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Hair/Fashion Show To Benefit Marrow Donor Program

ST. PETERSBURG - Fred Harris, co-owner of the Black Marrow Donor Program, models one of the suits that will be featured in the program's fashion show to benefit the Marrow Donor Program. The event will be held Friday, Aug. 15, at 6 p.m. at the Riverview Terrace Recreation Center.

The fashion show is one of the events that will be held as part of the site dedication ceremony on Aug. 15. The ceremony will be held at the proposed site for the new school, located at 10th Street and McCall Avenue.

The Marrow Donor Program is a non-profit organization that provides marrow donors with financial assistance for their medical expenses. The program is one of the few marrow donor programs in the country that provides financial assistance to marrow donors.

The fashion show will feature local models and designers, as well as a variety of products ranging from clothing to jewelry. The proceeds from the event will go towards the program's financial assistance for marrow donors.

The Marrow Donor Program is committed to providing financial assistance to marrow donors, and the fashion show is one of the ways they are able to do so. The program is dedicated to helping those in need and providing them with the support they need to continue their medical treatments.

The fashion show is just one of the events that will be held as part of the site dedication ceremony. Other events include a dedication ceremony, a social mixer, and a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

For more information about the Marrow Donor Program or to donate to the program, please visit their website at www.marrows.org. To learn more about the fashion show or to purchase tickets, please contact the program at 727-536-2990.
Alumni Class Of '57 Holds Reunion

TAMPA - The Middleton Senior High School alumni class of 1957 held its 40th reunion July 31, Aug. 1-3 at the Westshore Doubletree Hotel Airport, Tampa. Activities included registration on Thursday, July 31 plus reception, hospitality night, which party, a dinner cruise on Friday, Aug. 1, a banquet and dance on Saturday night and church service on Sunday plus a picnic at MacFarland Park.

James Gatlin, a Hillsborough County schools general area director, was reunion chair and banquet toastmaster. Dr. Rubie Smith Malone, class of '57 valedictorian, was the banquet speaker. A Tampa native, Dr. Smith received her PhD in social work from Columbia University. In 1994 she was named dean of special programs and also serves as chair of her department at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York.

Dr. Malone has been very active in her community. She formerly served as president of the Brooklyn chapter of Jack and Jill of America; president of the Brooklyn alumnae chapter of Delta Sigma Theta and is presently second vice president of the Brooklyn chapter of Delta Sigma Theta.

Dr. Malone has received many awards and commendations, but she is most proud of the Congressional Beacon of Hope award received along with her husband in October 1996.

Other program participants at the banquet beside Dr. Malone and James Gatlin were Ralph Williams, Betty Miller, Gladys Brown, Jettie B. Wilds Jr., Sarah Fordham Lee, Leon Mickler, Mamie L. Turner, Annie G. Flinn, Class of 1957 Chorus.

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The Value of Ethnocentrism

by Benjamin Dovik

The value of ethnocentrism is different from that of other concepts in the English language. It is a concept that is not often discussed in public or private conversations. It is often considered to be negative, and sometimes even illegal. However, it is an important concept that needs to be understood and respected.

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Lancasters Host Annual Family Reunion

by Jeanie Blue

ST. PETERSBURG — Underneath the protective covering of a park shelter at Bay Vista Park, the Lancaster family joined hands in a circle and prayed for unity and strength at their second annual family reunion held Aug. 1-3. Family members came from around the state and nation to make this reunion a very special time for all participants.

"I love to see us all get together closer and love each other more," stated Flossie Mae Lancaster Cooper. At age 83, Cooper was the oldest family member present. Cooper added that she has seen the family go through many changes and has experienced better family relations since the family reunions started.

Along with local family members, others attending the reunion came from cities around the state including Orlando and Miami and from around the country including Providence, RI; Columbus, OH; Boston, MA and Jackson, MS. City Councilman Ernest Fillyau also attended the affair.

"The future of the family lies with the continuation of the tradition of caring for one another," said Carl Lancaster Jr, who came from Orlando. "As sisters and brothers of the founding members of this family, we always took care of one another." It was reported by Lancaster that his family came to St. Petersburg during the 1920s from their family home of Tifton, GA. They were one of the city's earliest families.

Answering the call to keep the tradition alive, is family member Tearol Green, 18, who recently graduated from Gibbs High and is scheduled to start classes at St. Petersburg Junior College in the fall.

"I plan to continue supporting our family reunions and help with the organizing of future events because it offers an opportunity to meet new family members," Green said.

The newest family member attending this year's event was two-month-old Anta' Nai Selmon, whose mother Eysia Parrish commented on the value of family reunions.

"I'd like to see an increase in attendance because I know I'd get to meet new family members," she said. "Last year I met a lot of family members I never knew existed prior to the reunion." Other activities of the reunion included a fish fry and slide show, cocktails at the Vinoy, church service at Mt. Olive Baptist Church and dinner at Saffron's.

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**Community Bulletin Board**

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7th Grade Vaccinations, Aug. 11
Gospel Festival, Aug. 16

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**March Calls For Economic Development And Social Justice**

ST. PETERSBURG - The National People's Democratic Uhuru Movement is sponsoring a march demonstrating concern for economic development and social justice in the black community on Saturday, Aug. 3.

The community is being addressed at 6 p.m. in front of the James Park housing project at 22nd Street and 68th Avenue S. The march is being called to address many critical issues in the black community that has come to a head subsequent to the Oct. 24 murder of TyRon Johnson.

The demand had promised millions of dollars in aid for social programs and economic development for the African community of St. Petersburg. For more information on what you can do to help organize the march, call 221-6226 or come by 220 S. 18th Ave., St. Petersburg.

**Neighborhood Pool**

ST. PETERSBURG - The newly constructed swimming pool is a welcome addition to the neighborhood. The McLean Street Community Center, 1207 7th Avenue S, is open five days a week. It is staffed with certified life guards.

**CUTIES-IN-ACTION**

CUTIES-IN-ACTION (Cuties*In*Action) talent group is a talent agency for young people of all ethnic backgrounds. We're a group of young men & women working diligently on their future. Becoming a professional successful entertainer is one of many goals young people dream of and want.

