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CNN Series Examines Black Life



Soledad O'Brien, CNN special correspondent and anchor, interviews a young African-American inmate at San Quentin State Prison, California. The interview was part of CNN's "Black in America" documentary airing July 23-24 at 9 p.m.

WASHINGTON - "I have the audacity to believe that people everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds, dignity, equality and freedom for their spirits. I believe what self-centered men have torn down men other-centered can build up."

Those words from America's premier peace officer, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., in his 1964 Nobel Prize acceptance speech in Oslo have come to define black America today, where the battle for a decent living, a strong cultural identity, an empowering education, civil rights and economic liberation continues.

Hence CNN's groundbreaking documentary "Black in America," produced by special correspondent and anchor Soledad O'Brien, is a timely journalistic work that cuts right into the heart of the issues shaping the future of blacks in America. The behemoth cable network's series reads like a sociological

report on the state of black America, showcasing individuals who are living through the successes as well as struggles of one of the most misunderstood communities in America, nay the world.

The documentary series began in April with "Eyewitness to Murder: The King Assassination." O'Brien spoke with witnesses, investigators and other parties that were connected to King, including his convicted assassin, James Earl Ray. Since the death of King, there have been many theories about his demise. But one thing is certain: King's absence from the scene affected the Civil Rights Movement's ability to function most effectively.

The legendary Dr. Dorothy Height of the National Council of Negro Women attested to the groundswell of reaction that greeted news of King's death during an interview in Detroit this year.

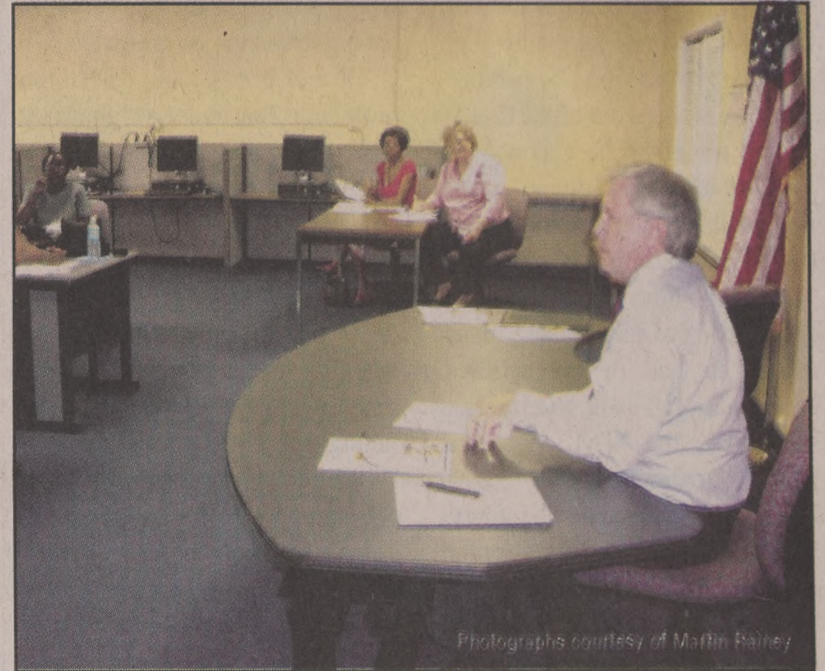
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New School Student Assignment Plan Offers Challenges And Support



Audience listens at recent NAACP meeting



Assistant Superintendent for Student Placement with Pinellas County Schools, Jim Madden, presents an update on student assignment

BY JEANIE BLUE
CHALLENGER CORRESPONDENT

ST. PETERSBURG - The process is complicated, but we have to get involved in order for our children to go to school. As we approach the upcoming 2008-2009 school year, Pinellas County School District is implementing its new student assignment plan. This plan was devised by the school board in order to comply with recent laws that struck down the previous Choice Plan and prohibits students being assigned to schools based solely on race.

Under the previous Choice Program, students were bused to schools far away from where they lived and had limited opportunities of enrollment in Magnet and Fundamental programs at schools located close to home. The new student

assignment plan offers citizens a chance to enroll their students in a school close to home, provided space is available and the parent is successful at enrolling the child within the time period allotted. Enrollment in a magnet or fundamental program requires a different process.

At a recent NAACP meeting, held on July 15, assistant superintendent for Student Placement with Pinellas County Schools, Jim Madden, presented an update on the student assignment plan. According to Madden, as of the date of this meeting, the district is expecting 104,000 students to register for school, but only 1,710 have enrolled so far.

"The student assignment plan really impacts kindergarten, sixth and ninth grade students," Madden said. "This plan offers parents the option of

having their student go to a school close to home and we try to keep siblings together. If there is no sibling already attending the school where the student wants to enroll, then they must enroll during the open enrollment period and hope that a space is available. The class size amendment certifies the number of students for a certain school," Madden added. In addition, students also compete county-wide for enrollment in Magnet and Fundamental programs that are offered in many schools located in South St. Petersburg.

Parents and guardians are instructed to register students on-line and obtain a Parent Connect user ID and password. In order to obtain the user ID and password the parent or guardian must go to a particular school and show the parents identification, before the regis-

tration process is completed. The process goes quick if you can type and input the data as requested and the space is available at the school. But for some, typing and inputting data into a computer program can be a challenge. Madden suggested that concerned citizens call the student assignment department and request assistance with enrollment over the phone. All schools are equipped to assist with the registration process, but there are only a couple of schools opened during the summer to assist. Students need to get registered as soon as possible for a better chance of getting into the school of their choice. Gibbs, Lakewood and Bayside High schools are opened during the summer and staff will assist with registration

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Blue And White Family Holds A Smooth Summer Picnic

ST. PETERSBURG - The Blue and White Family, the ladies of the Zeta Gamma Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc., and the Delta Omicron Sigma Chapter of Phi

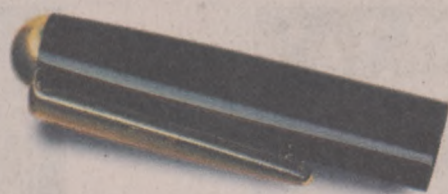


Brothers of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity enjoyed the picnic

Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc., held their first annual Blue and White Summer Picnic at Maximo Park in St. Petersburg on July 12, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Once there the Blue and White family settled down to re-establish "family ties," challenging themselves with board games, as well as eating plenty of good food prepared by the men and ladies of the Blue and White family. Barbequed ribs, chicken, hamburgers, and hot dogs were prepared by renowned caterer Brother Christopher Reed. Green Productions, owned by Daniel Green, was on hand to provide the Blue and White family with an opportunity to purchase their favorite Greek merchandise.

The picnic was held in the hopes of creating even deeper bonds within the two local chapters. Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority are the only two Greek letter organizations who share not only a symbolic bond but a historic one as well, with the men of Sigma, on the campus of Howard University in 1920, encouraging a group of ladies to establish a sorority based on education and finer womanhood. The Blue and White family would like to express their profound thanks to all who participated in the picnic and would like to invite all members of the Blue and White family to join a blog dedicated solely to them: <http://stpetezpbsfam.ning.com>.



A Pen Of Prevention

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Gangs - Where Did Our Nation Go Wrong?



BY ERIC JENKINS

Not to take anything lightly when it comes to gangs and gang activities, but because gangs and their activities are a reality we seem to have to live with, it's important to know how to co-exist.

Recently I read an article on TampaBay.Com that mentioned an incident of gang fights that occurred at the BayWalk Entertainment Complex, downtown St. Petersburg. Excerpt from the article is as follows: "On a recent Friday night, John McNamara went to BayWalk and caught the 10 p.m. showing of the film 'Sunshine.' When he walked out of the theater around midnight, he encountered 'milling masses of minors' in the crosswalk and the parking garage side of Second Street North.

"As a fight broke out and a group of five-plus black males rushed to one of the scuffles, McNamara fell as he tried to find safety near the ATM. After the police calmed the area, McNamara walked to the fourth floor of the parking garage and stayed in his car until he believed he could leave safely. He then saw and heard a young black male 'leaning over the garage wall directing gremlins away from cops on the streets below.'

"McNamara wrote that he saw several black teens near the elevator taking off their red shirts and replacing them with white

shirts, 'apparently to avoid identification.' To make his complaints official, McNamara sent a letter to the City, which was forwarded to St. Petersburg Police Department."

All except one of the few white people I spoke with dismissed McNamara as a racist. The few black people I spoke with all called him a racist, one saying: "White kids mess around at BayWalk too, but white people don't say nothing about that."

The article, by the way, pointed to African-American youths as the problem. Well, I'm not saying he's right or wrong, but what I will say is there is certainly enough blame to go around.

For example, a big part of the problem is how we view gangs by race, even though they operate that way, rather than how a gang anywhere is a threat to people everywhere.

One of the things we have to do is take care of our business when we are out on the town in a manner which will not create difficulty or problems for our safety. When it appears there's gang presence, don't let your guard down.

If at all possible, don't go out alone and watch the color coordination especially if you are going in an area of town where gangs exist — be smart, your life could depend on it.

The responsibility rests with people learning all they can about gangs, and avoid exciting violent behavior.

Gangs - A Mother's Pain



BY SAMUEL PEREZ JR.

This is a scene that has happened one time too many in St. Petersburg and perhaps all across this country, that is, "Drive-By Shootings," the cheap tool for youth elimination.

The St. Petersburg Times published an article entitled "Teen killed, mom wants to know why." The article talks about the sorrow and heart-break of a mother weeping for the lost of her child to a senseless drive-by shooting.

Listen and feel the sadness of something so wrong, "Jacqueline Morehead is a Christian woman, so she has forgiveness for whoever killed her oldest child early Saturday. But she does have a question for the drive-by shooter. 'Why did you take my baby from me?'"

"It was about 12:30 a.m. Saturday when Morehead's son, 15-year-old Deandre Brown, was visiting a cousin and standing outside a home on the 2200 block of Highland Street. A vehicle pulled in front of them and the passenger fired several rounds. Some went into a nearby home; one struck Deandre in the right shoulder and traveled to his heart.

"He was taken to Bayfront Medical Center, where he died. Deandre's aunt, 28-year-old

Lattia Morehead, said a block party for area gangs was to take place in the neighborhood Saturday night. She suspects her nephew died because somebody wanted to make a statement.

"Family members say Deandre struggled in school, but he always went. They said there was no evidence that Deandre was involved in any illegal activity. 'He had a good heart,' said Jacqueline Morehead, a single mom who also has two daughters. 'He did not hate anybody. He was a loving person and a good person.'"

Without all the facts, it appears that Deandre was only an innocent by-stander, and now he's gone due to senseless gang violence.

How do you control such an evil act or can you? How many more innocent lives are to be lost by this madness? I ask myself, am I next? Or will it be one of my little brothers?

I'm sure there are many mothers whose hearts are gripped in fear, and as a teen, my heart goes out to the many parents who have lost kids to this kind of violence. As a kid, I'm confused about how this nation can take over and occupy other nations, imprison or kill their presidents, but are unable to stop gangs and hoodlums from growing in our own back yards.

Drug Trafficking - A Wide Spread Problem



BY YUSUF ABDUSH-SHAKOOR

I'm one of the several youths from the Tampa Bay Area Mentoring Agency selected to serve as a group of columnists to give opinions about the impact of illegal drugs on today youths.

So, over the next four weeks, check out this column and my perspective regarding illegal drugs. Oh, it's ok to disagree; it's simply a youth perspective, or more so, my perspective.

First, come ride with me while we visit some illegal drug arrest situations as I make comments and share my perspective on the situation.

While looking for something to support my position, I came across an article that appeared in TampaBay.com; the article appears below:

"The first arrests were made by undercover deputies in the McDonald's parking lot off U.S. 301 in Dade City on Friday. At the same time in Zephyrhills, deputies raided a home on Fairview Heights Road.

"The result: nine men arrested and 10 kilos (22 pounds) of cocaine seized in what the Pasco Sheriff's Office is calling its biggest undercover drug bust ever.

"The street value of the seized drugs was \$200,000 to

\$700,000, depending on how the cocaine would have been divided and sold.

"These aren't street or mid level urchins," said Lt. Robert Sullivan, the drug unit commander. "These are movers and shakers. ... They are pretty well connected."

"Confidential informants connected undercover detectives with the suspects, Sullivan said, and then an undercover buy was set up. Meanwhile, deputies monitored the alleged 'stash house.' The Sheriff's Office said it found more drugs and firearms there."

Ok, so it looks as if some drug dealers were pursuing the American dream, but instead found the American nightmare, prison, which ends with waking up in different beds, wearing different clothes and eating different foods.

In this line work, in order to make money, you can't afford to let the left hand know what the right hand is doing (or is it the reverse). Once that happens, everyone knows it's just a matter of time before you're set-up. And chances are, someone else has already had the same trouble and is now trying to help themselves by giving up these guys.

My question to everyone is: Was it worth the risk? This amount of drugs and charges carry a minimum of 15 years in prison. What a waste of life and energy. Think smart.



Primary Election August 26

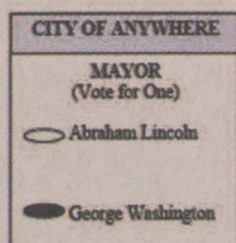
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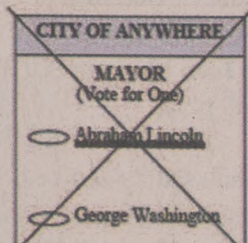
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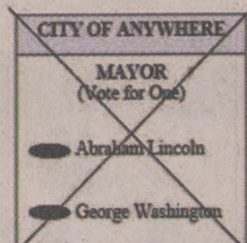
Correctly marked ballot



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Overvoted ballot



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Remember to bring photo and signature ID to the polls to avoid delays and extra paperwork

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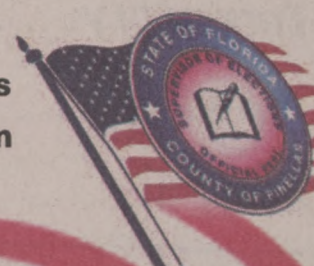
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- A knowledge of history brings a feeling of fellowship that runs through the ages — be it a territory, a village, a district, or a nation.
- To live without history is likened to living without a form of memory.
- To be without history is to live without roots or a past, with the present having no real foundation, and very little meaning for the future.
- To know the events of our past (can help us) to know what future events can be.
- *The Weekly Challenger* is committed to featuring articles of all ethnic cultures for the reading enjoyment of both the young and old generations.

