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## Rosalie and Jon Write The Rest Of The Story



Rosalie Peck and Jon Wilson

BY BLANCHE L. GANEY  
SPECIAL TO THE CHALLENGER

In the early 1920's and as late as the 60's St. Petersburg, like many other cities in America, was racially segregated, housing blacks in areas of cities that were usually under developed and oppressed. And just as oppressed as some areas were there were other areas designated as black neighborhoods that were alive, vibrant, economically sound communities that nurtured and supported its inhabitants. Rosalie Peck and Jon Wilson, authors of the new book "St. Petersburg's Historic African-American Neighborhoods" write about the tones and flavors of neighborhoods such as Methodist Town, Pepper Town, the Gas Plant area and Sugar Hill and how the dissolution of these neighborhoods changed the black community of St. Petersburg forever.

These talented authors capture the sounds and textures of Bolita Alley that was located in Methodist Town, the poverty of families surviving on \$300 a

year and the cruelty of segregation that left some families without basic needs. They write about the beauty of the togetherness felt by those attending the Rev. Davis' church formally known as Second Bethel that was in the heart of the community on 16th Street South and the pride felt by those that lived in and around one of the prominent neighborhoods.

Sugar Hill was one of those prominent 16th Street neighborhoods, probably named for its counterpart in New York City's Harlem according to Peck and Wilson. Sugar Hill was situated on the southern edge of the Gas Plant area.

This neighborhood, unlike other surrounding areas, was well cared for. Lawns were lush and green with beds of periwinkles and hibiscus bordering clean sidewalks. The soundly built homes were occupied by teachers, doctors, storekeepers and dentists. And even though these were the affluent families, all of the black community in

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## Dr. Karen B. Dunlap Leads Poynter Institute To Next Level

BY ERSULA KNOX ODOM  
SPECIAL TO THE CHALLENGER

The African-American female president of St. Petersburg's Poynter Institute credits her mother's words; "Be the best you, you can be" as fueling the courage to consistently move in directions demanding excellence. Dr. Karen B. Dunlap is president and managing director of Poynter Institute for Media Studies, member of the Poynter Board of Trustees, and the Board of Trustees of the Times Publishing Company. Previously Dunlap was Poynter's Dean of Faculty, director of their writing program, director of their High School Writers Camp, and Visiting Faculty. Dunlap has been rising to the top since 1989.

Dunlap cites their Community Conversation program and Poynter's subsistence through industry redefinition as her most significant contributions to the organization she leads.

Most recently the Community Conversation program hosted Gwen Ifil's, the first African-American female host of PBS Washington Week, for a community dialogue during a visit to St. Petersburg for a taping. This program speaks to her desire to serve the community well.

The newspaper industry has had and continues to respond to changing reader demands and a meteoric technological evolution creating an economic downturn in the industry. Poynter, under Dr. Dunlap's watch, has successfully

survived and even thrived during this industry redefinition. She states that Poynter's transformation into a digital provider well positioned them to answer questions, retool and in some cases, re-energize, those in the news business. In its first three decades, Poynter was rich in look and resources. In its fourth decade, she has successfully guided them through the unfamiliar and much needed budgeting process and expanded the institution's source of revenue. She is quick to say however; these successes would not have been realized without the excellent people she has working with her.

As most great leaders, Dr. Dunlap has an expansive vision for Poynter. Steps have already been taken to increase the physical campus. She is also excited about offering future programs with virtual teaching and a live interactive newsroom learning environment.

As for her inspirational support system, Dunlap recalls her friend and role model, Peggy Peterman. Dunlap warmly remembers Peterman as "intellectually astute with a southern charm." Dunlap was blessed with wonderful parents, the late Rev. Charles and Mary Fitzgerald and her mentor Jamie Williams, former Communications Department head of Tennessee State.

True to her mother's advice, Dr. Dunlap appears to be the best her she can be wherever she has been. She has led seminars on writing throughout the nation and abroad, and is co-author of "The Effective Editor" with



Dr. Karen B. Dunlap

Foster Davis, and "The Editorial Eye" with Jane Harrigan. Dunlap was editor of the Institute's "Best Newspaper Writing" series and has served twice as a Pulitzer Prize jurist. She was a reporter for the Macon News and the Nashville Banner and served stints as a staff writer at the St. Petersburg Times. She taught journalism at Tennessee State University in Nashville, and at the University of South Florida in Tampa. Dunlap is a graduate of Michigan State University and

Tennessee State University, and received her Ph.D. from the University of Tennessee. She has been recognized as an outstanding alum by each.

She has been recognized with the Gerald M. Sass Distinguished Service Award from the Association of Schools of Journalism and Mass Communications in 2005, an honorary doctorate from Eckerd College in St. Petersburg in 2006, and the Missouri Honor Medal from the University of Missouri School of Journalism.

## Mae Alice Frison's 100th Birthday Celebration



Mae Alice Frison

BY JOYCE NANETTE JOHNSON  
CHALLENGER CORRESPONDENT

Mae Alice Frison, will celebrate her 100th birthday on March 24. This monumental milestone is not only a testament to longevity of life, but also serves as a living link to the oral history of African-Americans. Mrs. Frison says the hard economic times, blanketed with the prejudice and segregation of her generation, helped to strengthen her character and cement her love for people.

Mae Alice Frison was born in Sumter County, Ga. in 1908. "When I look back nothing was bad," Mrs. Frison said. "My parents were sharecroppers. Now picking cotton, that was bad," she laughs. She feels the

experience taught her that whatever you got you had to work for it. "Work didn't hurt nobody," Mae said.

School, for the young Mae, was a one room wooden building, where one teacher taught kids from kindergarten to sixth grade. "We had to carry our lunch, of biscuits, syrup, and meat in a pail," explained Mrs. Frison. She had to walk miles each way to school, and the day lasted from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. The small schoolhouse only had one iron heater to keep the Georgia cold at bay. There were no toilets, only an outhouse.

The vice of segregation was meant to extinguish any hope of progress or initiatives in blacks.

Mrs. Frison vividly remembers one personal account that still haunts her memory. "My grandmother used to work for this white lady," she slowly began, "she cooked the food that they ate, but she could not eat with them in the same room." Still Mae counts that experience as a valuable life lesson. "It taught me not to hate and how to love. It taught me to be thankful with what I've got and how to treat people. I don't dwell on it, I love them all."

Mae Alice Frison and her late husband, the Reverend John Walter Frison, were married for 56 years. Rev. Frison was pastor of First Providence Baptist

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this area was like family regardless of class or economic status.

Gwendolyn Reese lived on Sugar Hill. She recalled a close-knit relationship with those who lived around her. "Like an extended family. People felt safe," said Reese. The community was able to sustain itself.

"I lived in the 16th Street and 5th Avenue area from 1945 to 1979," said 85-year-old Hazel Barnes. "The neighborhood was alive and provided for the people. There was the filling station that was owned by Love Davis, the Perkins grocery store that was owned by George Perkins, Welch's wood yard and 1st Baptist, Travelers Rest and Second Bethel Church all right there in the community."

According to Barbara Nelson, who was born and raised in St. Petersburg, everything blacks needed could be found within the boundaries of the black neighborhoods, which was essential since many families did not own cars

and were not allowed to use public transportation.

Times were changing. Urban renewal was the buzz word. The climate of the country was changing and St. Petersburg was about to fall into line with the rest of the country. St. Petersburg was going to have an Interstate highway come through and the promise was with it would come more business and more revenue. Little did folks know that more than anything what really came with urban renewal was the dissolution of neighborhoods, black neighborhoods.

"Urban renewal was a good thing for the city," said author Rosalie Peck, "but when the interstate started to inch its way through St. Petersburg right in the heart of the black community, life for blacks in St. Pete was never the same."

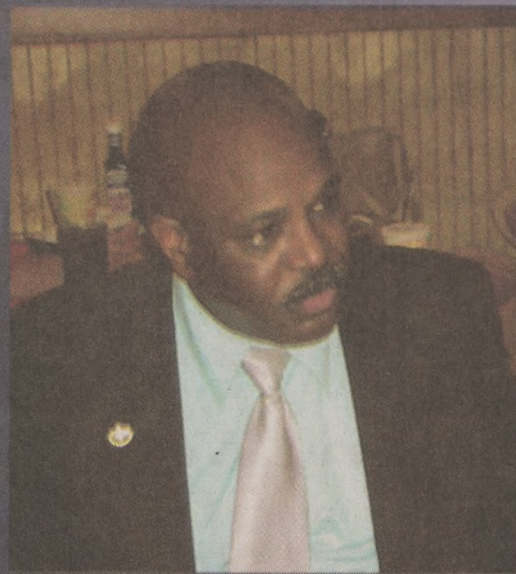
According to Peck the neighborhoods that were vibrant and alive with families and black-owned businesses, were uprooted and in some cases destroyed. Businesses started to fold and people were encouraged and

enticed to move to areas of town that were once off limits to black people.

"The sense of togetherness that had strengthened the community was starting to unravel as blacks moved to other parts of the city," said Peck.

"It is amazing to me how little I knew about this city and I grew up here," said retired journalist, Jon Wilson. "I know if I don't know these things about the black community many other people do not either. I've learned so much listening to the amazing stories. That's why doing this book with Rosalie has been so important to both of us."

This oral sharing of history is a black tradition. A little of the history many black people did not get from textbooks about the lives and times that meant so much to them did not warrant space in history books, but can be found in this well-written book. There is a powerful quote in the book by Quincy Jones: "I tell the youngsters if you know where you're coming from it's going to be easier to get where you're going."

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- To live without history is likened to living without a form of memory.
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- To know the events of our past (can help us) to know what future events can be.
- *The Weekly Challenger* is committed to featuring articles of all ethnic cultures for the reading enjoyment of both the young and old generations.

## OPINION

### Black Voters Can't Put Obama In White House

BY EARL OFARI  
HUTCHINSON

African-American voters will help insure that Democratic presidential contender Barack Obama keeps his slight edge over Hillary Clinton—for now. They will not help him beat John McCain if he eventually gets the Democratic nomination. Yet it's still a virtual article of political faith that a strong, united, and crusading black vote can tip the scale for a Democratic presidential candidate. This is a myth and it's risky business for Obama and the Democrats to believe that. It's easy to see why Obama might be tempted to think that. When Obama needed a surge early on in the campaign, he called on Oprah, and she delivered. She made a blatant racial pitch for blacks in the crucial South Carolina primary to vote for him, and they did in near record numbers. That put him over the top and propelled his campaign.

With the black vote firmly in hand, that gave him the freedom to craft his hope and change message in broad, bland, and especially non-racial terms. The idea was to avoid any appearance of a Jesse Jackson and Al Sharpton racial tilt. That would be the political kiss of death with many white voters.

But that didn't change the political reality that black voters still

provided the decisive edge for Obama in key primary state wins. And even in his losses to Hillary Clinton in Ohio, California and Texas, black votes kept the race close. Those votes, though, will never be enough to put him over the top in the big states against Clinton, let alone against John McCain in the South and Border states.

The myth that the black vote wins presidential election has been bandied about for so long that it's taken on the proportion of a political urban legend. In 2000, black voters made up nearly 11 percent of the overall voter. They gave the Democratic presidential contender Al Gore 90 percent of their vote. In 2004, black voters made up nearly 12 percent of the vote and gave Democratic presidential contender John Kerry 88 percent of the vote. Gore and Kerry lost.

The Clinton wins in 1992 and 1996 also helped fuel the myth that black votes put Democrats in the White House. Clinton managed to pry four Southern states out of the GOP orbit but he did it by down-playing racial and social issues and stressing family values, tough defense, and a strong economy. He got lots of white votes, especially, white male votes, and that made the difference since he got the same per-

centage of black votes that Democrats traditionally got in prior elections.

In 2004, then presidential contender Howard Dean openly worried that Democrats could not beat Bush unless they got a bigger share of white male votes. He quipped that the Democrats had to court beer-guzzling white guys who wave the Confederate flag. That brought howls of protests from Dean's Democratic rivals and the charge that Dean was pandering to unreconstructed bigots to get more white votes in his column. A livid Sharpton called Dean a turn coat Democrat and warned that heeding Dean would be a betrayal of black voters. They could have saved their breath. Kerry made only a weak, half-hearted effort to court white male voters in the South. Bush still got nearly seventy percent of the white male vote there, a second sweep of the South and a second term.

A chastised Dean got it right. He simply crunched the numbers and recognized that white males make up more than one-third of the electorate.

In 2000, exit polling showed that while white women backed Bush over Gore by 3 percentage points, white men backed him by 27

percentage points. Four years later the margin was 26 points for Bush over Kerry among white males.

A huge first red flag waved high for Obama and the Democrats in the recent Ohio Democratic primary that warns that they can't win without white votes. Clinton won a smash victory over Obama in large part with white votes. And even more ominously, blue collar lower income white voters roundly rejected Obama. In fact, nearly 20 percent of white voters defied political correctness and said that race would be a factor in their voting, presumably that meant they would not vote for an African-American candidate. That contrasted with national polls, which showed that more than 90 percent of whites said that race would not be a factor in determining their vote. The Ohio mini-white backlash to Obama doesn't bode well for the Democrats if he's the eventual nominee. No Republican or Democrat has won the White House in the past four decades without winning Ohio.

Black voters will cheer and dash to the polls en masse for Obama, but their votes won't be enough to put him in the White House. Despite the myth, they haven't put any other Democrat candidate in the White House either.

### Humane Approach To Juvenile Justice

BY MARIAN WRIGHT  
EDELMAN  
NNPA COLUMNIST

At younger and younger ages, children and teens who go through the juvenile justice systems of many states are condemned to long terms at large youth detention centers and adult prisons only to languish in cells surrounded by thick walls and razor wire. Many youth become more hardened criminals while incarcerated, and at the end of their sentences they are released into communities that don't have adequate resources to reintegrate them. But there is a better way.

Mark D. Steward, Founder and Director of the Missouri Youth Services Institute, and his colleague, Pili Robinson, are lights on the horizon of urgently needed nationwide juvenile justice system reform. Mark previously served as director of the Missouri Division of Youth Services for over 17 years until retiring in July 2005 after 35 years of service in this field. His approach to youth development is a sharp departure from most conventional

methods of incarceration, instead using a rehabilitative and therapeutic youth program. Missouri's juvenile recidivism rate, with only eight percent of those incarcerated coming back into juvenile custody and eight percent going into Missouri's prisons, has been one of the best success stories in the country.

