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Retirement



Mrs. Barbara Batchelor Johnson

TAMPA — Mrs. Barbara Batchelor-Johnson retired from the City of Tampa Urban Development and Job Training after 32-1/2 years.

She was a Job Training Supervisor.

Mrs. Batchelor-Johnson is a member of Mt. Moriah P.B. Church.

The celebration was held at the La Tam Restaurant on November 24, 1997.

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State Civil Rights Conventioneers

by Marilyn Duckner

ST. PETERSBURG — The 7th Annual Florida Civil Rights Conference was held November 19th-21st at the Bayfront Hilton Hotel. The opening sessions got under way, after remarks from Governor Lawton Chiles; greetings from St. Pete Mayor David Fischer; Clearwater Mayor Rita Garvey; State Representative Rudy Bradley and St. Pete City Council member Ernest Filliau. Conference members were welcomed by Florida Commission on Human Relations chair Geraldine Thompson.

A common theme dominated the workshops and lectures, which was 'Re-Engineer-

ing Civil Rights in Florida.' State NAACP 1st Vice President Adora Obi Nweze continued that theme when she addressed Affirmative Action as the first item to be addressed. "Only lose your job when you don't do your job;" "civil rights needs to be re-energized in the state of Florida, and you're in the wrong business if you want to be comfortable." She asked conference members to take an oath to take the leadership in Florida to re-engineer every aspect of civil rights, and to do anything—by any means necessary—morally or physically for this struggle!

Concurrent workshop sessions throughout the 3-day conference slated: EEO Profes-

sionals—Maintaining a Diverse Workforce; Community/Police Relations—Promoting Non-Violence in the Community; Fair Housing Professionals—Fair Housing/Fair Lending; Recent Court Decisions, Affecting MBE Programs; Education—Why Have Multicultural Education?; Plenary Sessions—Legislative & Judicial Issues, Regarding Civil Rights' which were facilitated by St. Pete NAACP Branch President Garnell Jenkins, the Honorable Willye Dennis, Les Miller, Rudy Bradley—Florida House of Representatives and Ed Dixon, FL Commission on Human Relations. The Regional Development of FREE

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A Lament For Our Nation

by Bernice Powell Jackson

CLEVELAND — It seems that when it comes to questions relating to race in the United States that we just can't make linear progress, we have to take the proverbial two steps forward and one step backward. So, those of us who are African American have become used to living in cycles of progress and regression.

First, there was slavery, followed by the Civil War. Then there was Reconstruction, when blacks experienced political and some limited economic progress followed by Jim Crow laws which ended the political enfranchisement and economic development for blacks and began the lynchings and church burnings which lasted for 50 years. Jobs were set aside for whites, as were public facilities and education.

Then there was the civil rights movement and the de-segregation of schools, of public facilities, the passage of the Voting Rights Act and affirmative action to try to prepare and place people of color and women into the mainstream of society. Now, barely a generation later, we're once again putting on the brakes and turning backward.

It is so sad. It is so sad for our nation that our fear is so great. The fear of the privileged that our resources, our jobs, our opportunities and our power are so limited that we cannot help those at the bottom to flourish so that we might all share in the wealth, in the success, in the blessings we've received from God.

Do we really think that the children in our inner city schools will be able to get into colleges, even public colleges, without some kind of affirmative action? And while there are dedicated white professionals who work in poor communities of color, most have no interest in working in Harlem

or South Central L.A. or the South Side of Chicago. Who do we think will serve these communities in the future—who will be their doctors and their lawyers—as fewer people of color already are entering medical and law schools because of attacks on affirmative action? It is sad because if we don't find a way to use the talents and gifts of all our people, our economy cannot thrive and our nation cannot survive.

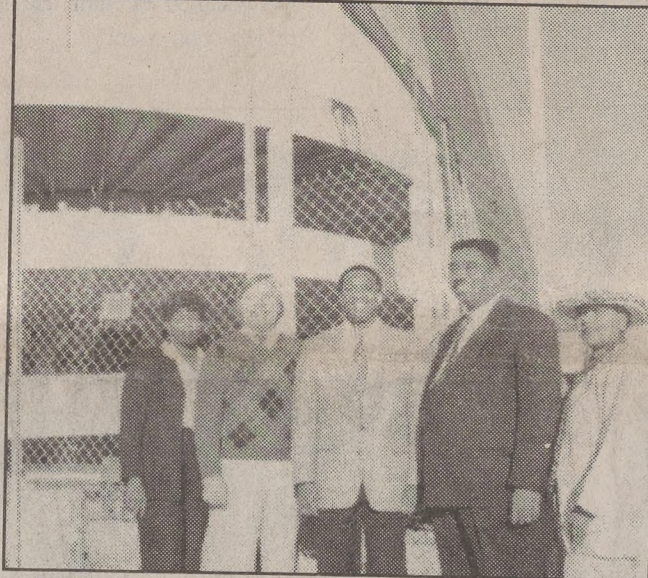
It is sad and it is frightening. Frightening because now the opponents of affirmative action smell blood. So they attack President Clinton's nominee for the nation's highest civil rights job because of his support for affirmative action, which has been the law of the land.

It is frightening because now that the Supreme Court has let stand Proposition 209 in California, there are Prop 209 clones being prepared in Florida, Colorado, Arizona, Iowa and Ohio. Frightening because in 19 other states, legislators are beginning to look at doing away with government-sponsored affirmative action. Frightening because a federal version of Prop 209 is being introduced by Rep. Charles Canady (R-FL) and endorsed by Speaker Gingrich.

It is sad and frightening and angering that this last bill, H.R. 1909, like its California parent, is called the Civil Rights Bill of 1997. You see, not only do they want to turn back the clock, not only do they want to end the progress this last generation has seen under affirmative action, not only do they seem to want to send women back into the kitchens, but they want us to believe that it is for our sake which they are doing this.

The Civil Rights Act is not about civil rights, it's about white rights. It's not about civil rights, it's about men's rights. It's not about the future, it's about the past. It is not a Civil Rights Act.

Peterman Places Blacks On Baseball Committee



Elected in March, 1997 to the St. Petersburg City Council, Frank Peterman ran on a platform that included a promise to work toward getting minority representation on boards and committees which determine the future of the city. In September of this year, Peterman challenged the city administration about the absence of blacks on the important "Baseball '98 Steering Committee." Now Peterman has announced the appointment of four St. Petersburg

blacks to that committee. Shown above, left to right, are Patricia Moore, a CPA candidate who is a medical benefits auditor; Rick Mussett, Administrator for Economic Development for the City of St. Petersburg; City Councilman Frank Peterman; Mayor Walker, Pastor of Moore's Chapel AME Church; and Janice Teemer, owner of Teemer's LaBoutique. Not shown is Gerald Syrkett, a consultant in employee relations for Florida Power Corporation.

Rep. Rudy Bradley Presents Community Donations



(L-R): Cecil Odom, Rep. Bradley & Clarence Givins

Representative Rudy Bradley (D-55) recently presented donations to the St. Petersburg Lil' Green Devils Youth Football program and the Alpha Phi Fraternity, Inc.'s Alpha Leadership Program. The donations were accepted by Mr. Cecil Odom of the Lil' Green Devils organization, and Mr. Clarence Givins of the Alpha Leadership Program.

"It is an honor to provide these two fine organizations with the support each needs in order to help the children and youth in our community," Bradley said. I am very proud of the strides that the Lil' Green Devils organization and the Alpha Leadership Program have taken to teach our young people to become productive citizens and good stewards of our community, and I trust that the support given will allow each organization to continue the great work that has been accomplished thus far."

December 1st Is World AIDS Day

ST. PETERSBURG—World AIDS Day was created after a summit of health ministers from around the world called for a spirit of social tolerance and a greater exchange of information on HIV/AIDS. World AIDS Day is observed annually on December 1st. It serves to strengthen the global effort to face the challenges of the AIDS pandemic.

The challenge of overcoming HIV/AIDS remains a pressing issue for global and national leaders everywhere. This disease has left no community untouched. In December, 1996, The joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS estimated that there are more than 29.4 million HIV infection and 8.4 million AIDS cases worldwide.

The majority of adult HIV infections are found among 15-24 year olds. 85% of HIV positive adults have been infected through unprotected heterosexual activity.

World AIDS Days events in Pinellas County will include HIV Testing on December 1st at MCC Church 3150 5th Avenue North from 7:00 to 7:00 p.m. At 1st Mount Olive AME Church 304 Rail Road Ave. Clearwater (next to the Clearwater Health Dept. from 9:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Artists for Art World AIDS Day commemoration with art show and live music from noon to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 29th, Positive Expressions Williams Park, 350 2nd Ave. North, St. Petersburg, FL.

Prayer Vigil at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29th at the Cathedral of Saint Jude, 5875 5th Ave. North, St. Petersburg Catholic Charities, 893-1313.

Gulf Coast Cares-Help fight AIDS Dinner and music performance 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 30th at Ruth Eckerd Hall 1111 McMullen Booth Road No. Clearwater, FL-Gulf Coast Community Care HIV Pro-

gram, 298-1634

AIDS Community Program and the Hospice of the Florida Suncoast Prayer Breakfast at 7:00 A.M. Monday, December 1st at Banquet Masters, 8100 Park Blvd. No., Pinellas Park, 449-2437.

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Job Coaching—Mentoring That Works?

CLEARWATER—As the United States wrestles with welfare reform, Pinellas County has established a vision for re-employability. In October 1996, the State of Florida instituted its version of welfare reform, known as Work and Gain Economic Self-Sufficiency (WAGES). Pinellas County's WAGES Coalition envisions the dignity of work fostering a sense of self-reliance and empowerment in our families.

Recently, Pinellas County Administrator Fred Marquis made the generous commitment to replace 250 transitioning welfare recipients into county departments, within a year, to receive real work experience.

Each department director was asked to provide the number of positions equal to 5% of their staff with a minimum of at least one position per department. The County's Volunteer Service Program is responsible for coordinating the project and is currently matching clients to positions.

Our previous attempt at placing welfare recipients into county positions, under the old Project Independence welfare program, was far from successful. Of more than 20 clients referred, none were successfully placed. As the Volunteer Program Coordinator, I was determined to make the new WAGES program work.



Our Nations Finest— CBCF Chair and Sony Music Music Entertainment Sr. Vice President LeBaron Taylor (L), is joined by Vice President Al Gore (R) who was the guest speaker at the Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative Conference (CBCALC) Awards Ceremony held at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC.

Rib & Roast Brings Out The Best



The laughs were non-stop at the Rib and Roast in honor of Rev. Fair. (L-R): Bishop Cornelius L. Henderson, Vice President of the B-CC board of trustees; Agnes Fair and Rev. Dr. Rogers Fair.

DAYTONA BEACH — Rev. Dr. Rogers P. Fair proved that he is the good sport that people say he is as he laughed at the jokes made at the jokes made at his expense during a Rib & Roast recently held in his honor.

The Bethune-Cookman College alumni sponsored the \$35-a plate affair as a fundraiser. Nearly 80 friends and alumni gathered on the lawn of the Bethune Foundation to honor Fair. A. Ray Brinson, a member of the organizing committee, said Fair was a unanimous choice for recognition because he has made a significant contribution to the college. Brinson

is a 1969 graduate of B-CC and a member of the board of trustees.

Between jokes about Fair's golf game, Bernard Irving said, "Rev. Fair is a dynamic speaker and very intelligent. You will never meet a nicer person."

Eugene Gillis, is an attorney in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., who also presents a one-man comedy show. Gillis kept the laughs going throughout the evening with his impersonations of Fair and flash backs of Fair's days as college chaplain when Gillis was a student. "He touched the lives of a lot of people. And it is good that we are giving him his flowers while he

can appreciate them," Gillis said.

B.J. Moore, the wife of the late Dr. Richard V. Moore said, "Rev. Fair is a dynamic speaker and very intelligent. You will never meet a nicer person."

Commissioner Yvonne Scarlett Golden said Fair taught her religion class when she was a student at B-CC. "He has a great sense of humor and he is most congenial," she said. Golden read a resolution on behalf of Mayor Bud Asher and the City of Daytona Beach.

Rev. Fair retired in 1995 after 48 years as chaplain at B-CC. Now he and Agnes, his wife of 50 years, enjoy travel-

ing to foreign countries. They have visited 72 countries. The Fairs recently returned from India.

Agnes Fair said she had vowed to never marry a doctor or a minister, but after she met Rogers Fair more than 50 years ago in New York she changed her mind. I am so happy that I did change my mind. We have had a wonderful life together," she said. "The Lord always knows what is best." Agnes Fair worked in the Volusia County public school system. She taught at Campbell and Mainland.

Rev. Fair said his wife is a tremendous person. "She has meant everything to me," he said smiling.

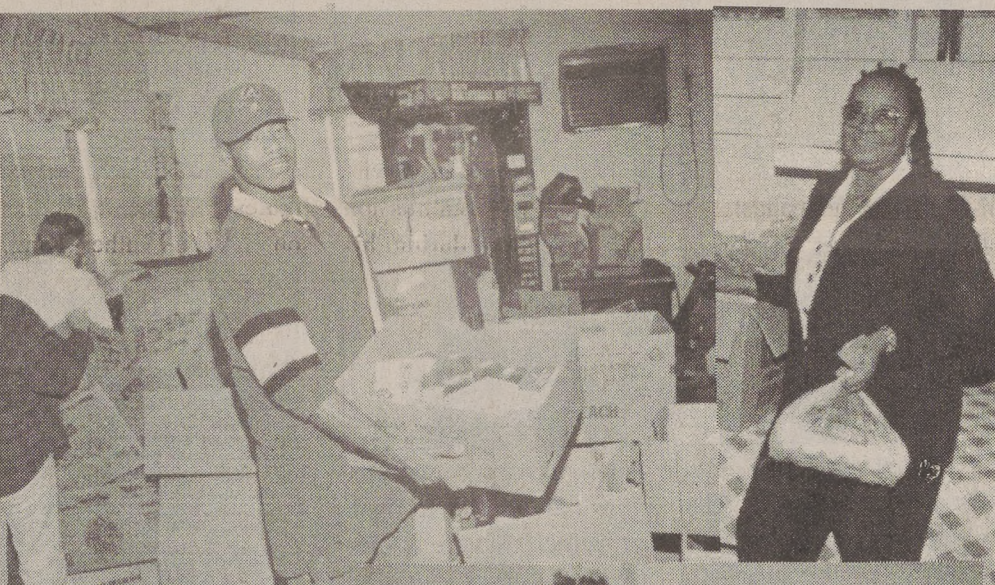
The Fairs have two children. Rogers P. Fair Jr. is a medical doctor in Dallas, Texas and Mattie Fair Murphy is a counselor at B-CC. Murphy said Rev. Fair, "was the perfect role model for an offspring. He has been a wonderful father."

B-CC President Dr. Oswald Bronson gave Fair credit for introducing him to the Methodist Ministry. "If it had not been for Rev. Fair I would not have entered Gammon Theological Seminary. This move eventually led to my becoming president of the Interdenominational Theological Seminary in Atlanta and my 17-year career in the ministry," Bronson said. "I am overwhelmed by him. He is my ace-boon-boon!"

Feeding Families

TAMPA — St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church, 2628 27th Ave., Tampa, fed families at Thanksgiving around Tampa on November 22, 1997.

Among the volunteers were Harry Hamilton, an ex-Buccaneer, along with eight members of the Bucs team; teachers from Lockhart; and Patty Weidman, Bucs Community Relations.



Gwen Washington Named Special Projects Director



Gwen Washington

ST. PETERSBURG—Resident, Gwen Washington has been named Special Projects Director for OnBoard Conferences. She specializes in African-American meetings and travel and has been a meeting planner for over eight years. OnBoard Conferences is headquartered in St. Petersburg and created to meet the demands of the multi-billion dollar meeting and incentive business for the services and representation of the cruise industry.