OPINION

National Day Of Social Action For Health Care



BY MARIAN WRIGHT
EDELMAN
NNPA COLUMNIST

There are 9.4 million uninsured children in America today — one child in eight — and millions more are underinsured, but not enough adults are stepping up to change this disgraceful reality. So to raise awareness about the problem, on July 11, thousands of children participating in the Children's Defense Fund Freedom Schools® program across the country took part in a National Day of Social Action. In colorful t-shirts, children marched holding signs calling for "Health Coverage for Every Child" and "Children Can't Wait."

Others sent letters and made phone calls to Members of Congress demanding that every child in America have comprehensive health and mental health coverage now. They also sought endorsements from their Congressional delegations of the All Healthy Children Act (S. 1564/H.R. 1688) to expand health coverage to all children and pregnant women.

This summer, CDF Freedom

Schools programs are serving nearly 9,000 children at 132 sites in 61 cities and 24 states. Hundreds of children from the 10 CDF Freedom Schools program sites in the Washington, D.C., area marched from Union Station to the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol. This was not an expensive K Street lobbying effort—you didn't see many blue suits in the crowd. But the cause for which these children were marching must be a top national priority.

The reason millions of children are without health coverage is not for lack of parental love. Many working families simply find paying for private health insurance for their children financially out of reach. Increases in private health insurance costs are dramatically outpacing increases in wages. Since 2001, the cost of health insurance premiums has increased four times as fast as workers' earnings. Even if an employer offers health insurance and a worker is eligible, the family may not be able to afford its share of the annual premium.

And the federal programs — Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)

— which provide a safety net for families that can't afford to insure their children don't go far enough. Health coverage programs for low-income children vary widely from state to state, with different standards for eligibility, cost sharing, and benefits in each of the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

This lottery of geography affects whether a child has coverage, what benefits are covered, and what treatment children can access and afford. As a result, these variations often have serious consequences for the health and well-being of our most vulnerable children.

In addition, many of America's overlooked and uninsured children are eligible but not enrolled in federally supported health insurance programs primarily because of daunting bureaucratic barriers — often an arduous application process with complicated forms. It's not uncommon for parents with chronically sick children to spend months trying to navigate the system. Some give up without success.

Under the All Healthy Children Act, the income eligibility level would be increased so that more

children could get the coverage they need. Bureaucratic barriers, to coverage would be eliminated. Children currently enrolled in Medicaid, SCHIP, and other means-tested federal programs like school lunch and food stamps would be enrolled automatically.

Reimbursement rates to health care providers would be increased so that more doctors would be available to children needing services. This would bring thousands of doctors and dentists into the pool of care-givers who currently won't take patients covered by Medicaid and SCHIP.

At the Children's Defense Fund, we believe that it is unjust and wrong in the richest nation on earth for any child not to receive health care when they need it. The United States provides health care to all senior citizens. Children should be treated as justly. And children are the least expensive and most cost-effective group to cover.

Learn more about the CDF Freedom Schools program at: www.childrensdefense.org/freeschools.

McCain Has Explaining To Do On Civil Rights



BY GEORGE E. CURRY

In an effort to show that, if elected, he would be president of "all the people," John McCain has visited the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Ala., the scene of one of the bloodiest civil rights marches in history. He's also traveled though Alabama's impoverished Black Belt region, and showed up for services commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination in Memphis. Those gestures, designed to soften McCain's public image, cannot hide his awful record on civil rights.

In 11 grading periods since he began serving in the U.S. House of Representatives in 1983 and the Senate in 1987, McCain has earned an F for every period, according to an annual report by the NAACP.

Of the 11 grading periods, McCain's highest score was 50 percent (1985-86), meaning he supported positions on legislation favored by the NAACP half of the time. His second-highest score was 40 percent (1997-1998). In the nine other grading periods, he supported the NAACP 30 percent of the time or less.

Instead of getting better on civil

rights in recent years, McCain has grown worse. Since his unsuccessful 2000 bid for president, McCain voted with the NAACP just 27 percent of the time during the 107th Congress, 15 percent in the 108th Congress and an all-time low of 7 percent during the first session of the 109th Congress, which ended in 2006.

When he ran for president in 2000 and again this year, McCain refused to complete a questionnaire submitted to presidential candidates by the NAACP and turned down invitations to address the national conventions of both the NAACP and the National Urban League.

Even Ronald Reagan, who went to court to invalidate voluntary affirmative-action programs, and George W. Bush, who often clashes with civil rights leaders, have addressed the two groups.

After addressing the NAACP Wednesday in Cincinnati and another appearance scheduled for the National Urban League in Orlando, McCain's record will speak louder than anything he will have to say. An examination of McCain's years in Washington shows that he opposed initiatives favored by the NAACP even when Republican moderates joined forces with the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization.

Often portrayed in the media as a Republican maverick, McCain's civil rights record shows he is anything but that.

In a vote likely to haunt him for the rest of his public career, McCain voted against 1983 legislation establishing the third Monday in January as the federal holiday marking King's birthday. Back home in Arizona, he supported Gov. Evan Mecham's decision in 1987 to rescind an executive order creating a state holiday for King, but later reversed his position.

In 1985, McCain voted against a bill to strengthen sanctions against minority-ruled South Africa because of its policy of apartheid.

In 1998, McCain voted against the Civil Rights Restoration Act requiring institutions receiving federal funds to follow antidiscrimination laws, upheld by Congress despite a presidential veto.

In what would become one of the greatest wedges between McCain and African-Americans, McCain voted to confirm a series of ultra-conservative nominees to the Supreme Court.

McCain supported the nomination of Clarence Thomas to the Supreme Court — and has since indicated that he would appoint similar judges if elected president.

He favored repealing a provision of the Brady Bill requiring a seven-day waiting period for handgun purchases to ensure buyers aren't mentally ill or don't have a criminal record.

McCain and the NAACP agreed on the re-authorization of the Voting Rights Act, which was passed by the Senate 98-0, and the Civil Rights Act of 1991 moderating a series of Supreme Court decisions that narrowed the scope of job-discrimination laws.

McCain supported an amendment by Sen. Phil Gramm (R, Texas) that prohibited federal contracts to be based, in part, on race, color, national origin or gender.

During the 105th Congress, McCain opposed forgiving student loans up to \$8,000 for public-school teachers who work in underserved communities for a specified period and opposed expanding after-school programs. However, he supported an amendment offered by Sen. Judd Gregg (R., N.H.) that would have provided federal funding for vouchers for students to attend private schools.

McCain prides himself on his straight talk. Unfortunately, when it comes to supporting civil rights, he has not had a straight walk.

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COMMUNITY NEWS



Pinellas County Urban League's
Career Connection Center

Career Corner

BY KATRISA B. WINSTON

Interview Suicide - Job Seeker Blows Interview

Job seekers beware of the "Deadly Ten." You've landed the interview. However, you blow it. Why? You committed interview suicide. Job seeker's must learn to avoid the "10 deadliest interview mistakes."

Top 10 Interview Mistakes

1. Arriving late or too early for the interview: Arriving late gives an impression that you are unreliable. Arriving more than 10 minutes early you appear desperate.

2. Displaying disrespect to the Receptionist: Avoid being rude to the receptionist. Make the Receptionist or gatekeeper your ally, not your enemy. Make no mistake the receptionist will give the hiring manager an opinion.

3. Weak handshake: Start your interview with a firm handshake. Recruiters are immediately turned off by a limp hand, finger tips only, or a hand crushing handshake.

4. Asking questions about salary: Avoid asking questions about the salary as this may be viewed negatively. Many recruiters may think you're only interested in self-fulfillment. It is best to emphasize how your skills and knowledge can be an asset to the company.

5. Speaking negatively about past or current employers: No matter how awful the supervisor was or is; negative statements may be interpreted as an indicator that you may be difficult to work with or may speak negatively about the interviewer in the future.

6. Talking too fast or too much: This can be character assassination or a sign of dishonesty. Prepare and practice your response to most frequently asked interview questions. Maintain your focus, provide concise answers, and maintain the quality of your conversation.

7. Acting desperate: When a job seeker seems anxious they lose the ability to project

confidence. This is a lethal interview mistake because it may be viewed as a failure. Remember you have nothing to lose and everything to gain. Express the same confidence conveyed by your resume.

8. Inability to sell yourself in the first 30 to 60 seconds: Practice your presentation; brag about your skills and tell the interviewer how you will benefit the company.

9. Lack of knowledge about the company: Avoid this pitfall; it can be interpreted as a lack of interest in the job.

10. Poor eye contact: It is viewed as deceitful or dishonest when the job seeker is unable to maintain eye contact.

Avoiding the "Deadly Ten" interviewing mistakes will increase your chances in securing employment and prevent "interview suicide."

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Pinellas County Takes Voter Registration And Optical Scan Voting Demonstrations On The Road

The Pinellas County supervisor of elections has scheduled demonstrations of the optical scan voting system, which will be used countywide in the fall elections. If you have not tried the new system, there are many opportunities soon approaching. You can also register to vote, update your address, name, party or signature, and request mail ballots at demonstration sites.

Registration deadlines to participate in the upcoming elections are July 28 for the Aug. 26 primary election and Oct. 6 for the Nov. 4 general election. The supervisor of elections has scheduled the following optical scanner demonstrations and voter registration sites in the coming weeks:

July 17 - Optical Scan Voting System Demonstrations at Clearwater City Hall, 112 S. Osceola Ave., Clearwater, 5 - 6:30 p.m.

July 17 - Voter Registration Booth and Optical Scan Voting System Demonstrations for Seminole Chamber of Commerce at Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd., #201, Pinellas Park, 11 a.m. - Noon.

July 18 - Safety Harbor Music Series, Voter Registration Booth and Optical Scan Voting System Demonstrations, Mt. Olive AME Church, Fellowship Hall, 600 Jones St., Clearwater, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

July 18 - Powerful Young Adults Inc., Voter Registration Booth and Optical Scan Voting System Demonstrations, 1835 9th Ave. S., St. Petersburg, Noon - 1:30 p.m.

July 19 - National Council of Negro Women, Voter Registration Booth and Optical Scan Voting System Demonstrations, 1835 9th Ave. S., St. Petersburg, Noon - 1:30 p.m.

July 19 - Elks Lodge Voter

Registration Drive and Optical Scan Voting System Demonstrations, 1331 18th Ave. S., St. Petersburg, Noon - 2 p.m.

July 20 - Register at Your House of Worship, Voter Registration Booth and Optical Scan Voting System Demonstrations, Generations Christian Church of Tarpon Springs, 2795 Keystone Rd., Tarpon Springs, Noon - 12:30 p.m.

July 23 - Voter Registration Booth and Optical Scan Voting System Demonstrations, Pinecrest Place, 1150 8th Ave. SW, Largo, 11 a.m. - Noon

You may also register to vote at your nearest public library or driver license office, or at any county office handling social services or disabilities. For more information, please contact the Supervisor of Elections office at (727) 464-6108 or visit www.votepinellas.com.

SCHOOL

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until July 28. After that registration will take place at each school.

Several audience members expressed concerns about how the school board is getting this information out to citizens so they can respond in a timely manner. Some suggestions offered included distribution of public service announcements at the Health Department, radio announcements and letters to area churches.

"The communication depart-

ment at the school board must pay attention to the fact of cultural differences in the way we communicate information," said Trenia Cox, second vice president NAACP. The NAACP has offered its offices to assist with registration of students as well as to collect data to document the challenges and successes with the new student assignment process. Elder (Rev.) Martin Rainey, NAACP VP, requested that Madden provide the NAACP with a copy of the districts communications or marketing piece for getting this student assignment information to the community.

"If citizens are unsuccessful with enrolling students either by computer or telephone, please let the NAACP know," Rainey said. "We are a central agency here to document problems and take them to the school board. We will try to work out the problems by using a system to collect data and get the information to Madden. Then the system won't break down."

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Elections Supervisor Announces July Is Register Online Month

Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections Deborah Clark – along with the 66 other Florida elections supervisors – is designating July as Register Online Month. Clark's office is looking for local Internet service providers, Internet cafes and other businesses offering Internet access to provide customers with online voter registration, election materials and demonstrations on the optical scan voting system. Businesses are also encouraged to add a link on their Web sites to connect customers directly with the Supervisor of Elections

homepage for online voter registration.

Customers are encouraged to visit www.voteinellas.com; click on Register to Vote; complete a Voter Registration Application online; print and mail or deliver it to any Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections office. State law requires an original signature on the registration application, which prevents the option of submitting the form online.

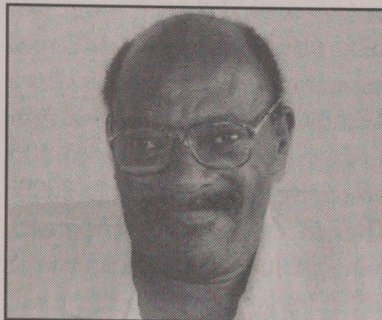
Call (727) 464-5700 to schedule an optical scan voting system demonstration at a local business that provides Internet access. There is no charge to

businesses for this service.

