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## 29th Annual Black History Pageant A Rousing Success



Photos by P.L. Photos

Grandchildren of Peggy Peterman, (l-r:) Frank W. Peterman III, Sydnee Peterman, and Jordon Peterman, were among the performers

By: JOYCE NANETTE JOHNSON  
Challenger Correspondent

The Black History Pageant held its 29th annual production at the Gibbs High School for Performing Arts last Sunday on February 4, 2007. It was a journey into the history of African-Americans portrayed by song, dance, poetry, and dramatic interpretations. The theme this year was "No man Can Hinder Me": Black Presence in the Bible (based on a Negro spiritual). The pageant is a salute to pageant founder, Rev. Peggy Mitchell Peterman. Her presence is still felt throughout the community, especially among present

and former Black History Pageant participants and patrons.

Approximately 30 young people, aged 10-20, who have been in rehearsals for the past five months, used their diverse talents to express, examine and celebrate the role of Blacks in the Bible. The production began with the children in white robes marching in singing African songs, and ended with an arousing "We are African People together we will win," with their right arms raised in defiance to failure of any kind.

The Pageant had dancers who not only showed individual talents, but also expressed inner, raw, emotion. Featured dancers, Jared Brunson, Erin Fleming

and members from the Soulful Art Dance Academy were crowd pleasers.

One soloist, Jared Brunson, age 14 from the local Dundu Dole Urban African Ballet Company, said dance gives him a sense of where he came from, his African heritage and knowledge of history. "I want to show the community the black side of dance, it doesn't have to be white ballet only."

All of the committee members are dedicated to the production and the self-confidence it instills in all the participants. The production was written by Teresa Riggs who says this is her 11th year being involved with the Black History Pageant. "It gives me the

opportunity to learn more about our history, the opportunity to work with African American children and the opportunity to work for the Lord". Janice Fitzsimmons, one of the Pageant coordinators explained that Rev. Peggy Peterman started the pageant at Bethel Community Baptist Church with about 15 kids performing. "She started it because she felt the kids were not getting their history in school and not being taught their heritage. She wanted them to be proud of where they came

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## Ebony Fashion Fair Was Stylishly Hot



Photo by E.K. Odum

Ebony Fashion Fair Models

By: ERSULA KNOX ODUM  
Editor

The 49th Annual Ebony Fashion Fair at the Mahaffey Theater Monday evening, was "Stylishly Hot".

Ladies of Zeta Upsilon Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority sponsored the event as a fundraiser to support the American Cancer Society, Pinellas County Urban League, Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, United

Negro College Fund, American Red Cross, American Heart Association, NAACP, the South Suncoast Boys and Girls Clubs, Community Action Stops Abuse, Enoch Davis Center, ASAP Homeless Shelter, and many other local community organizations. The sorority, focusing on success through economics, provides services for educational, family, non-traditional entrepreneurship, and community growth.

The chapter also awards annual college scholarships to students in

addition to local scholarships to students at St. Petersburg College, USF-St. Petersburg Campus and students participating in the Ebony Scholars Program. The AKA AKAdemy provides leadership, mentoring, educational services and community service opportunities for girls through their Exquisite Gems Program, and Pathfinder Program for boys.

Precisely synchronized and highly choreographed models presented American, Italian, French, British, Japanese, Canadian, German, Indian, Lebanese, Jamaican and Argentinean designed fashions. They grouped into acts titled, Hot Chocolate, Paisley Pepper, Street Heat, Bling Bling Blaze, Winter Warmth, Global Sizzle, Night-Life Fever, and The Fire Ball. The styles, music and smooth dance steps were designed to appeal to patrons from hip-hop to high fashion. Also featured was a well-received full figured model.

Flickering flames prints, ball gowns made of contrasting duchess satins, beads and bangles, black velvet, rich chocolates, fur and denim combinations, tailored suits, and dazzling footwear kept the audience applauding and

expressing surprise and approval.

St. Petersburg was the 24th city of a more than 95-city tour, including cities from St. Thomas, Virgin Islands to Waco Texas. To the delight of guests, door prizes were provided by American Airlines, Fashion Fair Cosmetics, Soft Sheen-Carson hair products, and a chance to win a 2007 FORD Edge (to be awarded following the last show of the tour). Each ticket holder will be given a year's subscription to either Ebony or Jet magazine. The tour began January 6, 2007 with the last show scheduled for May 20, 2007 in Hamilton, Bermuda.

Appearing in this year's show were Ronnel Blackmon (Akron, OH), Tinika Blackmon (Chattanooga, TN), Justin Brown (Tulsa, OK), Merkeycia Carter (El Dorado, AR), Jeana Daramola (Washington, DC), Tonya Dolphin (Richmond, VA), Raven Ervin (Birmingham, AL), Alexis Hamilton (Washington, DC), Sharmelle Joyner (Memphis, TN), Ontwanter Moran (Los Angeles, CA), Deonna Pinkerton (Kansas City, MO), Karen Rampersad (Brockton, MA), and Dwanna Randolph (Detroit, MI).

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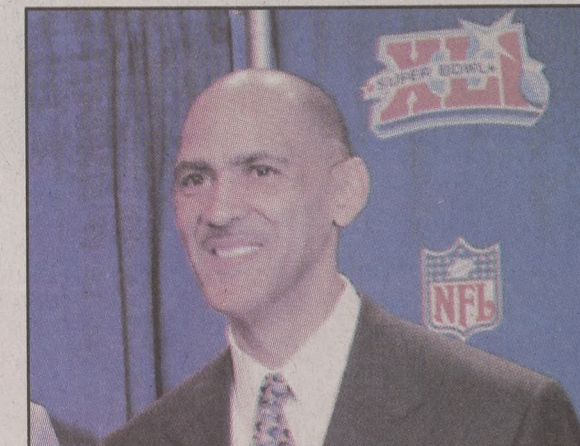
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## Dr. Carter G. Woodson Museum Hosts Tuskegee Airmen Exhibition



Photos by Kelley Collier

Tuskegee Airmen, Lt. Col Hiram Mann and Arque Dickerson

The Dr. Carter G. Woodson Museum opened the exhibition of the Tuskegee Airmen with a reception on Friday, February 2, 2007 with three of the Tuskegee Airmen, Hiram Mann, Arque Dickerson, and Yenwith Whitney, in attendance. The exhibition opened to the public on Saturday, February 3, and will run through May 1.

Prior to the Tuskegee Airmen, no U.S. military pilots had been African American. However, a series of legislative moves by the United States Congress in 1941 forced the Army Air Corps to form an all-black combat unit, much to the War Department's chagrin. In an

effort to eliminate the unit before it could begin, the War Department set up a system to accept only those with a level of flight experience or higher education that they expected would be hard to fill. This policy backfired when the Air Corps received numerous applications from men who qualified even under those restrictions.

The U.S. Army Air Corps had established the Psychological Research Unit 1 at Maxwell Army Air Field, Alabama, and other units around the country for aviation cadet training, which included the identification, selection, education, and training of pilots, navigators,

and bombardiers. Psychologists employed in these research studies and training programs used some of the first standardized tests, dexterity, and leadership qualities in order to select and train the right personnel for the right role (bombardier, pilot, navigator). The Air Corps determined that the same existing programs would be used for all units, including all-black units. At Tuskegee, this effort would continue with the selection and training of the Tuskegee Airmen.

On March 19, 1941, the 99th Pursuit Squadron (Pursuit being an early WWII synonym for "Fighter")

was activated at Chanute Field in Rantoul, Illinois. Over 250 enlisted men were trained at Chanute in aircraft ground support trades. This small number of enlisted men was to become the core of other black squadrons forming at Tuskegee and Maxwell fields in Alabama, the famed Tuskegee Airmen.

In June 1941, the Tuskegee program officially began with formation of the 99th Fighter Squadron at the Tuskegee Institute, a highly regarded university founded by Booker T. Washington in Tuskegee, Alabama. The unit consisted of an entire service arm, including ground crew, and not just pilots. After basic training at Moton Field, they were moved to the nearby Tuskegee Army Air Field about 16 km (10 miles) to the west for conversion training onto operational types. The Airmen were placed under the command of Capt. Benjamin O. Davis Jr., one of the few African American West Point graduates.

At the time of its inception, the 99th Fighter Squadron was commanded by Capt. George "Spanky" Roberts. By 1942, however, it was Col. Frederick Kimble who oversaw operations at the Tuskegee airfield. Kimble proved to be highly unpopular with his subordinates, whom he treated with disdain and disrespect. Later that year, the Air Corps replaced Kimble with Maj. Noel Parrish. Parrish, though white, was fair and open-minded, and he petitioned

Washington to allow the Tuskegee Airmen to serve in combat.

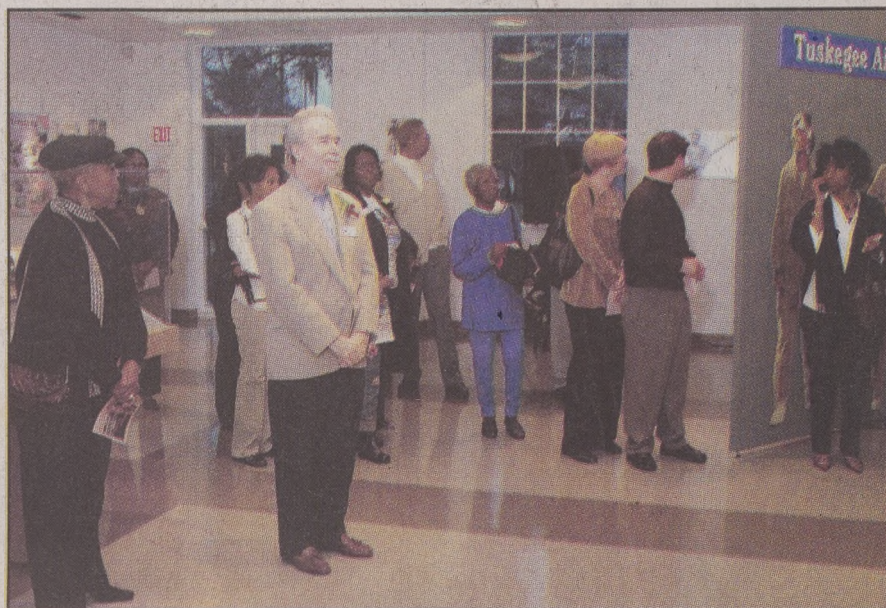
For additional information regarding the museum, please contact (727) 323-1104, or contact

the museum via website at [www.woodsonmuseum.org](http://www.woodsonmuseum.org).

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Lt. Col Hiram Mann and Arque Dickerson signing autographs



Patrons awaiting autograph signings



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# MIDTOWN NEWS

## Son Honors Father In Black History Month Lecture

ST. PETERSBURG – Norman E. Jones II will chronicle the life of his father in his lecture “Norman E. Jones Revisited - A Work of Art” at USF St. Petersburg Tuesday, Feb. 13 in Davis Hall 130 at noon.

His father, Norman E. Jones, was a noted journalist, publicist, publisher and political activist during the civil rights era. His column “Let’s Talk Politics” was printed in several African American weekly publications throughout Florida and Alabama for 20 years.

Jones donated his father’s collection of work to the USF St. Petersburg Nelson Poynter Memorial Library in February 2001.

“It is my desire to provide this information on local African American history in one central location,” said Jones. “I’m certain this data will provide scholars, historians and others opportunity to view and study the contributions of African Americans in this country.”

This event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.



Norman E. Jones II

## Zeta Upsilon Omega Chapter Of Alpha Kappa Alpha 2006-2007 Debutante Scholarship Cotillion

The ladies of Zeta Upsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority will present their Fourth Biannual Essence of Ebony Pearls Debutante Scholarship Cotillion. The event will be held on March 17, 2007, at the Saint Petersburg Coliseum. The purpose of this affair is to focus on the developmental and scholarship needs of young African American women in the Tampa Bay area.

Thirty-four African American high school junior and senior girls from Pinellas County will be presented to the community. The participants must have received two character recommendations. One must be from a teacher or school counselor within the Pinellas County School

System. The girls were chosen based upon academic achievement, church/community/civic involvement and for being a positive role model in our community.

As a part of their pre-pageantry activities, the girls are required to attend seminars and participate in cultural activities to heighten arts appreciation, and community service projects. Prior to the 2007 Essence of Ebony Pearls Debutante Scholarship Cotillion, the participants will attend several workshops to include Etiquette, Health and Wellness/Social Activity, Personal Development/Safety, Poise, Hair and Skin Care, and a Mother/Daughter Tea.

The criteria for participation

includes being a high school junior or senior (2006-2007), a good academic standing (Grade Point Average of 2.5 and above), and demonstrated leadership skills. As mentioned above, the participant must be of good moral character and volunteer in community and school activities. Each participant is required to write a one paragraph statement of purpose entitled: Expectation of a Debutante. Parental involvement is also mandatory for eligibility.

The Zeta Upsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority has assisted young African American girls with approximately fifty thousand dollars worth of scholarship as a result of the Biannual Debutante Cotillion.

### CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG NOTICE OF SPECIAL MUNICIPAL REFERENDUM ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that a Special Municipal Referendum Election will be held in the City of St. Petersburg, Florida on Tuesday, March 13, 2007, between the hours of 7:00 o'clock a.m. and 7:00 o'clock p.m. AT THE POLLING PLACES DESIGNATED FOR THE SPECIAL MUNICIPAL REFERENDUM ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MARCH 13, 2007, at which time there will be submitted to the voters residing in said City for approval or disapproval the following:

#### Referendum Question 1.

Partially releasing restrictive covenants on portions of former City property now part of Vinoy Resort.

Pursuant to referendum approval in 1984, the Vinoy Park Hotel gave the City a waterfront park parcel in exchange for the Baywood Park and Edgewater interior parcels subject to certain restrictions. Shall the City now partially release the restrictions for up to two acres of the property owned by the Renaissance Vinoy Resort to permit construction of a health club facility and future hotel and hotel accessory uses as provided in Ordinance No. 802-G?

☐ Yes

☐ No

#### Referendum Question 2.

Charter amendment to comply with State Law changing when the canvassing board canvasses election returns.

In order to comply with recent changes in State Law, shall the Charter be amended to change the deadline for the Canvassing Board to meet for the purpose of canvassing election returns to a date not later than one week after the final election results are provided to the City Clerk by the Supervisor of Elections?

☐ Yes

☐ No

#### Referendum Question 3.

Allowing Charter amendments required by state or federal election law to be made by ordinance.