CUTIES-IN-ACTION is seeking the help of the community which we live in to help us by purchasing U.S.F. Inaugural Football game tickets. C.U.T.I.E.S-IN-ACTION game night is Nov. 1, 1997, at Tampa Stadium where they will perform at halftime. Below is a copy of the ticket voucher that's for sale from any member of the group at $12.00 per ticket.

For more information, please contact Cuties*In*Action at (813) 328-0329, VM Pager #581-8476 and ask for Ms. Ruby, President, General Manager of C.U.T.I.E.S-IN-ACTION. Also, tickets can be purchased every Tuesday at the St. Pete Public Library C.U.T.I.E.S-IN-ACTION shop from 6:00 p.m.

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- Lou Brown, Gibbs Junior Gladiator Youth Athletic Association
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Sand Hill Scout Reservation Day Camp

Local Student Wins BIC Scholarship

Milford, CT - Latina Gomes da Souza received the student scholarship from BIC Corporation. The scholarships are awarded annually to children of BIC employees and students based on academic achievement. This year, BIC awarded a total of $75,000 in scholarships to students in the United States and Canada, with the winner in Milford, CT, earning $2,500. The scholarship is a testament to the emphasis placed on education by the company.

We Welcome Your Letters
To The Editor
Send your letters to: 2500 - 9th Street South
St. Petersburg, FL 33707

The West Central Florida Council of the Boy Scouts of America held a summer day camp at Sand Hill in Heron County June 6-12. The campers were housed in this Boy Scout camp at Sand Hill in Heron County. About 500 boys participated in various activities such as swimming, canoeing, archery, soccer, basketball, and more. The campers had a blast and enjoyed the beautiful weather.

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FAMILY PLAN #6
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5 lbs. Thick Sliced Bacon
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3 lbs. Brisket Steaks
5 lbs. Turkey Wings or
Necks
5 lbs. Smoked Neck Bones
5 lbs. Chicken Leg Quarters
FREE 2 GALLONS MILK
FREE 3 Boxes Jiffy Mix
FREE 3 lb. Bag Onions

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3 lbs. Brisket Steaks
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FREE ONE GALLON JUICE FREE DOG EGGS FREE 1 LB. BAG POTATOES 29"
African-American Woman Obtains Pilot’s License

This letter was written to Ebony by Bessie Coleman, presented on the cover of Ebony in 1992, which was held to be what was known as “Chicagoland’s Midway Airport.”

Here’s a scenario that made me as a woman of color, want to fly. It was then that I decided to go to Paris. I sold my interest in a dry goods store in Chicago.

After closing me in, he ordered to put my left hand in handcuffs. I was taken to the cab of the patrol car. It was then that I glanced over my shoulder and saw several people entering the police car. As a black woman, I knew that if a white woman was taken into custody, the police would do their best to hide her. It was then that I remembered how my father taught me to keep my head up and not cry.

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Soothing Rape Figures A Challenge For South Africa

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) - Tariq Lameghane has halted sales to medical markets for fear his company's increasingly hesitant to sell raw materials have halted sales to medical markets for fear increasing joint... patients who allegedly have had a mammogram and when black women had a mammogram. "It's a common reaction: a fear of dying from breast cancer. When a woman, her body by not being able to get silicone breast implant covered by insurance. They have physical restrictions and cannot get reconstructed because of the silicone breast implant. Eventually, the woman goes... Our cause for the current examination is... He was... 3. The lawyers who go after... "I feel perhaps when you have seen my face and attach a... Love when a woman, her... Burden has shown a high... 8.9.5.4... Bwynt descendin§ on her in the dark, a cold knife blade on her throat and then a... 7.5.2.1... 6. The problem has deep roots in Africa's male patriarchy and... 5.4.4... 4. She is well loved by her co-workers and patients. She is customer oriented and... 3. We will always stand up there alone."... 2. They don't feel the pain, they don't think this is wrong and... 1. When she was a resident of Ocala, she was the... 9.6.2... 8.5.2.1... 7.4.5... 6.4.5... 5.3.2... 4.3.2... 3.2.1... 2.1.1...
Rambling With Charles Howard

Saturday night was set for a free day. The annual talent show was for reunion #32 to be held in Valdosta, GA. There were many about her. Pauline’s last Florence Nightingale moments provided to selected community organizations and local service providers for prevention and neighborhood revitalization efforts. A significant portion of the funds we expected to support after-school programs for youths in the weed and seed target area.

Weed And Seed

But it was also a love of black college sports history. That’s such a unique part of our history here in America. We have to find ways of continuing a professional ballplayer’s legacy. Doctors, dentists, office managers, or any role that I can make a difference.”

The decisions and policy making process is designed and driven primarily by local officials and the resi-...
Summer Champions

A Historic First In Black College Sports

SEATTLE -- Finally, black college sports has a pennant to call its own. The landmark reference guide for black college sports is off the press.

The Best of the Black College Sports Page from the 1996-97 season echoes the 1994-95 and 1995-96 black college sports seasons through last summer's Olympics in Atlanta. This book documents and processes for generations to come the impressive black college athletic accomplishments of this period, said BCSP and BCRD editor Lisa Williams.

"We want this book to become the bible for black college sports," said Lisa. If so, he's made a good start. The book is published jointly by Williams' Aztec Communications and America International Publishing House.

"Black college sports accomplishments have not been given the standard of historical record," Williams said. "Because of that, we have lost much of our history. This book will keep a source for black college sports, but it is also an educational tool in the history of black college sports in American sports experience."
Law Enforcement Day At Moore's Chapel

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The Church where everyone is Welcome
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New Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church

New Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church invite all citizens to join them for worship and refreshment in the Lord. All registration will be held at the church on Saturday, Aug. 9. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Continental breakfast will be served. The program runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dress code is for the day only. The Sunday service is for adults only. Regina Bailey is workshop coordinator. Anjali Patel, Patricia Farrar, Angela Walker and Florida Williams are assistant coordinators.