Register Online Month is part of the 2008 VOTE Campaign (Voter Outreach Through Education), a statewide voter awareness and education initiative. This voter registration drive is being coordinated to encourage Floridians to register to vote, update their addresses, volunteer as poll workers and vote in the primary and general elections. Registration deadlines to participate in the upcoming elections are July 28 for the Aug. 26 primary election and Oct. 6 for the Nov. 4 general election.

Previous 2008 VOTE activities included Register at Work Month, Register at School Month, Register at Your Local Merchants Month, and Register at Your House of Worship Month. Additional efforts through October are scheduled to increase voter participation in the primary and general elections.

For more information about Register Online Month in Pinellas County or the statewide 2008 VOTE Campaign, call the Supervisor of Elections office at (727) 464-5700, or visit www.voteinellas.com.



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4. Mobility modifications for owners or renters with disabilities
5. Tangerine Avenue Community Redevelopment Area (TACRA) facade improvements
6. Energy Conservation
7. Hurricane Hardening

Programs 1-4 are available to households whose maximum income is 80% or below the Area Median Income (AMI). Programs 5-7 are available to households whose maximum income is 120% or below the AMI and programs 8-10 are available to households whose incomes do not exceed 120% of AMI.

For DEVELOPERS, programs include:

- Affordable Multi-Family Rental Housing Development
 - Home Purchase Community Land Trust Single Family Housing Development
- Qualification for these programs is determined by the selection criteria and recommendation of the City's Project Review Team.



To take advantage of these opportunities contact the City of St. Petersburg's Working to Improve Our Neighborhoods (W.I.N.) Program at (727) 893-7247 or via e-mail at Housing@stpete.org



For HOME BUYERS, programs include:

8. Purchase Assistance to assist with down payment and closing costs
9. Special Assistance areas are eligible for an additional \$10,000 in housing assistance.
10. A+ Housing Program for St. Petersburg public school personnel

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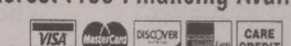
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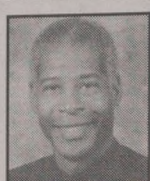


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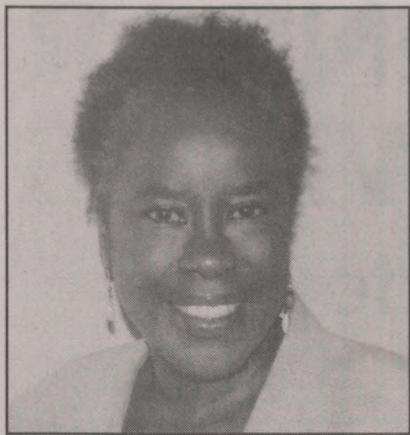


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COMMUNITY NEWS



Community Beat

BY JEANIE BLUE

Graduates Complete Advantage Training's Collaborative Job Program



From left to right: Graduates Jazmyn Saunders, Jocelyn James, Chauntey Howard, Judith Eanes, Shawntrell Black (not pictured are Danny Smith and Reginald Williams)

ST. PETERSBURG - For many people once they've hit rock bottom they give up on their dreams and aspirations. But for the graduates of the Advantage Training Systems, who completed the first Walgreen's Initiative Program, they celebrated a come back at a recent ceremony held on Wednesday, July 2, at the Royal Theater.

"Graduation ceremonies are about building memories of a sense of accomplishment," said Gloria Campbell, director of Advantage.

This is an accomplishment for the graduates, who told stories about having to pursue employment opportunities through development processes outside of the traditional avenues such as college or trade vocational training.

"I am 20-years-old and I have three children and I almost gave up," graduate Judith Eanes stated. Right when I thought there was no hope, my family and I found Advantage. I've learned how to better present myself in front of people and during job interviews. I've learned about the importance of body language. I went from feeling 50 percent to feeling 100 percent confident in myself. I also learned customer service skills and how to work better with others. I have become a better person for myself and my family," Eanes added.

This is the first class where Walgreens offered this type of program and seven local participants completed and graduated from the program. The seven participants are Shawntrell Black, Judith Eanes, Chauntey Howard, Jocelyn James, Jazmyn Saunders, Danny Smith and Reginald Williams. Smith and Williams were unable to attend the ceremony.

The Walgreen's Initiative Program is a collaborative effort between Walgreens, Advantage and Family Service Centers-Ways To Work. Walgreens provided the curriculum, training, oversight and job interviewing, while Family Service Center conducted the training. Advantage provided the operating facilities.

Providing trainees with hands-on learning activities designed to build skills necessary to be successful in an actual working environment is how the training is conducted. The trainees actually use cash registers and conduct transactions.

Graduates received a certificate of completion and was reminded of how good it feels to celebrate accomplishment.

"When you taste success you want more and more of it," Campbell said. "You have accomplished something!"

American Stage Theatre Company Hires New Director Of Development

ST. PETERSBURG - American Stage Theatre Company has named Angela Bond as the theatre's new director of development, taking over for Cynthia McGowan.

"As we evolve into our new home and we look ahead to the next 30 years, it makes sense that the fund-raising side of the theatre enjoy the kind of new and experienced arts leadership that Angela will offer," said Todd Olson, American Stage's producing artistic director. "We are ecstatic for her to serve American Stage in this capacity, and look forward to her guidance during this thrilling time of transitions."

Having moved to Florida in 1999, Bond spent seven years in the development department of the Arts Center in downtown St. Petersburg before moving on to head development for the Bayfront Health Foundation in 2006.

A graduate of Rollins College with a degree in Theatre and Business in 1981, Bond spent her first two years out of college in the administration department at the Pennsylvania State Company. From there she

moved to New York City to pursue a performance career and became an active member of American Globe Theatre, for whom she also did development work.

Although she has kept her hand in performing and directing from time to time, she is thrilled to "come home" to the theatre community on a full time basis.

American Stage Theatre Company, voted as Tampa Bay's best professional theatre by the readers of Tampa Bay Magazine and Creative Loafing, and a top Tampa Bay attraction by the Tampa Bay Business Journal, is located at 211 Third St. S. in the heart of downtown St. Petersburg.

American Stage is a not-for-profit professional theatre celebrating its 30th anniversary. The company's mission is to create the most satisfying live theatre in the Tampa Bay area, accessible to all members of the community. Their vision is to preserve the greatest human stories from our past, while creating the most defining stories and storytelling of our time. American Stage presents



Angela Bond has been named the new director of development for the American Stage Theatre Company

six plays on its 142-seat capacity Mainstage each year. American Stage will move into a brand new state of the art 200 seat performance space in 2009. The theatre's other programming includes: American Stage in the Park, School Tour, theatre classes and summer camp for children. The Hough Family Foundation and Bank of America are the season sponsors, Raymond James is the mainstage sponsor and WUSF 89.7 is the radio sponsor of American Stage.

Internet Safety For Teens At Main Library

ST. PETERSBURG - In celebration of the F.B.I.'s 100th anniversary, Special Agent Luiz Lima will talk to teens and their parents about Internet safety and answer questions about the F.B.I. on Friday, July 25 at 1:00

p.m. at the St. Petersburg Main Library, 3745 Ninth Ave. N.

The Internet has become a great social meeting place for teens with services like MySpace and Facebook but predators have learned to use it

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The program is free and open to the public.

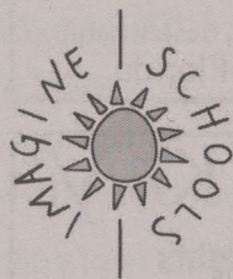
St. Petersburg Celebrates 30 Years Of Programs For Person's With Disabilities

ST. PETERSBURG - Camp Redbird, the longest running Therapeutic Recreation program in St. Petersburg, celebrates its 30 year anniversary. Therapeutic Recreation Week is held nationally from July 13 to July 19. St. Petersburg has a rich history of supporting Special Olympics Pinellas, and has been committed to serving the recreational needs of its citizens with disabilities.

The national award-winning program offers activities ranging from adapted sports to social outings and special events. Camp Redbird, a summer camp program for people with developmental disabilities of all ages, provides social skills, health and fitness, arts and crafts, cooking, nutrition, swimming and field trips. Participants can try activities which they may have never

before had the opportunity to participate. Camp Redbird is held at the Azalea Elementary School facility, 1600 72nd St. N., and operated by the Recreation division of the City of St. Petersburg.

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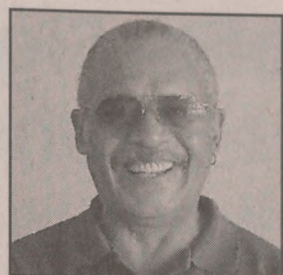
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Tuesday Night Jam Session Is Hot, Hot, Hot!

If you haven't been out to the Coconuts Comedy Club in Clearwater to check out the popular jazz jam session, you are definitely missing jazz history in the making. I say this because within a few weeks of existence, the jam has grown and drawn some of the most talented jazz musicians in the area. During my many years of being involved with jazz, I can confidently say that the Tuesday Night jam session at Coconuts is by far one of the best. Tom "T-Bone" Hamilton has without a doubt put together a jazz musician's masterpiece.

Last Tuesday, I had the opportunity to check out the jam. You may recall that I wrote an article about it two weeks ago, and I informed you that it was a weekly event every music lover should attend. Well, I arrived early to take a few behind the scene photos and to chat with Tom, Fred Edinborough and Stretch Bruyn. These are the musicians who make up the Tom Hamilton Trio and are the rhythm section backup for the jam session. As usual, the three were in high spirits telling me that they were looking for a good turnout. They were on the money...because the audience showed up and were more than receptive to the great music that was played.

If you're a jazz musician - regardless of level of ability - and desire to learn and play with some of the best musicians in the Tampa Bay area, this is the jam session for you. There is no "cutting!" This jam session functions as a classroom for some to teach and some to learn. It is not to have a musician who is sitting in on a jam session for the first time to be embarrassed. Nevertheless, as I have stated in my columns in the past regarding jam sessions, do come prepared. Learn the tune. Practice, practice, practice! At least know the tune you are going to play. Learn one tune and practice it until it's memorized. Play the melody once, then play the melody with your own slight changes, and try to make up some licks. Whatever you do learn the tune. Then you're set for a great experience. If it's the first time you're sitting in...you're gonna be walking on "Cloud Nine" when you finish playing. Trust me!

After finding a front row seat, I sat back to enjoy. The trio started out warming up with a funky uptempo "Autumn Leaves." Tom then explained to the audience that musicians wanting to sit-in would have to write their name and tune to play on a sign-up sheet. This was to make sure that every musician

who wanted to play was not overlooked. Many jam sessions use that process. Later, a gentleman came up to the stage to sing. He was nervous and even told the audience so. However, he did quite well on a blues. When he finished and took his seat, he told me that he had done some karaoke but this was his first time with a live group. He was elated.

Several tunes down the line, a young alto saxophone player sat in along with a guitar player. They were both excellent playing the jazz standard "There Will Never Be Another You" and a jazzed up "Days of Wine and Roses." Most enjoyable, and it was then that I wished I had brought my own instrument. However, you can count on me being at the jam sessions during the coming weeks with my instrument and tunes that I have practiced and memorized. Hope to see you there!

Remember to "Keep Jazz Alive" by "Supporting Live Jazz!"

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

Belle Expresses Appreciation For Support Of First Single

NEW YORK - Grammy Award-winning artist Regina Belle along with Pendulum Records in association with Walker Davis Entertainment extends "God Is Good - The 2008 Summer Gospel Choir Competition" being held now through Sept. 19. To participate in the competition, churches nationwide are being asked to teach their choir Belle's Gospel radio hit "God Is Good," and have the choir perform the song during a Sunday morning worship service and then upload the digital video of that performance to www.GospelTube.com (a Christian online media property to watch and share original Christian and Gospel videos worldwide). Finally, the choir will need to email a link of their performance to Pendulum Records at www.pendulumrecords.biz/contact.htm no later than Sept. 19, 2008 for a chance to win a three track performance by Regina Belle at their church this winter and have the choir perform "God Is Good" with the award-winning artist. Winners will be selected by two categories: the highest number of video views on GospelTube.com, and the overall performance quality (best performance to be determined by Pendulum Records, Walker Davis Entertainment and D3 Entertainment). No purchase necessary to enter or win.

The competition was created as a way for Belle to show her appreciation for the incredible support Gospel music fans have given to her debut Gospel project, Love Forever Shines. "I'm excited and honored because



Regina Belle's "Love Forever Shines" CD

throughout my life I've been singing with choirs," says Belle.

"We're receiving an incredible response to the contest," says Ruben Rodriguez, CEO and Founder of Pendulum Records. "Regina Belle's 'God Is Good' is currently the number two Gospel song in America, after Marvin Sapp's 'Never Would Have Made It,' with over 1,000 spins at Gospel Radio and now crossing over to mainstream radio.

"Love Forever Shines" debuted at number three on the Billboard Current Gospel Album chart and was the number one most added song at radio upon its release in May. In a review of the CD, the Dallas Morning News writes, "The 14-track project is a nonstop spiritual get-down, from the grateful old-school ballad, 'God Is Good' to the uplifting

'Victory' to the plaintive 'Almost Slipped.'" Belle's hometown newspaper, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution succinctly describes the CD as, "viable and worthwhile."

The anointed collection of songs included on the singer's debut Gospel CD are near and dear to her heart. Belle shares, "He [God] wanted [Love Forever Shines] it to be a testimony as to where I am in my life. He wanted to put me in a place where I could share things, intimate things with my audience, to help them get through."