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Children Waiting To Belong

One Church, One Child of Florida is an organization dedicated and committed to finding families for African-American children without families, and is looking for nurturing, loving, persons to provide adoptive homes for waiting African-American children. If you are interested in adopting or have any questions, please contact Mrs. Joyce Robinson at (813) 893-2834 or 893-2835

We welcome your letters to the editor.

School District Expands Search For Substitutes

TAMPA— High School graduates without college credits are now being considered for substitute teaching positions through a pilot program recently introduced by Hillsborough County Public Schools.

The program, developed in response to a critical shortage of district substitutes, enables those with a high school diploma or the equivalent to substitute teach if they: desire to work at one school site only and secure a recommendation from the principal and two character references, and successfully completes a three day substitute teacher training program, or: desire to work at any school site in the district and secure three character or employment references and successfully

complete a 60 hour substitute teacher certification program.

Applicants who successfully pursue one of the two options will be paid \$6.25 or \$6.75 per hour, respectively, for substitute teaching assignments. Previously, only applicants with 60 hours of college credit, or those holding a bachelor's degree, who completed the three-day training were eligible to serve as substitute teachers in the district. Salaries for substitutes with those qualifications are \$7.07 and \$8.50 per hour, respectively.

"Due to the critical shortage of substitutes available to work in Hillsborough County schools, it has become necessary to pilot a program to

recruit dedicated people using different hiring and assignment criteria," Superintendent Earl Lennard said.

All substitute teachers must be accessible to a corded, touch tone telephone with a Hillsborough County exchange, and be physically able to perform the duties and responsibilities of a substitute teacher; have adequate and reliable transportation to get to jobs on time; and be available to accept jobs on short notice and work a minimum of four times per month.

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Governor Chiles Invites Students To Join Anti-Tobacco Campaign

Governor Lawton Chiles recently marked the American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout by calling on Florida students to help him in a bold campaign to fight the deadly dangers of tobacco. During a live satellite broadcast to schools across the state, Governor Chiles called on middle and high school students for their advice on the best way to conduct the 'Florida Kids Campaign Against Tobacco'.

"We need young people involved at every turn in our continuing campaign against tobacco," Governor Chiles said. "Young people are at the center of our campaign. They are the experts on how to best reach youth and keep them away from tobacco."

Governor Chiles was joined by Dr. Gray Mason Jr., chairman of radiology at Nemours Children's Clinic in Jacksonville and the immediate past president of the American Cancer Society. The panel answered questions from the program's host, Sarah McCauley, a junior at Bay High School in Panama City, and from a studio audience made up of middle and high school students.

Governor Chiles announced that the campaign has launched the prototype of its new internet site at <http://team.state.fl.us>. The website gives students the opportunity to register to join the campaign, learn more about the dangers of tobacco, link to other anti-tobacco sites and e-mail suggestions for improving the site.

Governor Chiles also announced he will call a special Kids Congress early next year to seek advice from students about the campaign. Hundreds of young people from across the state will convene in Orlando to discuss the most effective ways to fight smoking.

Students across Florida watched the special broadcast live, with many more watching the program later on tape. Among the facts they heard:

- One American dies every 75 seconds from tobacco-related illnesses.
- Every day, 3,000 young people begin smoking—at least a third of them will die.
- Each year, more Americans die from smoking than from AIDS, drug abuse, accidents and murders combined.

Governor Chiles won a historic victory over Big Tobacco on August 25, 1997, when cigarette manufacturers conceded defeat in an \$11.3 billion settlement with the state. As part of settlement, the state is launching a \$200 million campaign to educate young people about the dangers of tobacco.

Following the live broadcast, teachers across the state led discussions about smoking with their students.

Starvation Looms In Kenya's Coast Province

Starvation is threatening thousands of people in Tana River district of Kenya's coast province where whole villages have been submerged by floods. The flood water from River Tana have damaged roads and bridges, effectively hampering government efforts to provide residents with food, fuel and medicine.

This year the Kanyan coast province has received unprecedented rainfall because of the El Nino weather phenomenon. An aerial survey clearly showed that floods from the River Tana have covered stretches of land ranging from two to three kilometers on both sides of its banks.

The people of Kipini were in the worst hit area since no food supplies have been sent there for almost a month. Floods have killed more than 1,000 people. Hundreds of thousands are homeless and hungry and flooding has killed more people than aid workers can reckon. More than 60,000 hectares of prime farm land is under water.

Their Own Worst Enemy

by Hugh B. Price

America's public schools, especially those in the cities, face a crisis. Public support for the schools is eroding sharply as stories of mismanagement and the poor performance of students continue to fill the print and electronic news media.

Yes, some of this is due to incomplete reporting. Yes, the success of many public schools is producing capable students is ignored. But it is also true that sometimes public school officials—be they in the superintendent's office, or on the school board, or at the local school level—show that they're the public schools' own worst enemy.

That was underscored for me by the difficulty a colleague encountered this fall in trying to help her son, who was entering the

tenth grade, do well in an urban public high school of nearly 3,000 students. We'll call her son Joey. In her words:

Joey was having problems. His grades had fallen badly from what they'd been in a private elementary school and I wanted to see what I could do to help him. It seemed he was just wasting his time.

I went to (the school) to see the guidance counselor, who informed me that Joey was a liar because he had said he was going to do better than he had done the last term, but that he was still doing the same bad things. He said that he couldn't believe anything my son said.

This year, the school gave Joey a special program that was supposed to help him get on track. The class met during the first

periods of school.

I went to see what this class was all about, and when I looked in through the back door of the class, I saw the teacher with his head down in a book reading. I saw four children with their heads down on their desks asleep, and I saw some boys rapping to girls in the corners. There was no interaction between students and the teacher at all. And my son wasn't there. So, I walked in and asked the teacher if Joey was there. He said he didn't know, but I was welcome to look for him. Can you imagine? He didn't even know who my son was!

I went back to the guidance counselor and asked him what he thought of my putting Joey in private school. He more or less said it would be a waste of my money because Joey

didn't want to do anything.

While we were talking, I realized there were students just hanging out near his office. They were boisterous and using profanity, but the guidance counselor didn't pay any attention to it. I was pretty annoyed because, first of all, those students should have been in class, and secondly, they shouldn't have been using profanity inside the school. And the guidance counselor kept interrupting our conversation to take phone calls and even talk with some students. I felt he was showing a lack of respect for me as well as my son.

I went to (a nearby Catholic high school). The area around the school was clean, quiet. I didn't see any kids hanging around outside or in the halls during school hours. A student politely showed

me to the office. The principal welcomed me and we had a very direct talk.

I brought Joey there, to talk with the principal alone and to be tested. Before I left, the principal told Joey that the school was going to be much harder than public school, that it was going to cost me money, so he had to be sure he wanted to come there.

The principal called me later and said that Joey had been very candid in saying that he hadn't been pushed by the teachers in (the public school), that no one seemed to care, so he didn't care, either. The principal said he felt Joey was ready to work hard and that they looked forward to having him.

So, I'm glad I took this initiative. (The private school's tuition) is steep for us. But his father and I are

going to find a way to do it. I guess you get what you pay for with private schools, and with public schools, what you pay for, you don't get.

This parent's experience, along with the increasingly powerful voices seeking, under a variety of measures, to in effect, defund public education in America, should alarm those officials, who think public school systems still have a completely captive audience in urban black and Hispanic neighborhoods. If they look around them, they'll find that more and more of those parents are looking at private schools. And being welcomed.

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Missionary Work

by Hugh B. Price

Who can forget that moment at the opening of the Atlanta Olympic Games when Muhammad Ali, as if walking out of the depths of our dreams, appeared to take the Olympic torch and light the Olympic Flame, declaring the centennial celebration of the modern Olympiad open.

It was a moment that seemed to evoke a gasp from and bring a catch in the throat of the thousands assembled there in the stadium and one could feel it—from the millions watching around the globe. After all the feverish speculation about who would be so honored, it seemed so right that the final torch bearer would be Muhammad Ali.

It seemed so right to me, however, not because of Ali's athletic achievements, as peculiar as that

may seem at first glance.

Oh, yes, of course, he is one of the greatest boxers—and athletes—of our time, simultaneously enormously skilled and powerful: able, as he so memorably put it, to float like a butterfly and sting like a bee.

But his athletic prowess alone—his collecting Olympic and world boxing championships with ease—isn't why Muhammad Ali has become a transcendent figure on the world stage.

It's because of his character.

The other night the Urban League honored Muhammad Ali with its humanitarian of the year award during our annual Equal Opportunity Day dinner. At the reception, as I watched ardent fans of all ages flock to Ali like moths to a brilliant light, I was reminded that the differ-

ence between superstars and heroes, if you will, is a matter of the understanding of missionary work.

Superstars, athletic and otherwise, excel in their fields, and often receive lucrative endorsement contracts. But they envision no larger role for themselves in the human community. Indeed, many explicitly reject the notion that they're 'role models' precisely because that implies they have a responsibility to contribute something off the basketball court, the movie set, the bandstand, and yes, the corporate boardroom or the university lecture hall.

Ali has become a heroic figure precisely because he not only recognized his responsibility to the larger human community, he exuberantly embraced it. He's become one of the most revered and probably the

most recognized person in the world not just because of his boxing crowns but because he identified so personally with the aspirations of our people and of all people.

Because he was a man of principle, he did not flinch from saying no to military service during the Vietnam War, exchanging a brilliant, lucrative career for widespread condemnation and a prison cell.

Muhammad Ali saw himself then as he sees himself now: as a man with a mission. It was a mission that took him during his boxing years away from lucrative markets to the far reaches of the globe—to staging those legendary matches in Manila and Zaire—because he wanted to envelop and engage everyone in his missionary work. More recently, it has expressed itself in his

determined struggle with Parkinson's syndrome and in his book, 'Healing', a moving statement on overcoming bigotry. Some of that zeal, that sense of mission, that humanity is evident in the riveting documentary about the Ali phenomenon, 'When We Were Kings', that won an Academy Award last year.

We saw it up close and personal at our dinner this month. And, thank the Lord, we can say that we have seen that quality before, not only in heroic figures like Jackie Robinson, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Cesar Chavez, but in figures who in previous years have been awarded at our very same dinner.

I'm thinking of Oseola McCarty and Matel 'Matt' Dawson, Jr., who were honored at our dinners in 1995 and 1996, respectively. Their heroic character

was 'hidden' from national attention for so many years by their relatively humble occupations—hidden until we learned of their extraordinary philanthropy.

Their contributing hundreds of thousands of dollars to charities and colleges and universities stunned us, as it did many, because it reminded us in dramatic fashion that one doesn't have to be famous or rich to act heroically. One just has to have, and be willing to act, on what these people, and many other 'missionaries' have in common: an integrity, intelligence, shrewdness and compassion—which is sympathy that is expressed in action—that is committed to service to humankind.

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Beyond Affirmative Action

by William Reed

It's time for blacks 3who want to do better to get real. Those who are know there's a void between those with lots of talk and the blacks walking the walk to economic development. Wealth building isn't about 'Somebody's done us wrong' song, but a process of planned actions and activities based on a defined purpose and goal. To move to higher economic levels, black Americans have to have more affirmative actions and attitudes regarding economic development.

Black America's problem is lack of money and sufficient access to it. It's widely-known that African Americans have access to 400 billion bucks each year. But, in our attempt to buy mainstream acceptance we let our wealth go through our hands. Economic experts say lack of wealth contributes to crime, violence, substance abuse and hopelessness in our communities. Insufficient capital for business development limits our employment opportunities and contribute might-

ily to the woes of black communities.

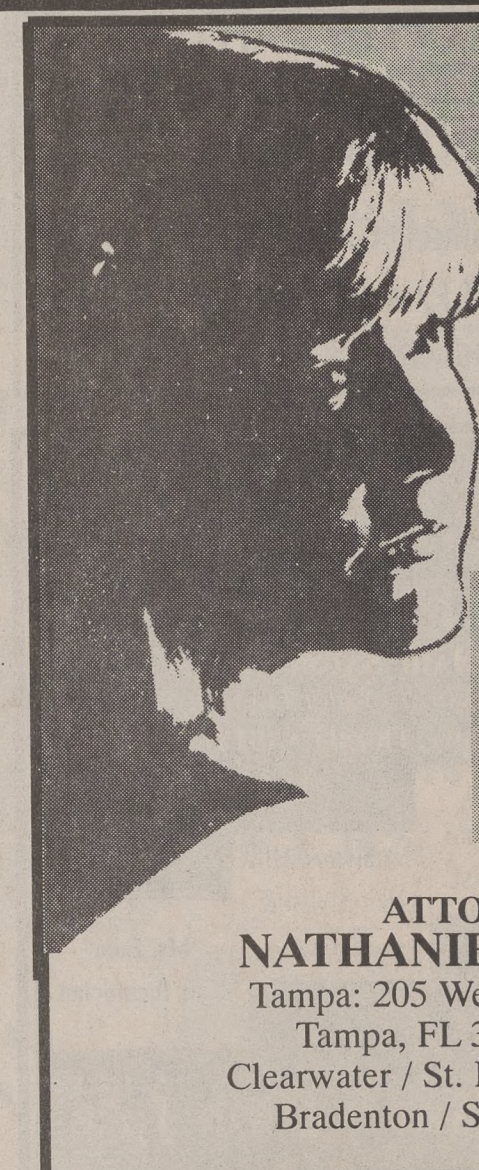
All too often blacks are singing 'Somebody's done us wrong. It's easy to blame others for the negatives in our lives. Even if whites are at fault, there is no reason to expect them to solve or correct their wrongs. It's up to us to correct our financial underachievement. We have to assume responsibility for our own development. What do we do, or don't do, is what keeps us at the bottom of the nation's economic system. The few blacks trying to devise some sense of wealth-building—church, civic organizations and association leaders—usually turn to civil rights veterans and professional politicians for speeches about 'how bad' the government and white community treats us. Like a cat chasing its tail, blacks' concept of economic development and wealth-building is to gather, usually at a white-owned hotel, to have people with no expertise in business or wealth-building tell the same old story of 'the establishment' keeping blacks down.

"With a stronger black business community, things get better," says Lee Green, a 20-year financial expert and executive director of the National Black Business Trade Association (NBBTA). Green says the NBBTA is building a new era of economic cooperation and healthy common future for African-American communities through responsible leadership, business and technical support, networking and economic development and entrepreneurship projects. In other words, his group's about teaching blacks how to achieve wealth.

In contrast to civil rights groups, a business group with the orientation of the NBBTA helps expand common ground. It brings black success-seekers together providing them opportunities to grow—personally, professionally and collectively. It helps them to establish initiatives for improvements in the quality of life in the black community.

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Citizen Of The Year- Police Chief: Goliath Davis



Omega Thanksgiving Basket Give-A-Way

ETA RHO Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity set the week of Nov. 15-22 as a time to observe the many achievements of both the fraternity and local citizens.

The week was kicked off with recognition of the founders of ETA RHO Chapter. A luncheon at Saffron's was held in their honor. Founder, Mordecai Walker, James Jackson, Sr., Cyrus Everette and James Chapman were present.

During continued observance of outstanding contributions by Fraternity member and Community leader, a special

achievement program with its theme: "Empowering Our Youth To Survive The Political and Economic Challenges of the 21st Century" was presented by guest speaker the honorable Judge Mike Andrews, Pinellas Judicial Circuit Court. Omega Man of the Year was Randolph Lewis; Omega Superior Service Award, Everette Jones; Omega Citizen of the Year, Police Chief, Goliath Davis.

Achievement week concluded with the Fraternity's Thanksgiving Basket Give-A-Way. The men of Omega were aided this year by the Urban



35th Anniversary Founders Luncheon (L-R): Founders, Mordecai Walker, James Jackson, Sr. Cyrus Everette and James Chapman

League's Nu Lights, a group of positive and highly motivated

teens. The Chapter each year selects three families and pro-

vides them with 50 lbs. of food for a full Thanksgiving dinner

to a family of eight people.

