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## Child Abuse is Linked to Domestic Violence



Clarissa Hersey-James, residential director for CASA.

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by Tracie Reddick

Challenger Correspondent

ST. PETERSBURG - Think back to the time you heard Millie Jackson's voice urging us to "remember the first time you made love."

Some of us think happy thoughts when we hear that song.

But, not Clarissa

Hersey-James.

"Why would I want to remember that time," she demanded, as tears strolled down her face and she recounted the day her father molested her. "I was 12 years old. Why would I want to remember that?"

It may be painful for Hersey-James to recall those memories - but she

doesn't try to bury them either.

And why should she considering she has an inspiring story about resiliency and redemption.

"I was abused in the womb," said Hersey-James, the director of the residential programs at Community Action Stops Abuse (CASA). "I was born in a family that was very dysfunctional. There was a lot of abuse going on - mental, verbal, physical and sexual."

Over the next 30 minutes, Hersey-James told her life story to about 50 people who had gathered at the Enoch Davis Center for the first annual forum targeting domestic violence with the African American community.

As the president of the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence's Women of Color Caucus, Hersey-James spearheaded the event as an attempt to encourage dialogue among community leaders about family violence in minority communities.

Hersey-James said

many parents do not believe the arguing and fighting they do in front of their children will affect them.

"Statistics show that children who grow up in those type of homes will oftentimes repeat the cycle of violence," Hersey-James said. "We have to think about the children."

Hersey-James used her own life as an example of how society will label children who act out as a result of the violence they've witnessed or the abuse they've encountered in their homes.

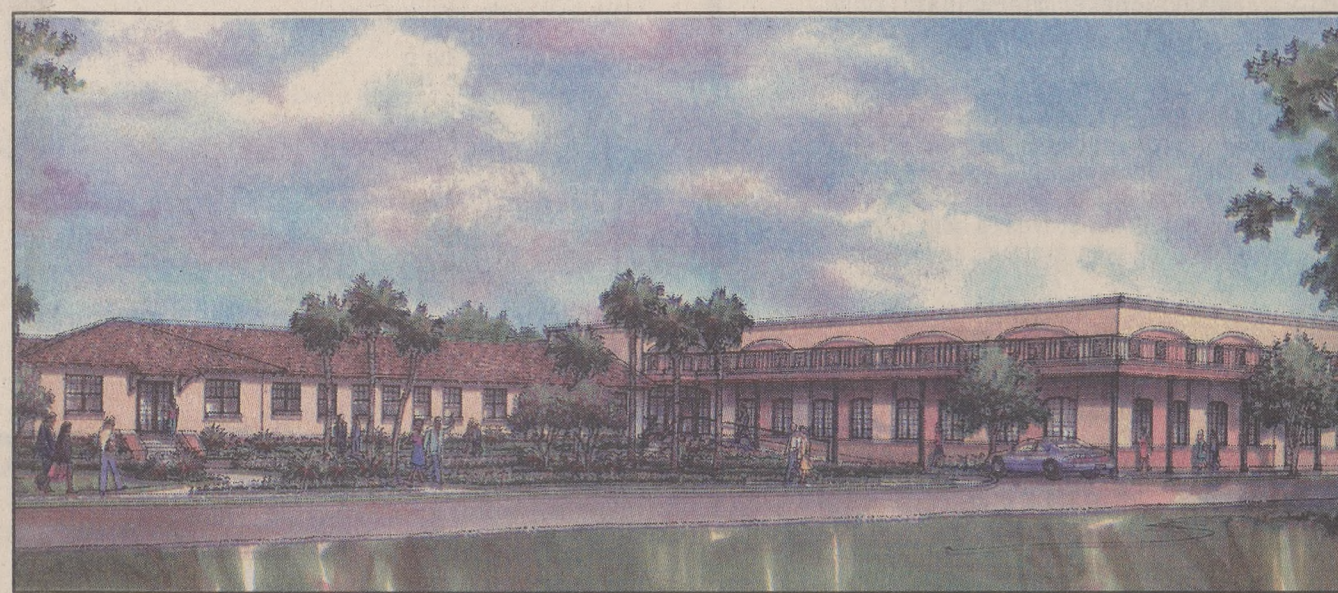
"You are taught as a child that your parents are suppose to love you," said Hersey-James. "When I told what happened to me, my aunts took me to the clinic and put me on birth control so that I wouldn't become pregnant by my daddy."

"My mama told me, now that you know what you got go get paid for it. So, I started looking at and

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## Low Cost Dental Care at New Clinic



Artist's rendition of the Johnnie Ruth Clarke Health Center at the Historic Mercy Hospital Campus

by David Donald

Neighborhood News Bureau

When the construction of the Johnnie Ruth Clark Health Center is finished in December, many Midtown residents will have a reason to smile. Low-income, uninsured people will be able to get low-cost dental care at a new clinic being established through a partnership of the University of Florida and St. Petersburg College.

Graduates of the University of Florida (UF) College of Dentistry will offer comprehensive dental care, including fillings, tooth extractions, roots canals, bridges, etc.

Students at the St. Petersburg College Dental Hygiene Program will provide teeth cleanings, take X-rays, apply tooth sealants—and educate clients about oral hygiene.

"What's in it for us is the passion we have to share our knowledge with people who need it the most," said Tami Grzesikowski, director of the SPC program. "We could truly make a difference in their lives by giving them a toothbrush."

Dental-hygiene patients at the new Midtown clinic likely would pay the same price as those at SPC's on-cam-

pus dental-hygiene clinic: \$22, she said.

"The average cost for these services in the private sector varies from \$50 to \$500," Grzesikowski said.

The costs for other dental procedures at the clinic have not yet been determined, said Thomas Porter, director of UF's dentistry program in St. Petersburg. The fees will depend in part on the expense of the materials used and on other costs of operating the facility. At the existing UF dental clinic in St. Petersburg, procedures can cost about a third less than they do at private dentists' offices in the area.

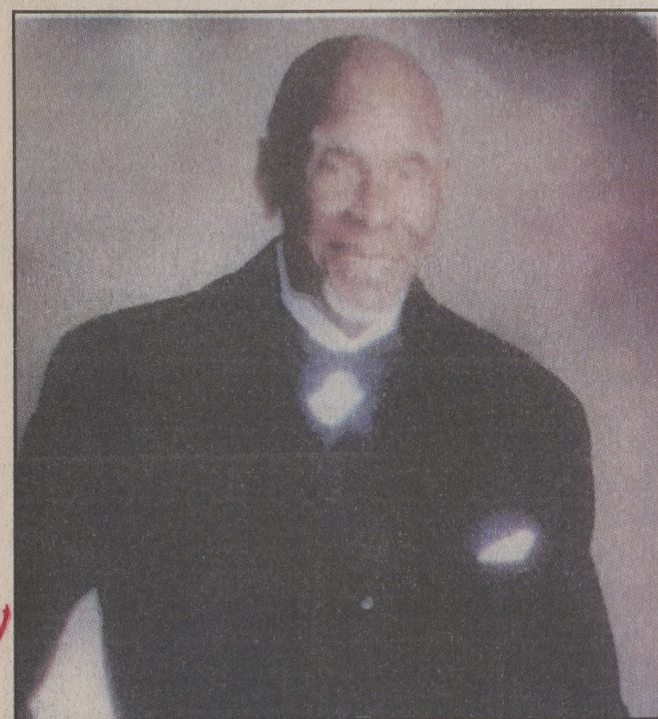
The dental clinic will be part of the new health center currently under construction at 1344 22nd St. S. The center is being built on the site of Midtown's former Mercy Hospital, which provided medical care to the city's African-American community during the time of racial segregation and has stood vacant for more than 30 years. The new health center is expected to employ some 125 people and serve 200 to 300 patients daily, according to local news reports.

The establishment of

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## A Tribute to Perkins T. Shelton



Perkins T. Shelton

by Frances N. Pinckney

Challenger Correspondent

Perkins T. Shelton, community activist and leader, died Oct. 20, 2003,

at age 91. And though years did count him old, his involvement in civic and community affairs and the energy and enthusiasm that

he lent to many causes to which he was committed rivaled that of much younger community leaders.

Perkins was a member of the NAACP and was elected secretary of the local branch when he was age 88. He was an active member of the St. Petersburg Commission on Aging and served as chairperson of the Advocacy Committee.

Sally Marvin, staff liaison for the Commission on Aging and administrative assistant for the Office on Aging, said, "Shelton was tireless in his efforts - always watched out for the little guy; a born leader who people wanted to follow, and he was always there for them."

Harry Harvey, a retired State of Florida administrator, called from Texas where he was attending a meeting. "I was saddened when I heard about Perkins' death," he said. "Just recently we were at a meeting, and he was still anxious and interested in voter registration and the restoration of felons' rights. He was always right there in the trenches when there was something that needed to be done. Even when his health was failing, he did all that he could do. He leaves a real void in the community. He was my mentor - a father figure. His presence will surely be missed."

Ray Sanderlin, who

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## National Urban Leagues Call for Inquiry



Shoshana Johnson

NEW YORK - National Urban League president and CEO Marc H. Morial called upon the U.S. Army's Acting Secretary, the Honorable Les Brownlee, to conduct an immediate inquiry into and review of the Army's decision to award Army Spec. Shoshana Johnson a 30 percent disability benefit for the injuries she received while a prisoner of war in Iraq.

In his recent letter to the Under Secretary, Mr.

Morial notes that Pfc. Jessica Lynch and Spec. Johnson were captured at the same time in the same attack, and that Johnson was released a week later and is still recovering from gun shot wounds to both of her ankles. "Yet," the letter states, "Pfc. Lynch is receiving an 80 percent disability benefit compared to Spec. Johnson's 30 percent."

The letter continues,

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## St. Petersburg Housing Authority Announces the Hiring of Museum Director



Camille Ann Brewer

ST. PETERSBURG - The Board of Commissioners of the St. Petersburg Housing Authority recently approved a

recommendation to hire Ms. Camille Ann Brewer to head up the proposed Dr. Carter G. Woodson African American Museum, which will be located in the Jordan Park neighborhood of the Mid Town area. The Board of Commissioners received the recommendation to hire Ms. Brewer from the interim board of directors for the museum.

Brewer comes to the Housing Authority from Detroit, Michigan where she was the principal

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## The Dirt on D.C. Vouchers

by Bernice Powell Jackson

I must admit that I'm not objective about it. It makes my blood boil. I'm talking about the move of the U.S. Congress to cram school vouchers down the throats of the people of the District of Columbia. It's just racist and undemocratic. And it didn't happen by chance.

I was born and raised in Washington, D.C., something even most who live in Washington these days cannot claim. I am a graduate of D.C. Public Schools, where I also worked during the summers of my college years. It surprises many people when I tell them that it was not until I was in college that Washingtonians voted for their mayor or school board or for the President of the U.S. It surprises

them even more when I tell them that today, in the 21st century, the people who live in D.C. don't have a vote in the Congress, not even a voice in the Senate. I think that's called taxation without representation.

So when I heard that the U.S. Congress was about to pass legislation enacting school vouchers for the schools of the District of Columbia, despite the fact that most of the D.C. City Council and 85% of the people of the District don't want them, my blood began to boil. How dare Dianne Feinstein, who lives three thousand miles away and would not dare to support vouchers for schools in California, decide what is best for the children of D.C.? How dare the Republican leadership of Congress make de-

In pursuit of the American dream, *The Weekly Challenger* newspaper was founded over 37 years ago with a desire to reach the African-American community, covering news relevant to that sector. In 1967, Mr. Cleveland Johnson took on the role of *The Challenger's* Publisher, working to make his dream a reality - and he did it.

Maintaining that "Dreams Do Come True," Mr. Johnson recognized a void, knowing the necessity for a new direction. Short on cash but long on determination and hard work, the foundation was laid for one of the most

successful black enterprises in the Tampa Bay area. Mr. Johnson's motto was, "Black people must sell as well as buy, else remain a beggar race."

"Be in control of your own destiny" - that was Mr. Johnson's philosophy. In order to reach that level of freedom, Mr. Johnson stressed that one must sell, and even more importantly, sell what belongs to them, in order to be successful. "or else become a beggar race." Anything less seemed to only serve an endless cycle of subjugation, not only financially, but emotionally as well. In order for our community to

prevail, black-owned businesses are the key.

Economic freedom can be realized, as it was in the past, as it has grown to be witnessed now. At the height of the Civil Rights Era, blacks owned and operated businesses such as restaurants, hospitals, schools, trades services, markets, and more. That surge has continued as we cross over into a new era, although there is more to be done.

The National Urban League has reported that during the 90s, "African-American buying power increased almost 73 percent." In a 1997 U.S. Cen-

sus Bureau report, statistics showed that blacks spent from .5 - 15% more money, on average, than all American consumers for goods such as food, clothing, utilities and appliances. A study by the National Tour Association showed that the black family earning \$30,000 a year spends as much as a white family earning \$50,000.

With so much spending power, our community must capitalize. Economic freedom must be achieved.

*The Challenger* has emerged from that dream, emerging in the African-American community as the preferred provider for

advertising among various interest groups. With a circulation base of about 25,000 around the Bay Area and Central Florida, it has become one of the fastest growing weekly tabloids in the southeast region. Loyal employees, dedication, and devotion to maintaining high standards of excellence in journalism are forces that keep us in touch with our community.

The Cleveland Johnson vision is one that still lives on. His goal: to impact the lives of those throughout the African-American community in a positive way; to dispel the disparaging images unfairly cast, to cel-

brate the power of a hard-working people. For "Cleve," as he was known, *The Challenger* became a symbol of triumph in the face of adversity.

*The Weekly Challenger* has survived the good and bad, starting from the bottom, reaching the top. Based in the tradition of a strong philosophy, Mr. Johnson's dream has been preserved, and now serves as an example of what can be accomplished by reaching for that goal of freedom. "There is a reason to read *The Weekly Challenger*."

## The Gantt Report

by Lucius Gantt

It is time now for George Bush to bring the boys home! America's military men and women should shed no more blood.

America should get out of Iraq and Afghanistan. America must fight terrorism with brains and not brawn.

Why are American soldiers fighting overseas getting injured and killed every day? They are getting killed because America cannot fight a war on the ground! What's going on now in Iraq is a guerrilla

war and America cannot win a guerrilla war.

American soldiers are loyal and brave. However, American soldiers are brave when they have satellites and weapons of mass destruction. They're brave when they have B-2 bombers and stealth bombers. They're brave when they can sit on ships in the ocean and fire Tomahawk and Cruise missiles.

Right now, all of the shooting and bombing is going on the ground. Now it is a fairer fight, a more even battle.

America has not done well recently in ground wars. All of the napalm in the world couldn't insure victory in Viet Nam. One day the Vietnamese soldiers ran Americans, Frenchmen and everybody else out of area in which they were fighting. According to Malcolm X, the Western powers had a host of weapons of mass destruction and all the Vietnamese had were gym shoes, a rifle and a bowl of rice to win the battle at Dien Bien Phu!

The big powers lost in

Algeria, they had to sign a truce in Korea and they had to get out of Somalia!

The soldiers in America's military love America. They love freedom but they don't want to be in Iraq and Afghanistan because the people in those countries don't want American soldiers there. How many more lives have to be lost before American citizens stand up and say enough is enough?

All Arabs are not enemies. All Persians are not enemies. All Muslims are not enemies. All foreign

citizens want is the chance to solve their own problems, depose their own dictators and punish their own suspected terrorists.

To continue to "fight terrorism" on the ground is senseless. You can't tell who your friend is and you can't tell who your enemy is. Someone will shine your shoes during the day and then cut your throat at night!

As long as lights are flashing on CNN, TV ratings are up and presidential approval polls are positive, war seems to be the thing to

do. But when more and more men and women come home in body bags, it is time to stop the war on the ground and begin to fight with brains.

I don't have any love for terrorism or terrorists and I believe if terrorists live by violence, they should die in the same manner. I just think U.S. Soldiers should come home.

