nevertheless, when he and his family relocated to the New York and New Jersey Metropolitan area, he rose to the level of gang boss at the Raritan Arsenal, a government facility in New Jersey. However, while in Philadelphia, Simmons was an ardent baseball player. He played semi-professional baseball before the creation of the Negro Baseball League. For awhile, he was a member of the Blue Ribbon baseball team, playing positions of pitcher and outfield. They played only on weekends since during the week it was necessary that Simmons maintain a job to support his family. Semi-professional baseball at the time

paid little or nothing. Here in St. Petersburg, Simmons is known to be an avid baseball fan, rooting for the Florida Marlins and Tampa Bay Devil Rays. He is also a fan of the New York Yankees and New York Mets. For awhile, he lived in Corona, New York, the home of the Mets' Stadium.

Simmons says that while in Philadelphia, he was fortunate to socialize with many of the black baseball and basketball professionals. It seems that many pro-athletes hung-out at Burgess barbershop on South Street. He said he was friends with 3rd baseman "Judy" Johnson, Pop Lloyd, Phil Cockboro and Red Ryan, and several others of the Negro Baseball League. Simmons stated that although he never played in the Negro Baseball League, he had the opportunity to play against a couple of teams in the league.

Simmons attributes his longevity to his loving mother. He says his mother was a single parent, since his father died when he was about 5-years old. He said his mother told him that if he got into trouble, she would have the authorities come get him, and put him in Glen Mills. Glen Mills was a school for delinquent boys, and no youngster at the time wanted to be put there. Simmons has never smoked cigarettes or cigars nor been a drinker of alcohol. Except for what's on the menu at the Manor, he says he's never followed a special diet or anything close to it. He has always exercised and after his years of playing basketball with the YMCA team and baseball, he also played tennis. He was a long-time member of the Corona Tennis Club, Corona, New York.

It was while a member of the tennis club that his most memorable

event occurred. Mrs. Daisy Reed, a member of the Urban League, and the Corona Tennis Club, arranged a tennis club fundraiser dinner with special guests, Jackie Robinson and Jesse Owens. He met both athletes at the dinner, and says it was a moment he will never forget. In addition to baseball, he follows tennis also, and has followed the careers of Venus and Serena Williams, since they were 12-years of age. Simmons says he was in agreement with their father, Richard, when he refused to let them turn professional.

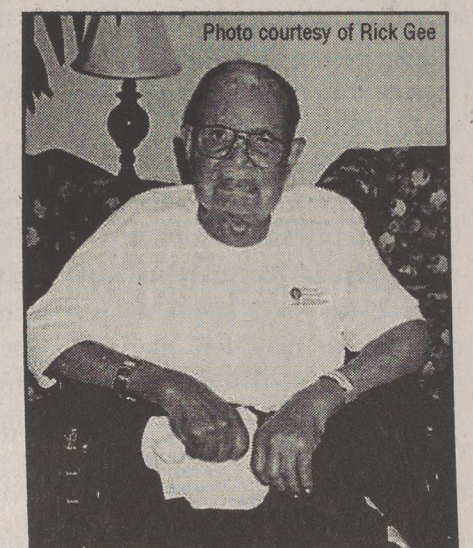
The walls of Simmons' unit contains many certificates, plaques, photographs, newspaper clippings, and awards. He has congratulatory letters from Presidents Clinton and Bush, and one from Governor Jeb Bush. Along with other things, I saw the "Around The World In 80 Days - 2006 Wellness Award" for being the eldest resident of Westminster Suncoast Manor; a certificate at age 100-years, appointing Simmons as an official "Sunshine Ambassador" for outstanding goodwill and valuable contributions to the City of St. Petersburg; a plaque awarded on his 90th birthday thanking him for his service to St. Augustine Church, and many other awards and tributes. Simmons has lived during the terms of 22 presidents from Grover Cleveland to George W. Bush. "Wow!" we can all say in unison, "How awesome!"

Following the interview, I was informed that Simmons will be receiving an honor on this coming Sunday at Tropicana Ballpark. The Tampa Bay Devil Rays are honoring the Negro Baseball League, and he will be included along with the other players. He is scheduled to go

out onto the field and take part in the entire program as a special guest of the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. What an honor! What a beautiful person. It was truly my honor to be able to personally interview Silas Simmons, and be a minor part of his life, if only for an hour. On October 14, Simmons will celebrate 111-years of life. He says he doesn't know what will be planned for him, since usually the Manor lets him know a short time before. Nevertheless, Silas Simmons is looking forward to the celebration. I hope to be there also!

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Jazz fans - do you have any feedback? I would like to hear from YOU! You may visit my website at: rickgeesjazzjamm.com or email me at jazzjamm@aol.com. You may also mail your letters to Rick Gee's Jazz Jamm, c/o The Weekly Challenger, 2500 M.L. King Street South, St. Petersburg, FL 33705.



A young Silas Simmons at 110 years of Age

State-Funded Alzheimer Multicultural Outreach Program To Be Led By State Expert

One of the leading experts in multicultural outreach in Florida, Dorothy Myles, MPA was recently selected as Statewide Director for Multi-Cultural Outreach.

Alzheimer's disease is an emerging public health crisis among Hispanics and African-Americans. Hispanics are twice as likely as non-Hispanic whites to develop Alzheimer's disease. Alzheimer's disease is more prevalent

among African-Americans than among whites - with estimates ranging from 14% to almost 100% higher.

Dorothy Myles will be responsible for assisting the Alzheimer's Association Florida Chapters increase their awareness, outreach, education and service to minority communities throughout the state. "Dorothy is a tremendous asset to our organization and to the Alzheimer's

caregivers we serve," said Gloria J.T. Smith, President of the Florida Gulf Coast Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

Ms. Myles past positions as the Vice President of Community Based Projects for the Alzheimer's Association Florida Gulf Coast Chapter and Director of a federally funded program, Support Through Alzheimer's Relief Systems (STARS) with the Department

of Elder Affairs uniquely qualifies her for this statewide program. She is a graduate of Nova Southeastern University and received her Master's degree in Public Administration.

The Alzheimer's Association Florida Chapters provide a confidential Helpline 24/7, care consultations, caregiver trainings, Safe Return for Wanderers, support groups, memory screenings, dementia training for

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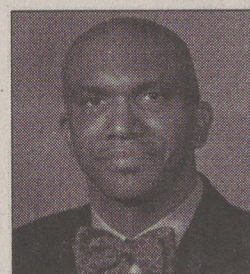
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Dr. Green's research interests focus on health promotion and disease prevention in the African-American community. He is the past recipient of several National Institutes of Health research grants to examine health behaviors of African-Americans and has been a member of several other extramurally-supported investigative teams examining issues related to health promotion and disease prevention among this population.

In his position as Director of the Center for the Study of Health Disparities, he focused on enhancing theoretical models and methods for community-based health promotion and disease prevention among underrepresented populations. He has assisted investigators in conceptualizing community organization theory, models, and methods. He has worked to develop and implement methods and materials that are culturally sensitive and tailored for specific populations.

Because of Dr. Green's work, in the area of minority participation in research studies, he was invited to be a participant on the Tuskegee Syphilis Study Legacy Committee and was invited to the White House for the formal governmental apology. He serves on various national and regional advisory boards. Dr. Green received a joint Ph.D. from the University of Alabama and the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

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THE ART OF LIVIN'

Norman E. Jones II



The First Annual Gas Plant Reunion

Last Saturday was a special day at Tropicana Field. It was the scene of the Tampa Bay Ray's annual Celebration of Negro Leagues and the 1st Annual Gas Plant Reunion. The Unity Temple of Truth Church distributed several game tickets to former residents and the Devil Rays provided the entertainment and a free gift.

The Gas Plant Area was located in the 28 square blocks between Dr. Martin Luther King and Sixteen Streets South and Second and fifth Avenues, South. From 1886 to 1986 this area housed several hundred structures and was home to several thousand "Negro" residents. This is where many African Americans lived, loved, laughed. This is where we raised and educated our children, and where we worked, played and worshiped during the days of segregation.

It has been 20 years since the last family moved from the Gas Plant Community. Some former residents, who lived in the area and saw each other every day, had not seen each other since they left the area. The reunion provided former residents an opportunity to see each other on familiar grounds for the first time in many years. They talked about the

times when they lived in the area as they watched the game.

The Rays have saluted and honored former players of the NML since the team's inception. This year was no exception. Ten former players, Harold "Buster" Hair, William "Benny" Felder, Art Hamilton, Clifford Brown, Walter Gibbons, Raydell Maddix, Bob "Peach Head" Mitchell and Leon Harris. They were guests of the Rays. The team provided space near the Rays dugout for players to sign autographs for fans. All were introduced on the field prior to the game against the Oakland Athletics.

A miniature statue of Rays player, Jorge Cantu, was given to fans as they entered the game.

The Rays have made the Trop family friendly environment this season. It is now less expensive and more assessable to attend games. They are providing free parking and encourage tailgate activities on the lots. They even give an option to bring picnic baskets to the Trop. The air-conditioned building has a designated picnic area that offers comfort and convenience for community groups and organizations.