USF Scholarships For Minority Nursing Students Available



(L-R): Dr. Julius V. Combs, chairman of United American Health Care Corp.; Joanna N. Tokley, president and CEO of Tampa-Hillsborough Urban League; Dr. Doris W. Campbell, director of Diversity Initiatives at U.S.F. College of Nursing; John S. Zaleskie, CEO of UltraMedix Health Care Systems; Thomas Huggins, III, chairman of Tampa-Hillsborough Urban League Board of Directors.

TAMPA- United American Health Care Corp., a national managed care organization, announced it is creating two new scholarship positions for minority students at the University of South Florida College of Nursing.

The announcement was made at a community forum at the Metro Hilton, last month

where the results of a four-year study of African-American teens was presented. The TRUST study, conducted by the Tampa-Hillsborough Urban League, found that Tampa's inner-city African-American adolescents suffer from health problems at disproportionate levels to the general population.

"We are disturbed by the findings of the TRUST study and we think a step in the right direction is to provide more educational opportunities for minority students," said Dr. Julius V. Combs, chairman and CEO of United American Healthcare, who made the scholarship presentation to Dr.

Doris W. Campbell, director of Diversity Initiatives at USF College of Nursing.

United American Healthcare Foundation's commitment to the College of Nursing will include funding for one undergraduate level and one graduate level scholarship on an ongoing basis. "This study revealed that there are no quick fixes to the health problems of Tampa's inner-city youth. We want to make an impact in the long run by providing funding for these positions," Combs said.

"We believe that making it possible for more minorities to pursue health care careers will play an important role in health care delivery to minorities," said Combs.

"Helping these students with their educational goals allows them to share their training and education with the community as other medical and nursing students from USF have done," said Zaleskie, CEO of UltraMedix. Medical and nursing students from the USF Colleges of Medicine and Nursing assisted in conducting the TRUST study.

United Health Care Corp. is the parent company of Tampa-based Ultramedix



The first library in the U.S. was established at Harvard University in 1638.

Clearwater Paramedics Win Turner Award

A team of three paramedics from the Clearwater Fire Department received the 21st Annual Turner Award for Excellence as Emergency Medical Employees on Thursday, November 13. The award was presented at 11:30 A.M. at the Leverock's Seafood House, 551 Gulf Boulevard in Clearwater Beach. A luncheon followed the award ceremony.

The members of the winning team are Nelson DeJesus, Lt. John Donaldson, and Robert Shawn Tolfone. The award was established by Freda L. Turner and her late husband, Thomas R. Turner to recognize achievement throughout the year in the categories of dedication to duties, enthusiasm, skills to life-saving procedures; efficiency and accuracy in following physicians orders, compassion and



Thomas & Rachel Hunt

Local Businessman Honors 81st Birthday

A strong determination to succeed will result in success is Thomas Hunt's philosophy about life as he approaches his 81-year old celebration of life on the planet.

Hunt, while sitting in his chair in front of the television and holding on to his half chewed cigar, reflected back on his childhood and young adult life and said this about turning 81 on November 30th.

"Every time you get a birthday it means you're getting older, but I'm grateful though," Hunt said.

Hunt, born on Nov. 30, 1916 to the parents of Lillie and Starling Hunt in Archer, FL was raised on a farm with two brothers and sisters. After working as an apprentice of carpentry under the teaching of his father, Hunt was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1941, and in that same year, married his sweetheart Rachel Ann Rollins. He received an honorable discharge from the military after serving as Sergeant in WWII, and around 1945 he and his wife moved to St.

Petersburg.

"When we first moved to St. Petersburg, I did some domestic work, which included carpentry and yard work," Hunt said. "I soon realized that carpentry was my best career choice, so I started my own construction contracting business."

Hunt credits a lot of his success in business to his ability to network with all groups of people.

"I was very fortunate in that I had quite a bit of cooperation from city and other businesses," Hunt said. People treated me nicely and recommended me to others and my business became successful."

Hunt has built many homes, churches, offices in the city and surrounding area. Hunt states that he was responsible for building the original 1st Baptist Institutional Church which used to stand at 3rd Avenue and 16th Street South. Hunt also is proud of the fact that he was able to create jobs and other opportunities for other people too.

Health Care Systems, A Florida HMO. Ultramedix sponsored the delivery of the TRUST study to the public, and is a partner with the Tampa-Hillsborough Urban League on a number of other projects.

The TRUST study, underwritten by the Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek, Michigan, found an HIV infection rate 350 times higher than the national average, one in five youth has hypertension, and one in four has high cholesterol. The study followed the

understanding of the patients; responsibility, initiative and anticipation of each phase of emergency care; public relations, education and the community and participation in continuing education programs.

Honored guests included Pinellas County Medical Director Bruce Pettyjohn,

tor Chuck Kearns and Mrs. Freda Turner.

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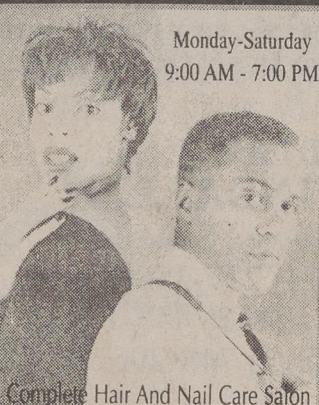
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Department Of Labor Honors Innovative Workers

TALLAHASSEE- Doug Jamerson, Secretary of the Department of Labor and Employment Security is proud to announce that the department will receive 48 Davis Productivity Awards in the ceremony to be held November 13. The Division of Safety, three employees and four employees and four employee teams will receive Davis Productivity Notable Awards.

The Davis Productivity Award are a privately funded program, administered by Florida Tax Watch and the Florida Council of 100 to recognize, reward and encourage the best and brightest performers in state government.

"I am proud of the achievements of the department's employees and I am also pleased that they are receiving recognition for their contributions. As the department perseveres in its quest for cost savings through the use of innovative ideas, the department has maximized its efficiency and provided the taxpayers with increased quality services," said Secretary Jamerson.

The following employees and teams will be honored: certificate of commendation-exemplary agency category division of safety associates, statewide:

The division exceeded productivity targets defined in the Department of Labor and Employment Security's Strategic Plan even though 25 positions were eliminated from the division.

Nominator: Altha Manning Phone: (850) 488-1188

Distinguished individual award winner-\$650.

Ronald D. Blue, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, Tallahassee. Blue has worked for Vocational Rehabilitation for over thirty years and in that

tomers reached without additional staffing by the Division of Worker's Compensation. Nominator: Barbara Markiewicz phone: (850) 488-5837

Notable Individual Award-\$600

Customer Education and Information Services Team, Division of Worker's Compensation, Tallahassee. The Customer Education and Information Services Section designed, developed, and delivered an improved quality educational process, increasing the number of its training sessions and the number of customers reached without additional staffing by the Division of Workers' Compensation.

Nominator: Barbara Markiewicz Phone:(850) 488-5837

Notable Individual Award-\$300

Gracie O. Leland, Division of Workers Compensation, Tallahassee. Leland completed a project and implemented a process for issuing Permanent Total Supplemental Benefits through "Electronic Funds Transfer." Since implementing the process almost 65 percent or some 2,046 benefit recipients converted from paper checks and mailing envelopes to direct deposit of their payments to their local bank accounts. The process change represents significant monthly cost savings in postage, check printing, and processing. Disabled workers now receive their monthly benefits without having to leave their homes. This process continues to evolve with and additional 10-20 recipients a month starting direct deposit accounts. Nominator: Paul Witherspoon Phone: (850) 921-0426

Notable Individual Worker Award-\$300

Remember the body grows stronger with struggle. The tougher the struggle, the stronger the body.

If we feed our faith, we will starve our fear.

Our ideas will be as large as our imagination makes them.

To the untrained eye, gossip is a harmless seed; but the harvest of consequences is beyond measure.

Sandra Ondrus, R.N., Division of Workers' Compensation, Orlando. In 1990 the legislature amended the workers' compensation law, mandating that Florida adopt a unique Guide for the rating of permanent impairments in workers' compensation issues. Ondrus volunteered to become the division's expert on the Guide and became responsible for educating the various workers' compensation constituencies about the Guide.

Nominator: Paul Lincolnhol Phone: (850) 488-3431

For more information on the Davis Productivity Awards Coordinator, Office of Training and development at (850) 921-4275. Full list of award winners may be obtained by calling (850) 487-1927.

time he has successfully rehabilitated over 1,000 disabled individuals. His yearly performance figures are two to three times greater than the district average and data verifies that Blue does the work of two counselors.

Nominator: William B. Simmons Phone: (850) 595-8855 Notable Work Unit Award Winners-\$600. The auditors division of Unemployment Compensation, Cocoa and Orlando. The Auditors identified, designed and implemented a process statewide reducing first payment processing time of field issued unemployment compensation claimant investigations from two and a half weeks to one day. The process change also reduced the num-

ber of appeals from 12 percent to five percent for an estimated savings of 25 percent.

Nominator: Gordon Herget Phone: (407) 690-3293

Notable Work Unit Award Winners-\$600. The Jacksonville Informers, Division of Workers' Compensation, Jacksonville. The Nursing, Vocational and Administrative staff in Jacksonville wrote, produced, and cast a professional 12 minute orientation video that completely covered all aspects of the return to work program. The video has reduced staff time allocated to orientation by 77 percent and has reduced the number of staff required to conduct the orientation by 66 percent. The video tape has been distributed to districts statewide with an estimated cost savings of \$78,576.39 per year.

Nominator: Ann M. Latimer Phone: (904) 359-6101 ext.106 Notable Work Unit Award Winners-\$600. The Timeliness of Eligibility Decisions Process Improvement Team, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Tampa, Winter Haven, and Fort Myers. The team developed a standardized document for eligibility decisions. By using the standardized format, time spent on the certificate of eligibility was reduced by two hours, five minutes for counselors, 45 minutes for support staff, and 15 minutes for supervisors.

Also the average number of days to determine an individual's eligibility was decreased by 6.62 days, while the number of individuals found eligible increased by 271 persons. Estimated cost savings were \$125,248.69 in Fiscal Year 95.

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FAMU Hosted Student Fair Before Florida Classic

TAMPA — Hillsborough county school board member Doris Ross Reddick extended greetings at the annual Education Fair sponsored by Florida A&M University in conjunction with the Florida Classic Celebration. The event was held at the Double Tree Hotel with more than 200 students, parents, school personnel and dignitaries in attendance.

"I was impressed with the students' academic ranking, especially since I have been to most of the Presidential Fairs associated with the football games throughout the country," said Carolyn Collins, program emcee and first vice president of the National FAMU Alumni Association.

The fair allowed students and their parents to get first-hand information about scholarship opportunities, program, degrees offered and other facts about matriculating at FAMU.

The highlight of the affair was the awarding of some 18 academic scholarships to outstanding graduating seniors in Hillsborough County Public Schools. The scholarships were presented by Mr. Rudolph V. Slaughter, Director of High School & Community College Relations at FAMU.

Among the other program participants were Minister Reginald Franklin, Jefferson High Senior Kalisha Roberts, Howard W. Blake Junior Sherina Jacobs, and Supervisor of Human Relations Barbara Bethel.

Administrators and Human Relations personnel in the schools served as hosts and hostesses.



Sir Speedy Center Now Has Web Home Page

ST. PETERSBURG — In a continuing effort to provide a 24 hour online service for its customers, the St. Petersburg Sir Speedy center owned by Jerry Powers has announced its own World Wide Web home page on the Internet.

The St. Petersburg Sir Speedy is located at 259 Central Ave. In addition to being able to take customer's orders over the Internet, the center is among the over 500 printing, copying and digital network centers worldwide that give customers the option of sending orders via Sir Speedy Online, a 24-hour bulletin-board system (BBS).

To connect to the St. Petersburg Sir Speedy BBS (Sir Speedy Online), simply dial (813) 894-4476. "By using our internet site, customers can send us their jobs (electronic files) as well as communicate with us via our e-mail address at," Powers said. "Our home page also offers a link to the Sir Speedy worldwide home page in which customers from anywhere in the world can use the Internet to find services provided by Sir Speedy, the location closest to them and even a map directed them to a nearby location."

"Our global digital network is convenient and easy to use. We give the customer free of charge the special Sir Speedy Online client software, either Window or Macintosh-based. It can be downloaded from the Internet or sent on disk to the customer."

"Whether a customer chooses to send us their files via the Internet or Sir Speedy Online, the procedure is basically the same," Powers said.

"The customer produces a document on his or her computer in black and white or in color. Next, the customer connects to our Internet page or calls out Sir Speedy Online BBS number. After clicking on the 'place an order' button, and electronic job ticket is provided so the customer can fill in specifics of the job. The file is then sent to one of our printers and produced. We perform bindery and finishing work. And, we deliver the job."

"We also offer digital-storage capabilities that enable us to make changes for the customer anytime he or she wishes. Because information can be moved electronically, proof review and approval is very quick. That means a customer's

work can be reproduced virtually on demand."

"Because of customer demand, we envision a worldwide electronic network in the very near future," said Dan Beck, president of Sir Speedy, Inc. "Imagine the possibilities for customers of the St. Petersburg Sir Speedy center, who will not only be linked digitally with their local Sir Speedy center via modem, but will also be linked globally to others centers around the world through their bulletin boards and/or the Internet."

"Bringing on-demand digital printing capability to our customers' desktops further advances our company's positioning as the industry leader in networking and electronic-file transfer," according to Beck. "It also provides our customers with a worldwide network of services."

Sir Speedy, Inc. is based in Mission Viejo, CA. The 29-year-old company has nearly 800 franchised printing, copying and digital network centers in 19 countries and has been the sales leader in the business printing industry since 1988. In 1997, network sales are expected to exceed \$400 million for a record fifth straight year.

Mission Serves Thanksgiving Dinner To Homeless

St. Petersburg City Mission volunteers and staff will prepare and serve Thanksgiving dinner to the homeless on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 27th beginning at 11:00 a.m.

The dinner is open to homeless men who are staying at the mission and to other homeless and transient individuals and families needing a hot meal. The traditional Thanksgiving dinner will serve

approximately 60 men, women and children.

The St. Petersburg City Mission is a non-profit ministry committed to serving the poor, needy, homeless and transient populations in St. Petersburg.

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10th Annual Ms. Black And Gold Ball

CLEARWATER — The Omichon Beta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., presents 'Women in Black': the 10th Annual Ms.

Black and Gold Ball.

The ball will take place at the Harborview Center, 300 Cleveland St., Clearwater on Friday, Dec. 5, 1997, from 9-12pm.

This event is to benefit the scholarship fund. The attire is formal black and/or gold.

man named Barry who was fired because he refused to open his gas station on the Sabbath Day. He closed the convenience store and gas station from 6pm Friday evening until 6pm Saturday evening.

The owners didn't like what he was doing and fired him. Barry said that it is better to obey God than man. As we watched what was happening to this man, my brother looked at me and said, "There you have it, God confirmed his word to you." People don't keep the Sabbath anymore, but God showed me he never changed the Sabbath Day, man did.

God took me back to Genesis chapter 2 verse 2. By the seventh day God had finished the work he has been doing, so on the seventh day God rested and blessed the seventh day Jesus or anyone else say the Sabbath Day had changed. In colossians chapter 2 verse 30, Paul said do not let anyone judge you about the Sabbath Day. Notice he didn't say the Sabbath Day had changed. He said don't let anyone judge you.

So whatever day of the week you decide to keep as your Sabbath Day, don't worry what other people think. We must keep one day of the week as a Sabbath, a holy day, a day of delight to the Lord.