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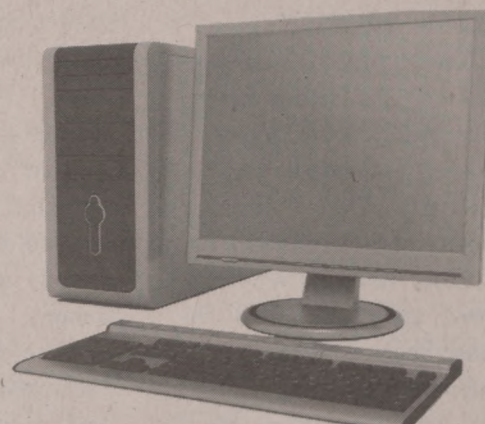
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CHALLENGER SPORTS

Tampa Bay Turnaround Highlights 'Crazy' First Half



Tampa Bay Rays Players

BY MIKE FITZPATRICK

NEW YORK (AP) - Tampa Bay is on top, the Chicago Cubs keep winning and Major League Baseball might add instant replay before the summer's over.

What in the name of Babe Ruth is going on with this grand ol' game? Conventions are getting shattered everywhere, just like those thin-handled maple bats.

Indeed, it's been a wild first half for the national pastime: one no-hitter, three fired managers and Ken Griffey Jr.'s 600th home run. And with a farewell All-Star game at Yankee Stadium only days away, there's something else that sticks out, too.

"Nobody picked up Barry Bonds. That might be the biggest surprise in baseball.

While the indicted home run king was left waiting for an attractive offer, young pitchers such as Tim Lincecum and Edinson Volquez emerged. Chipper Jones flirted with .400, Manny Ramirez hit homer No. 500 and Mike Piazza called it a career.

Josh Hamilton continued his remarkable comeback from drug and alcohol abuse, putting up huge numbers for Texas. Cancer-survivor Jon Lester also added to his feel-good story, tossing a no-hitter for Boston.

The Cubs jumped out to a

strong start, looking to win their first World Series championship in 100 years. They just made a big move, too, acquiring right-hander Rich Harden from Oakland to fortify a top-notch rotation.

That deal came one day after rival Milwaukee landed lefty ace CC Sabathia from the Indians, who have hit the skids after falling one win short of the American League pennant last year.

Two blockbuster trades right before the All-Star break and suddenly the NL Central appears awfully tough. A few months back, it was supposed to be the softest division in baseball.

But that's how fast things have flipped this season.

Take the Tampa Bay Rays, for instance. They dropped the Devil from their nickname last winter and started playing like a completely different team.

Long the laughingstock of the AL East, Tampa Bay got tired of being kicked around. Joe Maddon's feisty young squad had a spring training fight with the Yankees, then a nasty brawl with the Red Sox. Following up their punches with much-improved pitching, the Rays soon surged to the best record in baseball.

"I had anticipated that we'd be a lot better by now. I'd be lying if I said I thought we'd be this many games over .500," Maddon said. "That's exceeding expectations a bit."

Especially for a club that's never won more than 70 games in its 10-season history.

"When we were losing, everybody wanted to knock us. Now they want to beat us,"

reliever J.P. Howell said. "I always thought we were going to be in the mix, but I was shocked that we're doing this."

Tampa Bay isn't the only surprise, though. The Chicago White Sox, Minnesota Twins, Oakland Athletics, Florida Marlins and St. Louis Cardinals are all playing far better than predicted.

Meanwhile, the New York Yankees, Detroit Tigers and New York Mets — with the three highest opening-day payrolls in baseball have sputtered around .500. Colorado, last year's NL champ, isn't even close.

"Crazy year," Giants general manager Brian Sabean said, referring to the wide-open NL West.

The Mets, after weeks of speculation, finally fired manager Willie Randolph in the early morning of June 17 and replaced him with Jerry Manuel.

Two other teams followed suit within three days. The disappointing Seattle Mariners dumped John McLaren for Jim Riggleman, and Toronto supplanted John Gibbons with old favorite Cito Gaston.

On the field, the AL dominated interleague play again, while scoring dropped to its lowest level in 16 years.

Just a few months after the Mitchell Report on doping in baseball implicated dozens of former All-Stars, teams averaged 4.54 runs per game through July 7. That's the lowest mark on that date since it was 4.16 in 1992, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

In May, players and owners approved tougher drug-testing rules.

"We're still trying to get through this cloud of performance-enhancing drugs," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "Hopefully, we'll get that cleaned up and get back to playing baseball. But I think baseball is alive and well and moving forward."

Scioscia's team accomplished a rare feat on June 28. Starting pitcher Jered Weaver (six innings) and reliever Jose Arredondo (two innings) combined to hold the Los Angeles Dodgers hitless in a 1-0 defeat.

It didn't count as a no-hitter just a frustrating loss.

All season long, players and managers around the big leagues have been exasperated by a rash of missed home run calls. So baseball wants to adopt instant replay by August for home run disputes in hopes of fine-tuning the system in time for the playoffs.

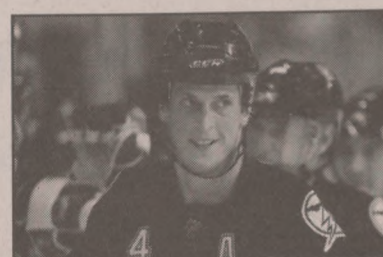
The umpires' union and MLB must reach an agreement before replay can be tried. The sides have started discussions.

"We talked about it for like a month and then bam — implement it," Hunter said. "That's unbelievable how quick they came around. I was very shocked that that was going to happen. I'm thinking it was going to happen 5-10 years from now. So that's how much the game has changed."

Another pressing issue is the danger of maple bats. Some say they splinter with greater force than ash models, and a management-union safety committee is investigating.

Maple bats can't be banned without the union's agreement.

Lecavalier Signs Contract Extension With Lightning



Vincent Lecavalier

BY FRED GOODALL

TAMPA (AP) - All-Star center Vincent Lecavalier on Sunday signed an 11-year, \$85 million contract extension that he hopes will keep him in a Tampa Bay Lightning uniform for the remainder of his career.

"Not only is Vincent one of the most dynamic players in the NHL, he's one of the classiest people you'll ever meet off the ice as well," Lightning vice president of hockey operations Brian Lawton said in a team statement.

"With this deal our ownership has made it clear that he is the cornerstone of the Lightning, and Vincent has shown his dedication to the franchise and the Tampa Bay area by signing for less than he undoubtedly would've received on the open market."

New owners Oren Koules and Len Barrie will join Lecavalier at a Tuesday press

conference that will be followed by an autograph signing for season ticket holders and a town hall meeting featuring the owners, Lecavalier and new coach Barry Melrose.

The 28-year-old forward, who helped Tampa Bay win its only Stanley Cup championship four years ago, had one season left on a four-year, \$27.4 million contract. The new deal begins after next season.

"I'm proud and honored to be committing myself ... for the rest of my NHL career," Lecavalier said. "It's no secret how I feel about the organization, the fans and the Tampa Bay community, and there's no place else I'd rather be."

"Combine that with the enthusiasm and commitment to winning that has been shown by owners Oren Koules and Len Barrie, and signing this long-term deal was an easy decision."

Lecavalier scored a NHL-leading 52 goals during the 2006-07 season, then added 40 goals last season while hiking his franchise-best career totals to 273 goals and 602 points. The three-time All-Star was the first pick in the 1998 draft, and the new deal extends through the 2019-20 season, when he turns 40.

Agent Zero Makes It Official



Gilbert Arenas

BY JOSEPH WHITE

WASHINGTON (AP) - Gilbert Arenas signed his six-year, \$111 million (euro70 million) contract with the Washington Wizards on Sunday, securing the return of a player who accepted less money than he was offered.

The Wizards offered Arenas a maximum contract \$127 million (euro80 million) over six years leaving it up to the unpredictable Agent Zero to decide whether he would live up to his previous statement that he would take a lesser amount if it would help the team sign other players and improve the prospects of contending for a NBA title. Arenas negotiated the deal without an agent while traveling in China on a promotional tour for a shoe company.

The Wizards also bolstered their chances of keeping Arenas by signing free agent teammate Antawn Jamison to a four-year,

\$50 million (euro32 million) contract. Arenas had said he would not return to the team if his good friend Jamison had been allowed to leave.

Because Arenas did not accept the max contract, the Wizards have room to make another significant addition this offseason without going over the NBA's luxury tax limit.

"I think with the players we have on this roster, we can compete with anyone in the NBA," Arenas said in a statement released by the team. "And I look forward to returning to the court next season on a mission to deliver a championship banner."

A three-time All-Star point guard, Arenas has proven to be one of the most exciting players in the NBA when healthy, averaging 22.8 points, 5.5 assists and 4.2 rebounds in his seven-season NBA career.

But a major knee injury and an overzealous rehabilitation sidelined him for most of last season. After his first surgery on the knee in April 2007, he tried to come back too soon and had a second operation in November. He missed 66 games before returning late in the season, then he had to shut himself down again during the first-round playoff series against Cleveland.

Favre : Packers Should Let Me Play Elsewhere



Brett Favre

MILWAUKEE (AP) - Brett Favre finally is speaking for himself: He wants to play but doesn't feel welcome in Green Bay, so he's asking to be released.

The quarterback's first substantial comments on his latest retirement decision reversal come in an interview with Fox News on "On the Record with Greta Van Susteren."

"I am guilty of retiring early and there is a reason for that," Favre said, according to an excerpt provided to The Associated Press before the Monday night broadcast. "And the major issue is 'Why did he retire?' and 'He asked for a release because he doesn't want to play in Green Bay.' That's not true. And I hope people are hearing this and saying 'OK, that clears it up.'"

According to Van Susteren, who spoke to the AP by

telephone Monday afternoon, Favre said he was "never fully committed" to retiring and felt pressured by the Packers to make a decision, a notion Packers general manager Ted Thompson and coach Mike McCarthy tried to dispel in an interview with the AP on Saturday.

"Ted always wanted Brett back," McCarthy said. "We always wanted Brett back."

Favre told Fox he understands that the Packers want to move on — but if they're doing so, they should let him go.

"Them moving on does not bother me," Favre said. "It doesn't. I totally understand that. By me retiring March 3, I knew that could possibly happen. All I was saying is, you know, I'm thinking about playing again."

Van Susteren — who is from Appleton, Wis., is a Packers shareholder and previously had interviewed Favre and his wife, Deanna — said Favre made it clear he would not return to the Packers if he wasn't the starter. And while Favre said the Packers asked him for a list of teams to which he would accept a trade, he wants to be released to make sure he ends up on a

competitive club.

Thompson said the team wasn't going to release Favre, but he could come back in a "different role than he was" because the team is committed to going forward with Aaron Rodgers.

Thompson and McCarthy wouldn't discuss the possibility of trading Favre and said they hadn't received any trade inquiries as of Saturday.

Thompson and McCarthy gave AP a detailed description of their dealings with Favre throughout the offseason, including an episode a few weeks after Favre's retirement where the two were prepared to fly to Mississippi to seal the deal on a Favre comeback — only to have the quarterback change his mind again.

In the interview, Favre said the Packers were being dishonest, although the excerpt provided to AP did not offer specific instances Favre was challenging.

"If you move on, you tell me one thing, don't come back and tell the public ... just say it, 'You know, we've moved on and we'll work with Brett on whatever it is,'" Favre said. "Don't make up a lot of stuff or

give half of the truth."

McCarthy and Thompson also expressed concern Saturday that Favre spent most of the offseason questioning whether he still had the commitment to play football. But Favre told Fox News it wasn't going to be an issue.

"If I'm going to play it's going to be 100 percent commitment," Favre said.

Favre's interview — which was receiving top billing over an interview with presidential candidate John McCain in promos for Van Susteren's show that aired during the day Monday is the latest development in what is looking more and more like an irreparable schism between one of the NFL's most storied franchises and perhaps its most beloved quarterback.

Thompson called the situation "gut-wrenching" Saturday.

"I mean, it hurts," he said. "I'm not talking about physically hurting, but the sensitivity. We understand where the fans are coming from. This is a hot-button issue that surpasses anything I've ever gone through."

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Bears, RB Jones Agree To Deal

LAKE FOREST, Ill. - The Chicago Bears signed running back Kevin Jones to a one-year deal on Tuesday.

During four years with Detroit, Jones rushed for 3,067 yards and 24 touchdowns on 761 carries. Jones, who played for Virginia Tech, was drafted

by Detroit in 2004.

Terms of Jones' deal were not disclosed.

Last season, Jones rushed for 581 yards and a career-high eight touchdowns on 153 carries. He also had 32 receptions for 197 yards.

STATE NEWS

FAMU Receives \$14 Million National Institute Of Health Grant

TALLAHASSEE - Florida A&M University College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences has been awarded a \$14 million grant to enhance its infrastructure to continue its efforts to conduct cutting edge research.

"One of the main criteria used to determine the quality of a university is the amount of research taking place by outstanding faculty and the funding obtained for them to conduct research on a regular basis," said FAMU President James H. Ammons. "With this in mind, this announcement proves that Florida A&M University is rising to the occasion and meeting the standards of excellence."

The Research Centers in Minority Institutions grant award for the period of 2008-2013 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health/National Centers for Research Resources will support drug discovery and research aimed at better understanding the makeup and risks associated with various degenerative diseases and their treatment. RCMI support is provided by the NCRR through the Division of Research Infrastructure.

"The grant award will support research projects such as drug discovery, neurodegeneration, nanomedicine, biotechnology and pilot projects," said Henry Lewis III, research principal investigator and dean of the COPPS. "We are elated to have been selected by NIH and NCRR to conduct new and ongoing cutting-edge research which gives credit to our cadre of faculty who are devoted to finding new and improved ways to treat patients everywhere."

In the area of drug discovery, the grant will aid in developing new drugs that can be used for the treatment of neurodegenerative diseases such as Parkinson's; stroke; cancer (breast, prostate and lung); and emerging infectious diseases to uncover targets for therapy and translational research.

