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ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA

The Rev. Joseph Lowery To Keynote 30th Annual Equal Opportunity Dinner

ST. PETERSBURG —The Pinellas County Urban League will host its 30th Annual Equal Opportunity Day Banquet on the waterfront at the Renaissance Vinoy Resort Hotel in St. Petersburg on Thursday, May 22, at 6:30 p.m.

"We're pleased that Reverend Joseph Lowery, renowned civil rights leader, will serve as our keynote speaker and help us celebrate our success in assisting poverty stricken individuals to become self-sufficient and self-reliant," says Gregory Johnson, president and CEO.

Lowery began his work with civil rights in the early 1950s in Mobile, Ala., where he helped lead the Montgomery Bus Boycott and the desegregation of buses and public places. He also founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Lowery is co-founder of the Black Leadership Forum, a consortium of black advocacy groups. The Forum began protesting apartheid in South Africa in the mid-1970s and continued until the election of Nelson Mandela. After becoming president of the SCLC in February of 1977, Lowery negotiated covenants with major corporations for employment advances, opportunities and business contracts with minority companies. He has led peace delegations to the Middle East and Central America. In addition to serving as pastor to several churches over the years, Lowery's efforts to combat injustice and promote equal opportunities



The Reverend Joseph Lowery

has led to the extension of provisions to the Voting Rights Act, the desegregation of public accommodations and the hiring of Birmingham, Alabama's first black police officers. In 1990 he received the Nonviolent Peace Prize and in 2004 he was honored at the International Civil Rights Walk of Fame in Atlanta.

The Equal Opportunity Banquet will include a reception and silent auction beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the foyer at the Vinoy. Dinner will start at 6:30 p.m. in the Palm Court Ballroom. Proceeds from the event benefit the Urban League's direct service initiatives. Additional information regarding the event is available by calling the Pinellas County Urban League at (727) 327-2081.

The Pinellas County Urban League's mission is to assist African-Americans and others in need toward the achievement of social and economic equality. The agency implements its mission through advocacy, research and direct service delivery of programs.

FAMU President Speaks To Gibbs High School Students



FAMU President James H. Ammons stands with scholarship recipients

BY BLANCHE GANEY
SPECIAL TO THE CHALLENGER

ST. PETERSBURG - James H. Ammons, Ph.D., president of Florida A&M University, spoke poignantly and eloquently to a select group of Gibbs High School students about the importance of a quality college education and more importantly a Florida A&M University education. Ammons was accompanied by FAMU staff members, Roland H. Gaines and Brenda Johnson. The trio has been on a fast track tour around the state appealing to young, talented, eager students who desire a college education and combined with that desire a dream of

attending a Historically Black College or University. "Attending FAMU is an option for you and if you take advantage of this opportunity the best is yet to come," said Ammons.

FAMU has received a lot of press and most of it has not been very positive, but according to Ammons FAMU has made a turn and is on the way to once again becoming the powerhouse that it was when it was showcased as the best university for African-Americans according to Black Enterprise in 2006.

"When you do well," said Ammons, "St. Petersburg and surrounding communities do well and the FAMU staff and faculty make it their business to

make sure you do well."

There were six extremely bright young people who have set their sails on becoming FAMU students who were recognized and rewarded for their efforts at the event with scholarships. The recipients of the scholarships were: Adrianna K. E. Hamilton, Brionna S. Kendricks, Robert M. Gallardo, Shanara Renee' Hullum, Alicia C. Colquitt all received \$2000 and Alisha G. Welch who received \$1000. These young people were chosen based on their ACT and SAT scores. They needed to have at least a 3.0 GPA, a minimum of 1100 on the SAT and 23 on the ACT to be considered.

"I work hard to keep my

grades up," said recipient Brionna Kendricks who says she has always wanted to attend FAMU. Kendricks said even though her parents, Michael and Daphne Kendricks have played a major role in keeping her motivated, it was her friends who helped her to get on the right track. "I saw my friends working hard in school and doing well, so I wanted to do well also and that's what I did."

Roland Gaines, VP of Student Affairs, who accompanied Ammons, said it was the St. Petersburg and Clearwater chapters of the alumni associa-

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Dr. Sidney A. Ribeau Named 16th President Of Howard University

WASHINGTON, D.C. (NNPA) - Sidney A. Ribeau, Ph.D., has been named president of Howard University, one of 48 private doctoral/research intensive universities in the United States.

He was the unanimous choice of the University's Trustees, according to a release from the university. Ribeau becomes the 16th president of the nation's premier historically black institution of higher learning, based in D.C.

"I am excited by the opportunity to serve this historic institution," said Ribeau. "Howard is a remarkable university, a truly international university and one that has made significant contributions not only in this country but around the

world, training principally African-Americans for global leadership roles in America and the world."

Ribeau has been president of Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, Ohio, for 13 years. At the University he initiated a number of successful, innovative, values-based initiatives that provide students with an academic environment that develops culturally literate, technologically sophisticated, productive citizens.

During his tenure Ribeau upgraded Bowling Green's communications and computing technology and encouraged collaboration with other institutions to increase operational and cost efficiencies. Under

Ribeau's leadership, Bowling Green State University was recognized for its residential learning communities, values-based education and innovative graduate programs. Bowling Green offers programs in more than 270 academic and professional fields and maintains an enrollment of approximately 21,000 students.

Ribeau will assume leadership as Howard University's 16th president on August 1.

"The Search Committee was very impressed with Dr. Ribeau's credentials and his reputation as a facilitator of change and collegial leader. He is a charismatic executive who works effectively inside and outside the institution he heads," said Gen. Colin L.



Sidney A. Ribeau

Powell, U.S. Army (Ret.), who with Richard D. Parsons, Chairman of the Board of Time Warner, Inc., co-chaired the

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Spotlight On Accomplishment



Tikisha McRae Chasing A Dream Embracing A Future

BY DIANNE SPEIGHTS
GENERAL MANAGER

At age 10 when most children were into looking good, keeping up with the latest fads and having fun, Tikisha McRae was daydreaming about her future. Already she could tell you what she wanted to be when she grew up, and where she wanted to go to college. Specifically, she knew she wanted to attend college at Florida State University and to go to medical school to become a Neonatologist, a pediatrician specializing in the care of critically ill or premature infants. Tikisha was an amazingly focused child, she studied hard, made really good grades and received recognition throughout school. Tikisha always had a passion for learning and she believes it has been the driving

force for her for the past 17 years.

On April 25, 2008, Tikisha walked proudly across the stage at the Tallahassee Civic Center in Tallahassee, Fla. to receive her Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Science with Cum Laude honors.

Ms. McRae spent her fifth year at Florida State pursuing a Minor in Chemistry and Education. She also has her eyes on a master's degree in Public Health, but for now she must start the tedious process for getting into Medical School.

Tikisha is the daughter of Mae McRae and the sister of Javonte Johnson, a senior at Gibbs High School. She was born in St. Petersburg, Fla. and is a product of the Pinellas County School system.

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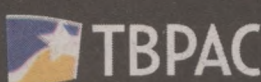
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OPINION

The 41st Annual Tuskegee Fly-In



BY JAMES CLINGMAN
NNPA COLUMNIST

The Negro Airmen International, the nation's oldest African-American pilot's organization and direct descendant of the legendary Tuskegee Airmen, will hold its annual "Fly-In" in two notable and historic cities this year: Selma, and Tuskegee, Ala. The theme for this year's event is "Making an Economic Impact."

Sam L. Jones, of Savannah, Ga., and president of NAI, shared the significance of this year's Fly-In. "We are starting our event in Selma; black pilots will land their planes at the Selma Airport and engage the public, especially the young people, in an educational forum regarding the history of flight among African-Americans. Trips to the Civil Rights and Slavery Museums will be conducted afterwards. Then we will make our way to Tuskegee, over the famous Edmund Pettus Bridge via Shorter, Ala., where we will have an old-time fish fry. And then, on to Tuskegee."

It's going to be a fantastic event, and everyone is invited. The Black Motorcyclists will be there; the National Black Programmers Coalition will be there; the Biofuels

Racing Alliance will be there; the Black Farmers will be there; the Nationalist Black Leadership Coalition will be there; and many other local and national celebrities will attend.

Two very special guests will also share the podium in Tuskegee: Mayor Johnny Ford and Fred Gray, author of "Bus Ride to Justice, Changing the System by the System." Gray, who still resides in Tuskegee, is the famous civil rights attorney who fought and won cases for Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King, the Montgomery Bus Boycott, the Tuskegee Syphilis Study, the desegregation of Alabama schools, and the 1965 Selma March.

Held on what I have called the "hallowed" grounds of Tuskegee University, this four-day event will engage the attendees in an economic impact strategy for the benefit of Alabama's famous "Black Belt." The conference will also do what many just talk about: Bring together various groups and individuals to create a synergy that stresses the principles of collective work and cooperative economics, and how to leverage that synergy into progressive action.

The Fly-In continues a tradition

that has come to be the largest gathering of African-American pilots in the nation. The weekend became popular as many black pilots and enthusiasts returned to Tuskegee to visit the "Chief," Charles Alfred Anderson, who passed away in 1996. Anderson trained more than 1000 pilots at the famous Moton Field in Tuskegee, including General Benjamin O. Davis Jr. and General Daniel "Chappie" James.

Anderson was responsible for the success of the highly regarded 332nd Fighter Group, formed entirely of Tuskegee pilots. It was one of the most successful fighter groups during World War II, and they have the lone distinction of being the only fighter group never to have lost a bomber to enemy fighters while they were flying as escort. That kind of feat required strict discipline and superb flying, both of which "Chief" instilled in his men.

The Fly-in commemorates the legacy of "Chief" Anderson and for the past 41 years has grown both in numbers and initiatives that have a positive impact on the Tuskegee region.

Certainly there is a tremendous need for black people, wherever we are and in whatever we are doing, to

seek ways to help ourselves economically, via collective strategies and alliances.

For instance, as I noted in my very first book on economic empowerment, Tuskegee should be one of the places in this country that all black folks should visit. Steeped in history and the spirit of economic independence, it is a city that should have been, by now, built up to receive millions of visitors annually. Tuskegee University should be one of the most endowed black colleges in the country, not simply by those who attended the school but by black people in general.

How can we celebrate the Tuskegee Airmen all across this country, as well as the accomplishments of Booker T. Washington, George Washington Carver, Charles "Chief" Anderson, R.R. Moton, Ben Davis, Chappie James, and others and yet be so reticent about supporting and continuing to build on their legacy? As we invoke their names we should also invoke the spirit of their work and dedication to empowerment. Go to www.blackwings.com for more information on the Fly-In. See you there!

Washington's Two Economies - A Growing Income Gap



BY MARIAN WRIGHT
EDELMAN
NNPA COLUMNIST

Washington, D.C., the nation's capital, is one of the great cities of the world. Tourists come here from around the globe to enjoy its world-class museums and art galleries and visit its columned edifices of gleaming marble. But many long-time local residents use Washington's other name — the District of Columbia. While the District's streets course through middle-income communities with neat row houses fronting well-kept lawns, its overall poverty rate has reached its highest level in nearly 10 years.

According to the D.C. Fiscal Policy Institute's October 2007 report, "D.C.'s Two Economies: Many Residents Are Falling Behind Despite the City's Revitalization," the wage gap between D.C.'s highest earners (the top 20 percent) and the lowest (the bottom 20 percent) is the widest it has been since 1979. And the number of

impoverished District residents has grown. According to the Institute report, nearly 20 percent, or one in five District residents, have incomes below the poverty level.

Despite the recent economic downturn, Washington's strong economy has been anchored by large employers such as the federal government, the District government, universities, hospitals and corporate offices. The city also has experienced a boom in commercial and residential construction. Long seen as "recession proof," the Washington economy is strong. The economy has produced jobs for skilled and well-educated workers who have seen their incomes soar. While a large segment of the Washington population is economically successful, that prosperity has not been shared by a considerable segment of the District's black population and the least educated residents who have remained sunken at the bottom.