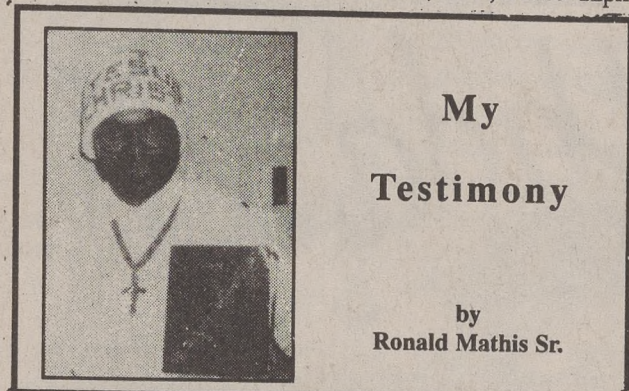
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and made it holy. God rested from all his work. He showed me that the Sabbath Day was first called the Sabbath Day in Exodus chapter 16 verse 23 which was before he gave Moses the Ten Commandments.

A day of rest for all God's people. The question I had was, "Didn't Jesus fulfill the law and change it?" The answer was no. In Luke chapter 6 verses 2 thru 5 Jesus showed the Pharisees that they were too particular about nonessentials. They had failed to see the deeper truths. Minimal food preparation on the Sabbath didn't offend God. Doing good on the Sabbath didn't violate the spirit of the law.

Ultimately, Jesus offered himself as the central overriding principle. The Lord of the Sabbath was qualified to say what honored God and what did not.

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Keeping The Sabbath Holy To The Lord

Grace and peace to all the readers of *The Weekly Challenger* newspaper. For Jesus Christ who is God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Jesus is wonderful, counselor, mighty God, everlasting father, prince of peace, He is the Great I AM.

In 1993 as I was on my knees praying one evening, the Holy Spirit spoke to me and said "keep the Sabbath Day". Well, after I finished praying, I told another brother what God said to me while I was praying. We both dismissed what had been said until one evening we were watching television and this show was on called Current Affairs. They showed a day is called the Lord's day because Jesus rose early Sunday morning, after the Sabbath Day. Jesus kept the Sabbath Day by going into the synagogue and preaching the word of God.

Nowhere in the Bible did

OnBoard Conferences Meet Demands Of Meeting Business

ST. PETERSBURG — St. Petersburg resident and nationally respected Florida travel agency owner, Pat Seifried has announced the launch of OnBoard Conferences, a new company created to meet the demands of the multi-billion dollar meeting and incentive business for the services and representation of the cruise industry.

OnBoard Conferences is headquartered at 2525 Pasadena Avenue in St. Petersburg. As President of On Board Conferences, Seifried has hired a team of cruise industry experts to help plan and execute meetings, conferences, seminars and incentive trips for a variety of businesses and organizations worldwide.

OnBoard Conferences Vice President of Sales and Marketing Judy Ferrara says the formation of this new company is timely, since almost 5 million people experienced a cruise last year and some \$8 billion is currently being invested in 28 new cruise ships. "The future of the cruise industry meeting market is stronger than ever. Cruising is a unique and perfect venue for meetings and seminars. The stateroom, meals, entertainment, meeting rooms, amenities, health and fitness activities are all inclusive, so cruises offer the best value in the industry. By specializing in the cruise industry, we provide a tremendous resource not only for corporate meeting planners but also for independent planners. We know which ships offer advanced teleconferencing equipment, a full service television studio or the necessary upgrades and special services for corporate groups."

"At OnBoard Conferences, our experts staff on nine employees will customize each incentive trip or seminar. The cruise industry offers an endless list of worldwide itineraries with a variety of sailing vessels to choose," Seifried explained. "Many new ships now have dedicated facilities and service staff for successful meetings and conferences. We will position ourselves as a liaison between the client and the cruise line."

The OnBoard Conference staff has an in-depth knowledge of world-wide travel destinations. They specialize in planning comprehensive itineraries, often centered around educational and/or cultural programs. "We're constantly receiving requests from professional groups seeking a variety of interdisciplinary programs," said Seifried. "It's become a growing trend for people to combine business with family vacations."

For the past 11 years, Seifried has enjoyed a successful track record as President of travel Beyond. OnBoard Conferences will be a division of this travel agency, which is also located in St. Petersburg.

"Travel Beyond already has a great track record in the cruise industry and we're looking forward to working with OnBoard Conferences in the future," stated Princess Cruises District Sales Manager Janice Sinardi.

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Miracle C. Jackson is a junior in the international Baccalaureate Program at St. Petersburg High School. She will graduate in June of 1999.

Miracle plans to attend the University of Florida to pursue a degree in medicine. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Student Government, Juvenile Welfare Board, Urban League (NULITES), a Varsity Cheerleader and a talented pianist. She lives with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Jackson.

Taisha Monique Hyatt is a senior at Boca Ciega High School and will graduate June 4, 1998. She lives with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Desmond Hyatt.

Taisha is a member of Key Club, Multi-Cultural Committee, Team Court, S.T.E.P. (Students Targeted for Educational Enhancement) and is a volunteer at St. Anthony's Hospital. She plans to enroll in the University of South Florida's pre-med program and seek a career as a Dermatologist.

Candace L. Rowe is a senior at Boca Ciega High School and will graduate June 4, 1998. She plans to attend Florida A&M University to pursue a degree in Business and would like a career in management.

Candace lives with her mother, Ms. Robbie Rowe and is a member of Grand Central Progressive M. Baptist Church where she serves on the Usher Board. She is employed by the St. Petersburg Times.

Ryan A. Lewis Of Lakewood High Signs With The University Of Georgia

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He is a tremendous offensive threat and one of Florida's premiere shot blockers.

Ryan is a native of New Orleans, LA, who relocated to St. Petersburg and lives with his father, Reggie Lewis, who is a long-time resident of cen-

tral Florida. His mother, Andrea P. Gardner, resides in New Orleans.

Lewis plans on pursuing a degree in Sports Therapy at the University of Georgia in the fall of 1998.

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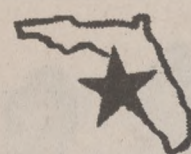
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12th Annual School 100th Anniversary Birthday Days And Art Essay from pg. 1

GAINESVILLE— Organizations and schools are invited to step back in time and join us at the upcoming 12th Annual Hoggetowne Medieval Faire on February 6, 7 & 8th at the Alachua County Fairgrounds. Enjoy the colorful culture of our medieval village at festival time where you'll see Knights in armor engage in real jousting competitions on horseback. There will be a variety of continuous entertainment including falconry, live chess matches, dancing, music, puppetry, and armed combat in one of our five entertainment areas. Other offerings of the day will include demonstrations in juggling, archery, blacksmithing, jewelry making, woodworking, carving, and weaving. More than 100 merchants and artisans will offer medieval crafts, games, and hands on activities. Artisans talk "in character" about their trade in the Middle Ages and are dressed in authentic looking garb.

Friday, February 6th is "School Day" from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Faire - admission is half price (50 cents for children aged 5-10 \$1.50 for 11-16 years old, and \$2.50 for adults), individuals with disabilities are admitted free. Pre-registered groups will receive a free "education guide" to assist with classroom activities before and after the event. Groups must pre-register; the deadline is January 26th. Last year over 8,000 students and teachers from 19 counties, some as far as three

hours away, took advantage of this special day.

At the Faire, we will offer children's activities in our Children's Pavillion, featuring hands-on interactive projects and performances. Community participation is encouraged and we invite all area children from kindergarten through High School to participate in the Student Art and Essay Contest. Three prizes will be awarded in each of the following age groups in both the essay and art (3-D and 2-D) contest; Group I-Kindergarten, Group II-Grades 1-2, Group III-Grade 3, Group IV-Grades 4-5, Group V-Middle School, and Group VI High School. All prize winners will be sent two free passes to the Faire to attend the Award Ceremony held on Saturday, February 7th at 2:30 p.m. at the Royal Court. King John himself will present the awards. Two overall winners will win a \$50.00 savings bond sponsored by SunTrust Bank. Deadline for contest entry is January 9, 1998.

The Hoggetowne Medieval Faire is produced by the City of Gainesville Department of Cultural Affairs. Sponsored by KTK 98.5 FM, WCJB TV20, United States Cellular, and the State Division of Cultural Affairs. For information on our school days or art and essay contest, please call Linda Piper at 352-334-2197.

OCALA— There is great anticipation among the members of St. Paul A.M.E. Church on Sunday, November 30th at 3:00 p.m. Dr. Eugene F. Broxton, Pastor of New Zion Missionary Baptist Church and his



congregation will begin the worship service of St. Paul A.M.E. Church commemorat-

ing their 100th Anniversary. As St. Paul stands at the threshold of the twenty first century, during this celebration, it can recall many memorable

experiences of its past and the undertaking of its future, with the blessings of the Almighty. During the dynamic leadership of its current pastor, Dr. James D. Sykes, Sr., many milestones will be accomplished with the ministries being offered by the church to the communities and the city.

You are cordially invited to attend these services at 7:45 A.M., 11:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M. and joint in the wonderful heritage of the church. Dr. James D. Sykes, Sr. Pastor.



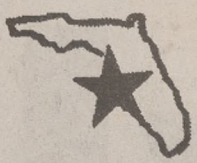
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Society In Ocala

by
Florence Williams Ray

Set An Extra Place at the Thanksgiving Table

This Thanksgiving Day, while giving thanks for your many blessings, why not set an extra place at the table for that wayward soul making his/her way back home; for the widow down the street; for an out of work friend; an unwanted child in the neighborhood? Why not deliver a meal to a shut-in?

Growing up in a family of thirteen sisters and brothers, I have always found the holidays to be of great joy with friends dropping by and mom could always stretch the meal to accommodate another person. At times, I thought 'The world of strays' had beaten a path to our door. From around that

table came a spiritual bound and a determination for higher goals.

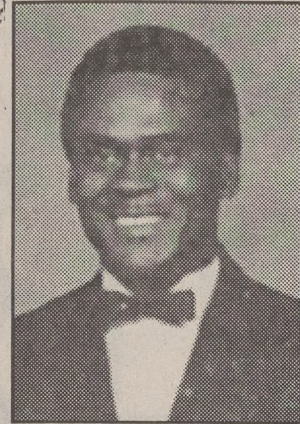
These gathering, born of a humble beginning, made one thankful for simple things, simple people. Accolades are in order for my parents for instilling in people compassion for the less fortunate. Over the years we have been blessed many times through our children and grandchildren and with kind acts from friends and strangers.

Dreams became reality and from around that humble table came writers, poets, ministers, an artist, a lawyer, teachers, secretaries, councils, a professional basketball player, builders, farmers, business men and women, executives, great sol-

diers, orators, all from doors who dared to dream.

Set that extra place at the table and when you look in the mirror, you will like that face staring back at you and be very thankful that you made life a little easier for someone.

DO HAVE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING.



Rev. Cecil Wilson

Church Installation Services for Rev. Wilson

On Sunday, November 9, 1997, Pastor's Installation service was held for Rev. Cecil Wilson at Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church in Crystal

River, FL. Rev. D.J. Berry, First Vice President, presided over the occasion.

Before becoming pastor of Mt. Olive, Rev. Wilson and his family joined New Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Ocala. He moved from Kansas City in 1995. He is a graduate of Albany State University and Indiana University. He is continuing to prepare himself in the ministry by attending Reform Theological Seminary. While at New Zion he was Superintendent of the Sunday School. He and wife Mary have one child, Kourinie and lives in Silver Spring Shores

The charge to the Pastor was given by Rev. John McKenzie, pastor of Greater Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. The charges to the Church was given by Dr. Fred Maeweathers, Moderator for Second Bethlehem and pastor of Shady Grove Missionary Baptist Church. Songs of praises were rendered by New Zion's Mass Choir. Ministers contributing to the service were Rev. Michael Murphy,

Reginald Snow, Carl Gadson, David Throckmorton, Alan Jefferson, Howard Jones, Ben Snowden, Nathaniel Rawls and Dr. E.F. Broxton who delivered the sermon.

Greetings came from Mayor Curtis Rich, Sr.; Jeff Dawsy, the Sheriff's Department 'Pete' Kelly, Superintendent; Ray Kaminskas, Chief of Police; Ministers of the City and the Minister's Association.

Birthday greetings are sent out to Robert, Robin and Terry Williams for November 30th.

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OAK RIDGE, TN- Applications are being accepted for the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Nuclear Engineer Training (NET) program sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy and managed by the Oak Ridge Institute for Science

Call To Artists & Entertainers

GAINESVILLE- Artists and entertainment applications are now available for the 29th Annual Santa Fe Community College Spring Arts Festival held in downtown Gainesville April 25th and 26, 1998.

Santa Fe's Spring Art Festival attracts 124,000 people, 290 artists, and numerous entertainers for a weekend of art, food, fun and family activities.

Artists working in all media

are invited to apply. Artists applications must be postmarked by January 5, 1998. Entertainers applications must be postmarked by February 27, 1998.

For an application or more information, write or call the Santa Fe Community College Spring Arts Festival, 3000 N.W. 83rd Street, Gainesville, 352-395-5355.

bachelor's degree from an accredited institution in the physical or life sciences or engineering. Fellowships may be renewed up to two years for the master's and four years for the doctoral degree. All applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent resident aliens.

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For additional information, contact Denise Novak at Education and Training Division, ORISE, P.O. Box 117, Oak Ridge, TN. 37831-0117;

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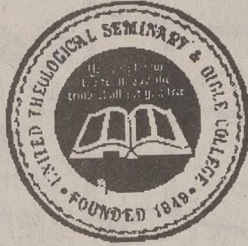


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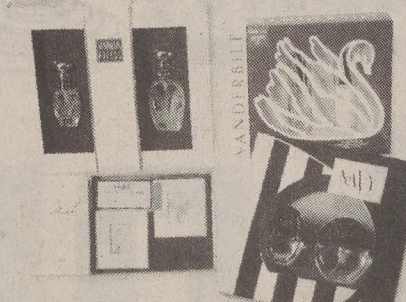
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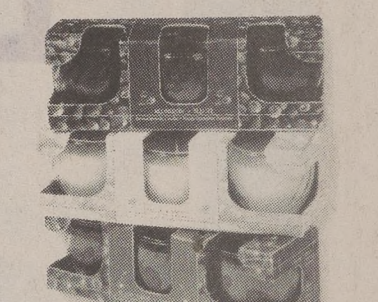
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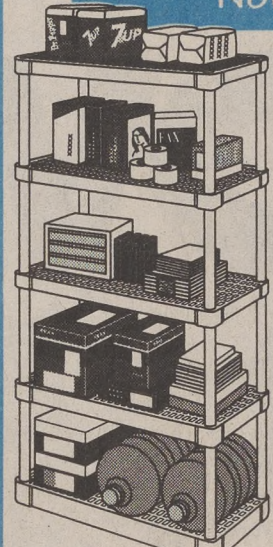
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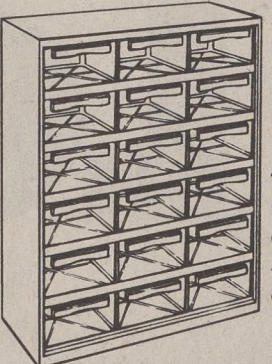
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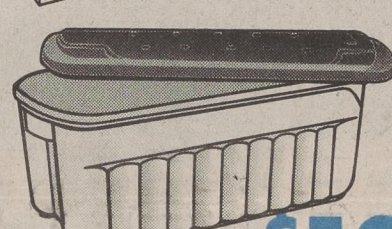
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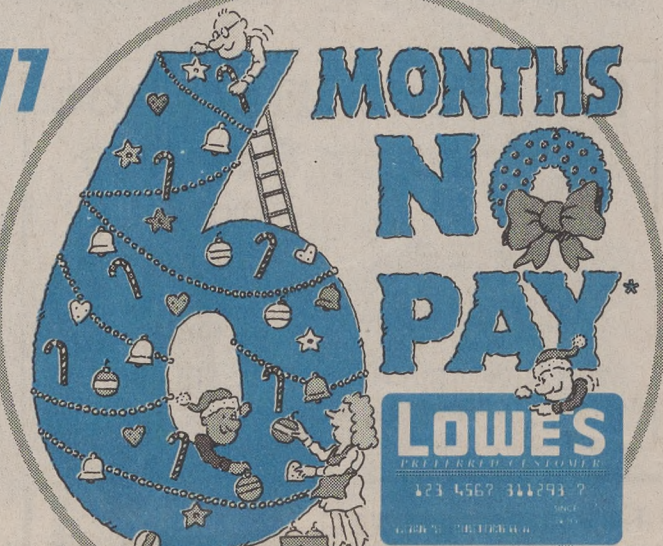
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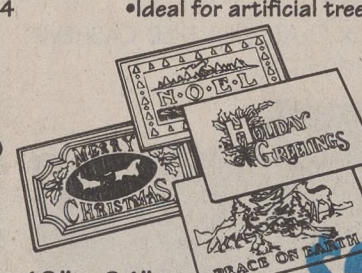


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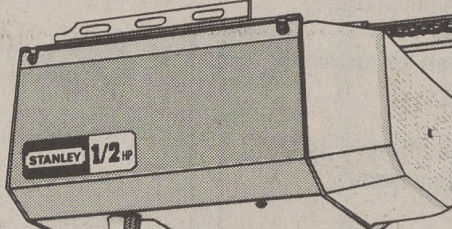
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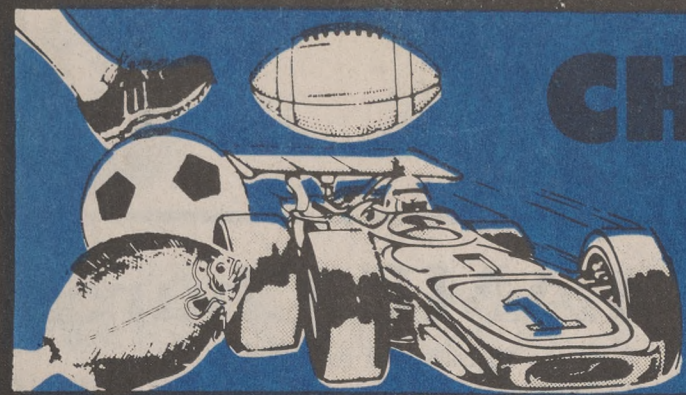
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ORLANDO — The playing of the annual football game between the state's two largest black colleges, Florida A&M Rattlers and Bethune-Cookman Wildcats, was played before a record crowd of 56,351 — the largest ever.