Shall the Charter be amended to provide that future amendments to the Charter, which are required to be made to comply with state or federal laws regulating the election process, may be made by ordinance instead of by referendum after recommendation of the Mayor and upon receiving affirmative votes from six members of City Council?

☐ Yes

☐ No

#### Referendum Question 4.

City Charter Amendment changing the date for election of Chair and Vice Chair.

Shall the Charter be amended to provide that in a January following a year with no general City election, the new Chair and Vice Chair shall be sworn in on the first regular meeting in January as opposed to January 2nd and providing that the one year terms shall be adjusted accordingly?

☐ Yes

☐ No

#### Referendum Question 5.

Charter Amendment requiring City Council Member Vacancies to be filled within 45 days.

Shall the Charter be amended to require all vacancies on City Council to be filled by appointment within 45 days and remove the option to wait for next election to fill the vacancy?

☐ Yes

☐ No

#### Referendum Question 6.

Charter Amendment correcting typographical errors, making clarifications and deleting obsolete language.

Shall the City Charter be amended to correct typographical errors, to insert clarifying language and to delete obsolete language?

☐ Yes

☐ No

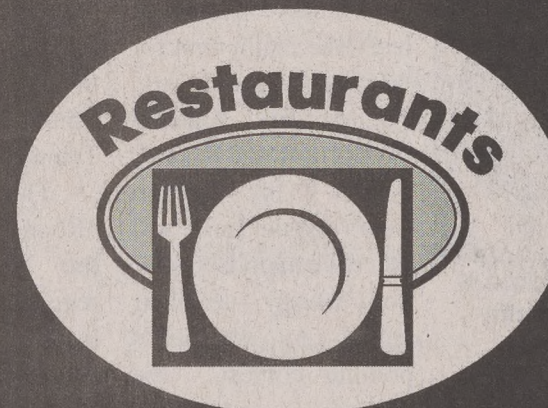
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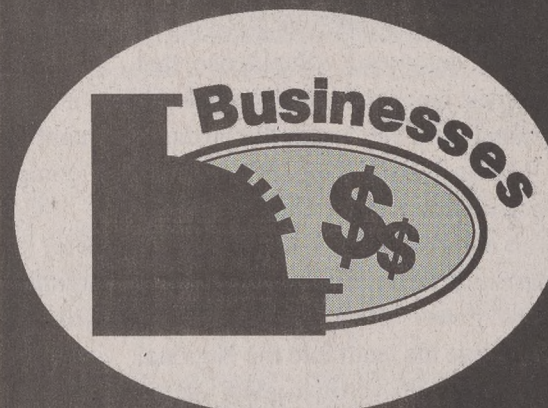


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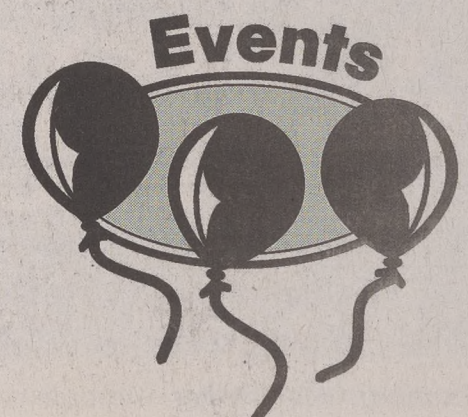
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• **Total Beauty Salon and Spa**, 2244 First Ave. N. recently opened offering hair care, manicure/pedicure, facials and body massage services. Other services include hair extensions and weddings. Owner Sylvia Russell has 16 years in the business including hair care make-up for clients in

the fashion business across the United States and abroad. Russell also hosts a beauty segment on WFLA Channel-8. Call 321-7497

#### Business Tip:

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**Feb. 9 • Festival of States Scholastic Arts & Writing Program.** Dali Museum, 1000 3rd St. S. 6 to 8 p.m. Regional award winning work by students in grades 7 to 12 on display. [www.festivalofstates.com](http://www.festivalofstates.com) or call 321-9888.

**Feb. 9 • St. Pete Shuffle.** St. Petersburg Shuffleboard Courts, 559 Mirror Lake Dr. N. 7 to 11 p.m. A hip twist on an old game with music and art. [www.stpeteshuffle.com](http://www.stpeteshuffle.com) or call 867-7228.

**Feb. 10 • Saturday Morning Market.** Central Ave. from 1st to 2nd St. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. European-style open air market featuring fresh produce, prepared foods, gourmet baked goods, greenery, handcrafted gifts & housewares, local artists and live music. [www.saturdaymorningmarket.com](http://www.saturdaymorningmarket.com) or call 455-4921.

**Feb. 10 • Black History Festival.** Sweetbay Supermarket, 1794 22nd St. S. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Celebrating African American heritage. Enjoy food and beverage samples, history exhibits, art, entertainment, free health screenings and children activities. Call 551-3408.

**Feb. 10 • Kids & Kubs vs. City Hall Stars Softball Game.** North Shore Park, North Shore Dr. & 8th Ave. N.E. 1 p.m. World renowned team of active seniors take on St. Petersburg's city officials. Call 893-7108.

**Feb. 10 • The Florida Orchestra Progress Energy Masterworks Bruckner's Symphony No. 8.** Mahaffey Theater, 400 1st St. S. 8 p.m. \$24 to \$52. [www.floridaorchestra.org](http://www.floridaorchestra.org) or call 800-662-7286.

**Feb. 10 & 11 • Great Engines of the Past.** Pinellas Pioneer Settlement, 2900 31st St. S. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Demonstrations of antique engines, tractor parade, hay rides and tractor pulls. Call 893-7326.

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## Smith, Dungy, Obama: Breaking Through The Color Barrier



By: Marc H. Morial

Super Bowl.

And another Black man – U.S. Sen. Barack Obama – took the first step toward throwing his hat in the ring in the ultimate political contest – the battle for the nation's highest office. He's hardly the first African-American to vie for the presidency: He stands upon the broad shoulders of the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Shirley Chisholm, the Rev. Al Sharpton, Carol Moseley Braun and others. Not since Jackson in 1988 has a Black been considered a serious contender for the Oval Office. But, unlike his predecessors, Obama probably stands the best chance of becoming the first African-American to win his party's presidential nomination in 2008 or beyond.

In a recent Zogby poll, the Illinois Democrat led the field in New Hampshire, a historic testing ground for presidential candidates, with 23 percent of voters favoring him compared to 19 percent for Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton and former senator John Edwards. Up until 1992, the candidate who won the primary usually made his way to the White House, even though Bill Clinton and George W. Bush have defied that trend in recent elections.

What a delightful coincidence that these historic developments would occur in the month that celebrates the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and that Obama would represent Chicago in the hallowed halls of the U.S. Congress.

That Smith beat out his mentor Dungy by a few hours to be the first Black coach to guide his team into the National Football League's crown-jewel game makes up for the fact that his Bears handily defeated my beloved New Orleans Saints to get there. I'll forgive Lovie this year because it is truly a great day in history when two Black coaches meet at the pinnacle event of professional football. I cannot make promises for next year, though. If Lovie robs my Saints of their Super Bowl dreams next year, I'll have to take it personally.

Roughly 66 percent of National Football League players are African-Americans but Blacks have long faced formidable obstacles to their populating the coaching ranks. In 1989, Art Shell became the first African-American head coach in the NFL's modern era. In his own way, Dungy, a former Pittsburgh

Steeler who got his coaching start in 1981, played his own role in diversifying the profession by recruiting Smith to be linebacker coach for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 1996.

The institution of the so-called "Rooney Rule" broke down barriers in the NFL's 'old-boy' network by requiring teams to consider at least one minority candidate in their hiring processes. By the start of this year's season, there was a record seven Black head coaches.

"For years and years, the coaching decisions and many other decisions in professional football really followed the old way of doing things," Darrell Millner, professor of Black Studies at Portland State University, told the *Portland Oregonian* newspaper recently. "These two Black coaches today are reflection that that is changing. Their success gives an additional impetus of the continuation of that kind of change."

In a recent television interview, Bears fan Obama made a great point about these two men that speaks less to the color of their skin and more to the content of their character, to invoke Dr. King. "What makes it even better is that they're both men of humility. They're both men of God. They never trash talk. They're not yellers or screamers on the sidelines. They're a couple of class individuals," he said.

In a letter to the editor to his local paper, Hal Nelson, executive director of secondary education for the Sarasota County School District, wondered if divine intervention played some role in bringing two Black coaches together in the Super Bowl to "illuminate the potential of the American experience" and underscore the importance of three key qualities exhibited by Dungy and Smith – competence, character and tenacity.

"Competence is evident when one is able to achieve the goals of the organization, despite times when others will inevitably say that one has been granted the opportunity because of being a minority, female, etc.

Character is evident when, in the face of such adversity, faith and spirituality allow us to first recognize our own flaws, and then forgive the actions of others. Tenacity is evident when one decides to perform well despite unfair treatment, such as being dismissed unprofessionally or compensated unjustly. When we act as a land of opportunity, greatness grows," he wrote.

I cannot agree more and have to extend that same observation to Obama. All three men provide positive role models for future generations to aspire to. They give our children hope that the American Dream is possible for all members of society to attain.

## Apologizing For Slavery Isn't Enough



By: George E. Curry

A Virginia legislator created a stir recently when he said Whites living today shouldn't apologize for slavery. If subjugation of African-Americans had ended with slavery, that would be one thing. But the rancid stench of state-sponsored racism extended well into the 1960s. So, if there is to be an apology in Virginia or any other state, it should not be limited to slavery.

Consider the following, taken from the National Park Service Web site, that I recount in some of my speeches: From the 1800s into the mid-1960s, there were Jim Crow laws mandating separation of the races.

They were comprehensive, covering every imaginable circumstance such as toilet facilities, railroads, buses, education, the selling of wine and beer, restaurants, housing, parks, hospital entrances, prisons, textbooks, libraries, circus tickets, theaters, reform school, fishing, lunch counters, theaters, telephone booths, cemeteries, and, above all intermarriage. (See excerpts of Jim laws at: [http://www.nps.gov/malu/documents/jim\\_crow\\_laws.htm](http://www.nps.gov/malu/documents/jim_crow_laws.htm))

Let's look at a few of them: North Carolina had a law that said: "Books shall not be interchangeable between the white and colored schools, but shall continue to be used by the race first using them."

Mississippi: "There shall be maintained by the governing authorities of every hospital maintained by the state for treatment of white and colored patients separate entrances for white and colored patients and visitors, and such entrances shall be used by the race only for which they are prepared."

Georgia had one governing mental hospitals that provided: "The Board of Control shall see that proper and distinct apartments are arranged for said patients, so that in no case shall Negroes and white persons be together."

So if you were mentally ill, you couldn't be together in Georgia. Louisiana even kept blind people apart. Its law stated, "The board of trustees shall...maintain a separate building...on separate ground for the admission, care, instruction, and support of all blind persons of the colored or black race."

Blacks and Whites not only couldn't interact on a normal basis while they were alive, they were even kept apart after they had died.

A Georgia law stated, "The officer in charge shall not bury, or allow to be buried, any colored persons upon ground set apart or used for the burial of white persons."

These Jim Crow laws were

rigorously enforced against children as well as adults

Not only could the Jim Crow laws not be violated, Southern customs were also enforced.

In 1951 – three years before the Brown decision – Mark Ingram, a Black man in Yanceyville, N.C., was prosecuted for assault with intent to rape because, standing 70 feet away, he supposedly "undressed" a 17-year-old White girl with his eyes. That became known as reckless eyeballing [Randall Kennedy, *Interracial Intimacies*, p. 196 and Jack Greenberg, *Crusaders in the Courts*, p.101].

We all know about Emmett Till the 14-year-old boy who was murdered in Mississippi in 1955 for allegedly whistling at a White woman. He was brutally beaten, shot in the head, and thrown into a river.

In 1958, in Monroe, N.C., two Black boys – Fuzzy Simpson, age 7, and Hanover Thompson, age 9, were invited to join a group of five White children, including two girls. One of the girls remembered that she had played with Hanover when his mother worked as a maid in her family's house. Overjoyed at being reunited with her old playmate, she kissed him on the cheek.

That wasn't quite the kiss of death but it was close. When the girl innocently told her mother, the two boys were arrested, and convicted of attempted rape. The Juvenile Court judge sentenced Fuzzy to 12 years in jail and Hanover to 14. Fortunately, there was a public outcry and President Eisenhower got the governor to intervene [Kennedy, p. 197-198].

What we collectively refer to as Brown et al. v. Board of Education of Topeka et al produced three Brown decisions. The first one in 1954 outlawed "separate but equal" schools because they violated the 14th Amendment to the Constitution. The second one, handed down on May 31, 1955, held that school must be desegregated "with all deliberate speed." Of course, "all deliberate speed" ended up being almost no speed at all.

The third Brown case was filed in U.S. District Court in Topeka on Nov. 19, 1979 by a group of parents, including Linda Brown, whose father was the lead plaintiff in the original case. They charged that Topeka still refused "to fully carry out" the 1954 court decision. An appeals court agreed with them, saying: "Topeka has not sufficiently countered the effects of both the momentum of its pre-Brown segregation and its subsequent acts in the 1960s." That order was not lifted until 1999.

Yes, there is plenty to apologize for, but it doesn't stop with slavery.

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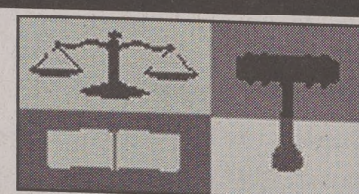
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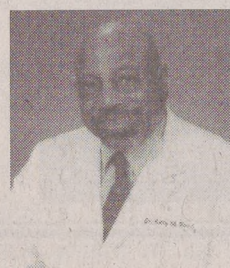


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# TAMPA BAY NEWS

## City Of Tampa's Black History Celebration

By: Ersula Knox Odom  
Editor

TAMPA – Mary Alice Dorsett, keynoter speaker for the City of Tampa Black History Committee Inc.'s 19th Annual Black History Celebration, delivered her message telling several humorous stories to a standing-room-only audience Friday at the Tampa Convention Center.

She told the audience about a young man returning from Europe and wanting to prove how smart and well traveled he was, went into a restaurant. Wanting to be seen, he yelled to the waiter "Do you have frog legs?" "No sir, said the horrified and embarrassed waiter. Arthritis makes me walk this way". So that the audience didn't miss the nature of her calling, she said she owes her success to Nannie Helen Burroughs, her teacher and founder of the school Women and Girls in Washington, D.C. Dorsett tells people what Ms. Burroughs wanted her to tell them.