On Sunday, Aug. 11 Church school is at 9:30 a.m. and worship hour is at 11 a.m. The 41- under board will serve the Rivers Gospel Choir and ELA. District Missionary Choir will sing. The public is invited.
The national convention room in Tampa-Aug. 17-23, Tuesday, makeup service, 7 p.m. Wednesday, prayer meeting and Bible study at 6:30 p.m.

There will be NO public preaching during August. Choirs will reorganize on Tuesday, Sept. 2 at 7 p.m. Daisy Randles, reporter

Appreciation Program For Rev. Long

New Faith Free Methodist Church at 2477 Ivy Ave­

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

For the week of Aug. 16-22, Mount Zion’s be­
duces pastor of the Nathaniel South Church. Everyone is invited to come and hear the message, anointing words of God coming from his Dynamic Spirit­

eld minister.

Gallie MB Church

Gallie invites everyone to its pre-Dai Day 1997 song­

8:00 a.m.
Morning Worship
11:00 a.m.
Morning Worship

10:00 a.m.
Sunday School
10:00 a.m.
Sunday School
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Childs Park Family Center Holds Retreat For Youth

ST. PETERSBURG - More than 20 families gathered together for a sleep-over event on July 25-28 at Victory Christian Center. The fun-filled weekend was the kickoff activity of the month for the Rites of Passage youth development program sponsored by Childs Park Neighborhood Family Center through funding from the March of Dimes Foundation. Other sponsors include Pinellas County Healthy Start Coalition and Victory Christian Center.

This group of male and female youth (9-14) and their parents were challenged to excel in excellence by the staff, family and many friends. Activities included canoe, group camp spots, Christian videos, cultural videos of South Africa, and the Rock, board and table games, baking cookies, bracelet, pillow-fights and a parent/child relationship building group session.

Innovative to this new program, many male relationships, family housing, reaching new declines, dealing with the total person (mind, body and spirit) and carelessness of self and others gave both parents and youth many opportunities to reflect and enhance our most treasured asset, the family.

Pastor Charles Williams of Victory Christian Center was on hand to reinforce the spiritual encouragement and spiritual insight for living, along with the staff consisting of facilitators Kim Treadaway, (3rd floor), Andrea Wissler and Odessa Brumfield, (2nd floor), seated, Barbara Stretchus and Debbie Sanner and director Debbie Woodard. Food donations were plentiful from the community and many community sympathy sponsored a Sunset Meat Market, Pinellas Wholesome Meats, Tiny Tree Beans, Bayer's Meats, South Georgia Meats, Mc Coy Meat and area Winn-Dixie stores. The fair included a fishing into salad, fried chicken, hot dogs, pizza, hamburgers, cookies, chocolate, cakes, cookies, ice cream, lemonade, milk, and orange juice.

The business fair offered a media recognition and support, a one-stop shopping opportunity to business representatives from the St. Petersburg community. Leaders, businesses, corporations, SPJC corporate training and management, small business franchise and home-based business representatives offered a media opportunities to attendees. More than 50 businesses attended and gave away thousands of dollars in prizes.

The fun-filled weekend was sponsored by Childs Park Neighborhood Family Center through funding from the March of Dimes Foundation, along with Victory Christian Center.

ST. PETERSBURG - The Suncoast's New Music Leader

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**Starlight Rehearsal**

Photo by Tom Coiços

**Entertainment**

Justin (Jack Noseworthy) explores the first containment of the Event Horizon in the science-fiction thriller *Event Horizon*. The film is a Paramount Pictures and Lawrence Gordon presentation in association with Impact Pictures. Directed by Paul Anderson from a screenplay by Philip Eisner, the film is produced by Lawrence Gordon, Lloyd Levin and Jeremy Bolt. The executive producer is Nick Gillott. Paramount Pictures is part of the entertainment operations of Viacom Inc. Copyright 1997 by Paramount Pictures. All rights reserved. Permission is granted for newspaper and dated magazine reproduction not primarily devoted to a single topic, individual or

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by famed attorney Johnnie Cochran, comedic actress Phyllis Yvonne Stickney and recently released political prisoner Elmer "Geronimo" Pratt, the festival delivered an exhilarating Party with a Purpose for the record setting crowd of patrons. Pratt made his first public speaking appearance since his release from a California prison after serving 27 years on a murder conviction that was improperly obtained. There was tremendous response to the daily seminars and to the expanded African-American marketplace, both of which were located at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center. More than 3,000 area youths were also treated to community-outreach sessions coordinated by Essence and festival sponsors.

Edward Lewis, publisher and chief executive officer of Essence Communications, Inc. says: "We were ecstatic about the first two years of the festival, and this year's proved to be the best ever. This is truly an event that just keeps getting bigger and more wonderful each year."

**Science Center Holds Grand Opening Of Observatory**

**ST. PETERSBURG -** The Science Center of Pinellas County invites the public to its grand opening celebration of the Carol Samuels Observatory on Saturday, Aug. 23 from 8:30 pm until 11:30 pm. Admission is free.

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**NEWS DEADLINE IS 4 P.M. MONDAY**
ST. PETERSBURG—On July 31 the staff and workers held a picnic for campers at Campbell Park. Mattie Adams was in charge of the food, which pleased 160 kids and 30 adults. Campbell Park supervisor Verline Moore donated a basket to Mrs. Adams because she said she always has her arms full of things. All in all, attendees had a wonderful time.

Besides Moore, staff includes Alline Givens and Mr. Givens, Mrs. Adams, Mr. Childs, Mr. Andrews.
GILMAN, Hannah, died July 26. Survivors include her step-son High Gavis of Delano- da, GA, daughter Tamara L. of St. Petersburg; nephew Elmore Haynes of New York; in-law Elmore Haynes of Delano; stepbrothers Lenward (Virgini­Rochester, NY, Lavonne (Sten­and Deborah Breedlove of Largo; sisters Rosie Lee Holte of Atlanta, Taran Holte (Bobby Joe) McAffee of Largo; grandparents, great grandchildren, seven great great grandchildren; a brother Lewis (Les) of Virginia; a sister Frances Sowells and husband Robert; great-grandchildren: Gary Holte of Largo and Keisha Holte of St. Petersburg; grandchildren: Patrick and Samantha Breedlove of St. Petersburg; grandchildren, great grandchildren, seven great great grandchildren. Sum­mers Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

HOUL, LOUISE, died July 29. Survivors include her daughter, Carol and husband Kenneth; sisters, Janet and husband Ellery; nieces, and her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Arrangement Plan. Smith Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

KING, Garth, died July 26. Survivors include his wife Betty and children, nieces, nephews, and other relatives. Creal Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

PATTERSON, ROSA LEE, died July 26. Survivors include her husband Robert of Dade City and daughters, six grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. Home of Needham and Staff, Tampa.