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## The Right to Keep and Bear Arms

by Richard Dimery

A New Visions Commentary

Our Declaration of Independence begins, "When, in the course of human events it becomes necessary..." This is important wording because it points out that we must always have the means to end a tyrannical government.

Tyranny doesn't always come with a bang. Sometimes, it comes as a myriad of little whimpers.

Likewise, the means and will of the people to rise up against tyranny can be stolen incrementally by convincing us to voluntarily yield it.

Patriot's Day, observed on April 19, marks the anniversary of "the shot heard 'round the world" when the

colonists committed themselves to throwing off their oppressive British rulers. The militia - individuals who valued liberty - banded together in resistance. That armed rebellion resulted in our independence, and it wouldn't have been possible if the colonists allowed their guns to be confiscated.

With this realization fresh in their memory, the Founding Fathers affirmed our basic and inalienable right to gun ownership in the Bill of Rights.

In the 1850s, Dred Scott sued as a free black man to obtain citizenship. In his majority opinion, Supreme Court Chief Justice Roger Brooke Taney wrote that those of an "inferior race" should not enjoy the right to keep and

bear arms. His statement certainly met with the approval of those who would become Night Riders - who preferred unarmed victims.

By coincidence, however, Taney affirmed the wide belief in the Second Amendment individual right to keep and bear arms for (at the time, white) citizens. But giving a black man the ability to defend himself, or even hunt for food, was not a freedom many whites were willing to give to blacks back then.

Even after the Emancipation Proclamation freed our ancestors from bondage, we could still not rely on law enforcement for protection. Rioting whites in Rosewood, Florida and East St. Louis, Illinois during the first part of the 20th century were de-

terred from inflicting further harm on black communities there largely because black residents had guns.

Today, our citizenship is not an issue. The right to keep and bear arms is not a "color" issue, except when our culture can be manipulated.

The NAACP is now suing gun manufacturers for allegedly flooding our neighborhoods with guns - pursuing an agenda that ultimately includes denying ownership rights to all, including peaceable black citizens. But all people have the right to self-defense. And all citizens must have the ability to become a militia, or else liberty's safeguard is lost.

Both white and black leaders exhort us to let only law enforcement possess

guns. This directly contradicts all the lessons of the past. As the masses become more dependent on government for protection and handouts, government power and invincibility grows.

Our "black leadership" argues that we, a spiritual and moral people, cannot responsibly possess weapons. But, for the reasons cited previously, disarming America is not in our best interests. Total defenselessness invites continued government excesses and criminal victimization. Government does not exist to guarantee total security of every person. Until help arrives, only the individual can act in his own best interest. At the same time, only an unjust government need fear the people and their arms.

Question our "leaders." Question their true agenda. "We the People" must demand, defend and invoke the Second Amendment's guarantee of gun ownership.

We must demand that our leaders, public and private, honor our rights and our Constitution. Of all the rights to be upheld, this one is premier. Without it, all others are lost. For if we ever allow ourselves to be totally disarmed for even an instant, that right bears little likelihood of being restored.

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cisions for the people of the District of Columbia, which is mostly Democrat? How dare the House leadership, in a particularly devious and surprise move, schedule a vote on D.C. vouchers (for a majority African American school system) on the very evening that the Congressional Black Caucus was sponsoring a Presidential television debate in Baltimore? How dare Washington Mayor Anthony Williams prance himself onto the Senate floor, the first D.C. Mayor to be invited to do so in 25 years, like a grinning poster child of the bill's sponsors, while he sold out thousands of D.C. public school children? It just makes my blood boil.

But what really makes me angry is how conserva-

tives have cynically identified the great respect for education that many in the African American community have, which grew out of being denied education during slavery and an understanding that education was the doorway out of the ghetto, and have funded a "movement" for school vouchers in black communities across the nation. Called the Black Alliance for Educational Options, this group was created by the Bradley Foundation and others to campaign for vouchers in mostly African American communities. In Washington, the off-shoot of the Black Alliance group is called the American Educational Reform Council. In D.C. alone it has spent \$3 million in the early phases of a television ad-

vertising campaign for school vouchers. It seems that this so-called Black Alliance, which initially received only private funds, is now receiving money from the U.S. Department of Education. So the tax dollars of the people of the District of Columbia, were being used to support an organization whose purpose is to thwart their desires for quality public education for all children and to help pass legislation in which they have no vote. Even Kafka would appreciate that one.

Many of the cities targeted by the right do have very real problems in public education, but vouchers won't solve these problems. Vouchers won't solve the very real needs of children living in dire

poverty. Vouchers won't solve the problem of children living with parents who are unable or unwilling to provide family support mechanisms most of us take for granted. Vouchers won't solve the problems of children who don't find their own cultures reflected in the books and learning materials they use. Vouchers won't solve the problems of the school systems which face buildings which are falling apart and which are facing tax cuts as states are forced to cut budgets because of falling revenues. Vouchers won't solve the problems of 95% of the children who will be left behind in public schools, which will have even fewer dollars, when they can't or won't be accepted into private schools.

When I went to D.C. Public Schools many years ago I took four years of Latin. I took Advanced Grammar and Composition. I learned enough American history to score extremely high on the S.A.T. Achievement tests. I know that's not the story in D.C. Public Schools today. But it could be.

Perhaps if Mayor Williams would have visited Chicago to see what is happening in the schools there or even Cleveland, where despite the drain of funds from Cleveland public schools to the voucher program and even to charter schools, we're seeing small, incremental steps of improvement, he might not have been so taken by the right-wing's attempt to privatize D.C. schools. Per-

haps if real democracy ever comes to Washington, D.C. the people of that city will have the right to choose what they want for themselves and their children.

The good news is that the plan for school vouchers in D.C. was withdrawn from the U.S. Senate floor in the midst of the Bush administration's \$87 billion request for Iraq. But Senate leaders vowed to return, perhaps in the omnibus federal spending bill that will come at the end of the month.

Bernice Powell Jackson has been an activist on behalf of civil rights, women's rights and human rights issues around the world for more than a quarter of a century.



# TAMPA BAY AREA NEWS

## Local Student is Florida Middle School Hispanic Heritage Essay Winner



L-R: Stewart Middle Magnet School Principal Watts Sanderson, Florida K-12 Chancellor James Warford, Carmen Mendez (Yamilette's mother), Yamilette Zuluaga, and Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation Jose Abreu, P.E.

TAMPA — Stewart Middle Magnet School sixth grader Yamilette Zuluaga was recently recognized at a school assembly as the state's middle school winner of the Hispanic Heritage Essay Contest. Yamilette received a four-year pre-paid college tuition certificate and a Hewlett Packard desktop computer for her winning essay, "Celebrating the Hispanic Family: How my family has helped me appreciate reading."

## Maximo Elementary Elects New Mayor

ST. PETERSBURG—Are students learning to be tomorrow's leaders? On Oct. 28, Maximo Elementary inaugurated their newly elected mayor in the school's "Town Hall." St. Petersburg's own Mayor Rick Baker conducted the swearing-in ceremony, as the school's legislature and court employees were inducted at this time as well. This year, top honors went to fifth grader Mackenzie Gifford, 10. The school's new vice mayor is Gifford's friend, fifth grader, Melanie Curp, 10. These young leaders look forward to working together to make a great team.

Maximo's MicroSociety focuses on adapting real world experiences into the learning process and incorporating democratic ideals and entrepreneurial

## Community Resource Facility Reopens

ST. PETERSBURG—The Sanderlin Center, located at 2335 22nd Ave. S., has recently re-opened their Community Resource room. The community resource part of the center will serve as a police substation, allowing residents to get information concerning neighborhood crime watch programs and more. The hours of operation for the resource room are Monday - Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. For more information, please call (727) 323-8896.

## Arthritis Foundation Hosts Breakfast with Santa, Children's Fashion Show

ST. PETERSBURG — The Arthritis Foundation will present their first annual Breakfast with Santa and Children's Fashion Show to be held at All Children's Hospital on Nov. 15 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

The children of the hospital and their families will decorate All Children's Hospital in the holiday theme. Children with arthritis will be showing off this year's latest Christmas fashions, along with some of our well-known doctors. Our special guest, Santa, will even bring the

children gifts....All to help the community get into the holiday spirit and benefit the Arthritis Foundation research and local programs, including summer camps for children with arthritis. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy this festive event!

For ticket information and sales please contact Michelle Lynn Patten, development director, at the Arthritis Foundation at (813) 968-7000 / (800) 850-9455. Many specials and sponsorship opportunities are still available.

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## Halloween Horror Fun-Filled Activities



### How to Have a Fun and Safe Halloween

by Tracie Reddick

Challenger Correspondent

ST. PETERSBURG — Marion Evans recalls wandering from door-to-door chanting the Halloween ditty: "Trick or treat, smell my feet, give me something good to it."

"It was all fun and games back then," said the 46-year-old grandmother. "People were a lot nicer and they weren't trying to hurt people the way they do nowadays."

That's why Evans does not allow her 11-year-old son and four-year-old granddaughter to participate in the traditional door-to-door search for candy.

And she's not alone.

An increasing number of parents are trading this ritual for a more fun-filled, family friendly activities. They cite concerns ranging from tainted candy, fear of abduction to religious beliefs that Halloween is a form of devil worship.

The true origins of Halloween lie with the ancient Celtic tribes who lived in Ireland, Scotland, Wales and Brittany. For the Celts, November 1 marked the beginning of a New Year and the coming of winter. The night before the New Year, they celebrated the festival of Samhain, Lord of the Dead.

During this festival,

Celts believed the souls of the dead—including ghosts, goblins and witches—returned to mingle with the living. In order to scare away the evil spirits, people would wear masks and light bonfires. The celebration became known as All Hallow's Eve or "holy evening." Eventually the name was shortened to the current Halloween.

Most parents today do not fear the dead, but the living who prey on the innocence of young children. That's why many local churches, as well as the malls, offer safe alternative activities for trick or treaters wary of going from door-to-door. Other family friendly events include:

- Baywalk's Second Annual Halloween Family Festival that will be held October 30 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. The event is free and includes a Boowalk and costume ball for infants to kids up to 13-years-old.

- Lowry Park Zoo is hosting "Zoo Boo," which will be held up until November 1 and includes three haunted houses, creepy creatures and scary rides. For more information, call (813) 935-8552.

- Children wearing costumes will receive a bag of candy at the Pier

Aquarium located at 800 Second Ave. NE. In addition, other pier shops will offer candy from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m.

**HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS:**

- Never trick-or-treat alone. Adolescents should have at least two buddies with them, while young children should always be accompanied by an adult.

- Plan your entire route and make sure your family knows what it is.

- Make sure that you are wearing a flame retardant costume.

- Wait until you get home and your parents check your candy before you eat it.

- Be cautious of strangers.

- Accept treats only in the doorway. Never go inside a house.

- Be sure and say thank you for your treats.

- Don't play near lit jack-o-lanterns.

- Only visit houses where the porch lights are on.

- Walk on the sidewalks and carry a flashlight.

- Take a cellular phone with you if possible.

- Parents should encourage kids to wear watches and establish a return home time.

## NEWS BRIEFS

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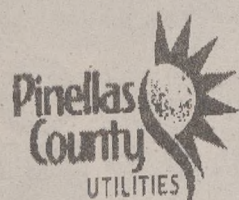
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November 1, St. Pete Times Forum,  
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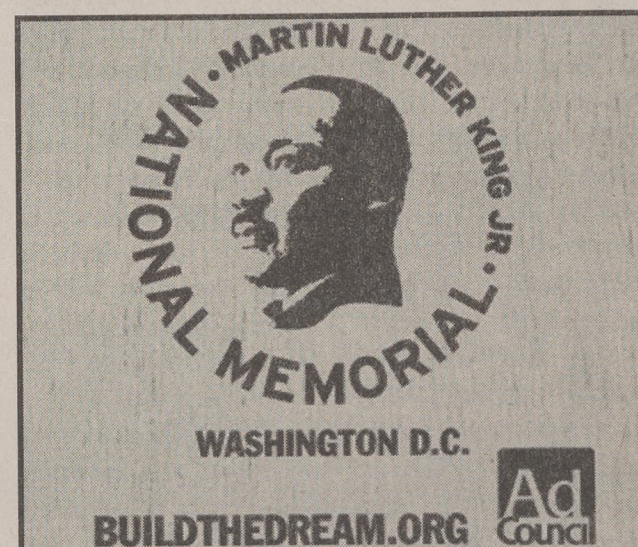
For more information on the minority skills bank contact Sharon Melville, Program Coordinator

## City Of Tampa Parks and Recreation Annual Spelling Bee

Children, K-8 grades, are invited to participate in the City of Tampa Parks and Recreation Department Annual Spelling Bee. The Spelling Bee will be held on Saturday, November 8, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Blake High School, 1701 N. Boulevard.

Parents can register their child and pick up a word list at any city operated community center or playground. A complete list of facilities is located on the City of Tampa Parks and Recreation Department

web site: [www.tampagov.net/parks](http://www.tampagov.net/parks) or call Regina Peoples, 274-7717.







## A QUESTION OF BEAUTY

by Deanie K. Victor

With all the beauty supply stores around that are open to the public, there is no wonder that many are gaining enough courage to do it themselves. And, of course, another incentive to try is the money that is saved. There is no doubt that paying a professional to apply chemicals is a major expenditure. Just what are the pros and cons of doing it at home?

Some few people have never been into a salon for services. They have always done their own hair. Well, it depends upon how skillful and thorough that individual is. Any chemical that can penetrate into the inner layer of the hair and permanently rearrange its structure must be considered as potentially dangerous.

If it is a relaxer, and it is left on longer than has been specified by the manufacturer's directions, it then becomes a depilatory. Hair has been seriously damaged by some who have left the product on too long. There have been in the experiences of others that the product was applied correctly, but was not removed in the right way. It is just as important to take it off right as to put in on right. Hair loss is no laughing matter. What's the point of saving money and ending up spending it on a coverup solution?

The product can be used successfully at home providing the directions are carried out completely. The proper strength of product, the timing, correct application and rinsing are all important to success in this venture. Quite frankly, I would recommend that money be saved on the shampoo and sets instead of chemical applications, if you can't afford to have it all.

The few who can do an outstanding job at home in the hair department may demonstrate some budding talent. That's just how some got an inkling that they did have exceptional talent. For some, a career was born. Not only did they save, they began to earn money. Not having to fool around with appointments at a salon leaves time for other ventures.

Some women and men do like the luxury of being pampered and are willing to pay for it. Considering the price of products, there is a reason why people do it themselves. But in the long run, there is more advantage than disadvantage to depending on the professional for chemical services. After all, they have been required to go to school, pass State Board to do this correctly. They have been certified to give this answer to the Question of Beauty!

## Hold Placed on Hope VI Loan to Homeownership Program

ST. PETERSBURG — The St. Petersburg Housing Authority's HOPE VI city-wide Loan to Purchaser Homeownership Program, is designed to provide for up to 100 subordinate mortgages to low and moderate income homebuyers, who are first time purchasers. Due to budgeting concerns, however, that program is now on a temporary hold.

Anticipated within the Homeownership Plan was that the Authority would be providing subordinate mortgages that would average approximately \$12,600. To date, however, loans were averaging approximately \$26,000 to each homebuyer. Given this trend, the number of families they anticipated assisting would be reduced by 25%. The St. Petersburg Housing Authority and its partners, the City of St. Petersburg and St. Petersburg Neighborhood Housing Services, have agreed to temporarily suspend the HOPE VI program funds for homeownership loans for a period of approximately two weeks. During this time, the Housing Authority plans to evaluate the success of the program, and determine whether or not the families intended to benefit the most from this program are

realizing said benefit.

The program's purpose was to give first priority to residents living at Jordan Park at the time of the Authority's HOPE VI application in 1997. The next priority was for families currently living in other public housing complexes or Section 8 units administered by the Authority. The third priority goes to families on the Authority's public housing and Section 8 waiting lists, and the last priority is for income eligible families of the general public.