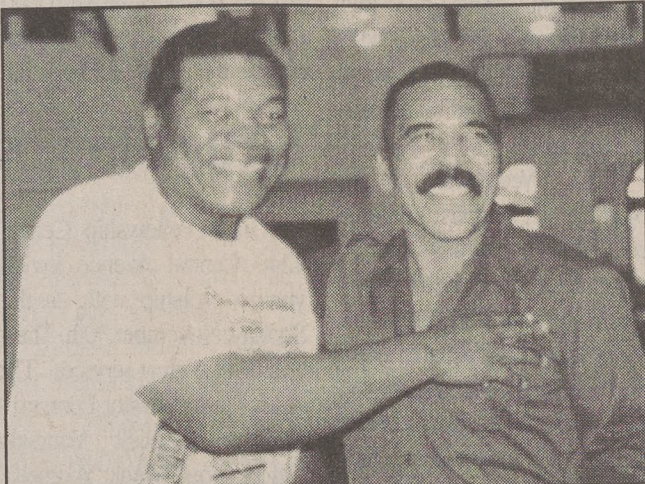
FAMU Rattlers defeated B-CC Wildcats via a score of 52-35 on Saturday, November 23rd, at the Florida Citrus Bowl.

As a result of the win, FAMU received runner-up position in MEAC and the black college poll and MEAC and winning a berth to the Division I-AA playoffs as an at-large opponent and will face Georgia Southern who also finished the season at 9-2 in the I-AA playoffs.

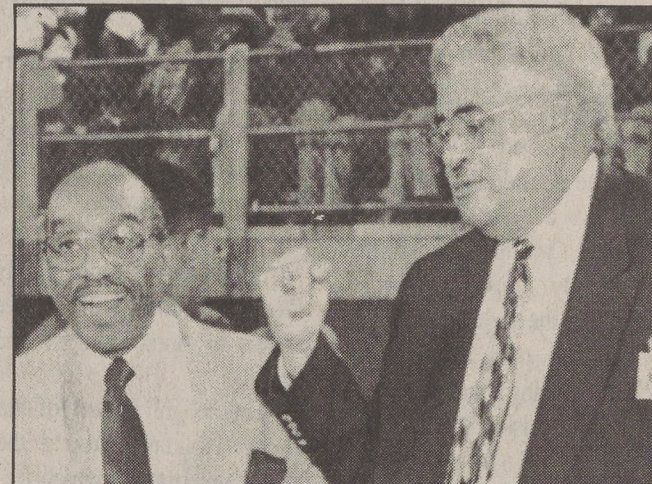
The Disney World Company, this year's title sponsor, hosted the President's reception, players, coaches and staff luncheon at their resort on November 21st. They also sponsored a spectacular fireworks show at the end of half-time.



L-R: Reggie Williams, Vice President of Disney's Sports Attraction, presents Classic trophy to Ken Riley, athletic director at FAMU.



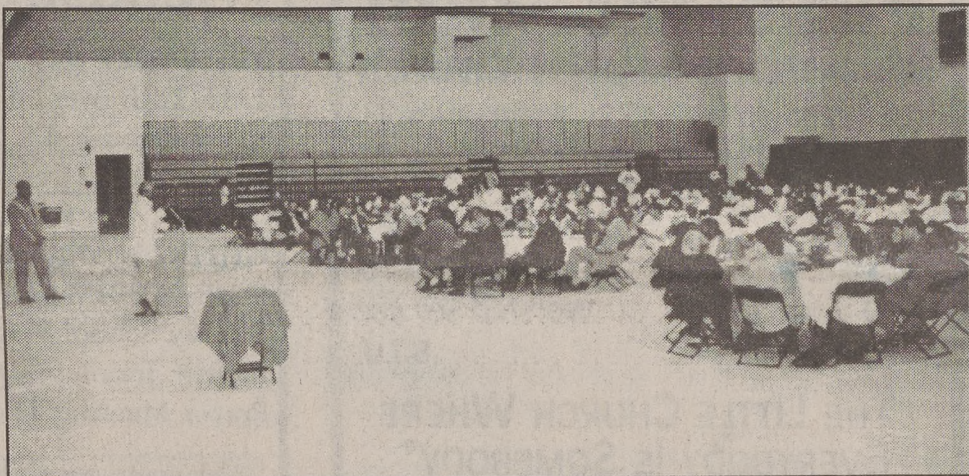
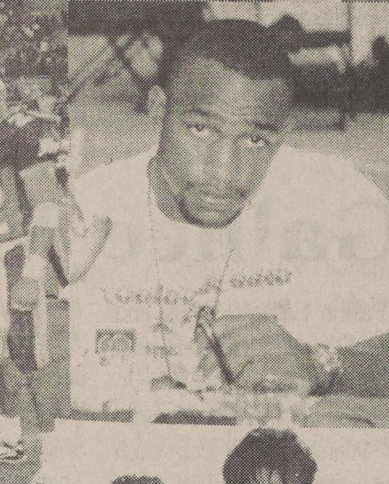
L-R: FAMU head coach William 'Billy' Joe and B-CC head coach Alvin Wyatt.



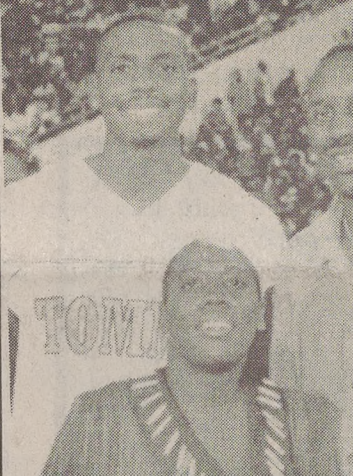
L-R: Dr. Oswald Bronson, President of B-CC and Dr. Fredrick Humphries, President, FAMU.



L-R: Kenneth J. 'Ken' Riley, director of athletics, FAMU, and Lynn W. Thompson, director of athletics, B-CC.



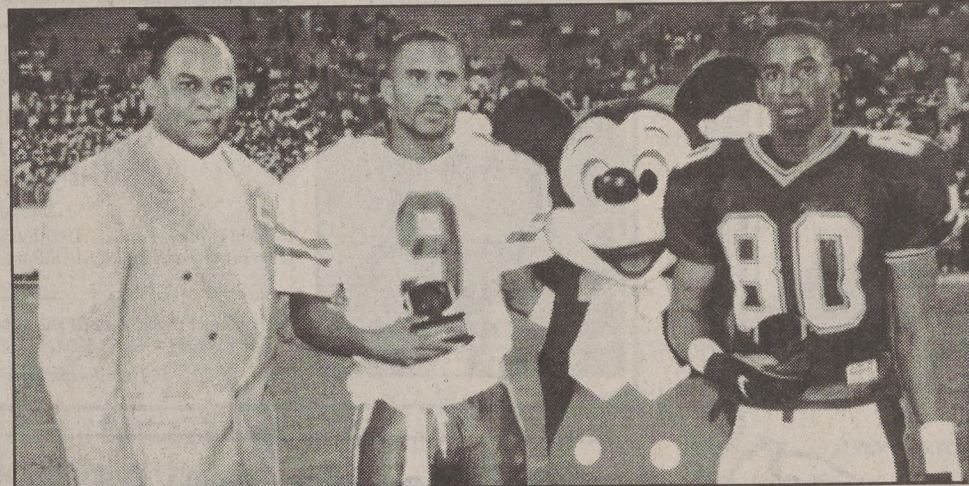
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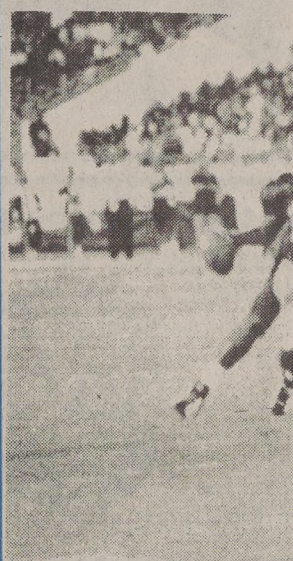
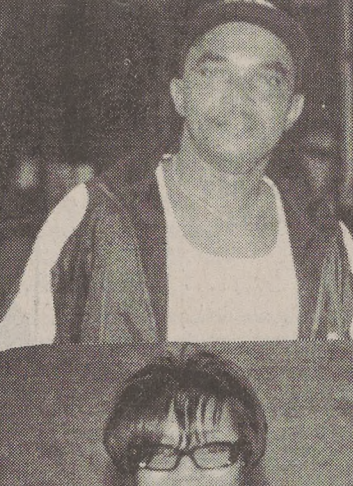
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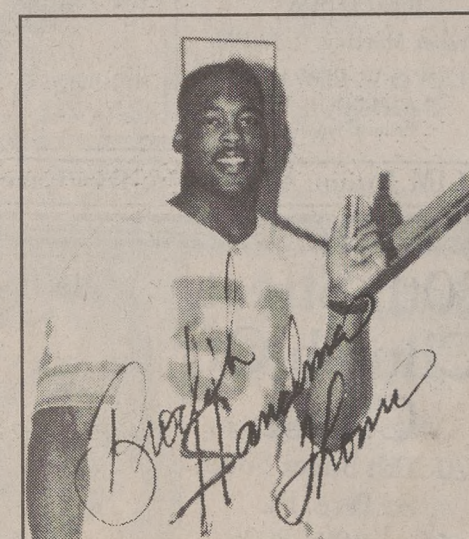
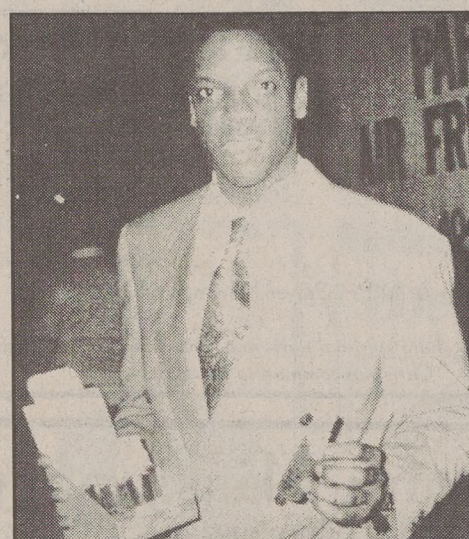
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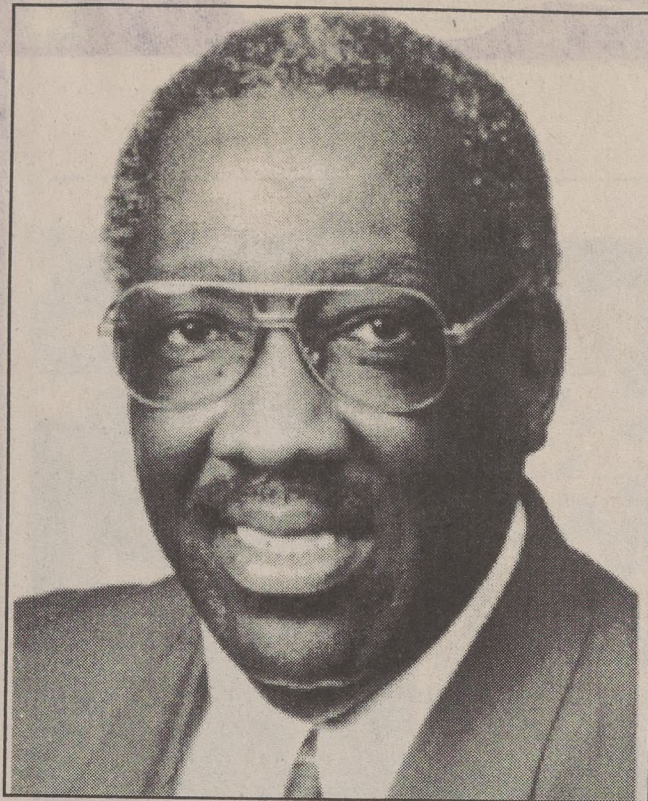
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CHURCH NEWS



Bethel Metropolitan



Dr. Jesse Jackson

Pastor Lyons, Minister of Evangelism/Christian Education, Rev. Corey Hodges, the

nation of our six month evangelistic outreach campaign. The membership has been quite active in adhering to the great commission. The Pre-Victory Sunday concert, Saturday, November 29th at 7:00 P.M. will feature Bethel Metropolitan's Concord Choir under the direction of Frederick D. Black and the Sanctuary Choir of the New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church of Greenville, Mississippi.

On Sunday, November 30th, Victory Sunday service at 11:00 A.M. will find the New Jerusalem MBC of Greenville, MS and their pastor, the Reverend Dr. Jesse Jackson sharing in worship with us. Dr. Jackson is a native of Mississippi, and is a graduate of the public school system of Leland, Mississippi.

He attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Mississippi Valley University (Pastoral Counseling and Theology)

Associate Certificate, Bachelor of Theology, Andersonville Theological Seminary and Doctor of Divinity Reformed Theological Seminary. Pastor Lyons and the church family invite you to join us for worship services at 8:00 and 11:00am. The Praise Team, combined choir and youth ushers will serve.

The Wednesday Night Nurture for Baptist churches(NBC) continues to be enlightening and informative. The December study emphasis is on "Church Covenant." Reverend Joseph Harvey, is the facilitator. The Awana Staff stands ready each week to provide Bible-Based learning activities for our youth. Transportation is provided. You are welcome to attend our Thursday Noon Day Bible Study 12:00 to 1:00pm, bring your bible and writing tools. Meet us for Saturday Midday Prayer Hour, 12:00 to 1:00 pm.