The neurodegenerative core will provide FAMU researchers with an understanding of neurotoxicity, the tendency of some treatments to cause damage to the nervous system, and its possible influence on the increased risk of neurological disorders and diseases such as Alzheimer's, stroke and Parkinson's. In the area of nanomedicine research, the grant will provide resources and expertise in the area of nanoparticles technology, which could

be applied to imaging of various degenerative diseases like Alzheimer's and stroke, and also target various receptors in disease states like cancer and Chronic Fatigue Immune Dysfunction Syndrome.

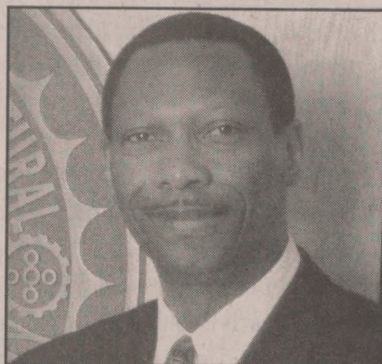
"The goal of the Research Centers in Minority Institutions Program is to develop and enhance the institutional capacity for conducting biomedical research at minority colleges and universities that award doctorates in health sciences," said Barbara Alving, Ph.D., NCRR Director. "Florida A&M University's College of Pharmacy has a long history of conducting research in pharmacology and toxicology and this award will allow the institution to continue to recruit established and young researchers, acquire more advanced instrumentation, and staff core laboratories to support the university's research and research training efforts."

FAMU is one of 18 locations that host the NCRR-supported RCMI Program, whose mission is to expand the national capacity for research in the health sciences.

With concentrations in pharmacology/toxicology, medicinal chemistry, pharmaceuticals and environmental toxicology, the College has graduated more than 60 percent of the African-American Ph.D. recipients in the pharmaceutical sciences nationally.

Since 1985, FAMU has received RCMI support continually in excess of \$40 million including construction funding for the research wing on the New College of Pharmacy Building. RCMI also funded laboratory animal facility improvements that were instrumental in the COPPS-receiving national accreditation of its research animal facilities, making FAMU one of 500 accredited facilities from 3,500 colleges and universities. RCMI has provided critical infrastructure to enable the College to achieve national prominence and become a competitive biomedical research center nationally. Since the inception of the RCMI Program at FAMU, the College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences has implemented four Ph.D. tracks in pharmaceutical sciences.

Drs. Henry Lee and Ann Heiman, both professors of basic sciences and previously funded RCMI investigators are scheduled to retire this year. Their research efforts have had a tremendous impact in the area of pharmaceutical sciences across the globe as well as made significant contributions to the phar-



FAMU President
James H. Ammons

maceutical sciences profession.

Lee, whose research has been published in national and international journals that span more than three decades, has received several patents. While at FAMU, in 1986, he received a patent for Anti-inflammatory Prednisolone Steroids and in 1998 for Anti-inflammatory Carboxy Pregnane Derivatives.

In the arena of research, Lee has discovered safer, yet potent drugs based on his new concept called antedugs now recognized internationally. His work involved the synthesis and evaluation of anti-inflammatory steroids, anti-AIDS, and anti-cancer agents.

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Heiman's research interests are in the treatment of airway inflammation in chronic airway diseases such as asthma. Some of her research efforts include:

- Developing an individual response to various allergies.

- Designing novel drug targets for treatment of airway diseases such as asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

- Reducing allergy rhinitis (runny nose).

Other key COPPS researchers in the FAMU basic sciences that will benefit from the grant include the following: Karam Soliman, RCMI program director, distinguished professor and assistant dean for research; Kinfe Redda, professor; Mandip Sachdeva, professor; John Cooperwood, associate professor; R. Renee Reams, associate professor; Carl Goodman, professor; Nazarius Lamango, associate professor; Seth Ablordeppey, professor and director, basic pharmaceutical sciences; Donald Palm, professor and assistant vice president for Academic Affairs; Selina Darling-Reed, assistant professor; Karunya Kandimalla, assistant professor; Shawn Spencer, assistant professor; and other FAMU investigators.

This 2008 fiscal year, NIH-NCRR has funded 28 RCMI Research Centers nation-wide, totaling \$53,000,000.

Hispanic Voters Pose A Challenge In Their Diversity, Making For Awkward Outreach By Candidates

BY LAURA WIDES-MUNOZ

ORLANDO (AP) - Barack Obama and John McCain are working hard and sometimes fumbling in their efforts to court Hispanic voters who could swing November's presidential election.

For Obama, an African-American, and McCain, who is white, the problem is less one of language than of trying to understand a group whose own diversity can make it a mystery to others. It's not a matter of saying, "Take me to your leaders."

But that, in essence, is the ground game the presidential candidates and their campaigns have been playing in pitching to voters who could form decisive constituencies in critical battleground states.

"They just come to me and say, 'Who are the bosses of the Latin community?'" said Patrick Manteiga, who runs a family-owned newspaper for Hispanics in Tampa, Florida's historic Cuban neighborhood of Ybor City. "That's like coming and asking, 'Who are the bosses of white America, of the soccer moms?'"

Both candidates are pressing their case in three speeches in as many weeks to Hispanic umbrella groups and working in other ways to make their outreach more sophisticated.

They've both got their work cut out for them in appealing to a large and



New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson endorses Barack Obama for president before an enthusiastic crowd in Portland, Ore. on March 20, 2008

growing segment of the population that has leaned Democratic but has not always been motivated to vote. A recent AP-Yahoo News poll found Obama leading McCain 47 percent to 22 percent among Hispanic voters, with 26 percent undecided.

McCain is respected by many Hispanics for refusing to pander to anti-immigrant sentiment over the years. Yet he is viewed in some Latin quarters as a sequel to the unpopular President George W. Bush, a problem he has with voters at large, too.

Obama's vitality and soaring oratory appeal to Hispanics just as they do to others. Whoops of approval were heard throughout his speech this week to the League of United Latin American Citizens' convention.

Yet Obama emerged from Democratic primaries a distant

second to rival Hillary Rodham Clinton among most Hispanic groups. Like voters at large, Latino voters question the one-term senator's experience. And there are tensions between blacks and Hispanics.

Hispanic voters are hardly monolithic. Some in the western United States have roots going back more than two centuries, while others were sworn in as citizens last week. Some consider themselves white and some black, and many represent every shade in between.

During the last presidential election, Hispanics in key swing states such as Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada and Florida represented anywhere from eight percent to more than 30 percent of voters, according to exit polls, and their numbers are only expected to grow this year.

Florida Does Poorly In National AARP Medicaid Long-Term Care Study

In Florida, 91 percent of Medicaid LTC funds for older people spent on nursing homes; only 3 percent of elders want to get care there.

Florida is doing a subpar job of using Medicaid long-term care funds to provide care to older and disabled adults in their homes and communities, where they prefer to get care, rather than nursing homes according to a new report by AARP's Public Policy Institute. Florida ranks 41st in the nation in achieving a good balance of care between community-based and nursing home care, the report finds.

AARP experts found some promising signs among state government efforts to balance long-term care (LTC) options under Medicaid. Unfortunately, according to the report, Florida spends 91 percent of Medicaid funds on nursing home care for older people and adults with physical disabilities who have limited financial resources. According to a 2006 AARP survey, only three percent of AARP members in Florida want to receive long-term care in institutional settings, such as nursing homes.

Nationally, 75 percent of Medicaid LTC spending for older people and adults with physical disabilities pays for institutional care in nursing

homes. In contrast, states other than Florida have done a much better job balancing Medicaid LTC for people with mental retardation or developmental disabilities, spending just 39 percent on institutional care. The majority of funds supports people in home and community-based settings.

The report, A Balancing Act: State Long-Term Care Reform, is the first to examine Medicaid spending on long-term care for older people and adults with physical disabilities, separate from other LTC users such as people with mental retardation or developmental disabilities.

"This report proves that Florida could rebalance long-term care - and draw down additional federal dollars - if our state's leaders would agree to do so. Other states have done so successfully," said AARP's Florida State Director, Lori Parham. "With services for Florida elders and children already slashed to the bone, we hope that this report points the way toward a better model using home and community based services for older adults and those living

with disabilities."

The report highlights some steps Florida has taken to improve its support of long-term care, including Florida's Community Care for the Elderly program. The program saves taxpayers \$500 million a year by helping about 33,000 frail elders avoid nursing-home and hospital stays, but it has a 17,000-person waiting list. Unfortunately, Florida lawmakers cut funding for the CCE program by \$1.6 million this year, Parham noted.

The report examines Medicaid LTC funding because Medicaid is the primary payer for LTC in the country. "This underscores the need for better government and private sector financing options for long-term care. Americans have few options to plan and pay for their long-term care. Balancing Medicaid LTC options will require a commitment from our state officials and cooperation from federal authorities. HCBS can be both cost-effective and responsive to the preferences of older people and adults with disabilities," said Parham.

Voter Registration Deadlines

A Reminder From Pinellas County

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Deadline to register for August 26, 2008

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NATIONAL NEWS

Convention Opens As Post-Riot Showcase

BY DAN SEWELL

CINCINNATI (AP) - City leaders welcomed Saturday's opening of the NAACP convention as a showcase for Cincinnati's racial progress.

The nation's largest civil rights organization is holding its 99th convention, and will hear from presidential candidates Barack Obama and John McCain.

Besides an expected economic boost of \$4 to \$5 million from more than 8,000 people here for the convention, Cincinnati is looking forward to drawing new national attention after it became a focal point for racial tension when riots erupted in 2001.

"One of the reasons that there was such an effort to get the NAACP convention to Cincinnati was because we

wanted the opportunity to talk about Cincinnati today versus Cincinnati in 2001," said Mayor Mark Mallory, who became the city's first directly elected black mayor in 2005.

"Do we still have progress to make? We do. Have we made progress? We absolutely have," Mallory told reporters. He cited improved community-police relations, more economic activity and new housing in the city, and a halt in the city's population loss in recent years. Simmering tensions were sparked into riots seven years ago by the fatal shooting of an unarmed black man who ran from a white police officer trying to make an arrest, thrusting Cincinnati into a harsh national spotlight.

"Now the images that they're going to see are going to come from this national conven-

tion and will be positive," Mallory said.

Christopher Smitherman, head of the NAACP's Cincinnati chapter, said there still needs to be improvement in areas from minority business opportunities to infant mortality rates. Officials with the NAACP said among reasons for holding the convention here was to reward the work being done to make improvements.

The NAACP's 100th convention will be in New York next year, and officials said New York Gov. David Paterson and U.S. Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., will be here Thursday. They also promised a surprise guest from New York, but NAACP spokesman Richard McIntire said he had no confirmation on speculation it would be Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton.

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"We went to the White House because 400 cities were burning and there was this great rioting all over the country. And it was a moment when President (Lyndon) Johnson wanted all of us in the civil rights leadership group to see what we could do to quiet things. But I think what we tried to do was to point out that this was something that happened because of conditions facing people," Height said, noting that pioneers such as herself came to the conclusion that the work must continue while mourning his death. Part two of the documentary airing July 23 at 9 p.m., "The Black Man," puts a searchlight on the lives of black men and their conditions. As CNN indicated in a release, "perhaps the most misrepresented group in America today," black men have been the recipients of all sorts of media castigation and stereotypes.

In the segment, Essence magazine Editor in Chief Angela Burt-Murray said, "There are so many African-American men doing the right thing. Those are the stories you are missing," with regard to responsible black men raising their families.

True.

Our society has been allowed to buy into the false notion that most black men are dangerous and armed and that all of them have refused educational opportunities. And these are the myths that many in America with an ever ready mainstream media have sold to audiences without any sense of recourse to the damage this negative portrayal has had on the black community.

While there is no doubt that there is an abundance of father absenteeism in the black community with its sharp-toothed implications on the future of the black child, there is also a significant father presence in the lives of many of our children that is not reported as it should be. If the media is going to report on these kinds of sociological ills in the black community, it must do media justice by presenting issues in perspective to allow for greater understanding as well as oppor-

tunity to secure requisite resources to address those kinds of issues.

Black America for too long has been the victim of one-sided reporting and has been deliberately painted as a monolithic society with straight-jacketed thinking. No wonder the Democrats take the black votes for granted.

A central issue in the black male segment is the incarceration of blacks in the prison industrial complex of which some black historians have often referred to as modern day slavery. While a recent Pew Center report indicated that for the first time, one in every 100 adult in America is behind bars, the Sentencing Project says, "More than 60 percent of the people in prison are now racial and ethnic minorities. For black males in their twenties, one in every eight is in prison or jail on any given day. These trends have been intensified by the disproportionate impact of the 'war on drugs'; three fourths of all persons in prison for drug offenses are people of color." black men are sentenced for crimes their white counterparts would only get probation for instead of jail time. That is the reality. When they come out, they can't find jobs because felonious histories are anathema to the highly competitive job market.

Marvin Andrews, an African American inmate at San Quentin State Prison, Calif., is in the segment showing his GED certificate to O'Brien, which he received in prison.

Encouraging, but how many prisons have educational programs where inmates are truly rehabilitated and effectively prepared with skills to re-enter society?

But newspaper editors, radio and television producers do not have an excuse anymore to ignore what CNN has committed resources to uncover in its documentary.

Setting up a prison project devoted to covering racial and complex issues affecting the estimated 2.1 million people behind bars would be an important step toward meaningful media responsibility. I have always contended that the power of the media — if used justly — can help liberate people. If used unjustly, it binds

lives and grinds hope. Roland Fryer, 30, Harvard economics professor, told O'Brien that education is the root of future successes. He called it "the ball game," which is an undeniable fact. But first government must begin to address the state of public schools in urban communities. Broken educational systems with no funding can in no way provide a solid educational foundation for a child who aspires to attend an Ivy League school. Education should not be a back burner issue. It should be a top priority on our government's agenda.