According to the Institute report, the median income for white households in Washington grew

from \$55,000 in 1980 to \$92,000 in 2006 (in 2006 dollars). The incomes of the least paid workers (when adjusted for inflation) have stayed practically unchanged over the last three decades. The incomes of black households from 1980 to 2006 have remained essentially flat at \$34,500. In addition, employment for black adults has declined steadily since the late 1980s, from 62 percent in 1988 to 51 percent in 2006. Only two other U.S. cities, Tampa and Atlanta, have worse income disparities. One's level of education can be critical for economic success. Just 51 percent of D.C. residents with only a high school diploma had jobs; this is the lowest level in nearly 30 years.

One-third of the District's children are poor, compared with 16 percent of adults ages 18 to 64. In 2004, approximately 22,000 District families with children had incomes below 200 percent of the federal poverty line, or less than about \$31,000 for a family of three. Seventy-four percent of these were working families with one or more

parents who worked at least part of the year. About 12,000 of these low-income District families with children—more than half—included adults who worked more than half of the year. In many cases, the parents worked full-time and year-round. Overall, some 47,000 District residents, including 27,000 children, lived in families that were poor or near-poor despite working most of the year.

This problem must be addressed at its roots. The first thing that must be done is to improve the quality of education at all levels—preschool, elementary, secondary and postsecondary—as well as provide job training programs that will equip District residents with the skills that will enable them to participate and succeed in the city's economy. Residents who are stuck in low-wage jobs and striving to stay off public assistance rolls need support. We must provide that support by establishing decent living wages, child care assistance, health care coverage and affordable housing.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Women In Leadership Host First Annual Spring Back Into Health Breast Cancer Awareness Event

ST. PETERSBURG - Women in Leadership will be hosting their first annual Spring Back into Health with Breast Cancer Awareness, May 24, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at The Hospice of Florida Suncoast, 3050 1st Ave. S., St. Petersburg. The keynote speaker will be Ms. Jackie Brown.

Our goal is to educate

those that may be at risk and do not know the signs or symptoms that this disease causes. We encourage our community to obtain this information to take control and Spring Back into Health!

Women in Leadership is made up of pastors wives whose focus is on giving back to the community. We will be hosting several outreach

community events throughout the year. Please be watchful for times, dates and locations.

For more information and to pre-register for this event please contact Lady Kim Miller at 727-320-6125, or First Lady Evelyn Stroman at 727-278-6463.

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

The First Black Youth Baseball Game In 20 Years Plays In Largo

LARGO - The first black inner-city youth baseball game played in the city of Largo in 20 years, will be played on May 24 and 25, at 4 p.m. in the Ridgcrest Park at 1200

Ulmerton Rd., between the Largo Giants and the Tampa Eagles. The New Negro RNBI Youth Baseball League Inc. invites all sponsors, supporters and contributors to "come on

down too" and participate in this great moment. For more information please call Thomas English at (727) 564-3821.

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FAMU

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tion that orchestrated the event that culminated in these St. Petersburg youth receiving scholarships. FAMU thrives on the support of alumni and work hard toward nurturing these relationships. Vyrle Davis, Goliath Davis, and Kanika Jelks-Tomalín were just a few of many who counseled to bring Ammons to St. Petersburg. "I wasn't going to embark on this venture," said Vyrle Davis "until I was assured the sororities and fraternities were onboard with the venture."

And onboard they were. The event started out with the students receiving scholarships at Gibbs High School and ended with Ammons receiving the key to the city from Mayor Rick Baker at the St. Petersburg Country Club. Several city council members attended as well as County Commissioner Ken Welch and Rep. Frank Peterman.

FAMU is supported by very active alumni associations; in Clearwater, under the leadership of Donald Rutledge, and St. Petersburg, led by Ricky Steele. Kanika Jelks-Tomalín, Joy



FAMU Alumni

Davies, P.J. Benton, Goliath and Vyrle Davis are a few of the active alums who organized to get Ammons to St. Petersburg.

An active alumni association is vital to the life of a university and FAMU is no different according to Ammons. He made an appeal for continued support for FAMU to deter the possibility of laying off any staff or faculty. "Join the alumni group and become an active participant," said Ammons. "FAMU belongs to all of us and it's going to take investing in this prestigious institution to keep it moving forward and educating our children."

According to Ammons this type of partnership is not foreign

to FAMU. This summer 40 students will intern on Wallstreet. These highly qualified students chosen to be a part of the fast-paced, high-powered machine that is considered to be the financial Mecca of America will learn and apply business strategies that will only enhance their careers.

These glowing reports of historic FAMU are overshadowed by the years of bad press that has plagued FAMU. Students and parents are afraid to invest in a school that seems to not be able to get it together. Ammon on the other hand says FAMU is strong right now and he is thankful for the scrutiny.

Teen Technology Camp

ST. PETERSBURG - Teens, what are you doing this summer? The new TASCO Technology Center, 1320 5th St. N., has a limited number of spots available for Teen Technology Camp from June 9 to Aug. 15. This full day, 10 week program includes: digital photography; computer layout and design; digital video; create your own photo essay, plus shoot and edit a complete video

project. You will learn to use Microsoft Powerpoint, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe InDesign, and Premiere Pro programs. Friday field trips include visits to TV stations, photo studios, graphic design studios and more.

We offer TASCO Summer Extreme events every Thursday. This includes Mud Wars, Treasure Island Beach Bash, Arena of Games and more.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Thursday, May 15 - Gibbs High School Class of 1963! Plans are being finalized for the 45th class reunion to be held June 12-15. Class members call Minson Rubin at (727) 866-2651, Nettie Hannah Jackson at (727) 823-8023, or Olivia Holmes Lambert at (727) 867-5859 to register or get information. Next meeting 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of St. Mark M.B. Church, 1301 37th St. S.

Friday, May 16 - St. Pete Shuffle, St. Petersburg Shuffleboard Courts, 559 Mirror Lake Drive N. 7 to 11 p.m. A hip twist on an old game with music, art and fun for all ages. Equipment provided. Free. www.stpeteshuffle.com or 727-822-2083.

Saturday, May 17 - 49th Street South Festival, Tangerine Greenway, along 18th Ave. S., from 49th to 52 St.S. Noon to 4 p.m. Parade and festival. 727-892-5561.

Saturday, May 17 - Free Museum Day. Six downtown St. Petersburg museums and attractions are open free to all Pinellas and Hillsborough residents. The Dali Museum, Florida Holocaust Museum, Great Explorations Childrens Museum, Museum of Fine Arts, Museum of History and Sunken Gardens are all open for free, in addition to galleries offering gift store discounts at the Florida Craftsmen Gallery and the Arts Center. During the day, drop in to the Progress Energy Center for the Arts' Mahaffey Theater for a discounted Florida Orchestra concert (price TBA). 727-551-3250.

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Saturday, May 17 - 2nd Annual Caregivers Conference. Theme: "The Charge, The Challenge, The Commitment." Hospice of the Florida Suncoast - South St.Petersburg Facility. 3050 First Ave. S. To Register call 727-321-9444.

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Sunday, May 18 - The Gibbs Gladiator Gospel Choir will present their Spring Concert 2008 Tribe: The Kingdom of Cyrene, directed by Dr. Cody L. Clark. Free, 3 p.m. at St. Peter's Episcopal Cathedral, 140 4th St. N.

Friday, May 23 - Grandparent Photo Contest, Sunshine Center, 330 5th St. N. Photo winner reception. Capture your shining star in a photo and share your loving memory. Photo submission deadline is May 16. 727-893-7102.

AMENDMENT #1 INVITATION FOR BIDS IFB #08-005

MOVING SERVICES FOR THE RESIDENTS OF GRAHAM PARK AND ROGALL CONGREGATE

The St. Petersburg Housing Authority (SPHA), St. Petersburg, FL, is requesting bids from qualified, responsible, licensed and/or registered companies interested in providing comprehensive moving services for the residents of Graham Park and Rogall Congregate located at 305 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Street South, St. Petersburg, FL 33705, in accordance with the requirements of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

IFB #08-005 document packages will be ready for pick-up on Monday, May 12, 2008. A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held at the Pinellas County Housing Authority's Central Office located at 11479 Ulmerton Road, Largo, FL 33778 on **Tuesday, May 20, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. Bids are due by 2:00 p.m. EST on Friday, June 6, 2008.**

If you are interested in submitting a bid, please fax your request for an IFB package to (727) 489-0799 or email your request to kleishman@pin-cha.org. You may also pick up a copy in person at 11479 Ulmerton Road, Largo, FL 33778, from the Purchasing Department Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

AMENDMENT #1 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP #08-004

RELOCATION SERVICES FOR THE RESIDENTS OF GRAHAM PARK AND ROGALL CONGREGATE

The St. Petersburg Housing Authority (SPHA), St. Petersburg, Florida, is requesting proposals from qualified, responsible firms interested in providing comprehensive relocation services in accordance with the requirements of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

RFP #08-004 document packages will be ready for pick up on Monday, May 12, 2008. A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held at the Pinellas County Housing Authority's Central Office located at 11479 Ulmerton Road, Largo, Florida 33778 on **Tuesday, May 20, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. Proposals are due by 2:00 p.m. EST on Friday, June 6, 2008.**

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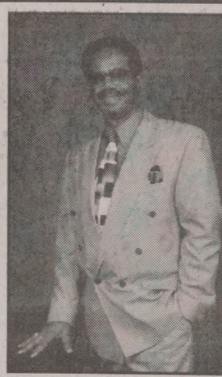
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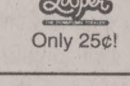
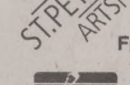
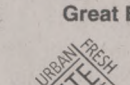
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PINELLAS COUNTY CONSORTIUM AND URBAN COUNTY 2008-2009 ACTION PLAN

Community Development Block Grant, Emergency Shelter Grant, HOME,
and American Dream Downpayment Initiative Programs

The Pinellas County Consortium has in place a Five-Year (FY2006-FY2010) Consolidated Plan that identifies housing and community development needs, priorities, objectives, and strategies. A one-year Action Plan (FY2008-2009) has now been prepared to address needs identified in the Five-Year Strategy. This notice provides a summary of FY2008-2009 projects and funding, and gives locations for reviewing the Action Plan.

The Pinellas County Consortium consists of the Urban County and the City of Largo, with Pinellas County serving as administrator of the HOME program. Currently the Urban County includes all of the unincorporated areas and twenty cities cooperating in Pinellas County's CDBG program. Funding sources of proposed projects are the Pinellas County Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) programs, and the Consortium's HOME Investment Partnership, including American Dream Down payment Initiative (ADDI) Programs.

Funds expected to be available are as follows (the City of Largo is advertising their CDBG funding and proposed projects separately):

\$2,979,575CDBG Entitlement
\$1,635,981HOME Entitlement
\$237,000CDBG Program Income
\$1,015,000HOME Program Income
\$133,725ESG Entitlement
\$14,908ADDI Entitlement
\$6,016,189Total

Another major funding source is the State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program. The \$5,621,309 expected in State funds and program income is included below to indicate how housing goals will be met.