Greater Mt. Zion AME Church

Rev. Charles Robinson and members welcome you to services on Sunday, November 30th. Rev. Robinson will preach at the 7:30 a.m. worship hour. The O.L. Nicks WMS will be in charge of the 11:00 a.m. worship hour. The speaker will be the Rev. Chico Dials,

Associate Minister of Mt. Zion Progressive MB church. Music will be provided by combined choirs, under the direction of June Brown and Adele Jemison. The O.L. Nick's WMS invites you to get in on the joy of Angel Christmas Tree. The deadline date is December 14,

1997. The Revivalist will be the Rev. Samuel Green, Pastor of St. Mark, AME Church of Orlando, FL. He is the former pastor of Greater Mt. Zion AME. There will be teaching each night under the leadership of Rev. Charles Robinson. Subject: "What It Means To Be A

Christian." The starting time each night will be 6:30 - 7:30. Join us for our weekly activities: Bible Study every Monday night at 6:00 p.m., Vintage and Bible Study every Wednesday at 11:00 A.M. Prayer Meeting every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Grace Fellowship Center

Grace Fellowship Center-4240 Central Avenue invites you to worship with us this Sunday, November 30th. There will be two great services. The A.M. service, Pastor Leonard's message "Check Yourself Before You Wreck Yourself." Special Guest speaker in the evening service will be Minister Glenn Craig of Belle

Glades, FL. Evening service is 6:30 p.m. Come and be blessed by one of God's chosen men. For more information, call Pastor Leonard Wilson at 328-9412.

No evening service on Wednesday, November 26th. Happy Thanksgiving to all, may God's richest blessings be yours.

Stewart-Isom

The pastor, officers and members invite you to worship with us at 10:00 A.M. Thursday morning for our Thanksgiving Day Celebration.

We will continue our 6:30 A.M. Prayer and Bible Study on Friday morning. Our youth will have a fun day at Malibu Race Track in Tampa on Friday from 12 until 4 p.m. All interested parties may pay \$12.95

and join us for a great time. Sunday School starts at 9:30 a.m. At 11 A.M. we start our Missionary Day Celebration. Sis Sarah Cooper is president and our speaker for this great day will be Stewart-Isom's own first lady, Sister Jackie Moore-Hopkins. The church is located at 1820 Walton Street South.

Disney's Processional

LAKE BUENA VISTA - The voices of almost 29,000 performers from high school, college and church choirs from across the country plus celebrity narrators including actor Louis Gossett Jr. and television host Dr. Bobby Jones will ring during the annual Walt Disney World Candlelight Processional-

Nov. 29-Dec. 30 at Epcot.

The Candlelight Processional, a 27-year Walt Disney World tradition, features nationally known celebrities narrating the traditional story of Christmas plus a 450-voice chorus singing songs of the season, the music of a 50-piece orchestra and a hand-bell choir.

Two shows will be performed each Sunday-Thursday, Nov. 28-Dec. 18 (except Dec. 7) at 6pm and 7:30pm at the America Gardens Theatre. On Fridays and Saturdays, Nov. 28-Dec. 18 and nightly Dec. 19-30, there will be three shows at 6pm, 7:30pm and 9pm.

Candlelight is part of the Epcot 'Holidays Around the World' celebration, which fea-

tures holiday storytellers from around the world; 'Lights of Winter', a dazzling canopy of 30,000 synchronized lights; a nightly tree lighting ceremony and 'Holiday Illuminations', an evening spectacular of lights, lasers, music and fireworks.

For more information, call Walt Disney World information at (407) 824-4321.

Galilee Missionary Baptist

Pastor Earnest Jones and the Galilee Missionary Baptist Church family invite you to come out and join us for Sunday Worship Services each Sunday beginning with early morning worship at 8 A.M. and mid-morning worship at 11 A.M. The 5th Sunday in November, the Male Chorus and Male Ushers are in charge of the 11 A.M. service. There will be no early morning worship service this Sunday.

Sunday School is at 9:30 A.M. New members class convenes during the Sunday School hour. Mid-week worship ser-

vice is held each Wednesday at 7:30 P.M. BTU is each Thursday at 6:30 P.M. followed by Prayer Meeting and Bible Study at 7:30 P.M. Due to the Thanksgiving holidays and the #1 Union being in session this week, we will not have our regular scheduled mid-week worship, BTU or Prayer Meeting services. Pastor Jones, and the Galilee family are on program in the Union this Saturday at 6:00 P.M. for the Brotherhood Hour.

The WIA and Senior Women Mission Presidents, Sis. Margaret Brown and Sis.

Carrie Hinton, along with coordinator, Martha Philpott would like to say thank you to all WIA and Mission members and the Galilee family for all donated items and monetary support. May God bless each of you as we continue to do His holy will. The Thanksgiving boxes were prepared and delivered on

Monday evening in time for the many needy families to enjoy a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner.

All participants involved in the Christmas program are encouraged to attend all meetings and rehearsals. Sis. Patricia Jones is program coordinator.

Antioch Church • Ph # 866-3842
4601 34th Street South
(Howard Johnson's)
Rev. Michael A. Hawkins, Pastor
Sunday School.....10:00 AM
Morning Worship.....11:00 AM
Prayer Meeting/Bible Study
.....Tuesday 7:30 PM
Church Theme: "Rise Up And Walk"

Faith Memorial Missionary Baptist Church
1800 18th Avenue S., St. Petersburg, FL
Reg. Bragg L. Turner, Pastor
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Membership Training 5 p.m.
Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Tuesday 7 p.m.
"The Church That's Moving Forward Together"

ELIM Seventh-Day Adventist Church
801 - 6th Avenue S., St. Petersburg, FL 33712
(813) 894-5246 / 823-1619
SATURDAYS
Sabbath School: 9 am
Morning Worship: 11 am
Youth Hour: 1 Hour Before Sunset
WEDNESDAY
Prayer Meeting: 7:30 PM
LEWIS W. EDWARDS
M.A., M.DIV., D. Min.
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ELIM Junior Academy & Day Care Center

20th Street Church Of Christ
820 20th Street South
St. Pete, FL
Home: 896-8006
Minister Robert Clemons
Sunday Morning Bible Class9:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship10:30 a.m.
Ladies Bible Class Monday7:00 p.m.
Sunday Evening Worship5:00 p.m.
Monday Evening Bible Class7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Bible Class7:00 p.m.

All Nations Church of God By Faith
3000 - 4th Avenue S. • St. Petersburg, FL
327-5926 • 327-2656
Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship11 a.m.
Night Worship7 p.m.
Tuesday Bible Class8 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting8 p.m.
Friday Tarry Service8 p.m.
Saturday Sabbath School11 a.m.
Rev. Johnnie Lee Williams, Pastor

TRAVELERS REST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
2183 22nd Avenue South, St. Pete, FL 33712
Church Phone: 822-4869
Residence: 894-5094
Mid-Morning Worship Service11:00 a.m.
Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Prayer/Praise Service (Wednesday)7:00 p.m.
Bible Study (Every 2nd & 4th Sunday)6:00 p.m.
Rev. Larry Lewis, Assistant Pastor
Rev. Donald F. Browne
"WE ARE THE CHURCH WHERE CHRIST IS THE CENTER OF ATTRACTION"

Good Samaritan Baptist Fellowship
Meeting at Covenant Presbyterian Church
4201 6th Street South, St. Petersburg, Florida
Sunday Worship Service: 8:45 A.M. Wednesday Bible Study: 7:30 P.M.
• Wholistic Ministry (Physical, Mental, and Emotional)
• Bible Based Fellowship Considering the Biblical Commands in Light of Contemporary Problems
• Promoting the Self-Worth and Equality of All Persons
• Non-Sexist Participation • Youth Ministry
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TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
2830 - 22nd Avenue South • St. Petersburg, Florida 33712
(813) 327-8560
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 Meeting and Bible Study
You are invited to share spiritual nurturing, preaching of the Gospel and a Christian community for everyone
Dr. Frederick D. Terry

St. John Missionary Baptist
3200 5th Avenue S., St. Petersburg, FL
Rev. Steve Thomas, Pastor
EARLY MORNING WORSHIP 8 A.M.
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.
LATE MORNING WORSHIP 11 A.M.
BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER MEETING WED. 7 P.M.
Come join us each Sunday for any or all of these services.
You are welcome.

First. Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church
1121 22nd Street So., St. Petersburg, FL
Rev. Wallace Elliott, Pastor
Church Services
8:00 a.m.Morning Service
9:45 a.m.Sunday School
11:00 a.m.Worship Service
5:00 p.m.B.T.U.
"THE LITTLE CHURCH WHERE EVERYBODY IS SOMEBODY"

Friendship Missionary Baptist
2315 18th Avenue South
St. Petersburg, FL
CHURCH SERVICES
Sundays 8 AM and 11 AM Worship
Sunday School 9:30 AM
Baptist Training Union 4:30 PM
Prayer Meeting Thursday 7:30 PM
"Where strangers meet with friends and sinners find their God."

FIRST MT. PILGRIM EVANGELIST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.
2700 - 5th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL
Reverend L.P. Davis, Pastor
Home Phone: 345-3121
Sunday School10:00 am Baptist Training Union 4:30 pm
Morning Worship11:30 am Evening Wor up6:00 pm
Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study7:00 pm
Friday Evening - Youth Meeting6:30 pm
The Church That Welcomes Everyone!

10th Street Church Of God
207 10th Street North, St. Petersburg, FL
Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting/
Bible Study7:15 p.m.
Evening Worship (1st & 3rd Sunday)6:00 p.m.
Rev. Chester L. James, Jr. - Pastor
International Headquarters, Anderson, Indiana

New Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church
3001 18th Avenue South St. Petersburg, FL 33712
Church: (813) 327-9904 Office: (813) 321-3898
Elder Carl Rhodes, Jr., Pastor
Early Morning Worship 8 a.m. (2nd thru 5th Sundays)
Church School 9:30 a.m. • Mid-Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Communion Service 5 p.m. (1st Sundays)
Prayer Meeting 7 p.m. (Tuesdays)
Christian Education School 7 p.m. (Wednesdays)
"Oh, Come Let Us Praise The Lord!"

ST. MARK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
1301 - 37th Street South, St. Petersburg, FL
Schedule of Services
Church School9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship11 a.m.
Baptist Training Union5 p.m.
Evening Worship6:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting
Thursday7 p.m.
Rev. Brian K. Brown
"One week from church makes one weak."



CHURCH NEWS



Full Gospel Free Methodist



Esi Mathis Whitehurst

Minister Esi Mathis Whitehurst will be ordained by the Full Gospel Free Methodist Fellowship on Sunday, Dec. 14, 1997, at 4pm. The ordination service will be held at

Bethel Community Baptist Church, 1045 16th St. S., St. Petersburg. Rev. Manuel L. Sykes and Bishop Anthony L. Williams will preside. Senior Bishop Travis H. Smith will deliver the sermon.

Minister Whitehurst, 43, is a native of St. Petersburg. She attended Gibbs Senior High School for one year before integration guidelines caused her to be transferred to St. Petersburg High School, where she received her high school diploma.

Although she was called to the ministry 18 years ago, she only became actively involved four years ago when she finally surrendered and consented to fully answer God's call.

Minister Whitehurst lived in Tallahassee, NJ and North Carolina for 14 years, returning

to St. Petersburg 1-1/2 years ago to become actively involved in the ministry. Rev. Sykes licensed her in June 1996 at Bethel Community Baptist Church, where she served as one of the youth pastors. She was also a young women's pastor, secretary of the minister's Council, organizer of the Beth el Jewels, a program for girls ages 6 to 12, and coordinator of the annual Youth Revival held at Bethel.

Currently, Minister Whitehurst is enrolled at St. Petersburg Theological Seminary, where she pursues a Master's of Divinity degree in Pastoral studies.

She is founder of Harvest Time, Inc., which included ministry in the areas of intercessory prayer, food, clothing, Bible study, and women's fel-

lowship. She has been instrumental in channeling resources to individuals and to other ministries, such as CASA, the Pregnancy Center, A.S.A.P., Nicaragua, and the Salvation Army's homeless shelter.

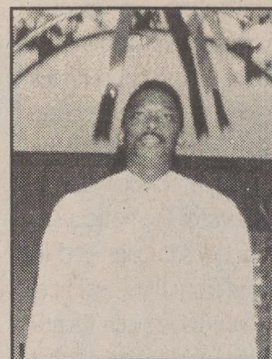
Minister Whitehurst says that her only goal is to "Do the will of God." If this means being part of the healing process in St. Petersburg, she is available and willing. This willingness will certainly include reaching across cultural, racial, denominational, educational and social lines to change and edify the hearts of the people. She says that her relationship with God is a walk of faith and love, so she is prepared.

For further information, please call Whitehurst at 572-8585, ext 7258 during the day, and 867-3222 in the evenings.

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Music Recital

Children ages 5-12 years old, reciting, singing, playing piano and recorders, reading invocations, singing benedictions, performing with charm and poise. Talented children—where was this? The Professional Children's School in New York City? At Bethel Metropolitan Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon, November 9, 1997.

This was one of those "You should have been there" days. Fifteen (15) children, Sherree Butler, Jessica Crandell, Jessica Fennell, Kristina Hodge, Ebony Lamar, Nicole Lamar, Sharmae Lamar, Danisha Moore, Daniel Morris, Danielle Morris, Brandon

Phillip, Ashley Roberson, Bristie Stephens, David Thomas and Samuel Thomas performed beautifully. They have been studying for quite some time but performed well above expectations.

They are the piano pupils of Marjorie A. Drew who received her Bachelor's and Master's of Music Education degrees from The Manhattan School of Music in New York City from whence she relocated in 1988, after teaching in New York City School system for 22 years, working as an assistant director for the New York City Mission Society for 10 years, and teaching Day care for 2 years. After working

for the YWCA of Tampa Bay (through the Pinellas County School Board), and being foster mother to two beautiful girls, she returned to her first love piano teaching. Many parents, relatives, friends and supportive community gathered to bear witness to this extraordinary affair.

When congratulated on her school's success, Marjorie Drew commented, "The Glory is to God, The pride is to the students but the privilege is mine."

This standing room only crowd nodded their heads in agreement. Reported by Harriet Kelsey.

Moore's Chapel AME

Moore's Chapel's Church family welcome you to share in their services the 5th Sunday (November 30th). Missionary Sunday is at 8:00 a.m. The Daisy Pierce/Fannie Williams Missionary Society will be in charge of the services. The speaker is sister Earlene McBride who is an active member of Moore's Chapel and one of Rev. Walker's four daughters in the ministry. She is a licentiate in the Tampa Florida conference being admitted to the conference this year. Sister McBride is the assistant church school teacher to the teens class. She is enrolled in the St. Petersburg Theological Seminary. Sister McBride is

the mother to one son, a born again believer and knows only what you do for Christ will last. Other missionary and church members will be program participants. Lynette Buchanan is the society's president. First lady Dr. Delceda Walker is the society advisor.

Church School will begin at 9:30 a.m. with superintendent Celestine Stephens.

At 11:00, the young people department will be in charge of the service with another of their fine services as they continue to go, glow, and grow, for Christ. Sandra Williams is the young people department director. Music for both 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. service will be provided by the African Freedom

Singers. The Junior Usher Board will serve Moore's Chapels Steward Board's Annual Festival of Advent Service will be held Sunday December 14 during the 11:00 a.m. services, the speaker will be Evangelist Vivian Powell, Pastor of the Latter Day Deliverance Holiness Church.

Moore's Chapels Thanksgiving Service/Love Feast will be held on Thursday, November 27 at 10:00 a.m. the inspirational choir will sing.

Moore's Chapels Christmas Eve/Communion service will be held Wednesday December 24th at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday 12:00 noon day prayer service, Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Prayer Service/Bible Study.