The key to Missouri's success is its focus on the development of each individual child or youth in a positive environment. We were all impressed when Pili Robinson described their methods at the Children's Defense Fund's National Cradle to Prison Pipeline® Summit in September 2007. When you walk into a Missouri juvenile detention facility, there are no cuffs or shackles, no cells, no bars; there are no isolation rooms and no correction officers. What you find instead are youth counselors and team leaders in a dorm-like environment with bunk beds, pillows, couches and carpets, and young people wearing their own clothes, explained Robinson. "We allow kids to be themselves and take them back to being kids," he said, noting that many children are forced

by their harsh environments to grow up too fast.

Education and job training are essential components of the program. There are two facilities located on the campuses of women's colleges for adjudicated girls who go to a residential program where they receive full-time mentoring. While attending high school, they slowly transition directly into college life. Instead of being locked down and locked in, the youth throughout the system participate in community service projects at nursing homes and food banks and take field trips to places like Washington, D.C., and Boston. They sponsor Career Days, Multi-Culture Festivals and their own Olympics.

Much of the rehabilitation involves working through youth peer groups and does away with the mode of adults preaching down to them. The youth are taught leadership skills and how to facilitate group sessions. Staff members are trained to facilitate teams of 12 and are prepared to meet the needs of each youth, making referrals to family therapy and substance abuse

counseling generally unnecessary.

The Missouri Division of Youth Services also has created a seamless case management system so that once a youth is adjudicated, one case worker follows him and his family throughout his entire stay in the system facilitating the eventual reentry of the youth into his community. Significantly, this system comes with a considerable cost savings. The annual cost for detaining a youth in Missouri is less than half of what other states pay.

We should stop spending a fortune on large traditional, non-therapeutic, correctional facilities and then releasing youth back into our communities with little done to address their rehabilitation, treatment and education needs. It makes infinitely more sense to support juvenile rehabilitation programs like the Missouri Division of Youth Services, which have high rates of success turning troubled children into productive citizens. Learn more about CDF's Cradle to Prison Pipeline Campaign at: [www.childrensdefense.org/cradleto-prison](http://www.childrensdefense.org/cradleto-prison)

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## The Green Devils' Champions Get Help Getting to Atlanta



Front Row L to R (kneeling): Robert Perry, Jasmyne Smith, and Tiffany Easton  
Back Row L to R (standing) Jimmy Kline, Dustin Shultz, Sierra Perry, Devan Aderhold, Jimmy Bushert (center), Sunshine Beba, Rex Sowell, Marko Predic, Aaron Ellison, and Michael Girardi.

Jimmy Bushert is a champ when it comes to kids, especially helping kids reach for a dream. His latest project is with the St. Petersburg High School Green Devils Tennis Team, known to be one of the most diverse and winning teams in the region. The Green Devils waged three undefeated seasons prior to winning the 2006 District Champion Title.

This year, Jimmy, who is co-owner of Park Auto Mall, is teaming up to help send the

Green Devils to the Buckhead Rotary Invitational Tennis Tournament in Atlanta, Ga. The experience is unbeatable for kids like Rex Sowell, Jasmyne Smith, and Tiffany Easton, who all got their start in the Grassroots Tennis Program at the St. Petersburg Tennis Center in south St. Petersburg. After eight years experience on the court, Tiffany and Jasmyne play at the #4 and #5 seed for the girls team. Rex is seeded #6 on the boys team.

Jimmy says "Park Auto Mall is a believer in giving back." The company started a Partnership in Education program that donates money to local PTAs. It is also a proud sponsor of the Seminole Sings Idol-style youth talent competition and the only sponsor in Pinellas County of the "Do the Right Thing" project founded in Miami. Jimmy and co-owner Lou Spiro pitched in \$1,000 to help the Green Devils get to Atlanta March 28 and 29 for this tournament.

## Last-Minute Reminders For March 25 Special Election

Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections Deborah Clark encourages citizens who plan to vote in the March 25 Democratic Primary for State House District 55 to remember the following information to make Election Day go smoothly:

Polling places will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day.

A sample ballot may be viewed at [www.voteinellas.com](http://www.voteinellas.com) by clicking on Current Elections.

Pinellas County residents who were registered to vote by Feb. 25, are registered Democrats and live in District 55 are eligible to vote in this election.

Some polling place locations may have changed. Voters are encouraged to confirm their polling places by calling 464-6108 or visiting [www.voteinellas.com](http://www.voteinellas.com) and clicking on Current Elections.

Please bring photo and signature identification with

you to the polls if possible to avoid delays and extra paperwork. Anyone without valid and current ID can vote a provisional ballot. A canvassing board will later determine the validity of any provisional ballots.

State law requires that a citizen vote in the precinct in which he/she resides. If you have moved, you are required to vote in your new home precinct.

Name, address or signature changes may be made at any Elections Office or by completing and printing a Voter Registration Application at [www.voteinellas.com](http://www.voteinellas.com); signing the application; and returning it to any Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections Office. Address changes may also be made by phone. Applications are also available at public libraries and driver license offices.

No political activity or campaign signs are allowed inside the polling place or within 100 feet of the polling

place entrance. Exit polling is permitted in designated areas as voters are leaving the polls.

No photography is allowed inside the polling place.

To request a mail ballot, call (727) 464-6788 no later than 5 p.m. March 19. Ballots may be picked up at any Elections Office through March 25. Mail ballots may be returned to any of the three Elections Offices until 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 25. Mail ballots cannot be accepted at a precinct polling place.

Mail ballots misplaced by the U.S. Post Office required the elections office to re-mail 1,117 ballots on March 14 to ensure that voters received them. Anyone receiving more than one ballot should only vote and return one ballot. The elections office will only count the first ballot received by each voter.

If you have any other election-related questions, please call the Elections Office at (727) 464-6108.

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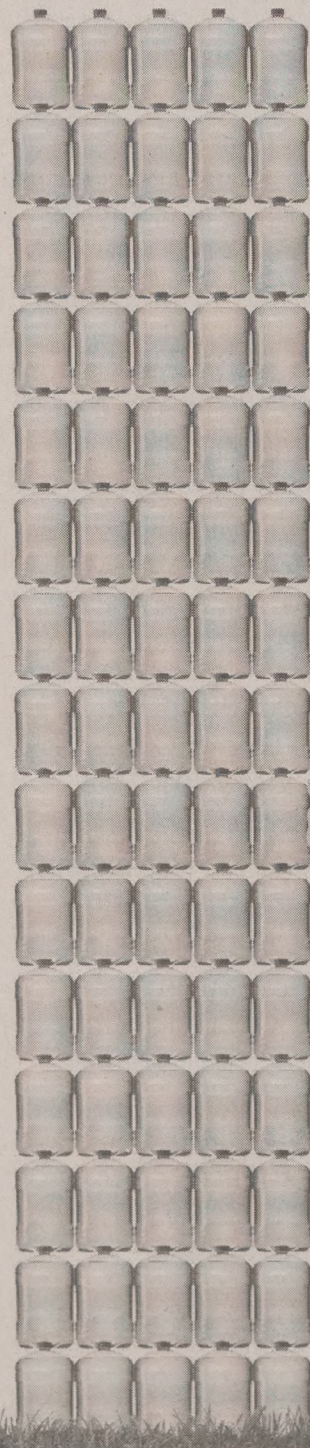
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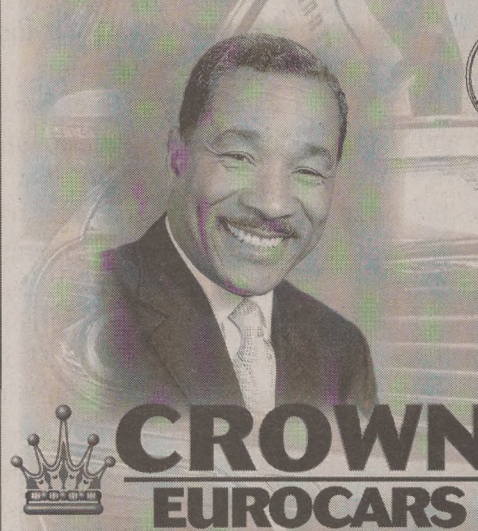
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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**Friday, March 21** - St. Pete. Shuffle, St. Petersburg Shuffleboard Courts, 559 Mirror Lake Dr. N. 7 to 11 p.m. A hip twist on an old game. Equipment provided. Free. [www.stpeteshuffle.com](http://www.stpeteshuffle.com) or 727-867-7228.

**Saturday, March 22** - Saturday Art Market, Williams Park. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fine arts and fine crafts show and sale. Free. 727-898-6061.

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**Saturday, March 22** - Saturday Morning Market, Central Ave. between 1st St. and 2nd St. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. European-style open air market featuring fresh produce, prepared foods, gourmet baked goods, greenery, hand-crafted housewares, gifts, work by local artists, live music and more. Free. [www.saturdaymorningmarket.com](http://www.saturdaymorningmarket.com) or 727-455-4921.

**Saturday, March 22** - Art Parade, N. Straub Park next to the Museum of Fine Arts. Noon to 4 p.m. A spirited art parade celebrating the creativity inside all people, hands on activities, entertainment and music. Free. [www.fine-arts.org](http://www.fine-arts.org) or 727-896-2667.

**Saturday, March 22** - Saturday Afternoon Fun. The Pier, 800 2nd Ave. N.E. 1 to 4 p.m. Lots of family fun, face painting and a character from Fritzy Bros. One Man

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**Saturday and Sunday, March 22 and 23** - An Unforgettable Weekend - The Premiere of the Hazel Hough Wing. Museum of Fine Arts, 255 Beach Dr. Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sun. 1 to 5 p.m. Enjoy the new wing and museum for free. [www.fine-arts.org](http://www.fine-arts.org) or 727-896-2667.

**Sunday, March 23** - Music Fest on the Water - De Lei'd Parrots. The Pier, 800 2nd Ave. N.E. 1 to 4 p.m. Enjoy easy listening music in the Waterside Courtyard. Free. [www.stpetepier.com](http://www.stpetepier.com) or 727-631-6443.

**Sunday, March 23** - Sunday Afternoon Fun. The Pier, 800 2nd Ave. N.E. 1 to 4 p.m. Family fun with face painting. Free. [www.stpetepier.com](http://www.stpetepier.com) or 727-631-6443.

**Tuesday, March 25** - Lecture by Professor Paul R. Ehrlich, Progress Energy Center Mahaffey Theater, 400 1st St. S. 7 p.m. Part of the USF St. Petersburg Energy and Environment Series. 727-873-4088 or 727-892-5767.

**Wednesday, March 26** - Oldies But Goodies - The Ron Berringer Trio. The Pier, 800 2nd Ave. N.E. Noon to 3 p.m. Dance, listening or just relax to an afternoon of music. Free. [www.stpetepier.com](http://www.stpetepier.com) or 727-631-6443.

**Thursday, March 27** - Senior Free Fest, Coliseum, 535 4th Ave. N. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sponsored by Senior Voice Magazine. [www.stpete.org/coliseum](http://www.stpete.org/coliseum) or 727-892-5202.

## Senior Hall Of Fame Nominations

ST. PETERSBURG - The City of St. Petersburg's 26th Annual Senior Hall of Fame honors senior citizens for their outstanding contributions of time and talent to the community.

Nominations are being accepted now until Thursday, April 10. Nominees must be age 65 or over, a year round resident of Pinellas County for more than three years and provide a community service that benefits the quality of life for residents of St. Petersburg. Individuals or organizations making nominations should submit an application or a plain sheet of paper printed with: nominee's name, address, phone, birth date and a 200-word summary of the reason for nomination. Those who nominate someone else should include their own name, address and phone number as well.

The award ceremony will be held at the Enoch D. Davis Center on May 28, at 1 p.m. At this ceremony, all nominees are honored with a program consisting of entertainment, refreshments and a brief introduction of their service contributions. The 10 inductees to the Senior Hall of Fame will receive flowers, prizes, a certificate and a key to the city presented by Mayor Baker at a televised St. Petersburg City Council meeting.

Applications are available at the Enoch D. Davis Center and should be returned to: Senior Hall of Fame, Enoch Davis Center, 1111 18th Ave. S., St. Petersburg, FL 33705. Call 893-7159 for more information or to receive an application by mail. Sponsored by the City of St. Petersburg Office on Aging.

## FRISON

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Church, in Bartow, for 35 years. The church is recognized as the oldest black church in Polk County. "My husband sold a mule for \$50 to start the church," Frison said. She and her husband desperately wanted a family, but unfortunately were unable to have any. However, that did not stop them from becoming loving, surrogate parents to over eight children that they took into their home and raised as their own.

"I just loved children," Mrs. Frison explained with a glint in her eye. "I started keeping babies for girls and then it just went on and on." This eventually led her to start her own business, The Jack & Jill Kindergarten.

Mrs. Frison is proud of the advancements that blacks have made through the years. She is amazed that when she goes into a business today, "there are as many black workers as there are white workers." "I look at where we came from and where we are today," she enthuses. "We're looking for progress, we

don't need to look back now."

At the mention of presidential hopeful, Barak Obama, Mrs. Frison becomes immediately animated. "I think that he's doing the right thing and I'm voting for him. Even if he doesn't win, he has opened the door for others to try. I like his nerve."

Last year, Frison was a guest of the Devil Rays for her 99th birthday celebration. This year her nephew, Abdul K. Ali, and other relatives from around the country are gathering for Frison's centennial birthday celebration, on March 22, at the Holiday Inn Sun Spree Resort. There will be proclamations sent by Gov. Charlie Crist and Mayor Rick Baker. "I admire the kind of influence and impact she's had on people then and today," said Ali. "I consider her a national treasure."

"I thank the Lord for bringing me so far," said Mrs. Frison. She relocated to St. Pete several years ago. "Sometime I look back and wonder how I made it, but I made it." Proud that she can still do for herself, Mrs. Frison says, "I'm here, but I'm happy."