2008-09 Funds are proposed to be allocated as follows:

Dansville Neighborhood Revitalization Area (CDBG Funds)
Land Acquisition (\$40,000)
Greater Ridgcrest Area (GRA) Neighborhood Strategy Area (CDBG Funds)
Gooden Crossing Infrastructure (\$300,000)
YMCA of the Suncoast - Greater Ridgcrest Branch Operations (\$293,760)
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Joe's Creek Greenway Park (\$331,000)
Lealman Family Center Newsletter (\$10,000)
Highpoint Neighborhood Strategy Area (CDBG Funds)
YMCA of the Suncoast - High Point Branch Floor Replacement (\$31,120)
Cooperating Cities: Public Facilities and Improvements (CDBG Funds)
City of Pinellas Park Sidewalks (\$150,000)
Other Public Facilities and Improvements (CDBG Funds)
Gulf Coast Community Care - Floor Replacement (\$30,000)
Homeless Emergency Project - Community Service Center Construction (\$300,000)
Personal Enrichment through Mental Health Services, Inc. - Parking Lot (\$95,700)
Pinellas Village - Fence/Parking Lot (\$28,106)
Religious Community Services - Grace House Rehab (\$78,500)
Van Gogh's Palette - Vincent House Expansion (\$300,000)
WestCare Gulfcoast-Florida - Mustard Seed Rehabilitation (\$50,000)
Demolition (CDBG Funds)
Demolition & Clearance of deteriorated structures & vacant developable land (\$25,000)
Public Services
Pinellas Opportunity Council - Chore Services (\$32,500 CDBG)
Suncoast Center for Community Mental Health - Salaries (\$150,000 CDBG)
WestCare Gulf Coast-Florida - The Turning Point Inebriate Receiving Facility
Essential Services, Maintenance and Operations (\$127,039 ESG)
Housing Preservation
Housing Preservation City of Largo (\$144,056 HOME)
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Housing Preservation Rental (\$100,000 CDBG, \$553,493 HOME AND \$278,750 SHIP)
Housing Production
Housing Production Owner Occupied (\$60,000 CDBG, \$350,000 HOME AND \$573,678 SHIP)
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Housing Opportunities
Housing Opportunities Largo Down Payment Assistance (\$53,281 HOME)
Housing Opportunities (Ownership) (\$806,156 HOME, \$14,908 ADDI and \$1,290,000 SHIP)
Relocation Assistance (\$20,000 HOME)
Housing Services (SHIP Funds)
Housing Counseling Services and Self Sufficiency Services (\$176,000)
Contingency
For cost overruns and additional emergency funding (\$148,694 CDBG, \$413,500 HOME and \$204,750 SHIP)
Administration
\$915,099 Federal Grants; \$509,381 State Grants

Alternates: If additional funding becomes available, the following projects are proposed: City of Gulfport 49th Street Sidewalks \$190,000; Greater Ridgcrest Area Clean-Up \$25,000; Emergency Assistance \$20,000.

Approximately 93% of Pinellas County CDBG funds are allocated to activities which principally benefit low and moderate income households; the remainder will fund activities eliminating slum and blight.

No displacement is anticipated at this time. However, the Residential Anti-displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan required under the CDBG program is available for viewing at the Pinellas County Community Development Department at the address listed below.

Availability for Viewing

A draft of the Pinellas County Consortium 2008-2009 Action Plan is available for viewing at the following locations May 16 to June 17, 2008. Public comments on the Plans are invited during this period and should be sent to the Pinellas County Community Development Department at the address below.

Pinellas County Community Development Department, 600 Cleveland Street, Suite 800, Clearwater, FL 33755
City of Largo Community Development Department, 201 Highland Avenue, Largo, FL 33779
North County Connection Center at the Pinellas County Service Center, 2431 Tampa Road, Palm Harbor, FL 34684
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Alumni Singers Annual Spring Concert



The Alumni Singers

ST. PETERSBURG - The Alumni Singers of St. Petersburg will present its' annual Spring Concert Sunday May 18, at 4:00 p.m. The location for this event will be First Presbyterian Church, 701 Beach Drive N.E., St. Petersburg.

The concert will feature not only the group's signature African-American Spirituals but

the music of several composers and several music forms, as well.

The Alumni Singers will perform under the direction of Samuel Haywood, due to the illness of Bobby Anders. The performers are accompanied by Dorothy Jenkins. The interdenominational group includes alumni from high school and college choirs across the country.

Known for its distinctive delivery and astute attention to nuance, the group has become a virtuosic interpreter and preserver of the rich musical heritage of the African-American experience.

A free will offering will be requested. Contributions are tax deductible.

NCNW Gears Up For National Race For The Cure

ST. PETERSBURG -The National Council of Negro Women has partnered with Susan G. Komen National Race for the Cure to establish a team for the 2008 National Race for the Cure. Dr. Dorothy Height is asking all NCNW members and friends to get involved by serving as a volunteer, registering for the race, or making a donation. This is a time for NCNW to make our presence known as we walk together, 3000 strong, on June 7. According to the United Nations World Health Organization, more than 500,000 people worldwide die from breast cancer every year, and breast cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths among

women worldwide. Komen for the Cure states that its aim is to "reduce the burden of breast cancer on a global level." Believing that no single approach to breast health will prove effective around the world, Komen works with local communities and organizations to develop programs for particular groups or cultures.

Additional information will be distributed at the May meeting, on Saturday, May 17, at 9:30 a.m. at the Fannye A. Ponder Council House, 1835 Ninth Ave. S. For additional information regarding membership please contact Rhonda Jackson, first vice president at 727-896-6556.



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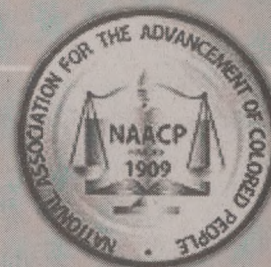
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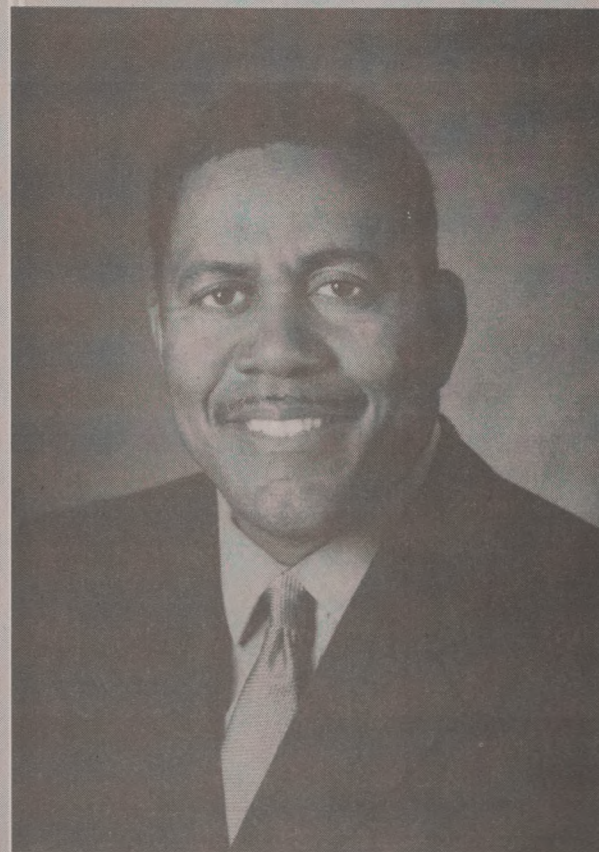
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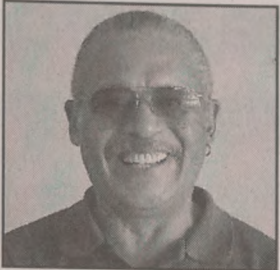
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Jazz Vocalist Elsie McGarrah's Legacy: She Will Be Remembered!

It was in the early part of 2006, when I was first introduced to jazz vocalist Elsie McGarrah. Little did I know that it would not be too long before we would become friends. You see, sometime before we met, I had decided to promote a Tribute Jazz Program for three of the "House Bands" and surviving band members of the Manhattan Casino. They were the bands of Manzy Harris, Rey Davis, and George Cooper. Since I was unfamiliar with the jazz scene in St. Petersburg (back in the day), I inquired and learned that Elsie might be able to help me, since she had been a very popular jazz vocalist during that time period. Subsequently, I contacted and asked Elsie if she would provide me with information as to what was going on during that time music-wise. Along with jazz historian Al Williams, Elsie McGarrah shared with me the happenings back in the 1950s and '60s. I quickly learned that she was a wealth of knowledge and a most delightful person.

Unfortunately, I must painfully say "was" because the talented Elsie McGarrah departed this life on April 27, 2008. After several years of a painful illness, she finally succumbed to her sickness. However, I believe along with a host of fellow jazz musicians that Elsie left a legacy to

the St. Petersburg community. You see, Elsie was one of the finest jazz vocalists ever to come out of the city of St. Petersburg. In fact, by the time I met her she was already an icon and was then enjoying the quiet life of the retired housewife of husband George McGarrah.

Luck was with me though, and I was able to hear her sing for the last time at the Tribute Program held at Saffron's Caribbean Restaurant on June 4, 2006. A grand time was enjoyed by the surviving band members and guests. Many of the guests told me it was like old times, especially when Elsie took the bandstand and began to sing her songs. She had the audience mesmerized once again...as if she was reliving her performances at the Manhattan Casino.

Elsie's twin brother Elmer Dorn shared with me some interesting anecdotes about his sister. She and twin brother Elmer were born in the city of St. Petersburg. They lived on 14th Avenue South. Their father died when they were just two years of age, and they were raised by their mother along with brother Yancy and sisters Lora Dell, Essie, Eula Mae, and Rosa. Elsie attended and graduated from Gibbs High School with the Class of 1952. She was a Radiology Technician and a devoted member of 20th Street Church of Christ.

Elmer says that as a youngster Elsie would blast out the songs of Ella Fitzgerald and Dinah Washington. She was like a 'mocking bird.' She could sing either of their songs. Elmer says that he first took notice of Elsie's singing ability when they were about six or seven years old. Elsie would walk around the house with a mirror or brush pretending it was a microphone. As time went on, she would sing at high school commencements, May Day exercises, and other events. As a student, Elmer says, "Elsie was great; much smarter than I was." In addition to her singing talent and being creative, Elsie was also a good seamstress, which craft she learned in school.

Elmer says that not many people know, but in 1952, as a young songstress Elsie performed in the famous New York Apollo Amateur Show. One of the groups in St. Petersburg that she sang with was Leroy Flemming, who was a former member of James Brown, Otis Redding and Joe Tex bands. The name of the group was "The Time Changes" with members Archie Thompson, Leroy Monroe, Samuel Hayward, Arnold Sherman, Ron Gregg, Lil Willie A. Agnew, and Selma Boyd. Elsie, the lead vocalist was known as "Miss Instant Sugar." Elsie also sang with drummer Deke Webb,

who says she had a hell of a voice...similar to Dinah Washington. He played with her while attending Gibbs High School, and Elsie was the female vocalist. He says they played at various venues around St. Petersburg and Florida. Trumpeter Alvin Burns says that you couldn't tell if it were Dinah Washington or Elsie, when she sang "What A Difference A Day Makes." He says that she was an accomplished and very talented jazz vocalist, but most of all, she was a dear friend who will be missed.

Well, what else can anyone say? Elsie McGarrah was talented with a personality to match. It's good that she was able to see the "new" Manhattan Casino built, but sad that she will not be present to see it open. Nevertheless, family, friends, jazz musicians, and all that knew her will remember Elsie when the doors of the Manhattan Casino open once again!

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Stevie Wonder Returns To Jazz Fest As Headliner

BY CHEVEL JOHNSON

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - Stevie Wonder sang, "Don't You Worry About a Thing." His fans followed directions, dancing in a steady drizzle at the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival. Some wore garbage-bag ponchos.

More than 30 years since Stevie Wonder made a surprise appearance onstage at the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival, he returned as a headliner.

"When we announced that Stevie Wonder was coming, we knew that he would be that intangible electric spark," said Quint Davis, the festival's producer.

"So much of New Orleans is empowered by a soulful spirit," he said. "You know, people get tired. We've been dealing with so much post-Katrina and sometimes, you just need to recharge to get through another year. Bruce Springsteen did it in '06, Rod Stewart did it last year. But there's no greater soul and spirit reviver than Stevie Wonder." The last time Wonder performed at Jazz Fest was 1973.

Fans staked out places early, hours before Wonder was set to take the stage. "Stevie's just a great bonus to this trip," said Kim Bright, of Washington, D.C., who had her chair positioned just-so in front of Jazz Fest's largest stage. "I'm going to be right here all day, and he's going to be singing to me."

Michelle Gedman, an

accountant from Worcester, Mass., said she was excited to see Wonder in concert for the first time. "I just adore him," she said.

This is the first year since Hurricane Katrina hit in August 2005 that Jazz Fest's second weekend began on a Thursday, for a seven-day festival. The event was scaled back to six days the past two years because of the storm and subsequent recovery.