PITTMAN, ROSA LEE, died July 31. Survivors include her sister Robert Lee Hamilton, stepchildren Faye L. and Ronald E. of Tampa, nieces, nephews, and other relatives. Smith Funeral Home, Ocala.

RINEHARDT, DONALD, died July 24 in Atlanta, GA. Survivors include his mother, Lucille Rinehard of Atlanta, son Chris and wife of Atlanta; sisters, Jane and husband of Atlanta; nieces, nephews, and other relatives. Arrangement Plan. Creal Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

SMITH, Mark J., died July 31. Survivors include his mother and father, two sisters, a brother, and other relatives. Arrangement Plan. Smith Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

SPRING, Frank, died July 31. Survivors include his wife Katie, daughter, son, nieces, nephews, and other relatives. Creal Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

STEWART, JAMES, died July 26. Survivors include his wife, Mary, six children, four grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren. Arrangement Plan. Creal Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

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Virgo

Water is a last year, a new year is hoped. Listen to the signs of the times and how you should adapt your life to the changing times. You will find it easier to adapt to the new world order. Your creativity could come to the forefront of your life.

Libra

Millions are looking to you. You are the leader of your family or friends. This is a period of personal growth. You will be able to express your feelings more easily.

Scorpio

A new beginning is in the air. You will be able to express your feelings more easily. This is a period of personal growth. You are the leader of your family or friends. Millions are looking to you.

Sagittarius

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A Message From The Superintendent— J. Howard Hinesley, Ed.D.

As I sat in church last Sunday, I couldn't help but notice the choir as it sang during the morning service. It was clearly evident that each member of the choir had spent hours working together to get just the right blend of voices to create the harmony necessary for each song. The choir director was careful to avoid having any individual singer or any particular section of the choir dominate the music. At times a soloist would step forward and provide a special section of music that would make the selection even more special and meaningful to the congregation.

As I sat there I thought of the similarity of the efforts of that choir to those of our school district in trying to make education a meaningful experience for every student. Our school system is comprised of dozens of "voices" that are critical to our efforts. Parents, students, teachers, administrators, business leaders, churches and community organizations are all essential to providing the environment necessary for students to succeed.

Each of us constitutes an important "voice" in creating the harmony that will make education so vital to the future of our community. But we must all "sing" together. While we all have our own individual ideas as to how the music should sound, there needs to be a choir director who will keep all of us focused on what the congreagation needs to hear. At times we may disagree with the director, but in the end, if we all do our part, the final product will be a beautiful blend of the best we all can offer.

Pinellas County has a long reputation of being an outstanding school district. At the state and national levels our students perform at or above the average on all forms of norm-referenced standardized tests. Our students are accepted at the finest colleges and universities throughout the world. Many of our students have distinguished themselves in various walks of professional and personal life. Yet we cannot afford to "rest on our laurels". There is still much to be done, especially in the wake of constant criticism that education is not doing a good job of preparing our students for the future.

The music that we perform in the years ahead will require considerable practice and a lot of hard work if our students are to be ready for what lies ahead. It will depend on the unity of the members of our choir, the willingness of each of us to support the effort and on the expertise of the choir director. It will require cooperation, commitment and dedication to make the final work perfect in every respect.

Our district is fortunate to have a number of outstanding "voices" in our choir. The Pinellas County Education Foundation has done an excellent job of organizing the business community in support of our students and our schools. They have established themselves as true friends of education in Pinellas County.

Similarly, the Interdenominational Ministerial Association has made a commitment to work with students after school to mentor and tutor them and encourage parents to be actively involved in the education of their students. Our legions of volunteers have proven themselves time and time again as an invaluable member of our "choir" in providing the additional time and talent to support our students. Our PTAs, school advisory committees and school improvement teams spend countless hours looking for new ways to improve the way we deliver education to our students. Our teachers, administrators and support employees have joined forces to create a new quality learning environment that fosters new ways of work, opportunities for professional growth and development and an expectation that every process can be continuously improved.

The quality of our music will rely on the creation of strong partnerships and in fostering a sense of ownership on the part of every member of our community. Just as in church, our choir is made up of different races, sexes, ages and abilities. Nevertheless, our task must always remain the same-to produce the most beautiful blend of "voices" we can that will inspire our listeners and show them that hard work, cooperation and dedication to a mission are worth the extra effort.

As we begin a new school year, I would ask each member of our community in Pinellas County to join our "choir" in creating an environment for our students where we can capitalize on the strength of our diversity. Let's all continue to work together to ensure success for every student.

Find ways to become involved with public education. Use your skills and talents to help students and teachers build these strong partnerships between the home and our schools.

Let's all commit to investing the time and effort necessary to make our "music" reflect the harmony and talent that comes from a strong sense of community here in Pinellas County.

Let our legacy to our children be a song of hope and inspiration that the future holds great promise for all of us.

Black Students At Crossroads In Pinellas County Schools

by Roger K. Clendening

Black students seeking effective education in Pinellas County's public schools are not getting their money's worth.

Twenty-five years after court-ordered desegregation held out the promise of quality, equal education for African American children, as well as for white students, black students are:

-Not achieving at grade level in ANY subject.

-Under-represented in programs for gifted students.

-Disciplined more frequently than white students.

Black students deserve a much better result for the taxes their parents have been paying, says Enrique Escarraz III.

Escarraz is the NAACP Legal Defense Fund attorney representing black students in the federal lawsuit, Leon W. Bradley and others versus the Pinellas County School Board.