The third segment of the documentary airing July 24 dwells on "The Black Woman & Family," a look at the issues taking a toll on the lives of black women such as HIV/AIDS and single parenthood, among others.

In 2005, the Washington Post reported that AIDS was among the top three causes of death for black women. In the segment, Whoopi Goldberg sends a strong warning to women to guard against the deadly virus.

Notwithstanding, the documentary highlights some success stories of blacks who have crossed the Rubicon against all odds. So many of those stories do not make the headlines or were even covered. Beyond these issues glares the responsibility of the various levels of government in ensuring the welfare of hard-pressed taxpayers who expect well thought out policies and result-oriented actions that will alleviate the deep-seated problems raised in the CNN documentary. Yes, the black community must hold itself accountable. At the same time, deficiency or failure of government in meeting out just equitable policies to narrow the disparities in health and education cannot be excused. That is why citizens pay taxes. They expect a return on their civic investment.

Both senators Barack Obama and John McCain, the presidential candidates representing the Democratic Party and the Republican Party respectively, should heed the instructive revelations in this challenging documentary.

President Clinton Warns Of Growing Polarization

PHILADELPHIA (AP) - Former President Bill Clinton warned Saturday that the country is becoming increasingly polarized despite the historic nature of the Democratic primary.

Speaking at the National Governors Association's semi-annual meeting, Clinton noted that on the one hand, following the early stages of the Democratic primary, "the surviving candidates were an African-American man and a woman."

Clinton's wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton, battled for the Democratic nomination into June with fellow Democrat Barack Obama, son of a white mother and black father.

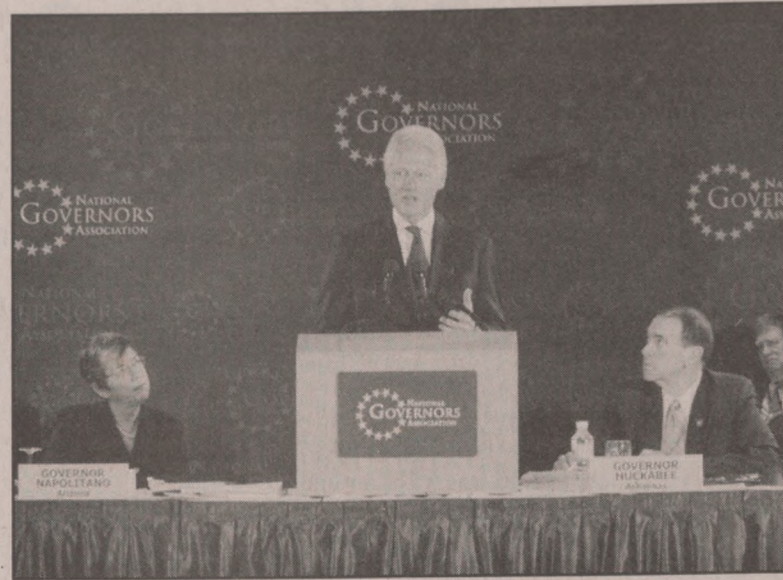
But this achievement was overshadowed by a growing distance between Americans, said Clinton.

"Underneath this apparent accommodation to our diversity, we are in fact hunkering down in communities of like-mindedness, and it affects our ability to manage difference," Clinton said.

Clinton developed his 44-minute speech from themes he said he drew from a new book, "The Big Sort," by Bill Bishop.

He cited statistics compiled by Bishop that found that in the 1976 presidential election, only 20 percent of the nation's counties voted for Jimmy Carter or President Ford by more than a 20 percent margin.

By contrast, 48 percent of the nation's counties in 2004 voted for John Kerry or President Bush by more than 20 points, Clinton said.



The Honorable William J. Clinton addresses the National Governors Association Winter Meeting, February, 2006 in Washington, D.C.

"We were sorting ourselves out by choosing to live with people that we agree with," Clinton said.

Clinton has often meshed big picture admonitions with new books whose ideas he admires. He drew similar conclusions in 2000 following the publication of Robert Putnam's "Bowling Alone," on the decline of civic engagement in the United States.

Among the approximately two dozen active governors in attendance Saturday were some of the 11 who backed Obama over Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Gov. Timothy Kaine of Virginia said he wasn't worried about how President Clinton might view his support for Obama.

"We're human beings, too, so there are feelings, but we understand this is a team sport, and we come back together as a team," Kaine said.

New York Gov. David Paterson, a Democratic

superdelegate, had supported Clinton.

After weeks of not speaking to each other, Obama last month reached out to President Clinton and asked him for help winning the White House. Clinton had portrayed Obama as too inexperienced to be president.

Clinton concluded his speech by reminding governors, who are marking the association's centennial, that the issues they face today are similar to problems President Teddy Roosevelt grappled with a century ago.

Those include inequality among rich and poor, immigration and energy policy.

If those issues are dealt with, "We're about to go into the most exciting period of human history," Clinton said.

"If we don't, in the words of President Roosevelt, dark will be the future," he said. "I'm betting on light — I hope you are too."

Next President Could Reshape Supreme Court

BY MARK SHERMAN

WASHINGTON (AP) - The U.S. Supreme Court's oldest two justices — half the court's liberal wing — top the list of those considered likely to retire during the next presidential administration.

Despite 88-year-old John Paul Stevens' and 75-year-old Ruth Bader Ginsburg's apparent vigor, change on the Supreme Court is more likely than not over the next four years. The next president, who is tasked with appointing judges to the high court, will likely have a strong influence on whether it stays the same or veers more conservative.

With five justices 70 or older by the time the court meets again in October, interest groups and commentators have been talking about the court's role in the presidential election. One change on a court that divides 5-4 in key cases can alter the results, and U.S. law.

But their forecasts depend on three factors: Who wins the presidency, who leaves the court and who is appointed.

Democrat Barack Obama would most likely be replacing liberal justices with like-minded successors. Republican John McCain could get the chance to fulfill a campaign pledge and put a conservative justice on the court in the mold of Chief Justice John Roberts or Justice Samuel Alito.

Alito, among President George W. Bush's two selections, repeatedly has demon-

ed the difference one justice can make on a closely divided court. More conservative rulings on abortion, religion and school desegregation almost certainly would have been different had moderate Sandra Day O'Connor not retired in 2006.

"Given the likely retirements, the next election probably will determine whether the court gets more conservative or stays ideologically the same," said Erwin Chemerinsky, dean of the law school at University of California, Irvine.

The Supreme Court rarely becomes a big issue in the presidential campaign and this year — with skyrocketing gas prices, steep declines in the stock market and two wars — appears to be no exception.

The one case decided recently that could have elevated the court's importance in the campaign came out in favor of Americans' gun rights, placating the highly energized and politically effective gun rights groups.

If the case "had come out the other way, we'd be having a very different conversation," Thomas Goldstein, a Supreme Court watcher and advocate, told a Federalist Society meeting a week after the guns decision.

The unpredictability of Supreme Court retirements is another reason why the court rarely becomes an issue in presidential campaigns.

What if the justices decide to grow even older together?

It has happened before. Nine

of the last 10 justices who retired or died in office were at least 75; six of those were 79 or older.

No one left the court during President Jimmy Carter's four years in office, President Bill Clinton's second term or Bush's first.

On the other hand, six justices ranging in age from 76 to 85 stepped down between 1986 and 1994, spanning three presidencies.

Bush had two appointments in the space of three months in 2005. He filled them with two men in their 50s, Roberts and Alito.

Goldstein predicts only Stevens will retire during the next four years and not before he surpasses Oliver Wendell Holmes — who stepped down two months shy of his 91st birthday, in 1932 — to become the oldest sitting justice. That would happen in February 2011.

Goldstein's views shifted as he watched the court over the past year. He used to expect the retirement of three justices — Stevens, Ginsburg and Justice David Souter. Though only 68, Souter has made no secret of the fact that he prefers New Hampshire to Washington and intends to return there someday.

But justices find it hard to leave the court unless they're in poor health, Goldstein said.

Chief Justice William Rehnquist didn't retire even after he was diagnosed with cancer. His death in 2005 created the second vacancy for Bush.

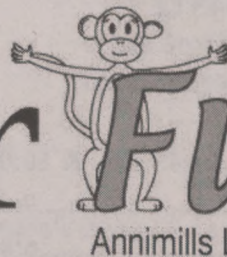
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







Please, finish the story!

Okay. Study the pictures, letters and words to see if you can read this sea tale.

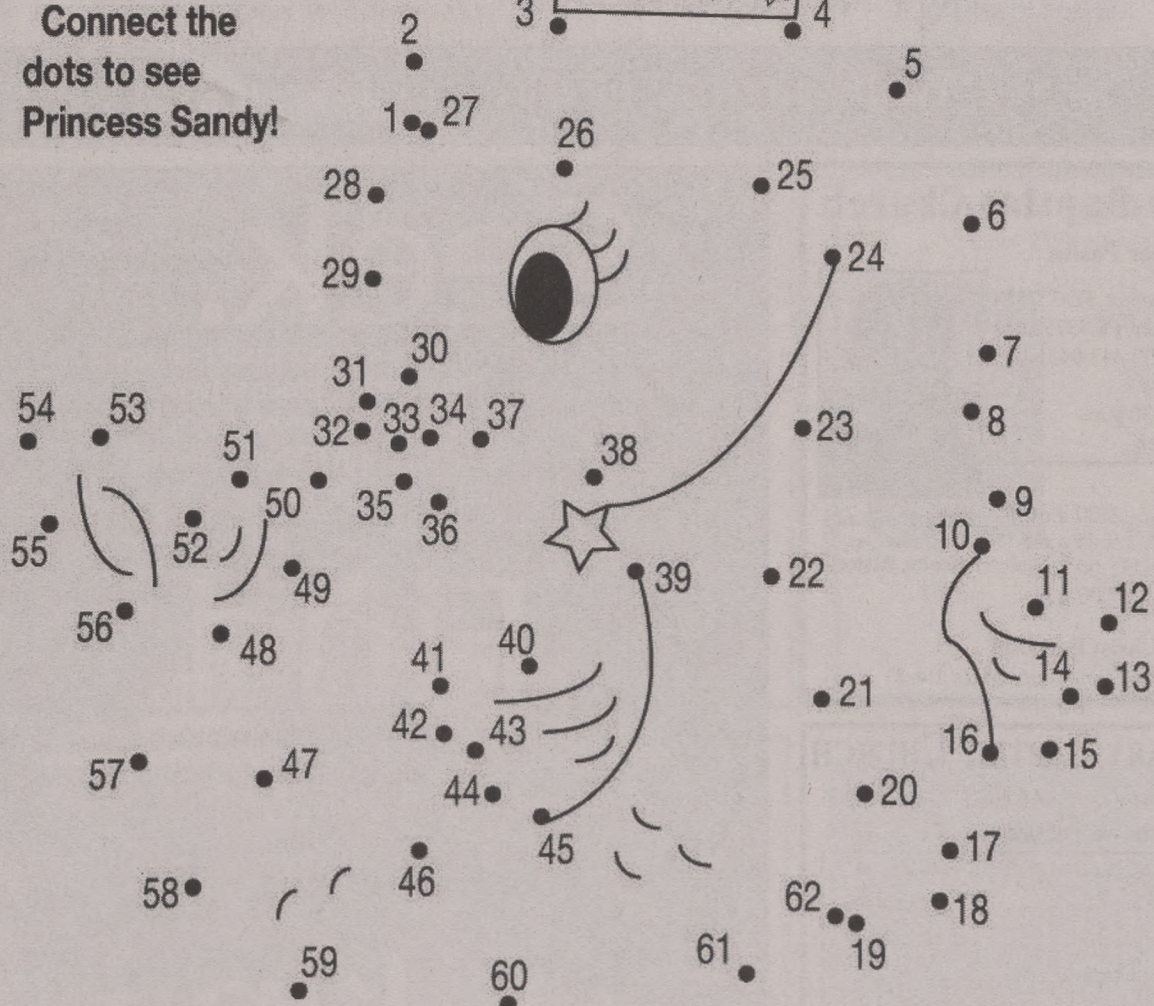
① day the Royal Tern warned Sandy not to go to the . He said it looked like a bad  was brewing. Sandy laughed and unkindly called him a  with no mussels. She tossed her hair and swam to the .

The  was shining. Sandy sunned herself and admired her reflection in the water. Suddenly the  was gone. A  had started! Lightning flashed! Thunder crashed!