Wonder, whose hits include "Superstition," "Signed, Sealed, Delivered (I'm Yours)" and "Isn't She Lovely," recorded the song "Shelter in the Rain" after Katrina. The Wonder Foundation gave proceeds from the song to Habitat for Humanity, the National Urban League, the United Negro College Fund Hurricane Relief and the Bush/Clinton Katrina Fund.

Art Neville, 70, recently recalled Wonder's spontaneous performance with The Meters three decades ago. "It was great, man. Good times."

Neville and his brothers Charles, Aaron and Cyril are celebrating 30 years in the music industry this year. The brothers' return to Jazz Fest was celebrated earlier this week — they were given keys to the city — and they will close out the festival on Sunday for the first time since Katrina.

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CHALLENGER SPORTS

Hayes Hopes To Make Mark With Buccaneers



Geno Hayes

BY FRED GOODALL

TAMPA (AP) - Rather than dwell on the past, Geno Hayes insists on talking about the future.

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers' sixth-round draft pick had some off-field troubles in college at Florida State, but sees no reason why they should hinder him from becoming a successful NFL linebacker.

He says his problems are behind him and he's eager to make the most of his opportunity with the Bucs. Hayes is not out to prove other teams made a mistake by not selecting him.

"Everybody says they are going to come in with a chip on their shoulder. I don't do the chip thing. I'm happy to be here," Hayes said during the team's weekend minicamp for rookies. "If you play with anger, you're going to mess up some kind of way."

At 6-foot-1, 226 pounds, the former Seminoles star lacks the size some clubs prefer in linebackers. Nevertheless, he's viewed as a nice fit for the Bucs' Tampa Two defensive scheme, which thrives on speed and quickness rather than bulk.

The 20-year-old might have been drafted earlier if not for headlines he made off the field, most notably an arrest in September 2007 when police used a Taser to subdue Hayes during an incident outside a Tallahassee nightclub.

Even though Hayes was Florida State's second-leading tackler and a first-team all-

Atlantic Coast Conference selection last year, some scouts felt he could have benefited by returning to school rather than declaring for the draft.

Despite being picked much lower than he anticipated No. 175 overall Hayes doesn't second-guess leaving college.

"I felt like I was ready to make that decision to make that jump. I felt like I had the tools and had everything I needed to be a great NFL player," he said.

He still feels that way. Especially in Tampa Bay, which plays a style of defense similar to the one he excelled in at Florida State.

And, another former Seminoles linebacker, 10-time Pro Bowl selection Derrick Brooks, will help him make the transition to the pro game.

"We talked after the draft. And since I've been here, we've talked a little. He's been giving me good pointers and helping me

out here and there," said Hayes, adding he's also eager to learn from Tampa Bay's other starting linebackers, Cato June and Barrett Ruud.

So, what's the biggest piece of advice Brooks has offered?

"Just to be humble," the rookie added. "Stay focused."

Hayes made a good impression during the rookie minicamp. The Bucs think he has a chance to contribute on special teams and are eager to see how well he can pick up the defense and compete for playing time behind Brooks at weakside linebacker.

"He has athletic ability. He's what's advertised," Bucs coach Jon Gruden said. "He's going to be a good contact player, I think, when we start putting the pads on. He's instinctive. He has good functional speed. He appears natural and comfortable in this defense. We're excited by that. ... But for all these guys, it's a big learning curve."

Bryant, Garnett Lead All-Defensive Team

NEW YORK (AP) - League MVP Kobe Bryant and Kevin Garnett were selected to the NBA All-Defensive Team on Monday, along with Marcus Camby, Bruce Bowen and Tim Duncan.

Garnett, who helped the Boston Celtics to the league's best record, was chosen for the ninth time. The forward was chosen Defensive Player of the Year last month.

Bryant, who earned his eighth selection, and Garnett each received 24 first-place votes from the league's 30 coaches. Coaches were not permitted to vote for their own players.

Garnett led a defense that held opponents to 90.3 points per game and a league best .418 field goal shooting percentage.

Camby had a league-leading 3.61 blocked shots per game for the Denver Nuggets and was second in rebounds (13.1 per game). Duncan, on the team for the 11th time, and Bowen, making the team for the eighth time, play for the San Antonio Spurs.

The second team is Shane Battier of the Houston Rockets, Chris Paul of the New Orleans Hornets, Dwight Howard of the Orlando Magic, Tayshaun Prince of the Detroit Pistons and Raja Bell of the Phoenix Suns.

Bucs Sign Four Undrafted College Free Agents

TAMPA (AP) - South Florida receiver Amarri Jackson and Miami center John Rochford were among four undrafted college free agents signing contracts with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on Tuesday.

The Bucs also added Fresno State running back Clifton Smith and Troy defensive tackle Chris Bradwell to the roster.

All four had tryouts during Tampa Bay's rookie minicamp last weekend.

McFadden Getting NFL Lessons In Minicamp



Darren McFadden

BY JOSH DUBOW

ALAMEDA, Calif. (AP) - Darren McFadden burst through the middle during a drill and slowed up as he reached the secondary only to be scolded by offensive coordinator Greg Knapp for not running hard for 40 yards.

Tom Rathman got on McFadden's case another time when he carried the ball back to the huddle with his elbow not tucked in close to the body to secure the ball.

The NFL education of McFadden began at the Oakland

Raiders rookie minicamp this weekend, when the fourth overall pick in the draft got his first taste of professional football.

McFadden said Saturday he noticed the difference from college as soon as he was handed pens, a highlighter and a notebook with his playbook. McFadden gets to work with rookies this weekend before joining the rest of the team later this month.

"It's good to get a few things so that you can understand and get the concept of it," he said. "Once you get the concepts of the first part of it, it's a lot easier to catch on to the rest of it when they throw it at you."

After working primarily as a tailback on his first day of practice, McFadden showed off his variety of skills Saturday. He lined up as a wide receiver at times, ran the ball out of the I-formation and even worked at quarterback in some individual

drills.

McFadden is being counted on to team with last year's No. 1 overall pick JaMarcus Russell and give the Raiders a more potent offense. Oakland has won only 19 games the past five seasons and has often lacked the playmakers needed to win in the NFL.

But coach Lane Kiffin cautions about putting too much pressure on McFadden so early.

"He's not here to save the franchise. He just happens to be our first pick of the draft," Kiffin said.

One of the immediate priorities is working on McFadden's ball security. He fumbled 15 times last season at Arkansas, although some of those came as a quarterback or kick returner as opposed to a tailback.

Rathman pointed out that McFadden held his elbow too far from his body when they first met before the draft last month and is working on fixing the flaw before

the season.

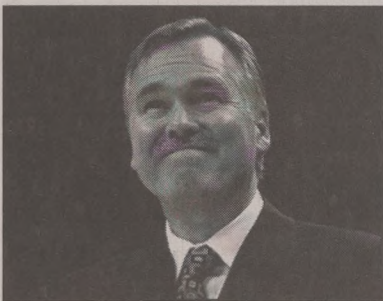
McFadden is part of a crowded backfield in Oakland. Justin Fargas started for most of the second half of last season, finishing with 1,009 yards, and another former 1,000-yard back, LaMont Jordan, is also still on the roster.

The most intriguing option is Michael Bush, a fourth-round pick a year ago who missed his rookie year recovering from a broken leg.

Bush and McFadden give the Raiders more options at running back than they had last year because both are talented receivers, as well as runners.

"We're excited they're all different," Kiffin said. "They're very different players and bring different things and we've got to figure it out. Two of them, in Michael and Darren, catch the ball really well so we've got to see how much we can do with that."

D'Antoni Accepts Offer To Become Knicks Coach



Mike D'Antoni

BY BRIAN MAHONEY

NEW YORK (AP) - Mike D'Antoni has agreed to coach the New York Knicks, bringing his entertaining offensive style from the Phoenix Suns to a team coming off one of the worst seasons in franchise history.

D'Antoni had two years and \$8.5 million left on his Phoenix contract. Suns owner Robert Sarver wouldn't confirm that D'Antoni had taken the New York job earlier Saturday, but said, "Mike called me this

morning to thank me, so I figured this was up."

The offer is reportedly for \$24 million over four years, making him one of the NBA's highest-paid coaches. The Chicago Bulls also interviewed D'Antoni for their coaching job.

D'Antoni replaces Isiah Thomas, who was fired in April after the Knicks went 23-59, tying the franchise record for losses in a season. D'Antoni will become the Knicks' sixth different coach since the start of the 2002-03 season.

The 57-year-old D'Antoni led the Suns to a 55-27 record last season and was coach of the year in 2005. He had a 232-96 regular-season record the past four years, but the Suns were eliminated in the first round by San Antonio last month. The Suns then gave D'Antoni permission to pursue other

openings.

New Knicks president Donnie Walsh had been looking for a coach since removing Thomas on April 18. Walsh previously met with former Knicks guard and television analyst Mark Jackson and Knicks assistant Herb Williams. But Walsh took his time to see what coaches would become available during the postseason.

Walsh acknowledges it will take time to rebuild the Knicks, and their roster seems ill-suited for D'Antoni's uptempo style. They are slow in the frontcourt with Eddy Curry and Zach Randolph, and the point guard situation is unclear with Stephon Marbury missing most of last season and coming off ankle surgery.

But D'Antoni quickly made Phoenix a winner after becoming their coach 21 games

into the 2003-04 season. A short time later, the Suns traded Marbury and Penny Hardaway to the Knicks, clearing the way for the offseason blockbuster signing of Steve Nash.

But the Suns never made it to the finals under D'Antoni, losing to San Antonio three times and Dallas once. The acquisition of Shaquille O'Neal in February was designed to toughen the team and a better match for the Spurs. But after the Suns' five-game loss, D'Antoni's future with the organization became a subject of speculation.

Nash said Friday he believed D'Antoni would stay in Phoenix, and it's unclear where the Suns look now. But Kerr most likely will go after a more defensive-minded coach since defense was the biggest weakness under D'Antoni.

Rays And St. Petersburg Branch Of NAACP Announce Monte Irvin Scholarship

ST. PETERSBURG - The Tampa Bay Rays, in partnership with the St. Petersburg Branch of the NAACP, are pleased to announce the 2008 Monte Irvin Scholarship program.

One of the finest African-American players in the years preceding integration, Monte Irvin fashioned a career of dual excellence in both the Negro Leagues and the Major Leagues. The well-spoken and dignified Irvin is a man of high character. He crossed the color line in 1949 and was a key contributor to two Giants pennant-winners, batting .458 in the 1951 World Series. Monte Irvin was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1979.

The Monte Irvin Scholarship was established to recognize and support the higher education for one outstanding minority high school male student and one outstanding minority high school female student residing in the city of St. Petersburg. Scholarship winners will be shining examples of academic excellence, strong character and commitment to community.

"The NAACP strongly believes that future leaders must be developed today, and such

development starts with education," said Ms. Oretta Pope, Junior Economic Development chairperson of the St. Petersburg Branch of the NAACP. "The Monte Irvin Scholarship is a wonderful opportunity to support higher education for a local young man and woman within our community."

"This scholarship was created to support local students that demonstrate service to community and school, leadership, desire to excel academically and good character," said Rays President Matt Silverman. "The Rays are pleased to honor a true baseball hero - on the field and off - through this scholarship opportunity."

The scholarship will be a one-time, \$2,500 award to one minority male student and one minority female student entering into a two-year or four-year college or university. The deadline for submission is May 28.

For scholarship criteria and submission requirements, or to download a copy of the program outline and application, visit www.Raysbaseball.com/mon-teirvin.

NBA TRIVIA OF THE WEEK

What is the NBA record for total number of disqualifications in a 7-game playoff series?

Hint: Was set in 1957.

Last Week's Answer:

(7) Kenny Smith and Scottie Pippen

See Sports Page Next Week For The Answer!!

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STATE NEWS

McCollum Issues Consumer Advisory On Wireless Safety

Advisory Follows Warning From Federal Bureau Of Investigation About Wireless Internet Safety



Attorney General Bill McCollum

TALLAHASSEE — Attorney General Bill McCollum today issued a consumer advisory cautioning Florida consumers about potential risks associated with unsecured wireless internet connections. The advisory, originally issued by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, warns consumers about hackers, viruses and other potential issues caused by using unsecured wireless connections to the internet.