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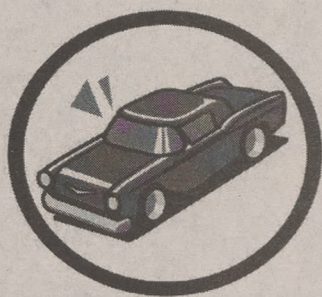
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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Women's Group Plans "Unhappy Hour" To Mark Equal Pay Day

ST. PETERSBURG - Business and Professional Women/St. Petersburg-Pinellas (BPW) will hold the group's annual "Unhappy Hour" on Tuesday, April 22, in recognition of Equal Pay Day. The public is invited to attend the event at The Rare Olive, 300 Central Ave., in St. Petersburg, beginning at 5:30 p.m. There is no cost to attend, however donations will be accepted to benefit the Red Purse Society, a BPW/USA effort to focus on equalizing pay for men and women in equal jobs.

Equal Pay Day, which this year falls on April 22, marks the day the average woman in the United States finally earns the same amount of pay that her male counterpart earned in the previous year. According to the

2007 U.S. Census Bureau report, the average woman is paid 77 cents for every dollar a man is paid. Therefore, if a man were paid \$50,000 to perform his job from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 2007, it will take a woman in the same position, on average, from Jan. 1, 2007, through April 22, 2008, to earn the same amount.

BPW/St. Petersburg-Pinellas is a local organization of BPW/USA, a national alliance of individuals dedicated to improving the professional, personal, economic and educational outlook for working women. BPW's network across the country includes members of diverse ages, races, occupations and politics. BPW/USA pursues the issues that matter most to women who work including

Economic Equity, Health Care and Civil Rights.

If you are unable to attend the April 22 event at The Rare Olive but wish to support BPW/USA's initiatives to equalize pay, you may send a contribution to the Red Purse Society to P.O. Box 1063, St. Petersburg, FL 33731

BPW/St. Petersburg-Pinellas meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month at Gratzzi, Second St. at Second Ave. N., in St. Petersburg's Baywalk complex. For reservations or more information, e-mail [RSVP@BPWStPetePinellas.org](mailto:RSVP@BPWStPetePinellas.org).

For more information on the April 22 event, call Kristin Guenthardt at 727-551-5225. For more on BPW/St. Petersburg-Pinellas, check the Web site at [www.BPWStPetePinellas.org](http://www.BPWStPetePinellas.org).

## Mainsail Arts Festival Seeking Volunteers

ST. PETERSBURG - The 33rd Annual Mainsail Arts Festival seeks volunteers to assist during the two-day show to be held in Vinoy Park, on St. Petersburg's downtown waterfront on Saturday, April 19 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, April 20, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

One of Florida's most prestigious outdoor art festivals, Mainsail is ranked among the "Top 100" fine art shows in the nation by Sunshine Artist

Magazine. The Mainsail Arts Festival features 250 artists from across the nation exhibiting their finest original art work, top name entertainment both days, the Young at Art student show, Kids Create art tent, and a "culinary arts" food court, attracting more than 90,000 visitors.

Volunteer assignments include selling beverages, souvenir t-shirts and posters on April 19 and 20. If you wish to help, please call Sharon Ingram,

volunteer coordinator, at 727-547-7167. The volunteer application participation form is also available online at [www.mainsailartsfestival.org](http://www.mainsailartsfestival.org). Volunteers will be sent a confirmation of their participation, date and time.

Mainsail is sponsored by the City of St. Petersburg, St. Petersburg Times, Junior League of St. Petersburg, Clear Channel Outdoor, 107.3 The Eagle, and Magic 94.9 FM.

## The Hospice Of The Florida Suncoast Adults Senior Companion Training Program

CLEARWATER - The Florida Department of Elder Affairs has awarded The Hospice of the Florida Suncoast a new grant to start the senior companion training program. The first training will be April 14 - 17, at The Hospice's community service center, 5771 Roosevelt, Blvd., Clearwater.

At this time, we seek individuals interested in being trained to provide companion and homemaker services to frail, elderly residents of Pinellas County who are geographically or socially isolated.

The goal is to improve quality of life and enable individuals to remain in their homes

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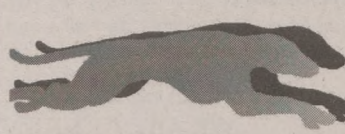
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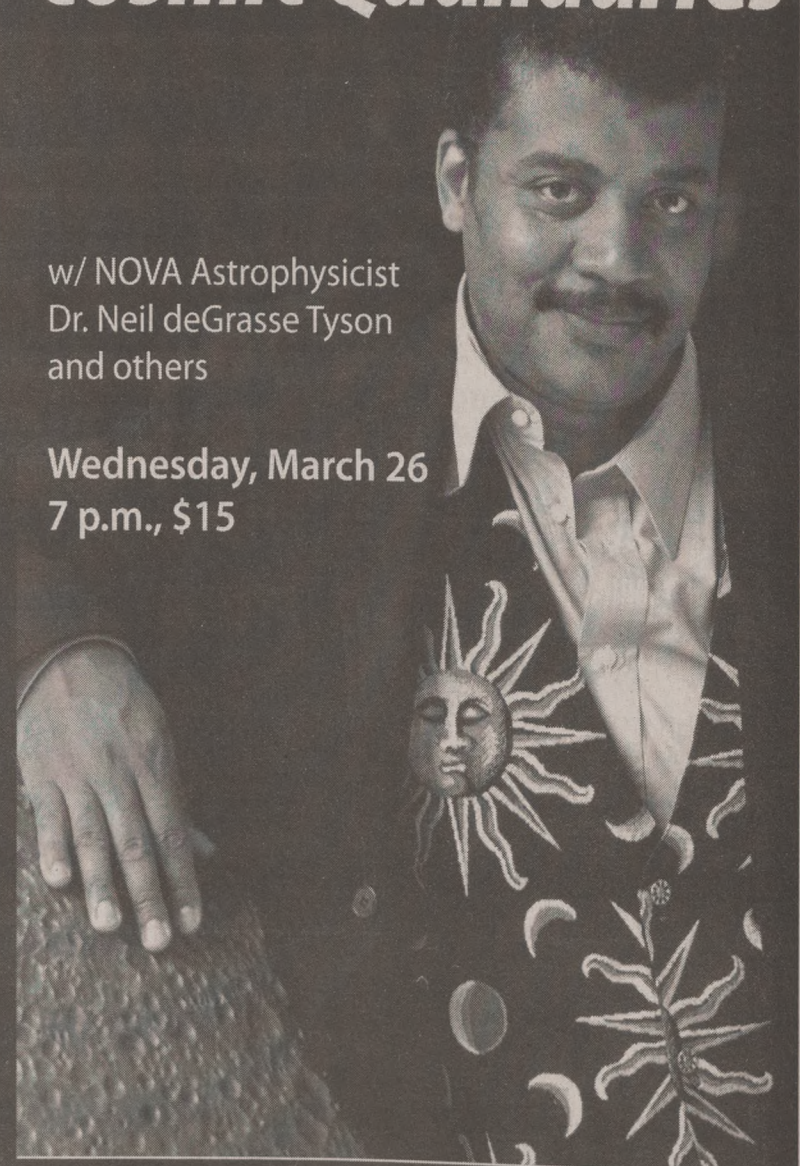
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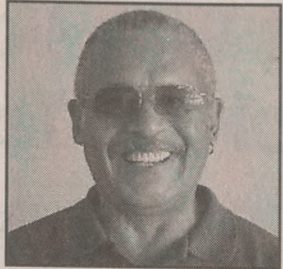
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## The Florida International Blues and Jazz Band - Excitement, Intensity, Virtuosity

"Excitement...Intensity...Virtuosity" are the adjectives that best describe the performances of this very "hip" band known as the Florida International Blues and Jazz Band (FIBJ). They are a spirited, swinging 4-piece band steeped in the tradition of Detroit and New York jazz and blues. I'm proud to say they are a product of our fair City of St. Petersburg. These four gentlemen absolutely "take no prisoners," when they perform.

On Sunday, March 2, at the 28th Annual Jazz In The Park event promoted by the Jazz Club of Sarasota, FIBJ "raised the roof" with their fired-up performance. They literally had the more than 500 fans dancing in the park doing their thing. FIBJ was the fourth and last band to come on stage to perform. One of the concert attendees was overheard saying, "My-oh-my! This group should have been the first to perform. They would have warmed-up the audience." Many favorable statements were made about the group's outstanding and "get-down" performance. As producer of the event, I am already considering having them return for a repeat performance next year.

FIBJ has come a long way to gain recognition as one of the hottest blues and jazz groups in the Tampa Bay area. Taking the lead is Phil Hill on keyboards. Hill has long been established as a St. Pete jazz favorite and is affectionately known as "Music Man." Having performed with such rhythm and blues personalities as Teddy Pendergrass, Night Beat Prowlers, Harold Melvin and the Blue Notes, including Jr. Walker and the All Stars. Hill's keyboard solos literally jump out at you; his

fingers flying effortlessly through the changes in thrilling chorus after chorus.

And, just when you think nothing could be hotter, Reggie Thompson on trombone will follow with a smokin' solo possessing dynamic leaps and bounds of his own. Here is a musician that's understated, possessing musical talent galore. His musical jazz background includes a short stint with the legendary Joe Simon, and the Skyliners Jazz Band of Tampa. He also toured in Canada with the famous vocal group the Coasters.

Thompson's musical teammate out-front is alto saxophonist and flautist Charles Smith digging into his wide-ranging blues vernacular. Few alto and flute players get to the heart of the matter as quickly and as clearly as Smith. He possesses the ability to make un-hackneyed jazz and blues statements, as if personally informed by the jazz and blues masters of old.

Rounding out the group and keeping them on pace and in perfect time is Errol Wise, the group's drum-master. Wise pushes each band member forward with a dynamic verve that is a pure delight to hear and see. Wise sounds great when laying down his amazingly tight beat while the band romps through their boppish blues tunes or melodic and harmonic jazz riffs.

FIBJ has proven to be a fantastic blues and jazz group, and if you haven't heard them yet, you'll be able to see and hear the band in St. Petersburg, at the Holiday Inn SunSpree on April 11. For more information call: (727) 488-5293.

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

## Rick Fox: Mastering The Art Of Reinvention



Rick Fox

From basketball superstar to emerging actor, Rick Fox keeps his eye on the prize and his ego in check to score big every time.

Rick Fox is not afraid to fail and views every bump in the road as an opportunity to grow, so for this very reason, he continues to succeed. From his 14-year basketball career in

the NBA where he distinguished himself as a top player, to life as a father of two, his divorce and reconciliation with actress Vanessa Williams to even his seque into a budding acting career - Rick Fox keeps it moving, forward.

Always one to defy the odds, Fox came from humble beginnings. He grew up in the Bahamas of mixed ethnicity with a Bahamian father, Canadian mother and three siblings. With the dream of financing his college education through sports, as a teenager Fox left home, traveling to Indiana where he attended high school while living with a family under a guardianship. There, he methodically went about accomplishing that goal - first by attending the University of North Carolina

where he honed his ball playing skills and then by being signed as a first round draft pick to the Boston Celtics. He would later play for Los Angeles Lakers, helping them win three NBA championships.

Four years ago, at age 36, Fox retired from professional basketball with his eye on another prize ... to become an actor. He has since appeared on such television shows as "Dirt," "One Tree Hill," "Ugly Betty," "Love Inc.," and Spike Lee's film "He Got Game." "Meet The Browns" opens nationwide in theaters on Friday, March 21 and stars Angela Bassett, Jennifer Lewis, David and Tamela Mann and Tyler Perry, who reprises his beloved role as Madea!



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# CHALLENGER SPORTS

## Undefeated In 6 Months, Woods Setting A New Standard



Tiger Woods

BY DOUG FERGUSON

DORAL (AP) - The outcome has never been more inevitable. Tiger Woods has never looked so invincible.

The world's No. 1 golfer faced a 25-foot birdie putt on the final hole at Bay Hill, and the moment he settled over the ball and the crowd grew quiet, it no longer mattered that Woods had not made a putt this long all week.

This one was for the win.

For most players, making such a vital putt would be a career highlight. For Woods, it's more like a summer rerun.

"You know what he's going to do, right?" Arnold Palmer whispered to those around him right before Woods rapped his putt down the slope and watched it turn sharply to the right and tumble into the cup for a one-shot victory.

For Woods, it is the ultimate thrill.

"It's knowing that you have an opportunity to end the tourna-

ment, and it's in your hands," he said. "Whether you do it or not remains to be seen. It's like having the (basket)ball with a few seconds to go. Do you want it or not want it? I would much rather have it in my hands."

The Florida Swing long has been known as the road to the Masters, which is three weeks away. Woods already has his game at warp speed, and he's lapping the field. His victory on Sunday in the Arnold Palmer Invitational was his fifth in a row on the U.S. PGA Tour and his sixth straight worldwide, a streak that spans six months and is the longest overall of his incomparable career. When he won seven straight tour events in 2006-2007, second only to Byron Nelson's 11 in 1945, Woods lost three times overseas.

"It's unbelievable, isn't it?" Steve Stricker said on Monday. "You think that one of these times, he's not going to get it done. But he continues to do it. And now you expect it. You just learn with him that nothing is unexpected."

Woods' latest victim was Bart Bryant, who did everything right and never felt so helpless.

Bryant twice made birdie to tie Woods for the lead, shot a 67 in stifling heat and waited in the scoring trailer to see if Woods could beat him. There was no television in the trailer, and Bryant didn't need one.

He heard a roar that rattled the trailer, and Bryant forced a smile and slowly shook his head. "That's why he's Tiger Woods," he said.

Golf is more global than it was a half-century ago, so Woods' winning streak is complicated. This is the third time he has won at least five in a row, and he also won on the European Tour last month, shooting a 31 on the back nine to rally from a four-shot deficit.

And he won the Target World Challenge in December, although that doesn't count because it was a charity event that Woods hosts for 16 top players from the world ranking. For what it's worth, Woods won by seven shots.

Woods is so dominant that he has won seven of his last eight times on the U.S. PGA Tour, the exception being a runner-up finish to Phil Mickelson at the Deutsche Bank Championship in September. Incredibly, he's won 16 of 25 events since the 2006 British Open.

"What he's doing now, you can't even fathom it," Bryant said. "You just can't explain it. It's just incredible. Just what he did today is more evidence of this weird zone he's in. And he's been in it his whole life."

He's only 32 and already is tied with Ben Hogan for third in career victories with 64. The only players ahead of him are Jack Nicklaus (73) and Sam Snead

(82). With each victory, Woods adds another layer to the legend.