"We don't want to promise anybody anything that we won't be able to deliver," said Syl Farrell, communications officer for the Housing Authority. To date, the program has assisted 34 new homeowners, but only a small percentage of these are families that fall into the highest priority category. According to the City of St. Petersburg's records, there were ten families set to close on their homes at the time of our decision. Those contracts will be honored and HOPE VI funds will be made available to those families.

For further information about this program, please contact Syl Farrell, at (727) 323-3171, ext. 342.

## Weekend at Child's Park Focuses on Keeping Kids Drug Free, Building Business Skills

Former dealer turns his life around, refocuses on community

by Jacqueline F. Dupuis  
Neighborhood News Bureau

ST. PETERSBURG — As a 14-year-old, he sat on the stone steps of a corner drycleaners in Newark and watched the action, even though his mother told him to stay away. But he was curious about the big guys who wore diamond rings and gold jewelry, the big guys who pulled wads of money out of their pockets.

He watched as they talked and laughed until a Mercedes-Benz or a Cadillac pulled up. Then one of them disappeared into a side alley, came back and handed something to the driver in exchange for money. The driver left. Then another car pulled up, followed by another. "It was like I was watching a movie," A.J. Ali recalls.

Now 51 and a Gulfport resident, Ali describes how he became one of those big guys, dealing drugs for about three years, until, at the age of 16, he was arrested and charged with drug and gun possession and served a nine-month jail sentence.

"That's when I started to see that I didn't want that kind of lifestyle," he said.

Ali has experienced both extremes—from dealing drugs to making an honest living by helping run his family's business and, for a time, by serving as a bodyguard for boxing legend Mohammed Ali. He has since then turned his life around and is currently a marketing representative at S.T. Masters, Inc., a



A.J. Ali is passionate about giving youth a chance to succeed in legitimate business opportunities

photo by Jacqueline F. Dupuis  
home improvement company in Largo.

Ali said he wants to help kids to avoid making the same mistakes he did. He hopes to do this by showing them how to start their own legal businesses.

This Saturday, Ali is launching a Young Entrepreneur Mentor Program designed to teach young people how to run legitimate businesses. The kickoff event will run from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., outside of the Child's Park Recreation Center (4301 13th Ave. S.), where volunteers will sign up young people, ages 11 and older. After inspirational talks by Ali, Alamina and other speakers, there will be a rap and dance contest. They will also be selling baked goods in parks and on corners and selling services such as lawn mowing, car detailing and security.

"The emphasis is on becoming the business owner," he said. Many drug dealers are business people who got into the wrong line of work be-

cause no one taught them the right way to get into a legitimate business, he said. Any profits from the enterprise will be invested in the program, he added.

"People are going to know us because we're going to be in uniform. Sales teams will be identified with T-shirts, hats and buttons," Ali said. "That's important that the city knows who these kids are."

Armanda Lampley, president of the Child's Park Neighborhood Association, said, "I think what he's doing is a great effort in pulling in youth that have gone astray or that are going astray."

Ali's plans include a character-building class, based on mentors working with young people on a personal level that "builds a bridge into a circle of caring." He compares the process to body building, saying "We want to build those muscles that are on the inside."

For now, the program, will focus on the Child's Park neighborhood. "We want to target on the areas that need to be cultivated more," Ali said.

Among those helping sponsor the program will be his employer, Marco Alamina, 26, co-owner of S.T. Masters Inc.

"Kids, nowadays, are going into misdirection and need to be guided in a good direction," Alamina said.

Ali said he asked Alamina to participate because he is a young and successful businessman. At the Saturday event,

Alamina and an employee will drive up in a 2004 Hummer and 2003 Escalade.

"He wants me to pump up these kids," Alamina said. The idea is to show youngsters it doesn't take the life of a drug dealer to drive a nice car.

Johnny Harris, St. Petersburg Police Department crime prevention officer, said he sees the Saturday event as an opportunity to interact with the community and to have an Auto Theft Rally, giving away Club anti-theft devices for cars that qualify.

Inspired by the spirituality of the Million Man March in Washington D.C., Ali said he became president of the Young Entrepreneurs and Mentors Program in Newark, a similar program to the one he wants to launch in St. Petersburg. About five years ago, he and his wife moved to St. Petersburg, the city in which she grew up, he said.

"I care about the community and I want to use my experience to help the community," he said. "This is the opportunity to take all the mistakes in my life and to turn my pain into power."

If you have any questions concerning this event, please call A.J. Ali at (727) 709-5587.

Jacqueline F. Dupuis is a reporter for the Neighborhood News Bureau, a program of the Department of Journalism and Media Studies at the University of South Florida-St. Petersburg.



## THIS & THAT

(823-6092)

by Mabel Cooper

### DOWNRIGHT ROTTEN

It's a downright rotten, low down dirty shame. Do you remember when that tune was a popular hit? For the record, these are my thoughts and beliefs and only mine - no one else's, OK?

"The Young and the Restless" have done it again. While needless death is always sad and shocking, what sticks in my craw is the closeness of the killings of our young people behind each other. It's like no cooling off time is needed.

The foolish desire to get even has prevailed so many times recently, and it's costing us dearly. Sometimes "The Young and Restless" bodies express what their hearts and minds refuse to acknowledge.

Enough is enough, and too much is foolish. Life is too short to waste time trying to right every wrong. There are many battles to fight in this life, but the kind of battles the "Young and Restless" tackle is a low-down dirty shame.

Happy laughter and friendly voices in the home will keep more kids and young people off the street at night than the loudest curfew.

I hope you are inspired by my thoughts and views and aren't thinking, "Her mind and thoughts are getting out of control." No, nooo. So far, I am still playing "with a full deck!"

### A HIP, BLACK JESUS

Hey, how about that? Did you read in the Friday, Oct. 25, St. Petersburg Times' Floridian Section 1D, "Hero, the Rock Opera," by Sharon Tubbs, Times staff writer? A hip black Jesus walks the gritty streets of New York performing miracles and sing-

ing rap, rock and roll and rhythm and blues. A real charmer, this guy. He gives a speech in Central Park, and people swoon as he mouths off about love and peace. He has even persuaded a few to quit their jobs and follow him.

He typically hangs out with blue collar folks, adding to his growing street crowd. He's like a star - more inspirational than the Pope and Oprah combined. Throngs grab at his clothes, beg him to visit a drug addict or a kid shot in a drive-by. They think he can heal them and change their bad habits. Police say he's a sham. So do people who knew him growing up.

They remember when he was born in a small street town in Pennsylvania, a city called Bethlehem. Did the Bethlehem thing give it away?

For more information on this modern Jesus who descends from his heavenly throne and drops in on New York City, a gritty world of "playas," hip hop and rock corrupt police and fear, call Event Ministries toll free at (888) 859-8877 or Ticketmaster at (813) 287-8844. Some local Christian bookstores are also selling tickets.

### READING FOR MORE HUMOR?

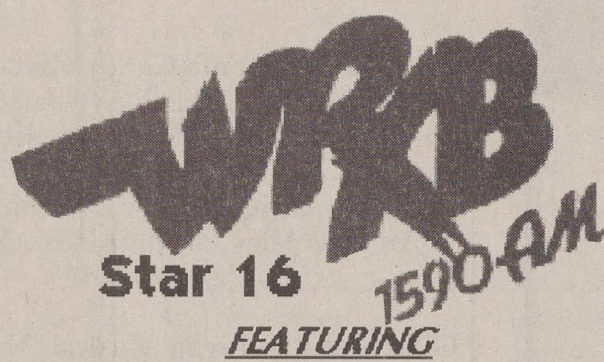
Bashing Both Sexes  
What's the fastest way to a man's heart? Through his chest with a sharp knife.

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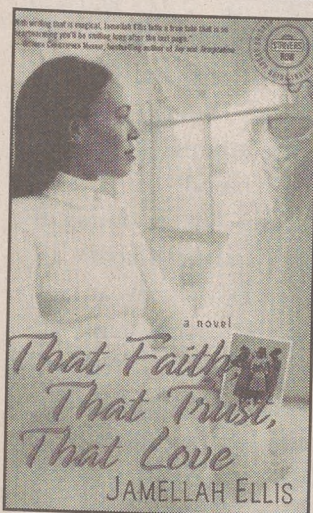
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## BOOK REVIEW

by Tangela Murph



### That Faith, That Trust, That Love

Christian

Author Jamellah Ellis is a consummate writer. She writes with clarity and sensitivity that can touch the heart of any reader.

This Christian novel is about relationships. It tells the story of three women whose lives are carefully and strategically woven together in the midst of the ups and downs of life.

As you read their story, you will see that their relationships with one another and the many relationships they encounter are like a beautifully stitched quilt made of many pieces and carefully sewn together by the hand of God.

It will make you laugh, cry and thank God that, through faith, trust and love, we can enjoy meaningful relationships with others and a life-changing relationship with him through Jesus Christ.

The story opens with Marley Shepherd, who should be on top of the world. She's a lawyer at a prestigious law firm and engaged to marry the crown prince of Atlanta's black society. But soon she begins to see that her life - and her fiancé - are not as perfect as she thought.

Marley seeks comfort in her mother and grandmother, but they are too consumed with anger at each other and too blinded by their past to save Marley from the disaster that will turn her life and theirs upside down. Then Marley has a spiritual awa-

kening... As you read this book, you will find familiarity in the characters that will make you feel as though you've met them before. That is because they truly represent life.

This is a real story that lets us know that, whether we realize it or not, our lives are orchestrated by God, and the relationships we establish serve a greater purpose than we know - how God shows us beautifully how He can and will work in our lives.

"That Faith, That Love, That Trust" will cause you to consider your past, make an assessment of the present and change your outlook for the future.



### Melanin 'n' Me

Children

Children and parents are very fond of this very well-illustrated book! It teaches our children about a chemical in our bodies that colors the skin.

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Children will discover the many benefits of melanin and will come to know that its presence in the body is considered a gift from God.

These books are available at: Reader's Choice Books and Gift Expressions, 4301 - 34th St. S., Suite 102 (outside Maxi Mall), down from the produce store. Open seven days a week, (727) 867-3696.

## Workshop Will Focus On Meditation, Finding One's Inner Strength

Evelyn Klopp

Challenger correspondent

Ganapati Coleman has discovered a deep and enriching well of power within himself. He found it years ago through meditation. He still draws plenty from it today. And he will show others how they can find their own inner strength through meditation this Friday and Saturday with his free workshop, "I Meditate... It Works!"

Coleman is coming to St. Petersburg from Rhode Island to share the benefits of yoga and meditation. He travels across the nation to show how meditation can fit into everyone's lives and make them even better. The workshops are Coleman's way of reaching out to those in need of spiritual renewal.

"This is an offering, a sharing," he said. "I think you always have a duty to give something back. If you have something, then you should offer it. After all, if I am a member of the world family, then these are my brothers and sisters."

This three-part series will take place at Enoch Davis Community Center, 1111 18th Ave. S. The opening session, at 7 p.m. this Friday, Oct. 31, is titled "Unfinished Business." Coleman will begin the series by exploring the relationship between the human self and societal transformation. He will look at the evolution of the civil rights movement, noting how Martin Luther King used the ancient Eastern practice of Ahimsa to use his own power within to lead nonviolent movements and transform the world outside.

"If we are inwardly powerful, then we can achieve social and economic change," Coleman said.

The second session, scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, will build on the first one. After learning about the possibilities and changes meditation can bring forth, "Adventures in Consciousness" will examine how we can consciously



Ganapati Coleman

make the effort to do this.

Coleman will also discuss Eastern and Western views on consciousness during the second session. Coleman said that many African Americans don't know how the Eastern disciplines of yoga and meditation relate to them, and he hopes his workshop will increase the understanding and application of such practices.

"These workshops are a transformation of growth and renewal," Coleman said, "and we need to do that in a very conscious way."

Coleman believes that yoga and meditation have the potential to strengthen our abilities, but we must learn how to practice these disciplines. He said learning how to meditate is not something that comes overnight. It takes time.

"I hope people begin this process themselves," he said. "People have to have enough patience to stick with it. I hope this workshop inspires people to begin their own adventure in consciousness."

The workshop wraps up Saturday afternoon with the final session, "Wings of Joy," which begins at 12:30 p.m. This is a deeper exploration into our own consciousness and creativity. In the series, this session is referred to as the "must-have experience for the sincere seeker."

Coleman discovered the benefits of meditation in college. When he first started his studies at Harvard, he became overwhelmed by the task that was ahead of him. He didn't know what his purpose was in life. Coleman dropped out of college and began using meditative

self-exploration, a practice he learned about from someone at the university.

"I got very deeply involved in meditation and found that tool was what I needed to embrace life," he said.

Mediation gave Coleman the confidence and courage to return to Harvard, where he eventually graduated with a doctorate in electrical engineering. Since then, he has worked in a number of jobs in the engineering field. He was professor at Boston University. Now, he is trying to start his own company.

Coleman said he naturally takes a scientific outlook on many things in life. Yoga is no exception.

"What I love about yoga is it's not just this system of beliefs," Coleman said. "I love the experimental aspect of it. It's like 'Here are the disciplines of practice. Now you find the proof.'"

This weekend, he will show how it does work to draw out inner strength. Coleman will be teaching meditation techniques throughout the weekend, and the audience will learn how meditation will lead them to self-improvement as well as life-long spiritual growth and development.

For more information, call (727) 724-0980.

### Clinic

from front page

time when U.S. Surgeon General Richard Carmona is stressing the importance of oral health care. A national campaign, which he announced in June, encourages partnerships among health experts, health-care providers and community policymakers.

"A primary reason for these partnerships is that it brings a specific expertise to the health center," said Tracy Payne, director of the Community Health Centers of Pinellas Inc., which is using federal funding to build the 21,000-square-foot health center. "We can then offer services to a class of people that don't have health insurance."

The national campaign specifically addresses the disparities in dental care, noting that not much is available to low-income, uninsured people who cannot afford preventive care. About 25 million Americans live in areas where access to dental care is limited, according to the surgeon general's National Call to Action to Promote Oral Health report.

Most affected by the

lack of dental care are the children and the elderly, according to the national report: Tooth decay is the most common chronic childhood disease—more common than asthma and hay fever. The elderly may lose their dental insurance benefits once they retire, and Medicare is ill equipped to reimburse patients for routine dental procedures, said Payne of Community Health Centers.

Grzesikowski noted that most people do not realize a lack of dental hygiene can eventually affect their overall health. The surgeon general's report stated that each year, adults lose 164 million work hours because of dental-related illnesses; and children, mostly from low-income families, miss some 51 million hours of school.

The report notes that many people don't seek dental care until they have an emergency. They ignore warning signs and seek care only when they have severe pain. This can result in expensive emergency surgery.

"If you get an emergency situation, what hap-

pens?" asked UF's Porter. "You miss work, you have to leave work, you stay up all night, you throw your entire...schedule into chaos."

For this reason, education will be a big focus at the Midtown dental clinic. SPC dental-hygiene students are visiting health centers and clinics to learn how they can teach people in the community about dental care.

One of these students, Deidre Spikes, a 29-year-old Midtown resident herself, said,

"I'm in a state of awe. I'm learning so much about the community and what we can do to make a difference as oral-health educators."

She said that information on dental care is limited in Midtown.

"I place myself in (clients') shoes," Spikes says. "I explain everything that I'm going to do. I want them to feel comfortable."

(David Donald is a reporter for the Neighborhood News Bureau, a program of the Department of Journalism and Media Studies at the University of South Florida-St. )

### Museum

from front page

owner of a fine arts consulting business and Assistant Curator of African Art at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Ms. Brewer, who holds a Master of Fine Arts Degree, served on the Board of Trustees for the

Detroit Children's Museum and the Board of Association of Midwest Museums. Before coming to the St. Petersburg Housing Authority, Ms. Brewer was an Adjunct Professor at Hillsborough Community College. She is currently an Adjunct Professor in the PEL pro-

gram at Eckerd College. The Housing Authority's Board of Commissioners have agreed to a one (1) year contract with Ms. Brewer.