"As technology evolves so do the methods of hackers and other individuals who can steal your personal information or disable your computer," said Attorney General McCollum. "Florida's computer users should be careful not to trade

convenience of access for compromised information."

According to the FBI, there are 68,000 Wi-Fi "hot spots" in the U.S., most commonly located at airports, coffee shops, hotels, bookstores, schools, and other heavily trafficked locations. Wi-Fi is the common name for high-frequency wireless technology; hot spots are locations with networks which consumers can use to connect their computers to the internet without a physical network connection.

While many of these hot spots have secure networks, some do not and those unsecured networks can pose substantial risks to computer users. Personal information, passwords, bank account numbers and other sensitive information can be compromised over these unsecured networks. Viruses and worms can also be transmitted much easier over an unsecured network than through secured networks.

The FBI warns that a common method used by hackers is a bogus but legitimate-looking Wi-Fi network with a strong signal strategically set up in a known hot spot for

consumers to use. The hacker then waits for nearby laptops to connect and can mine the computer for valuable data, record keystrokes, unload viruses or engage in other malicious activities.

Attorney General McCollum offered the following tips to consumers to protect themselves from becoming vulnerable to attacks over an unsecured network:

- Consumers should make sure their laptop security is up to date, with current versions of the operating system, web browser, firewalls, and antivirus and anti-spyware software.

- Never conduct financial transactions or use applications like e-mail and instant messaging on an unsecured network.

- Computer users should change the default setting on the laptops so they have to manually select the Wi-Fi network to which they're connecting.

- Disable computers' Wi-Fi capabilities when not in use.

More information is available at the FBI's Web site, http://www.fbi.gov/cyberinvest/protect_online.htm.

Florida Republicans Reach Out To Hispanics

BY BRENDAN FARRINGTON

ORLANDO (AP) — Hispanic voters will play a crucial role in determining the next president and will be a key to which party will be in power well beyond November, Republican leaders said Saturday at a state party conference organized to reach out to members of the demographic.

"We are going to be more important than ever. The Hispanic vote of this nation is going to be more energized, it's going to be more numerous and its going to be more important than ever before," Sen. Mel Martinez said.

While last year's debate over an immigration bill that eventually failed might have hurt Republicans with Hispanic voters, Martinez pointed out that likely Republican presidential nominee Sen. John McCain supported the measure that would have provided a path to citizenship for illegal immigrants.

"The Republican Party has nominated the only candidate that could have come through that gauntlet of a problem and be the very best candidate that we could have representing our party before all voters, but particularly Hispanic voters," Martinez said.

The conference was organized as a way to reach out to a voting group that is nearly evenly divided in Florida, and one that Democrats have been more successful at registering over the past two years.

There are nearly 1.2 million Hispanic voters in

Florida. Of those, 35.5 percent are Democrats, 35.2 percent are Republicans and more than 29 percent aren't registered with either party. In the 2006 election, there were more Republican Hispanics than Democrat Hispanics.

"The Florida GOP's effort today is a lesson in futility. They're worried. Very worried. After decades of dominance among Hispanic voters, the Republican Party is in freefall," the Florida Democratic Party said in a press release.

Republican Party of Florida Chairman Jim Greer pointed out that there are more Republican Hispanics from Florida holding state and federal office than Democrat Hispanics.

"At the end of the day, all the same issues that apply to any citizen — the economy, national security — are part of the Hispanic community too," Greer said. "That's why the Hispanic voter is going to support the Republican Party."

Hispanic political and business leaders attending the conference said the Republicans have the same core values as their communities: faith, family and financial opportunities.

Party leaders were also told issues important to Hispanic voters are as varied as the countries from which they come. Cubans place a greater importance on issues of liberty in their homeland, Mexicans might be concerned more about immigration, and Puerto Ricans, who are already citizens, might want to hear more about economic issues.

"We're going to have to recognize even though we care about the language, and we care about the culture, not all Hispanics are going to be motivated by the same issues," said John Quinones, an Osceola County Commissioner and former state representative.

He and others also stressed the need for elected officials to communicate with Hispanic voters, saying many new residents aren't aware of the differences between the political parties.

"We need to go back and have that personal contact with voters," Orlando City Commissioner Tony Ortiz said. "There's no way we can run a government without hearing the feedback of the people."

U.S. Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez addressed the crowd of more than 400 and criticized Democrats for blocking the Colombia free trade agreement, accusing House Speaker Nancy Pelosi of using it as a bargaining chip. He said Pelosi hurt a South American country that's been an ally at a time when neighboring Venezuela is a threat.

"As a Latin American, as a proud Hispanic, as a proud Latino, I resent that," Gutierrez said. "The Colombia free trade agreement is a trading issue, a foreign policy issue, a national security issue and it is a Hispanic-American issue. I would hope that every single Hispanic American around the country says 'Wait a minute — don't do that to one of our neighbor countries.'"

Florida's Gas-Tax Holiday Evaporates

BY STEPHANIE LAMBERT
SPECIAL TO THE NNPA FROM
THE CAPITAL OUTLOOK

TALLAHASSEE (NNPA) — Nina Davidson drives her Toyota Camry to and from work five days a week. She fills up her automobile every week, taking approximately \$60 from her wallet each time.

However, with the amendment proposed by Sen. Mike Fasano, R-New Port Richey, Davidson was hoping to see a little bit of relief in Florida for the first half of July.

Fasano proposed the amendment to SB 1838 that would have given citizens a 10-cents-per-gallon gas tax break from July 1-14.

But the bill failed.

Shortly after the bill was filed, "I am a single mother with two children and it is very hard on my family at times with the rising gas prices. This discount would allow my family a little more financial freedom for the holiday weekend."

Gov. Charlie Crist thanked Fasano for his "bold leadership" in working to bring relief to Floridians who are "suffering under the weight" of the soaring gas costs.

"A two-week tax holiday will reduce fuel costs by 10 cents per gallon and save motorists throughout our state approximately \$50 million,"

Crist said before the bill died. "These savings will help provide much needed relief and encourage travel throughout the sunshine state, benefiting our state's economy overall."

Jan Lisenby, whose minivan costs her \$55 to fill up, agreed.

"As it stands, many families will not have the luxury of traveling to visit family during this holiday season due to the high gas prices," said Lisenby, 45. "If the government could allow a discount in the pricing, I feel it would boost the economy, in many areas, allowing families to travel and spend their money on family fun."

Republican presidential candidate John McCain and Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton have both endorsed to have a similar gas break. However, Democratic front-runner Sen. Barack Obama, says he is not for it because he does not want to give the American people "false hope."

He described the federal tax holiday, which would eliminate the 18.4 cents a gallon on gasoline for Memorial Day until Labor Day, as a "short-term, quick fix" plan, and would do more harm than good.

Ritchie Barnes, 50, said she was not impressed by the 10-cents relief amendment.

"To impress me, drop the gas prices down forever," said

Barnes, who also drives a minivan that costs \$55 to fill up. "The 10-cents off is for the tourist, which won't help the lower-income people because we can't afford to go anywhere anyway. It is helping the tourist travel for the holiday weekend and then go back. When the 14 days are over, the oil companies will make up the difference by raising the price of gas 30-40 cents to make up for loss profit, which will hurt the Florida residents in the end."

But now the debate in Florida is moot and if Floridians are going to get any help, it will have to come from the federal level.

But not everyone is looking forward to the federal gas break.

"What good is a gas break?" asked Tashua Green, 23, a graduate of Florida A&M University and a Miami native. "It needs to be permanent until we get back to \$1.50 a gallon."

Fasano said he thought the break would have been a good relief for the people of Florida and he selected the July 1-14 dates because it would be a good time for a vacation.

"I think it's a great idea," said Philip Hamilton, 24, a student at FAMU. "The taxpayers need a break. With the rising costs of fuel, it is comforting to know that our senators still keep constituents first."

Voter Registration Deadlines

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NATIONAL NEWS

Who Kept Slavery In America A Secret In The 20th Century?

"The Untold Story: 20th Century Slavery"

NEW ORLEANS (BlackNews.com) - When did slavery in America end? The American history books teach us that enslaved blacks in the United States of America celebrated their freedom in 1863, when Abraham Lincoln freed us by enacting the Emancipation Proclamation.

But what if — just if — America's grips on slavery never loosened? What if slavery continued to be reality for African-Americans in 16 states and 16 counties throughout Mississippi, from Kosciusko, Miss. the childhood hometown of Oprah Winfrey to the hometown of Morgan Freeman, Clarksdale, Miss. down to the lonely roads of Money, Miss. where Emmett Till was murdered in 1955.

What if the same hunger for a slave economy still nourished America's soils and perverted Southern appetite as it feasts along the mightiest rivers. Deep in the bowels of America's richest agricultural belt behind a

million cotton bolts lived the 20th century masters and African-Americans, who were still under the whips and flogging of the master and overseers. Still working from sun up to sun down, who dares to utter the word "slavery," yet lives its reality each and every backbreaking day.

So why don't you know anything about slavery in the 20th Century? The U.S. Government knew, the FBI knew, the NAACP knew, Gov. Earl Brewer of Mississippi knew, President Calvin Coolidge, President Franklin D. Roosevelt knew, local sheriffs, and elected officials knew, and the Supreme Court knew. You didn't know because the truth of this American nightmare—for those who lived it—has been buried in an unnamed darkness in dusty courthouse attics and the National Archives "Department of Justice" files in Washington, D.C.

Antoinette Harrell have dedicated the last 10 years of her

life exposing the truth and facts. Harrell has researched through thousands of documents housed in the National Archives and traveled throughout Mississippi, searching through criminal and civil documents as it relates to peonage "Involuntary Servitude" a condition of slavery.

Join genealogist Antoinette Harrell as she unearths peonage research documents. Hear former slave Mae Louise Miller recount her personal experience as a slave in the 20th Century during the '40s, '50s, '60s and her escape from slavery in 1963. On Saturday, May 10, a documentary will premiere entitled "The Untold Story: Slavery in the 20th Century" at Loyola University in New Orleans, Miller Hall 114 at 6:00 p.m. The documentary was written and produced by Harrell, whose previous works on peonage were featured in People Magazine and Nightline News on "20th Century Slavery."

African-American Youth Learn The ABC's Of Entrepreneurship

NEWYORK (BlackNews.com)- The Black Enterprise Kidpreneur/Teenpreneur Conference presented by Wendy's International will kick off its popular business education program May 15 at the Charlotte Convention Center in Charlotte, N.C.

The conference teaches young people from around the country the skills needed to become successful business owners. Created to be as fun as it is educational, the program is committed to grooming the entrepreneurial potential of tomorrow's business leaders with a step-by-step approach to enterprise development and management.

Running simultaneously with the 2008 Black Enterprise Entrepreneurs Conference and Expo hosted by General Motors, the Kidpreneur/Teenpreneur Conference offers instruction at three levels: Presidents Club (for youth ages 14-17 who are returning to the

conference or are established business owners), Future CEOs (ages 11-13), and Futurepreneurs (ages 7-10). Attendees will learn how to create a business proposal, build a business Web site, and learn a little about banking among other topics.

"The Kidpreneur/Teenpreneur Conference is the best atmosphere for young people to learn the basics of business and be exposed to successful educators, entrepreneurs, and corporate professionals," says BLACK ENTERPRISE Sr. VP/Editor-in-Chief Alfred A. Edmond Jr. "This top-notch program covers everything from developing leadership skills to drafting a business plan. With the outstanding support of Wendy's International, which has sponsored the event since its inception in 1995, the program continues to spark one success story after another. The program culminates with a

graduation ceremony on Saturday, May 17, where the students will present their completed business plans."