When she was a small child there was an ugly, cross-eyed boy in her class named Allen whom she really disliked. However, repeatedly

her teacher would line the girls up on one side of the room by height and the boys on the other side of the room by size. Without fail, she would be paired with the Allen boy and people would pick at her calling her Mrs. Allen. She would cry and cry. At this her mother told her, "If you stop crying, they will stop calling you that". Dorsett then said I want to talk about that "N" word. If someone calls you that, are you a nigger? Then they are not talking to you when you hear someone say it". She said, "Take that energy and cultivate the talent for something useful. Don't be what your enemies say you are but what your friends think you are".

She also said America owes its existence to General Toussaint Louverture. America would not exist if he had not defeated Napoleon Bonaparte. According to *Citizen Toussaint* by Ralph Korngold, Louverture was a Haitian who commanded an army of 55,000 well-trained men; A 30,000 man army was the largest that General George Washington ever commanded. Dorsett said: "Isn't it ironic that people of Haiti can't even come in here?"

Dorsett called the audience to

action with a poem with a repeating refrain "We've fought every races battle but our own".

Mary Alice Dorsett was the first black person from Hillsborough County to run for the Florida House of Representatives; the first black person to establish a general employment agency, and the first to operate a professional bail bond business. She has owned several businesses and established a non-profit organization, Faith Mission, which provides food and clothing to the needy.

Appearing on the program were: the Honorable Pam Iorio, Mayor of Tampa, the Honorable Gwen Miller, City Council Chair, Bernard Jackson, II, Bettye Greene Johnson, Rod Carter & DeAnna Sheffield, Chiquita Dallas, Tariq Sharrief, Kayla Hill, Michael Adejumo, and Carla Jackson.

In honoring this year's theme, "Celebrating the Community: A Tribute to the Black Fraternities, Sororities and Civic Organizations", local black fraternities, sororities and civic organizations were invited to exhibit organizational information. Several people remarked that it was wonderful to see them in one place.



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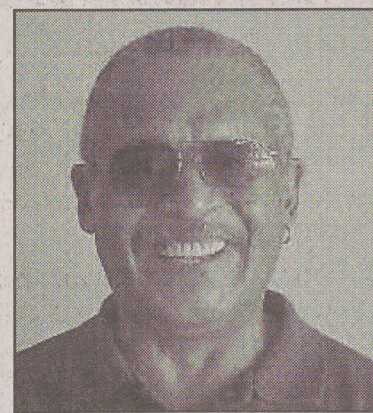
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## Writing About Jazz Where Does It Come From?

Some of you may wonder how I obtain information on jazz that I write about every week. Rest assured, even though I've been involved with jazz since my early teens, I certainly don't have it all stored in my head. I read. I also collect books, articles, DVDs, CDs and video jazz recordings. I subscribe to jazz magazines and newsletters. So, I decided to share my resources with you.

### Books for your consideration:

"Kind of Blue – The Making of the Miles Davis Masterpiece" by Ashley Kahn

"But Beautiful, a book about JAZZ" by Geoff Dyer

A Century of Jazz "A Hundred Years of The Greatest Music Ever Made" by Roy Carr.

### Newsletters:

"JazzGirl Productions", "Jazz-e-news" published by jazz radio station WBGO-FM out of Newark, New Jersey, "All That Jazz", and "Mosaic Records".

### Jazz magazines:

"Jazziz", "Downbeat", "Jazz Educational Journal", "Jazz Improv", "Jazz Times", and the Los Angeles monthly newspaper "All About Jazz".

### Internet Sites:

[www.redhotjazz.com](http://www.redhotjazz.com) - Jazz history before 1930. The site also has a compilation of bands with discographies, sound clips, band rosters, bios and pictures.

[www.allaboutjazz.com](http://www.allaboutjazz.com) - claims to be the first commercial jazz site on the Web; it covers all styles of jazz and even has enlisted a resident expert who answers jazz-related questions.

[www.jazz-clubs-worldwide.com](http://www.jazz-clubs-worldwide.com) - a site where travelers can log on to get names and addresses of the nearest jazz club.

[www.artofjazz.com](http://www.artofjazz.com) - If you're interested in purchasing art, this site focuses on artwork such as jazz posters, paintings, sculptures, drawings, photographs and lithographs that can be viewed and purchased.

Unsolicited, yet welcomed, I sometimes receive new release material. For example, an excerpt from one of my internet subscriptions announcing and commenting on a new DVD release: "THE JAZZ MESSENGERS: LIVE IN TOKYO AND LONDON." Both of these concerts are issued here on DVD for the first time ever! The first one presents "Art Blakey's Jazz Messengers" filmed at a studio in Tokyo, Japan, at the height of their fame. It offers a rare opportunity to see Lee Morgan and Wayne Shorter together on film. The second portion also features Morgan with the Messengers including John Hicks, John Gilmore, and Victor Sproles.

Another DVD release that comments about Kenny Drew, Jr.'s father: "TENOR TITANS: DEXTER GORDON AND BEN WEBSTER LIVE": Dexter Gordon is featured

in a quartet format backed by the great Kenny Drew on piano, Danish bassist Niels-Henning Orsted Pedersen, and the relatively obscure South African drummer Makaya Ntshoko (Ben Webster is present and can be seen among the audience). Ben Webster's performance is also with a quartet, with the exception of "A Night in Tunisia", in which English tenor saxophonist and famous jazz club owner Ronnie Scott join the group.

Sometimes I am asked to give a Jazz or blues history speech to a Tampa Bay area organization. I sometimes use that speech as my column of the week.

Now you know how I come about my topics on jazz and obtain necessary information. Hopefully, you'll continue to read my column, and if there are any areas of jazz you'd like to read more about, just drop me a line, and it's done!

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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**Saturday, Feb. 10, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Mayor Rick Baker and City Council Black History Festival.** Sweetbay Supermarket, 1794 22nd St. S., St. Petersburg. Activities for the day include food & beverage samples, great giveaways, free health screenings, face painting, children's activities, history exhibits, African American Art, and live entertainment. Meet Sweetbay manager, Tony Brown and the entire Sweetbay staff. For more information call Claude Williams 551-3408.

**Tuesday, February 13, 12:00 Noon - Lunch and Learn Seminar - Veteran's Benefits,** at Morning Glory Funeral Chapel of St. Petersburg, 3301 5th Avenue South. Free lunch.

For additional information call Lisa Speights-Fisher, LFD (727) 323-8132

**Genealogy Programs At Your Library.** The following genealogy programs are held at the Jimmie B. Keel Regional Public Library, 2902 W Bearss Ave, Tampa FL, at these times and dates:

**Wednesday February 14 - Census Records.** Federal, special and state census records; research strategies.

**Wednesday, February 21, 6:45 p.m. - Using Online Census Records.** (Limited to 12.) Learn tips on finding your ancestors using Federal and state census records using Ancestry and Heritage Quest.

**Wednesday Feb. 28, 7:00 p.m. - Female Ancestors.** Learn how to find female ancestors using genealogy research and about laws that affect research.

Researchers also may use the information

Gateway on the Library's Web page, hcplc.org which provides great genealogical resources that can be used at the library or at home. For more information on these and other FREE programs at your library, please call (813) 273-3652, ext. 2 or visit hcplc.org.

**Monday, Feb 19, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Boys & Girls Club (Northside) Black History Exhibit.** At the Royal Theater, 1101 22nd Street South, St. Petersburg FL. Your support is their reward. The black history exhibits such as Kings & Queens of Africa and a black aviator will be on display for your education and enjoyment. Soul food such as collard greens and mush (cornbread) will be provided.

**Friday, Feb. 23, 1 - 4 p.m. - Better Painting in an Hour Workshop.** The City of Clearwater Cultural Affairs Division will present a painting workshop, conducted by Melissa Miller Nece, at the Studio 1212 Gallery, 1405 Cleveland St., Clearwater.

Melissa Miller Nece is well known in the Tampa Bay area arts community. She teaches at the Dunedin Fine Arts Center and has conducted classes and workshops throughout the region. "Believe it or not, pushing yourself to paint faster leads to rapid improvement in your general painting abilities! More efficiency, better brushwork, more accurate proportions and effective simplification all grow out of working quickly," states Ms. Nece. For this workshop, she will do a one-hour painting and explain her process. Participants will have time to practice the new technique.

To register call (727) 562-4814. Space is limited to 22 participants.

**Saturday, Feb. 24, 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. - Florida African American Heritage Celebration** at Heritage Village, 11909 125th Street, Largo.

The sixth Florida African American Heritage Celebration will feature the sounds of gospel, jazz/blues and traditional African drumming and dance; the aromas of authentic ethnic recipes; an exciting marketplace with arts and crafts and other merchandise with African and African American themes and styles and hands-on activities and visual and performing art workshops for adults and children. Admission is free. For more information, call (727) 582-2123.

**Saturday, Feb. 24, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. - The 2007 Lawfest Workshop** at the St. Petersburg College Midtown Center, 1048 22nd St. So. Celebrating Black History Month, the event is free and will feature The Honorable Judge Michael Andrew as facilitator and The Honorable Judge James V. Pierce, presenter. A host of Tampa Bay area attorney's specializing in all types of law will provide one on one counseling and mock court scenarios. Hot lunch will be provided. To RSVP or for more information, contact Momma Tee Lassiter (727) 894-6295.

**Saturday, Feb. 24 - Tours Featuring Plants of African origin.** at 10 a.m. and again at 3 p.m. These tours will take place during the eighth annual Florida African American Heritage Celebration. This is a special event filled with African American art, music, dance, storytelling, food and fun. These

free tours will last about 45 minutes, and no pre-registration is required. Visitors should meet in the lobby of Pinellas County Extension at 12520 Ulmerton Road in Largo. Tours are appropriate for adults and children. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes and bring sunscreen or an umbrella, dependent on the weather. For more information about these Discovery tours, call James Stevenson, Public Education Specialist for the Florida Botanical Gardens, at (727) 582-2581.

**Monday March 5, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. - Business Seminar Tackles Labor & Immigration Law** at the EpiCenter in Clearwater, 13805 58th Street North. WorkNet Pinellas will continue its Business Seminar Series with a free presentation on Labor & Immigration Law by Enrique Gonzalez from FRAGOMEN Attorneys at law. Gonzalez will speak on what businesses can or should be doing with I-9s, the pros and cons of Visas as well as H-1B Visas and NAFTA. Light refreshments will be served.

Please contact Kristin Dailey at (727) 507-4300 ext. 3004 or kdailey@worknetpinellas.org to reserve your space. Seating is limited.

**Sunday, March 11, 4:00 p.m. - NCNW Annual Black Family Reunion and International Food Festival** to take place at the Historic Fanny A. Ponder Council House, 1835 9th Avenue South. For additional information contact Mae McRae or Annie Grant at 727-374-7241.

## Early Voting In Pinellas Begins On February 26



Deborah Clark

Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections Deborah Clark announces that 18,500 absentee ballots for the March 13 County Referendum and Municipal Elections will be mailed on Thursday, February 1

to those who have already requested them. The deadline to request an absentee ballot to be mailed is 5 p.m., Wednesday, March 7. Ballots may also be picked up from any Elections Office from now through Election Day.

Completed absentee ballots must be delivered to one of the three Supervisor of Elections offices by 7 p.m. on Election Day,

March 13. Absentee ballots cannot be accepted at polling places.

"Sometimes it's difficult to get to your polling place on Election Day, but an absentee ballot can be mailed right to your home," Clark said. "Many voters prefer this convenience."

Floridians may vote by absentee ballots, early voting or at their precincts on Election Day. Early voting in Pinellas will be February 26 through March 10 at the Supervisor of Elections Offices:

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**Pinellas County Courthouse**  
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# STATE NEWS

## Racist Creed Or Enlightened Work? State Song Stirs Up Folks

TAMPA (AP) — Is a state song really representing Florida if:

- The lyrics officially adopted seven decades ago are no longer used because they're widely viewed as racist?

- The songwriter is from Pittsburgh? And never visited Florida?

- The best known line, "Way down upon the Swanee River," misspells Suwannee River, the song's sole reference to Florida?

- The new governor, wary of the racial fuss the song stirs up, axes it from his inauguration ceremony?

Serious concerns have long dogged Florida's state song, "Old Folks at Home," widely known as "Swanee River." Most recently, it was publicly abandoned by Gov. Charlie Crist, who chose a different song to mark his official induction into office this month.

A spokeswoman said he was concerned about the song's "racial implications."

The problems with the song are clear, even to those who defend it. It's a throwback from 1851, when Pennsylvania native Stephen Foster wrote it in the hopes it would be picked up by a minstrel show. Eventually, it was. It became one of the most popular songs in the world; the melody is universally recognizable.

The narrator, a slave, cries out in the chorus to "darkeys" and longs for "de old folks at home" — on his plantation. In 1935, the Florida Legislature adopted the song as its own, even though Foster never laid eyes on the Suwannee River or any other part of the state.

He used "Swanee" because it fit the rhythm of the lyric; first drafts show he originally extolled the Pee Dee River of South Carolina.

It's tough to find the lyrics on any state-run Web site. Apparently only one Florida Web page, aimed at children, displays the lyrics and uses a modernized version that leaves in "plantation" but omits "darkeys." The so-called "negro dialect" also is wiped clean. "Ribber" becomes "river."

The first official record of the modernized version being used at the state capital is in 1978, when the new capitol buildings were dedicated.

But the newer versions were never recognized by lawmakers. The joint resolution that adopted "Old Folks at Home" 72 years ago declares it the official state song, "to be sung in the schools and at all other public or official gatherings."

For some Floridians, the song is a shameful, painful reminder of the

state's connection to the Old South.

"The truth about the matter is more white people have come to me and complained that the language of that song is very embarrassing," said Charles Atkins, a black bluesman and Daytona Beach native who wrote the song Crist chose over the official state song.

Whitewashing the old lyrics doesn't change anything, said Atkins.

"It's like stepping in manure," he said. "It's going to always have that on its feet."

The Center for American Music at the University of Pittsburgh, which has a memorial to Foster, gives its blessing to revising Foster's lyrics. The center plans to release this year a collection of his songs, modernized to nix the loaded words. Their goal is to keep the songs alive.

Why?

This is where "Swanee River" gets complicated. "Old Folks at Home," musicologists say, is not exactly what it seems.

Bashing it as racist is a fallacy, because it's listening to an 1851 song with 2007 ears, said Kathryn Miller Haines, associate director of the Center for American Music. The song gave refined, human emotions to slaves, something that was not done in white, popular culture at that time. Foster tried to express the emotion he imagined slaves felt when their families and their ties to home were ripped apart.