For further information, please contact Syl Farrell at (727) 323-3271, 342.

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### Abuse

from front page

you got go get paid for it. So, I started looking at and going after grown men. I was stereotyped as the problem child. People in the neighborhood called me "fast" said I was "hot."

Yet, no one took the time to understand why the once bubbly girl no longer laughed. "I didn't smile anymore. He took away my smile, my joy, my childhood."

To numb the pain, Hersey-James turned to drugs and men who abused her mind, body and soul.

"I thought to love me was to beat me," said Hersey-James, who became pregnant at 15.

Despite the "drinking and drugging," Hersey-James said was determined to finish high school and to make something out of her life.

And she did.

"Home was not a pleasant place for me. It was not a safe place. My safe haven was school," she said.

It was there she began her road to recovery. She met mentors who helped her get into Operation PAR., a drug treatment center in St. Petersburg. Far away from her north Florida home, away family and friends with bad habits, she was about to defeat the demons in her life.

"God put me in touch with some special people," she said. "They helped me. They loved me."

That unconditional love inspired Hersey-James to become an addictions counselor at Operation PAR. She later took a job at CASA as a weekend advocate. Her tenacity and tenderness allowed her to rise through the ranks at CASA, which is a refuge for battered men and women.

Today, Hersey-James is considered an expert in the domestic violence field and has received numerous awards and recognition.

Hersey-James has since reconciled with her father, now deceased, and

nowadays her battles are with those who try to use her transgressions against her.

Viewing her past as a badge of courage, Hersey-James said: "I was determined that I would not be like everybody else in my family. I have overcome a lot of adversities."

Everything I went through made me into the person I am today. So, I can't think of anyone else who is better qualified to speak to these women.

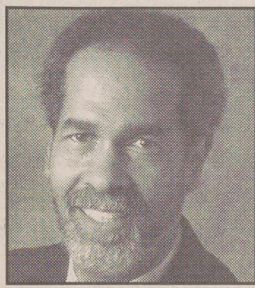
"I have been where they've been. I have a voice. I have a story to tell," beamed Hersey-James, who has regained her smile and sunny disposition

**There Is A Reason To Read The Weekly Challenger!**



# HEALTH NEWS

## RELATIONSHIPS



by Lloyd Dennis

### Try A Little Tenderness

There is an old saying that goes, "If a marriage is on the rocks, the rocks are in the bed." Now before some of my more spiritual readers become upset, let me add that there are many things that can break up a marriage: money problems, alcoholism or drug addiction, abuse and lack of respect, to name a few. But take it from the Love Doctor, sexual problems in a marriage will almost always cause the two partners to drift apart.

Consider this. There are all sorts of legally recognized relationships between people: parent/child, siblings, partners, co-owners of property, employer/employee. There are laws and rules that deal with all of these relationships, but marriage is unique among human relationships.

Marriage is the only legally recognized agreement between human beings that requires the sexual act to "consummate" or complete the contract. According to Webster's Dictionary the verb "consummate" has as one of its definitions, "to complete by sexual intercourse - a marriage." Part of the marriage contract is the agreement to be the one and only sexual partner for another person.

Just as married people have the right to demand fidelity (exclusivity) from their spouse, they also have the right to demand reasonable sexual performance of one another. There is a legal term called "alienation of affection" that applies to the situation where one spouse will not "perform" for the other. (Let's make one thing perfectly clear! A person never ever has the right to physically force their spouse to have sex! That is called rape!)

Recently, at a gathering of friends, the Love Doctor became involved in a very interesting conversation with two married women, concerning sex and marriage. (People feel so comfortable with the Love Doctor that they feel

free to talk about these sensitive matters.)

Both of the ladies had, at one time, experienced problems responding sexually to their husbands. During these times, they loved their husbands very much and had wanted to please them, but they couldn't get themselves to be positive about the sexual act. They both explained that "something" kept them from wanting and enjoying the sexual affections of their husbands, but at the time they didn't know what that "something" was. They were almost in tears as they began to explain their experiences.

The ladies look one to the other, shocked that they were saying almost the same things. Right then, I realized that we had hit upon a common problem that probably, caused problems in many marriages. You see, after further conversation, both of the women, puffy eyed, faces streaming with tears, explained that they "had been sexually molested as little girls. What was more important was that they both also explained that at the time of their sexual problems with their husbands, they couldn't remember the sexual abuse. Their minds had blocked the unpleasant memories.

Fellows, I hope you can see what is going on here. These ladies didn't even know why they avoided sex with their husbands. I'm sure that their husbands had no idea that the problem was some dude, many years ago, who had terrorized a little girl.

There is no justification for cheating on your spouse, especially these days, when there is the possibility of bringing death home, in the form of AIDS (condoms are not 100% effective). However, very often, a man's ego will suffer if he cannot "turn on" the woman he loves. Subconsciously, the husband may begin to wonder that something is wrong with him. His ego can't take the idea of not

being able to excite a woman and sometimes that leads him to do something stupid, like try to prove his sexual abilities with someone else.

Hey man, if your wife doesn't respond like you wish she would, it may have nothing to do with you. Try a little tenderness. Talk to her about how you feel. Talk to her about how she feels. Let's face it, if you are not a rich man, you can probably assume that your woman is with you because she loves you. She thinks a lot of you. The poor thing is probably hurting deep inside because she is not satisfying you. Be kind and gentle with her, chances are the person who abused her was not.

Ask her if she might have been sexually abused as a child. She may not be able to ask herself that question, because the memory is painful, but she may be able to respond to your question. Sometimes that question will trigger her memory causing her to remember. My friends said that once they remembered it helped them.

Ladies there may be some comfort in knowing that there are many more of you who have been abused as little girls than most of us can imagine. You are not alone. There is nothing wrong with you, except that a child was frightened and that certainly was not the child's fault. You are not to blame. You were a victim. If you love your husband but you become uncomfortable when its time for lovemaking, you are probably reacting to something that happened to you as a child. Get help.

Sex is one of God's gifts to husbands and wives, an inexpensive and readily available pleasure that should be enjoyed by both of you. If it isn't, get help quick! Your marriage is at stake.

This is one of the times that a couple should seek professional help. Find a marriage counselor who is sensitive to your problem. In any case, "try a little tenderness!" Be kind, have hope and share your feelings.

"His Way Works" is a collection of similar articles, by the "love doctor" in an indexed book form and is available online at [www.lloydenniss.com](http://www.lloydenniss.com) or at many fine bookstores. Lloyd Dennis is available as a speaker; email him at [ld@lloydenniss.com](mailto:ld@lloydenniss.com)

## Call For Same-Day Appointments at Health Department's St. Petersburg Center

ST. PETERSBURG — The Pinellas County Health Department rolls out a new way for customers served by the St. Petersburg Richard Hosking Center, 205 Dr. M.L. King St. N. to make health appointments. The pilot program, known as Same-Day Scheduling, requires patients to call in for an appointment the same day they wish to be seen. Appointments will be given on a first-come, first-served basis.

The system is expected to give more people an opportunity to be seen in a timely manner says Bruce Hoffman, the St. Petersburg Health Center Administrator.

"People often prefer to be seen the same day they call but under the old system, our appointment scheduling booked up in

advance and those wishing to be seen quickly often ended up waiting days or weeks," said Hoffman. "Yet, we have experienced an ever-increasing number of no-shows for scheduled appointments. The new system both allows us to see people on the same day they call and to cut down on no-shows."

He explained that once appointments are completely filled for the day, patients calling in will be asked to call again the next morning. If patients arrive more than 15 minutes late for an appointment, they'll be given the next available slot or asked to call in again. The new system is expected also to allow the St. Petersburg Center to serve more customers a day because other clinics that have adopted the Same-Day Scheduling sys-

tem report fewer no-shows.

Although the STD, pregnancy testing and triage clinics of the St. Petersburg Center still allow walk-ins, they do encourage calling for appointments to help cut down on waiting times. The telephone number to call to make appointments at the St. Petersburg Center is (727)824-6900.

The Same-Day Scheduling pilot program is currently only in effect at the St. Petersburg Richard Hosking Health Center. If successful, it could be adopted by other Health Department Centers in Pinellas. If you have any questions about the program, please call Elaine Fulton-Jones at (727) 824-6908.

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## DOH Provides Update on Mosquito-Borne Illnesses In Florida

TALLAHASSEE — Florida Department of Health (DOH) Secretary John O. Agwunobi, M.D., M.B.A., and other officials re-emphasized the importance of taking precautions to protect against mosquito-borne illnesses. Those illnesses include West Nile Virus, St. Louis encephalitis, EEE, Dengue, and Malaria.

"While temperatures are falling, most Florida counties have some level of mosquito-borne illnesses present in their communities," said Agwunobi. "Surveillance indicates these illnesses are present year-round, so I urge all citizens and visitors to use precautions against mosquito bites."

Symptoms of West Nile virus may include headache, fever, fatigue, dizziness, weakness and confusion. Physicians should contact the County Health Department if they suspect an individual may have a mosquito-borne illness. DOH laboratories provide testing services for physicians treating patients with clinical signs of mosquito-borne disease.

DOH continues to advise the public to remain diligent in their personal mosquito protection ef-

orts. These should include the "5 D's and 1 S" for prevention:

- Dusk and Dawn -- Avoid being outdoors when mosquitoes are seeking blood, for many species this is during the dusk and dawn hours.
- Dress -- Wear clothing that covers skin.
- DEET -- When the potential exists for exposure to mosquitoes, repellents containing DEET (N,N-diethyl-meta-toluamide, or N,N-diethyl-3-methylbenzamide) are recommended. Products with concentrations up to 30% DEET are generally recommended for most situations. (It is not recommended to use DEET on children less than 2 months old. Instead, infants should be kept indoors or mosquito netting used over carriers when mosquitoes are present). If additional protection is necessary, apply a permethrin repellent directly to your clothing. Always read the manufacturer's directions carefully before you put on a repellent.

- Drainage -- Check your home to rid it of standing water in which mosquitoes can lay their eggs.
- AND
- Screens --- Make sure that windows remain closed or are sealed completely by screens at night. Elimination of breeding sites is one of the keys to prevention. Tips on Eliminating Mosquito Breeding Sites:
  - Clean out eaves, troughs and gutters.
  - Remove old tires or drill holes in those used in playgrounds to drain.
  - Turn over or remove empty plastic pots.
  - Pick up all beverage containers and cups.
  - Check tarps on boats or other equipment that may collect water.
  - Pump out bilges on boats.
  - Replace water in birdbaths and pet or other animal feeding dishes at least once a week.
  - Change water in plant trays, including hanging plants, at least once a week.
  - Remove vegetation or obstructions in drainage ditches that prevent the flow of water.

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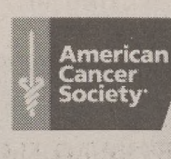
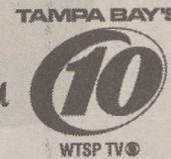
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**CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG  
NOTICE OF SPECIAL MUNICIPAL REFERENDUM ELECTION**

Notice is hereby given that a Special Municipal Referendum Election will be held in the City of St. Petersburg, Florida on Tuesday, November 4, 2003, between the hours of 7:00 o'clock a.m. and 7:00 o'clock p.m. AT THE POLLING PLACES DESIGNATED FOR THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 4, 2003, at which time there will be submitted to the voters residing in said City for approval or disapproval the following:

**Charter Amendment #1**

**Permanently Keeping Albert Whitted Airport Open Through Additional Charter Restrictions**

Should Albert Whitted Airport remain open forever by amending the City Charter to require retention of the airport?

☐ YES (FOR) ☐ NO (AGAINST)

**Charter Amendment #2**

**Supporting Albert Whitted Airport through Charter Amendment Authorizing Council to Accept Future Restrictive Governmental Grants**

Shall Albert Whitted Airport be supported by amending the City Charter to authorize City Council, without notice to surrounding properties or referendum approval, to accept, by ordinance, grants requiring twenty year assurances limiting property to airport uses? (Note: The inability to accept grants could impact the City's ability to maintain the airport)

☐ YES (FOR) ☐ NO (AGAINST)

**Charter Amendment #3**

**Creating waterfront park in place of airport use on at least half of airport property**

Shall the Charter be amended to: (1) create a new Waterfront Park, replacing airport use by 2011, on at least half of Albert Whitted property, including the entire waterfront perimeter; (2) require a plan for the entire property, to be approved by supermajority Council vote after full public participation, identifying park and, if any, nonpark uses; (3) provide the sale or lease for more than five years of any Airport property be subject to referendum?

☐ YES (FOR) ☐ NO (AGAINST)

**Charter Amendment #4**

**Charter Amendment providing for resolving conflicting Charter Amendments receiving voter approval at the same election**

Shall the City Charter be amended by creating a new section to provide that when conflicting Charter amendments appearing on the same ballot at the same election are approved by the voters, the amendment receiving the greatest number of affirmative votes shall prevail?

☐ YES (FOR) ☐ NO (AGAINST)

**Charter Amendment #5**

**Charter Amendment authorizing accepting perpetual restrictions on park or waterfront property in exchange for grants**

Shall the City Charter be amended to allow City Council, without notice to surrounding properties or referendum approval, to authorize, by ordinance, accepting grant money which would place perpetual restrictions on a Park or Waterfront property to park or recreational uses, as defined by granting agency, provided the grant allows transfer or cancellation of restriction if the City pays money that could be an amount up to that necessary to purchase an equivalent new park?

☐ YES (FOR) ☐ NO (AGAINST)

**Charter Amendment #6**

**Charter Amendment deleting obsolete section of the City Charter**

Shall City Charter Section 5.04(a) relating to qualifying periods for City elections be amended to remove obsolete specific election time periods for qualifying, and to authorize City Council to establish qualifying periods for City elections by ordinance to accommodate applicable requirements of the Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections and applicable law?

☐ YES (FOR) ☐ NO (AGAINST)

**Referendum #1**

**Twenty Year Lease of the St. Petersburg Tennis Center in Bartlett Park**

Shall the City Council be authorized to approve an assignable lease with the Tennis Foundation of St. Petersburg, Inc. for the St. Petersburg Tennis Center in Bartlett Park for a period of up to twenty years with the Foundation being given, upon authorization of City Council, the authority to restrict, to tennis uses, the Tennis Center for the term of the lease in exchange for grants?

☐ YES (FOR) ☐ NO (AGAINST)

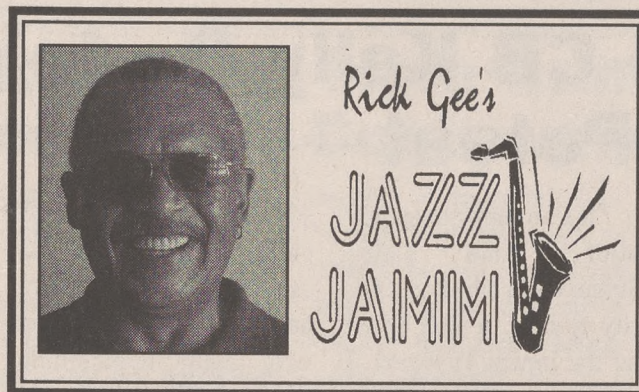
Only qualified electors shall be eligible to vote at said election, and each eligible voter must be registered on the official registration books.

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# ENTERTAINMENT



## Double Exposure Concert

As quiet as it's kept, "Jazz" is definitely "alive and well" in sunny St. Petersburg. My jazz hat is off to the Al Downing Tampa Bay Jazz Association. They truly deserve the many accolades bestowed upon them. Dedicated to the promotion and understanding of jazz, its origin and evolution, they are also deeply involved with our youth. Their active program of awarding scholarships to music students learning to play jazz music, has been well received by educators in the Tampa Bay area.