He raised the issues outlined above as the major ones he wanted the school administration's Student Achievement Planning Committee to focus upon in their ongoing deliberations.

The committee, comprised of school system officials, representatives from the NAACP, the Urban League, and other civil rights groups, along with individuals, have met at least 5 times this year.

Its goal is to develop a plan that will determine the steps to be taken by the school district and community which will lead to solutions that "maximize the achievement level of black students".

In reviewing information from the school administration sent at Escarraz's request, he found that:

- More than 50% of black children are not being taught to read at grade level.

- More than 50% of the black middle school children are not being taught to perform at grade level in ANY subject matter.

In a Dec. 12, 1996, letter to the school board's attorney, John W. Bowen, Escarraz pointed to the following findings that suggest that black parents are not getting their money's worth when they send their children to Pinellas County's public schools:

"The information (provided by the school system) also indicates that black students are disciplined in a substantially greater proportion than white students. We are concerned that a substantial portion of the black students are not receiving the basic fundamental education they need to compete in this world."

Moreover, wrote Escarraz, "We are further concerned that opportunities for excellence do not seem to be available for black students as readily as for white students and that black children seemed to be disciplined disproportionately."

"This last," he pointed out, "is particularly troublesome when it is noted that discipline for alcohol, drug and tobacco violations appear to be primarily given to white students."

According to preliminary school board data, black students, more often than not, are disciplined, and occasionally suspended, for so-called "defiance" or "disrespect" in classroom settings.

What is to be done?

The Challenger sought the perspectives of several persons active in assuring that black students get the effective education their parents are paying for.

Adelle Jemison, a retired educator, maintains that one way for the African American community to begin down the right path from the crossroads is to influence the school superintendent and the elected school board members to issue a public proclamation declaring their unflinching support for the most effective, quality education their Please see pg. 7
Blacks Re-Think School Integration

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Editorial

Blacks Re-Think School Integration

After more than a quarter century of the grand experiment called school integration, once sacred assumptions are now being challenged openly in the Civil Rights community.

For decades, any voice questioning the gospel of integration as the path to improved education of black children was suspect; they must want to return to the old separate but unequal system called school integration and busing. In a move that made national headlines, the conservative NAACP recently re-opened debate on what until then had been its prize sacred cow. Something is clearly afoot.

Black leaders, educators and parents have been confronted with disturbing realities. Fifty percent of black children are not achieving at grade level. More than half of black middle school students are not achieving at grade level in any subject. Black students are routinely suspended at double or more the rate of their white counterparts. Labeling by the school system-“emotionally handicapped”, “learning disabilities”, etc.-coupled with “channeling”, the practice of putting certain children on a “lower expectation track” based on culturally-biased testing, have effectively re-segregated black children into educational second-class citizenship.

Black educators and a growing number of their enlightened white colleagues are expressing their observations about the role of race in the classroom. Black children, they say, are neither understood nor valued by the school system or the historically lily-white Pinellas County School Board.

Many are now saying that strategies devised four decades ago need to be amended in the face of these and other realities. The task facing us is just how to redress the failure of the schools to adequately educate our children. Responsibility is the key.

Black voters should not be fooled by conservative formulas like vouchers for private school tuition. While innovative community-based schools offer some hope, it is clear that the only realistic hope for major improvement lies in maintaining strong support for public education. But that support will only make sense if the general public accepts the fact that the black community must have not only more input but more control over the quality of our children's education.

We need to look anew at the idea that black children somehow benefit simply by sitting beside a white child. We need to find ways to rebuild strong neighborhood schools without re-instituting disparities in spending on white and black students. Integration is no evil in itself, and few would argue that some benefit derives from young people of different races getting to know each other. Many schools would remain mixed based on population statistics. But we should not be afraid to explore schools that reflect their neighborhoods.

And white voters should not be afraid to vote for qualified black school board candidates. There is a path to better education for our children, but it is a path that will require new thinking and new flexibility from all citizens. 

Back-To-School 1997-98 Seventh Edition

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Back-To-School is an exclusive feature of The Weekly Challenger
Dannie Williams, Outstanding School Volunteer

by Dianne Speights

In the Old Testament, God's message to the patriarch Abraham was, "You are blessed to be a blessing." For me this statement sums up the rightful relationship between receiving and giving—between beliefs and action. I believe that each of us have been given unique abilities, talents and opportunities. The true joy of these gifts is only realized when we share them with others.

These qualities are certainly embodied in the life and work of Dannie Williams, Pinellas School District's Outstanding Adult Volunteer for 1996-97.

Each year schools are invited to submit nominations to the Department of Community Involvement of volunteers in their school who demonstrates the true pilgrimage of a school volunteer.

Primary Changes to the 1997-98 "Code of Student Conduct"

- Exam exemption — This policy has been deleted.
- Prior expulsions — Parents must disclose the student’s prior expulsions or criminal charges at initial registration.
- Absences
  - A principal must report to the Department of Motor Vehicles any student of driving age who accumulates 15 undocumented/unexcused absences within a period of 90 days. That student may subsequently be denied or lose driving privileges.
  - If an elementary student accumulates five unexcused absences, school officials will contact parents, and if unexcused absences continue, the Office of the State Attorney will become involved.
- Lost or damaged materials — Students who do not pay for lost or damaged instructional materials may lose the right to participate in extracurricular activities or be assigned community service hours.
- Withdrawing from school — A 16- or 17-year-old student withdrawing from school must sign a form, a copy of which will be sent to the parent.
- Smoking — Students using tobacco on school board property or at a school-sponsored event will receive a three-day, out-of-school suspension and a possible fine.
- Bomb threat — Any student involved in a bomb threat will be suspended for 10 days and recommended for expulsion.
- Cheating — Teachers must record "0" for an incident of cheating.
- Disciplinary reassignments —
  - A first-time drug or alcohol incident will lead to 10 days of suspension and disciplinary reassignment to an alternative program, instead of suspension and recommendation for expulsion.
  - Students removed from the regular school program will be suspended for 10 school days and reassigned to an alternative program for 90, 180 or 270 school days. If an alternative school summer session exists and the student attends and successfully completes that session, the number of summer school days will be counted against the 90, 180 or 270 school day assignment.