The Gas Plant Reunion was organized by The Art of Livin' Art

Gallery, an all-volunteer corporation located in downtown St. Petersburg.

It was a win-win day. Former players, many of whom grew up and developed baseball skills in the Tampa Bay Area, had a great time. The Rays won the game. Former residents of the Gas Plant Community were glad to see each other again - at Home!

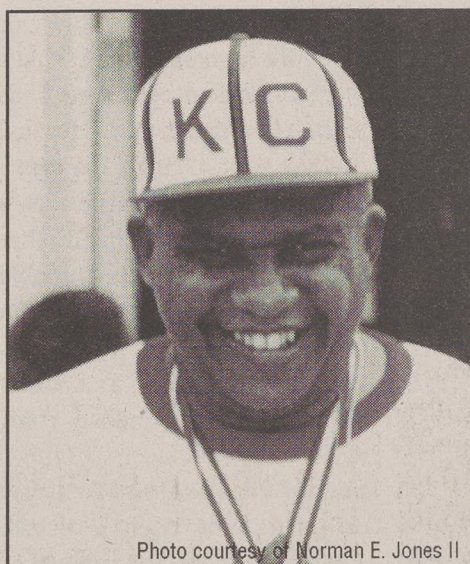


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Robert L. "Bob" Mitchell, Sr., was present at the Rays Celebration of Negro League. He was among ten players on hand to sign autographs prior to Saturday's game against the Oakland Athletics. Mitchell, a Tampa resident, is National Coordinator of Communications Network for the Black Legends of Negro Baseball Incorporation.



Mary Murph
Founder/President
Sickle Cell Disease Association of America (SCDAA)
St. Petersburg Chapter, Inc.

Guide For Teachers Of Children With Sickle Cell Disease

If you have a child with sickle cell disease we encourage parents to arrange a conference with their children's teacher. Here is a sample guide of helpful tips for school personnel. The following information was obtained from the book *Hope and Destiny: The Patient and Parent's Guide to Sickle Cell Disease and Sickle Cell Trait*. Written by Allen F. Platt, P. A. C. and Alan Sacerdote, M. D.

Sample Classroom Guide for Sickle Cell Disease:

-Sickle Cell patients may be absent because of severe pain episodes caused by the blockage of blood flow to body organs or bones. These episodes may require treatment in a hospital setting. Make-up work for students should be provided to keep the student current with assignments. A hospital or home based teacher may be required for prolonged complications.

-Pain episodes may be prevented by allowing persons with sickle cell disease to keep well hydrated with water. Let them keep a water bottle with them or allow frequent water breaks. They will require frequent bathroom breaks also because their kidneys cannot retain water as well as normal kidneys do.

-Pain episodes may also be prevented by not allowing the individual to become overheated or exposed to cold temperatures.

-Because of their anemia, individuals with sickle cell may tire before others and a rest period may be appropriate.

-Encourage gym and sports participation but because of anemia, persons with sickle cell may tire before others. Allow them to stop and take breaks without undue attention.

-Sickle cell disease does not affect one's intelligence, but various effects of this lifelong illness may impair academic performance. These should be identified and addressed, as they would for any child. Academic performance is especially important now that life expectancy for those with sickle cell is up in the fourth and fifth decade. Those with sickle cell, as well as anyone, can become professionals like doctors, engineers, and lawyers.

-Students with Sickle cell disease should be treated as normally as possible, with awareness that they may have intermittent episodes of pain, infection or fatigue that can be treated and sometimes prevented through adequate water intake, avoiding temperature extremes and overdoing it.

-Learn about sickle cell and understand the challenges that students with this disease must face.

-Have a plan of action with the individual to do what you can to keep them productive and complication free.

Learn more about sickle cell disease by reading *Hope and Destiny: The Patient and Parent's Guide to Sickle Cell Disease and Sickle Cell Trait*.

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

FREE wine tasting event featuring "Wines of Italy" will be held on **Thursday, October 5, from 5 - 8 p.m.** at the newly opened VINO 100, located at 5056 Fourth Street, North in St. Petersburg. For more information call 727-522-8466.

Heritage Village presents "Speaking of History" Talks. Oct. 9, 10 a.m.: Working the Presses. Try your hand on an old printing press and learn about the uses of small letter presses from living history demonstrator Fritz Wilder. Admission is free.

Nov. 13, 10 a.m.: Railroad through Pinellas. Vinnie Luisi, author of a new book on local railroad history, tells the tales of people and events that shaped 100 years of railroading in Pinellas County. Book sale and signing to follow. Admission is free.

Heritage Village is located at 11909 125th St. N., Largo. These programs are part of the series, "Speaking of History," and are free and open to the public. For more information, call (727) 582-2123.

Gibbs High School dedication. Dedication of the new Gibbs High School is scheduled for **October 22nd, 4:00 p.m.** at the school auditorium.

The event will be free and open to the public. Anyone with year books are asked to contact Sharion T. Reeves during evening hours at 864-3801 to arrange loan of books for photos to be included in a permanent Historical Display.

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 or requested by leaving a name, address and phone number on the Festival of Reading information line at (727) 892-2358.

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.

Make a difference in the life of a parent. Enjoy feeling a "Happy Heart" when you share your wisdom and life skills with a parent! Volunteer as a mentor for successful parenting. For further information contact: Kerri Aaronson, Coordinator - Parent Aide Program (727) 544-3900 x168.

Volunteers Needed at the Free Clinic. The St. Petersburg Free Clinic holds a volunteer orientation every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. and again on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 3:30 p.m. Current volunteer openings include: Special Event Volunteers, Food Packers for We Help Services, Intake workers for Beacon House and the Health Center, and Receptionists for the administrative office. Volunteer opportunities are also available in the Free Clinic Food Bank and the Free Clinic Women's Residence. For more information about volunteer opportunities or to attend the orientation, call Rebecca Russell-Gootee at (727) 861-1200, ext. 114.

Science Center needs Volunteers. If you like people, enjoy children or just want to spend a few hours a week helping a wonderful cause, The Science Center has the opportunity for you! Volunteers are needed for many activities including greeting incoming school buses, working in the Science Center store, aiding staff in the front office and helping out during the numerous events held each year. Come spend your free time in a fun atmosphere with a group of people dedicated to science education for the entire community! For more information contact Hilary Knapper, Monday through Friday at 727 384-0027 extension 223. To learn more about the Science Center visit www.sciencecenterofpinellas.com.

CASA Needs Volunteers. CASA (Community Action Stops Abuse) advocates for survivors of domestic violence and their children. Volunteers (age 16 and up) are needed in the thrift store, shelter, legal and children's programs. Volunteer orientation is held the **second Thursday of every month 6-7:30 p.m.** Please register aharcas@casa-stpete.org or (727) 895-4912 ext. 107

Adults Mentoring Children Program Seeks Volunteers. Gulf Coast Community Care needs volunteers 30 years and older. Volunteers are matched with children from single parent homes who need adult companionship. There is a special need for volunteers for children age 10 to 14. No experience is necessary. There are no costs. There are 60 children throughout Pinellas County waiting for mentors! For more information contact Nancy at (727) 479-1813 or Beverly at (727) 479-1841.

Go To High School, Go To College

On September 23rd, 2006, the Alpha Institute will hold its annual Back To School Seminar on the Clearwater Branch of St. Petersburg College. The Alpha Institute is a leadership training and development program that mentors middle and high school males in upper Pinellas County. Participants are counseled by professional men to develop an understanding of skills necessary to lead productive and successful lives within family, school, and community.

The Back-to-School Seminar is a component of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity's national program,

Go-to-High-School, Go-to-College. The "Go-to-High-School, Go-to-College" program, established in 1922, concentrates on the importance of completing secondary and collegiate education as a road to advancement. Completion of high school and college is the single best predictor of future economic success of young African American men. Through the Go-to-High-School, Go-to-College educational initiative, young men receive information and learn strategies that facilitate academic and economic success.

The Back-to-School Seminar is presented under the direction

and guidance of several prominent educators and members of the Omicron Beta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity in Clearwater, Florida. Dr. Joseph Smiley, Program Director for the Social Science, Humanities, Graphic Design Departments of St. Petersburg College and The Alpha Institute, and Mr. Randolph Lightfoot, Supervisor for K-12 Social Studies for Pinellas County Schools and Educational Director of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, will provide leadership and guidance in the presentation of the Back-to-School Seminar along with other educators and fraternity members.

The Seminar will include a module for parents that will address importance of providing a good study environment, nutritious diet, rest, parental participation in school activities and other issues pertinent for students to achieve academic success. The Back-To-School Seminar is sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity in collaboration with St. Petersburg College and Pinellas County Juvenile Welfare Board. For additional information please visit the fraternity's website at clearwateralphas.com or call 727-252-4571.

Honoring Pinellas County's Older Workers On September 27, 2006

CLEARWATER - In honor of Pinellas County's older workers and employers, WorkNet Pinellas will host the 19th Annual Silver Hat Awards. The Silver Hat Awards promises to be an exciting event with humanitarian Gus A. Stavros as keynote speaker and NewsChannel 8's Rod Challenger as emcee. Awards will be presented for

"Pinellas County's Oldest Worker", "Significant Achievement" and "Lifetime Achievement".