This most progressive jazz organization with the financial help from The City of St. Petersburg continues to present traditional jazz to the public at a modest cost. As part of their on-going jazz concert program, the Jazz Association recently presented an exciting up and coming jazz quintet called "Double Exposure." Their repertoire featured tunes composed by such jazz giants as Charlie Parker, Clifford Brown, Sonny Rollins, Wayne Shorter and Miles Davis, along with some original compositions.

The group's name is derived from the two trumpet players up-front who are the band's leaders. Dwayne White hails from the very heart of jazz country, New Orleans and plays a "nice and easy" horn.

Playing his instrument carefully, taking time to play the correct note and most appropriate chord, you could tell that here was a serious jazz musician. Nevertheless, I would have loved to hear him let loose, and let it all hang out. I believe it would have been a major blast.

Heading-up with the other trumpet was co-leader Shaheed Darby, an older and seemingly somewhat wiser player whose delicately place notes sometimes reminded me of a young Donald Byrd. Now and then, Darby would skirt on the outside of some down-home funk ala Byrd. Although his musical excursions were enjoyable, they were just too short.

Both Darby and White have a lot to say with their respective horns. I'm looking forward to future concerts or jam sessions featuring them. They promise to delight us with some exciting musical experiences.

The rest of the musical team consisted of young Ben Winkler, whose fingers danced lightly across the piano keys, Bill Pillucere playing upright bass and making it "walk the walk", while Henry Page was "kicking it" on drums, playing intricate and fascinating patterns. It was great to see and hear a young musician like

Winkler knowledgeable of such traditional and straight-ahead tunes. Drummer Page kept perfect time strumming his intricate patterns, never too loud as to drown out his fellow musicians. As for Pillucere, too much can never be said about his playing. Now, there's a bass player who can truly solo. His musical ideas surely verify his mastery of the instrument. Together, the group provided a swinging and exciting Sunday afternoon of great jazz.

The exciting concert was held at Saffron's Caribbean Restaurant on St. Pete's northside. In the audience, visiting from Los Angeles, CA was the daughter of Al Downing; Deirdre Downing-Jackson and her husband Dr. Russell Jackson. Also, the icing on the cake for the afternoon was the presence of the lovely and gracious Bunny Downing, Al Downing's widow.

Saffron's Caribbean Restaurant is the venue where The Al Downing Tampa Bay Jazz Association hosts many of its jazz events. So, the next time you hear of them teaming up again, make it a point to get out and give your support, both in attendance and membership. Not only will you be able to enjoy scrumptious cuisine and great music, but also you'll be doing your part in "Keeping Jazz Alive".

**DID YOU KNOW?** The famous alto saxophone player Charlie "Yardbird" Parker practiced 11 to 15 hours a day for three to four years.

**OCTOBER BIRTH-DAYS:** 8th - Pepper Adams - baritone saxophone, 9th - Kenny Garrett - alto saxophone, 10th - Thelonious

Monk - piano, 11th - Art Blakey - drums, 13th - Art Tatum - piano, Ray Brown - bass, 16th - Roy Hargrove - trumpet, 17th - Cozy Cole - drums, 18th - Wynton Marsalis - trumpet, 20th - Jelly Roll Morton - piano, 21st - Dizzy Gillespie - trumpet, 25th - Jimmy Heath - tenor, 27th - Babs Gonzalez - singer, 29th - Zoot Sims - tenor, 30th - Clifford Brown - trumpet, 31st - Illinois Jacquet - tenor.

Upcoming Jazz Events:

Happenings in St. Petersburg: On Sunday, Nov. 2 at 3 p.m., The Al Downing Tampa Bay Jazz Association continues their concert jazz series with The Kevin Wilder Trio. The concert will be held at Saffron's Caribbean Restaurant, St. Petersburg.

Happenings in Sarasota: The Jazz Club of Sarasota will be hosting their Jazz at 2 Series presenting the Mike Markaverich Trio and the BobDoran Jazz Group on Friday, Oct. 31 and Nov. 7, respectively. Starting at 2 p.m. the concerts will be held at The Bayfront Community Center in Sarasota.

On Nov. 9, The Jazz Club of Sarasota is hosting a smooth jazz event at the Sarasota Polo Club, Lakewood Ranch. This outdoor concert will feature national recording artist Walter Beasley and Tampa's own Orquestra Infinitad. Bring blankets and lawn chairs for the event; admission gate opens at 1 p.m.

Also, on the evening of Nov. 9, The Jazz Club of Sarasota will present The Four Freshmen in concert. The event will take place at the Sarasota Opera House, Sarasota, starting at 8 p.m.

## Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center Presents Porgy and Bess



**TAMPA** - The George Gershwin American masterpiece "Porgy and Bess" kicks off the 2003-2004 Homes by Helen Opera Series when it brings Catfish Row to the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center's Carol Morsani Hall on Nov. 15-16.

Recognized as an American masterpiece, the story entwines pride, prejudice, pathos and passion with a jazz - and blues-influenced score. Originally billed as a "folk opera," "Porgy and Bess" introduced classic Gershwin songs like "Summertime," "I Got Plenty O' Nuttin'" and "It Ain't Necessarily So", as well as magnificent and enthralling choruses that stunned music and drama critics alike at its premiere in 1935.

"Porgy and Bess" is

based on the DuBose Heyward novel that tells the moving story of the crippled Porgy and the residents of Charleston's famed Catfish Row. It later became a successful play called "Porgy" written by Heyward and his wife Dorothy, which served as the inspiration and basis for the collaboration between George Gershwin, Ira Gershwin and Heyward that eventually became the boundary-breaking musical drama, "Porgy and Bess".

Presented by Living Arts, Inc. and directed by Will Roberson, the cast is drawn from some of America's leading opera companies. The performance features a 14-piece orchestra under the musical direction of Maestro Zoltan Papp. Roberson had a long and successful relationship with this American opera classic, having directed productions for the Pittsburgh Civic Light Opera and Atlanta Theatre Under the Stars. He also was Assistant Director for the Houston Grand Opera production, which toured Paris, London and Italy. Scenic design is by James Fouchard, who has created sets for more than 150 regional, stock and opera companies. Lighting

design is by John McLain, who also designed the same show for the Houston Grand Opera. Costumes are by Candace Donnelly.

The producers of **PORGY AND BESS** have filled the cast with outstanding operatic singers from all over the United States. Alternating as Bess are Elizabeth Graham and Jerris Cates. Graham, a North Carolina native who is now Professor of Music at University of Florida, made her professional debut as both 'Clara' and 'Bess' with the Houston Grand Opera Company. She has many operatic roles to her credit and has appeared as soloist with various symphony orchestras. Cates made her debut as Bess in Hamburg and Frankfurt, Germany with the New York Harlem Theatre International Tour.

Samuel Clark Stevenson and Mark Anthony Hall will alternate in the role of Porgy. Stevenson is a native of Charlotte, NC where audiences have enjoyed his performances in "The Wiz" and "Purlie and God's Trombone". He is currently a member of the Grace Bumbry African American Heritage Ensemble, which has performed at the world famous

Salzberg Festival, as well as in many other great houses throughout Austria and Germany, and in New York's Carnegie Hall. Mark Anthony Hall is a native of San Antonio who currently resides in Los Angeles, California. Some of his theatrical experiences include Smokey Joe's Café, Dreamgirls and Show Boat. Some of his television appearances include Crossing Jordan, The West Wing and Judging Amy.

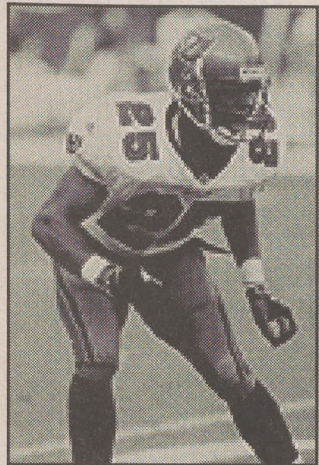
"Porgy and Bess" will be at the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center's Carol Morsani Hall on Saturday, Nov. 15, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 16, at 2 p.m. Ticket prices are \$24.50 - \$75. Tickets may be purchased at The Center Ticket Office in person or by calling 813.229.STAR (7827) or 800.955.1045 outside of the Tampa Bay area. For more information about the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center and its upcoming events, please visit The Center's website at TBPAC.ORG.

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# SPORTS NEWS

## Buccaneers Place CB Kelly On Injured Reserve; Sign CB Poteat



Brian Kelly

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers announced that they have placed CB Brian Kelly on injured reserve and signed CB Hank Poteat to a two-year deal.

Kelly, who suffered a torn left pectoral muscle vs. Indianapolis, started five of six games this season. He missed the Oct. 12 game at Washington due to the injury and was also limited against Indianapolis and at San Francisco.

"It's an unfortunate situation," said Kelly. "Surgery was always a priority coming in after I first had the injury. However, I wanted to recover and see what I could do, if I could come back and play with it. It really wasn't about the pain, I just didn't have the movement and the strength I needed."

Kelly, a sixth-year veteran, has 17 tackles and one interception this sea-

son. He is tied for second on the team with five pass-offs defended. Last season, he tied for the NFL lead with eight interceptions while totaling 78 tackles and a team-leading 23 passes defended.

Poteat, who will wear No. 21 with the Buccaneers, has played in 41 career games, all as a member of the Pittsburgh Steelers from 2000-02. He has 11 career tackles and

22 special teams tackles. He also has 45 career kick-off returns for 818 yards (18.2 avg.) and 80 career punt returns for 788 yards (9.9 avg.). He was released by the Steelers on August 31, 2003.

Poteat, drafted in the third round (77th overall) of the 2000 NFL Draft by the Steelers, set a school record with 1,917 career kickoff return yards at the University of Pittsburgh.

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## Jingle Bell Run For Arthritis

TAMPA - Arthritis Foundation will host its annual Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis in three locations around the Tampa Bay area this year. They will take place at Lake Hollingsworth in Lakeland on November 22 at 8 am, Lowry Park Zoo in Tampa on November 26 at 7 pm, and Weeki Wachee Springs in Spring Hill on December 5 at 7 pm. The night races in Tampa and Weeki Wachee are especially festive runs, as both courses will be illuminated by thousands of lights.

The family-oriented races include 5K and 1-mile courses and encour-

age communities to get into the holiday spirit. Participants wear jingle bells on their shoes as they walk/run and enjoy holiday music and visits from Santa and Mrs. Claus. All participants receive free long-sleeve t-shirts, food and refreshments, and awards are given to the highest fundraiser and the 10 fastest male and female runners.

The race fee is \$25 for early registrants and \$28 on the day of the race. To register, please contact the Arthritis Foundation at 813-968-7000 or 1-800-850-9455 or register online at [www.active.com/active](http://www.active.com/active) by typing 'Jingle Bell Run'

into the Event Search field. Nationwide, over 330 Jingle Bell Runs are held during the holiday season to raise over \$3 million for research of the disease that affects over 70 million Americans. The Arthritis Foundation is the only nationwide, nonprofit health organization helping people take greater control of arthritis by leading efforts to prevent, control and cure arthritis and related diseases -- the nation's number one cause of disability. For more information about the Foundation, visit [www.arthritis.org](http://www.arthritis.org).

## Glazer Family Foundation and QB Brad Johnson Team Up to Celebrate County Library Sign-Up Campaign at Orange Grove Middle School

The Glazer Family Foundation and Tampa Bay Buccaneers QB Brad Johnson teamed up with the Hillsborough County Library Cooperative and the Friends of the Library to celebrate the success of their September National Library Card Sign-Up Month campaign. The Make Reading Your Goal program promotes library card registration for students by enabling youth to receive a free Brad Johnson bookmark as part of their school's participation in the campaign.

In the Orange Grove

Middle School media center, Johnson spoke about the importance of education and reading to students from Orange Grove Middle and Lockhart Elementary schools. The Buccaneers Cheerleaders and Captain Fear were also on hand to read to students and congratulate them for participating in the library card sign-up program. Last year's effort resulted in a record-high 8,072 Hillsborough County students signing up for library cards.

Through the program, the Foundation is provid-

ing 100,000 Buccaneers bookmarks to public schools and libraries throughout Hillsborough, Pinellas, Pasco, Polk, Hernando, Manatee and Sarasota Counties. To date, 500,000 bookmarks have been distributed. The bookmarks, which are the fourth edition of the Buccaneers player collector series, are available at the libraries.

The Foundation also contributed a \$1,000 donation to the Friends of the Library, a not-for-profit organization that raises funds to support library collections, programs and

services. Friends of the Library groups also advocate for libraries by sharing information about the value of libraries with the community.

"The Foundation and the Buccaneers' continued support of our Library Card Sign-Up Campaign have allowed us to reach more children than ever before. With their help, we've created a winning combination, kids and libraries," noted Interim Director of Libraries, Marcee Challenger.

## V. Williams Forced to Withdraw from Advanta Championships



Venus Williams

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. - Venus Williams has withdrawn from the Advanta Championships tournament in Philadelphia, Penn. due to a recurring abdominal strain.

Williams first suffered the abdominal strain at the

J&S Cup in Warsaw, Poland at the beginning of May. Williams has not competed on the WTA Tour since Wimbledon, where she reached the final before falling to her sister, Serena Williams.

"I regret that I will not be able to compete in the Advanta Championships in Philadelphia. Right now, it's important for me to make sure that my body is completely recovered. I am working really hard to get myself back to 100%. The lay off has been difficult but I'm really looking

forward to returning to the WTA Tour."

Williams was due to make her third appearance at the Advanta Championships, reaching the semifinals in 1999 before falling to eventual champion Lindsay Davenport.

"Advanta is committed to tennis for the long haul and we're very excited about the return of the Advanta Championships after three years," said Peter Fishbach, Tournament Chairman of the Advanta Championships. "It's terrific to have the

entire United States Fed Cup team playing here in Philadelphia, and that's just one of the many great things going on this week, both on and off the court."

Williams' withdrawal moves a lucky loser into the main draw. No. 2 seed Amelie Mauresmo is the top seed, followed by No. 3 seed Anastasia Myskina and No. 4 seed Chanda Rubin. Slovenian Tina Pisnik moves in as the last seed, becoming the No. 10 seed.

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# NATIONAL NEWS

## More Than \$47.6 Million in Grants Awarded to Help Families Across the U.S.

*Funding aimed at making families employable, self-sufficient*

WASHINGTON, DC — Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Mel Martinez announced \$47,688,000 in grants last week to 771 housing authorities in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam and Puerto Rico that will be used for job training and placement for low-income citizens.

"This funding will help thousands of citizens find employment and eventually become economically independent," said Marti-

nez. "HUD is committed to revitalizing communities through job advocacy, training programs and economic development."

HUD's Housing Choice Voucher Family Self-Sufficiency (HCV/FSS) Program provides funds to public housing agencies specifically for the employment of family self-sufficiency coordinators. The FSS coordinators assist adults in job training, childcare, counseling, transportation and job

placement programs.

Participants in the job preparedness program, some of whom are on welfare, sign a contract that stipulates the head of the household will get a job and the family will become self-sufficient within five years. While enrolled in the program, as a family's income rises, a third of that income goes to an interest-bearing escrow account.

If a family fulfills the contract requiring employment and independence

from welfare, they can use the escrow account for down payment on a home purchase, starting a business, paying back debts and paying educational expenses. If a family fails to fulfill the contract, they do not get the funds in the escrow account and may be terminated from the FSS Program.

For more information about this program, go to [www.hud.gov](http://www.hud.gov).

## Tuskegee Bioethics Center Receives \$14 Million Grant

TUSKEGEE, Ala. (AP) — A \$14 million grant has been awarded to Tuskegee University to complete its National Center for Bioethics Research and Health Care.

It's the only bioethics center in the United States dealing with issues that involve blacks and other minorities, according to federal officials.