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EXPLORER ANTHONY ABRAMS
Genie Computers Moves To Bigger, Better Location

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Ministers Say: 50% Of Black Students Are Failing

In a recent editorial, The Weekly Challenger dealt with Black Student Underachievement. It was gleaned that:

• 50% of all black students in Pinellas County schools are failing in all subjects in the middle school!
• The Florida State legislature mandated all students must pass Algebra I.
• The high suspension and expulsion rates continue to increase among black students.
• There is a need to increase parent and community involvement.
• There is a need for a communication network that will effectively serve the African American community.

The ministers' conclusion: Our children have major problems confronting them.

The challenge: What are we (the black community) going to do about it?

Step #1-The pastors and churches led by the Baptist Fellowship Conference, Rev. Norris Martin, President; the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance (IMA), Bishop John Cope-land, President, and other participating churches who serve the African American community south of St. Petersburg have come together to deal with the problem.

The Urban Fellowship Cluster Church Project consisting of more than 31 churches (having a goal of 100 churches) will work in partnership with the city, county, state and the school system to assist in dealing with these problems.

The purpose of the Urban Fellowship Clusters/zones are to divide the community into geographic clusters conducted by the participating churches, city recreation centers, neighborhood associations and other community groups that will:

• Provide transportation for the cluster community and parents.
• Provide tutorial and mentoring sites.
• Hold cluster-wide, and/or church seminars, classes on Christian parenting skills and parent responsibility and the need to have Jesus as the center of the family.
• Organize network communication centers.

Step #2-The Urban Fellowship Project is designed to serve the family and youth of the community and the ministers have written a grant and hope to implement the project October 1997.

Further, the participating pastors, ministers and churches are calling for continued unity and community involvement.

For additional information about the Urban Fellowship Project, contact Elder Martin Rainey, Coordinator/Facilitator at 866-2589.

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Be in School
Attendance, every day, is a must. You must be there in order to learn. Get your clothes ready the day before. Get up in the morning and be there on time. Going to school is something that you do for yourself. Don’t let anybody stop you from being there.

Do Well in School
Starting this year, standards are higher. If you are in kindergarten, first, or second grade, you must learn to read; if you have trouble, the school will give you extra help. If you are entering high school, you will need to take Algebra in order to graduate. You will need a 2.0 grade point average (GPA) to graduate, or play sports, or play in the band. If you can graduate with a 3.0 GPA, you qualify for a Bright Futures tuition scholarship which can save you and your family tuition. And your ambition should lead beyond your high school diploma to what work you will do and what kind of person you will be. In school, you build the skills you need to get what you want in life.

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Enoch Davis Center Offers Learning Opportunities

A proverb from Cameroon, a country on the West Coast of Africa, says that "Rain does not fall on one roof alone." With this idea that we all, regardless of age, education or economic status, share common needs, joys and desires, the Enoch Davis Center offers services, learning opportunities and cultural opportunities to youth, teens and younger and older adults.

The Davis Center houses the James Weldon Johnson Branch Library, which boasts the largest African American collection of all the St. Petersburg branches and is your best stop for the best sellers on the New York reading list. The Center also houses a multi-purpose auditorium, several meeting rooms and offices for various human service agencies.

The meeting rooms and auditorium afford opportunities for a wide variety of community programs, workshops and classes. These areas are also available for rental.

Both fee and non-fee classes are offered and range from piano lessons to drama instruction, to GED classes, to other regularly scheduled programs and activities.

In addition to the regularly scheduled activities and classes, the Center sponsors or co-sponsors several special events throughout the year.

During the month of October, children ages 6-12 can look forward to the Davis Center's Halloween activity. Special activities during the winter months include the Karamu Feast of Kwanzaa, an African American celebration of heritage and community, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contest for high school students and activities in recognition of African American awareness during the month of February.

Springs brings in spring-break and Fun Saturday, a joint venture between the Center and the Johnson Branch Library.

It includes storytelling and an egg hunt among other activities for children ages 6-12.

Summer heralds the closing of school and the opening up of new opportunities in the Center's Summer Experience Camp and YUCS (Youth Utilizing Concepts in Science) for the children and the Jazzin' in July fax contest for the adults.

These are the scheduled events that take place. However, several times during the year exciting unscheduled programs become available so keep your eyes open and your ears tuned in to the happenings at the Enoch Davis Center, 1111 - 18th Avenue South.

The Value Of A Group Experience

In man's early social development, the group was considered an essential mechanism for protection. The combined efforts and strength of many individuals made possible protection and security from conflicting forces of his environment consisted of the forces of nature or of other men seeking conquest.

The need for group association is no less imperative today because of the social value it offers in the development of the total personality. Man lives in a society which demands of him full, measure, independent thinking and action. Clear thinking, the courage of convictions and initiative are the essential weapons of a democratic society.

The group helps to develop mature reflection, self-direction, thereby training the individual to fully participate in the activities of a democratic society.

The Youth Council of the National Council of Negro Women is a group which gives to every young woman the opportunity for individual creative expression. The broad program of the National Council of Negro Women with its emphasis on education, culture and social progress affords young women the chance to develop initiative, self-direction, independent mature thinking and action.

The association with women of varied occupations and professions from over the country makes the Council an experience not only of growth through the

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The Volunteer Spirit Connecting Home, School and Community

Susan Rolston

by Susan Rolston

Through the dedication and commitment of more than 20,000 volunteers in Pinellas County schools, the volunteer program makes a significant impact on the excellent education programs we offer. Improved academic achievement for all students in a safe learning environment is the priority of Pinellas County schools.

Volunteers provide enrichment opportunities that enhance the educational experience of students while supporting our teachers and staff members. Volunteers help us build a strong foundation for students as they select a career path or post secondary education.

Every day, hundred of exciting opportunities for Pinellas County schools take place because the members of the community care enough to get involved. School volunteers are people just like you—community members, parents, grandparents, students, business people and seniors—who have discovered that spending time and sharing talents with students is an energizing and worthwhile experience.