The awards luncheon is an opportunity for elected officials, employers and the public to highlight the vital role of older workers in the current labor force and continuing importance of participation of older workers in meeting employment needs of

the 21st century. Seniors are the fastest-growing workforce segment in the U.S. workforce and employment is expected to double by 2012, to one-fifth of the total labor force, according to a recent study conducted by Rutgers University.

Silver Hats is being held at 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 27, 2006 at Ruth

Eckerd Hall in Clearwater. The public is invited. To purchase tickets contact Kristin Dailey at (727) 507-4300 ext. 3004 or email kdailey@worknetpinellas.org. Sponsored by TradeWinds Island Resort, Bright House Networks, Catalina Marketing and Perzel & Lara Forensic C.P.A.'s & P.A.

Gibbs High School Dedication

Dedication of the new Gibbs High School is scheduled for **October 22nd, 4:00 p.m.** at the

school auditorium. The event will be free and open to the public. Anyone with year books

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STATE NEWS

Black Enrollment Growth Lags At State Universities



By BILL KACZOR
Associated Press Writer

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Black enrollment grew by only 1.6 percent in Florida's state universities since last year compared to an overall increase of 2.6 percent, Gov. Jeb Bush and university officials announced Friday.

Hispanic enrollment, though, shot up by 7.3 percent.

The new figures are further evidence Bush's 1999 decision to abolish affirmative action for university enrollment and replace it with a program dubbed One Florida isn't working, said Senate Democratic leader Les Miller of Tampa.

"It is an I-told-you-so situation," Miller said.

Critics such as Miller had predicted One Florida, which includes a provision granting university admission to the top 20 percent of each high school's graduating class,

would do little or nothing to increase black enrollment.

State University System figures show black enrollment has grown 19.7 percent since 1999 compared to an overall increase of 24 percent. Blacks now make up 13.7 percent of the university system's enrollment, down from 14.2 percent in 1999.

Bush called that decline a "small fraction" and said an actual enrollment decrease predicted by some critics never happened.

"To create an artificial low standard for one group at the expense of the other is wrong," Bush said. "We changed it and we've worked hard to assure that there wasn't dramatic declines as occurred in California."

Hispanic enrollment has grown 49 percent since 1999, increasing from 14.1 percent of the total then to 16.9 percent now.

Both minorities remain underrepresented based U.S. Census figures that show 15.7 percent of Florida's population was black and 19 percent Hispanic in 2004.

The overall 2.6 percent enrollment increase since last year added 7,300 students to the Florida's 11 state universities for a total of 288,413.

Bush issued a statement focusing on a combined minority enrollment growth of 4.8 percent since last year, which resulted mainly from the dramatic increase in Hispanic students. He said that shows the university system is reflecting the

state's diversity by "providing greater access to higher education to all our students."

"For the governor to combine these numbers and say 'look what we've done' is wrong," Miller said.

Bush also said his A-Plus system, which grades public schools based largely of the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test, or FCAT, has improved student performance and meant more graduates are going to college.

The governor has acknowledged the state hasn't done enough in the past to provide financial aid for minority students. Last year, he met with the Florida A&M University Student Government Association to discuss that issue and appointed an Access and Diversity Commission to make recommendations.

That resulted in passage this year by the Legislature of the \$11.5 million First Generation Matching Grant Program. It is designed mainly to help minority students by providing assistance to community college and university students whose parents do not have four-year degrees.

Even with that program, the state still doesn't provide enough need-based financial aid, Miller said.

He said the state's achievement-based Bright Futures scholarship program does little to help needy students who lack the grades to qualify.

"They don't qualify for Bright Futures but they are good students," he said.

DOH Recognizes September As Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month

TALLAHASSEE — As the Florida Department of Health (DOH) recognizes September as Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month, DOH Deputy Secretary for Health and State Director of Public Health Nursing Nancy Humbert, A.R.N.P., M.S.N., reminds women about the importance of regular pelvic checkups, especially since ovarian cancer causes more deaths than any other cancer of the female reproductive system.

"It is vital for women to have routine check ups to diagnosis ovarian cancer early," said Humbert. "Since many symptoms of ovarian cancer are similar to other common conditions, I encourage Florida's women to schedule an appointment today."

The American Cancer Society estimates that there will be about 20,180 new cases of ovarian cancer in this country in 2006. About 15,310 American women will die of the disease in 2006. According to recent data reported to Florida's statewide cancer registry, the Florida Cancer Data System, there are

approximately 1,500 ovarian cancer cases diagnosed per year.

Ovarian cancer is caused by a malignant tumor that begins in the ovaries. Ovarian cancer is difficult to detect since it often does not show any obvious signs or symptoms until it is in an advanced stage; thus, impacting a women's opportunity for successful treatment and recovery. Signs and symptoms for ovarian cancer include: general abdominal discomfort and/or pain (gas, indigestion, pressure, swelling, bloating, cramps); nausea, diarrhea, constipation, or frequent urination; loss of appetite; feeling of fullness even after a light meal; weight gain or loss with no known reason; and abnormal bleeding from the vagina.

DOH encourages women to be aware of personal risk factors for ovarian cancer and to schedule routine physical exams. There are a number of risk factors that may contribute to the chance of developing ovarian cancer, including:

Family history — if a woman's mother or sister has had ovarian cancer, more importantly, if two or

more primary relatives have had an ovarian diagnosis;

Age — the likelihood for ovarian cancer increases as a woman gets older;

Childbearing — women who have never had children are more likely to develop ovarian cancer than women who have had children; and

Personal history — women who have had breast or colon cancer may have a greater chance of developing ovarian cancer than those who have not had breast or colon cancer.

For recent data regarding the number of newly diagnosed ovarian cancers for the entire state of Florida and for each county, visit the Florida Cancer Data System's Web site at www.fcds.med.miami.edu.

For more information on ovarian cancer, call the National Cancer Institute at 1-800-4-CANCER, visit the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition's Web site at www.ovarian.org or visit the DOH Web site at www.doh.state.fl.us and select Cancer from the drop box.

Hurston Museum Would Become An "International Destination"

EATONVILLE, FL — (September 13, 2006) — The Orange County Tourist Development Council (TDC) has an outstanding opportunity to invest in the establishment of a significant museum which will add to the national and international appeal that Orange County currently enjoys. The Town of Eatonville and the Association to Preserve the Eatonville Community, (Preserve Eatonville Community) will present a proposal to the TDC on Thursday (September 14) making the case in support of a \$10 million investment by the TDC in the proposed Zora Neale Hurston National Museum of Art and Culture.

The effort to build The Hurston is a partnership between the Town of Eatonville and the Association

to Preserve the Eatonville Community (PEC). As envisioned by its proponents, The Hurston would be built in Eatonville, the oldest black incorporated municipality in America. Built to world-class museum standards, it would comprise an eclectic mix of exhibitions, educational programs and special events. Additionally, it would serve as a national archive for the history of black towns and settlements, as well as a regional archive for the documentation of the relationship between the Seminole Indians and people of African descent.

Given the international name recognition of Zora Neale Hurston and the success of the Preserve Eatonville Community, in developing the ZORA! brand, the Hurston will attract thousand of new visitors to Orange County.

They will come to visit a museum that exhibits and celebrates the art and culture of people of African ancestry, especially as it relates the history United States and the Caribbean from the Reconstruction period beginning 1865 to 1965.

"For what amounts to a nominal investment — compared to the other investments that this community is being asked to make — Central Florida could call itself home to another of the countries great museums," said Mayor Anthony Grant.

"We seek a 'world-class status' to be the mission of The Hurston, an investment that will reap many rewards for the Orange County community for generations to come," Grant said. "We're confident that the TDC will share our view."

Governor Bush Proclaims September Florida Preparedness Month

TALLAHASSEE — Governor Jeb Bush recently proclaimed September 2006 as "Florida Preparedness Month". During the month of September, events will be held across Florida to raise awareness on the importance of preparing for all hazards — from natural disasters to domestic security threats. Additionally, President Bush has declared September as "National Preparedness Month."

"It is critical Floridians prepare their families, homes and businesses for any emergency that may impact our state," said Governor Bush. "Every Floridian should have a family disaster plan and disaster supply kit. Prepared residents enable government to focus on the needs of Florida's most vulnerable populations."

Florida joins more than 1,150 public and private sector organizations nationally that are promoting emergency preparedness through hundreds of events and activities in communities across the country.

"The better prepared our communities are, the better able

they will be to withstand the impacts of future disasters and protect our high quality of life," said Florida Division of Emergency Management Director Craig Fugate. "Everyone can play a key role in changing outcomes by getting involved in their local community."

"For those residents that do not have a family disaster plan, we hope that this annual reminder will encourage them to do so," said Florida Department of Law Enforcement Commissioner Gerald Bailey. "A prepared Florida is a safer Florida."

State, local enforcement, emergency management and volunteer agency officials are encouraging residents to get involved in local preparedness efforts, such as Citizens Corps, Community Emergency Response Teams and local faith and community-based organizations. Volunteer organizations — such as the Red Cross — play a vital in both local and state emergency response.