The grant, announced last Friday, comes from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

It will allow the univer-

sity to complete by fall 2004 the transformation of a former hospital on campus into modern research labs and classrooms for students and researchers studying bioethical topics, including public health, behavioral sciences and humanities, according to Tuskegee President Benjamin Payton.

Bioethics refers to the study of ethical problems arising from scientific advances in such fields as biology and medicine.

The center was created

in 1999, about two years after President Clinton had publicly apologized for the infamous Tuskegee syphilis study.

During the U.S. Public Health Service study, which lasted from 1932 to 1972, researchers examined the effects of untreated syphilis on a group of Tuskegee-area black men who were never told they had the disease.

The study has been cited as a major factor in the mistrust many blacks have toward the health care

system. That distrust has been cited partly to explain why health problems are more pronounced among black Americans than they are among whites.

U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson said that because of the syphilis study, the university was an ideal site for the 170,000-square-foot bioethics center to "stand as a testament to those who suffered so unjustly in the name of science."

## Atlanta Waffle House Sued for Race Discrimination

ATLANTA — Waffle House, Inc., the restaurant chain that claims to provide "fast and friendly service," provides anything but that to African Americans, according to the allegations of more than 50 African American customers who are suing the chain for race discrimination. The plaintiffs described numerous instances of discriminatory behavior by Waffle House employees at a news conference here today to announce 13 lawsuits against Waffle House, Inc. and several of its franchisees. The lawsuits allege a pattern or practice of race discrimination in public accommodations.

The plaintiffs allege that they were subjected to denials of service, exceedingly long delays in service and racial epithets at Waffle House restaurants throughout the Southeast. Most of those plaintiffs contacted Waffle House to complain but their complaints were either ignored or not taken seriously.

Among the plaintiffs are Michael and Elise Slocumb, who visited a Waffle House restaurant in Darien, Ga., with their three young children. The Slocumbs

allege that they waited for at least 45 minutes for a table and during that time watched several white customers enter the restaurant and be seated and served. The servers allegedly completely ignored the Slocumbs' requests to be seated and the family eventually left the restaurant without being served. As they left, their eight-year-old son, Cole, asked, "Why are we leaving? Is it because we're black?"

When Mrs. Slocumb called the Waffle House customer service line to complain, she allegedly was told that her complaint would be investigated and that someone would follow up with her. Although she gave her contact information to the customer service representative, the only other communication she received from Waffle House was a general customer comment questionnaire that included no questions about discrimination.

"This alleged recurring practice at Waffle House restaurants of extending the welcome mat selectively so as to rebuff African American customers, flies in the face of 40 years of progress in civil rights

across our country," said plaintiffs' attorney Henderson Hill of Ferguson Stein Chambers. "Dr. Martin Luther King responded to those weary of calls for civil rights reform, 'We cannot be satisfied as long as our bodies, heavy with the fatigue of travel, cannot gain lodging in the motels of the highways and the hotels of the cities.' To affirm Dr. King's message, our clients are not, and cannot be satisfied until all African Americans receive equal treatment when they come to eat at Waffle House."

Attorneys with the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs and the law firms of Drinker Biddle and Reath LLP and Ferguson Stein Chambers together represent the 56 plaintiffs alleging race discrimination against Waffle House and its franchisees. Complaints filed in federal district courts in Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Texas describe alleged incidents including servers who announced that they did not have to serve African American customers or who used racial epithets;

African Americans who were ignored while white patrons were seated and waited on; servers who became verbally abusive when asked to wait on African Americans; and a restaurant of white patrons and employees who began to sing "When the Saints Go Marching In" and several Negro spirituals when African American patrons were served cold, burnt food.

"In this day and age, it is simply astonishing that, as alleged in the complaints, incidents of this type were brought to management's attention, yet the corporation took no steps to meaningfully remedy the situation," said Susan Huhta of the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights & Urban Affairs. "For that reason, we have asked in the complaints to have Waffle House make policy changes and cease its discriminatory practices."

Individuals wishing to report additional incidents of race discrimination at Waffle House restaurants should call the plaintiffs' attorneys toll-free hotline at 1-800-575-4635.

## Expanding Hate Crimes Protection to Homeless Controversial

by Joe Milicia

Associated Press Writer

CLEVELAND (AP) — Shots from stun guns jolted the homeless men out of their sleep on the downtown streets. Some fell off their park benches.

Advocates say this videotaped attack and other cruel assaults show that the homeless should be protected by hate crimes laws. Experts say, however, that persuading legislators to pass such laws will be difficult.

Of the 46 states that have hate crimes laws, none includes protection for the homeless.

Donald Whitehead, executive director of the National Coalition for the Homeless, said the homeless deserve protection because they are often attacked by those who view them as a blight on society.

"Here's overwhelming evidence that this is occurring," Whitehead said of the assaults last August on six men in Cleveland.

But Carol Swain, professor of political science

and law at Vanderbilt University, said too much is expected out of hate crimes laws. They are difficult to enforce and aren't necessarily a deterrent.

"A lot of hate crimes are committed in the heat of passion," Swain said. "A lot of people aren't weighing in their mind, 'If I attack this person, I'm facing an enhanced penalty.'"

She said time would be better spent getting homeless people off the streets so they aren't easy targets.

"I don't see how adding homeless people to the (hate crimes) category does anything about the situation of the homeless," Swain said. "Nor do I believe it would make them any less of a target."

Four teenagers can be heard on the videotape laughing, said Brian Davis, executive director of the Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless. One man was kicked in the head, he said.

"They seem to treat it as a sport," Davis said.

What's absent from the

tape is anything that would allow the perpetrators to be charged with a felony because no deadly weapons were used and no one was seriously injured.

Protection under hate crimes laws would have allowed prosecutors to pursue felony charges, but Michael Lieberman, of the Washington, D.C., counsel for the Anti-Defamation League, said that's not the answer.

He said hate crimes laws should be reserved for groups that share an unchangeable characteristic, like race.

"It doesn't seem the same thing as attacking someone who's from Korea, or is Catholic or white," Lieberman said. "The Korean person will still be Korean the next day. A homeless person you hope will be off the street."

Two days after the stun gun attacks, U.S. Rep. Dennis Kucinich asked U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft to make attacks on homeless people a hate

crime. The request was rejected, and Kucinich, a Democratic presidential candidate, is working on other options, said his press secretary, Doug Gordon.

Ohio is ranked as the fourth most dangerous state for homeless people, according to a study by the National Coalition for the Homeless, which documented more than 200 acts of violence against homeless people from 1999 to 2002.

The study was compiled using media reports and information from shelters, which the coalition says do not provide a complete picture.

Lieberman said the Anti-Defamation League supports a government study to better assess the number of attacks and their causes. The National Coalition for the Homeless has been pushing for such a study.

"It has been something that has been very slow in developing," Whitehead said. "We are very frustrated about that."

### Inquiry

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"Both Army Spec. Johnson and Pfc. Jessica Lynch are Americans who risked their lives in Iraq and suffered the indignity and horror of capture. Surely, the Army's commitment to fairness dictates equal treatment for both of these American heroes."

Morial is the eighth President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Urban League. He was as selected president and CEO by the National

Urban League Board of Trustees and assumed office on May 15, 2003.

The Urban League is the nation's oldest and largest community-based movement empowering African Americans to enter the economic and social mainstream. The National Urban League, headquartered in New York City, spearheads the nonprofit, nonpartisan movement, while Urban League affiliates operate in more than 100 cities in 34 states and the District of Columbia.

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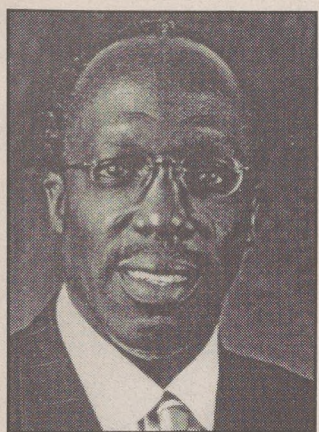
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# RELIGIOUS NEWS

## First Baptist Institutional Church



Dr. Charles E. Booth

The First Baptist Institutional Church family is hosting its Fall Revival Conference which began Oct. 29 and runs through Oct. 31. The church is located at 3144 Third Ave. S., St. Petersburg.

The guest evangelist is the Rev. Dr. Charles E. Booth, pastor of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church of Columbus, Ohio. Dr. Booth has served as pastor of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church since 1978.

Under his leadership, the Mt. Olivet congregation com-

pleted a \$2.1 million building program of which Phase I was completed in March 1982. Phase II was completed in November 1983, and Phase III was completed in January 1991. All phases were completed debt free under his direction.

He is the founder of the Mt. Olivet Christian Academy, September 1993. He has an intensive, intentional commitment to multiplying new congregations all across the nation and spreading the "good news" of the gospel to the people.

Each Sunday, Pastor Booth's broadcast ministry can be heard at 7:30 a.m. on radio station WRFD whose radius covers 65 counties in the state of Ohio and portions of Kentucky and Pennsylvania.

The public is invited to join the First Baptist family during this life-changing conference. It will make a mark in your life that cannot be erased. Everyone is invited!

## Trinity Presbyterian Church

The Men's Association of Trinity Presbyterian church will host its annual Men's Day program on Sunday, Nov. 9, at 11 a.m.

This year's speaker is Attorney Darryl Rouson, president of the local chapter of NAACP. The public is invited to join us in this cele-

bration.

Trinity is located at 2830 - 22nd Ave. S.

Refreshments will be served following the service. The interim pastor of Trinity is Dr. Myron Miller, and Michael Clarke is president of the Men's Association.

## Travelers' Rest M.B. Church

The pastoral staff and congregation extends heartfelt welcome to all who will attend worship fellowship service this Sunday. Let us praise the Lord!

Sunday School time will be from 9-10 a.m. (no 8 a.m. service). We will have joint service beginning at 10 a.m. Holy communion will be served. The Konsonant Choir will render musical selections, and Usher Ministry #1 will be our doorkeepers.

## Lake Maggiore Baptist Church

The mission of the Lake Maggiore Baptist Church is to be a covenant fellowship: Worshipping God, equipping the believers, evangelizing the lost, ministering effectively (Matthew 28:19-20).

We have a community food pantry and clothes closet that is a ministry of PRAY sponsored by Lake Maggiore Baptist and Southside

Members are reminded of our outside church engagement at Zion Temple on Thursday, Oct. 30, at 7 p.m. The church is located at 558 - 28th St. S.

Men and young men are requested to attend the Men's Ministry breakfast meeting and Bible Study this Saturday at 9 a.m. Deaconesses Ministry meeting will begin at 10 a.m.

Scheduled weekly activities: Thursday, Oct. 30 - 11 a.m., Mid-Day Bible Study (in-depth

study of the scriptures) and nursing home visitation; 7 p.m., worship with Zion Temple.

Saturday, Nov. 1 - 9 a.m., Men's Ministry; 10 a.m., Deaconesses Ministry.

Wednesday, Nov. 5 - 7 p.m., Intercessory Prayer; 7:30-8:30 p.m., Bible Study.

If you are seeking church membership, we invite you to join our fellowship.

Needing transportation? Contact the church office at (727)

822-4869.

Note to parents: Choice deadline is Nov. 1. Contact the Family Education and Information Center located at PTEC-St. Petersburg, 3420 Eighth Ave. S., phone (727) 552-1595.

Thought to ponder: "Because God gives us everything, we owe Him all our praise."

## Biblical Hermeneutics is Focus at New Philadelphia

Sunday commences a month-long commemorative celebration of church family's thirteenth anniversary. Pastor's proclamation focus will be a hermeneutical exhortation on biblical significance of the number "13" in scripture. Background scriptures will include Old and New Testaments. Holy Communion and crucifixion will be scripturally proclaimed in how both relates to the number 13 according to biblical hermeneutics, which is explanation and illustration of various principles of Bible interpretation. This year's anniversary theme is, "Reviving the Vision with Faith, Hope, and Love" (Nehemiah 4:6).

A challenge to church family for the month is to have members attend all five Sunday worship services, including Wisdom School, which begins at 10 a.m. Presence, promptness, and participation, are requested of persons who will accept this

anniversary challenge.

Consistent with forementioned challenge is a call to attend mid-week Bible Study. Present study is concerned with biblical "fasting." Study materials are provided. Persons attending should bring Bibles. This study will also encourage members to maintain a "fasting notebook," and commence keeping a "fasting journal." Sessions begin at 7 p.m.

Members are reminded of "penny" and "silver" offerings to be made on third Sunday of anniversary month. Donations from patrons can also be turned in weekly. Other activities for week:

- Anniversary Brunch, Saturday, 10:30 a.m.
- Wisdom School and Holy Communion, Sunday, 10 a.m.
- Trustee Ministry, Monday, 7 p.m.
- Bible Study, "Biblical Fasting," Wednesday, 7 p.m.

## Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

The Friendship Missionary Baptist Church Family under the leadership of Pastor John A. Evans Sr. invites you to worship with us this Sunday and to all Church Related activities and events during the upcoming week.

Services begin at 7:45 a.m., Devotion is led by the Deacons Ministry. The Voices of Friendship (All Choirs) will sing songs of Zion the No.1 ushers will greet you and Pastor Evans will preach the unadulterated word of God.

Church School commences at 9:30 a.m. with the Superintendent in charge. A

second service is held at 10:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. Services

Schedule of Events Tuesday Nov. 4 2003 7 p.m. Youth Church Enrichment and all Youth Ministries please plan to attend.

Wednesday Nov. 5 2003 Noonday Bible Study, also Wednesday from 12-2 p.m. Bread of Life Ministry serving lunch to all needy in the community. Wednesday 7 p.m. Prayer Service, Praise Team, Proclamation-Bible Study.

The Theme for the Pastor's Sixth Anniversary

this year:

\*STANDING ON THE PROMISES OF GOD. EZEKIEL:1

Kick off Service Sunday Nov. 9, p.m. First Baptist Institutional Baptist Church Dr. Wayne Thompson, Pastor St. Petersburg, more information and dates as the time draws near. The community is invited to attend all of these events, as we celebrate our Pastor's and First Lady 6th Anniversary here at the S.H.I.P.

APPLICANTS WANTED: The Friendship Missionary Baptist Church Music

Ministry is accepting resumes for an organist.

If you are interested or know of someone, please contact the Church Office at (727) 906-8300 or the Minister of Music Bro. John Frazier at (727) 866-1172. Let us continue to keep all of our sick and shut in members lifted up in prayer and love knowing that the effectual fervent prayer of the righteous availeth much. Remembering that a phone call or a visit can lift one's spirit when confined in our homes or any medical facility.

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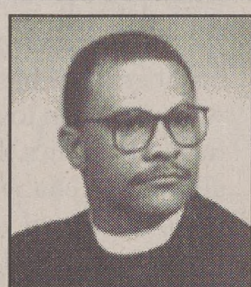
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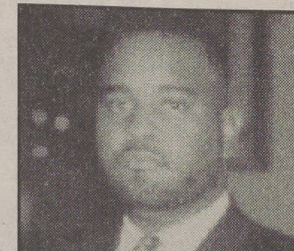
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Mission itinerary:

Prayer Tower would like to thank everyone who supported our annual Family Week. We hope that you were richly blessed, and we would like to let you know that you are welcome at our church at any time.

The tutorial program started Sept. 8 and will break on Dec. 9. It is every Monday and Wednesday at the church from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Free S.A.T. preparation classes will be given at the church from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. every Saturday through

Nov. 14.

Prayer Tower C.O.G.I.C. cordially invites you to our 84th church anniversary Banquet Dinner. It will be held Saturday, Nov. 1, at 5:30 p.m. at Tropicana Field. Our special guest and keynote speaker will be The Honorable Judge Mablean Ephriam from Divorce Court. Tickets will be on sale at Welch's Accounting, 1601 - 16th St. S., Prayer Tower C.O.G.I.C., 1137 - 37th St. S., Reader's Choice Books and Gift Expression, 4301 - 34th St. S. (Maxi Mall), Tampa

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Neighbor-to-Neighbor applications are now available. Please see the church secretary, Janika Hubbard, at the church during office hours.