Slaves, he was saying, experience the same turmoil that whites feel, Haines said.

"Foster was not a racist," she said.

The longing for home and roots hit a chord that proved universally popular, Foster biographer Ken Emerson said. Even some blacks, for a time, absorbed it into their culture. Slaves embraced it. They sang it in cotton fields in Georgia and believed it to be an African folk song.

"It speaks deeply with a sense of nostalgia about distance from home. That's one of the reasons it's been for more than a hundred years one of the most popular songs in America," Emerson said.

Just because the song stirs up a complicated stew doesn't mean it should be forgotten, he said.

"The racial complexity and ambiguity is tremendous," Emerson said. "But it's part of American history. American history is awkward and embarrassing and complex. It has racist aspects to it, and so does American history."

Still, that's a lot of explanation to give for Florida's anthem.

"When you want a state song, you don't want to hear a 10-minute lecture from a history professor or a musicologist. You just want to sing the thing," said Steven Saunders, who edited the definitive edition of Foster's complete works, hundreds of songs that include "Jennie with the Light Brown Hair" and "Oh! Susanna."

At least twice in the past 20 years there were serious efforts to replace "Old Folks at Home." In 1988, former Rep. Rick Dantzler tried it, met with resistance, and shifted his effort to adopting another song along with the old tune. It failed.

In 1997, former Rep. Willie Logan, of Opa Locka, tried again. Resistance came from a lawmaker, Randy Mackey, whose district included parts of the Suwannee River. Again, the effort failed.

The song gets credit as the foundation for Florida's tourism industry, as people worldwide came to look for the idyllic home Foster described on the river's banks. But just because it's part of state history doesn't mean it should represent Florida today, said Dantzler, who now works as a lawyer in Winter Haven.

There are other problems with the song, especially if you live in South Florida and don't feel connected to a tribute to a river that flows hundreds of miles away, through north Florida. It doesn't say much about the state, because Foster never saw it.

Atkins, who teaches and runs a blues lab at Florida State University, thinks his "Florida's Song" is a good replacement. Even before Crist's inauguration, it was played at the Capitol and at state museums.

He wrote it about 15 years ago, when Ray Charles was inducted into the Florida Hall of Fame. Atkins heard Charles tell a reporter he would sing about Florida, his childhood home and birthplace of his career, if someone would give him a song.

Atkins set to writing a patriotic song for the state he loved and the artist he had admired for a lifetime.

About a year before Charles' death in 2004, the two musicians were in a studio together in Los Angeles. Atkins finally had a chance to play "Florida's Song" for his idol.

Charles, Atkins said, was thrilled. He asked to hear it again and joined Atkins at the piano. Together, two black men with strong Florida connections played and sang about the state's flowers and rivers, the sunshine and the sea.

worked under Smith.

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## Crist Re-Appoints Gibbons And Johnston To District Board Of Trustees, St. Petersburg College

TALLAHASSEE — Governor Charlie Crist today re-appointed Deveron M. Gibbons and W. Richard Johnston, both of St. Petersburg, to serve on the District Board of Trustees, St. Petersburg College.

"I am delighted these gentlemen have agreed to continue working to further educational opportunities for Florida's students," said Governor Crist. "Their work will help students at St. Petersburg College receive the best education possible."

Deveron Gibbons, 34, is vice president of public affairs for Amcscot Financial in Tampa, Florida. He previously worked as a senior public affairs advisor for Holland & Knight, LLP, and as a special assistant for public and

minority affairs at the University of South Florida. Mr. Gibbons serves on the Pinellas County Housing Authority Board of Commissioners and as a board member for the St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce. He graduated from the University of Florida.

"It is my hope that we can work with the Crist Administration to continue to diversify and enhance the level of education students receive at St. Petersburg College," said Mr. Gibbons.

W. Richard Johnston, 74, has worked as a certified public accountant for over 45 years. He is a former chairman of the St. Petersburg College Board of Trustees and a founding member of the

Florida Post-Secondary Education Planning Commission. Mr. Johnston served as a pilot in the United States Air Force. He graduated from the University of Akron.

"I am grateful to Governor Crist for this honor," said Mr. Johnston. "It has been a privilege to serve on the Board of Trustees and promote the development of the college."

The District Board of Trustees for St. Petersburg College makes certain the college remains in compliance with regulations issued by the State Board of Education. Gibbons and Johnston are each re-appointed to a term beginning February 1, 2007, and ending May 31, 2010. These appointments require confirmation by the Florida Senate.

## Floridians Strongly Approve Of New Governor's First Month

By: BRENT KALLESTAD  
Associated Press Writer

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — New Florida Gov. Charlie Crist, who has led bipartisan efforts to lower property insurance rates and replace touch-screen voting machines, is getting overwhelming support from voters, a poll released Tuesday shows.

More than two-thirds of Floridians sampled in a random telephone survey by the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute approve of the way their new governor has taken to his duties while only 6 percent disapproved.

Even an overwhelming majority of Democrats applauded the Republican governor's performance with 65 percent giving a thumbs up and just 7 percent disapproving.

Crist was traveling in the tornado ravaged central Florida area Tuesday and not immediately

available to comment on the poll's results.

More than half of the survey, taken between Jan. 29 and Feb. 4, was completed by the time the tornados tore through central Florida. Quinnipiac said the poll of 1,003 voters had a margin of error of plus or minus 3.1 percentage points.

Former Gov. Jeb Bush's top rating came in September 2004 after a series of destructive hurricanes when 62 percent approved of his performance compared to 30 percent who didn't. Quinnipiac wasn't polling in Florida in early 1999 when Bush took office.

Two-thirds of the respondents in Quinnipiac's newest poll believe Crist has kept his campaign promises and three of five believe he'll get homeowners insurance rates and property taxes reduced. Crist worked with Republicans and Democrats in the Legislature last

month to pass a bill aimed at lowering insurance rates.

He also appeared with Democratic U.S. Rep. Robert Wexler to announce a proposal that would replace touch-screen voting machines, which have no paper trail, with optical scan machines, which count paper ballots.

"He has made a very strong first impression," said Peter Brown, assistant polling director for Quinnipiac. "It's Charlie Crist's show."

By comparison, U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson, who won re-election the same day Crist was elected, has a 54 percent approval rating compared to 18 percent who said they don't like how the Democrat is handling his job.

Florida's junior senator, Republican Mel Martinez, was at 48 percent favorable to 22 percent unfavorable.

## State Beginning FCAT Rewrite As Students Begin This Year's Test

By: BILL KACZOR  
Associated Press Writer

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — As students began taking this year's Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test, education officials Tuesday outlined plans to rewrite the test over the next four or five years to conform to new standards.

The FCAT will be revamped to match pending updates in the Sunshine State Standards for math and changes for reading and language arts approved last month by the State Board of Education, said Kris Ellington, the Department of Education's student assessment program director for kindergarten through 12th grade.

"It is critically important that this test that has such high stakes for kids and adults ... is one that meets the highest possible standards," Ellington told the House Kindergarten-12 Committee.

At stake is whether third graders are promoted and high schoolers graduate, whether schools are rewarded or punished and whether teachers receive merit pay.

"It's going to be a new test," Ellington said. "A new name may be advisable."

Rep. Curtis Richardson, D-

Tallahassee, agreed that the FCAT needed a new name because it has become detested by students, teachers and parents. The high stakes put too much pressure on them, he said.

He said the test should focus on its original purpose diagnosing individual student learning needs instead being an all-purpose measuring stick.

The Republican controlled Legislature, however, is unlikely to make any drastic changes in that role, given in former GOP Gov. Jeb Bush's A-Plus accountability program.

"The world that we live in is a world of high-stakes testing," Committee Chairwoman Anitere Flores, R-Miami, said in the hearing. "The SAT exam is a high-stakes test. A job interview is a high-stakes test. Your election was a high-stakes test."

Republican Gov. Charlie Crist, who took over from Bush on Jan. 2, gave FCAT critics hope during his election campaign by saying he would be willing to consider changes.

So far, though, Crist has advocated no major adjustments. He has suggested only that principals get a greater say in which teachers qualify for merit pay under a new state program based mainly

on student improvement on the FCAT and other standardized tests.

The FCAT would need to have more questions to serve as a diagnostic tool or students may have to take other tests, Ellington said.

"Then, we'll just sit here three years from now having this debate of saying 'Oh, now we've got the FCAT and the MCAT and the whatever cat,'" Flores said.

One possible change lawmakers will consider is delaying the FCAT, now administered in February and March, until near the end of the school year.

"It's pretty ridiculous that we start testing FCAT Feb. 1, finish up the whole process March 15 and kids are still expected to be learning in school until May," Flores said.

The new Sunshine State Standards are designed to be easier to understand and use.

It will take up to five years to conform the test to the new standards in part because the state must meet the requirements of the federal No Child Left Behind Act or risk losing millions of dollars in federal funding, Ellington said. And once the test is revised it must be field tested for a year before it can be used for assessment.

By: ERSULA KNOX ODOM  
Editor

On Thursday, February 2, Florida A&M University trustees selected alumnus and former FAMU administrator James Ammons as president of the school, according to Dr. Walter Smith, president from 1977 to 1985 and advisor to the board.

Dr. Fred Gainous, FAMU's

last full-time president, served from 2002 to 2004. He resigned after clashing with a board of trustees displeased with the university's financial and administrative status. Gainous was succeeded on an interim basis by Dr. Castell Vaughn Bryant, the first woman to lead the 120-year-old, historically black university.

Dr. Smith was delighted with the selection of Ammons, who once

worked under Smith.

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## Happy Black History Month!



# NATIONAL NEWS

## Why Is Black Business Invisible Online?



Kamau Austin

BLOOMFIELD, N.J. (BlackNews.com) — Just a few years ago when Kamau Austin asked his wife to login into the free computers at his neighborhood library, he couldn't possibly foresee his future. Kamau was using the free library computers because he was too poor to afford his own, but he wanted to start a business. Today, Kamau Austin is a leading eCommerce evangelist, advocating for African Americans to find financial freedom doing business on the Internet. He is also the first African-American to develop a printed book and multimedia system to instruct entrepreneurs on how to promote their e-Businesses with search engine marketing.

Austin is both an anxious and frustrated advocate in his self-proclaimed mission to share and enlighten African-Americans about the importance of building their businesses with online traffic. On one hand, Austin is really excited about the tremendous and growing financial opportunities via the Internet. However, in contrast, Kamau is fearful that Blacks, minorities, and other small businesses are not getting enough business visibility on the web. Austin, nevertheless, is resolute in his desire to help develop web-

based businesses. Moreover, Kamau is convinced that search engine marketing is essential to being successful in online business.

"Without proper understanding and implementation of search engine tactics and strategies, African American prosperity online from e-commerce will be nominal," says Austin. He feels this way because "93% of online businesses receive less than 20 site visitors a month." "However, search engines route five billion visitors to websites on a monthly basis," he adds. "It doesn't take a rocket scientist to see that channeling some of the search engine traffic to the business websites of African-Americans and other small business people is vital to the success of their entrepreneurial endeavors."

Kamau Austin's insights on search engine marketing aren't unfounded. Just think about the marketing importance of search engines today. According to the Real Estate Association, over fifty billion dollars in real estate sales is driven from online research. Over ninety percent of the one trillion dollars in Internet sales is first researched on search engines. Even sixty-three percent of automobile sales are first researched on the major search engines. Local businesses are even impacted by the far-reaching impact of search engine marketing. Yahoo! reveals about twenty percent of their searches are for local businesses. Twice as many people use search engines to find local businesses than use their local Yellow pages.

But how does Austin go from asking his wife to login him into the free computers at his local library to developing a book and CD training system on sophisticated search engine promotion? Kamau claims "I have refused to give up and sought out the services of good

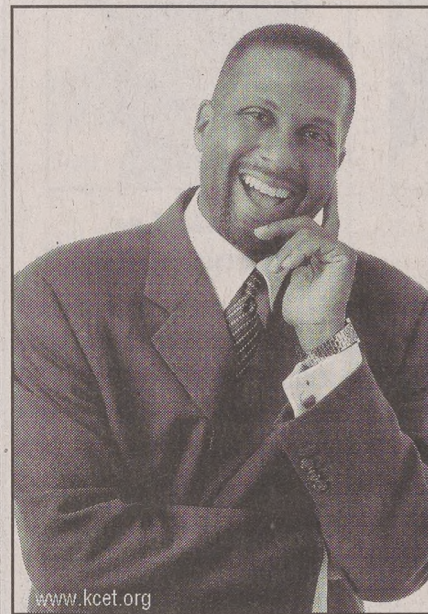
mentors along the way." For instance, his book coach Walt Goodridge is a leading author on small business development. Goodridge is the author of 12 books including Turn Your Passion into Profit and helped Austin with support services like designing his book and setting up his publishing company.

Austin suggests Black businesses use good search engine techniques, tactics, and, most importantly, strategies to build viable Internet-based businesses. With so much work being cheaply outsourced to other countries, African Americans will need to take advantage of newer opportunities in the Internet economy to create their own employment.

Austin claims this is the reason he created the S.E.E.M.E. training system revealed in his book and CD, Always on Top. Multimedia training and video makes learning technical marketing issues like search engine marketing more accessible to the average website owner. He hopes Black businesses will take advantage of the tremendous promise of search engine-driven Internet marketing.



## Blacks' Leaders Will Chart Path At The State Of The Black Union



Tavis Smiley

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — A year after offering a blueprint for rebuilding black America, author Tavis Smiley will bring the Rev. Jesse Jackson and other black thinkers to Virginia this month to discuss putting the plan for economic, political and educational revival into action.

The State of the Black Union, scheduled Feb. 9-10 at historically black Hampton University, will include the Rev. Al Sharpton, Princeton professor Cornel West and L. Douglas Wilder, the nation's first elected black governor, among other panelists.

The eight-year-old forum is modeled after the annual presidential address, drawing national leaders to discuss black America's most pressing issues and strategize on solutions.

"People are looking for some

sort of messianic figure to crack the clouds and deliver us," said Smiley, who hosts black-gear shows on PBS and Public Radio International. "Everyday people are going to have to do the best they can."

This year's forum coincides with Jamestown 2007, 18 months of events commemorating the 400th anniversary of the nation's first permanent English settlement.

Included are celebrations of the contributions blacks and other minorities made to sustaining early colonists. Smiley said it's fitting that, near the site of where black slaves first arrived, modern blacks gather to chart a course for the future.