"Governor Bush has asked all Floridians to participate in creating

a 'culture of preparedness'," said Volunteer Florida Chief Executive Officer Wendy Spencer. "I urge you to make volunteering an integral part of your disaster plans. True disaster preparedness means being ready to help your friends and neighbors when a disaster strikes."

Florida Preparedness Month also serves as an important reminder on the need to fortify homes across the state. During the last two years, thousands of Floridians lost their homes or were forced out of their homes for months because of damage sustained from a hurricane. Simple mitigation measures can protect homes against potential damage and save residents money on their annual insurance premiums.

In June, the state launched a new web-based tool where residents can go to build and customize their own personal and business disaster plans. For more information on preparedness and how you can GET A PLAN!, please visit:

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Tons Of Small Business Grants Are Available For Black Women

By: JEFF SCHUMAN

When starting a small business, it can be costly, and finding a grant if you're a woman isn't always the easiest thing to do. Little do most people know, there are millions of dollars just waiting to be claimed for grants from the government and other little-known organizations. It can be very difficult to find the right grant for you, and the place of where to get it, but with a few clicks you too can easily get access to small business grants for women.

It is not a secret that women are beginning to own more and more businesses everyday. Not only this, but these businesses are becoming just as successful if not more than men's businesses are. If you are looking for a grant, don't be hesitant to look because of what the business is going to be. There are literally hundreds to thousands of grants out there for women wanting to start craft businesses, consulting,

brokerage, record labels and more.

When looking for a grant, there is the option of spending hundreds of dollars to pay somebody to get you a grant. However, there are other ways that are completely free, but may be more time consuming than you would hope. One site that is worth checking out is The Ladies Club 2000.com. It is required that you sign up and become a member, free of charge, but then you will have access to grant information on how you can become qualified for a grant and where you can find grants to begin your business or increase your business.

There are all kinds of companies out there, and the type of grant that you will receive varies for place to place. On womens-finance.com, there are two different kinds of grants offered. There is the New Business grant that is between \$100 and \$5,000, and there is the existing business grant that ranges from \$1,000-\$5,000. You do have

to apply at this site and be accepted, but it is worth checking this site out below:

It may not seem like it, but our government does want you to succeed, and that is why there is millions of dollars out there for you. Most places have ridiculous requirements in order to get a grant such as being over 65, being a minority, or even having bad credit sometimes help the process.

There are sites out there that are specifically looking for women only to give grants to. These sites are attempting to help the women population succeed in entrepreneurialism and begin the road to succession.



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Blacks And Hispanics Pay More For Mortgages

By JEANNINE AVERSA
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Black and Hispanic home buyers pay more for their mortgages than do whites, according to a Federal Reserve report released Friday.

The Fed's analysis of 2005 home lending data found that 54.7 percent of black borrowers paid a higher-than-typical interest rate on home mortgages. That was up sharply from 32.4 percent in 2004.

For Hispanics, 46.1 percent paid more than typical for their mortgages last year — more than double the 20.3 percent reported in 2004.

In contrast, only 17.2 percent of whites paid higher interest on their home mortgages last year. However, that was up considerably from 2004's 8.7 percent.

For all borrowers, there was a "significant increase" in the incidents of higher priced mortgages from 24.6 percent in 2005 compared with 11.5 percent in 2004.

A number of factors was cited for this overall increase. Mortgages rates in general were rising and rates for popular adjustable-rate

mortgages in particular moved higher.

And, some borrowers stretching to buy a home opted for creative financing, like higher-priced piggyback loans. The use of piggyback loans shot up more than 57 percent in 2005 from the prior year, the Fed said.

"Indeed, the increase in the number of higher-priced piggyback loans in 2005 accounted for more than half of the increase in the number of all higher-priced loans," the report said.

The report also said that black borrowers applying for mortgages were more likely to be turned down than Hispanics and whites.

The report doesn't provide interest rates charged to the different racial groups. It also doesn't include information, such as the borrower's credit history, which is an important factor in pricing a home mortgage.

Given that, economists and other experts said one should be cautious about drawing any conclusions from the Fed information about discriminatory lending.

Jay Brinkmann, a financial economist at the Mortgage Bankers Association, said the price of a

mortgage is based on risk. The rise of high-priced loans in 2005 — the last year of a five-year housing boom — may be related to "borrowers in general having a somewhat higher risk profile on average," he said. "In a sense, the best credit customers stepped in early" in the housing market boom, he said.

Still, the Fed report keeps the debate alive for those concerned about racial and ethnic disparities in financial services.

"We continue to face a national problem in the fact that racial and ethnic differences mark different outcomes in the acquisition of mortgages," said Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass. "I don't not believe this problem is caused solely by racial or ethnic prejudice, but it also cannot be argued that these factors do not contribute to the problem."

The Fed's report is based on information from 8,848 financial institutions, which covers about 80 percent of home lending nationwide. The Fed is required by Congress to report annually on home-lending activity.

Voting Delays At D.C., Md. Polls - Undelivered Voter Authorization Cards Left Voting Machines Unavailable

By: DEBBI WILGOREN
Washington Post Staff Writer

Election Day began on a note of frustration in suburban Maryland and the District this morning, as a series of problems and missteps left thousands of citizens unable to vote or rerouted to provisional ballots.

No electronic voting machines were operational when polls opened in Montgomery County, because election officials failed to deliver the required voter authorization cards to the county's 238 precincts. Voters were supposed to be given provisional paper ballots instead. But some

precincts did not have enough provisional ballots to accommodate the early morning crowds. A campaign volunteer stationed outside Cannon Road Elementary School in Silver Spring said poll workers there were turning voters away until the campaign volunteers told them to offer paper ballots instead.

"This is just obscene that we can live in one of the most forward-thinking counties in the country and have so many advantages open to us and for some reason we can't get our polls to work," said Valerie Coll, a public school teacher who was campaigning outside Cannon Road this morning.

At Luxmanor Elementary School in Rockville, Larry Schleifer cast a provisional ballot, but he wondered if it would be counted along with the electronic tallies expected later in the day. He said he was frustrated that no one had crossed his name off the voter registry when he was handed a paper ballot and he was concerned that election workers would not keep track of who had done what.

"What's going to stop somebody from voting twice?" he fumed. "I think it's unconscionable that this has happened."

A spokeswoman for the Montgomery County Board of Elections said officials did not realize the authorization cards were

missing until 6:15 a.m., 45 minutes before the polls opened.

"It was simply an unfortunate human error," spokeswoman Marjorie Roher said. "We're getting the cards out there as quickly as possible."

At Kensington Parkwood Elementary, officials ran out of paper ballots around 8:30 a.m. and voters were turned away, said Democratic precinct chairwoman Liz Cummings.

"So many of these races are so close. . . Voters are yelling at us and yelling at the election judges," Cummings said as she implored voters to return, but election judges were unable to tell voters what time

voting might be able to resume.

"Some people said, 'I have job and can't come back,'" Cummings said. She expected to leave around 2:30 to catch a plane, she said. "If I can't vote, I am going to be sobbing."

In response to the problems, Linda Lamone, who chairs the state's board of elections, said her office would consult with the Maryland attorney general's office about whether to extend polling hours past 8 p.m.

Scattered problems were also reported in the District and Prince George's County.

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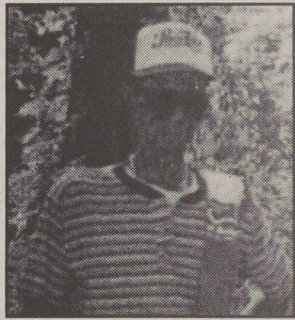
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L.J. "Billy" Jones

Born on June 13, 1934 in Mount Olive, Mississippi to the late Gus and Louvina Jones, L.J. "Billy" Jones was called to rest on August 29, 2006.

He leaves precious memories to his companion of 45 years, Sarah Pittmon of St. Petersburg; one son, Calvin "Punkin" Robinson of St. Petersburg; four daughters, Linda "Faye" Jones, Gloria "Jewel" Jones, Gerealdine "Jert" Jones, Pamela Jones, all of St. Petersburg; four sisters, Inez Phillips of Chicago, IL, Jessie Royal (Frank) of Olney, MD, Fannie Mae Jones (Willie) and Mattie McGee both of Jackson, MS; sister-in-law, Carolyn Jones of St. Petersburg; 19 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

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Josephine Lacy

Born on October 18, 1932, in Swainsboro, Georgia, Josephine Lacy departed this life on September 2, 2006.

She leaves to cherish her memories two daughters, Pauline Albritton (Tommie) and Ollie Mae Lacy, all of St. Petersburg; five sons, Lynnward Lacy, Frankie Lee Lacy (Linda), Timothy Wayne Lacy, Antwan Edward Lacy, all of St. Petersburg, and Michael Leonard Newton (Fannie) of White Sands, NM; 11 grandchildren; one great grandchild, Kiera Noel Grant of St. Petersburg; one sister, Sarah Lacy Williams of Philadelphia, PA; two brothers, Robert Lewis Lacy of St. Petersburg, and Daniel James Lacy of Woodland, CA; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and loving friends.