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## Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!!

As we embark on a new conference year, we thank God for the return of our pastoral team, Rev. Clarence and Andrea Williams, our spiritual leaders at Zion. The Mt. Zion A.M.E. family welcomes your presence this Sunday for worship service and all other events during the week.

Early morning service begins at 7:30 a.m. with the Praise Team setting the tone for the day. The Male Chorus will sing your soul happy and lift your spirits in song.

Church School commences at 9:30 a.m. with Superintendent Wilma Lancaster in charge. Join us as we grow in the Word together.

A second service is held at 11 a.m. We pray the anointing join us for a hallelujah time in the Lord. Pastor Williams will proclaim the Word with power. Holy communion will be administered at both services. If you're in need of a church home, drop in and feel the love of God at Mt. Zion.

Other ministries include: Bible Study, Monday, 6 p.m.

Early morning prayer, Wednesday, 6:30 a.m.; Vintage Bible Study, 11 a.m.; Men's Bible Study, 6 p.m.; Hour of Power, 7 p.m. If you're in need of a mid-week lift, join us for a power-packed hour. Your heart will be encouraged and your spirit

revived.

Upcoming events:

The Drama Dept. will hold auditions for our Christmas play each Thursday at 6 p.m. All persons, any age, male or female, willing to work hard and have fun are invited to come. You don't want to miss this opportunity to shine.

Board of Christian Education is sponsoring a, "Family and Fun Day," on Sunday, Nov. 9, from 1-4 p.m. We invite family, friends and neighbors to worship with us and after service, enjoy the food, fun, games and wonderful fellowship to be shared. We'll have jugglers, face painting, a cake walk, slam dunk booth, pie eating contest

and a Christian DJ. This is fun you don't want to miss out on.

Women of Power Ministry is sponsoring a, "Youth Health Forum," ages 10-18, on Saturday, Nov. 15, from 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Join us for information enriching to the mind and soul. Door prizes and a complimentary lunch will be provided. Let's come together and learn more about our bodies, both spiritually and physically.

Thought for the week: "Remember, when you're down to nothing, know that God is up to something."

Be blessed, and have a Jesus-filled week!

## All Nations Church of God Features Performer Richard Guess for Concert



Richard C. Guess

ST. PETERSBURG—On Sunday, Nov. 16, recording artist/composer/arranger Richard C. Guess, along with the Voices of Unity Regional Mass Choir (under his direction), will perform for a special concert service. The concert begins at 5 p.m.

Also featured for the event will be Kenny Walker on bass guitar, as well as Chris Flowers and Rashed C. Guess on drums. There will be a free will offering. All Nations Church of God by Faith is located at 300 Fourth Ave. S. in St. Petersburg.

James and Johnnie Lee Williams serve as pastors. For more information, please contact Diana M. Guess at (727) 323-2808, or S. Lassiter, at (727) 323-1200.

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## New Hope M.B. Church

The New Hope family invited each and every one to come worship with us. We are the church of open doors. Come join us in a spirit-filled service.

Sunday School begins at 9 a.m. with Brenda Adams in charge.

Devotion begins at 10:15 a.m. with New Hope's deacons. Praise and worship song service will be rendered by New Hope's Mass Choir with Minister of Music Tony Young and assisted by Vernard McKinney. Choir Director is Bobbie Tampa. The Bread of Life will be served

by Rev. Carlos L. Senior. We will have baptism, and Holy Communion will be served.

Weekly events:

Prayer meeting and Bible Study, Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Prayer Band, Thursday at 11 a.m.

Youth Choir rehearsal, Thursday at 6 p.m.

Mass Choir rehearsal, Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Upcoming events: Pastor's installation, Sunday, Nov. 23.

Please come and join us. There is a sweet, sweet spirit in this place.

## Bethel Metropolitan

Bethel Metropolitan Baptist Church invites you to join us on Sunday for our 8 and 11 a.m. Worship Services, and Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday evening at 6:30 for Prayer Service, and 7 for Bible study. The ordinance of Holy Communion will be observed at 8 and 11 a.m. services. The #1Ushers and Mass Choir will serve.

November has been designated as Male Ministry Month here at Bethel. The Christian Education Department along with the

Male Ministry has planned a Men's Seminar on November 14 and 15. You're invited to attend this community-wide event and enhance your Christian walk.

The Laymen, Male Ministry Choir and Male Ministry Ushers, will celebrate their anniversaries on the 5th Sunday during the 11:00 a.m. service.

Bethel Metropolitan is a friendly family in Christ striving to give a positive Christian witness for 100 years. Come and travel this Christian journey with us.

# CHURCH DIRECTORY

### Christ Gospel Church

2512 22nd Ave. S.  
St. Pete, FL 33712  
327-0997

Rev. P.D.H. Leonard  
Pastor



**SUNDAY**  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:45 a.m.  
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.  
**TUESDAY**  
Bible Study 7:30 p.m.  
**FRIDAY**  
Evangelical Service 7:30 p.m.  
**PRAYER TIMES**  
Tuesdays, Fridays & Sundays - half an hour before service.  
Mondays & Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Friday nights at midnight.  
**RADIO BROADCAST**  
Sundays 7:45 a.m.  
If you would like to come to church and do not have a way, call 327-0997.  
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### Greater St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church

532 33rd Street S. • St. Petersburg, FL

Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Evening Worship . . . 6 p.m.

Baptist Training Union 5 p.m.



Rev. Clyde Williams

**Tuesday Night**  
General Bible Study  
Thursday Night Prayer  
Meeting & Teachers Meeting  
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### Friendship Missionary Baptist

3300 - 31st Street South  
St. Petersburg, FL 33712  
(727) 906-8300



Pastor John A. Evans

Sunday 7:45 AM and 11 AM Worship  
Sunday School 9:30 AM  
Tuesday 7 PM Youth Church Enrichment  
Wednesday Noonday Bible Study and Bread of Life  
7 PM Prayer and Bible Study

### 20th Street Church Of Christ

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



Bro. Robert Smith

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

### Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

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912 Third Avenue North  
St. Petersburg, FL 33705  
Phone: 727-822-2089



Rev. Roosevelt Hardy  
Pastor

Church School ..... 9:00 A.M.  
New Member Class ..... 9:00 A.M.  
Morning Worship ..... 10:30 A.M.  
Prayer / Bible Study . Tuesday 7:00 PM.  
Youth Bible Study . . Thursday 6:00 PM.

### Pentecostal Temple Church of God in Christ

2230 - 22nd Street S., St. Petersburg, FL 33712  
(727) 894-6764 • (727) 550-0388

Elder William E. Anderson, Pastor



Morning Glory Sunday 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship 11:30 a.m.  
Community Bible Study Tuesday 7:30 p.m.  
Prayer & Bible Study Wednesday 7:30 p.m.  
Intercessory Prayer Saturday 5:45 a.m.

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### FIRST BAPTIST INSTITUTIONAL CHURCH

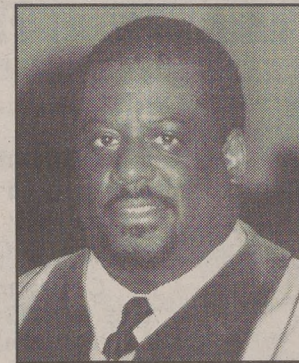
3144 THIRD AVENUE SOUTH  
ST. PETERSBURG, FL  
PHONE: 323-7518

REV. WAYNE G. THOMPSON, PASTOR

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:30 A.M.

MORNING WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

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### Lake Maggiore Baptist Church

4100 Dr. Martin Luther King  
Street South  
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727-894-5315 • Fax: 727-894-5315  
Email:  
www.lakemaggiorec@yahoo.com



Pastor Ronald Fluker  
and wife, Shana

John A. Evans  
Minister In Training  
Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Night Disciple Training ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday Night Worship ..... 7:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Prayer/Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.

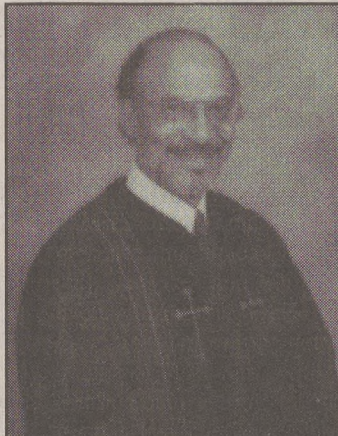
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2183 - 22nd Avenue South  
St. Petersburg, FL 33712  
Church Phone: 822-4869  
Residence: 824-6021

Mid-Morning Worship Service . 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Prayer/Praise Service (Weds.)

Rev. Donald F. Browne



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### Mt. Zion Progressive Missionary Baptist Church

955 - 20th Street South  
St. Petersburg, FL 33712

Phone: 894-4311  
www.mzprogressive.org

Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service: 8:00 a.m. • 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, Prayer Meeting: 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Bible Study: 8:00-9:00 p.m.  
(Adult and Youth)



Pastor Louis M.  
Murphy, Sr.

### Bethel Metropolitan Baptist Church

3455 26th Avenue South  
St. Petersburg, FL 33711

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

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

Wednesday: Prayer Meeting/Bible Study/  
AWANA - 7:00 P.M.

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## Pentecostal Temple COGIC



Pastor William E. Anderson and  
First Lady Rhonda Anderson

Pastor William E. Anderson and First Lady Rhonda Anderson were made to rejoice as the Pentecostal Temple Church Family celebrated their 16th Pastoral Anniversary last Sunday. Various activities and services rendered by visiting churches provided wonderful times of fellowship for members and friends of this ministry. The messages throughout the celebration spoke encouragement and strength to the honorees and support and love for them to the church family. Those in attendance were richly blessed as they received the Word of God.

The theme as chosen by the anniversary committee for this year was "Be Not Weary in Well Doing." Deaconess Jo Dee Mitchell and Deacon Sam Holcombe, Jr. spearheaded the Anniversary Committee as co-chairpersons. Culmination activities began in September and continued through October. The climax service was held on Sunday morning at 11:30 a.m. Men and women alike were beauti-

fully adorned in shades of green with white or silver as a symbol of unity. Missionary Jackquyne Anderson graced the pulpit and delivered an outstanding message from Galatians 6:6-9 leaving with us the thought "Can't Give Up Now." She told us that God has a "due" season when He will reward us if we do not lose heart and remain faithful to Him. When God wants to show forth His best in us is when we will have our due season.

The celebration was concluded with a buffet dinner at the Holiday Inn Sun Spree where the Pastor and the First Lady were showered with love, gifts and heartfelt words from those who have been touched by their lives. Our sincerest "thank you" to all of the many friends who helped us to make this Anniversary Celebration a most successful one.

A Super Sidewalk Sale will be held on Saturday, Nov. 1 from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Grilled chicken, water and soft drinks will also be available for a small donation.

## Bethel A.M.E. Church Welcomes a New Conference Year

Historic Bethel A.M.E. Church, located at 912 Third Ave. N., began a new conference year by welcoming back the Rev. Roosevelt Hardy and Mrs. Dorothy Hardy. During the Annual Conference held at Allen Temple A.M.E. Church-Tampa, FL, Bishop John Hurst Adams reassigned the Rev. Hardy to once again lead the members of Bethel to yet another level of Christian growth and development.

Upon his return, the Rev. Hardy began his mission by organizing the departments within the church. Incumbent officers, members and friends were tasked with providing budgets, action plans, and scheduled events for this conference year.

Prior to the conference year ending, the members were busy planning the 109th Anniversary celebration under the chairmanship of Sis. Marion Church. This event is scheduled to culminate on November 16, 2003. This event is pre-empted by other activities such as: a Song Fest, and a Candlelight Vigil. These activities will be held in the month of November. In an effort to support the 109th Anniversary, members are selling commemorative t-

shirts marking the event. The members of Bethel are soliciting the local church communities to participate as we strive to make this event a successful one.

Bethel's members have carved a motto stating that, "We are the beehive and are busy as bees and sweet as honey". In keeping with our theme, we invite you to attend the following ministries on a weekly and monthly basis:

- 8 a.m. each Sunday morning- Feeding Ministry and Bible Study
- 9 a.m. Church School
- 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service
- 5:30 - 7 p.m. Monday & Wednesday- Tutorial Sessions/Youth Ministry
- 7 p.m. Tuesday evening- Bible Study
- 6 and 7 p.m. Wednesday evening Music Ministry
- Transportation and Homeless Ministries

For additional information on the ministries and church activities, please contact the Church Secretary at (727) 822-2089, M-F- 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

"God is good, His goodness endureth throughout all generations..."

## The Rock of Jesus M.B. Church

Nearly 100 women attended the First Annual City-Wide Women's Conference held recently at the Rock of Jesus M.B. Church, 4201 Sixth St. S. at its worship site, Covenant Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Frank Peterman, Jr., is pastor, and the assistant pastor is the Rev. Peggy M. Peterman. The theme was, "Holy Spirit, Rain Down on Us: Women in Renewal."

Friday night, the welcome was given by the first lady of the Rock of Jesus Church, June K. Peterman, and the pastor the Rev. Frank Peterman. Cheryl Williams, an administrator with Faith Book Ministries, headquartered in Detroit, gave words of inspiration, followed by a spirit-filled time in praise and worship provided by St. Petersburg singing groups: Tribe and the Vessels of Praise. They and the women filled the auditorium with praises to God in thanksgiving.

The women of Rock assisted as greeters, distributing packets and other hospitality deeds. They also provided a sale of Christian books.

Immediately following



The Women of the Rock of Jesus Missionary Baptist church at their two day women's conference.

praise and worship, the women joined in an anointed healing service conducted by Minister Johnnie R. Pierce of the Rock of Jesus Church and Apostle Clarice Pennington of Greater Morningstar Missionary Baptist Church, Tampa. Minister Jeanya McCoy assisted Apostle Pennington.

The following day, Saturday morning, a prayer circle was conducted by Minister Johnnie Pierce, and a continental breakfast was served. This was followed by a session for married women with Elder Ayakao M. Watkins of Victory Christian Center Church as the facilitator, and one for single women conducted by Minister Cheryl Williams of Detroit.

Minister Williams was also the luncheon speaker



L-R: Minister Cheryl Williams, pastor Frank Peterman, Jr., and Elder Ayakao Watkins

after the sessions. The fellowship was complete with women expressing that they had been renewed and transformed.

Co-chairpersons of the women's conference were Frances Parham and the Rev. Peggy M. Peterman. The

committee included Joy Williams, Minister Johnnie Pierce, Dorothy Oxendine Nakita Lane and Minister Shirley Thorton, joined by all the women of the Rock of Jesus M.B. Church.

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**Jesus  
Saves**

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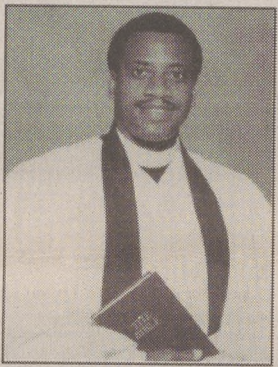
### The Rock of Jesus Missionary Baptist Church

"A New Beginning In Christ"

All Worship Services are held at:  
Covenant Presbyterian Church  
4201 Sixth Street South • St. Petersburg, Florida  
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 14542 • St. Petersburg, FL 33733-4542  
Phone: 727.895.7700

Scheduled Services - Sunday  
Church Education Assembly (Church School) - 8:45 a.m.  
Prayer Time - 9:30 a.m. Praise & Worship - 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service - 10:00 a.m.  
Communion - Every First Sunday Bible Study - Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

On Christ the solid Rock, I stand - all other ground is sinking sand....