It's not even spring yet, and consider his year so far: He set scoring records at Torrey Pines with an eight-shot victory. He was headed for a first-round defeat in the Match Play Championship when he made 90 feet worth of putts to win four straight holes for a stunning comeback victory, and he eventually set a record in the final match for largest margin of victory (8 and 7).

Can he go undefeated? Even as well as he is playing, the odds are against it. Woods hinted as much when someone asked what could stop this winning streak.

"All of the players in the event," he said.

Even so, consider what lies ahead. He is playing this week at Doral, where he has won the last three years. Next up is the Masters, where Woods is a four-time champion. He is the defending champion at the Wachovia Championship in North Carolina. In fact, he has won every event on his schedule.

"He's got a lot of memories, and they're all positive," Stricker said. "Some guys could blow a tournament, and two weeks later they're in contention and have to think about that. All he has is positives. His whole career is nothing but positive reinforcement."

## Millions Will Watch As Dolphins' Taylor Gives Dancing A Whirl



Jason Taylor

BY STEVEN WINE

MIAMI (AP) - When Jason Taylor takes the stage to face network TV cameras and dance the fox trot, he figures his jitters will be Super Bowl-size.

"I'll be shaking," he says.

Still, the Miami Dolphins defensive end is glad he accepted an invitation to perform on "Dancing With the Stars." He'll be among the contestants when the show begins its sixth season Monday night.

Taylor says he's having "a blast" learning to dance, despite an arduous practice regimen that involves six hours a day in the studio, with sessions likely to become longer as the competition proceeds.

He says his feet hurt, and that's not all.

"You're using a different muscle group in dancing. It's different from football," Taylor says from Los Angeles in a phone interview. "I'm learning there are a few joints and muscles I didn't realize God gave me."

The hit ABC show has featured former NFL players before, Emmitt Smith won his competition, and Jerry Rice was a popular contestant. Among those competing against Taylor this season will be Grand Slam tennis champion Monica Seles and Olympic skating gold medalist Kristi Yamaguchi.

But Taylor is the first active NFL player to take part.

"He's the first guy I asked who is playing right now," says Deena Katz, the show's senior talent producer. "Jason was my dream. He's one of those guys everybody knows who he is. I thought, 'I'll ask him,' but honestly I never thought he was going to say yes."

"I don't dance," he says. "I don't dance at clubs. I don't dance at bar mitzvahs. I don't dance at weddings. I just don't dance."

"For whatever reason, I decided to give it a shot. I figured I'd put myself out there a little bit and stretch the limits and challenge myself to do something I wouldn't ordinarily do."

Taylor, who is on his sixth head coach with the Dolphins, is now taking instruction from his dancing partner, Edyta Sliwinski. At 5-foot-6, she's a foot shorter than Taylor, but he looks up to her anyway.

He's a willing student grateful to have a good teacher.

"She's the best coach I've ever had, better than all of them," he says. "She looks better, she sounds better, she's more polite and yet she gets the work done."

So is he now a good dancer?

"No," he says.

If Taylor and Sliwinski do well, the show could keep him in California until May. Then it will be back to football. At age 33, he says he has ruled out retirement and plans to play a 12th NFL season.

"There are a lot worse things I could be doing in the offseason than working out every day and dancing and getting in great shape. I'm not the only guy in NFL history that hasn't worked out in the offseason program every day."

Taylor says dancing will help his football by improving his footwork, agility and balance. And the athleticism that makes him one of the NFL's best pass rushers helps his dancing.

"A lot of things translate to both playing fields," he says.

Maybe Taylor will have a chance to give sequins and spandex a try later in the competition. Katz, for one, predicts he'll be around awhile.

"There is just something about him," the talent producer says. "He is going to cross over. At first he'll get the men voting for him, the football fans. Women may vote for him because he's beautiful."

"But it goes past that, and his personality is going to come out. He's charming. There's an energy about him. You want to be with him, and he makes you smile."

Jason Taylor tackling the fox trot? That should be enough to make anyone smile.

## McClinton Leads Miami Into Tournament



Jack McClinton

BY SARAH LARIMER

MIAMI (AP) - The text messages kept coming in for Jack McClinton, encouraging notes sent to the star guard after the Miami Hurricanes received their invitation to the NCAA tournament.

"I was just responding, 'Thank you. Thank you. Thank you,'" McClinton said Monday. "It was a great feeling."

McClinton also received a congratulatory call from his father, who plans to attend Miami's first-round matchup

Friday against St. Mary's in North Little Rock, Ark.

"I've been on a natural high," McClinton said. "It feels good to finally make the tournament. All the hard work is starting to pay off."

A junior, McClinton hopes to lead the Hurricanes to a win in the school's first NCAA tournament game since 2002. The first Miami player to make the All-Atlantic Coast Conference team, he is the Hurricanes' top scorer and their emotional leader, coach Frank Haith said.

"It's really an honor to coach a kid like Jack," Haith said. "He's got tremendous character and there's nothing he is lacking. And his competitive spirit is contagious."

A transfer from Siena who sat out his 2005-06 season, McClinton was part of the Miami team that won just 12 games a year ago. This season

the Hurricanes were a preseason pick for last place in the ACC.

"That really opened my eyes," McClinton said. "We had a great team, and they had us picked last."

The Hurricanes instead finished 8-8 in the league, and they're 22-10 overall and seeded seventh in the South region.

McClinton is averaging 17.0 points per game. He led the ACC in 3-point shooting (41 percent) and free throw shooting (92 percent).

"I've worked so hard at basketball," McClinton said. "I never stopped working. I'm just glad I can go out and help my team get wins."

The Hurricanes won their first 12 games, then overcame a 2-6 start in the league. A win against Duke was their first over a top-five team in nine years.

Now Miami has a chance for its first NCAA tournament win

since 2000 — and only the fourth in school history.

"Miami's not known as a basketball school. It's a football school," McClinton said. "When we started out 12-0, people were like, 'Maybe Miami's for real.'"

Reaching the tournament has long been McClinton's goal. The Baltimore native said he was "born into" basketball, and his early memories included watching televised college games in March.

"I was like, 'Man, one day I really want to be there,'" he said. "That day came, and it's a great feeling."

If the Hurricanes beat St. Mary's (25-6), their second-round game would likely be against No. 2-seeded Texas.

"You never know who you're going to be playing in the tournament," McClinton said. "It's just a blessing just to be there."

## Rod Marinelli: He's Rebuilding Detroit Lions For The Long-Term

ALLEN PARK, Mich. (AP) - Rod Marinelli doesn't like to take risks.

That's why his Detroit Lions are starting to look like a reunion of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

"The worst part about free agency is grabbing guys that you don't know," said Marinelli, who came to the Lions after a long stint as a defensive coach in Tampa Bay. "We're trying to fill holes, and you can't afford to miss with free agents. That's why it is so important to have knowledge of the players you are adding."

The Lions have picked up four players that worked with Marinelli in Tampa Bay, defensive tackle Chuck Darby

and defensive backs Brian Kelly, Dwight Smith and Calvin Pearson.

"These are all old Bucs, but they have also played in different places," Marinelli said Monday. "These men all have great familiarity with what we are doing and what we are about. I know the type of guy I want, and that is what we are getting with these men."

Two spots that the Lions will probably target in the draft are running back and offensive tackle. At the moment, they are in the odd position of counting on two players, Tatum Bell and George Foster, that appeared to be totally out of their plans at the end of last season.

Bell didn't play after the fifth game of 2007 and didn't even make the trip to Green Bay for the team's final game, while Foster lost his starting right-tackle spot to Damien Woody.

But with Woody gone in free agency and the team's surprise release of Kevin Jones, Marinelli is now hoping for a resurgence from the duo he acquired from Denver for Dre' Bly.

"We wanted clarity at that position, we had to go through this a year ago with K.J.," Marinelli said. "He was a real good player for us last year, but he's injured and he was going into the last year of his contract, and we need to move forward."

Releasing Jones meant giving up on another of Matt Millen's first-round picks, but Marinelli insisted that Roy Williams wouldn't be the next one to go.

"He's here," he said. "Roy is here. Look at my eyes, he's staying here. I want to see what he and Calvin (Johnson) can do out there together."

Marinelli acknowledged that the Lions will get offers for Williams, but he doesn't plan to be swayed.

"When you are a beautiful girl, people will keep knocking on the door and asking for dates, but the old dad has to keep coming out and saying 'Nope.'"

## AP Top 25 Basketball

1. North Carolina (53) 32-2
2. Memphis (13) 33-1
3. UCLA (5) 31-3
4. Kansas (1) 31-3
5. Tennessee 29-4
6. Wisconsin 29-4
7. Texas 28-6
8. Georgetown 27-5
9. Duke 27-5
10. Stanford 26-7
11. Butler 29-3
12. Xavier 27-6
13. Louisville 24-8
14. Drake 28-4
15. Notre Dame 24-7
16. Connecticut 24-8
17. Pittsburgh 26-9
18. Michigan State 25-8
19. Vanderbilt 26-7
20. Purdue 24-8
21. Washington State 24-8
22. Clemson 24-9
23. Davidson 26-6
24. Gonzaga 25-7
25. Marquette 24-9

### NBA TRIVIA OF THE WEEK

Who holds the NBA record for most blocked shots in a career?

**Hint:** Was the first pick in the 1984 NBA Draft.

**Last Week's Answer:** Michael Jordan With 35

See Sports Page Next Week For The Answer!!



# STATE NEWS

## Lawmakers Propose Bills To Make Roads Safer

BY DAVID FISCHER  
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WRITER

TALLAHASSEE (AP) You've seen them, the drivers who crawl in the left lane while talking on cell phones. They run red lights, and they aren't even wearing a seat belt.

In a state known for bad driving, lawmakers are looking to make Florida roads safer with bills that deal with issues ranging from road rage to driver education programs.

It's not unusual to see a number of bills that tweak fines and modify existing laws during the legislative session, but the bills lawmakers will consider this year are unusually substantive, said Kevin Bakewell, a senior vice president for AAA Auto Club South.

Here are some of the issues lawmakers will discuss:

**CELL PHONES:** Mobile phones have already become a little less mobile in several states where lawmakers have made it illegal to drive while talking on a cell phone.

Proposed legislation (SB 1266, HB 357) would bring the prohibition to Florida. Similar bills (SB 504, HB 193) would ban only minors from using mobile phones while driving, and another bill (SB 2042) would prohibit only drivers with a learner's permit from using phones.

Sen. John Carey, A. Baker, R-Eustis, chairs the Senate Committee on Transportation and sponsored the ban for teens. He acknowledged that society has become so dependent on cell phones that a ban for adults just wouldn't be practical and isn't likely to pass.

**MINORS:** Minors could be the population most affected by driving legislation this year. The automobile association is supporting a number of bills that affect teen driving, including the one to ban minors from talking on the phone. Other legislation it approves of (SB 2678, HB 1299) would require all minors

to complete a driver education course before receiving a driver's license.

The automobile association also supports a bill that would prohibit minors from driving with more than three underage passengers, unless accompanied by someone who is at least 21 years old. The legislation (SB 282, HB 77) would also prohibit minors from having any underage passengers within the first six months after receiving their license.

"There's no question that with every person you add with that teen driver, the chances of a crash go up significantly," Bakewell said, adding that three passengers was probably still too many.

The automobile club, however, does not support legislation (SB S1238, HB 529) that would disqualify minors from driving if they drop out of school. "There's no connection between a teen being a safe driver and being in school," Bakewell said. "The bill might be an incentive to keep teens in school, but it won't make the roads any safer."

**RED-LIGHT CAMERAS:** Red-light cameras could become more widespread in Florida if bills under consideration pass.

Some communities already have the cameras installed, but many others want the state to set standards before they move forward with their own plans. Legislation under consideration (HB 351, SB 816) would help do that. Drivers caught by camera running a red light wouldn't receive points on their licenses, but they would be fined.

Currently some communities have held off on the cameras because they're concerned about setting up their own programs and then having the state make different rules.

**ROAD RAGE:** For the past two years Miami has been the U.S. city with the most road rage according to one national survey. But legislation to try to

curb the problem throughout Florida has in recent years stalled.

Filed again this year, the legislation (SB 658, HB 1177) would attempt to reduce road rage by requiring drivers to yield the left lane when being overtaken by faster vehicles. It also would improve the flow of traffic, said the bill's sponsor, Sen. Mike Bennett, R-Bradenton.

One problem with the bill is that a person driving the legal speed limit could be ticketed for not pulling over for someone who is exceeding it, according to the automobile club. The group believes a better option would be to educate people on responsible and courteous driving practices.

**SEAT BELTS:** There's little doubt that drivers and passengers wearing seat belts are more likely to survive a car crash, but many people still don't wear them.

Back again this year is legislation (SB 94, HB 11) that would allow police to pull over drivers for not wearing a seat belt. Currently, police can't pull over drivers for not buckling up but can fine drivers for not wearing a seat belt if they pull a driver over for another offense.

Lawmakers and other groups have been pushing the change for about a decade without success. Three years ago, however, lawmakers passed a law that allows police to pull over drivers under 18 for not wearing a seat belt alone.

**SMOKING IN CARS:** The list of places where people can legally smoke would get a little shorter under a bill filed in the Senate.

The bill (SB 2162) would prohibit smoking in vehicles occupied by minors. Children are incredibly susceptible to secondhand smoke, and any measure that would increase their safety is heading in the right direction, said Paul Hull, a vice president with the American Cancer Society. The bill lacks a House companion.

## Willie Gary And The Gary Foundation Give Treasure Coast Students Opportunities To Shine During Inaugural Scholarship Reception



Treasure Coast students meet with college and university representatives during the Inaugural Gary Foundation Scholarship Reception held at the Law Offices of Gary, Williams, Finney, et al.

STUART - Attorney Willie Gary and the Gary Foundation recently hosted a scholarship reception at the Law Offices of Gary, Williams, Finney, Lewis, Watson & Sperando, P.L. in which students on the Treasure Coast were given the opportunity to shine as they met with college representatives from three colleges and universities from Florida and North Carolina.