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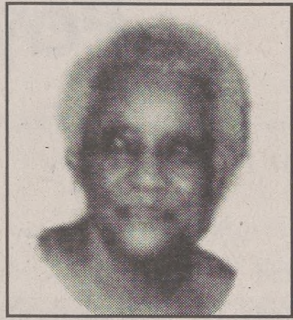


Antonio T. Lovett, Sr.

Born on June 1, 1971, in St. Petersburg to Wanda Sanders, Antonio T. Lovett, Sr. departed this life on August 31, 2006.

He leaves to cherish his memories his wife of 16 years, Trika Lovett of St. Petersburg, one son, Antonio Lovett, Jr. of St. Petersburg; one daughter, Kindle Lovett of St. Petersburg; his mother, Wanda Sanders of St. Petersburg; two brothers, Dwayne Smarr and Joseph Lovett, both of St. Petersburg, FL; an uncle, Alan Crotzer of St. Petersburg; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

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Mrs. Adell Tarver

Born on September 18, 1919, in Lockhart, Texas to the late Luther Clark, Sr. and Elizabeth Roberts Clark, Adell Tarver departed this life on August 25, 2006.

Those left to cherish her memories include one stepson, Steve Barnes of St. Petersburg; one stepdaughter, Ann Harvey of Augusta, GA; two brothers, Luther Clark and wife Margie of Brookshire, TX and Charlie Clark of Lockhart, TX; two sisters, Sedalia Miller of Austin, TX and Lounetta Hodges of Los Angeles, CA; brother-in-law/caregiver, Alex Tarver and wife Willie of St. Petersburg; and a host of grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and loving friends.

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Geraldine Warren

Born on November 16, 1926, in St. Petersburg to the late Diston and Mary Small Campbell, Geraldine Warren departed this life on September 2, 2006.

She leaves to cherish her memories her husband of 60 years, James Warren of St. Petersburg; four sons, Jimmie Warren (Martha) (Companion June Franklin), Henry Warren (Mattie), Kenneth Warren (Jeanne) and Gerald Warren (Lois), all of St. Petersburg; one daughter, Carolyn Warren of St. Petersburg; three sisters, Dorothy Coleman of St. Petersburg, Mary Ellen Hymon of Chicago, IL and Virginia Hampton of Las Vegas, NV; 16 grandchildren; 27 great grandchildren; sister-in-law, Francis Campbell of St. Petersburg; best friend, Mamie Able; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and loving friends.

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Joseph H. Albury, Jr. "Chief"

Mr. Albury died September 7th at Edward White Hospital. He was 89.

Mr. Albury attended Jordan Elementary School where his mother taught school. His father, Joseph H. Albury, was a well-known photographer. Mr. Albury graduated from Gibbs High School and received his B.A. in Education from Florida A&M University.

Mr. Albury was an

educator for more than 40 years. He taught in both Pinellas and Hillsborough Counties. He worked as Vocational Coordinator and Evening Principal of Gibbs High School as well as Assistant Director at Pinellas County Vo-Tech. He was also Director at the City Center for Learning and taught at Don Thompson in Tampa. Mr. Albury made many appearances on Channel 3 television for Community Education. He retired from Pinellas County Schools after 39 years.

Mr. Albury worked with many organizations for underprivileged children, including the Pinellas County Big Brothers Association. He taught in the literacy program at Mirror Lake. He was a licensed lay reader at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church. Mr.

Albury received many awards and certificates for community service.

Mr. Albury was the first Bahamian African American to own and dock a yacht at the Municipal Pier, and he was featured in the Black America Series, St. Petersburg, Florida, by Sandra W. Rooks.

Mr. Albury is survived by four children: Joseph Albury, III, James Albury, Nancy Waller, and Spencer Albury. His wife, Ada Major Albury, preceded him in death in February of this year.

Funeral Services are at 1 PM on Saturday, September 16th, at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church. In lieu of flowers, Mr. Albury's wish was for family and friends to bring canned goods for the needy.

Bone Marrow Donor Advocate Greek Gray Dies at 34



Greek Gray

Atlanta, GA - Greek Gray, founder of the Greek Gray Leukemia Foundation (www.GGLF.org) has died in an Atlanta hospital at the age of 34, following along, grueling battle with Acute Myelogenous Leukemia (AML) and terminal, post-remission, Graft versus Host Disease (GVHD) after receiving a bone marrow transplant.

Many recall Ms. Gray from ABC's "20/20," "The Montel Williams Show" and BET's "106 & Park." Her brother, the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) Spokesman, Farrah Gray, has worked hand-in-hand with the

GGLF to increase public awareness and bring light to the issues surrounding the effects of the disproportionately low representation of African-Americans in the NMDP's registry.

The American Cancer Society estimates that over 35,000 people will be diagnosed with leukemia in 2006 and a bone marrow transplant may be their only hope for life.

Ms. Gray founded the Greek Gray Leukemia Foundation after she too was faced the hard questions and decisions surrounding her own course of treatment for AML. Steered by her own experiences and determined to save lives even if she could not save her own, Ms. Gray worked tirelessly between treatments, and many times from her own hospital bed to rally the cause of education about the various types of cancers and diseases that would eventually take her life. "Greek is the first African

American whose work for leukemia, lymphoma, and other blood cancer patients has helped millions around the world," said Gregory B. Levett, Sr., an eight-year non-Hodgkin lymphoma survivor and president of the DeKalb 100 Black Men in Atlanta, Georgia.

Shawn-Michael Malone, Senator, of the U.S. Virgin Islands states, "Her struggle with Leukemia will not be for naught, as the good work of her foundation will continue thereby solidifying her immortality and saving the lives of those affected by this dreadful disease."

Her work and her legacy continue through her foundation and its ongoing campaign of awareness and action. Ms. Gray has become the face of leukemia in the African American community. Her efforts have inspired people and organizations far and wide and her life of service has become the subject of documentary set to debut fall 2007.

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CHURCH EVENTS LISTING

PENTECOSTAL TEMPLE COGIC

Pastor William Anderson and members of Pentecostal Temple are always glad to welcome guests and visitors. You are sure to be blessed by the praise and worship, heartfelt prayers, singing by the choir, inspirational renditions by the worship arts ministries and preaching of the Word of God. Our schedule of services is listed in the Church Directory section of this newspaper.

The second Sunday service was a wonderful way to begin the week. Songs of worship ushered in the presence of God and many were blessed as they yielded to the moving of His Spirit. The congregation was also inspired by the ministry of the P. T. Mime Boyz. Pastor Anderson ministered the Word of God from Job 1:20-22 and 42:12-13. Pastor's message was two fold in purpose exhorting us to accept what God allows and teaching us the right way to suffer. Pastor highlighted the fact that there is nothing that can come to us in the way of suffering unless God allows it. Instead of complaining and having a pity party in the midst of adversity, we must worship God with thanksgiving, praise, testimonies of His goodness and passages from His Word. It's only a test! After the test is over, God will bring us out with "double" for our trouble. Pastor declared that we must see ourselves in the future and not be discouraged by what we are going through. He reminded us that both gold and diamonds go through a tremendous amount of fire and pressure before they become finished products. So it is with us. God is only preparing us for greater ministries and greater blessings.

We invite you to join us as we work towards our Pastor's & 1st Lady's 19th Pastoral Anniversary Celebration. On **Saturday, September 16th, the Anniversary committee will have a fish sale from 9:00 a.m. until** — just take your pick of how you want it served, for breakfast (fish & grits) or lunch (sandwich or dinner). On **Sunday, September 17th at 4:00 p.m.**, Pastor Mitchell Bryant and The Old Landmark Cathedral, COGIC will fellowship with us. Those in attendance are sure to be richly blessed.

ST. MARK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

September Calendar

- Sept 15** Special Call Business meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- Sept 16** Women's Bible Study @ 9:00 a.m. with continental breakfast. New study text: "Choosing the Joy of Obedience-A Study of Mary"
- Sept 16** W.J. Glover Memorial 9th Historic Banquet @ 6:00 p.m. in Bartow, Florida (Rev. Brian K. Brown, Speaker)
- Sept 17** All Choirs Anniversary @ 4:00 p.m.
- Sept 19** Church Outing-St. John M.B. Baptist Church @ 7:00 p.m.
- Sept 23** Evangelism Outreach Walk@ Lake Vista Park @ 8:00 a.m.
- Sept 24** Church Outing-Mt. Tabor church @ 4:00 p.m.
- Sept 27** Singles Ministry Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

St. Mark offers...

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

Baptist Training Union is each Sunday at 5:00 p.m. Members and the general public are invited to come and study the Bible with us and learn "What Baptists Believe".

St. Mark Tutoring Ministry: Free tutoring is available for all school age children (during the school year) each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 4:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at St. Mark under the direction of Sis. Rhonda Jackson. Volunteers are both needed and welcomed.

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

- Early morning worship 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.).

BETHEL METROPOLITAN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Bethel Metropolitan Baptist Church extends an invitation to "Share the Gospel Fix in 2006." We communicate God's Word at 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. on Sunday; Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.; Bible Study and Teen Summit on Wednesday evening, at 7:00 p.m. We encourage the community to make use of our Hour of Prayer, Monday-Saturday at 12:00 noon.