Rev. Frank W. Peterman, Jr.  
Pastor  
Rev. Peggy M. Peterman  
Assistant Pastor

Every Word of God is pure: He is a shield unto them  
that put their trust in Him. **Proverbs - 30:5**

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Pastor's Office: (727) 895-9591  
Rev. Constance D. Samuels - Pastor

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### Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church

2550 9th Avenue S. • St. Petersburg, FL

Early Morning Worship ..... 7:00 a.m.  
Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 10:50 a.m.  
Baptist Training Union ..... 4:30 p.m.  
Communion ..... 7:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
Prayer Meeting & Bible Study  
Wednesdays ..... 7:30 p.m.

"The Church Where Everybody Is Somebody"



Rev. Joseph Gordon

### Galilee Missionary Baptist Church

505 - 35th Street S. • St. Petersburg, FL • 327-3186  
Morning Worship ..... 7:45 a.m.  
Sunday School ..... 9:15 a.m.  
Mid-Morning Worship ..... 10:50 a.m.  
Baptist Training Union ..... 5:00 p.m.  
Mid-Week Worship ..... Wednesday 7:00 p.m.  
Bible Study/Prayer Service ..... Thursday 7:30 p.m.

Come join us at the Church where everyone is Welcome!



Rev. Earnest Jones,  
Pastor

### Trinity Presbyterian Church, USA

2830 22nd Avenue South • St. Petersburg, FL 33712  
(727) 327-8560 or (727) 322-0810

9:00 AM .....Prayer Time  
9:30 AM .....Sunday School  
11:00 AM .....Worship  
12:30 PM After Service Fellowship  
Wednesday - 6:30 PM Prayer and Bible Study

You are invited to share spiritual nurturing, preaching of the Gospel and a Christian community for everyone.



### Unity Temple Of Truth Church

11 Prescott Street South

Sunday Morning Study ..... 10:00 AM  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 AM

Rev. Emily Gillespie, Guest Minister  
(The Church Of The Daily Word)

### Macedonia Freewill Baptist Church

900 - 16th Avenue South • St. Petersburg, Florida 33705

Morning Worship ..... 8:00 a.m.  
Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Mid-Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Prayer Meeting and Bible Class Wed. .... 7:00 p.m.

Elder: Tony Smith  
Transportation to Church: 727-743-3993 or 727-798-4430

Communion is observed quarterly  
the first Sunday after every 5th Sunday.  
The Church Where Everyone Is Welcome

### All Nations Church of God By Faith

3000 - 4th Avenue S. • St.  
Petersburg, FL  
327-5926 • 327-2656

Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
Night Worship ..... 7 p.m.  
Tuesday Bible Class ..... 8 p.m.  
Friday Tarry Service ..... 8 p.m.  
Saturday Sabbath School ..... 11 a.m.

Rev. Johnnie Lee Williams, Pastor



### PEACEFUL ZION M.B. CHURCH

2051 - 9th Avenue South,  
St. Petersburg, FL 33712  
Clifford F. Cannedy, Sr., Pastor  
(813) 822-2455

Church School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
B.T.U. .... 5:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.  
Tuesday Evening  
Bible Class ..... 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday Youth  
Rehearsal ..... 5:30 p.m.  
Thursday Prayer & Church  
School Study ..... 7:30 p.m.  
1st & 2nd Saturdays SR.  
Choir Rehearsal ..... 11:00 a.m.



### St. John Missionary Baptist Church

1500 N. Pennsylvania Avenue  
Clearwater, Florida 33516  
Church Phone: 443-1945 Parsonage: 446-6056  
Rev. Fleming Tarver, Pastor  
Sunday Services

Sunday Service ..... 8:00 a.m.  
Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Baptist Training Union ..... 5:00 p.m.

Weekly Services  
Bible Class Monday, 7:00 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting & Bible Study, Wednesday 7:00 p.m.  
The church where everybody is somebody and Christ is all.



### 10th Street Church Of God

207 - 10th Street North, St. Petersburg, FL

Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.  
Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting/  
Bible Study ..... 7:15 p.m.  
Evening Worship (1st & 3rd Sunday) ..... 6:00 p.m.

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### New Philadelphia Community Church

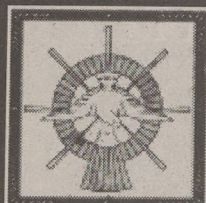
The Reverend Don A. Gaskin, Pastor

2335 - 22nd Avenue South  
P.O. Box 15935 • St. Petersburg, FL 33733

Wisdom School 9:50 AM • Morning Worship 10:30 AM  
Bible Study Fellowship 6:30 PM (Wed.)

Deacon Ministry ..... Deacon Edward Nesbitt  
Finance Ministry ..... James Robinson  
Children & Youth Ministry ..... Joyce Robinson  
Clerk Ministry ..... Wyvonna McGee

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### Prayer Tower Church Of God In Christ

1135 37th Street South, St.  
Pete, FL

Elder Clarence Welch, Pastor  
Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Morning Service 11:30 a.m.  
YPWW 5:30 p.m. Sunday  
Church Service 6:30 p.m. Sunday  
Night Services 7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday Services 7:30 p.m.



### STEWART-ISOM MEMORIAL CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1820 Walton Street S., St. Pete, FL 33712  
(813) 327-0593

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.  
Bible Study: Thursday, 7:00 p.m.

Phillipians 3:14 "I press towards the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus"



Rev. A. Anthony Robinson III



# INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## U.S. Backing Up Uganda with Military Aid

KAMPALA (GIN) — The Uganda People's Defense Forces is receiving military aid from the United States as its ongoing war with the Lords Resistance Army, an armed opposition group in Northern Uganda.

The international community designated the LRA, a Christian fundamentalist group lead by Joseph Kony that seeks to install a government ruled by the Ten Com-

mandments. It was declared a terrorist organization by western countries earlier this year.

The assistance involves American satellite photography and other electronic surveillance methods to help Uganda cut off support the group apparently enjoys from neighboring Sudan.

"There will be no U.S. soldiers on the ground, we are using American dollars and American technology,"

an unidentified U.S. official reportedly told the Washington Times.

Earlier this year, President Yoweri Museveni traveled to Washington and greeted U.S. President George W. Bush in a reciprocal visit in July.

The Bush administration approved an Ugandan request for logistical support and intelligence in August as part of a wider strategy to defeat terrorist groups operating in East

Africa, and in gratitude for Ugandan support at the United Nations over Iraq policy, the Washington Times reported.

The United States is planning to spend \$100 million on anti-terrorism aid to Kenya, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Uganda and Djibouti.

The Government of Yoweri Museveni has been fighting the LRA for the last 17 years.

## Kenya to Produce Malaria-Fighting Bacteria

by Varsha Gupta d'Souza

NAIROBI (GIN) — Kenya plans to open Africa's first factory dedicated to the production of bacterial pesticides to help tackle malaria, one of the continent's biggest killers.

The International Center of Insect Physiology and Ecology (ICIPE) said

last week that the \$1.5 million dollar facility would be operational within six weeks.

The factory will produce seven to eight tons of liquid Bacillus Thuringiensis Israelensis (Bti) annually.

The pesticide, which can be sprayed on water

and plants, is lethal to malaria-carrying mosquitoes.

In a related development, Kenya Medical Research Institute (Kemri) researchers played a leading role in the discovery of a new drug Laplap, deadly to mosquitoes, launched earlier this month.

Malaria kills about 3,000 children a day and costs the world's poorest continent around \$12 billion a year. Between 30 and 50 per cent of inpatient admissions and 50 per cent of outpatient visits are attributed to malaria every year.

## South Africa: Human Rights Lawyer was Apartheid Spy

(GIN) — A former Eastern Cape human rights lawyer has reportedly confessed to being apartheid government agent RS452. Vanessa Brereton, who now lives in London, offered to give her confession to a South African investigative commission through a go-between.

In an interview with Independent Newspapers, Brereton was reported to

say: "I was RS452 and I have had enough of the lies and deceit." She agreed to prepare an affidavit to be submitted to the investigating commission.

The surprise confession comes as a prominent government official, National Director of Public Prosecutions, Bulelani Ngcuka, is under investigation for spying for the apartheid government on

his anti-apartheid activist colleagues.

Brereton was quoted to say that her misgivings about collaborating with the apartheid state's security forces reached a peak in 1989 with the killing of three black security policemen and an askari - the name given to an African National Congress operative who turned to work for the apartheid state.

Brereton gives no reasons for her work as a spy. She says she has come forward now to set the record straight about Ngcuka and to expose the secret past.

Ngcuka's accusers include former transport minister Mac Maharaj and defence department advisor Mo Shaik.

## Liberia: Radio Journalists Pick Up the Pieces

MONROVIA (GIN) — Radio jockey Adolphus Taylor sleeps overnight at the offices of the state-run Liberian Broadcasting System to be ready for his live breakfast show "Infomix."

Taylor and other radio journalists are returning to work after a 14-year-long civil war that devastated this West African country. The state broadcaster is in bad shape. It broadcasts to

Monrovia on FM from a ramshackle studio in the eastern suburb of Paynesville, but lacks a working short-wave transmitter to reach the whole country. And its staff have not been paid for more than two years.

The war ended, at least officially, on Aug. 18, after former president Charles Taylor was forced by international pressure and an

intense rebel advance on Monrovia, to resign and go to exile in Nigeria.

"Journalists and human rights activists in Monrovia were the worst victims of what appears to be the targeted and systematic looting, arson and rape of residents caught up in the raging conflict," Professor Kwame Karikari, Executive Director of the Media Foundation of West Africa,

Jerome Daich, Managing Editor of The News, an independent daily, said the biggest problem is average salaries of less than \$20 a month. "Imagine you have a guy with a Masters degree coming to work here and he doesn't even get enough to cover his transportation costs," he told IRIN.

Local journalists welcome the new interest

being taken in the Liberian media by foreign donors and the likelihood of new training opportunities and equipment becoming available. But many warned strongly of the danger of being swamped by outside influences. They urged that the local media be empowered rather than marginalized.

sponsored thuggery I have seen anywhere," William H. Lash III, Asst. Secretary of Commerce reportedly told an Ivorian official representing Ambassador Youssoufou Damba. He said the treatment of the cell phone company - Cora de Comstar - could make the Ivory Coast a "poster child" for negative investment climates, according to a report on the AllAfrica website.

At an Oct. 21 press briefing sponsored by the Washington-based Corporate Council on Africa, the CEOs of Western Wireless International and Modern Africa Fund Managers, LLC announced they had suspended operations of Cora de Comstar, a three-year-old company serving close to 33,000 cellular phone customers and employing 200 telecommunications workers, because of repeated violent harassment of company personnel and raids on corporate premises.

The Ivorian government, for its part, denies

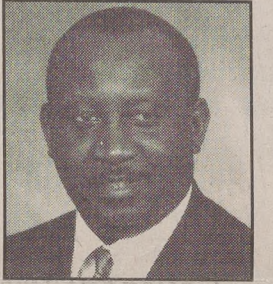
the charges. "Cote d'Ivoire has never expropriated a foreign company, whatever the nationality, and has never had the intention to do so. The government deplors the incident that occurred between the protagonists and will take all necessary measures to deal appropriately and definitively with the issue," the Ivorian government statement said.

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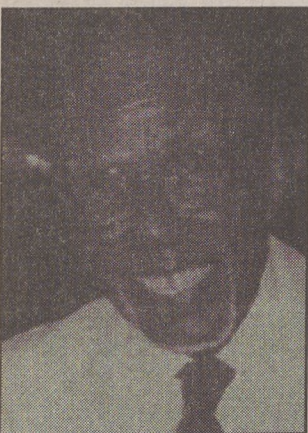
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*The Citizens United for Shared Prosperity mourn the passing of Perkins Shelton, a community icon, outstanding member of our Steering Committee. A full rich lifetime of struggle against racial injustice, exploitation and intolerance. A warrior for peace and friendship of all peoples! Rest now, our brother, the struggle for justice shall continue. Citizens United for Shared Prosperity*

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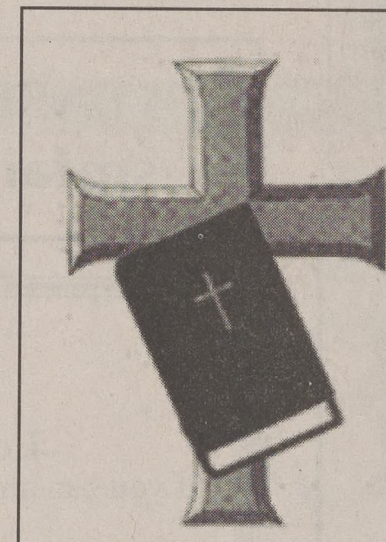


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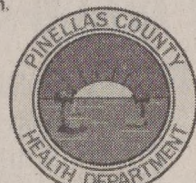
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# WOMAN'S WORLD

## RCW Launches Women's "Job Interview Support Group"

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A new career development class starts Tuesday, Nov. 4 and concludes Thursday, Nov. 13. Classes will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Resume preparation, interview techniques and job search strategies will be covered as well as educational options and scholarship opportunities. At the end of the class, each participant will have a completed resume, cover letter and increased interviewing skills.

In conjunction with the career development classes, Dr. Pat Connelly will facilitate an interview support group for women to discuss issues faced in interview situations. "Going on interviews can be intimidating and overwhelming. Having an expert facilitate an interview support group with other women will teach me new techniques and give me resources and support for future interviews," says Kathleen Buckley, a client and volunteer at the Resource Center for Women.

The Resource Center for Women helps women in transition develop employment, personal and parenting skills that lead to self-sufficiency. RCW does this through life skills' training, which includes programs in career development, personal guidance and parenting classes.

For more information, call RCW at (727) 586-1110 for information.

## New, Low-Dose Pill Provides Highly Effective Contraception with Excellent Cycle Control and Side Effect Profile

(NAPSM) — Birth control pills are not one size fits all. For the more than 16 million women who use the pill, finding the right combination of hormones that offers effective contraception, with low rates of nuisance side effects, may be frustrating. Since the pill was introduced in the 1960s, the trend has been to lower the levels of estrogen and progestin-the hormones used in birth control pills-without compromising contraceptive protection or tolerability.

Today, some pills contain as little as 20 micrograms (mcg) of estrogen, however, these may not provide desired cycle control, or menstrual regularity. Menstrual regularity, for some patients, is an expectation when taking a combination birth control pill. However, not all pills offer this benefit to the same degree and some women experience unexpected bleeding (breakthrough

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Now, women and their doctors or healthcare professionals have a new option among birth control pills-one that offers a combination of hormones to provide excellent cycle control, tolerability and efficacy. ORTHO TRI-CYCLEN® LO (norgestimate/ethinyl estradiol) Tablets are now available by prescription. Recently approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), ORTHO TRI-CYCLEN LO contains 25 mcg of estrogen and the progestin, norgestimate. Like other combination birth control pills, ORTHO TRI-CYCLEN LO is highly effective when taken correctly.

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reason women stop taking the pill. Many women who stop taking the pill often use a less reliable method of birth control or no method at all, which can result in an unplanned pregnancy. Among those who discontinue the Pill, more than 600,000 unintended pregnancies occur each year in the United States according to a 1995 study published in the Journal of Reproductive Medicine.

Estrogen and progestin work together to prevent ovulation and support the endometrium (the lining of

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Oral contraceptives are not for everybody. Most side effects of the pill are not serious and those that are, occur infrequently. Serious risks, which can be life threatening, include blood clots, stroke, and heart attacks, and are increased if you smoke cigarettes. Cigarette smoking increases the risk of serious

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Some studies have reported an increase in the risk of developing breast cancer among women who use oral contraceptives. However, the majority of studies have found no overall increase in this risk. You should talk to your doctor or health care professional about how this risk relates to your use of the pill. Some women should not use the pill, including women who have blood clots, certain cancers, a history of heart attack or stroke, as well as those who are or may be pregnant. The pill does not protect against HIV or sexually transmitted diseases.

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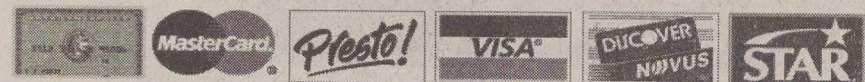
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