"Black people are concerned," said Smiley, who called Jamestown's 400th anniversary an ideal time to reverse community ills. "If we are ever going to get busy, now is the time."

Nearly 400 years after African slaves first arrived on Virginia's shores in 1619, modern blacks face decaying marriages, an obesity epidemic and skyrocketing incarceration rates.

In Virginia, racial tension lingers: A proposal to offer a state apology for black enslavement recently prompted one white lawmaker to suggest blacks "should get over" the institution.

"We've made some amazing progress since 1965, but the disparities based upon the three-and-a-half centuries of neglect are obvious," Jackson told The Associated Press, adding that the

forum is needed to measure "how far we have come, and how far we must go to get an even playing field."

Last year, Smiley detailed the challenges facing blacks, from lack of affordable housing to sub-par health care, in his New York Times top seller, "The Covenant with Black America."

"We spent last year's conversation talking about this agenda — what it means for black America and how we can get our arms around it," said Smiley, whose new book, "The Covenant In Action," shares stories of blacks organizing.

"The question is ... how do we put that covenant into action," he said.

Black involvement in the planning of Jamestown 2007 is a start. Until now, the most recent level of comparable black involvement was during the 1907 Jamestown commemoration.

Back then, according to historical documents, officials held "Negro Day."

This time, the commemoration includes lectures at each of Virginia's historically black colleges, among other cultural events.

"It all began, for North America at least, here," said Rex Ellis, co-chair of the Jamestown 2007 African-American Advisory Council. "Telling the good, the bad, the ugly, I think, is important."

## Boy's Project Shines Spotlight On Pioneering Black Physician

FREDERICK, Md. (AP) — Black history was far from 10-year-old Sam Williamson's mind when he decided to research the life of Ulysses Grant Bourne for a Frederick County student essay contest.

Sam, who is white, said he picked Bourne, the county's first black doctor, "because he had the coolest name" among the list of lesser-known local figures offered by the Historical Society of Frederick County.

But Sam became enthralled by Bourne's early 20th-century achievements, which included founding the county's NAACP chapter, establishing a hospital for blacks in then-segregated city of Frederick and, nearly as impressive to the basketball-crazed kid, bringing the Harlem Globetrotters in to play in a Frederick church basement and eat dinner at the doctor's house.

Sam won \$100 in the contest last school year, but he didn't stop there. He went on to raise \$19,000 for a bronze bust of Bourne that will be placed later this year at Frederick Memorial Hospital.

"I wanted the whole world to know what he did and how good of a role model he was," said Sam, a fifth-grade student at Ballenger Creek Elementary School.

Sam also gained an honorary grandmother, Bourne's 83-year-old daughter, Dr. I. Blanche Bourne, who is tickled by the public attention Sam's work has brought to her father's work.

"He's quite a boy," Bourne said.

Sam's mother, Leslie, a middle-school math teacher, joked that

Sam, the youngest of the four Williamson children, knows more about Bourne's family than he does about her Jewish heritage or his father Jeff's Irish and Welsh ancestry.

But ethnic and racial distinctions don't matter much to Sam, whose school is 77 percent white and 14 percent black, with a smattering of Hispanic and Asian students. Like others in his class, he studied America's struggles with slavery and civil rights, but it was Bourne's accomplishments, and not the obstacles he overcame, that fascinated Sam.

"To do all the things that he was able to do was amazing," Sam said.

He learned that Bourne delivered about 2,600 babies, black and white, from 1903 to 1953. Sam was surprised that the doctor allowed his patients, most of whom were white, to pay for his services, with fruits and vegetables.

Bourne's generosity extended to education, Sam learned: "He paid for someone to go to college, and when they graduated from college, they would pay him back."

Because black patrons weren't allowed in the local opera house, Bourne and his friends built their own elegant music venue, the Pythian Castle in Frederick. Bourne and a nurse did public health work around the county, Sam learned.

Bourne, a Calvert County native who attended Leonard Medical College in Raleigh, N.C., founded the statewide Negro Medical Society in 1940. He also ran as a Republican for the state House of Delegates, and worked behind the scenes for local political

candidates, Sam learned from Bourne's daughter.

"He was quite a community-minded person, very open and selfless, and was quite involved with everything around here in a quiet way," said Blanche Bourne, a retired pediatrician who is the youngest of Bourne's three children.

Sam's fundraising campaign for a Bourne memorial included letters to local political leaders and speeches to civic groups including the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, which gave \$1,000.

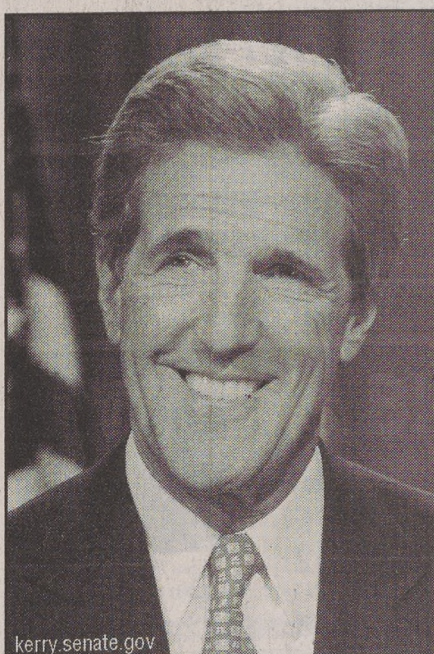
"Anyone talking to him about the project was moved by this young man who knew exactly what he wanted to achieve," said Guy P. Djoken, the local NAACP chapter president.

The biggest single donation, \$11,000, came from the Mid-Maryland Musculoskeletal Institute, a medical practice composed of 11 physicians. Chief Operating Officer Quinten M. Davis, who is black, said he was touched by Sam's dedication.

"The zeal with which this young fellow has approached this goes far beyond just a school project," Davis said. "It would be nice if there were more people who worked to understand the different cultures within our community."

Sam's work isn't done. He still needs about \$1,500 for a pedestal on which to place the bust that artist Steven Weitzman is making in his Brentwood studio. The sculpture should be finished this summer, Leslie Williamson said.

## Kerry Calls On Senate To Set One Year Deadline For US Troops To Leave Iraq



Sen. John Kerry

WASHINGTON, DC — Sen. John Kerry today said he is introducing legislation that would include many of the recommendations of the Iraq Study Group and set a firm deadline for the withdrawal of most U.S. troops from Iraq. Kerry said the other key elements of his bill are: launching a major diplomatic initiative, enforcing a series of benchmarks for meeting key political objectives, shifting the military mission to training Iraqi security forces and counter-terrorism operations, and

maintaining on over the horizon presence to protect U.S. regional interests.

"The only people who believe there is a workable military solution for the conflict in Iraq is The Bush Administration," Kerry said. "We must find a way to force the Iraqi politicians to make the tough compromises necessary to find a sustainable political solution. It's time to sponsor a regional effort aimed at using diplomacy to achieve peace. We can't pull the plug on our efforts in Iraq overnight, nor can we endlessly debate continuing the status quo into the next decade. My plan offers a rock solid deadline that forces Iraqis to step up their responsibilities while redirecting the mission of US troops to training, counter-terrorism and force protection."

"The president is asking Congress to approve another \$245 billion to pay for wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. We have little to show for our effort in Iraq and the president and Republicans in Congress are attempting to prevent us from debating this issue on the floor of the Senate. The American people aren't interested in 60-vote minimums. They want to see the

leaders in Washington have a plan for moving our brave men and women out of the chaotic civil war in Iraq."

The legislation is based on Kerry's bill from last year, which also called for creating a firm one year deadline for the redeployment of U.S. troops from Iraq, leaving only the minimum number necessary to complete the training of Iraqi security forces, go after terrorists, and protect United States facilities and personnel. In December, the Iraq Study Group set a goal of withdrawing United States combat forces from Iraq within a year. This date was based upon the timeframe for transferring responsibility to Iraqi security forces set forth by George W. Casey Jr., and on the schedule agreed upon by the Iraqi government for achieving key political and security objectives. It is also consistent with the President's stated objective, worked out with the Iraqi government, of transferring full security responsibility to the Iraqis by November of 2007. Senator Kerry continues to believe that setting a firm one year deadline is necessary to make that goal a reality.



# OBITUARIES

## FINAL RITES



**Deaconess Jadie Lee Byrd**

Born on May 30, 1925 to the late Neal and Savannah Moses, Deaconess Jadie Lee Byrd departed this life on Sunday, January 28, 2007. She leaves behind, her devoted husband, Huie Byrd, Sr.; four daughters, Bettye Jean Byrd Walker (James) of Washington D.C., Trenia Cox (Terry), Veronica Byrd Latimore, and Loretta Byrd Davis (Charles) all of St. Petersburg; one son, Huie Lee Byrd, \*Sr.; eight grandchildren, Marcus Byrd, Marcus Kincaid, Java Brown McKinnon, Justin Brown, Natasha Latimore Lovett, Darryl Latimore, II, Angel Davis; one brother: Willard C. Moses of Williamston, N.C.; one sister, Cleo Moses Perry, Wendell, N.C.; eight great grandchildren; a dear friend: Aldof Mitchell, Wendell, N.C. and a host of nieces, nephews, and other loving relatives and friends.

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**Edna Pearl Green "Babysister"**

Born March 12, 1952 to Lizzie Johnson and the late Bosie Green Sr. in Moultrie, GA. Edna Pearl Green departed this life on Friday, January 26, 2007.

Those left to cherish her memories include, her mother, Lizzie Johnson of St. Petersburg; her companion, Robert Lee Thomas; three brothers, Bosie Green Jr. (Eddie Jean Russell), Charles Chambliss (Verna), and Elgin Tyrone Kelly all of St. Petersburg; four aunts, Mary Wallace (A.C.) of St. Petersburg, Essie Mae McDuffie of Douglas, GA, Agnes Neal of Moultrie, Georgia and Annie Ruth Thomas (Ivan) of Hazel Hurst, GA; two uncles, Jimmie Williams (Dorothy Jean) of Montazoma, GA and Earnest Williams (Theresa) of Atlanta, GA; and a host of other relatives, and friends.

~ Smith Funeral Home



**Zora Lee Johnson**

Born in Millen, Georgia, Zora Lee Johnson, age 68, passed away on January 25, 2007.

Survivors include, four sons, Jimmy, Reginald, and Anthony Jackson all of St. Petersburg, and Donald Jackson of Beaumont, Texas; two daughters, Betty Smith of St. Petersburg and Gloria Jackson of Jacksonville, Alabama; one brother, Glendale Johnson of Laurel, Maryland; two sisters, Alberta Edwards of St. Petersburg and Dorothy Houston of Valdosta, Georgia; and 17 grandchildren.

~ Zion Hill Mortuary



**Eula Lee Chambers-Lloyd**

Born in Marianna, Florida, Eula Lee Chambers-Lloyd passed away on February 3, 2007.

Those left to cherish her memories include...a loving and devoted husband: James Lloyd II of St. Petersburg; one daughter: Eula Laster of Graceville; two sons: Rod Chambers and Dexter Chambers of St. Petersburg; two stepdaughters: Mary Seafus of St. Petersburg, Gwenda Ann Gibbon of Louisville, GA; one stepson: James Lloyd III of Atlanta, GA; nine grandchildren, three great grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

~ Morning Glory Funeral Chapel



**Henry Cayton Reed**

Born November 18, 1940, in Miller County GA, to Annie Lou Spradley and the late Willie C. Reed, Henry C. Reed passed from this life on Sunday, January 21, 2007.

He is preceded in death by his wife Quilland, grandson, and brothers Johnny Reed and Joseph Hawkins.

He leaves behind, his mother, Annie Lou Spradley Hawkins, four children, Elaine Reed Deloach, Kathryn Latash Reed, Kenneth Douglas Reed, and Henry James Reed; 5 grandchildren; 7 sisters, Mary Reed and Joanne Knight of Tallahassee, FL, Willie Mae Reed of Texas, Nesia Reed, Joanne Reed, Patricia Ann Reed of Bainbridge, GA, Mamie White and Lurie Houston of Ft. Myers; 4 brothers, Willie J. Reed of New York, Tommy Hawkins and James Hawkins of Georgia, Larry Hawkins (Barbara) of Ft. Myers, FL and Mike Reed of Washington; and a host of sorrowing nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

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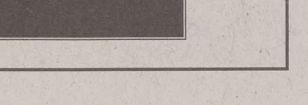
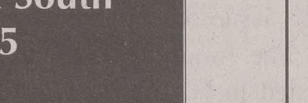
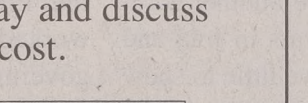
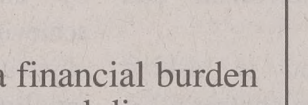
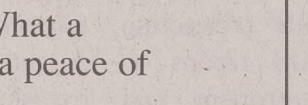
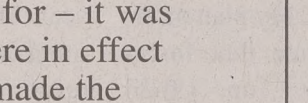
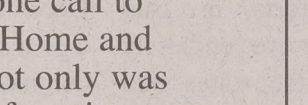
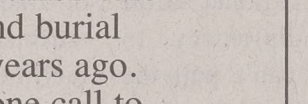
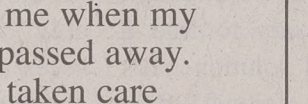
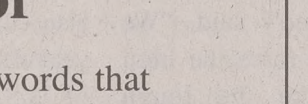
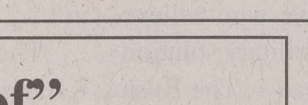
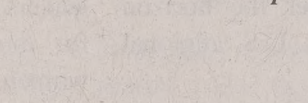


**George Clark**

Born in St. Petersburg, George Clark passed away on February 2, 2007.

Those left to cherish his memories include, one daughter: Bridget Clark; two brothers: Johnnie C. Jones and Ricky Floyd; one sister: Barbara Lovett, all of St. Petersburg; two grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

~ Morning Glory Funeral Chapel



**Juanita Griffin Walker**

Born on July 3, 1929, to Virgil Davis and Essie Mae Bell, Juanita Griffin Walker departed this life on January 25, 2007.

Those left to cherish her memories include, three sons, Ronald Griffin (Angela Peterson), Vaughn Bernard Griffin (Ruth Matos), Michael A. Griffin (Sheila D. Griffin), all of St. Petersburg; one daughter, Juanita Watson (god-daughter) of Nashville, TN; ten grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, and other loving relatives and friends.

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**Grace T. Williams**

Born in Whigham, Georgia, Grace T. Williams, 71, of St. Petersburg, died Thursday February 1, 2007.