BLACK ENTERPRISE further recognizes individual or groups of entrepreneurs, 17 or younger, with the Kidpreneur/Teenpreneur Award. Previous award winners include Atlanta-based Kenya James, publisher of Blackgirl Magazine; Camille Winbush, actress and owner of Baked Ice ice cream shop in Pasadena, California; Najee McGreen, founder of Brooklyn, New York-based Techmaster Computer Works; and Joel Williams Jr. of Troy, Texas, inventor of the SmartButton, an innovative device that helps children differentiate their left and right feet.

For information about the 2008 Kidpreneur/Teenpreneur Conference, please call 800-209-7229 or visit www.black-enterprise.com/beece.

RIBEAU

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Howard University Search Committee.

"Dr. Ribeau brings to Howard a complete academic resume having served as professor, dean and vice president," Parsons noted. "He has built a well-rounded and impressive resume as a scholar and academic leader in higher education and has a solid record as an effective fundraiser."

Howard Board of Trustees Chairman Barry Rand said, "Ribeau brings to Howard a history of extraordinary achievement. During his tenure at Bowling Green he demonstrated his ability not only to grow an institution but to foster and sustain academic excellence. We believe Dr.

Ribeau's personal attributes and demonstrated leadership in higher education are the right combination to lead Howard into the future and build upon the contributions of the current and past presidents."

Ribeau's appointment came after an eight-month, nationwide search to replace the University's current president, H. Patrick Swygert, who last spring announced his plans to retire next month after 13 years of service to the University. The presidential search was conducted by Heidrick & Struggles Inc, an international executive search firm.

In addition to his responsibilities at Bowling Green University, Ribeau serves as a Trustee for Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association and on the president's council for

the National Collegiate Athletic Association. In the state of Ohio, he has served as chair of the Inter-University Council of Presidents. He is also actively involved throughout the community working with the Bowling Green Area Community Partnership, Regional Growth Partnership, Toledo Symphony, Convergys Corporation, Anderson's Inc., and Worthington Industries.

Founded in 1867 in Washington, D.C., Howard University is comprised of 12 schools and colleges with 10,500 students; Howard offers 120 areas of study leading to undergraduate, graduate, and professional degrees and operates Howard University Hospital, a level one trauma center.

Facts Blacks Need To Know About Colon Cancer

SPECIAL TO THE NNPA FROM THE ST. LOUIS AMERICAN

ST. LOUIS (NNPA) - Each year more than 150,000 people in the United States are diagnosed with colon cancer and over 50,000 will die from the disease. Death rates from colon cancer are higher among African-Americans than any other population group in the U.S.

The American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, which represents specialists in colon cancer screening, advises African-Americans to speak to their physician about getting screened for colon cancer.

"Colon cancer is preventable with regular screening and is curable when detected early," said ASGE President Grace H. Elta, MD, FASGE.

Elta said race should be no factor if all populations were screened consistently.

"All men and women are at risk for colon cancer and should begin screening for the disease at age 50," Elta said.

"It concerns me that African-Americans are being diagnosed with colon cancer at a higher rate than other populations. This disease does not discriminate against race or gender; your age is the single most important risk factor. I encourage African-Americans to talk to their doctor about colon cancer screening."

Some studies have shown that African-Americans are more frequently diagnosed with colon cancer at a younger age, leading some experts to suggest that African-Americans begin screening prior to age 50. African-Americans should ask their physician about an appropriate screening schedule.

Colorectal cancer, also referred to as colon cancer, is cancer of the colon or rectum and is the second-leading cause of cancer deaths in the U.S. for both

men and women.

Colorectal cancer is the third most common cancer among African-American men and women, with more than 16,000 cases estimated to be diagnosed each year and approximately 7,000 deaths annually.

People who are diagnosed at early stages have a 90 percent chance of a cure and surviving. That is why screening for prevention and early detection is so important.

Polyps are grapelike growths on the lining of the colon or rectum that may become cancer. These polyps can be removed to prevent cancer from occurring. Colonoscopy, when performed by a well-trained endoscopist, gastroenterologist or surgeon, is the most effective screening test. Colonoscopy plays an important role in colon cancer prevention because precancerous polyps can be removed when they are discovered during the procedure.

Here are a few important facts African-Americans need to know about colon cancer:

— The rate of being diagnosed with colon cancer is higher among African-Americans than among any other population group in the U.S.

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— Colon cancer is the third most common cancer among African-Americans, with more than 16,000 cases estimated to be diagnosed each year and approximately 7,000 deaths annually.

— There is evidence that African-Americans are less likely than Caucasians to have screening tests for colon cancer.

— African-Americans are less likely than Caucasians to have colorectal polyps detected at a time when they can easily be removed.

— African-Americans are

more likely to be diagnosed with colon cancer in advanced stages when there are fewer treatment options available. They are less likely to live five or more years after being diagnosed with colon cancer than other populations.

—Diet, tobacco use and a lack of access to equal medical treatment options may increase African-Americans' risk of developing colon cancer.

—There may also be genetic factors that contribute to the higher incidence of colon cancer among some African-Americans. Learn your family's medical history and tell your health care professional if a relative - parent, brother, sister or child - has had colon cancer or colorectal polyps.

—African-American women have the same probability of getting colon cancer as men, and are more likely to die of colon cancer than are women of any other population group.

—African-American patients experience a larger number of polyps on the right side of the colon, versus the left. A screening endoscopy must cover the entire colon, as is performed with a colonoscopy.

Endoscopy is performed by specially-trained physicians using the most current technology to diagnose and treat diseases of the gastrointestinal tract. Using flexible, thin tubes called endoscopes, physicians are able to access the human digestive tract without incisions via natural orifices. Endoscopes are designed with high-intensity lighting and fitted with precision devices that allow viewing and treatment of the gastrointestinal system. In many cases, screening or treatment of conditions can be delivered via the endoscope without the need for further sedation, treatment or hospital stay.

National Black Chamber Of Commerce Launches Paris Chapter

PARIS (NNPA) - The National Black Chamber of Commerce Inc., the largest black business association in the world, has launched its newly established Paris affiliate.

The French African Diaspora Chamber of Commerce has evolved from a study and collaboration of French activists. Its mission will be consistent with the NBCC and together they will create a progressive strategic plan that will develop black entrepreneurship throughout France and Francophone nations, says Harry C. Alford, NBCC co-founder, president and CEO.

"This is quite a milestone. Indeed, it is one of the proudest moments in our 15 year history," says Alford. "We are going to share our successes and best practices. This chamber is hitting the ground running at full speed."

France has very little business ownership amongst its black population of approximately 8 million. There is no official census of race in France and that has culminated in social-economic tension over the years.

In 2005 black residents rioted throughout the nation which was

considered a "wake-up call." Blacks in France are not invisible. They indeed exist and their issues need representation.

In response, Patrick Lozes and a team of other motivated black French citizens began an exhaustive search for an answer to this situation. They studied the National Urban League, NAACP, Operation Push and other American associations that address the race issue.

In conclusion, they decided that a national chamber of commerce would become the right vehicle.

"We looked at France for the longest but just couldn't find the right people until now," says Kay DeBow, co-founder and Executive vice president for the NBCC. "After a few meetings and visits we became quite convinced that the time has come."

Lozes has big plans.

"We need a black press, political power and radio/television production. Our neighborhoods need to be populated with businesses that are owned by us so that we can recycle our dollars and build wealth. It is our destiny

to help and interact with the Francophone nations throughout the Black Diaspora particularly Africa. Realizing economic vitality will address all the social ills - crime, poor health, education levels, etc. If we do this correctly, France will be much better from our efforts."

"I am so proud of Patrick. Having done this in the United States I know it is no cake walk. There is much stress, heavy lifting and sleepless nights but the struggle is necessary. If you can endure the struggle the success will come and make it all so worthwhile. It is indeed God's work," says Alford.

Those members joining the national office of the NBCC for the installation are: California Black Chamber of Commerce, Illinois Black Chamber of Commerce, New Jersey Black Chamber of Commerce, Greater New Orleans Black Chamber of Commerce, Tennessee Multi-Cultural Chamber of Commerce, Georgia Black Chamber of Commerce, TALKhouse Magazine, Christine's Coffee and Fashionably Yours.

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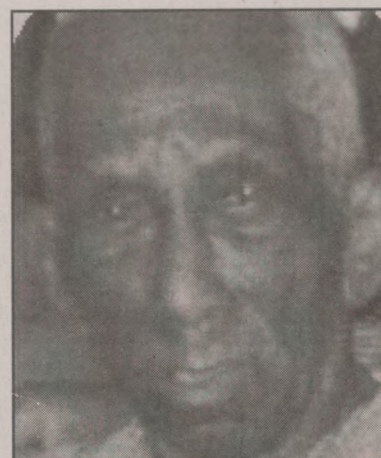
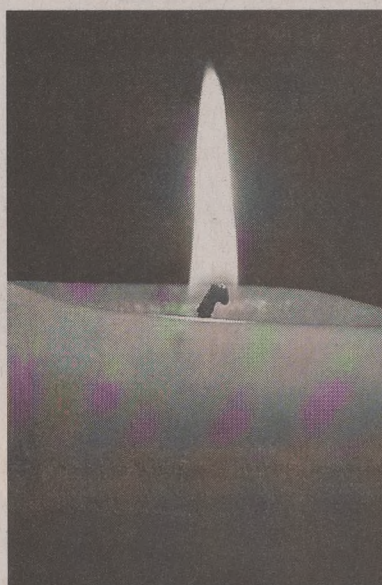


Bertha Lee Sanders

Mrs. Bertha Lee Sanders was born to Ella Mae Barber and the late Sylvester Barber on August 31, 1932. She departed this life on April 19, 2008.

She leaves to cherish her memories: three children, Samuel Sanders, Jr., Jaris Lorenzo Sanders and Loretta Sanders; mother, Ella Mae Barber; sisters, Janie Mae Robson and Gloria Hunter (Earl); sisters-in-law, Marian Love and Lelia Sanders; devoted and loving aunt, Mrs. Brownie Mae Hurbert; eleven grandchildren, twenty-three great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, family and friends.

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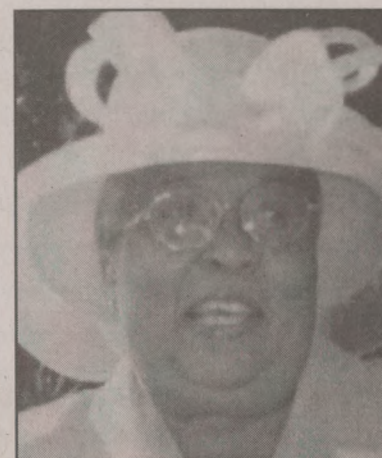


Hersey Scott

Hersey Scott was born to the late Nervia Scott and Mr. Sadler in Marion County, Alabama on May 1, 1912. He departed this life on Monday, May 25, 2008.

He leaves to cherish his memories, three sons, Norbert Scott (Temeka) of Powder Springs, GA, Harold D. McRae of Avon Park, FL and Artist L. McRae of St. Petersburg; six daughters, Vivian Scott of Clearwater, Cynthia Henderson Leonard (Juan), Eleanor Scott Rogers, Freda Scott, Joyce Jean Gamble and Marilyn Scott Sowell; sixteen grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends.

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Mother Retha Lee Patterson Mizell

Mother Retha Lee Patterson Mizell was born to Lee Andrew Patterson and Elizabeth Mosley Patterson on May 11, 1935. She departed this life on May 8, 2008.