In schools across Pinellas County, volunteers can be found assisting students with classroom, befriending a young person who needs an extra boost, working in libraries, leading a hand to busy teachers, helping as adult learners prepare for GED, acting as living history books for students, introducing the world of business students and reading aloud to children among many things.

Being a school volunteer doesn’t require any special skills—you simply need to be yourself. As you share your time and skills, students’ lives can change. Seeing students teach their potentials in the classroom and grow as individuals is a wonderful benefit of being a school volunteer. Knowing that you played a part in helping students achieve success is the satisfying part.

If you are not involved already, call the Department of Community Involvement, Pinellas County schools and get involved. If your workplace does not offer an employee volunteer program, start one. It can be something as simple as becoming a mentor to children at your local elementary school.

Some of the most lasting and touching connections are established through volunteer relationships. Volunteers have the power to make a change in another person’s life and you can be part of that momentous occasion.

Call today and volunteer.

Registration

Students only must register once during their school career in Pinellas County. If a family moves out of the zone for the current school, proof of residence must be taken to the new school and a change-of-address form must be completed at the new school.

When?

- Students who move into the county during the school year may register immediately. They do not need to wait for a designated registration period.

- Registration for all new prekindergarten through eighth-grade students for the upcoming school year will be held April 28 through May 9 and again beginning Monday, August 4, for the 1997-98 school year. NOTE: To register students in April and May, parents must have all required documents. They may not do partial registration in May and complete it in August.

- High school students who will be new to Pinellas County Schools in the upcoming school year are encouraged to register as soon as they arrive. High schools are open 12 months, and early registration assists with class scheduling.

Where?

Students must register at their zoned schools unless they have been accepted into a magnet-choice program. Then they must register at that school.

Special attendance permit (SAP)—SAPs give students the privilege of attending a school other than their zoned school providing certain criteria are met such as the availability of classes. The student’s enrollment also cannot cause overcrowding or adversely affect the racial balance at the chosen school. SAPs are good for one school year only. The application period is from the last week of March through the last day of the current school year (June 4 for the 1997-98 school year). However, individual cases are considered throughout the year for hardship and medical reasons.

Students who wish to attend a theme school outside of their zone also must apply for an SAP.

If you have questions about: call:
- Prekindergarten 588-6106
- Kindergarten 588-6098
- Elementary registration 588-6095
- Zoning and SAPs 588-6210
- General information 588-6297

The Value Of A Group Experience

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interchange of ideas and activities, but gives one the opportunity to fully develop her personality and talents by participating in activities involving community, national and world affairs.

Young women derive pleasure not only from the interesting Council program but are also rewarded with the knowledge and feeling that they are making a basic contribution to society as well as to the organization.

From her experience in the council the young woman is prepared to take her place in the community and national positions that demand her abilities. She becomes aware of the problems which face her in daily living and is able to handle them fearlessly and skillfully.

Her contacts with other young women develop lasting friendships and in all respects make her a larger, finer person.

The St. Petersburg Metropolitan Section of NCNW Youth Council is open to young ladies ages 10-18 years old. For more information, contact Dianne Speights, NCNW’s Vice President of Youth Development, by calling 866-6621 or Vera Noble at 327-5077.

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End of Grading Period Progress Report/Report Card Distribution

Elementary Schools

Friday, Oct. 24 Friday, Oct. 31
Thursday, Jan. 15 Friday, Jan. 23
Wednesday, June 3 Friday, March 27

Middle/High Schools

Friday, Oct. 3 Tuesday, Oct. 14
Friday, Nov. 14 Tuesday, Nov. 25
Thursday, Jan. 15 Tuesday, Jan. 27
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SPJC's McKnight Achievers Enjoy A Capital 4th

July was busy for St. Petersburg Junior College's Center of Excellence and its McKnight Achievers.

Under a joint arrangement with Pasco-Hernando Community College, the center sent three outstanding high school graduates—one from Pinellas County, two from Hernando—to the 1997 Presidential Classroom in Washington, D.C. A larger group also toured the nation's capital under center auspices in July.

Presidential Classroom participants Anesha Pretto of Dunedin High School (valedictorian, 1997), Bryant Scriven of Hernando High and Leslie Wescott of Springstead High joined hundreds of their peers from across America to spend a week traipsing the halls of government. They visited the White House, huddled across America to spend a week in Washington, with a side excursion to Baltimore.

African-American Museum-Howard University, Walter Reed Hospital, the Institute of Pathology, and the African-American Museum at the Smithsonian Institution.

The Baltimore swing gave the students a look at another historically black institution, Morgan State University (where President Clinton had addressed commencement in May), plus a wax museum that focuses on the history of African-Americans. The trip’s climax was watching the Independence Day fireworks over the Mall in Washington.

Your coordinator was Vera Spraggins, a pre-school instructor in Social and Behavioral Science on the St. Petersburg/Gibbs Campus. Parents made up the bulk of the chaperones. Shouldering much of the pre-trip preparation was Tonjua Williams, Pathway Program coordinator at the Caruth Health Education Center.

Each of the 39 students, who ranged from third graders to high schoolers, was required to keep a journal of the trip. "Can't wait until tomorrow!" wrote 12-year-old elementary student Rachel Cato on successive days. Perhaps a little tireder and more subdued toward the end, Rachel concluded her journal with, "This has been a good trip and I hope we can go on another one soon."

The McKnight Achievers Society was initially funded by the 44-year-old McKnight Foundation in Minneapolis. It rewards academic excellence on the part of African-American students, grades K-12. SPJC's Center of Excellence, 8 years old next month, holds society inductions on a semesterly basis. Center director is Acting Vice President of Human Resources Ed Leach.

For more information about the society, please call Lameira Moody at 341-3251.

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include other qualities such as: the days and hours a week the volunteer works; the number of years the person has volunteered; their involvement in volunteer training workshops; how their unique talents are utilized and their relationship with teachers and staff.

Williams was nominated for his service to 16th Street Middle School, where he has amassed over 1800 volunteer hours during the past two school years—a remarkable achievement.