Survivors include, three sons, Eggie Williams of St. Petersburg, Roy Williams of Atlanta, Ga. and Steven Williams of Orlando, FL; three daughters, Gloria Watkins, Orma and Tamera Williams all of St. Petersburg; one brother, Jeff Ratliff of Rochester, New York; three sisters, Evelyn Carter of Lakeland, Ga., Tina Quick and Mary Boothe both of Baltimore, MD; 14 grandchildren; and 7 great-grandchildren.

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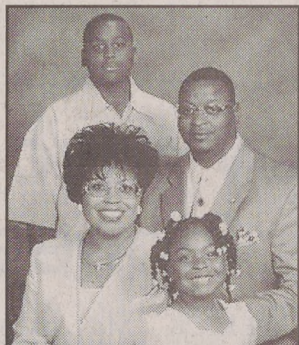


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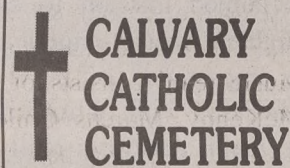


**Kenneth John De Laney**

Kenneth John DeLaney was born on October 11, 1939 to the late John and Jeannette DeLaney.

He leaves to cherish his memories; four sons, Kenneth J. Jr. (Mary), Keith A. and Gary all of St. Petersburg, and Kelvin of Tampa; three daughters, Karlita K. Gary, Katrina DeLaney, and Kathy Lip, all of Washington, D.C.; one brother, Keith M. (Sandra) and one sister, Karen Nobles (Henry) all of St. Petersburg, 27 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

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# RELIGIOUS NEWS

## CHURCH EVENTS LISTING

### NEW PHILADELPHIA COMMUNITY CHURCH “...stony the road we trod...”

The church family of New Philadelphia will continue its focus on black presence in the Bible. During month of February, a cultural emphasis which accentuates the present by acknowledging the past, and anticipating the future in African-American life, will be observed. Mid-morning worship will celebrate through praise, worship, and proclamation, purposes of God in historically calling an African remnant. Dress for Sunday will be casual or warm-up suits.

At conclusion of mid-morning service, classes for prospective Deacons/Deaconesses will be held. All study materials and supplies will be provided. These sessions will be brief in duration. The Reverends Aaron V. Gaskin and Dr. Vikki T. Gaskin-Butler will provide instruction. All meetings will take place on second Sunday of each month.

Church family is reminded of capital campaign for giving towards building fund. Each member is expected to donate seventeen dollars monthly in recognition of church's seventeenth year observance. A two-dollar donation per member is also being made a part of this annual campaign. This weekly offering will be measured monthly until anniversary celebration in November, 2007.

### 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. Our morning begins with Early Morning Service at 7:45. Sunday School begins at 9:00 with classes available for all ages! Come help us lift up the name of Jesus!

Worship continues at 10:30 with the New Hope Male Chorus leading the congregation in praise. The Music team consists of Michael McKenny, Vernard McKenny, Marcus Childs, and 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 thanks the community for joining us in praying for Pastor Senior's recovery. We ask that you continue to pray for his healing. May God bless each of you!

#### MIDWEEK P.U.S.H.

(Prayer, Understanding & Spiritual Healing)

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

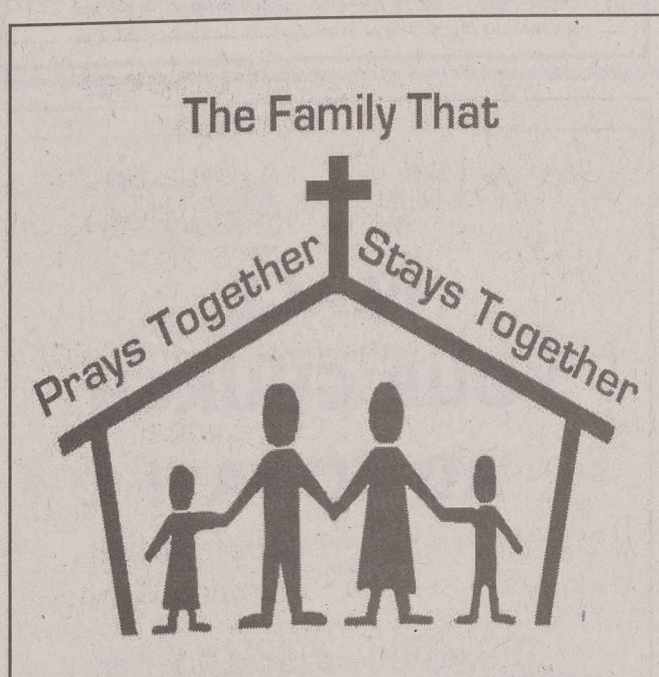
**Youth Bible Study** will be held on Wednesday evening at 7:00.

**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

- February 10** ... Teachers Certification Workshop (Orlando, FL)  
“Couples Night Out”  
6:00 p.m.
- February 17** ... Financial Aid Workshop  
10:00 a.m.  
Hat & Glove Fashion Show  
7:00 p.m.
- February 18** ... Mt. Tabor M. B. Church  
Tampa, FL  
4:00 p.m.
- February 24** ... Black History Month Celebration  
1:00-3:00 p.m.

“Prayer has power in private and in public.”



### BETHEL METROPOLITAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Bethel Metropolitan Baptist Church in “*Lifting Psalms to the Most High God of Heaven throughout 2007*” extends an invitation to the community to join us as we communicate God's Word at 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, Sunday School at 9:00 a.m., Bible Study and Teen Summit on Wednesday evening, at 7:00 p.m. We also encourage the community to make use of our Prayer Line. (321-9645)

The Youth Ministry in partnership with the Evangelism Ministry has taken on the task of helping the homeless in St. Petersburg. They are collecting items, such as blankets, pull tab opening can goods, and non-perishable ready to eat items. Twice a month they will go out and give items, hope and comfort to the homeless.

FCAT tutoring is offered weekly (Monday) 5:00-6:00 p.m. to assist 11th and 12th grade students, who must retake the Reading and Mathematics portions of the FCAT. These sessions are with certified teachers and trained volunteers. The weekly sessions will continue through February 26, 2007.

#### Important Dates:

- February 18th** African Attire Day  
**February 24th** Married Couples Ministry Celebration of Love  
**February 25th** Soul Food Fest

### MT. ZION AME CHURCH

**“I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.”**  
*Philippians 4:13*

Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church located at 919 20th Street South, St. Petersburg, under the leadership of Rev. Clarence Williams, its official staff and the entire church family extend to the community at large an invitation to join us in worship this Sunday and the remainder of the month as we come together for “Companion Month”. During this month of celebrating Love and our Black Heritage, we invite our church body to bring someone to church. Mt. Zion is a loving body of believers seeking to share the good news of Christ. Join us as we give thanks to God for his many benefits and praise God for His grace and mercy toward us. Come, let us reason together as we endeavor to do God's will, God's way.

Our early morning services begin at 7:30 a.m. Start your day with us as we lift high the name of Jesus. Church School will follow at 9:30 a.m.; bring the family for a time of study in the Word. At 11:00 a.m. we'll participate in Contemporary Worship, join us as we give Glory to God. The Richardson Special Chorus will minister in song through out the day. Pastor Williams will provide food for your soul, come be blessed by the Word.

#### Weekly ministries:

In need of a mid-week lift? Then stop by Zion for a day of ministry.

**Wednesday** - Vintage Bible Study, 11:00 a.m.  
Bible Study, 6:00 p.m.  
Hour of Power, 7:00 p.m., come as you are for a powerful hour of Song, prayer, praise and preaching.

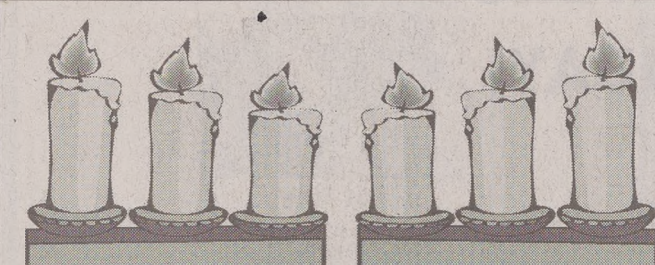
#### Upcoming Events:

- Feb. 10th** ... YPD-Show Your Love Brunch  
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Feb. 11th** ... Lay Organization Pre Valentine Tea / 9:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.
- Feb. 13th-16th** ... St. Petersburg District Conference/St. Stephens AME, Bradenton, Florida
- Feb. 25th** ... 82nd Church Anniversary  
7:30 and 11:00 a.m.
- Feb. 26th** ... F.A.S.T. Rally at 7:00 p.m.
- Feb. 28th to March 2nd** ... Winter Revival 2007

Mount Zion is on the move; get on board as we Mount up at Mount Zion!

Thought for the week:

**“Shine brighter than the stars, treat each other like gold”**  
Be blessed and have a Jesus filled week.



### ST. MARK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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

#### St. Mark offers...

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

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

**Children and Youth Ministry Meetings** are held every Monday at 6:00 p.m. Children in the community are welcomed to join us.

**Sunday School Teachers' Meeting** is held every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

**Senior Hour of Power Bible Study** is held every Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

**Prayer Meeting and Bible Study** every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m.

**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.

**St. Mark Technology Lab:** During the month of February the St. Mark Computer Lab will be open and available for use on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 6:30 pm. To 8:30 p.m. The lab is available for St. Mark members as well for members of the community. We invite you to come learn basic information about how to use a computer and how to use Word or Excel software to complete letters, reports or projects.

### FRIENDSHIP MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

**“THE SHIP” .....SERVING AND SAVING,  
HELPING AND HEALING, INSPIRING AND  
INSTRUCTING, PRAYING AND PRAISING**

**PASTOR DR. JOHN A. EVANS, SR.**

Dr. John A. Evans, Sr., whom God has appointed and anointed as Shepherd of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church and the entire church family cordially invite you to join us this week as we journey into a spirit-filled worship experience.

God's anointed servant, Dr. Evans, one who walks in the spirit and leads in the spirit in accordance with God's word, will deliver both the 7:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. message.

Friendship as a whole, welcome each of you to worship with us this Sunday. We hail your coming with delight, with open arms, and hearts filled with joy. We invite you to tabernacle with us as we lift up the name of Jesus. The Friendship family extends an open invitation to all who enter our hallowed doors.

Our theme for 2007 : “*One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism, One church.*”

Early morning service begins at 7:45 a.m., church school at 9:30 a.m. and mid-morning service begins at 10:45 a.m. The Friendship family welcomes each of you as the SHIP moves forward in the year 2007. We move forward in the precious name of Jesus with the vision given by God to our Pastor Dr. John A. Evans, Sr. There is room for all who enter.

The Deacons of the Ship are in charge of the devotional period during the 7:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. worship services. The Male Chorus under the direction of our minister of music Bro. John Frazier will sing songs to glorify our Father in heaven; the hospitality and ushers ministry will greet each of you with a heartfelt welcome. Come and be renewed in the spirit of Christ.

Our Youth Ministry will sponsor “Feed the Children”, coming March 31, 2007.

A truckload of food to feed hundreds of children. What a mighty God we serve. God has given Friendship a vision to reach beyond the walls. Our very own First Lady, Sis. Teresa Evans is the director of “Feed the Children”. For more information, call the church at (727) 906-8300.

Don't forget to join us for Bible Study every Wednesday at 12:00 noon and each Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m., as we become disciples through Bible Study.

Wednesday night live services are held the first Wednesday of each month. Come and be blessed.

You may visit our website at [www.fmbetheship.org](http://www.fmbetheship.org) for all other church news and events.



## Did You Know That Noah Was A Man Of Color?



(BlackNews.com) - Scientists acknowledge that all people of the earth are a single family and have a common origin. In the Bible, Acts 17:26 states “And he made out of one man every nation of men, to dwell upon the entire surface of the earth...” This Biblical fact proves all races are equal and descend from a common source.

Many people know the Biblical story of Noah and the Ark, but how many know that he was a man of color from whom all races originated? Noah had three sons whose descendants make up the world as we know it. Noah and his sons are depicted in an original piece of artwork from Gary Thomas, artist for the Pro Football Hall of Fame. As part of a nationwide education/awareness campaign, black entrepreneur Eric Johnson, president of Christian Art Network,

will offer limited and open edition fine art reproductions beginning during Black History Month in February 2007.

Looking to promote the truth about people of color in the Bible, the print depicts Noah and his family on dry land after the great flood that God sent to destroy wickedness on the earth. Along with the pairs of animals who survived are Noah, his wife, their three sons and their wives. The oldest son Japheth a light brown man, fathered Asians, Europeans, and Indians. Shem the middle son was a brown man and fathered Hebrews, Arabs, and Israelites. Ham the youngest son was a black man and fathered Egyptians, Africans, and Ethiopians. These facts are supported by Biblical scripture.

“We have a strong heritage that most people aren't aware of,” said Johnson. We want people everywhere to help us promote the truth concerning the actual way the great patriarchs looked. Once this art is seen by millions of Christians, people will better understand where

everyone came from giving dignity and respect to all nationalities. This is a crucial step and the common denominator needed to bring all races harmoniously together. Racism will end when there is mutual respect for everyone. What better way to promote this noble cause than through beautiful art work that speaks for itself! We all know the adage, “A picture is worth a thousand words.” Our objective is to help people of color and more importantly children of color look at themselves in a more positive way. Noah was a preacher of righteousness and our role models should be our Biblical patriarchs. Every detail was taken into consideration to make sure that it coincides with what is written in the Bible,” he concluded.

The free artwork project is being launched during February 2007 in honor of Black History Month. For a limited time, 8.5 x 11” fine art reproductions of Noah and his family will be offered FREE to everyone who visits our website at [www.christianartnetwork.com](http://www.christianartnetwork.com). There is a small postage and handling fee of \$4.44.



## Rev. William Gray, Former Congressman Gives Farewell Sermon

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Rev. William H. Gray III, a former congressman who later headed the United Negro College Fund, gave a farewell sermon at his family's church Sunday, saying change was needed for the church to grow.

"Everything must change," Gray told the congregation of Bright Hope Baptist Church. "Nothing can remain the same."

After leading the North Philadelphia church for nearly 35 years, Gray is turning over the reins to the Rev. Kevin R.

Johnson. Johnson promised the 2,500-member church that Gray would be back to preach.