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Thad Baker

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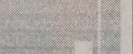
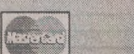
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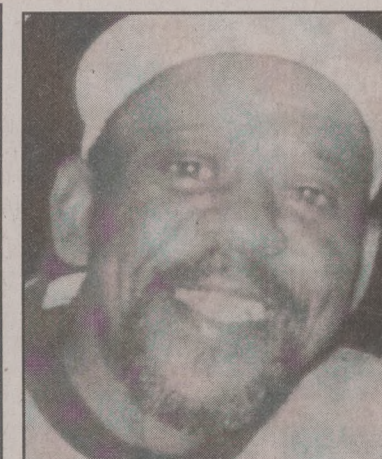


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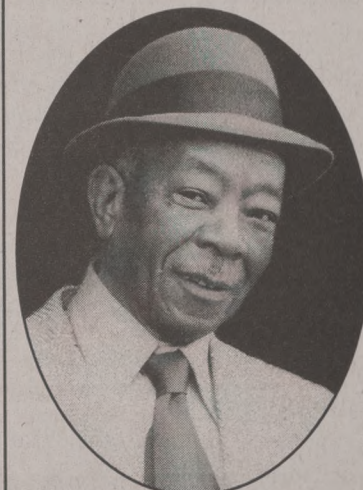
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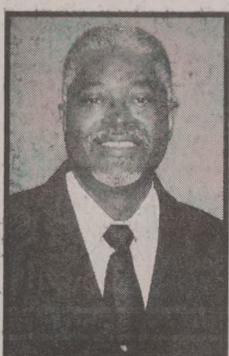


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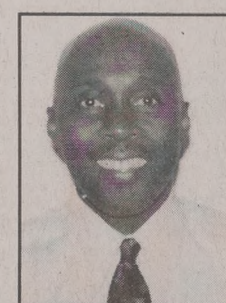


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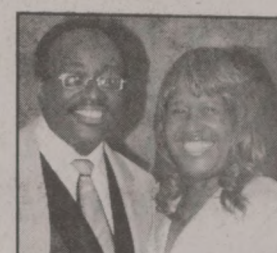
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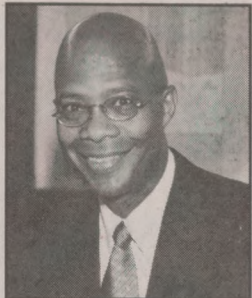
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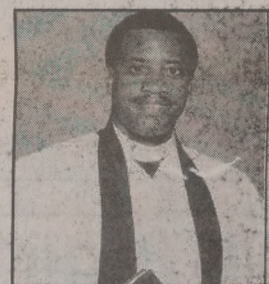
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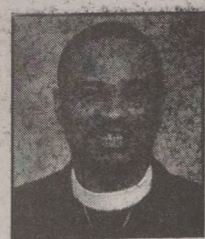
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Reverend Carlos L. Senior, Pastor
Theme: "Crossing Over..."

Our Esteemed Pastor, Reverend Carlos L. Senior and the New Hope Church family invite you to worship with us on Sunday morning. Our services for the day include Early Morning Service at 7:45, Sunday School at 9:15 (classes for all ages) and Mid-Morning Service at 10:30.

MIDWEEK P.U.S.H.

(Prayer, Understanding, & Spiritual Healing)

Prayer Service and Bible Study are held on Wednesday evenings. Prayer Service begins at 6:30 in the evening and Bible Study begins at 7:30. Won't you join us?

Prayer Band is held on Thursday

mornings 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."

UPCOMING EVENTS (For further information, please call 727-896-5228)

95th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

- MAY 14 FAMILY NIGHT 7:00
- MAY 15 BETHEL METROPOLITAN 7:30 P.M.
- MAY 16 ST. JOHN, CLEARWATER 7:30 P.M.
- MAY 17 NEW HOPE FAMILY OUTING
SUNRISE BOWLING 6:00 P.M.
- MAY 18 BETHLEHEM, SARASOTA 4:00 P.M.
- MAY 31 J. L. FENNELL SCHOLARS BANQUET

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Stewart-Isom Memorial C.M.E. Church

The family of Stewart-Isom invites the community to be their guests at our Amateur of Praise on Saturday evening, May 17, 6:30 at Stewart-Isom Memorial C.M.E Church, 1820 Walton St. S.

Be prepared for an evening of entertainment and fellowship with singing, poetry, reading, acting, and other surprises.
Most participants will be making their debut on this evening.

Sponsored by Team Three, The Encouragers with Faith and Hope, this evening of fun and praise is a pre-anniversary activity for the church's upcoming 97th Anniversary to be held in September. The activity is free and a freewill offering will be taken.

On the following Sunday, May 18, our monthly pre-anniversary service will begin at 4:00 p.m. with the First Baptist Institutional Church and the Rev. Wayne G. Thompson, Pastor, as our guests. Please plan to join us.

Stewart-Isom is located at 1820 Walton St. S. in St. Petersburg, FL.
The Rev. A. Anthony Robinson, III, is the pastor.

St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church

ST. MARK MBC CELEBRATES PASTOR'S 13TH ANNIVERSARY

The St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church invites the entire community to join us on Sunday, May 18 for prelude celebration for our pastor's 13th anniversary celebration. How blessed we are to have been shepherded by this dynamic, spirited, man of God in the person of the Reverend Brian Kenneth Brown. This anniversary is our special time to honor and show our love and deep sense of appreciation for our esteemed pastor. The celebration will commence at 4:00 p.m. with our guest church, Mt. Zion A. M. E. Church and its pastor, the Rev. Clarence Williams in charge of services.

The anniversary finale worship services are scheduled for Sunday, June 8.

Events for the Month of May

May 16 - Church Outing at Macedonia Free Will at 7:00 p.m.

May 18 - Pastor's Anniversary Kickoff beginning at 4:00 p.m.

May 25 - Annual Spring Variety Concert

St. Mark Offers ...

Sunday School is held for both children and adults of all ages. Sunday School starts each Sunday morning at 9:30. 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 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.

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

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

Thought for the week: In our changing world, we can always depend on our "unchanging God."

As we continue to glorify God for all of his greatness and goodness, we invite the community at large to visit Friendship Missionary Baptist Church to fellowship and worship with us this coming Sunday.

Dr. John A. Evans, Sr. God's anointed and appointed leader of Friendship will deliver God's word during the 7:45 and 10:45 a.m. worship service. Our Church School classes begin at 9:30 a.m.

You will enjoy a new worship experience by worshipping with us. The Deacons will render prayer and praise service, the Male Chorus will make a joyful noise to the Lord through songs of praise, our ushers will greet you as you enter our hallowed doors.

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church Family will celebrate eighty years of service in the vineyard. God has truly blessed us as a family of believers in Christ who are reaching out to the world, preaching the gospel to the unsaved and teaching the saved to serve by demonstrating the love of Christ.

As we move forward to reach out to others, we pray that God will continue to bless us as we strive to do His will and give Him thanks for eighty years.

You are cordially invited to join us June 1 through June 8, 2008 as we commence our 80th anniversary celebration. Nightly services will begin June 2 at 7:00. Keynote Guest

Speakers: Monday and Tuesday, June 2-3, Dr. R.B. Holmes of Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, Tallahassee, Fla.; June 3-4, Dr. Clay Evans, Pastor Emeritus, Fellowship Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill. Local Pastors of the city will join us during these services.

The culmination service on Sunday, June 8, at 4:00 p.m. will feature Pastor Willie Barnes and the congregation of Eatonville, Fla.

Our Anniversary theme: "Rejoice in the Lord, again I say Rejoice." Philippians 4:4.

Weekly Church Activities

Listen to Dr. John A. Evans, weekly for Monday Morning Meditation on WRXB at 6:45 (You will be blessed).

Wednesday Noon Day Bible Study, 6:30 p.m. Intercessory Prayer, 7:00 Evening Bible Study.

First Wednesday of each month, join us at 7:00 for Wednesday night Live worship service. (Living in Victory Everyday)

Upcoming Events

May 17 Mother's Day Tribute (Mother-Daughter Tea) 4:00 p.m.

June 1-8, 80th Church Anniversary Celebration

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Our maker; For he is God; and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand. Today if ye will hear his voice."*

~ Psalms 95: 6-7

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Sunday, May 18, 2008, 4:00 P.M.

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Mt. Zion AME Church

**"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want."
Psalm 23:1**

The Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church family under the leadership of Pastor Clarence A. Williams welcomes your presence this Sunday for Worship Services. The teaching of God's Word, songs of praise and the inspiring messages will help along this spiritual journey. Our prayer is your faith and understanding increase in the knowledge of the ways of God. Join us as we endeavor to do God's will, God's way. We encourage your presence and participation. Our doors are always open and we would love to have you come and join us.

Our early morning worship begins at 7:30, followed by Church School at 9:30. Come grow and glow as we share one with another. At 11:00 a.m., our Contemporary Worship Service. The Inspirational Choir will bless your soul in song throughout the day. Join us for a hallelujah good time in the Lord. Come expecting a blessing as Pastor Williams preaches the Good News of Christ

to one and all. The Word proclaims, "let him that hath an ear, listen to what The Spirit of God is saying."

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., come enjoy the Word and lunch Bible Study, 6:00 p.m., collectively we learn more of God. Hour of Power, 7:00 p.m., come as you are for a powerful hour of Song, prayer, praise and preaching.

Upcoming Events:

May 31 Women's Missionary Society / YWI Workshop 10:00 am to 1:00 p.m.

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

Your presence and participation is appreciated.

Thought for the week: "If you're headed in the wrong direction God allows U turns"

Be blessed and have a Jesus filled week.

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.

Bethel Metropolitan is committed to a Christ-centered, people-centered, team-centered and Bible-based ministry, with priorities focused on Love, Forgiveness, Unity, Peace and Growth. We celebrate in worship ... we care for one another ... we cultivate the fullest spiritual life possible both individually and corporately ... and we communicate God's truth at every opportunity. Living out these priorities results in a kaleidoscope of ministries at Bethel Metropolitan. For all ages and interests, there are special events and service opportunities happening regularly.

Applications are now available for THE NIA PROJECT. This program offers tutorials in reading, math, language arts, writing, study skills, learning strategies, cultural specific youth development/academic enrichment, computer resource

center, FCAT, SAT and ACT prep. The program began April 22 and will continue through June 12, every Tuesday and Thursday 4:30-6:30 p.m. for grades 6-12. Call the church office (727-327-0554) for additional information.

Mrs. Lois Grayson and the Shepherds of Love Bereavement Ministry are well on their way with plans for their workshop scheduled for Saturday, May 17, from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The workshop speaker will be Minister Watson Haynes, and he will be discussing "How to Deal with Death. . . Discovering the Center of Life with Christ in Recovery." The workshop is free and is open to the community.

The Missionary Society Annual Spring Tea will be held this year on Sunday, May 18 from 4-6 p.m. The theme is "Celebrating the Works of Mission, and the Gifts of Love from God."

Upcoming Events:

- May 15 Fellowship New Hope MBC 7:00 p.m.
- May 16 Family Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- May 17 Shepherds of Love Bereavement Ministry Workshop 8:30 p.m.
- May 18 Mission Tea 4:00 p.m.
- May 24 Scholarship Banquet 6:00 p.m.
- May 25 Graduation Service 10:00 a.m.

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"Celebrating Our History Is An Everyday Thing"

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Mae Carol Jemison, M.D.

Mae Carol Jemison, M.D. is an American physician and a former NASA astronaut. She became the first black woman to travel into space when she went into orbit aboard the Space Shuttle Endeavour on September 12, 1992.

Mae Carol Jemison was born on October 17, 1956 in Decatur, Ala. She is the youngest child of Charlie Jemison, a maintenance supervisor for a charity organization, and Dorothy (Green) Jemison, who worked for most of her career as an elementary school teacher of English and math at the Beethoven School in Chicago. The family moved to Chicago when Jemison was three to take advantage of better educational opportunities there. Jemison says that as a young girl growing up in Chicago she always assumed she would get into space. "I thought, by now, we'd be going into space like you were going to work." She said it was easier to apply to be a shuttle astronaut, "rather than waiting around in a cornfield, waiting for ET to pick me up or something."

As a child growing up, Jemison learned to make connections to math by studying nature. "It sounds a little gross, but I was fascinated with pus," Jemison said. Once when a splinter infected her thumb as a little girl, Jemison's mother turned it into a learning experience. "I ran and showed it to my mother and she was telling me it was pus. I was like, 'Well, what is that?' And I ended up doing this whole project, reading about pus. My mother always told me to go find out the information myself. She was very directive, in the sense of 'it's your responsibility,' sort of like those people who tell you to go look up a word in the dictionary when you don't know how to spell it." Jemison wouldn't let anyone dissuade her from pursuing a career in science. "In kindergarten, my teacher asked me what I wanted to be when I grew up, and I told her a scientist," Jemison says. "She said, 'Don't you mean

a nurse?' Now, there's nothing wrong with being a nurse, but that's not what I wanted to be."