Bethel Metropolitan MBC Deaconess Ministry, with New Hope MBC, Mt Zion Progressive MBC and Rock of Jesus MBC will host a Deaconess Seminar/Workshop October 13-14, 2006, at Bethel Metropolitan. The seminar facilitator is Deaconess Fran A. Jones, of The Word of God Baptist Church, Washington DC, author of "The Making of a Deaconess." Pre-registration is \$25.00, day of event \$30.00. Pre-registration deadline is October 12, 2006. The seminar is open to all women.

Bethel Metropolitan is excited about the celebration of our 103rd Anniversary. On Saturday, September 16th at 6:00 p.m. the anniversary committee will host the Anniversary Banquet held in Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for youth 6 -17. Anniversary Proper will be observed on Sunday, September 24th at 10:00 a. m. Reverend Wally Vaughn of Tampa, FL will be the messenger for this special day. Our theme "Commit To The Gospel Fix in 2006" exemplifies Bethel's successes through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. We invite the community and would be honored to have you share with us in this celebration.

NEW MOUNT OLIVE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

"A peculiar people persuaded to perform His purpose"

The New Mount Olive Church family along with its dynamic pastor the Elder Joseph A. Sykes extend to you a hearty welcome to be a part of our weekly fellowship.

- Church School meets at **9:30 a.m.**
- Morning worship **11:00 a.m.**
- First Sunday Early Morning Worship at **8:00 a.m.**
- Wednesday at **12:00 noon** Power Hour Prayer
- Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting and Bible Study at **7:00 p.m.**
- Fourth Saturday Monthly Women's Prayer Meeting **10:00 a.m.**

We invite you to be a part of our 99th Church Anniversary Celebration on Sunday September 17, 2006 beginning with our Church School at 9:30 a.m. We will be blessed with a guest superintendent as well as guest teachers.

Our morning worship begins at 11:00 a.m. our very own pastor Elder Joseph A. Sykes will bring the message and at 4:00 p.m. our guest, the Greater Mount Pilgrim Primitive Baptist Church of Bradenton, FL will be in charge of the service with their pastor, Elder Carl Rhodes, Jr. bringing the message.

Come and fellowship with us as we praise God for bringing us this far and for leading us to the next level in ministry.

BETHEL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

We invite you to the pastor's 13th Anniversary, May 15, 16, 18, 19, and 21 with special service May 21, 2006 at 10 a.m. with guest speaker Rev. Duke of Melbourne, Florida.

Monday May 15, 2006 – 7p.m.
Rev. Wayne Thompson
First Baptist Institutional Church

Tuesday May 16, 2006 –
Rev. Sands

Thursday May 18, 2006 –
Rev. Frank Peterman
Rock of Jesus Baptist Church

Friday May 19, 2006 – Special Fellowship

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NEW HOPE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

"ONE BODY, ONE SPIRIT, ONE HOPE"

Reverend Carlos L. Senior, Pastor

The New Hope family invites you to worship with us on Sunday morning. Our morning with Sunday School at 9:00a.m. There are classes available for all ages! Bring the entire family to learn more about our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Worship continues at 10:30 with the New Hope Mass Choir leading the congregation in praise. The Music team consists of Michael McKenny, Vernard McKenny, Marcus Childs, and Corey Givens. 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!

The New Hope family will continue to celebrate our Pastor's Third Anniversary September 15 and 17. We invite you to join us in this glorious occasion!

"A Faithful, Pastor-Teacher, Preacher anointed by God"
(Hebrews 13:7)

Friday, September 15
Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
Dr. John A. Evans, Pastor
7:30 P.M.

Sunday, September 17
Mt. Tabor Missionary Baptist Church, Tampa
Rev. T. D. Leonard, Pastor
4:00 P.M.

Bible Study will be held on Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. We are presently studying the book of Romans. Join us in learning more about becoming better Christians.

Prayer Band is held on Thursday mornings at 11:00. Effectual, fervent prayers of the righteous availeth much. Come let's praise God together.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 23 Couples "Night Out"

September 30 Round Table Curriculum Planning

"Our mirrors reflect the outward appearance; God's mirror reveals the inward condition."

ST. JOHN M.B. CHURCH "RAISING A STANDARD FOR GOD'S PEOPLE IN GOD'S CHURCH"

Rev. Norris L. Martin Sr., Pastor

The St. John M.B. Church family invites you to come and celebrate with us our pastor's first anniversary. We are excited about the gift the Lord has blessed us with, in our pastor. We would like to share this special occasion with the community. This celebration will take place September 18th through September 22nd nightly at 7:00 p.m., and conclude on Sunday, September 24th at 4:00 p.m.

- Monday:** **September 18, 2006, 7:00 p.m.** - Union M.B. Church, Rev. Jerry Alexander
- Tuesday:** **September 19, 2006, 7:00 p.m.** - St. Mark M.B. Church, Rev. Brian Brown
- Wednesday:** **September 20, 2006, 7:00 p.m.** - Mt. Tabor m.M.B. Church, Rev. T.D. Leonard
- Thursday:** **September 21, 2006, 7:00 p.m.** - Mt. Sinai M.B. Church, Rev. James McDonald
- Friday:** **September 22, 2006 7:00 p.m.** - Blessed Hope M.B. Church, Rev. Rentz (Lakeland)
- Sunday:** **September 24 2006 4:00 p.m.** - First Born Church of the Living God, Rev. Hamilton

MT. ZION A.M.E. CHURCH

Mount Up At Mt. Zion

"Preach the Word! Be ready in season and out of season. II Timothy 4:2"

Mt. Zion church family extends a heartfelt welcome to all members, family, friends and neighbors to join us Sunday, September 17th for a special celebration.

Our early morning worship is at 7:30 am; Church School will follow at 9:30 a.m.

At 11:00 a.m. you are in for a blessing as we honor God's Man, our Preacher and teacher Pastor Clarence A. Williams for **"Pastors Appreciation Service"**. Our theme, "The Magnificent seven years of Prayer, Preparation and Partnership. If your life has been touched or enriched by Pastor Williams ministry by way of church service or via the radio we invite you to join us. We have a great Pastoral team, Pastor and Mrs. Andrea' Williams. Let us be mindful that Love is an action word. It's good to say I love you but it's even better to Show that love!

We are going to have a good time in the Lord. Good singing, high praise and the life changing Word of God by way of Pastor Brian Brown of St. Mark Missionary Church. One who will stir your heart, soul and mind.

Weekly ministries:

- Wednesday – **Vintage Bible Study, 11:00 a.m.**
Bible Study, 6:00 p.m.
Hour of Power, 7:00 p.m., hour of praise, prayer and preaching

Upcoming Events:

September 24th - Family and Friends Day, make plans to join us for a "Family Reunion" from the days of old. Our tribes will come together in worship and praise. We need one and all to participate and make this celebration one to remember. Please join us! Thought for the week:

"Remember, GOD IS LOVE"

Be blessed and have a Jesus filled week.

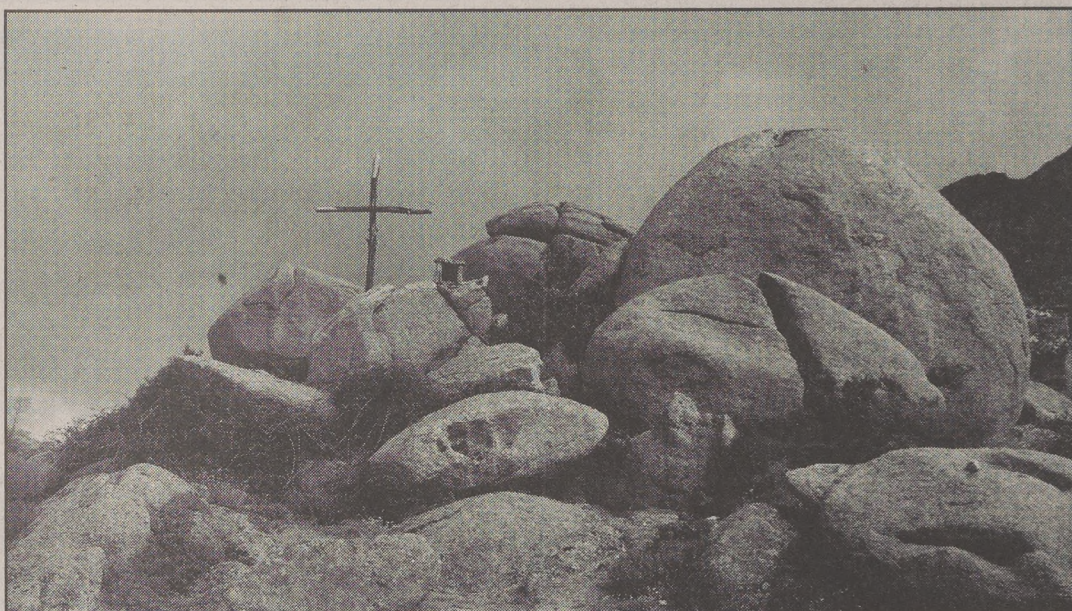
NEW PHILADELPHIA COMMUNITY CHURCH

**"A GOD LOVING PEOPLE,
LOVES OTHER PEOPLE"**

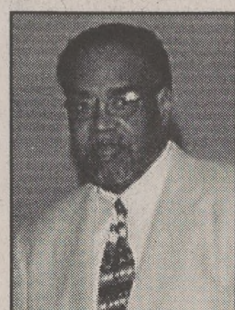
The New Philadelphia Church family pledges to put forth Christian perseverance in loving each member unconditionally. While such a task seems formidable, it is not impossible. Fellowship among believers at Philadelphia stresses individual worth off people because they are made in the image of God. Love is an ongoing focus of mid-week Bible Study and Sunday morning worship service.