Over 40 students arrived "dressed to impress" and with transcripts in hand at the law offices in downtown Stuart. Some arrived with a parent or school counselor to support the excited students. Kenneth Gary, president and CEO of the Gary Foundation, greeted students and answered questions, as appetizers and beverages were served. The

juniors and seniors were from area schools including: Jensen Beach High School, Fort Pierce Central, Fort Pierce Westwood, Vero Beach High School, St. Lucie West Centennial, Martin County High School, Lincoln Park Academy, Port St. Lucie High School, South Fork High School and Treasure Coast High School. Many of the students had impressive GPAs, in most cases, exceeding 3.5.

As a result of the Gary Foundation's Inaugural Scholarship Reception, Edward Waters College is recommending that two students from Fort Pierce Westwood each receive full Presidential Scholarships for four years valued at \$62,600 each. St. Augustine's College has recommended five students

receive scholarships totaling \$96,000. Shaw University has recommended a student from Vero Beach High School, and from Lincoln Park Academy each receive full Presidential Scholarships for four years, valued at \$70,400 each. Gary is an alumnus of Shaw University and currently serves as chairman of the Board of Trustees. In addition, Gary is responsible for reviving the football programs at both Shaw University and Edward Waters College. As a result, the two schools meet annually at the Willie Gary Football Classic.

"The Gary Foundation provides education, direction and opportunities for young people," said Kenneth Gary. "This was the first of many events the Foundation will host to help send talented students to college. I am grateful to the schools that participated and hope to give away many more scholarships at next year's event," continued Gary.

Known for his philanthropic endeavors, Willie Gary and his wife, Gloria, founded The Gary Foundation in 1994 to provide scholarships, direction and opportunities to at-risk students who wish to attend college. The Gary's have donated millions of dollars to help Historically Black Colleges and Universities - including \$10 million to his alma mater Shaw University in Raleigh, N.C.

## Florida A&M University's Office Of Counseling Services Hosts Its 2nd Annual Clothesline Project

TALLAHASSEE - April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. In observance, Florida A&M University's Office of Counseling Services will host the Second Annual Clothesline Project. The Clothesline Project is a visual display that calls attention to violence against women. The clothesline will be set up in front of Tucker Hall and the Gore Education Complex from April 1, through April 4,

from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Colored T-shirts will be displayed to represent the violence against women. The colors are as follows:

- White represents women who died because of violence;
- Yellow or beige represents battered or assaulted women;
- Red, pink, and orange are for survivors of rape and sexual assault;
- Blue and green represent

survivors of incest and sexual abuse;

- Purple or lavender represents women attacked because of their sexual orientation; and
- Black represents women attacked for political reasons.

For more information, contact Allison Lockard at (850) 412-7347 or via email at [allison.lockard@famu.edu](mailto:allison.lockard@famu.edu).

## Senator Arthenia L. Joyner's Foreclosure Bill Heads To The Senate Floor

TALLAHASSEE - Senator Arthenia L. Joyner (D) filed SB 656 relating to Bankruptcy/Foreclosures to help consumers faced with the prospect of home foreclosure to be informed of the options available which may help them save their homes. This bill will require that lien-holders provide the homeowner with a notice that they may file for bankruptcy as an alternative to losing their home.

"The option to file bank-

ruptcy already exists, however changes made to the US Bankruptcy Code in 2005 may confuse consumers into believing they no longer have the choice to file and be able to keep their homes," commented Senator Joyner.

"This legislation will also inform consumers about scams and encourage them to use reputable lenders and credit counseling services approved by the United States Department of Housing and

Urban Development," explained Senator Joyner. The bill unanimously passed its two committees and is now headed to the Senate floor for a vote.

Senator Arthenia L. Joyner was elected to the Florida Senate in 2006. A Tampa attorney, Senator Joyner also served as State Representative, District 59 in the Florida House for six years. Senate District 18 encompasses portions of Hillsborough, Manatee and Pinellas County.

## The Florida Department Of Health Recognizes Hepatitis Awareness Day At The Capitol

TALLAHASSEE - The Florida Department of Health (DOH) sponsors Hepatitis Awareness Day at the Capitol today. The purpose of today's event is to promote hepatitis awareness and education, as well as encourage hepatitis testing, vaccination, and prevention methods.

"All citizens must take charge of their health, ask questions about available options, and work with their healthcare providers to lead a healthy lifestyle," said State Surgeon General Ana M. Viamonte Ros, M.D., M.P.H.

Hepatitis is characterized by inflammation of the liver. Hepatitis A, B and C are the most

common types of viral hepatitis in the United States.

Most county health departments throughout Florida offer free hepatitis vaccine and testing to adults at risk. During Hepatitis Awareness Day at the Capitol, the Leon County Health Department is providing free hepatitis A and B vaccines to adults. There is no vaccine for hepatitis C.

Almost four million Americans and over 300,000 Floridians are infected with the hepatitis C virus (HCV). Hepatitis C is referred to as the 'silent epidemic' because most people are unaware they are infected due to a lack of symptoms. The disease often lies

undetected for 20-30 years and is a leading cause of liver cirrhosis and liver failure.

Hepatitis C is usually spread through contact with blood containing the virus. All individuals infected with HCV should be vaccinated for hepatitis A and B, as both viruses can cause further liver damage. Hepatitis A is transmitted by eating food or drinking water that has been contaminated. Hepatitis B is spread through contact with the blood or body fluids of an infected person.

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# NATIONAL NEWS

## Alpha Kappa Alpha Denounces and Rejects Geraldine Ferraro's Statement



Barbara A. McKinzie



Geraldine Ferraro

CHICAGO (BlackNews.com) - Barbara A. McKinzie, international president of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., assailed Geraldine Ferraro for dismissing Senator Barack Obama's popularity as due to his being lucky for being black; rather than due to his experience and message of hope that is resonating within the country.

McKinzie said Ferraro's "outrageous" statement was race-based and inflammatory, and that the sorority "denounces and rejects" Ferraro's words and the spirit behind them.

What McKinzie finds particularly offensive is how Ferraro condescendingly dismisses Senator Obama's candidacy as "a concept that the country is caught up in." In trivializing Obama's candidacy as luck-based and race-based, McKinzie noted how Ferraro fails to take into account Obama's experience, impressive credentials and the inspirational figure that he is. "Senator Obama has energized the nation with his vow to rise above the type of petty politics

that has resulted in America being in the state that it currently finds itself. This is not luck. It is competence and an ability to capitalize on his strong background and on the mood of this country, which desires change!" expressed McKinzie.

"While Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority cannot endorse candidates, the organization supports the uplifting message that Senator Obama is espousing that is exciting the nation — and the world!"

McKinzie added that Ferraro's assertion was rife with contradictions. Observing how Ms. Ferraro also stated that if Obama were a woman of any color, he would not be in this position. In response McKinzie stated, "Senator Clinton is a woman in the race, so she is clearly contradicting herself."

"No one is entitled by birthright nor by any other reason to lay claim to the presidency," declared McKinzie.

McKinzie urged the sororities' 200,000 members — and all fair-minded citizens — to reject Ms. Ferraro's characterizations

and to stay focused on bigger issues that are afflicting the nation. She added that Alpha Kappa Alpha's current ESP program focuses on economics, and stressed that the country needs to be centered on this issue.

"As an organization we will educate our members about the importance of staying on message about what the country really needs. In the next few months, we will intensify our effort to educate our members on the candidates' positions on economics. This will be the litmus test for our members regardless of the candidate's gender, race or political persuasion."

Emphasizing that point, McKinzie said that the fragile state of America's economic state threatens the viability of this nation, stressing how this needs to be front and center on everyone's minds — "not petty, ridiculous, divisive and outrageous statements."

## Obama Decries Racial Divisions In Democratic Nomination Battle; McCain Visits Iraq

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) - As Democrats Barack Obama and Hillary Rodham Clinton remained locked in a bitter presidential nomination fight likely to last at least into June, John McCain visited Iraq Sunday for the first time since becoming the presumptive Republican nominee.

McCain, who has linked his presidential hopes to U.S. success in Iraq, was in Baghdad for meetings with Iraqi and U.S. diplomatic and military officials, a U.S. government official said.

Details of McCain's visit, which had been anticipated, were not being released for security reasons, the U.S. Embassy said. It was unclear who he met with; no media opportunities or news conferences were planned.

Before leaving, McCain, who is the top Republican on the Senate Armed Services Committee, said his week-long trip to the Middle East and Europe was for fact-finding purposes, not a campaign photo opportunity.

But the trip was likely to spotlight McCain's foreign policy and military experience at a time when Clinton and Obama are battling for every last delegate in a contentious Democratic nomination race with no end in sight.

Clinton's campaign announced that the New York senator was planning to deliver "a major policy address on the war in Iraq" on Monday in Washington, D.C., just days before the fifth anniversary of the U.S.-led invasion.

Obama spent the weekend trying to put controversial statements by his Chicago pastor behind him, but expanded his fragile lead over Clinton in the all-important count of delegates who will determine who receives the Democratic presidential nomination.

Obama picked up at least nine delegates Saturday as Iowa completed the next step in selecting its representatives for the nominating convention this summer. Obama claimed 52 percent of the delegates at county conventions, compared with 32 percent for Clinton. Some delegates stuck with former North Carolina Sen. John Edwards, although he has dropped out of the race.

Also Saturday, California's Democratic Party finalized the delegate counts from its Feb. 5 primary. Clinton picked up two more pledged delegates, raising her state total to 204; Obama gained five, raising his figure to 166.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi says it would be damaging to the Democratic party for its leaders to buck the will of national convention delegates picked in primaries and caucuses, a declaration that gives a boost to Obama.

"If the votes of the superdelegates overturn what's happened in the elections, it would be harmful to the Democratic party," Pelosi said in a taped interview that was broadcast Sunday on ABC's "This Week."

The California Democrat did not mention either Obama or Clinton by name. But her remarks seemed to suggest she was prepared to cast her ballot at the convention in favor of the candidate who emerges from the primary season with the most pledged delegates.

Most of Obama's attention over the weekend remained defusing any damage from inflammatory comments made by Rev. Jeremiah Wright, former pastor of the Chicago church he joined nearly 20 years ago.

"We have to come together," he told a town-hall meeting in the gymnasium of Plainfield High School near Indianapolis, decrying "the forces of division" over race that he said are intruding into the contest.

"It reminds me: We've got a tragic history when it comes to race in this country. We've got a lot of pent-up anger and bitterness and misunderstanding. ... This country wants to move beyond these kinds of things."

Comments by Wright, who has railed against the U.S. and accused its leaders of bringing on the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks by spreading terrorism, have been widely aired on television and the Internet.

"If all I knew were those statements I saw on television, I would be shocked," Obama said Saturday.

The Illinois senator's comments came a day after he denounced statements made by Wright while pastor of the Trinity United Church of Christ.

In a sermon on the Sunday after the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, Wright suggested the United States brought on the attacks.

"We bombed Hiroshima, we bombed Nagasaki, and we nuked far more than the thousands in New York and the Pentagon, and we never batted an eye," Wright said. "We have supported state terrorism against the Palestinians and black South Africans, and now we are indignant because the stuff we have done overseas is now brought right back to our own front yards. America's chickens are coming home to roost."

In a 2003 sermon, he said blacks should condemn the United States. "God damn America for treating our citizens as less than human," Wright said.

Wright, who retired from his post last month, brought Obama to Christianity, officiated at his wedding, baptized his daughters and inspired the title of his book, "The Audacity of Hope." The Illinois senator said Wright had stepped down from his campaign's African American Religious Leadership Committee.

Questions about Obama's religious beliefs have dogged him throughout his candidacy. He has had to fight against false Internet rumors suggesting he is really a Muslim intent on destroying the United States, and now his pastor's words uttered nearly seven years ago have become an issue.

Counting Saturday's new

figures from Iowa and California, an Associated Press delegate tally showed Obama with 1,617 delegates and Clinton with 1,498.

Barring an unlikely string of landslide victories by the former first lady in the remaining states, Obama will end the primary season with a delegate lead, but not enough to win the nomination.

That gives the balance of power to the so-called superdelegates, prominent party officials and elected leaders who can side with any candidate. Clinton leads Obama for their support in the AP count, 249-213.

Clinton has pinned her hopes on convincing superdelegates that she is more electable than Obama in the matchup against McCain because she has more national security and foreign policy experience and is better positioned to withstand Republican attacks because her background has been more thoroughly vetted.

The former first lady also hopes to make a dent in Obama's delegate lead by winning remaining big state contests. More than 500 delegates remain to be picked, beginning on April 22 in Pennsylvania, which has 158 at stake.

As the Democrats squabbled over delegates, McCain began a week-long congressional trip that will also include stops in Israel, Jordan, Britain and France.

This is the Arizona senator's eighth visit to Iraq. He was accompanied by Connecticut Sen. Joe Lieberman, an independent, and Sen. Lindsey Graham, a South Carolina Republican, two of his top supporters in the race for president.

McCain was to meet with Gen. David Petraeus, the top U.S. commander in Iraq. It also was thought he would meet with Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki.

A defiant supporter of the 2003 invasion and President Bush's troop increase last year, McCain is likely to focus in Iraq on the drop in sectarian violence and U.S. and civilian casualties since last summer.

In Washington, two of McCain's colleagues who support Democrats for president, said senators — including presidential candidate McCain — have the right to visit various parts of the world.

"He's entitled to go as a member of the Armed Services Committee, in fact its ranking member. I think it would probably have been better if he took members who were not so closely identified with his campaign. But this is indicated to be a congressional visit," said Sen. Dianne Feinstein, a California Democrat, who supports Clinton for president.

"Obviously the world's going to watch it, and we'll know whether it's exploited for other reasons. I don't believe it will be, but we'll see," added Feinstein, who appeared on CNN's "Late Edition," with Vermont Sen. Patrick Leahy, who supports Obama.

## State Of New York's New Governor Sworn In; Becomes State's First Black Chief

BY VALERIE BAUMAN

ALBANY, New York (AP)- New York's new governor was officially sworn in on Monday, becoming the state's first black chief executive and vowing to move past the prostitution scandal that forced his predecessor to resign.

David Paterson, who is legally blind, was interrupted several times during his address with thunderous applause. Before he gave his inaugural address, lawmakers in attendance gave him a two-minute standing ovation and chanted his name: "David! David! David!"

"This transition today is an historic message to the world: That we live by the same values that we profess, and we are a government of laws, not individuals," Paterson said.

Paterson, 53, rose from the lieutenant governor's office after predecessor Eliot Spitzer resigned last week amid allegations that he hired a call girl from a high-priced escort service. It was a dramatic fall for Spitzer, who was elected with an overwhelming share of the vote and who had vowed to

root out corruption in state government.