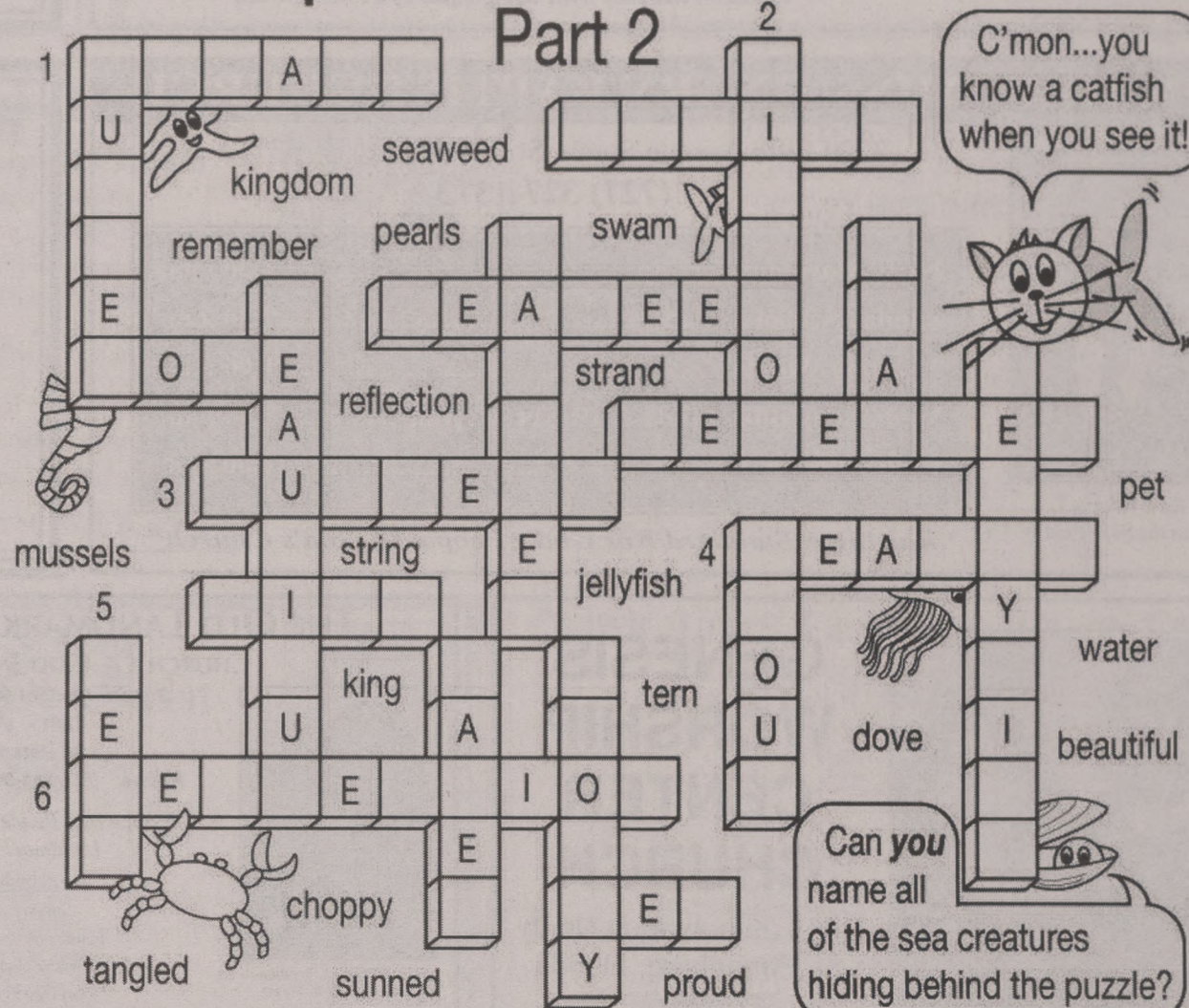
Sandy dove into the choppy  to escape. She started to swim, but soon she couldn't move. Her beautiful Mermaid's Hair was tangled in the . Sandy was very frightened. She couldn't reach far enough into the  to free her hair. Just as Sandy was starting to  she saw her  ,   and her new pet . They swam in and out of the long, thick  until every strand of Sandy's beautiful Mermaid's Hair was untangled. The  gave her a ride back safely to the kingdom under the sea.

Now, Sandy only s her hair once a day. She puts it up in a lovely string of . She plays with her   and  . She es her . She always remembers to feed her pets. Her father, the King  is very proud of his kind little Swell .

**Connect the
dots to see
Princess Sandy!**



Part 2



C'mon...you know a catfish when you see it!

Can **you** name all of the sea creatures hiding behind the puzzle?

The words above are from this week's story. **Study the words to fit them into the puzzle above.**

Here are some clues
to help you!

1. thin, threadlike piece of rope, wire or hair
2. country that has a royal person leading it
3. two hinged shells, steamed to eat, related to clam
4. grains of sand, coated by the oyster they are "bothering" become these beautiful, smooth jewels
5. white, gray, and black sea bird related to seagulls
6. image "given back" (as from a mirror)

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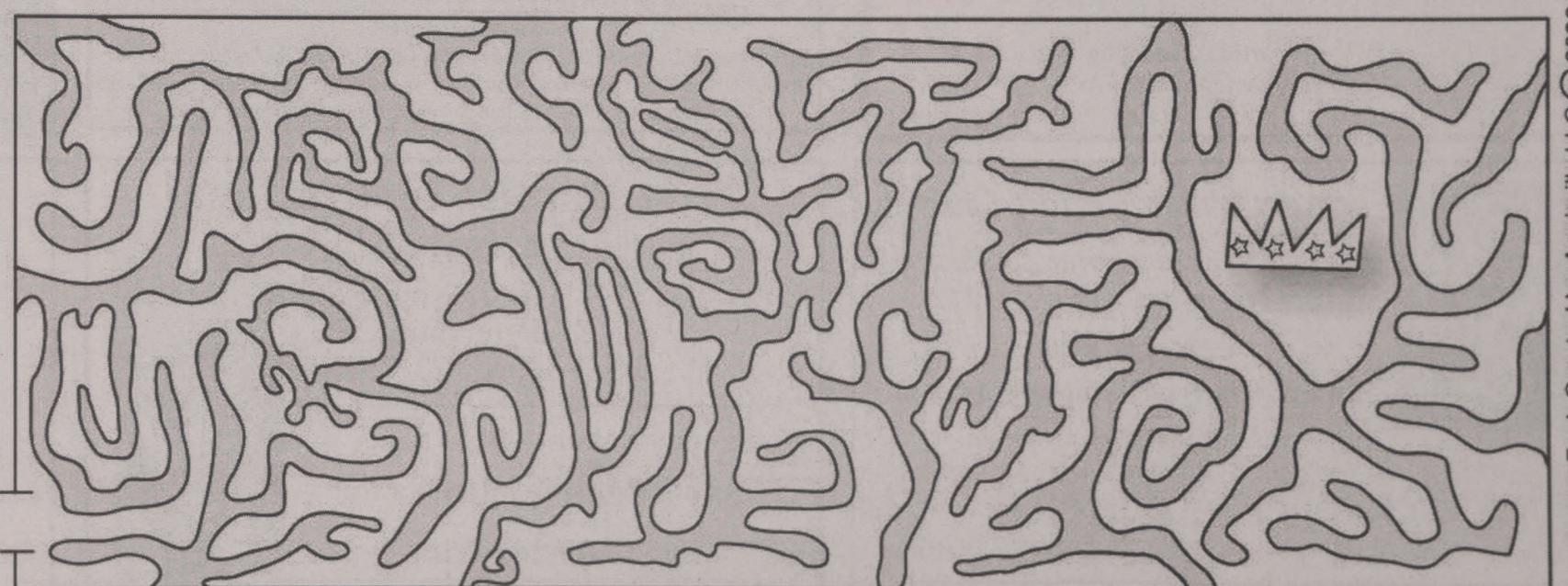
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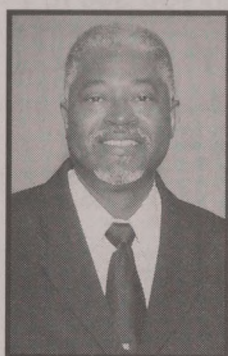


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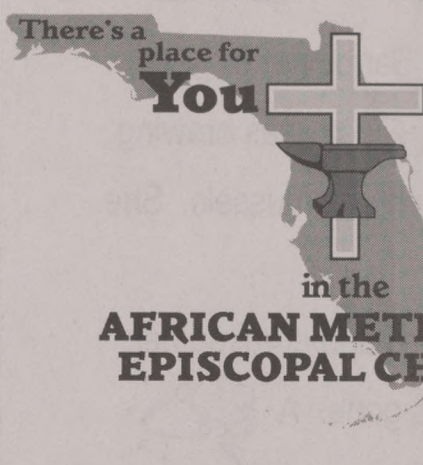
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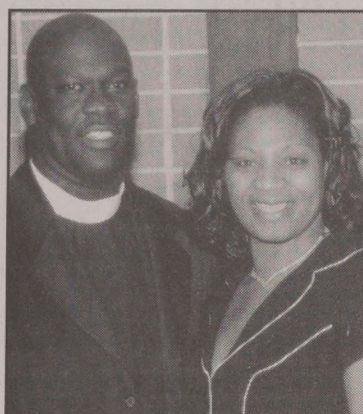
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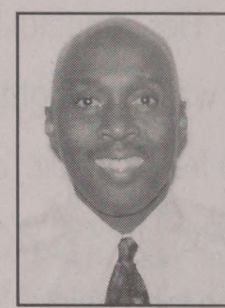
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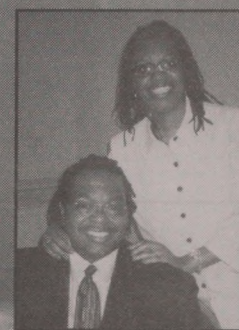
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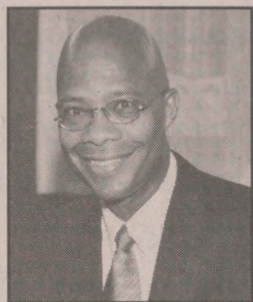
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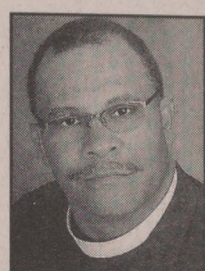
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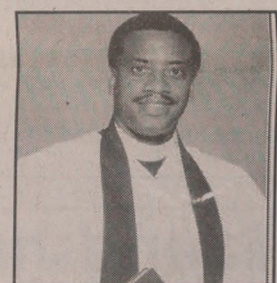
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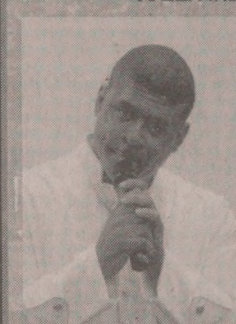
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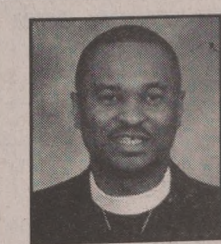
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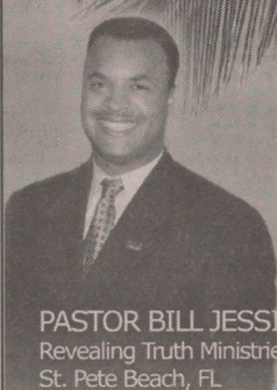
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CHURCH NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church

"ONE BODY, ONE SPIRIT, ONE HOPE"

Our Esteemed Pastor, the 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? During the summer months, various biblical characters will be discussed during the Bible Study hour.

You don't want to miss this!

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

(Call 727-896-5228 for details)

- July 19 - Church Picnic, Lake Vista Recreational Center
 - July 27 - Festival of Tables, 4 - 6 p.m., Fellowship Hall
 - August 9 - J. L. Fennell Scholars Community Health Fair Give-Away
- Thought for the Week: "God keeps giving us reasons to praise Him."**

Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church

Under the Leadership of God's anointed Pastor/Teacher Clark Hazley Sr., the Mount Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church family is prayerfully reaching out into our community building Godly relationships. A church family who loves meeting and sharing God's Word! We challenge you to step out in Faith, Believing the Word of God, Trusting God, for He will do just what He said He would do!

Hebrews 11:6 *"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."*

Mission Statement:

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior; and on the profession of our faith. We the people of God returning to God's Word, proclaiming, God's Will in provoking His love among one another.

Announcements:

Sat., July 19 at 8:00 a.m., Church Trip (Holy Land) Orlando, FL
Sat., July 26 at 7:00 p.m., Couples Night Out

Upcoming Events:

Sun., August 17 ALL SERVANT DAY

St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church

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

Upcoming Events for July 2008

July 21-25 State Convention and Youth Convention hosted by New Jerusalem M.B.C., Rev. J.L. Downing, Pastor (Landland, FL)

July 27 Children and Youth Ministry Outing to Mt. Tabor, Tampa, at 4:00 p.m.

July 30 PIZZA Ministry from 6 to 8 p.m.

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 Summer Success Initiative opened June 18, 2008 and is designed to keep children on track during the summer months. The program has something for all age groups:

Ages 4-7 - Wednesday night pajama parties (this is not an overnight event) give little ones the opportunity to wear their pajamas as they come out to listen to bed time stories, view movies and participate in arts and crafts and more.

Grades 3-11 can get the help they need in areas they struggled with during the school year which include reading comprehension, reading fluency, math and more. These services are completely free to all children and membership at St. Mark is not a requirement.

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.

Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church

"O Clap your hands, all ye people: shout unto God with the voice of triumph." Psalm 47:1

The Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church family under the leadership of Pastor Clarence A. Williams welcomes your presence this Sunday for Worship Services. We are excited about our "New Home" and thank God for the many blessings He has provided. As we prepare to do a greater work for Thee, we ask that our members and friends join us in prayer that our mind, body and soul be revived, restored and renewed to carry out the vision. We are enlisted in the army of the Lord and we must march on to Zion, recognizing God is the way, and if we continue to follow God's lead the best is yet to come. We would love to have our neighbors and friends join us. Bring someone to church and share the love of Christ. Our doors are always open and everyone is welcome.

Our early morning worship begins at 7:30, followed by Church School at 9:30, join us as we share the Word of God one with another collectively. At 11:00 a.m., is our Contemporary Worship Service. The Richardson Special Chorus will render song service throughout the day. Come hear our Pastor, Rev. Clarence Williams, our man of God as he proclaims the Word of God.

The Lay Organization will provide "Lay Day at Zion" this Sunday at 4:00 p.m.. All Members are con-

sidered laity and we invite one and all to join us. Our speaker is Bro. Douglas Thomas, West Coast Conference Lay President. Bro. Thomas is one who loves the Lord and will stand boldly to say a Word for the Lord. Come for a time of praise and worship. Our own Male Chorus will set the tone in song. We pray God will show up and show out.