Mid-morning proclamation for Sunday will be the second part of a series on Love, delivered by Rev. Aaron V. Gaskin, associate pastor. In his initial message on love, Rev. Gaskin exhorted believers to understand that to know God is to know love. Genuine love for others is unattainable without first knowing God. To pursue love for mankind, any other way means you (the believer) don't know God. Through challenges and scriptural scenarios, he verbalized spiritual realities about Christian love which seemed to be readily apprehended and comprehended by worshippers present.

Being a Christian is more than just an instantaneous conversion; it is like a daily process whereby you grow to be more and more like Christ.
Billy Graham



Mighty Clouds Of Joy Main Attraction For Pastor Dawkins' 40 Year Celebration



Rev. Harry L. Dawkins

At thirteen and puzzled, Harry Dawkins accepted the call to the Ministry which seemingly ended his childhood. It seems like a short while ago that this young man was working in the hot backbreaking tobacco fields of Chattahoochee, Florida. The oldest of six children raised by his mother, the late Evangelist Maxine Reed, Pastor Dawkins spent more time working than in school. There was little time for childish play, but he kept a warm innocent and caring sense of humor

about himself.

Pastor Dawkins accepted his pastorate over 40 years ago at Gregg Temple African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church, Apalachicola, Florida (1965) by the late Bishop Clifford Hatchett. The excited and determined pastor willingly accepted the three-member charge, two of which were in a wheel chair and the other blind. Nevertheless God blessed this flock to higher heights.

Jesus being the center of his joy, Rev. Dawkins accepted the challenges of another appointment to Snowhill A.M.E. Church in Snead, Florida (1966-1968). In an attempt to concentrate on his education he enrolled at Edward Waters College, Jacksonville, FL., as a part-time student.

After eight years of working a full-time job, pastoring Church of the Master A.M.E. Church, Jacksonville, FL., (1970-1979) going to college on and off, he continued to hold to God's unchanging hand.

In 1980, he met and married a charming, witty, loving and encouraging lady. Not only did Clatties Hill become his bride, she also became his best friend and worst critic. Rev. Dawkins and his family were also assigned to New Hope A.M.E. Church, Jacksonville, FL (1979-1983). Armed with a new inspiring force, he enrolled as a full-time student at Edward Waters College and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology.

In 1983, Pastor Dawkins moved his family to Atlanta, Georgia, where he

matriculated as a full time student at the Interdenominational Theological Center, where he earned the Master of Divinity degree (1986). During his matriculation, Pastor Dawkins traveled 230 miles roundtrip to the Liberty Hill Circuit (1983-1988); which included Bethel A.M.E., Norwood, GA and Liberty Hill A.M.E., Thompson, GA. He and Clatties also established the second largest minority owned printing firm in Atlanta. The Sixth Episcopal District embraced the Dawkins under the leadership of Bishop Frederick Hilborn Talbot. After much deliberation and a deep desire to return to his native home, Pastor Dawkins accepted the pastorate at St. James A.M.E. in Bartow, FL., (1988) leaving his wife, nine month old son and 13 year old

daughter in Atlanta.

Determined to trust God, after nine months he was reassigned to Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church in Pensacola, Florida, only 4 hours from his family.

In November of 1991 Pastor Dawkins was appointed to Bethel A.M.E., St. Petersburg, FL. He was reassigned in 2000 to Allen Temple A.M.E. in Tampa, FL. After a period of illness and pastoring in Winter Park, Florida (Ward Chapel) never giving up the fight nor losing focus of the 'call' he was planted at his current charge, Greater Mt. Carmel A.M.E. Church, Tampa, Florida (2002).

Greater Mt. Carmel family, while focusing on the church's continual attention to spiritual harmony and oneness of purpose pauses for Unity

Day to be held on Sunday, September 24th at 10:30 A.M. with the message delivered by Rev. Marcus King, Senior Pastor of St. Matthews A.M.E. Church, Jacksonville, Florida. While Pastor Dawkins is reaching a significant milestone in his ministry, he will be blessed with a gala Pastor's Appreciation on Saturday, September 23, 2006, which will unite family, friends and well-wishers who want to bless and congratulate him. This formal dinner concert will be held at the elegant Matheos Hall, 409 Old Coachman Road, Clearwater, Florida, a subsidiary of Holy Trinity Church, with entertainment by the renowned gospel legions "The Mighty Clouds of Joy".

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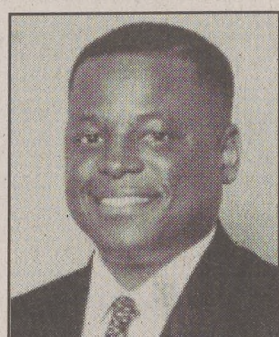
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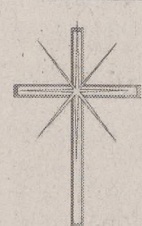
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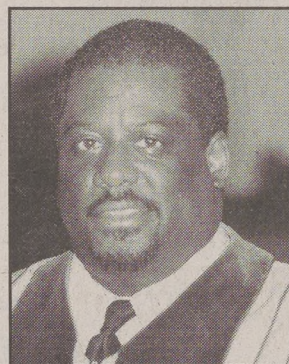
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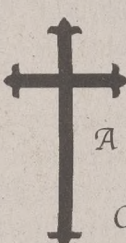
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Wednesday Bible Study7:00 p.m.



New Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church

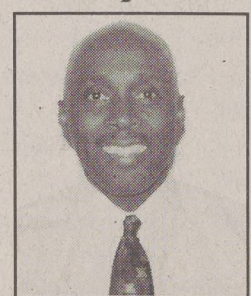
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Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting & Bible Study - 7:00PM



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Schedule of Services

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Friday Prayer -7:00 p.m.
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Services

Sunday

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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.

Bible Study (for all ages) - 7:30 p.m.



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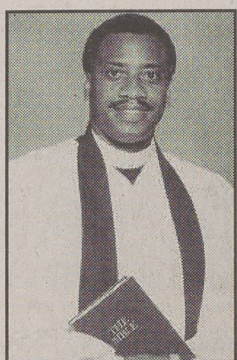
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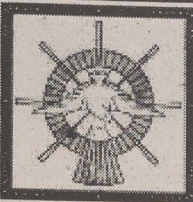
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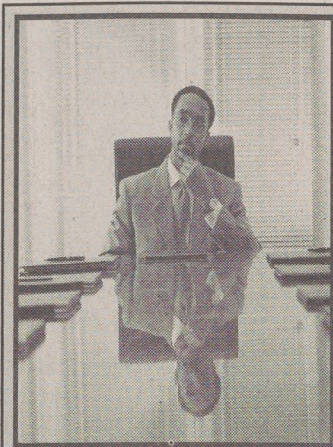
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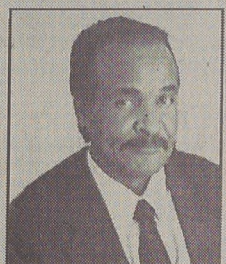
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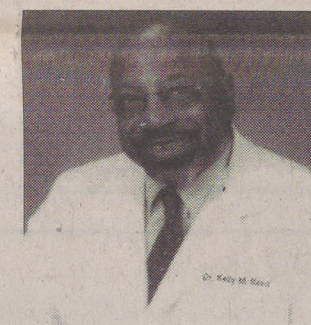


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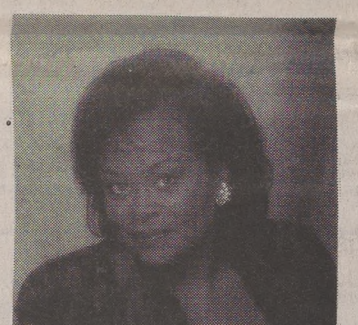
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St. Petersburg Main Library	3745 9th Ave. N. St. Petersburg, FL 33713

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BLACK HISTORY

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity

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Alpha Phi Alpha, the first intercollegiate Greek letter Fraternity established for African Americans, is celebrating its 100th Anniversary in 2006. Fraternities and Sororities are clubs that recruit members in colleges. When you join a particular Fraternity or Sorority you become a member for life. The majority of Fraternities and Sororities use two or three letters from the Greek Alphabet to hide the secret name of that group. Each group has a theme for which they are formed and often are known for doing beneficial work following that theme.