Gospel Thunder '98

We are pleased to announce that plans for next years Black History Month Gospel Celebration is well underway. Gospel Thunder 98 will be held at the St. Petersburg Bayfront Center Arena on Saturday, February 21, 1998 at 5 p.m. Gospel Thunder in it's fourth year of production has sought to bring to the bay area the finest in gospel music. This family event will feature such renowned artist as grammy and stellar award winner "Evangelist Shirley Caesar", John P. Kee and the New Life Community Choir" together for the first time in the bay area and will introduce new artist "The Royal Family" (Produced by

acclaimed play write" Michael Mathews"). Also "Willie Neil Johnson and the Gospel Keynotes" with Rev. Tarver & The Florida Spirituaires.

We invite you to make plans to attend this unforgettable evening of song and praise.

Tickets go on sale Thanksgiving weekend and will make great Christmas presents. All seats are reserved and are available at the box office and statewide at all Ticketmaster outlets, so get yours early. For information at box office (813) 892-5767. Ticket Master charge by phone (813) 287-8844, Hillsboro and Pinellas County (813) 898-2100.

Bible Holiness Church of God in Christ 419 - 5th Street S., St. Petersburg, FL 33701 Phone: 898-3838

The members would like to invite you and your family to worship with us. Our services are:

Tuesday Morning Prayer 9:00am

Weds.-Family Worship 7:00pm

Sunday School 10:00am

Sunday Morning Worship 11:15am

Sunday Evening Worship 7:00pm

Pastor: Elder B.O. Walker



Moore's Chapel AME Church Rev. M. Mason Walker, Pastor 321-3545

3037 Fairfield Avenue St. Petersburg, FL
Early Morning Worship 8:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

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.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
Bible Band, Thursday 7:30 p.m.



Greater St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church 532 33rd Street S. • St. Petersburg, FL Rev. Dr. J.L. Holloway

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Baptist Training Union 5 p.m.
Tuesday Night
General Bible Study
Thursday Night Prayer
Meeting & Teachers Meeting
We welcome you at all times.

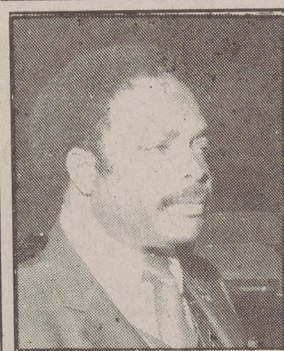


Macedonia Freewill Baptist Church

2361 Seventh Avenue South St. Petersburg, Florida
Rev. John Copeland, Pastor

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.

Communion is observed quarterly the first Sunday after every 5th Sunday.
For transportation to the church, call 327-8196 or 327-2391.
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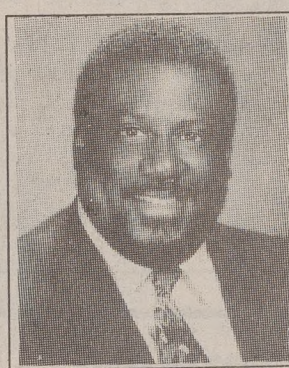
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ST. PETERSBURG, FL
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REV. WAYNE G. THOMPSON, PASTOR

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:30 A.M.

MORNING WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

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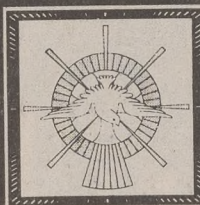
New Philadelphia Community Church

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.)



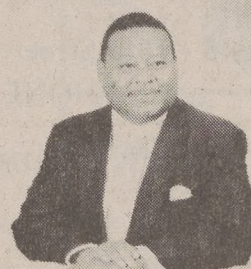
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Children & Youth Ministry Joyce Robinson
Clerk Ministry Wyvonna McGee
"A Church With Passion For God and Compassion For People"

Mt. Zion Progressive Missionary Baptist Church

955 20th Street South, St. Petersburg, FL 33712
Phone: 894-4311

Sunday School: 8:00 a.m.
Worship Service: 7:00 a.m. * 9:00 a.m. * 11:15 a.m.
New Membership Class: Sunday, 8:00 a.m.;
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.
(Adult and Youth)

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Rev. Wilkins Garrett, Jr., Pastor

New Faith Free Methodist Church

2427 Irving Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL
Phone: 824-2814, Pastor • 323-1290, Church

THEME: Looking Upward, Searching Inward, Striving Onward
SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 AM
MORNING WORSHIP 11:00 AM
YOUTH BIBLE STUDY WED. 6:30 PM
ADULT BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER SERVICE WED. 7:00 PM



Rev. Curtiss L. Long, Pastor

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919 - 20th Street S., St. Petersburg, FL 33712
Rev. Charles Robinson, Pastor

Early Morning Worship 7:30 a.m. • Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. • All Male Bible Study Weds. 6:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting Weds. 7:30 p.m.
Bible Study Mon. 6:00 p.m.
Co-ed and Adult Bible Study Thurs. 6:30 p.m.
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912 - 3rd Avenue North • Phone: 822-2089

Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Prayer Service/Bible Study Tues. 7:00 p.m.
Junior Church Fellowship Thurs. 6:00 p.m.
Tutoring Mon. & Thurs. 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Welcome... This church opens wide the door - and in the name of Christ and Our Lord says: "COME!"
TRANSPORTATION IS AVAILABLE



The Rev. Harry L. Dawkins, M. Div., Pastor



CHURCH NEWS



Traveler's Rest MB Church Stellar Standard Is Men Of Steel

Rev. Browne and the Traveler's Rest Missionary Baptist Church Family would like to invite everyone to come out and worship with them on Sunday. Rev. Clarisse Pennington will be the guest speaker of the hour and the Bessie Moore Circle will be in charge of the program and the mass choir will be rendering the song service under the direction of Bro. Steve Wilson, musician.

Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. followed with mid-morning worship service at 11:00 a.m. Transportation can be provided for anyone by calling the church at 822-4869 and leaving a message.

Evangelism ministry has studies on the 1st and 3rd Sunday evening every month beginning at 6:00 p.m. ministry is conducted by Sis. Betty Andrews.

Bible study is conducted every second and fourth Sunday of each month. Bible study will be held on Sunday at 6:00 p.m.

All participants involved in the Christmas play are encouraged to attend all meetings and rehearsals.

All members are encouraged to bring a perishable item to praise and worship services and Sunday morning worship services. These items will be donated to those persons in need of food for the holidays.

Everyone is encouraged to pick a child from the angel tree. The children have been identified and have stated the gift that they would like to receive. We are asking that each child receive a toy, inspirational gift and a clothing item. The deadline for the gifts will be December 19, 1997. The party to distribute the gifts to the children will be held on Saturday, December 20, 1997 at 7:00 p.m.

The American Baptist Women Fellowship will have a "cookie exchange" on Saturday, December 6, 1997. If you would like to attend the fellowship, please see Sis. Laura

Anderson or Sis. Anne Killens the cost for the luncheon is \$4.00. Please respond by December 3, 1997 for the upcoming year. No budget proposal, no funds for 1998.

The Social's Group of Traveler's Rest Missionary Baptist Church will be hosting their end of the year meeting on December 13, 1997, all members and certainly visitors ages 22-42 are cordially invited to attend. The time and place will become available as the time draws near.

Other activities for the week: Thursday, November 27, 1997 Happy Thanksgiving to everyone and may God Bless You All!!! Tuesday, December 2, 1997. Mass choir rehearsal at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 3, 1997. Praise and Worship Service at 7:00 p.m. conducted by the Trustee Board Ministry. All members are encouraged to attend along with those persons born in the month of December.



Men Of Standard (Clockwise From Left): Michael Bacon, Lowell Pye, Bryan Pierce, Isaac Carree

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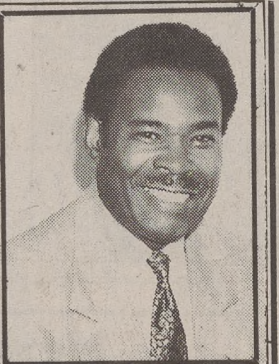
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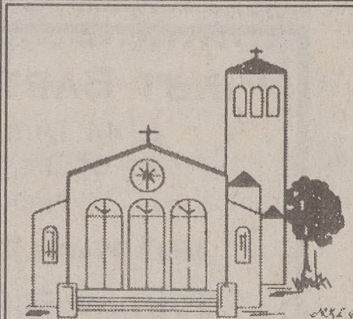
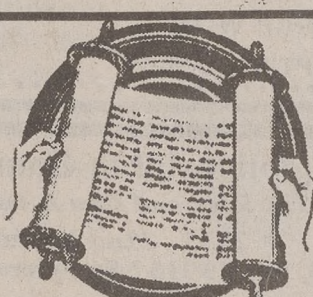
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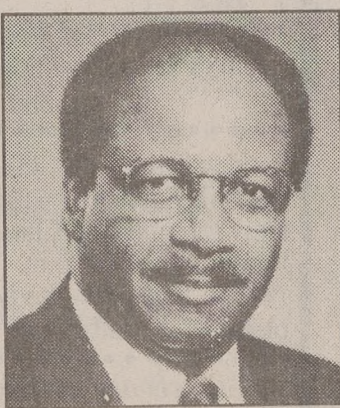
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State Civil Rights Conventioneers

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(Floridians Representing Equity and Equality) was facilitated by Gabe Cazares and State NAACP President Leon Russell.

The conference concluded with a civil rights awards banquet, and closing remarks from Exec. Director, Florida Commission on Human Relations Ronald McElrath, Major Luke Williams, St. Pete Police Department, and Honorable Doug 'Tim' Jamerson, Secretary FDLES.

Local and state officials, commissions and commission-

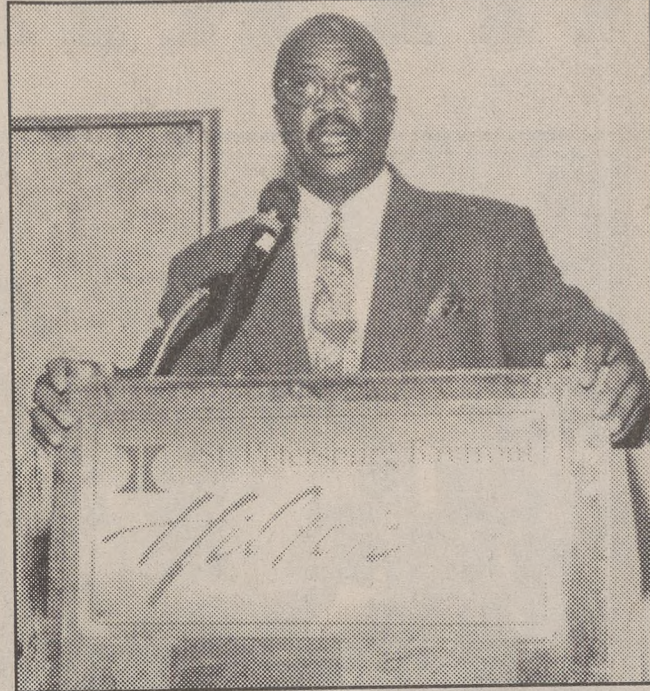
ers, from all over the state, served as facilitators to nearly 200 conventioneers, by presenting updated reports, information and reading materials and, of course, continued progress, commitment and a challenge to re-engineer civil rights in Florida.

This conference coincided with the 'birth of the Devil Rays, baseball inaugural roster', and a re-birth in human rights and civil rights, for the state of Florida.

It was quite a week in St. Pete...



L-R: Ruth Johnson, Lt. Gov. Buddy McKay and Clarence Scott.



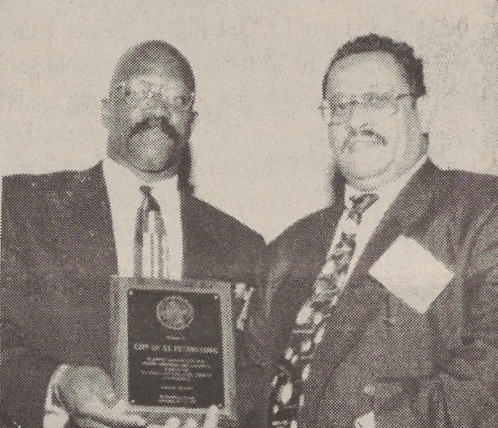
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If you like jazz then you would really have liked the Eighth Annual Suncoast Dixieland Jazz Classic at the Sheraton Sand Key Resort in Clearwater Beach this past weekend. Fourteen featured acts performed Friday afternoon and evening and all day Saturday and Sunday at four different venues in the hotel. It was acoustical heaven.

People traveled from all over the country to be at the jazz classic and it was estimated that a thousand people a day attended the three day event. The hotel turns into one big jazz fest with both ballrooms in use and the Mainstay Tavern as well as a huge tent on the beach to accommodate four acts going on at the same time. Nothing like choices and great ones at that! If you like jazz from the 20s to the late 40s showcasing the great music and arrangements of Louie Armstrong, Duke Ellington, Bob Cosby, King Oliver and others then Bill Allred's Classic

Jazz Band played for three days for your pleasure. Also, the Blue Street Jazz Band from California gave you that Riverboat feeling with its fast paced, upbeat and energetic tunes that dares anyone not to tap your toes, clap your hands or just move your body to the beat. There were so many great acts to hear and watch. I particularly enjoyed David Hull, the 12 year old pianist who joined 94 year old Spigle Willcox and his trombone when they jammed with the Blue Street Jazz Band. When Dave Ruffner, leader of Blue Street, asked Spigle Willcox what his favorite rock group was he replied that it was an easy question, "It is Mount Rushmore".

Needless to say it was a weekend of clever quips and one liners and lots of laughter. These professionals are the best at what they do which is to provide their audience with great jazz enjoyment and entertainment. Interestingly, Florida seems to be a treasure chest of



The Dixie Express, the jazz band of the Air Force Reserve from Robins Air Force Base in GA, performs in the Mainstay Tavern with guest musician Pieter Meijers on clarinet.



12-year-old David Hull on piano and 94-year-old Spigle Willcox join Blue Street for a jam session.

this type of entertainment since ten of these fourteen groups call Florida their home. This is an annual event at the Sheraton

Sand Key in Clearwater Beach and is expected to be scheduled during this time next year.

Mark your calendar for next year—I'm told it will be even bigger and better.

Tucker Testifies On Music Violence

WASHINGTON, DC—"No corporation should be allowed to exist if engaged in activities that contaminate, poison and infect the minds of children," charged Dr. C. DeLores Tucker, founder/chair of the National Political Congress of Black Women.

Testifying on 'The Social Impact of Music Violence' before the Senate Subcommittee which oversees the District of Columbia, Tucker said action must be taken to curb and control the proliferation of vile, demeaning pornographic and misogynistic music.

"Those malicious lyrics grossly malign black women, degrade the unthinking young black artist who create it, pander pornography to our innocent young children, hold black people (especially young black males) universally up to ridicule and contempt, and corrupt its vast audience of listeners, white and black, throughout the world," said Tucker in the presence of Senators Sam Brownback (R-KS) and Joseph Lieberman (D-CT), Recording Industry Association of America President and CEO, Hillary Rosen, medical experts, scholars, lobbyists, parents and shock rock fans.

Senator Brownback said, "Over the last 30 years, violent juvenile crime has jumped



Dr. C. DeLores Tucker, Chair/NPXBW, testifies before the Senate Subcommittee Hearing on Impact of Violent Music Lyrics. Seated next to her is Stanford University Communications Professor, Dr. Donald F. Roberts

more than 500 percent. Such trends are especially dramatic in Washington, DC, where juvenile crime, teen death and teen drug use rates lead the nation."

Tucker says that all America should take note, however, as "the poison exists not just in the inner cities, but is spreading to the more affluent suburbs as well."

North Dakota parent Raymond Kuntz told of his 15-year-old son's suicide after listening to shock rocker Marilyn Manson. Mr. Kuntz read lyrics to 'Antichrist Superstar' found in Richard's CD, which he claims encourages suicide.

"One shot and the world gets smaller. Let's jump upon the sharp swords. And cut away our smiles. Without the threat of death. There's no reason to live at all..."