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:

July 21-24 -Christian Education Congress, Orlando
August 15 & 17 - Pastor's Anniversary Banquet and Worship Service Celebration of "A Good Man" Rev. Clarence A. Williams. Our theme: "Nine years in Review."

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

Thought for the week: "Compassion is love in Action"

Be blessed and have a Jesus filled week.

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

Summer Is Here and So Is Vacation Bible Study at Friendship

The Friendship Family, located at 3300 31st St. So. along with Pastor, Dr. John A. Evans Sr's family, invite everyone to their Vacation Bible Study to be held July 21 - 25 at 6 p.m. Just because school is out, there is always time to learn and appreciate what God has done for you. This years study will be under the leadership of Minister Melva Kendrick's, Director of Christian Education Ministry. Come receive something fresh and new.

It is coming close to REVIVAL time at Friendship. This year we are please to have as our guest preacher, Pastor Darius Jeffries, honorable pastor of Faith Baptist Church of Cocoa, Fla.

Mark your calendar now for Aug. 18 - 20 at 7 p.m. every night and be blessed by this powerful minster.

There is something going on at the SHIP for everyone in the family. And a family that worships together is a stronger family so bond your family with programs at the SHIP:

July 17 - Thursday, Adult Choir, 7 p.m. Youth Enrichment, 7 p.m.

July 20 - Sunday, Morning Worship 7:45, Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., Mid-Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m., Discipleship Class, 4 p.m.

For more information about any church event please contact the church at (727) 906 - 8300.

New Philadelphia Community Church

Title of Article: "A Historical Return to Our Cultural Roots"

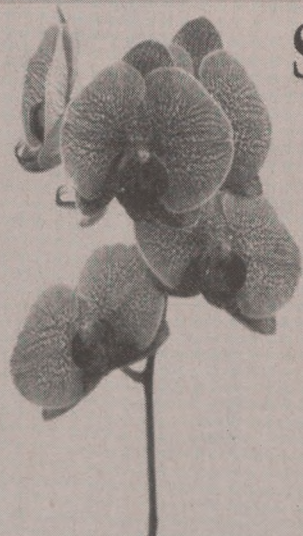
The church family of New Philadelphia welcomes Gibbs High School Class of 1958 as special guests for mid-morning service. Theme for this solemn worship excursion is, "A Historical Return to Our Cultural Roots." Praise and devotion will commence promptly at 11:00 a.m. in school's auditorium.

A return to "16th Street Junior High" (now John Hopkins Middle School) will be site of this class reunion worship experience. Church family and class members of GHS - 1958 will come together and celebrate 50 years of spiritual growth and maturity since high school graduation. The Class of '58 was also the first seventh graders to enter

16th Street Junior High and consequently graduate in three years. Hence a return to our "roots."

Members of New Philadelphia are reminded of worship alterations in Wisdom School and mid-morning service for Sunday, July 20. Wisdom School will commence at 10:15 for adults and children and end at 11:00. Persons needing transportation should call Pastor by Saturday evening.

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See Numbers Chapter 22:1-35. This story is about the Children of Israel, Balak (the king) and Balaam (the prophet). God had already given Israel victory after victory and now Balak, the king, feared he and his nation would be next. To make sure this would not happen, he called Balaam to come and curse the Children of Israel. The only problem was that God had already blessed them. Balaam confessed what every Believer should know: If God has blessed us, nobody can curse us!

Not willing to accept no for an answer, Balak offered Balaam large sums of money, gold, silver, and status to overturn the will of God. However, he still could not curse the people of God. Soon he was persuaded to personally visit the king to help him - against the prohibition of God - and rode his donkey to the meeting. The beast refused to continue the journey and stopped, crushing Balaam's foot. Angry, Balaam struck the beast

and pulled his sword to kill it for mocking him by refusing to continue on the journey. However, the beast had refused to do so, because IT SAW an angel in the way with a sword that would have killed Balaam had he continued. Balaam, the prophet, never saw the divine danger. He had talked to God in the past, but was now blind and deaf to Him and His presence.

Why? It was because of the gold, silver and status of the king had blinded him. How many of us miss the move of God because we have been blinded? Our vision has been obstructed. We are blinded by ambition, love, money, jobs, status, friends, hurt, disappointment, or any number of things. They keep us from seeing God move in our lives. God is speaking to us, showing us things, manifesting Himself in our existence and we miss it because we have been blinded. Sometimes, it's important for us to stop and say "Lord, open my eyes!"

BLACK HISTORY

“Celebrating Our History Is An Everyday Thing”

Mary Ann Shadd Cary

Mary Ann Shadd Cary (October 9, 1823 – June 5, 1893) was a pioneering educator, newspaper publisher, abolitionist and suffragist in both the United States and



Mary Ann Shadd Cary

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Thomas F. Cary, a barber from Toronto who was involved with the newspaper. They had two children, Sarah and Linton, and lived in Chatham, Ontario, where she continued to work on her newspaper and teach school. In 1858, John Brown held a secret “convention” at the home of her brother Isaac. In 1861, she published Voice from Harper's Ferry, a tribute to Brown's unsuccessful raid.

After her husband died in 1861, Shadd Cary and her children returned to the United States. During the Civil War, she served as a recruiting officer to enlist black volunteers for the Union Army in the state of Indiana. After the Civil War, she taught in black schools in Wilmington, before moving to Washington, D.C., where she taught in public schools and attended Howard University Law School. She graduated as a lawyer in 1883, becoming only the second black woman in the United States to earn a law degree. She wrote for the newspapers National Era and The People's Advocate.

Shadd Cary joined the National Woman's Suffrage Association, working alongside Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton for women's suffrage, testifying before the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives and becoming the first black woman to cast a vote in a national election.

She died in Washington, D.C., in 1893.

Canada. She started the first racially-integrated school in Canada and was also the first female newspaper editor in Canada, establishing The Provincial Freeman in Windsor, Ontario. This was a weekly paper designed to cover the lives of Canadian blacks and promote the cause of black refugees to Canada. In the United States, she worked as an activist in the causes of anti-slavery, racial equality and women's suffrage, and was one of the first women to graduate as a lawyer in the United States.

Mary Ann Camberton Shadd was born to Abraham and Harriett Shadd, both free-born blacks, in Wilmington, Del. She was the oldest in her family of 13 children. Her father, a shoemaker, was a key figure in the Underground Railroad and a subscription agent for William Lloyd Garrison's abolitionist newspaper, The Liberator.

When she was 10, Mary Ann and her family moved from their home in Delaware to West Chester, Penn., so the children could get an education at a Quaker-run school where she was educated for the next six years before moving back to Wilmington.

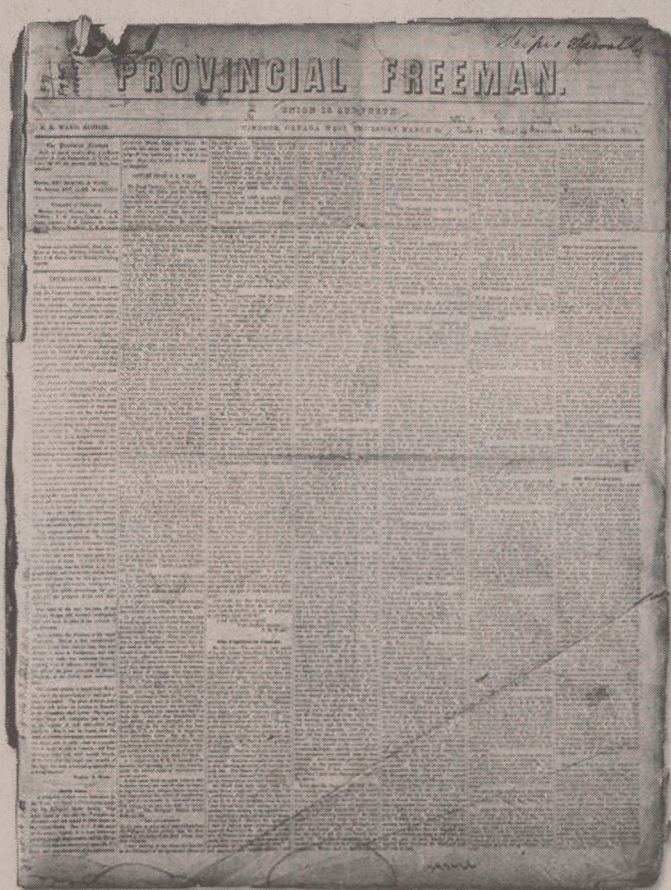
In 1840, Shadd returned to West Chester and established a school for black children. She also taught in Norristown, Penn. and New York City.

When the Fugitive Slave Law of 1850 in the United States threatened to return free northern blacks and escaped slaves to bondage, Shadd and her brother Isaac moved to Canada and settled in Windsor, Ontario. In Windsor, she founded a racially integrated school with the support of the

reform, civil rights and black self-help while attacking the racial discrimination blacks faced within North America. It was one of the longest published black newspapers until the Civil War.

Shadd believed that separate churches, schools and communities for blacks would ultimately undermine the search for freedom. She campaigned for equality and integration for black people, making public speeches and addressing issues of abolition and other reforms. Eventually, many of her family members, including her father and sisters, joined her in Canada.

In 1856, she married



The Provincial Freeman was published by Mary Ann Shadd Cary (1823-1893), an important Black abolitionist and educator who came to Canada West in 1851. She returned to the United States in 1863.

Source: Wikipedia Free Library

IN MEMORIAM



Ronnie Lee Young Sr.

Born in St. Petersburg Ronnie Lee Young “Tint Man” departed this life on Saturday, June 28, 2008.

He leaves to cherish his memories: wife, Carolyn Mosley Young; son, Ronnie Lee, Jr.; mother, Mamie Sweat Young; sisters, Delores Fletcher, Rosemary Weatherspoon, Beverly Jackson and Brenda Bargman; brothers, Kenny Cummings, of St. Petersburg, Darrell Cummings of Ft. Lauderdale, FL and Ronnie Cummings of New York, NY; and a host of uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces, cousins, other sorrowing relatives and friends.

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Carrie Dollie Diamond

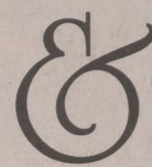
Born on November 21, 1911 in Bainbridge, Georgia to the late E.J. and Mary Samuel. Carrie Dollie Diamond departed this life on Saturday, June 28, 2008.

She leaves to cherish her memories: devoted caregivers (nephew) Willie and Doris Cunningham of St. Petersburg and Quincy and Martha Hill (niece) of St. Petersburg; four grandchildren, Charlie Howard, Jr., Timothy Howard, both of Greenville, SC, Jacqueline Howard of Tampa, FL and Betty Jean Howard Of Largo, FL; five great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren; daughter-in-law, Weeder Howard; five nephews, three nieces; and a host of cousins, other relatives and friends.

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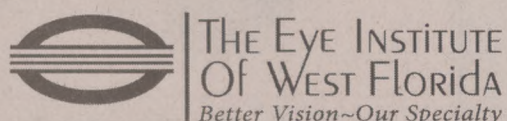
She leaves to cherish her memories: three daughters, Jimmie Lee Hall (Charlie), of Miami, FL, Clara Harvey, Las Vegas and Marva Hawkins of Philadelphia, PA; two sons, Gary Crishon, St. Petersburg and Henry J. Brown of Virginia; fifteen grandchildren, many great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

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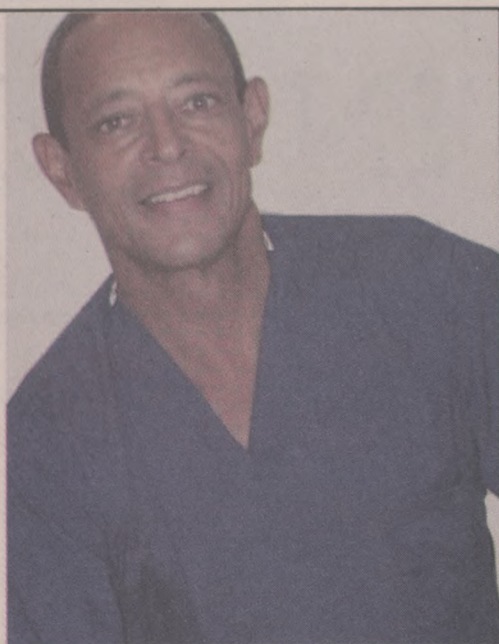
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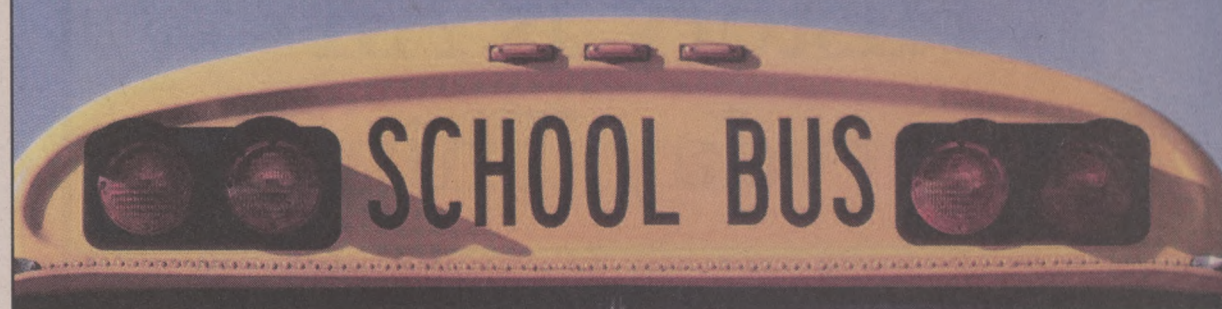
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