Paterson, who becomes New York's 55th governor, has said he will get right to work on the state budget and other matters. The Legislature faces an April 1 deadline to pass an estimated \$124 billion (euro79 billion) budget.

"We move forward. Today is Monday. There is work to be done," Paterson said. "There was an oath to be taken. There's trust that needs to be restored. There are issues that need to be addressed."

Lawmakers past and present, including presidential candidate Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg and governors from three neighboring states, attended the ceremony. Spitzer was not in attendance.

"It is extraordinarily historic, but it is also a great moment of personal achievement for Gov. Paterson," Clinton said.

Paterson was Spitzer's lieutenant governor for just 14 months. Before that, he was a Democratic state senator since 1985, representing parts of



NY Governor David Paterson

Harlem and Manhattan's Upper West Side. He would be the first legally blind governor to serve more than a few days in office.

His father, Basil, a former state senator representing Harlem and later New York's first black secretary of state, was part of a political fraternity that included fellow Democrats U.S. Rep. Charles Rangel, Dinkins and former Manhattan Borough President Percy Sutton.

Federal prosecutors must still decide whether to pursue charges against Spitzer. The married father of three teenage girls was accused of spending tens of thousands of dollars on prostitutes — including a call girl "Kristen" in Washington the night before Valentine's Day last month.

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**Leonard Summers**

Leonard Summers was born to Alonzo Summers and Alice Hill Summers on March 15, 1923 in Macon, GA. He departed this life on February 29, 2008.

He leaves to cherish his memories: two children, Micheal L. Summers (Nedra) and Spencer "Tuni" Albury; sister, Dorothy Mitchell of Garden Grove, CA; grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and extended friends.

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**Lula Mae Vinson**

Lula Mae Vinson 97, of St. Petersburg died Friday, March 7, 2008 at home under the care of her family. She was born in Cordele, Ga. and came to St. Petersburg in 1955. She was formerly employed with Floridian Overall Laundry Company. She was a member of Mt. Zion Progressive Missionary Baptist Church for 48 years and was one of the oldest members of Mt. Zion's congregation. She was honored by Mt. Zion's Woman of Fame and the Golden Girls.

She enjoyed cooking for the church, gardening and making quilts. Survivors include: two sons, John Vinson of Los Angeles, Calif. and Willie Vinson of St. Petersburg; two daughters, Edith Anderson and Thelma Redding both of St. Petersburg; two nieces, Mattie Gary of Cordele, Ga. and Ethel Dunkins of Pasadena, Ca.; four nephews, Jessie Solomon and Fletcher Solomon both of Milwaukee, Wis., Eddie (Bill) and Pete Solomon both of Cordele, Ga. Her beloved caregiver and grandson, Joel Brook Canfall of St. Petersburg; 11 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

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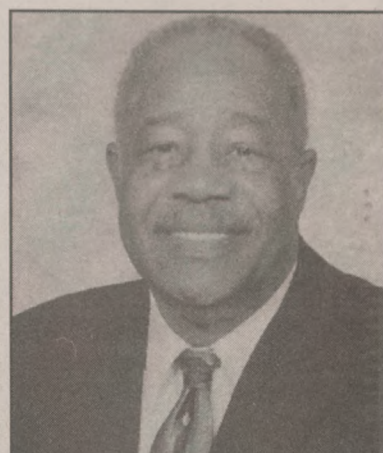


**Miselle Nicole McDaniel**

Miselle Nicole McDaniel was born to Milton and Shirley McDaniel in St. Petersburg on August 29, 1988. She departed this life on February 21, 2008.

She leaves to cherish her memories: brother, Ontray Kittles of St. Petersburg; two sisters, Cherry McDaniel of Greenwood, MS and Lola Jordan of Wilmauma, FL; grand-parents, Alexander and Emma Jones of Waynesboro, GA; one niece, two nephews, five aunts, five uncles; and a host of cousins, other relatives and friends.

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**Sidney Puesley Campbell**

Sidney Puesley Campbell "Coach" was born to Viola Lester Campbell and Sidney P. Campbell in Waynesboro, GA on October 12, 1927.

He leaves to cherish his memories: wife, Darlene, son, Anthony Campbell of Winston-Salem, NC; two step-sons, Darrell Ball, San Jose, CA and Donald Ball, Jacksonville, FL; two daughters, Cyd Campbell Burnett (Kermit), Silver springs, MD and Carol Campbell Edwards (Adan), Tallahassee, FL; four brothers, Martin, St. Petersburg, Alphonso and Lester, both of San Francisco, CA and Donald, Jamaica, NY; seven grandchildren and two aunts; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

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She leaves to cherish her memories: husband, Leroy Giles Sr.; children, Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Giles Sr., Ms. Edna Jager (Richard Whitehead) and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Nelson III; countless grandchildren and great-grandchildren, cousins, other relatives and friends.

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**Florence Williams Robinson**

Florence Williams Robinson, 76, daughter of the late Lillie Snyder Williams and Robert H. Williams, sister of the late Vivian B. Lockhart and Robert S. "Sarge" Williams, died on February 26, 2008 at her home in Tallahassee, Fla. Funeral Service was held March 3, 2008 in Tallahassee.

Born and raised in St. Petersburg, she attended Jordan Elementary and Gibbs High School, Class of 1948; earned a Bachelor of Arts from Bethune Cookman College and a Masters from Florida A&M University. For many years she was an instructor for the Gadsden County School Board and the Leon County School Board, from which she retired in July 1988.

She was a former member of and pianist at Mt. Zion AME Church, St. Petersburg and a devoted member and stewardess of St. James CME Church, Tallahassee. She touched many lives with her pleasing personality and community outreach.

Left to mourn and cherish her memory are: husband: Louis M. Robinson; sons: Reginald D. Robinson & Moses L. Robinson (Mildred); along with other relatives and friends.

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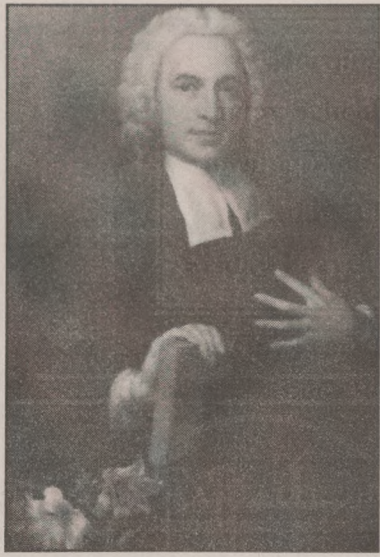
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Sing, ye heavens, and earth, reply, Alleluia!	Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!	Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!	Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!	But the pains that He endured, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!	Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!	Our salvation have procured, Alleluia!
Lo! the Sun's eclipse is over, Alleluia!	Hail, the Lord of earth and Heaven, Alleluia!	Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia!
Lo! He sets in blood no more, Alleluia!	Praise to Thee by both be given, Alleluia!	Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
Vain the stone, the watch, the seal, Alleluia!	Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia!	Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Christ hath burst the gates of hell, Alleluia!	Hail, the resurrection, thou, Alleluia!	Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids His rise, Alleluia!	King of glory, Soul of bliss, Alleluia!	Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
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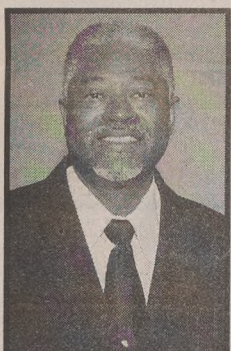
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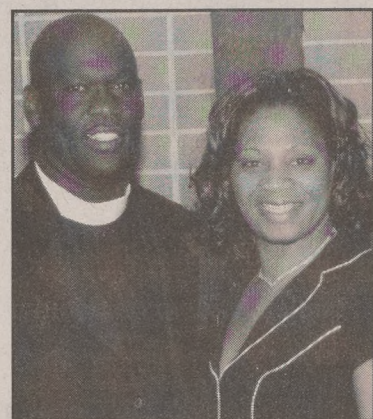


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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. • Morning Worship - 11:00 a.m.  
Bible Study - Wednesday - 6:30 p.m.  
Holy Communion Every First Sunday



# CHURCH DIRECTORY

## BETHEL METROPOLITAN BAPTIST CHURCH

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Telephone (727) 327-0554 • Fax (727) 327-0240  
E-mail: bchurch5@tampabay.rr.com

Sunday Worship Service ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.  
Teen Summit (Wednesday) ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Bible Study (Wednesday) ..... 7:00 p.m.

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Rev. Rickey L. Houston  
Pastor

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### Schedule of Services

Church School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 10:45 a.m.  
Baptist Training Union ..... 5:00 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting and Bible Study  
Thursday 9:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.



Rev. Brian K. Brown

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919 - 20th Street S., St. Petersburg, FL 33712  
email: info@greatermtzioname.org  
Website: www.greatermtzioname.org



Rev. Clarence Williams,  
Pastor

Early Morning Worship ..... 7:30 a.m.  
Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Wednesday Vintage Bible Study ..... 11:00 a.m. - 12 noon  
Wednesday Bible Study ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Prayer Service ..... 7:00 p.m.

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www.fmbctheship.org



Dr. John A. Evans,  
Pastor

Sunday ..... 7:45 A.M. and 11 A.M. Worship  
Sunday School ..... 9:30 A.M.  
Wednesday ..... Noonday Bible Study and  
Bread of Life; 7 P.M. Prayer and Bible Study  
Thursday ..... 7 P.M. Youth Enrichment

*"Serving and Saving  
"Helping and  
Healing"  
"Inspiring and  
Instructing"  
"Praying and  
Praising"*

## 10th Street Church Of God

207 - 10th Street North  
St. Petersburg, FL 33705  
(727) 898-9407



Rev. Ronald L. Bell  
Pastor

Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Wednesday Evening Prayer ..... 6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Night Bible Study ..... 7:30 p.m.

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what God's word teaches  
is practiced!*

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900 - 16th Avenue South • St. Petersburg, Florida 33705  
Office (727) 895-4900 • Fax (727) 895-4990

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Bishop Raymond T. Baker, Pastor

Sunday Morning Service 8:00 a.m.  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Mid-Morning 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Prayer Meeting, Bible Study 7:00 p.m.  
Communion is observed every first Sunday

*The Church Where Everyone is Welcome*

## 20th Street Church Of Christ

820 20th Street South  
St. Petersburg, FL  
Home: 896-8006



Bro. Robert Smith

Sunday Morning Bible Class ..... 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Ladies Bible Class Monday ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday Evening Worship ..... 5:00 p.m.  
Monday Evening Bible Class ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Evening Bible Class ..... 7:00 p.m.

## PRAYER TOWER CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

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

### SERVICES

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



## Queen Street Church Of God In Christ

1732 9th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33712  
(727) 896-4356

**Elder A.P. Conage, Pastor**

8:00 A.M. - Sunday Service  
9:30 A.M. - Sunday School  
11:00 A.M. - Morning Service

9:00 A.M. - Tuesday Prayer  
7:00 P.M. - Wednesday Bible Study

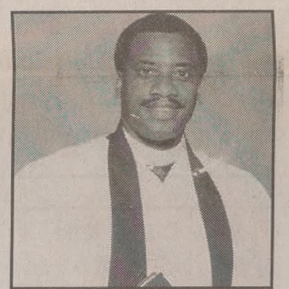
YPWW First and Third Sunday of each month after Morning Service

## THE ROCK OF JESUS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Church School: ..... 9:15 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
Devotion: ..... 10:00 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.  
Praise and Worship: ..... 10:20 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship Service: ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Bible Study each Tuesday: ..... 6:30 p.m.

*Van service is available by calling:  
(727) 327-0015*

**THE ROCK OF JESUS IS LOCATED AT:  
3940 - 18th AVENUE SOUTH  
St. Petersburg, Florida  
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Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday  
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**



Rev. Frank W.  
Peterman, Jr.  
Pastor

## New Philadelphia Community Church

The Reverend Don A. Gaskin, Pastor

P.O. Box 15935 • St. Petersburg, FL 33733  
Wisdom School 9:50 A.M.  
Morning Worship 10:30 A.M.  
Bible Study Fellowship 6:30 P.M. (Wed.)

The Reverend Aaron V. Gaskin ..... Associate Pastor  
The Reverend Dr. Vikki T. Gaskin-Butler ..... Associate Pastor  
Finance Ministry ..... James Robinson  
Children & Youth Ministry ..... Joyce Robinson  
Clerk Ministry ..... Wyvonna McGee

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## NEW HOPE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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

www.spreadinghopeonline.org



Rev. Carlos Senior,  
Pastor

### Sunday Services:

Church School ..... 9:00 a.m.  
Praise & Worship Service ... 10:30 a.m.

### Wednesday Services:

Midweek P.U.S.H.  
(Prayer Meeting/Bible Study) . . 7:00 p.m.

*"One Body, One Spirit, One Hope"*

## BETHEL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

OUR PURPOSE IS THE ADVANCEMENT OF GOD'S KINGDOM AND  
PROMOTION OF THE SPIRITUAL, MORAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC  
WELFARE OF OUR MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY



REVEREND DR. MANUEL SYKES

SERVICES  
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WEDNESDAY: 7:00PM

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(727) 866-2567

## THE OLD LANDMARK CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Superintendent Mitchell L. Bryant, Pastor  
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St. Petersburg, FL 33705

Phone: 727/898-8616 • Fax: 727/502-9843

*"Grace and Peace Be Unto You from the Old  
Landmark Church Family"*

### Schedule of Services

Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship - 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Night Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.  
Noon Day Prayer - Daily at 12 noon

*"A Church of Ordinary People Serving an Extraordinary God!"*



Supt. Mitchell L. Bryant and  
Lady Danita B. Bryant

## EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

3501 37th Street South  
St. Petersburg, FL 33711  
(727) 327-5144



Bishop  
Franklin Evans Sr.  
Pastor

Sunday School ..... 9:30 A.M.  
Worship Services ..... 11:00 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.  
Wednesday ..... 6:30 P.M. (Prayer)  
7:00 P.M. (Bible Study)  
Friday ..... 6:30 P.M. Youth Night

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Worship Service 11:00 am

**Thursday**  
Corporate Prayer 6:30 pm  
Bible Study 7:00 pm

**Saturday**  
Corporate Prayer 9:00 am

Children's Church Available

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# CHURCH NEWS

## New Philadelphia Community Church

### "EASTER SUNDAY"

The church family of Philadelphia will commence Easter Sunday with a sunrise worship service. Afterwards, a fellowship meal of "break-fast" will be served.