Jemison says she was inspired by Martin Luther King but to her King's dream wasn't an illusive fantasy but a call to action. "Too often people paint him like Santa — smiley and inoffensive," says Jemison. "But when I think of Martin Luther King, I think of attitude and audacity." Jemison thinks the civil rights movement was all about breaking down the barriers to human potential.

"The best way to make dreams come true is to wake up," says Jemison.

Jemison loved science growing up but she also loved the arts. Jemison began dancing at the age of nine. "I love dancing! I took all kinds of dance — African dancing, ballet, jazz, modern — even Japanese dancing. I wanted to become a professional dancer," said Jemison. During high school she auditioned for the leading role of Maria in "West Side Story." She didn't get the part but Jemison's dancing skills did get her into the lineup as a background dancer. "I had a problem with the singing but I danced and acted pretty well enough for them to choose me. I think that people sometimes limit themselves and so rob themselves of the opportunity to realize their dreams. For me, I love the sciences and I also love the arts," says Jemison. "I saw the theatre as an outlet for this passion and so I decided to pursue this dream." Later during her senior year in college, she was trying to decide whether to go to New York to medical school or become a professional dancer. Her mother told her, "You can always dance if you're a doctor, but you can't doctor if you're a dancer."

Jemison graduated from Chicago's Morgan Park High

School in 1973 and entered Stanford University at age 16. "I was naive and stubborn enough that it didn't faze me," Jemison said. "It's not until recently that I realized that 16 was particularly young or that there were even any issues associated with my parents having enough confidence in me to [allow me to] go that far away from home." Jemison graduated from Stanford in 1977, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering and fulfilling the requirements for a Bachelor of Arts degree in African and Afro-American Studies. Jemison said that majoring in engineering as a black woman was difficult because race is always an issue in the United

States. "Some professors would just pretend I wasn't there. I would ask a question and a professor would act as if it was just so dumb, the dumbest question he had ever heard. Then, when a white guy would ask the same question, the professor would say, 'That's a very astute observation.'"

Jemison obtained her Doctor of Medicine degree in 1981 from Cornell Medical College (now Weill Medical College of Cornell University). She interned at Los Angeles County-USC Medical Center and later worked as a general practitioner. During medical school Jemison traveled to Cuba, Kenya and Thailand to provide primary medical care to people living there. During her years at Cornell Medical College, Jemison took lessons in modern dance at the Alvin Ailey School. Jemison later built a dance studio in her home and has choreographed and produced several shows of modern jazz and African dance.

After completing her medical internship, Jemison joined the staff of the Peace Corps and served as a Peace Corps Medical Officer from 1983 to 1985 respon-

sible for the health of Peace Corps volunteers serving in Liberia and Sierra Leone. Jemison's work in the Peace Corps included supervising the pharmacy, laboratory, medical staff as well as providing medical care, writing self-care manuals, and developing and implementing guidelines for health and safety issues. Jemison also worked with the Center for Disease Control (CDC) helping with research for various vaccines.

Once while serving as a doctor for the Peace Corps, a volunteer got sick and another doctor diagnosed malaria. The volunteer got progressively worse and Jemison was sure it was meningitis with life-threatening complications that could not be treated in Sierra Leone. Jemison called for an Air Force hospital plane based in Germany for a military medical evacuation at a



Astronaut Dr. Mae C. Jemison was a mission specialist on board the STS-47 mission. Jemison is shown preparing to deploy the lower body negative pressure (LBNP) apparatus in this 35mm frame taken in the science module aboard the Earth-orbiting Space Shuttle Endeavor.

cost of \$80,000. The embassy questioned whether Jemison had the authority to give such an order but she told them she didn't need anyone's permission for a medical decision. By the time the plane reached Germany with Jemison and the volunteer on board, she had been up with the patient for 56 hours. The volunteer survived.

While working in the Peace Corps in Sierra Leone, Jemison

found a feline companion who would share her life for the next 15 years — a cat named Sneezee and Fleas. "He was white with touches of silver and gray, and used to sit at the table with me. When I first got him he was eating the local foods, which were spicy sauces and stews over rice," Jemison said. "When I started

working on the space mission, he lived with my parents in Chicago and was the one thing I really couldn't wait to return to. When I think of home and what it means to me, I always think of Sneezee."

In 1985 Jemison returned to the United States, entered private practice in Los Angeles as a general practitioner with CIGNA Health Plans of California and began taking graduate engineering courses. After the flight of Sally Ride in 1983, Jemison felt the astronaut program had opened up enough for her to apply. Jemison's inspiration for joining NASA was African-American actress Nichelle Nichols, who portrayed Commander Uhura on Star Trek. Jemison was turned down on her first application to NASA, but in 1987 Jemison was accepted on her second application and became one of the 15 candidates accepted from over 2,000 applicants. "I got a call saying 'Are you still interested?' and I said 'Yeah,'" says Jemison.

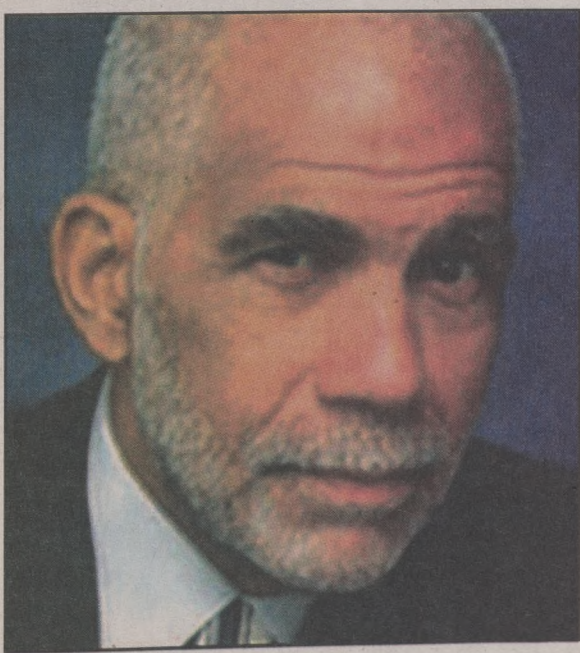
Her work with NASA before her shuttle launch included launch support activities at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida and verification of shuttle computer software in the Shuttle Avionics Integration Laboratory. "My task while I was with NASA was not to immediately start training for space flight, because it takes a while before you are assigned to a



STS-47 Mission Specialist Mae Jemison appears to be clicking her heels in zero gravity in the center aisle of the Spacelab Japan (SLJ) science module aboard the Earth-orbiting Endeavour, Orbiter Vehicle (OV) 105. Making her first flight in space, Dr. Jemison was joined by five other NASA astronauts and a Japanese payload specialist for eight days of research in support of the SLJ mission, a joint effort between Japan and United States.

mission, but I did things like help to support the launch of vehicles at Kennedy Space Center," said Jemison. "I was in the first class of astronauts selected after the Challenger accident back in 1986, and the very first assignment I had was working at Kennedy Space Center. I saw the launch and in fact actually worked the launch of the first flight after the Challenger accident. I worked at the Shuttle Avionics Integration Laboratory, which is where all the software that flies the space shuttle is tested."

Dr. Jemison flew her only space shuttle mission from September 12 to 20, 1992 as a mission specialist on STS-47. "The first thing I saw from space was Chicago, my hometown," said Jemison. "I was working on the mid-deck where there aren't many windows, and as we passed over Chicago, the commander called me up to the flight deck. It was such a significant moment because since I was a little girl I had always assumed I would go into space," Jemison added. "When I grew up in the 1960s the only American astronauts were men. Looking out the window of that space shuttle, I thought if that little girl growing up in Chicago could see her older self now, she would have a huge grin on her face."



Ed Bradley

Edward Rudolph Bradley Jr. (June 22, 1941 – Nov. 9, 2006) was an American journalist, best known for 26 years of award-winning work on the CBS News television magazine "60 Minutes." During his earlier career he also covered the fall of Saigon, was the first black television correspondent to cover the White House, and anchored his own news broadcast, "CBS Sunday Night with Ed Bradley." He was the recipient of multiple awards, including 19 Emmy Awards, and a Lifetime Achievement Award by

the National Association of Black Journalists. Bradley was born in Philadelphia, Penn., the only child to an African-American father and mother. His parents divorced when he was two, after which he was raised by his mother, Gladys, who worked two

jobs to make ends meet. Bradley, who was referred to with the childhood name of "Butch Bradley" was able to see his father, who was in the vending machine business and owned a restaurant in Detroit, in the summertime. When he was 9, his mother enrolled him in an all-black Catholic boarding school, which had been set up to keep poor children "off the streets." He attended Mount Saint Charles Academy, in Woonsocket, R.I., and then another historically black school, Cheyney State College

(now Cheyney University of Pennsylvania) in Cheyney, Penn., graduating in 1964 with a degree in Education.

His first job was teaching sixth grade at the William B. Mann Elementary School in Philadelphia's Wynnefield community. While he was teaching, he moonlighted at the



Ed Bradley talks with Jimmy Carter in the White House

old WDAS studios on Edgely Drive in Philadelphia's Fairmount Park, working for free and later, for minimum wage. He programmed music, read news, and covered basketball games.

His introduction to news reporting came at WDAS during the riots in Philadelphia in the 1960s. In 1967, he landed a full-time job at the CBS-owned New York radio station WCBS. In

1971, he moved to Paris, France. Initially living off his savings, he eventually ran out of money, and began working as a stringer for CBS News, covering the Paris Peace Talks. In 1972, he volunteered to be transferred to Saigon to cover the Vietnam War, as well as spending time in Phnom Penh covering the war in Cambodia. It was there that he was injured by a mortar round, receiving shrapnel wounds to his back and arm.

In 1974, he moved to Washington, D.C., and was promoted to covering the Carter campaign in 1976. He then became CBS News' White House correspondent (the first black White House television correspondent) until 1978, when he was invited to move to "CBS Reports," where he served as principal correspondent until 1981. In that year, Walter Cronkite departed as anchor of the CBS Evening News, and was replaced by the "60 Minutes" correspondent Dan Rather, leaving an opening on the program which was filled by Bradley.

Over the course of his 26 years on "60 Minutes," he did over

500 stories covering nearly every possible type of news from "heavy" segments on war, politics, poverty and corruption, to lighter biographical pieces, or stories on sports, music, and cuisine. Among others, he interviewed Howard Stern, Lawrence Olivier, Subcomandante Marcos, Timothy McVeigh, Michael Jackson, Mick Jagger, the 92-year-old George Burns, and Michael Jordan, as well as conducting the first television interview of Bob Dylan in 20 years.


Some of his quirkier moments included playing blackjack with the blind Ray Charles, interviewing a Soviet general in a Russian sauna, and having a practical joke played on him by Muhammad Ali. Bradley's favorite segment on "60 Minutes" was when as a 42-year-old correspondent, he interviewed the 64-year-old singer Lena Horne. He said, "If I arrived at the Pearly gates and Saint Peter said, 'What have you done to deserve entry?' I'd just say, 'Did you see my Lena Horne story?'"

On the show, Bradley was known for his sense of style, and was the first (and thus far, the

only) male correspondent to regularly wear an earring on the air. He had his left ear pierced in 1986 and says he was inspired to do it after receiving encouragement from Liza Minnelli following an interview with the actress.

Bradley was honored in 2007 with a traditional jazz funeral procession at the New Orleans Jazzfest, of which he was a large supporter. The parade, which took place on the first day of the six day festival, circled the fairgrounds and included two brass bands.

Columnist Clarence Page wrote, "When he was growing up in a working-class neighborhood in Philadelphia, his folks told him he could be anything he wanted to be. He took them up on it. Even in those days before the doors of opportunity were fully opened to black Americans, Mr. Bradley challenged the system. He worked hard and prepared himself. He opened himself to the world and dared the world to turn him away. He wanted to be a lot and he succeeded. Thanks to examples like his, the rest of us know that we can succeed, too."



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