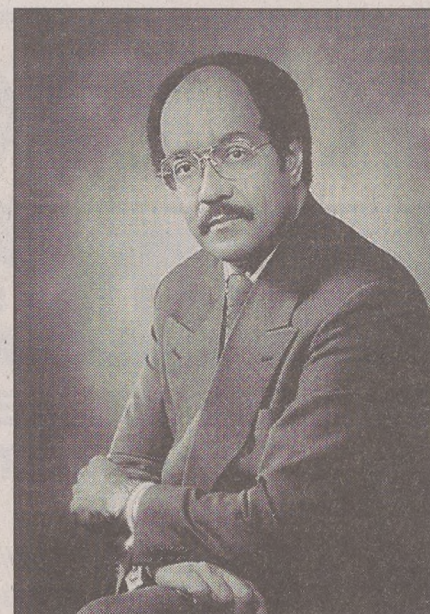
Gray's father and grandfather led the black, inner-city congregation from the early 1900s through the 1960s, when visitors included Martin Luther King Jr. and other civil rights leaders. It also has welcomed Nelson Mandela, Bishop Desmond Tutu and presidents Jimmy Carter and George W. Bush.

Gray succeeded his father in 1972, and

remained pastor while serving in Congress from 1979 to 1991. He later spent 12 years running the United Negro College Fund.

"I had the audacity to believe I could do anything I wanted to," Gray said.

He and his wife moved to their retirement home in Miami two years ago, but had to delay his leave-taking from Bright Hope when Gray's original intended successor resigned amid accusations that he had lied about his academic credentials.



Rev. William H. Gray III



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Mid-week Family Night Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.



Elder Benjamin Adams, Jr., Senior Pastor

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Schedule of Services

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Friday Prayer -7:00 p.m.

Intercessory Prayer - 9:00 a.m.

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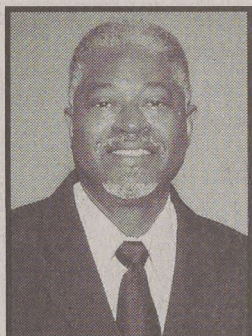
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Young People's Union .....6:00 p.m.

Evening Service .....7:30 p.m.

Tuesday

Bible Study .....7:30 p.m.

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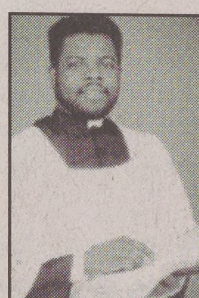
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Pastor

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 Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
 Monday - Bible Study ..... 6:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday  
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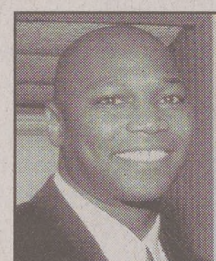
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Sunday Morning Bible Class ..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Sunday Morning Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
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 Sunday Evening Worship ..... 5:00 p.m.  
 Monday Evening Bible Class ..... 7:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday Evening Bible Class ..... 7:00 p.m.

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St. Petersburg, FL 33705  
(727) 898-9407Rev. Ronald L. Bell  
Pastor

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 Praise & Worship Service ..... 10:30 a.m.

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 (Prayer Meeting/Bible Study) .. 7:00 p.m.

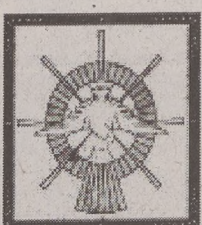
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 A.M. Service - 11:30 a.m.  
 YPWW (1st & 3rd Sunday) - 5:30 p.m.  
 P.M. Service (1st & 3rd Sunday) - 6:30 p.m.  
 P.M. Service (2nd & 4th Sunday) - 5:30 p.m.  
 Morning Prayer - 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.  
 Prayer Service - 7:30 p.m.  
 Bible Study (for all ages) - 7:30 p.m.



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Bible Study Fellowship 6:30 PM (Wed.)

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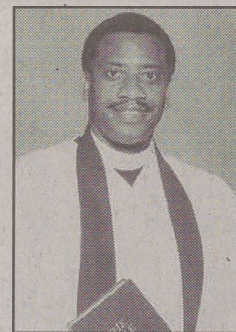
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 FRIDAY NIGHT @ 7:30 p.m. - PRAISE & WORSHIP  
 SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 10:00 a.m.  
 SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION @ 11:30 a.m.

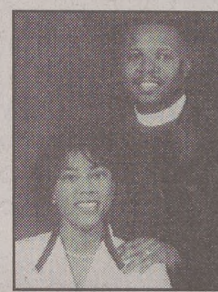
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# BLACK HISTORY

## Recognizing Distinguished African Americans

The fact that a publication such as this is limited in its presentation of materials and information, the following selected brief biographies seek to show the diversified achievements of African Americans and their contributions



RICHARD ALLEN



JAMES ARMISTEAD



JEAN BAPTISTE POINTE DUSABLE



ABSALOM JONES



PHILLIS WHEATLEY



ARNA BONTEMPS



JEAN TOOMER



MARIA W. STEWART

**RICHARD ALLEN**, Church Founder and Bishop, 1760-1831: The organizer and first Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Richard Allen was born a slave in Philadelphia. In 1787, Allen led the movement to organize the Free African Society. Denouncing colonization in Africa, Allen started the first national movement for resettling free African Americans in Canada (1830).

**JAMES ARMISTEAD**, American Spy: I in 1781, Arm Armistead, a slave, was a valuable intelligence agent during the Revolution, assisting Lafayette by gathering information concerning British forces at Portsmouth, Virginia. For his work, Armistead was emancipated by an act of the Virginia Legislature in 1786.

**JEAN BAPTISTE POINTE DUSABLE**, built the first house on the site of present-day Chicago (1784).

**ABSALOM JONES**, Minister: Rector of the first separate Protestant Episcopal congregation for African Americans, Jones was born a slave in Sussex, Delaware. He learned to read and write, and was able to purchase his wife's freedom and later his own. He joined Richard Allen in leading the exodus from the St. George Church in 1787, but preferred to follow the Anglican tradition leaving his friend to create the A.M.E. Church. He was with Allen, however, in the formation of the Free African Society.

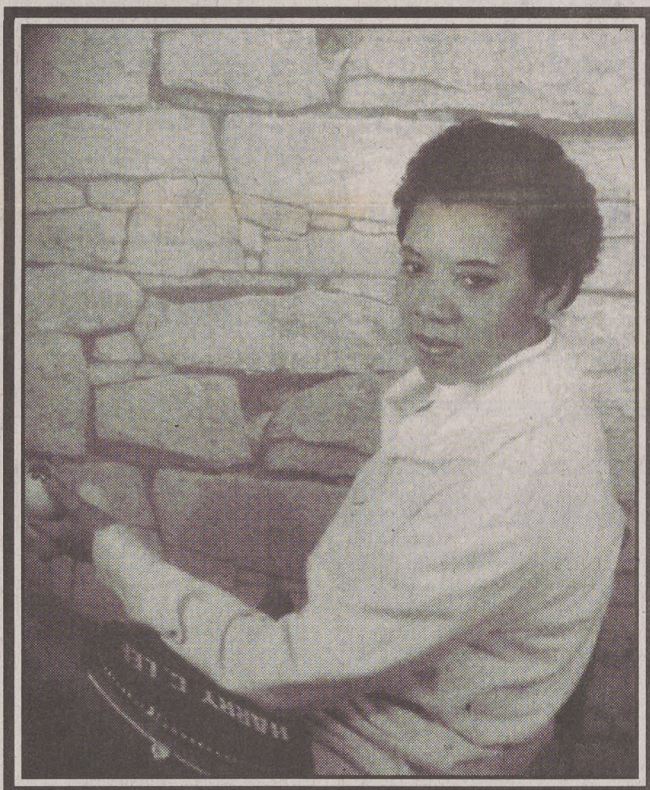
**PHILLIS WHEATLEY**, African-born, was an internationally known poet during the Revolutionary Period (1753-1784).

**ARNA BONTEMPS**, Poet, Novelist, Anthologist, 1902-1973, one of the productive African American writers of the 20th Century. Born in Alexandria, Louisiana and raised in California, Arna Bontemps received his B.A. degree from Pacific Union College in Angwin in 1923. His poetry first appeared in "Crisis", the NAACP official organ then edited by Dr. W.E.B. DuBois, in 1924. He won the Alexander Pushkin Award two years later for his work, "Golgotha is a Mountain". Bontemps served for many years as the chief librarian at Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee.

**JEAN TOOMER**, 1894-1967. "Cane", by Jean Toomer, published in 1923, has been called one of the three best novels ever written by an African American. The others are: Richard Wright's "Native Son", and Ralph Ellison's "Invisible Man".

**MARIA W. STEWART**, said to be "the first native-born American woman to speak in public and leave extant texts of her addresses" (Historian, Benjamin Quarles). Mrs. Stewart, uneducated, impelled by strong religious beliefs, was an outspoken abolitionist. She spoke several times in Boston between 1831 and 1833. Her farewell speech "What if I Am A Woman", defended her right to speak in opposition to slavery.

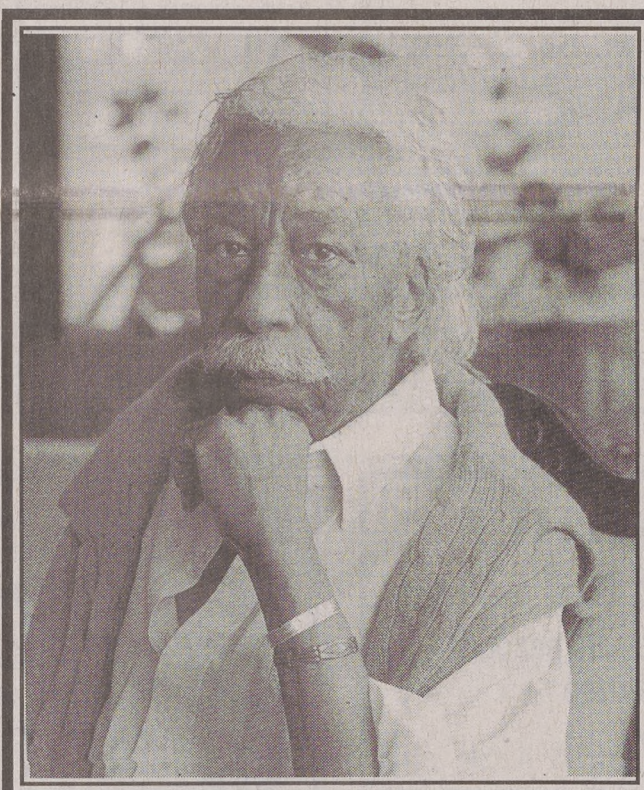
## Other Distinguished African Americans Include:



Althea Gibson overcame unbelievable odds to achieve international acclaim and success. Her journey from the violent streets of Harlem to the royal courts of Wimbledon reveals her strength of character and her remarkable composure in the face of racial prejudice. A pioneer in both amateur tennis and professional golf, Althea paved the way for the likes of Venus Williams and Tiger Woods



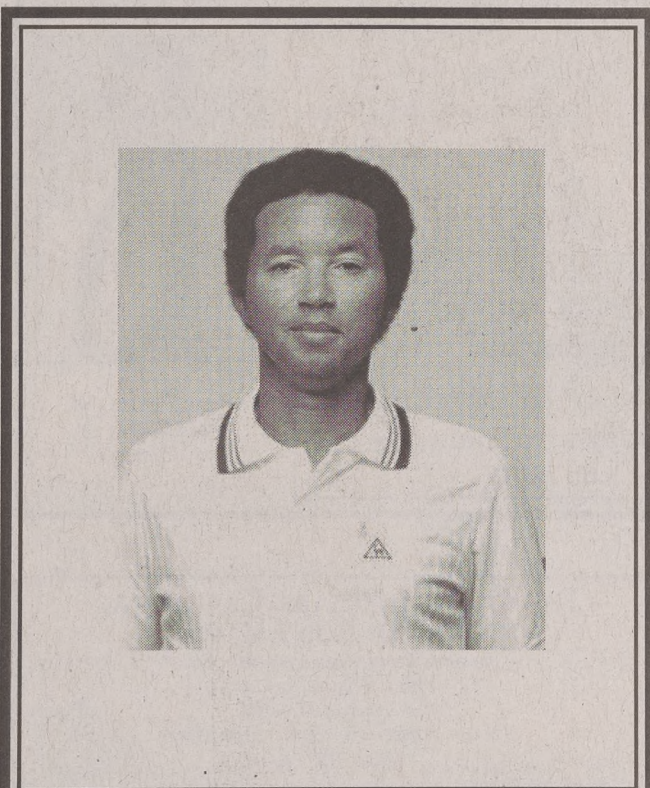
Ira Aldridge, Actor, 1807-1867, achieved fame as a star of Shakespearean dramas and as an eminent tragedian. He spent his early years in Maryland and attended the African Free School in New York. He later attended Schenectady College before entering the University of Glasgow. Aldridge achieved fame in the great theatres of Europe.



Gordon Roger Alexander Buchanan Parks (November 30, 1912 - March 7, 2006) was a groundbreaking African-American photographer, musician, poet, novelist, journalist, activist and film director. He is best remembered for his photo essays for Life magazine and as the director of the 1971 film Shaft.



Shirley Anita St. Hill Chisholm (November 30, 1924 - January 1, 2005) was an American politician, educator and author. She was a Congresswoman, representing New York's 12th District for seven terms from 1968-1983. In 1968, she became the first African American woman elected to Congress. On January 23, 1972, she became the first African American to make a bid to be President of the United States.



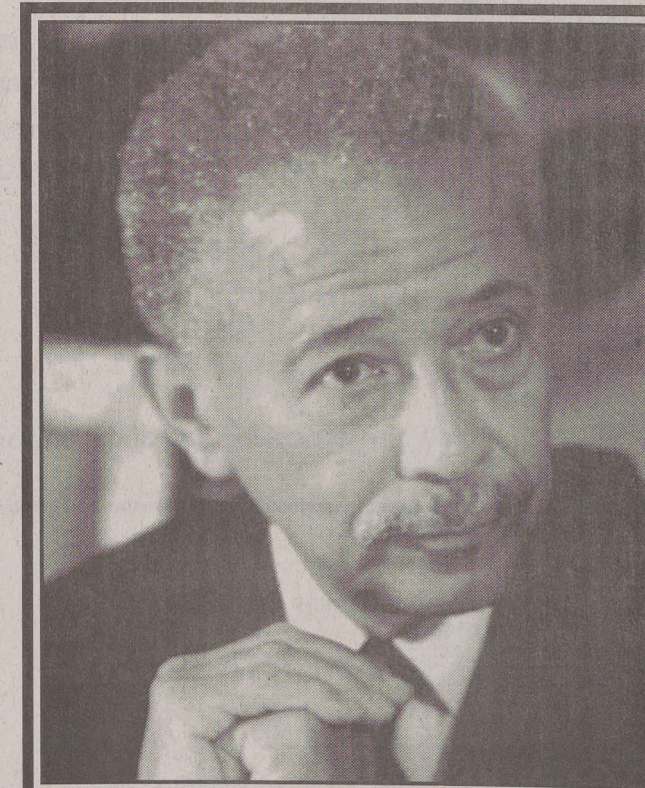
Arthur Ashe was the first African American player to compete in the international sport of tennis at the highest level of the game. After an early retirement from sports due to heart surgery, Ashe used his sportsman profile and legendary poise to promote human rights, education, and public health.