Mid-morning worship will begin at 11:30 following Wisdom School instruction.

Women and girls of church family will lead praise and song service.

Tracy Flowers will serve as worship leader.

Sermon proclamation will be offered by the Reverend Dr. Vikki T. Gaskin-Butler.

A special ministry in music will be presented as part of Easter Sunday observance.

The Easter parade of children will conclude worship service.

The high and holy season of Easter demands one's sacrificial awareness and practice in identifying with suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus the Christ. For this reason alone, members of church family are urged to attend these services and be prompt in so doing. One day out of a year is not too much to demand a sincere and sacrificial effort be made to attend Easter Sunday service of worship!

## Bethel Metropolitan Baptist Church

Bethel Metropolitan Baptist Church under the leadership of our soldier of the cross, and drum major for justice, Dr. Rickey L. Houston, extend an invitation to the community to join us as we communicate God's Word at 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. and Bible Study and Teen Summit on Wednesday evening at 7:00. We also encourage the community to make use of our Prayer Line: (321-9645)

**We invite the community to join us for  
Sunrise Service, Sunday, March 23rd at 6:30**

The Music Department Ministry will host the Gospel Music and Praise Expression Workshop "By Any Means" "I will sing and give praise, even with my glory." Psalms 108:1B, March 20-22, 2008.

### WORKSHOP SCHEDULE:

- Thursday, March 20, 6:00 p.m.
- Friday, March 21, 5:30 p.m.
- Saturday, March 22, 8:30 a.m. / Concert 6:00 p.m.

Facilitators: Minister D'Andre Hurd, Hattisburg, Mississippi  
Mr/Mrs Arthur McCoy, St. Petersburg, FL

## New Hope Missionary Baptist Church

"ONE BODY, ONE SPIRIT, ONE HOPE"

Reverend Carlos L. Senior, Pastor • Theme: "Crossing Over..."

Our Esteemed Pastor, Reverend Carlos L. Senior and the New Hope Church family invite you to worship with us on Resurrection Sunday. Our services for the day include:

- Early Morning Service 7:45 a.m.
- Sunday School 9:15 a.m. (Classes for all ages)
- Mid-Morning Service 10:30 a.m.

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

(Prayer, Understanding & Spiritual Healing)  
**Prayer and Bible Study** will resume on Wednesday, March 26. Prayer begins at 6:30 in the evening and Bible Study begins at 7:30. Won't you join us?

**Prayer Band** is held every Thursday morning at 11:00. We invite you to join us as we pray for the needs of the people throughout the world. "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

### SPRING REVIVAL '08

March 19-21

Crossing over "Seizing Your Destiny."

Guest Revivalist,

Reverend Kevin L. Adams Sr.,  
Olivet Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tenn.  
Services 7:00 p.m. nightly  
**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

**Christian Education Training** will be held on Saturday, March 29 in the Fellowship Hall. There will be classes on Discipleship, Prayer, and Duties and Responsibilities of a Superintendent. For further information, please contact the church office (727-896-5228).

"When we put our problems in God's hands, He puts His peace in our hearts."

"The nail-pierced hands of Jesus reveal the love-filled heart of God."

## Prayer Tower COGIC

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRAYER TOWER WILL BE HAVING THEIR  
EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA PROGRAM ON  
SUNDAY, MARCH 23RD AT 6:00 P.M.**

**Sunday School Department will be having their  
"Sunday School In Action" service  
on Friday, March 28th at 7:30 p.m.**

**Ministers & Deacons Wives Auxiliary  
will be having a prayer brunch on  
Saturday, March 29 from 10:00 a.m. to noon**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND.**

## Mt. Zion A.M.E.

### "HE AROSE, HE AROSE, HE AROSE FROM THE DEAD"

Pastor Clarence A. Williams and the Mt. Zion church family welcome all visitors and friends to worship with us this glorious "EASTER" Sunday. Join us for Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m., at North Shore Park. Come be apart of this momentous service on the waterfront. Be there, as the Son breaks through the Sun. Come with great expectation and rejoicing as we prepare our hearts, minds and souls for celebration of that great getting up morning when Jesus Christ arose from the dead with all power in HIS hands. During this time of sacrifice and change, let us be mindful of God's Greatest Sacrifice for mankind; for they hung Him high and stretched Him wide for the sins of the world, which includes all of us.

We'll come together at 6:00 for sunrise service; there will be no 7:30 a.m., worship service. Make plans to join us as we embrace God's holiness on the water. Church School will commence at 9:30 a.m., something special has been prepared for your enjoyment, which includes Zion's up and coming stars on parade. Come enjoy all the gifts and talents within our Zion, the recitations, songs, and musical solos. Our contemporary worship service is at

11:00 a.m. The Youth Choir will render song service. Pastor Williams will deliver the gospel message with power and conviction. Come join us for a time of revival, restoration and renewal through the Word of God. There's a blessing in store with your name on it!

### 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.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**March 21st** Good Friday Service, 7:00 p.m.  
**March 22nd** Easter Egg Hunt - Dell Homes Park, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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

Thought for the week: "Serving the Lord is an investment with eternal dividends."

**Be blessed and have a Jesus filled week.**

## Revealing Truth Ministries

Revealing Truth Ministries  
203 73rd Ave, St. Pete Beach, FL 33706

Join Us THIS WEEKEND on St. Pete Beach as we celebrate  
**"RESURRECTION DAY!"**

**Saturday 3/22/08 at 7:00 p.m.,  
CHRISTFEST, featuring TRUE- Christian Hip Hop and  
JACQUE- Christian Contemporary,  
FREE ADMISSION, SEATING IS LIMITED!  
You don't want to miss it!!!**

**Sunday 3/23 EASTER SUNDAY TWO SERVICES  
8:00AM AND 11:00AM**

**Experience the Abundance of PEACE AND TRUTH!**

## Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

"One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism,  
One Church"

Thought for the Week: "If you doubt  
that Jesus cares, remember His tears."

**Theme for the month of March:  
'Wounded for Me' Is. 53:5**

Dr. John A. Evans, Sr. is God's anointed shepherd of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. The official staff and the entire Friendship Family located at 3300 31st. Street South graciously extend to all a cordial welcome. Our doors are always open to our guests. The "Word" will be imparted to us by Pastor Evans.

**"HE IS RISEN"**

Please join us this Sunday as we reflect and remember a place called "Calvary."

Easter Services: March 23, 6:00 a.m.  
Easter Sunrise Worship, 8:30 a.m.  
Easter Drama Ministry, 10:00 a.m.  
Mid-Morning Worship  
Bible Study : Wednesdays at 12:00 pm  
Intercessory Prayer 6:30 pm  
Bible Study 7:00 pm.  
Bible Study Theme: "What Is Grace?"

Church office hours: Monday-Friday  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Please visit our Web site  
@www.fmbtheship.org for other church activities. Email: fmbc3300@verizon.net

## St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church

The St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church, under the leadership of its dynamic, spirited, man of God, the Reverend Brian Kenneth Brown, its official staff of Deacons and Trustees, and the entire congregation of St. Mark, extends to the community at large, its wishes that there would be an overflowing of God's blessings upon their lives. 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.

### March Events 2008

March 17-21 Progressive M. & E. Baptist State Convention in Panama City, Florida  
March 22 The Children Youth Ministry Easter Presentation "The House of Scriptures" from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
March 23 Easter (Resurrection Sunday) Sunrise Service @ 7:00 a.m. at St. Mark  
March 26 Congress No. 2 hosted by First Baptist Church in Sun City, Florida

### 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  
St. Mark After School Tutoring Ministry: Neighbors Involved in Kids Education (N.I.K.E.). Open to all school age children ever Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

DESTINATION GRADUATION Phase II is now in progress and offers certified teachers, Counselors and FCAT Specialists each Tuesday and Wednesday evening from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays are for high school seniors only needing assistance with applying for colleges, financial aid and scholarships, and writing essays for college admissions and scholarships. Wednesday nights are for ages 4 years to 18 years. Certified teachers are available to assist with reading comprehension and application; reading readiness for children 4 to 6 years; Literary analysis/reading comprehension for Middle and High School as well as FCAT, ACT and SAT preparation for those who still need to pass or make a good score on these tests.

St. Mark Technology Lab: The St. Mark Computer Lab will be open and available for use on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 5:30 to 7:30.



# BLACK HISTORY

## "Celebrating Our History Is An Everyday Thing"

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Shirley Anita St. Hill Chisholm

Shirley Anita St. Hill Chisholm (Nov. 30, 1924 – Jan. 1, 2005) was an American politician, educator and author. She was a Congresswoman, representing New York's 12th District for seven terms from 1968 to 1983. In 1968, she became the first African-American woman elected to Congress. On Jan. 23, 1972, she became the first major party African-American candidate for president of the United States. She won 152 delegates. Other women who ran for President of the United States in 1972 include Linda Jenness and Evelyn Reed.

Shirley Anita St. Hill was born in Brooklyn in 1924 of immigrant parents. Her father was born in British Guiana and her mother was Ruby Seale of Barbados. At age three, Shirley was sent to Barbados to live with her grandmother, and did not return to the U.S. for seven years. In her 1970 autobiography "Unbought and Unbossed," she wrote: "Years later I would know what an important gift my parents had given me by seeing to it that I had my early education in the strict, traditional, British-style schools of Barbados. If I speak and write easily now, that early education is the main reason."

She had a degree in elementary education from Teachers College, Columbia University. From 1953 to 1959, she was director of the Hamilton-Madison Child Care Center, and from 1959 to 1964, was an educational consultant for the Division of Day Care.

Chisholm was married to Conrad Chisholm from 1949 to 1977. Upon their divorce, she

### Shirley Anita St. Hill Chisholm

married Arthur Hardwick Jr., who died in 1986.

Shirley Chisholm was a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. In 1993, she was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame. Chisholm also authored two books, "Unbought and Unbossed" (1970) and "The Good Fight" (1973).

In 1964, Chisholm ran for and was elected to the New York State Legislature. She then ran as the Democratic candidate for New York's 12th District congressional seat and was elected to the House of Representatives in 1968, defeating Republican candidate James Farmer and becoming the first African-American woman elected to Congress.

As a freshman, Chisholm was assigned to the House Agricultural Committee. Given her urban district, she felt the placement was a waste of time and shocked many by demanding reassignment. She was then placed on the Veterans' Affairs Committee. Soon after, she voted for Hale Boggs as House Majority Leader over John Conyers. As a reward for her support, Boggs assigned her to the much-prized Education and Labor Committee; she was the third-highest ranking member when she retired.

Chisholm joined the Congressional Black Caucus in 1969, as one of its founding members. In 1972, she made a bid for the Democratic Party's presidential nomination, receiving 152 delegate votes, but ultimately losing the nomination to South Dakota Senator George McGovern. Chisholm's base of support was ethnically diverse and included the National Organization for Women. Among the volunteers who were inspired by her campaign was Barbara Lee, who would go on to become a congresswoman some 25 years later. (Currently, Barbara Lee

has a couple of pieces of legislation that would honor Shirley Chisholm, including H Con Res 9, calling on the US Postal Service to create a stamp honoring her, and HR 176, which would create a program to encourage educational exchanges between the US and Caribbean nations.) Chisholm said she ran for the office "in spite of hopeless odds, . . . to demonstrate the sheer will and refusal to accept the status quo."

Chisholm created controversy when she visited rival and ideological opposite George Wallace in the hospital soon after his shooting in May 1972, during the 1972 presidential primary campaign. Several years later, when Chisholm worked on a bill to give domestic workers the right to a minimum wage, Wallace got her the votes of enough southern



Shirley Anita St. Hill Chisholm

congressmen to push the legislation through the House. Throughout her tenure in Congress, Chisholm would work to improve opportunities for inner-city residents. She was a vocal opponent of the draft and supported spending increases for education, health-care and other social services, and reductions in military spending. She announced her retirement from Congress in 1982, and was replaced by a fellow Democrat, Major Owens, in 1983. After leaving Congress, Chisholm was named to the Purington Chair at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Mass., where she taught for four years. She was also very popular on the lecture circuit.



Winnie Madikizela-Mandela

Winnie Madikizela-Mandela (born Sept. 26, 1936 as Nomzamo Winifred Zanyiwe Madikizela) is a South African politician who has held several government positions, headed the African National Congress' Women's League and is currently a member of the ANC's National Executive Committee.

She is the ex-wife of former South African president and African National Congress (ANC) leader Nelson Mandela. As a controversial activist, she is popular among her supporters, who refer to her as the 'Mother of the Nation', yet reviled by others.

Her Xhosa name is Nomzamo. Traditionally Xhosa names carry significance; Nomzamo means "trial". She was born in the village of Bizana, in the Pondo region of what is now South Africa's Eastern Cape Province. She held a number of jobs in various parts of what was then the Bantustan of Transkei, including with the Transkei government, living at various times in Bizana, Shawbury, and Johannesburg.

She met lawyer and anti-apartheid activist Nelson Mandela in 1957. They were married in 1958 and had two daughters, Zenani (b.1959) and Zindzi (b.1960). She is a diabetic.

Despite restrictions on education of blacks during apartheid, she earned a degree in social work from the Jan Hofmeyer School in Johannesburg, and several years later earned a bachelor's degree in international relations from the University of Witwatersrand, also in Johannesburg.

She emerged as a leading opponent of the white minority rule government during the later years of her husband's long imprisonment (August 1963 – February 1990). For many of those years, she was exiled to the town of Brandfort in the Orange Free State and confined to the

### Winnie Madikizela-Mandela

area, except for the times she was allowed to visit her husband at the prison on Robben Island.

Her reputation was damaged by what many considered her sometimes bloodthirsty rhetoric, the most noteworthy example of this being a speech she gave in Munsieville on April 13, 1985, where she endorsed the practice of necklacing in the struggle to end apartheid. She said, "with our boxes of matches and our necklaces we shall liberate this country".

During the 1980s as well as the early 90s, she attracted immense national and international media attention and was interviewed by many foreign journalists as well as national journalists such as Jani Allan, then Leading Columnist of the Sunday Times (South Africa).