Hillary Rosen defended the rights of artists to freely express themselves. She said guidelines already exist to restrict minors from purchasing music that display 'parental advisory' stickers.

"There are laws in existence that protect children from pornography and exploitation. We want to bring a return of civilized discourse in our musical art," Tucker said.

Bobby Brown – Certified Superstar!



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Inside' dynamically-soulfully-re-affirms Bobby's status as one of the most captivating artists in pop music today.

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"This album is everything that I am today," proclaims Bobby. "I'm not one of those people who hides how he feels for the sake of making a so-called hit; I wanted to really express myself. My music is my forum."

According to Bobby, 'Forever' is more than just a new album and prelude to a 1998 concert tour. The project earmarks a new era both musically and personally.

"A lot has happened since I began recording the music for this album," he says wistfully. "I think I've become a better son, brother, husband and father. Throughout the growth process, this music was the focal point, and for me, that makes the record even more special."

Indeed. Let it be known: The Brown Bomber is back!

Gibbs Will Present 'Snow White And The Seven Dwarfs'

ST. PETERSBURG – The Gibbs High School Music Theatre Ensemble will present 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs' and their Winter Concert on Dec. 5th and 11th, 1997, at 7:30pm. They would like to invite you and your family to join them for this magic presentation.

The ageless story of Snow White will delight and enthrall you as you are transported to the medieval kingdom of Queen Tiger Lilly. You will meet the Woodsman, elves, fairies and flowers along the way. The music will set your feet tapping, and the costumes and scenery will occupy your attention.

For ticket reservations, please call any weekday from 7:30am until 3:30pm and ask for the theatre at extension 219 or choral room at 132.

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All Smiles- Grammy Award winning blues artist, Keb' Mo' (C), was the featured entertainer at La Grande Affaire, Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A. and Sony Music Entertainment's annual gala, held during the Congressional Black Caucus Annual Legislative Conference (CBCALC). The Harlem Renaissance theme had partygoers rising to the occasion by sporting period attire reminiscent of the '20s and '30s, including laish gowns, feather boas, pearls, zute suits, and canes. Joining Keb' Mo' are LeBaron Taylor, Sr. Vice President, Sony Music Entertainment (L) and Kweisi Mfume, President, NAACP (R).

HOLLYWOOD – He's been called 'King of Stage' and the 'Brown Bomber', among other illustrious monikers. However, by any title, singer, songwriter, pro-

ducer and performer Bobby Brown is a certified superstar.

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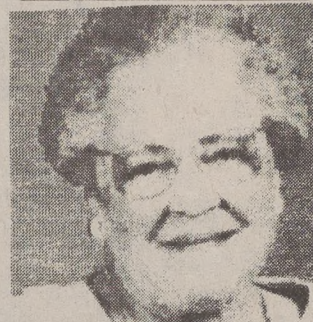


BUTLER, GEORGE, JR., died November 15, 1997. Some of his survivors include his wife Idella Miller Butler; his sons James Charles Butler and Hubert Ellis; and several other relatives. Creal Funeral Home, St. Petersburg

JENKINS, WILLIE D., died November 16, 1997. Survivors include his wife, Ollie R. Jenkins, two daughters, Alicia D. Jenkins, Rose and Husband Lynwood Taylor; four sons, Willie D. Jenkins, Jr. George A. Jenkins, Ladrone Jenkins, Elbert H. Jenkins, five grandchildren, mother-in-law, Freddie Whiting, one sister, Delores and husband Dewitt Brown, one brother Eddie and wife Josephine Hillman and a host of other loving relatives and friends. McRae Funeral Home, St. Petersburg, FL



ROBINSON, FREDDIE L. Passed recently. He leaves to mourn his brother, Alvoid James of Hollywood, FL; sister, Charlie Mae Walker of Lakeland and many other friends and relatives. Services by Creal Funeral Home, St. Petersburg, FL.



SMALL, WILLIE PEARL. left this earth on Monday, November 17, 1997. Her survivors were her husband of 41 years, Bertram; a stepdaughter and grandson, Jacqueline Small-Dandridge and Todd Small-Dandridge, respectively; a sister, Ruby S. Bull and many nieces and nephews as well as great nieces and nephews in addition to a host of loving cousins and close friends. Services by Creal Funeral Home, St. Petersburg, FL.



SMITH, BETTY JEAN passed recently. Survivors to remember with cherished memories include mother and stepfather, Evelyn and Ellis Henry; Sister, Mariam Pruitte, Brother, Ronald P. Smith, Cousin, Robert Lee Branton, Sr. and a host of nieces, cousins and other loving relatives and friends. Arrangements entrusted to Smith Funeral Home, St. Petersburg, FL.

WALLACE, EPHRON recently said farewell to all of us. He leaves to mourn his passing his brother, Ezekiel Wallace, Aunt, Elizabeth Preston; Cousin, Carticella Mclean, a companion, Leona Williams and special friend, Rev. N. Dessaw. A host of other nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. A McRae Funeral Home service, St. Petersburg, FL

WALLER, MARY JANE KINCHEN departed this Earthly life to answer her call on high on November 16, 1997. Left to mourn and cherish her memories are: husband, Charlie Waller; three daughters, Barbara Colquitt and husband, Alonzo; Charlie Mae Donaldson

and husband, Richard and Darlene Harris. Three sisters, Annie Mae Brown, Gracie Hayes and Viola Kinchen. One brother, Rubin Kinchen. Many other family members and friends. Services by Creal Funeral Home, St. Petersburg, FL.

Clearwater Final Rites



SIMMONS, ARCHIE, JR. died November 15, 1997. To mourn his call from these early trials and tribulations was his wife, Louvenia; his mother, Aquilla Simmons; three brothers, George, Lucion and James; four sisters, Maxine Hawkins, Jenny Durham, Deborah Simmons and Ruth Ann Hertz. Many other friends and relatives. Services entrusted to Young's Funeral Home, Clearwater, FL

Gainesville Final Rites

QUARTERMAN, JAMES, SR. departed this life on November 8, 1997.



He leaves to cherish his memory three sons, Walker Quarterman, William Quarterman and Donald Wallace. Two daughters, Diane Ewell and Carrie Quarterman; three stepsons, Orion Hill, Lavern Hill and Henry Lee Williams. Many other friends and family. Arrangements entrusted to the care of Chestnut Funeral Home, Gainesville, FL

Ocala Final Rights

DANIELS, ERNESTINE H. died on November 19, 1997. Left to cherish her memories are: daughters Marcella Dorothy and Marzetta Daniels; sons, Jervey Daniel, Jr. and Warren Daniels. A host of many, many more family and friends. Services by Cunningham Funeral Home, Ocala, FL

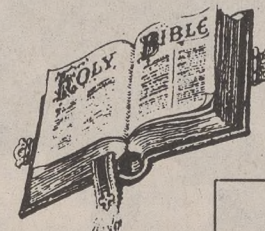
GREEN, WILLIE A. passed on Saturday, November 15, 1997. He leaves to cherish his memories, his cousins, Mary Bagley, Rev. Henry Jackson and Mr. Bennie Cail and wife. A host of other cousins

and many sorrowing friends. Funeral services arranged by Summers Funeral Home, Ocala, FL
HOPKINS, GEORGE died November 13, 1997. He leaves to mourn his homegoing a devoted and living wife, Lola B. Hopkins, one daughter, Faye Lynette Hopkins; two sons, George Bernard and Donnell Leroy; one brother, Flozell and wife Hattie and a host of other friends and family. Summers Funeral Home, Ocala, FL

JAMES, LEE died November 13, 1997. Summers Funeral Home, Ocala, FL

REDMON, CALLIE EUGENE died November 11, 1997. Arrangements by Summers Funeral Home, Ocala, FL

SIMS, LILLIE MAE passed on November 17, 1997. Left to cherish her memories were her children, Frank Singleton, Betty Jean Smith and husband, Ricky, Mack Anderson, Sumala McGee and husband, Willie; Brunala Rivera and husband, Jimmy; Mary Sims, Sally Sims and Lewis Sims and wife, Valarie. Many other relatives and dear friends. Summers Funeral Home, Ocala, FL



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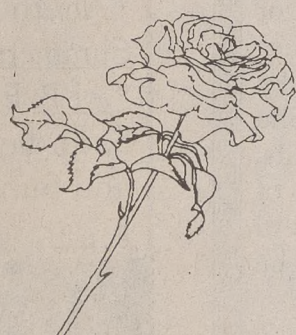
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Closing date 12/3/97

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LIBRARIAN I
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Closing date 12/15/97


Professional and supervisory library work as a children's librarian including materials selection and programming. Must be a graduate of an American Library Association accredited college or university with a Master's Degree in Library Science. Prefer knowledge of children's/young adult literature. Experience working with children, computer skills and performance skills (storytelling, puppetry, etc.) is also desired. Must possess a strong public service commitment and excellent people skills. **Residency Requirement - see below.**

Residency Requirement: The successful candidate shall be required to either be a resident of the City as of their date of employment, or establish primary residency within the City within six months of completing the probationary period. The requirement is not applicable to city employees hired before October 20, 1997.

Applications will be received in the Employment Office, One Fourth Street North, 4th Floor, on **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays only.** Preference in appointment will be extended to eligible veterans and, in some instances, spouses of eligible veterans. To receive veteran's preference, documentation of status must be submitted at time of application.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

Electronic Chart Display and Information System
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The Tampa Port Authority ("Authority") is soliciting proposals regarding both portable and permanently installed versions of an Electronic Chart Display and Information System that incorporates an Automatic Identification System ("AIS").

Qualified firms shall have knowledge and shall be able to demonstrate their experience in the planning, design, and implementation of an Electronic Chart Display and Information System that incorporates an AIS. A copy of the qualifications and selection criteria package and additional information regarding the project may be obtained, without charge, from the Authority at the address below.

All submissions will be received by the Tampa Port Authority, Operations Department, up to and until 3:00 p.m., February 20, 1998, at its offices in the George B. Howell Maritime Center, 811 Wynkoop Road, Tampa, Florida 33605.

The Authority asks that interested firms direct questions and requests for additional information to Steve Fidler, Operations Manager at the above address or at (813) 272-0535.

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By: Riley Hogan
Chairman

LEGAL NOTICE

RFQ-TPGAE - PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT IN COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS OF CHAPTER 289.055, LAWS OF FLORIDA, CONSULTANTS COMPETITIVE NEGOTIATION ACT, AS AMENDED AND THE CITY OF TAMPA'S WOMEN / MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM. The City of Tampa desires to obtain professional engineering / architectural services for the design of the **Tampa Police Headquarters Parking Garage** with a minimum of 285 parking spaces. Services will also include security design, provision for future expansion, site planning, preparation of construction documents, construction sequencing and scheduling recommendations, coordination with all applicable regulatory agencies, submittal and tracking of all regulatory permit applications, shop drawing review, ADA and Tampa Code Chapter 5 compliance, and other contract administration activities. Questions may be directed to Jim Greiner, P.E., Contract Administration, Department of Public Works, 306 E. Jackson Street 209A4N, Tampa, Florida 33602. Telephone Number (813) 274-8598; fax (813) 274-8080. Firms desiring to provide these professional services to the City must submit **TWO SETS** of the following: A Letter of Interest referring to **RFQ-TPGAE**; Resume of qualifications and experience (Standard Form 254), W/MBE certification if applicable; and any supplemental materials; to R. M. Salmon, P. E., Chairman, Consultants Competitive Negotiation Committee, City of Tampa - c/o CPW 306 E. Jackson Street 4th Floor North, Tampa, Florida 33602, **NO LATER THAN 2 p.m., Thursday, December 18, 1997.**

The Housing Authority Of The City Of St. Petersburg Request For Proposal

The St. Petersburg Housing Authority ("SPHA") is seeking a qualified audit firm to conduct the financial audit for its fiscal year ending March 31, 1998. The contract for audit services will include the performance of an annual financial and compliance audit in accordance with all applicable federal and audit regulations and issuance of an opinion with related reports and management letter to be completed by June 30, 1998.

The evaluation of proposals will be based upon: (1) the responsiveness to the proposal, (2) qualifications of staff and management, (3) technical experience of the firm, (4) price, (5) minority owned or woman owned business enterprise size.

Minimum qualifications and format of the responses are provided in the formal RFP which is available at the St. Petersburg Housing Authority, 3250 Fifth Avenue North, St. Petersburg, Florida 33713, and can be requested by contacting Oscar Claudio, (813) 323-9171. The Proposals must be hand-delivered or mailed, return receipt requested, to HASP to be received and stamped by the HASP Receptionist no later than 2:00 PM on December 23, 1997 at which time Proposals will be opened, but not publicly read.

HASP reserves the right to reject all Proposals. If after the responses are received it is determined that competition is inadequate, HASP reserves the right to seek procurement by means of non-competitive negotiation.

Mr. Darrell J. Irions
Executive Director
November 23, 1997
November 30, 1997

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Your Horoscope



Aries

March 21 to April 19

With Venus and Mars remaining in Capricorn, you're able to make a great impression at work. A relationship to a parent could yield an unexpected gift of cash. Sensual aspects on the 2nd and 3rd could unleash the romantic tiger in you.



Taurus

April 20 to May 20

An intriguing book or article could arouse your curiosity about a spiritual matter. When the Moon-Uranus conjunction in Aquarius lets your genius shine on the 4th, a career change may grant you the creative freedom you've been seeking.



Gemini

May 21 to June 21

Under this week's New Moon, you'll feel free to voice your concerns on the home front, and best of all, others will be more likely to listen! Demand respect, and you'll receive it. Money matters and bargaining are favored on the 30th.



Cancer

June 22 to July 22

When Mercury moves into opposition on the 30th, you could join forces with a like-minded individual to complete an important project. Wonderful aspects in your marriage zone are infusing your days with love and happiness.



Leo

July 23 to August 22

You'll enjoy spending time with children and working on creative pursuits under the 29th's New Moon. On the 4th, dim the lights and cuddle up under sexy stars. For the next three weeks, your luck in games of chance will be unbeatable.



Virgo

August 23 to September 22

Mercury's playful influence on the 30th could inspire an unusually flirtatious mood; if you're single, a dalliance could become a full-blown romance by the 2nd or 3rd. Harmonious relations on the job will ease your mind on the 5th.



Libra

September 23 to October 22

An invitation on the 29th could lead to some local sightseeing just for fun. Expect surprise visitors after the 30th, when Mercury enters Capricorn. Romantic stars shining on the 4th and 5th may put you in the mood for love.



Scorpio

October 23 to November 21

Fabulous financial news this week could not only ease your mind but also allow you to plan a longed-for vacation. Chiron's disciplined urging will help you streamline your silhouette and attain the beautiful body you've always wanted.



Sagittarius

November 22 to December 21

The New Moon in your sign will infuse the 29th with an exciting party atmosphere; don't be afraid to let loose. With Venus and Mars stuffing your pockets with greenbacks, treat yourself to a stunning new outfit... or two!



Capricorn

December 22 to January 19

The dynamic combination of Mars and Venus becomes even more potent after the 30th, when Mercury joins them in your sign. Professional and personal success have never been more possible—don't miss out!



Aquarius

January 20 to February 18

Powerful stars in your dream zone on the 30th could send you an inspiring vision in your sleep. When the Moon in your sign on the 4th and 5th puts you in the spotlight, be sure to look your best while taking that well-deserved bow.



Pisces

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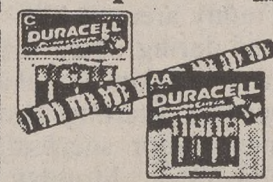
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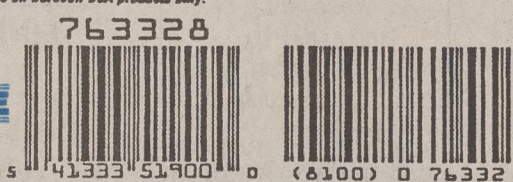
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