Dorothy Irene Height (born March 24, 1912) is an African American administrator, educator, and social activist. In 2004, she was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal by President George W. Bush on behalf of the United States Congress.



Ruby Dee born Ruby Ann Wallace (born October 27, 1924) is an African American actress, poet, playwright, screenwriter, journalist, and activist. A 1945 graduate of Hunter College, with degrees in French and Spanish, Dee made several appearances on Broadway before receiving national recognition for her role in the 1950 film, The Jackie Robinson Story.

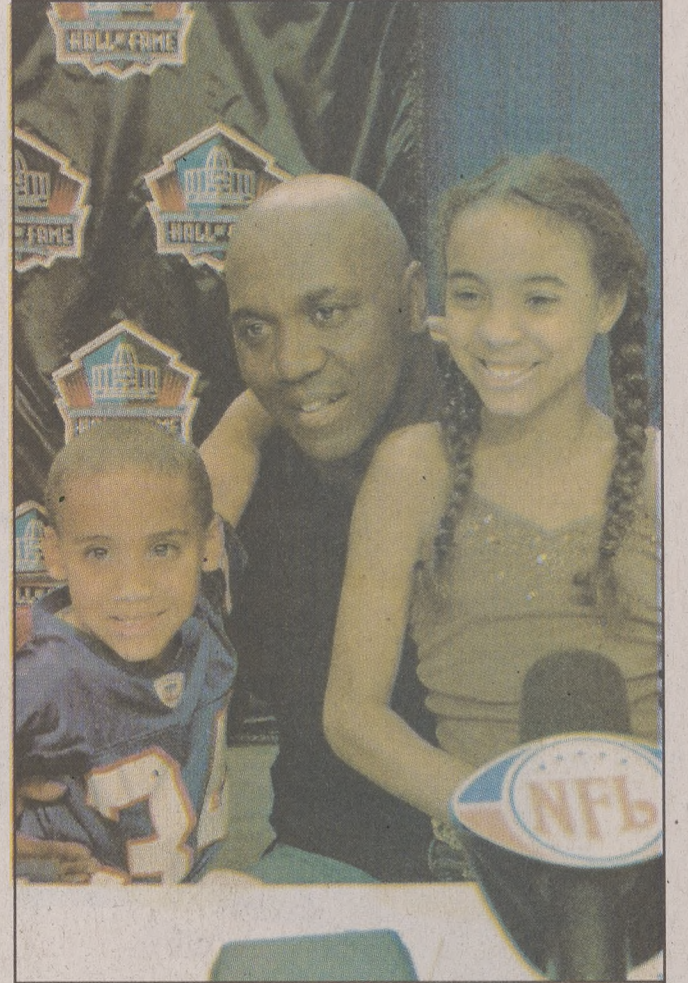
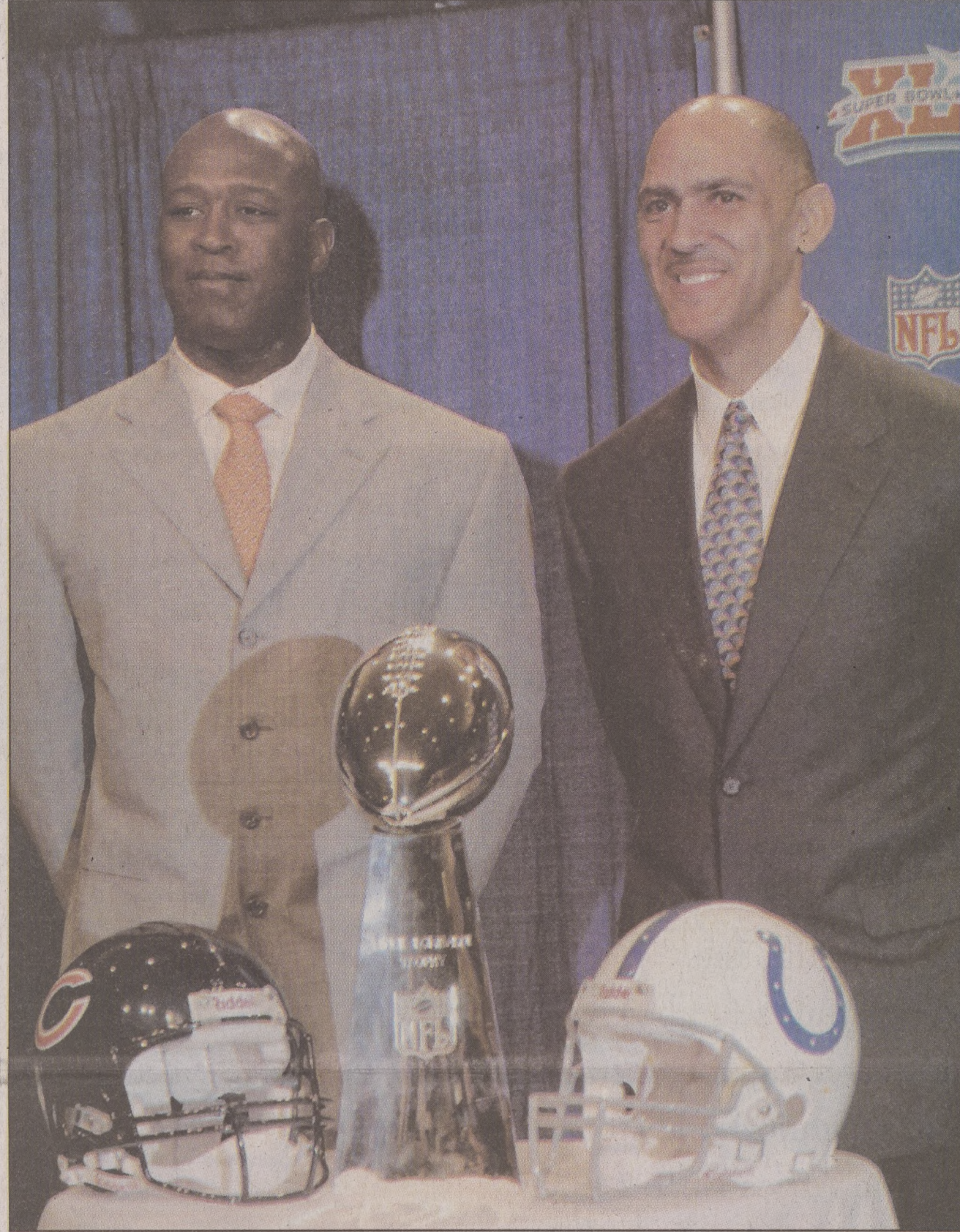
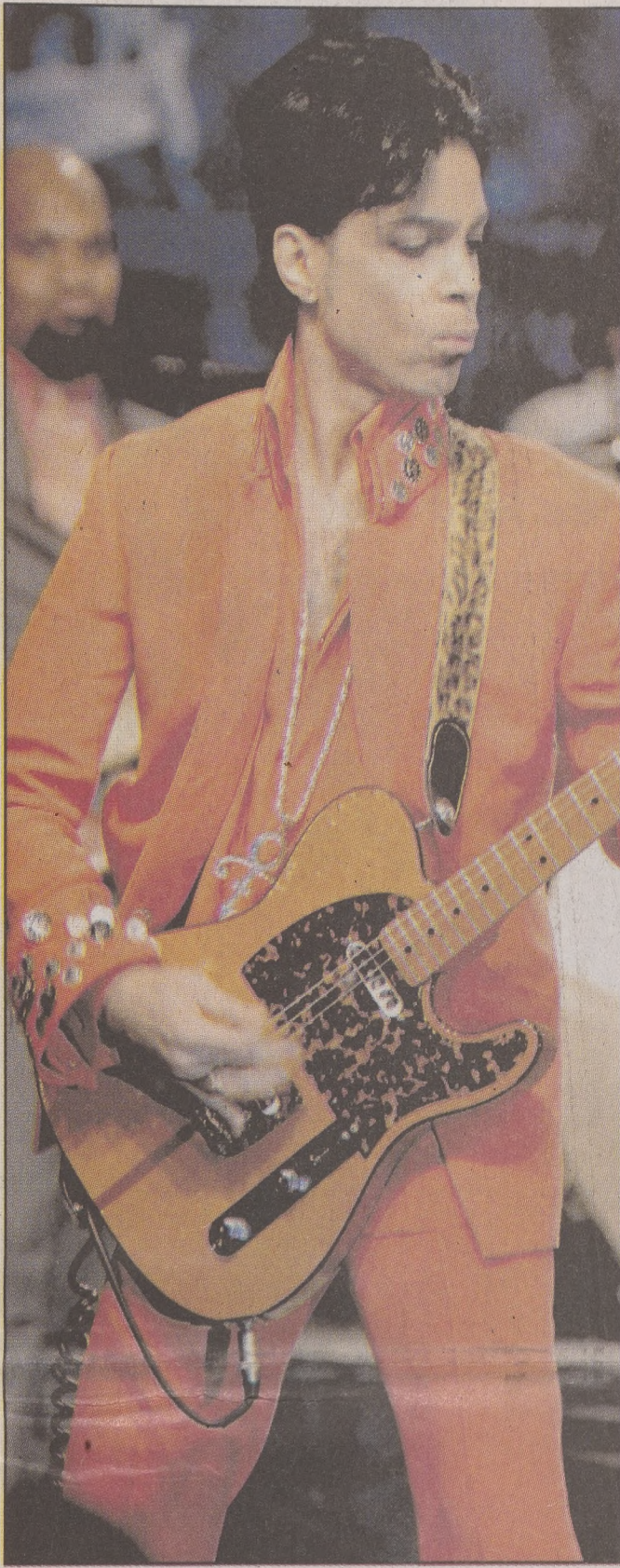


David Norman Dinkins (born July 10, 1927 in Trenton, New Jersey) was the Mayor of New York City from 1989 through 1993, the first (and, to date, only) African American to hold that office. During World War II he served in the United States Marine Corps. Dinkins is a graduate of Howard University, with a degree in Mathematics, and Brooklyn Law School.



# BLACK HISTORY

## Super Bowl Win: A Historic Moment In Time



### PAGEANT

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from." Ms. Fitzsimmon's daughter Brandi Henderson, at the time 8 years old, also took part in a production and feels it helped to bring her out of her shyness. Robinette Smith, Pageant official video photographer, whose son Erin Fleming was also a featured member of the production, explained how proud she was of her son. "It is because of this pageant that my son is now at the Performing Arts Program here at Gibbs. He got started in the pageant and he's been on stage ever since".

A special tribute to Rev. Peggy Peterman was lovingly read by her granddaughter Sydnee Peterman. She spoke not only of the national and international accolades accorded Reverend Peggy Peterman, but also reminisced about the spirit and love of this unique woman. Janice Fitzsimmons also recalled the special talents of this amazing woman. "I can say Peggy was a real super woman. I really miss her. A loving Lady who was into what she believed in. A lady you could never say no to. Her spirit has not left me at all." While her friend Mary Calloway, who presented the Occasion said, "When I think about black history I think about Peggy Peterman."

The Reverend Peggy Peterman's spirit remains grounded so that younger generations will learn to soar.



above and below: cast of Black History Pageant



Speaker, Nathaniel Drayton



Frank Peterman



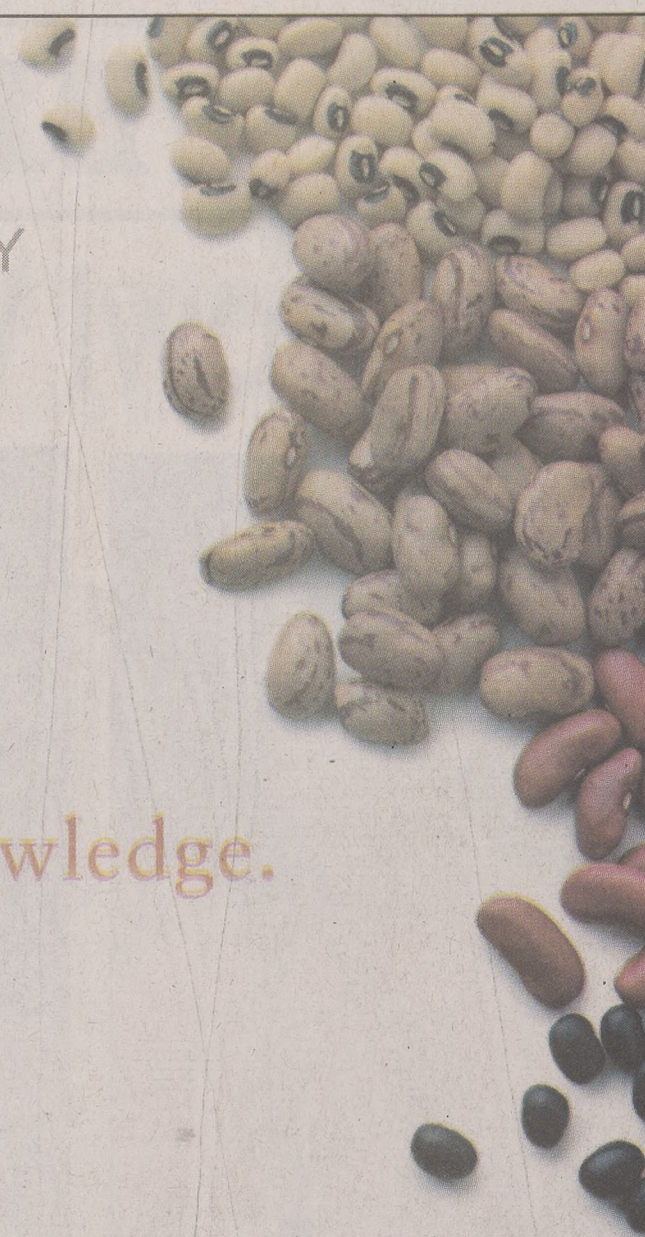
Jordon Peterman, Breyana Standifer, and Blair Hill



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