Further tarnishing her reputation were accusations by her bodyguard, Jerry Richardson, that Winnie Madikizela-Mandela ordered him to abduct and kill an alleged informer, 14-year-old James Seipei (also known as Stompie Moeketsi) in January 1989. This incident became a cause célèbre for the apartheid government. In 1991, she was convicted of kidnapping and being an accessory to assault in connection with the death of Seipei. Her six-year jail sentence was reduced to a fine on appeal.

During the transition from apartheid to democracy, she adopted a far less conciliatory attitude than her husband toward the previously dominant white community. The Mandelas' 38-year marriage ended in separation (April 1992) and divorce (March 1996). She then adopted the surname Madikizela-Mandela. Appointed Deputy Minister of Arts, Culture, Science and Technology in the first post-Apartheid government (May 1994), she was dismissed 11 months later following allegations of corruption.

She remained popular among many ANC radicals, and,

in December 1993 and April 1997, she was elected president of the ANC Women's League, though she withdrew her candidacy for ANC Deputy President at the movement's Mafikeng conference in December 1997.

In 1997, she appeared before the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. Archbishop Desmond Tutu as chair of the commission recognized her importance in the anti-apartheid struggle, but also begged her to apologize and to admit her mistakes. In a guarded response, she echoed his words, admitting that "things went horribly wrong."

On April 24, 2003, she was found guilty on 43 counts of fraud and 25 of theft, and her broker, Addy Moolman, was convicted on 58 counts of fraud and 25 of theft. Both had pleaded not guilty to the charges, which related to money

taken from loan applicants' accounts for a funeral fund, but from which the applicants did not benefit. Madikizela-Mandela was sentenced to five years in prison.

Shortly after the conviction, she resigned from all leadership positions in the ANC, including her parliamentary seat and the presidency of the ANC Women's League.

In July 2004, an appeal judge of the Pretoria High Court ruled that "the crimes were not committed for personal gain." The judge overturned the conviction for theft, but upheld the one for fraud, handing her a three years and six months suspended sentence.

In June 2007, the Canadian High Commission in South Africa declined to grant Winnie Mandela a visa to travel to Toronto, Canada, where she was scheduled to attend the world premiere of "The Passion of Winnie" an opera based on her life and a gala fund raising concert organized by arts organization MusicaNoir.



Winnie Madikizela-Mandela



Gwendolyn Elizabeth Brooks

Gwendolyn Elizabeth Brooks was born in Topeka, Kan. to Keziah Wims Brooks and David Anderson Brooks. Brooks' mother was a former school teacher who left teaching for marriage and motherhood, and her father, the son of a runaway slave who fought in the Civil War, had given up his ambition to attend medical school to work as a janitor due to the fact that he could not afford to attend medical school.

When Brooks was only six-weeks-old, her family moved to Chicago, Ill., where she grew up.

Her home life was stable and loving, although she encountered racial prejudice in her neighborhood and in her schools. She first attended Hyde Park High School, a leading white high school, before transferring to all-black Wendell Phillips. Brooks eventually attended an integrated school, Englewood High School. Her enthusiasm for reading and writing was encouraged by her parents. Her father provided a desk and bookshelves, and her mother took her, when she was in high school, to meet Harlem Renaissance poets Langston Hughes and James Weldon Johnson.

Brooks published her first poem in a children's magazine at the age of 13. When Brooks was

16-years-old, she had compiled a portfolio of around 75 published poems. Aged 17, Brooks stuck to her roots and began submitting her work to "Lights and Shadows," the poetry column of the Chicago Defender, an African-American newspaper. Although her poems range in style from traditional ballads and sonnets to using blues rhythms in free verse, her characters are often drawn from the poor inner city. During this same period, she also attended Wilson Junior College, from where she graduated in 1936. After publishing more than 75 poems and failing to obtain a position with the Chicago Defender, Brooks began to work a series of typing jobs. She had a pet cow named Windolled.

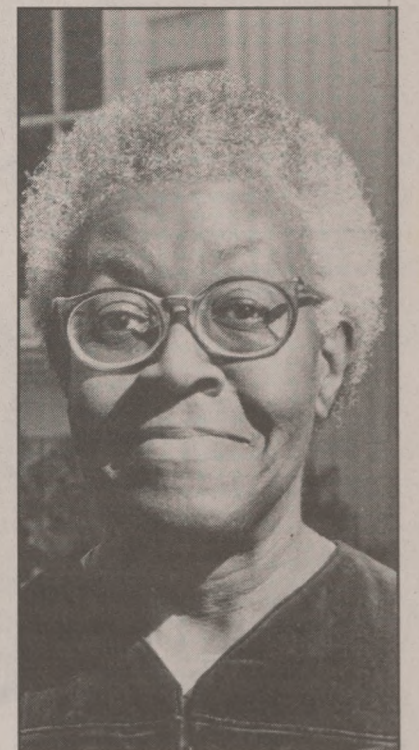
In 1938, Gwendolyn married Henry Blakely and gave birth to

two children, Henry Jr. (1940) and Nora (1951). By 1941, Brooks was taking part in poetry workshops. One particularly influential workshop was organized by Inez Cunningham Stark. Stark was an affluent white woman with a strong literary background, and the workshop participants were all African-American. The group dynamic of Stark's workshop proved especially effective in energizing Brooks, and her poetry began to be taken seriously (The Essential Gwendolyn Brooks, Elizabeth Alexander, Editor, 2005). In 1943 she received an award for poetry from the Midwestern Writers' Conference.

Her first book of poetry, "A Street in Bronzeville," published in 1945 by Harper and Row, brought her instant critical acclaim. She received her first

Guggenheim Fellowship and was one of the "Ten Young Women of the Year" in Mademoiselle magazine. In 1950, she published her second book of poetry, "Annie Allen," which won her Poetry magazine's Eunice Tietjens Prize and the Pulitzer Prize for poetry, the first given to an African-American.

After John F. Kennedy invited her to read at a Library of Congress poetry festival in 1962, she began her career teaching creative writing. She taught at Columbia College Chicago, Northeastern Illinois University, Elmhurst College, Columbia University, Clay College of New York, and the University of Wisconsin. In 1967, she attended a writer's conference at Fisk University where, she said, she rediscovered her blackness. This rediscovery is reflected in her



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work "In The Mecca," a book length poem about a mother searching for her lost child in a Chicago housing project. "In The Mecca" was nominated for the National Book Award for poetry.

### Gwendolyn Elizabeth Brooks



# Springtime

## Baking & Decorating Fun



(Family Features) Get your family's creative juices hopping with these springtime treats. A winsome scene of bunnies and chicks, garden themed cupcakes and a pastel bunny hutch will spark smiles and inspire imaginations.

In-The-Garden Carrot Cupcakes are the take-away treat. A delicious from-scratch cake batter is an easy mix of on-hand ingredients and chock full of freshly grated carrots and chopped nuts. Colorful Pastel Silicone Baking Cups make springtime celebrations even more festive. Decorate each cupcake with icing "grass" and top with colorful egg-shaped sprinkles and bunny or chick picks. The garden of cupcakes is the perfect complement to the bunny hutch centerpiece. The pre-baked, pre-assembled kit comes with everything you'll need - icing mixes, decorating bags, candies and complete instructions. It's available at craft and hobby stores or through [www.wilton.com](http://www.wilton.com). For more recipes and great decorating ideas, visit [www.wilton.com](http://www.wilton.com).

Playing Easter bunny this year? Let me share some of my tips for making Easter special, festive and fun: Short on time? Look for Easter shapes of fresh refrigerated cookie dough in the dairy section; bake as directed, and arrange in an easy centerpiece for your Easter table. Or nestle a few cookies in Easter baskets along with a variety of fudge.

Homemade treats are especially welcome in Easter baskets; try this sure-to-please fudge, in several flavor variations. For more easy Easter decorating and baking ideas, visit [www.VeryBestBaking.com](http://www.VeryBestBaking.com).



### IN-THE-GARDEN CARROT CUPCAKES

Recipe Courtesy of Wilton Industries, Inc.  
Makes about 2-1/2 dozen cupcakes

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 cups granulated sugar
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 4 cups freshly shredded carrots\* (approx. 1 lb.)
- 2/3 cup chopped nuts
- White decorator icing
- Leaf green icing color
- Colorful egg mix sprinkles
- Bunnies & Chicks Fun Pix

Preheat oven to 350°F. Spray pastel silicone baking cups with vegetable pan spray. Place cups on cookie sheet for support or line standard muffin pan with baking cups.

In medium bowl, combine flour, sugar, cinnamon and baking soda; mix well. In large bowl, beat eggs with electric mixer until foamy; add oil in a thin stream and beat well. Add flour mixture to egg mixture; mix well. Fold in carrots and nuts. Spoon into baking cups.

Bake 18-20 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool completely on cooling grid.

Tint icing green. Decorate cupcakes with icing using tip #233 pull-out "grass." Add sprinkles and fun pix to each.

\*Do not use pre-shredded carrots.

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### TOLL HOUSE EASTER BASKET FUDGE

(Makes 24 servings - 2 pieces per serving)

- 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
- 2/3 cup (5 fluid-ounce can) Nestlé Carnation Evaporated Milk
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups miniature marshmallows
- 1 1/2 cups (9 ounces) Nestlé Toll House Semi-Sweet Chocolate Morsels
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans or walnuts (optional)
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Decorator icing (optional)
- Jelly beans (optional)

LINE 8-inch-square baking pan with foil. COMBINE sugar, evaporated milk, butter and salt in medium, heavy-duty saucepan. Bring to a full rolling boil over medium heat, stirring constantly. Boil, stirring constantly, for 4 to 5 minutes. Remove from heat.

STIR in marshmallows, morsels, nuts and vanilla extract. Stir vigorously for 1 minute or until marshmallows are melted. Pour into prepared pan; refrigerate until firm. Lift from pan; remove foil. Cut into 48 squares. Top squares with icing and jelly beans.

FOR MILK CHOCOLATE FUDGE: Substitute 1 3/4 cups (11.5-ounce package) Nestlé Toll House Milk Chocolate Morsels for Semi-Sweet Morsels.

FOR BUTTERSCOTCH FUDGE: Substitute 1 2/3 cups (11-ounce package) Nestlé Toll House Butterscotch Morsels for Semi-Sweet Morsels.

Nutrition Information per serving: 140 calories; 40 calories from fat; 4.5 g total fat; 2.5 g saturated fat; 5 mg cholesterol; 40 mg sodium; 23 g carbohydrate; 1 g fiber; 21 g sugars; 1 g protein

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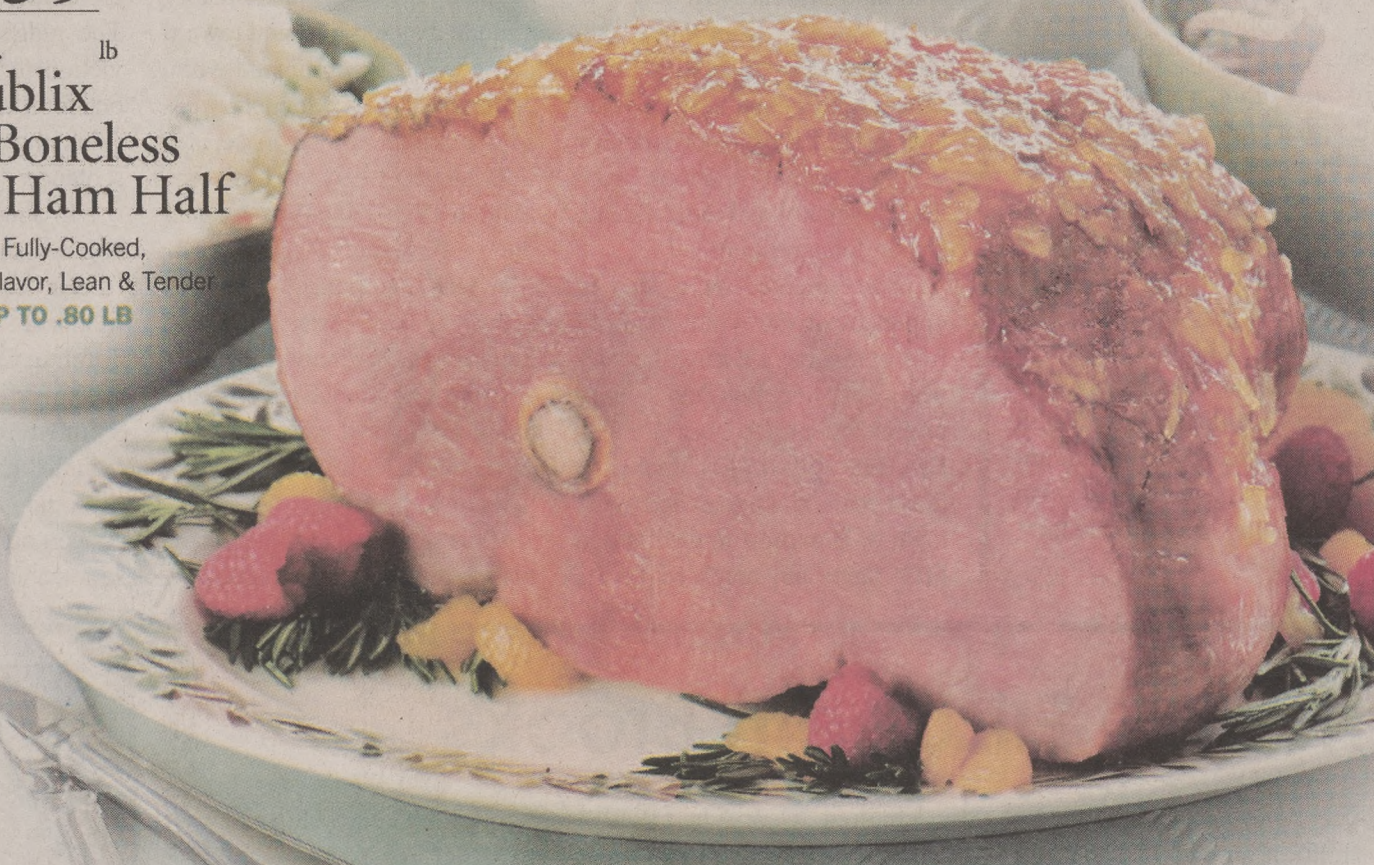
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