When Alpha Phi Alpha was first founded on December 4, 1906 at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, the 7 "Jewel" founders and the other early leaders main goal was to provide a study and support group for minority students who faced racial prejudice, both educationally and socially. They succeeded in laying a solid foundation for the Fraternities principles. The principles of scholarship, fellowship, good character, and the uplifting of humanity still hold strong today. Soon after the founding at Cornell University, Alpha Phi Alpha chapters were developed at many other colleges and universities, many of which were traditionally African American schools.

The founders of Alpha Phi Alpha, known as the "Jewels" of the Fraternity,

are Henry Arthur Callis, Charles Henry Chapman, Eugene Kinckle Jones, George Biddle Kelley, Nathaniel Allison Murray, Robert Harold Ogle, and Vertner Woodson Tandy. These 7 men recognized the need for a strong bond of community and brotherhood between African Americans.

On December 28th, 1908, the Fraternity held its first general convention at Howard University in Washington, D.C. This convention expressed the hope that "the influence of Alpha Phi Alpha would reach every African American college and university in the land. To bring together under one band and with one bond of fraternal love, all the worthy leading college men wherever found, to form, as it were, a link to join them together." Since its founding the Fraternity has moved to accept all men regardless of race or orientation and is among the first to accept homosexuals, but has struggled with these members. Still to this day, the objectives of the Fraternity remain to stimulate the ambition of its members, to prepare them for the greatest usefulness in the cause of humanity, freedom, and dignity of the individual. They also want to encourage the highest and noblest form of manhood; and to aid down-trodden humanity in its efforts to achieve higher social, economic, and intellectual status.

The Omega chapter of the Fraternity has been distinguished to contain the names of deceased fraternity members who were an

influential part in the African American struggle. These individuals were made "members" without their consent after their death. Frederick Douglas, who died in 1895, was later made a member after the founding of the Fraternity in 1906.

Alpha Phi Alpha is responsible for creating the Washington, D.C. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial Foundation in 1998. The Fraternities National programs date back to 1919, with the creation of "Go-to-High-School, Go-to-College" campaign. The focus of this campaign is to increase the educational level of the African American Community. The Fraternity also sponsors Project Alpha in conjunction with the March of Dimes, and other programs. They also combine their efforts with Head Start, Boy Scouts of America, and Big Brothers Big Sisters of America.

The Fraternity can count such influential names as W.E.B. Dubois, Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., Edward Brooke, Martin Luther King, Jr., Thurgood Marshall, Andrew Young, William Gray, Paul Robeson, Julius Chambers, and Maynard Jackson to their ranks of over 150,000 men that have been initiated into their organization.

The Fraternity is a member of the National Pan Hellenic Council (NPHC), an umbrella organization established in 1930 of nine international collegiate Fraternities and Sororities, also known as 'The Divine Nine'.

September Black History Facts

In 2002, African American Freemen in Louisiana: African Americans in Louisiana had already organized their own battalion in September 1812. The state legislature of Louisiana had organized a Corp of free African Americans as part of the state militia. After General Andrew Jackson's call to arms, the Battalion of Free men of color, as they were called were joined by a second battalion of African American soldiers organized by a free Black Santo Domingan emigrant, Joseph Savary,

and together they were pressed into service in December 1914 to defend New Orleans. While one battalion attended British forces at Chalmette Plains, the other built fortifications against the British attack in January 1815. Both were engaged on January 8 during the main attack by the British, and together they kept the center of the fortifications, the artillery batteries from being taken. Although the African Americans had repulsed the British assault, British sharpshooters took up positions after

the battle and picked off Americans trying to rescue their wounded in the field. Savary, now a captain, led a group of African American men who routed the British sharpshooters in the last major battle of the contest. Afterward, Jackson praised the African American soldiers as having not disappointed the hopes that were formed of their courage and perseverance in the performance of their duty.

Courtesy of Black Facts Online

Crusader For Black Women



Dorothy Height

Dorothy Height, who has presided over the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) for nearly 30

years, is one of the nation's leading voices on behalf of African-American women and families.

During the peak years of the civil rights movement, Height was often the only woman included in top strategy sessions, working shoulder-to-shoulder with Martin Luther King Jr., Roy Wilkins and other leaders. Known for her ability to foster unity and heal divisions, her counsel has been sought by many U.S. Presidents, from Eisenhower to Clinton.

In the tradition of NCNW's founder, Mary McLeod Bethune, who said to "leave no one behind," Height, now 93, continues to devote her energies to organizing and educating at the grassroots, especially in troubled communities. A coalition of service organizations reaching four million African-American women, NCNW trains volunteer community workers to organize at the local level, sponsoring day care centers, promoting reproductive health efforts, helping teens stay focused on school, and leading countless other activities. "Part of our whole job is to help people influence their own lives," she says.

For many years Height worked simultaneously at the YWCA, where she began in 1937 as a volunteer and eventually became the first director of its Center for

Racial Justice.

In 1986, under her leadership, NCNW began the Black Family Reunion, which has grown to be an important annual tradition in a number of cities. Drawing together tens of thousands of African Americans, from the homeless to the famous, the reunion celebrates the historic strengths and traditional values of the black family.

"The Black Family Reunion generates what I call community energy to deal with problems," Height says. "It far exceeded anything we could have dreamed. It was as if people had been waiting for something positive like this."

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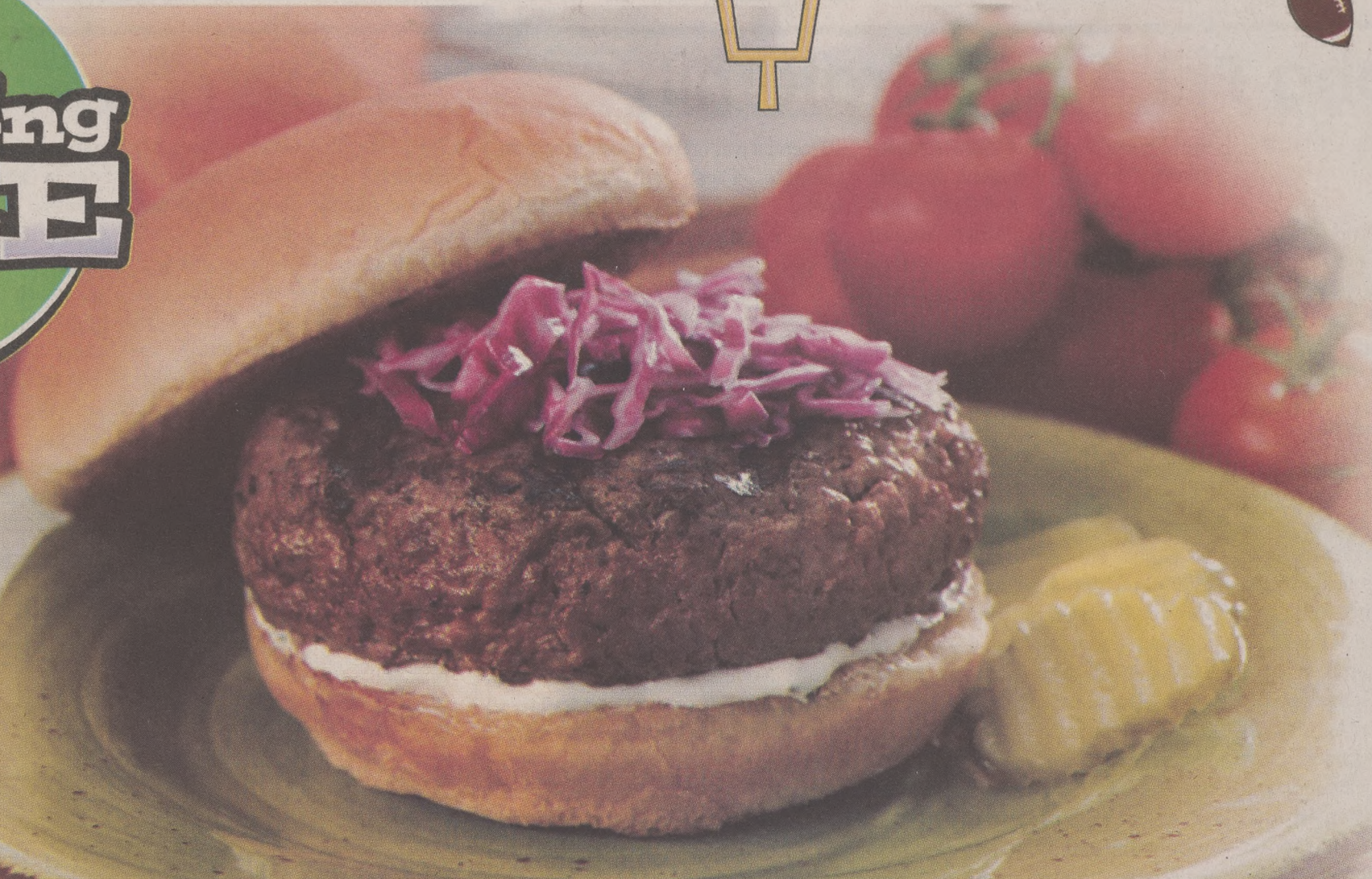


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