The school writes, "Sixteenth Street Middle is proud to nominate Dannie Williams as our most outstanding volunteer. Mr. Williams started at our school in 1994. Dannie is currently active at Fairmount Park Elementary, Tyrone Middle School, Gibbs High School and Sixteenth Street Middle at the Center of the Arts and International Studies in Seminole and Sixteenth Street Middle in south St. Petersburg.

Williams is somewhere on a Pinellas County campus Monday through Friday and some Saturdays.

Our big move to relocate into two separate, temporary portable sites for the next two years was made easier by Dannie being there to assist the teachers, students and staff with the packing and transporting of classroom materials. It took an enormous amount of time, planning and backbone to complete this task.

Mr. Williams is active on the School Advisory Council and the P.T.A. He helps serve ice cream to every student that makes the Honor Roll and Dean's List every six weeks. He helps organize and supports every school fund raiser. He has made an impact in the futures and education of at least five young male students' lives by becoming their mentor.

Every week he meets with each of them and discuss their goals and dreams for the future. Williams' greatest reward, he says, "is when a boy who has shut down comes to him and wants to talk." Teachers are just as happy as the kids when he walks into the room.

Williams sees his mission in volunteerism as his ministry and gives his pastor and church family, Rev. Wayne G. Thompson and First Baptist Institutional, credit for encouraging him.

If it is true that faith needs to be in action and love must find a way to serve, what are some options for the ordinary person who wants to serve others? YES!! A school volunteer. One hour a week can make the difference in a child's future. YES!! One hour of your time, talents and expertise can change a life, while changing your own.

"The claim of goodness must be expressed," Williams said. "It must be used...the man who knows he could help others but helps only himself will ultimately not be able to live with himself. What we do

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*Goliath Davis, St. Petersburg Police Chief, USF alumnus and adjunct professor
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A CERTIFICATE OF IMMUNIZATION FOR K-12 EXCLUDING 7th GRADE REQUIREMENTS (DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FORM 680-PART A-1)

Each child shall present or have on file a Certification of Immunization (Form 680) for the prevention of diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, poliomyelitis, rubella, rubella and mumps.

1. Immunizations are to be documented on Form 680 and Part A-1 completed ONLY if the child is FULLY IMMUNIZED. Fully immunized means a minimum of the following:
   - five doses of diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, four doses of polio, two doses of measles vaccine, one dose of mumps vaccine, one dose of rubella vaccine.
   - Clariﬁcations and exceptions are addressed in I.B.4. (below).
   - Effective with the 1998/99 school year, children entering, attending or transferring to kindergarten in Florida schools will be required to have completed the hepatitis B vaccination series (10D-3098, F.A.C.).
   - Preferably as two doses of measles, mumps and rubella vaccine in the combined form (MMR).

B. CERTIFICATE OF IMMUNIZATION SUPPLEMENT FOR 7th GRADE REQUIREMENTS (DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FORM 680-PART A-2)

Effective with the 1997-98 school year, children entering, attending or transferring to seventh grade in Florida schools will be required to complete vaccination against hepatitis B, a second dose of measles vaccine (preferably MMR), and a tetanus-diphtheria booster. Each subsequent year thereafter the next highest grade will be included in the requirement so that students transferring into Florida schools are added to the immunized cohort. Following tells which grades are applicable for the current year.

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- Grade 8 1998/99
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Wendell Norton Graduates From Eckerd College's PEL Program, Begins New Career

Wendell Norton is beginning a whole new life, one she never imagined.

The St. Petersburg native, a 1961 graduate of Gibbs High School in St. Petersburg, decided to complete her work toward a Bachelor of Arts degree in the Program for Experienced Learners (PEL) program at Eckerd College.

Norton, a case manager for the Department of Juvenile Justice, fully intended to gain her college degree in Human Development or social work to help her move ahead in her current job. But once she became involved with the program, something unexpected but wonderful happened, she says.

The PEL program is designed for working adults, with a convenient variety of ways to gain college credits ranging from evening classes and weekend classes to independent study courses which don't require classroom attendance.

Best of all, Norton found, the PEL program gives college credit for life experience, meaning that her work experience and prior training could help her attain her Bachelor's Degree in less time than she'd thought possible.

She chose Eckerd College's PEL program because of the individual attention each PEL student receives: "At the big state universities you're often just a number."

One of the first classes she took was African American History with instructor Greg Padgett, which "turned me all around. When I was in high school, a lot of our history was not allowed to be taught to blacks."

She was so thrilled to learn details of the African American struggle and the people who led it that she

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Representative Rudy Bradley's Back-To-School Message

In a few short weeks the days will become shorter, playtime and fun activities that are the hallmark of summer vacation will be curtailed, and our children will begin another year of "reading, writing and arithmetic" as the 1997-98 school year gets underway. There is nothing more touching for parents than watching the excitement, wonder and slight trepidation of their child as he or she begins the very first day of school.

When children are young, it is rather easy for parents to instill a sense of enthusiasm about school and all the aspects that go along with it: meeting the teachers; receiving a new back-to-school wardrobe; making new friends; buying school supplies; and so on. However, the enthusiasm and excitement seem to wane as our children grow up, particularly when they are faced with attitudes and influences that threaten to discourage them; to rob them of their belief in their own abilities; and even to derail their educational pursuits and endanger their lives.

Many students are unable to learn because of the presence of violent and disruptive students in the classroom. Others are led to believe that their God-given abilities are sub-par, and that they are unable to learn based on a method of teaching that is really outdated and inadequate. Still others manage to complete 12 years of school, only to find that they do not have the necessary preparation to either secure immediate gainful employment, or to be accepted into a vocational or technical program, or to be accepted into a community college or university.

In short, our children are being let down by a system that fails to consider the unique cultural and intellectual attributes that they possess.

As the Representative for District 55 in the Florida Legislature and as an educator with many years of experience in the Pinellas County School System, I believe that it is imperative that our children receive the highest quality education that our schools can provide. To that end, I realize that the best way to measure the accountability of our public schools is by reviewing the curriculum that is being taught in each school. By structuring the schools' curricula to meet the needs of all its students, we can almost be assured that the public schools will begin to graduate young people who are not only prepared to go to college, but who are also able to perform at the skill levels that many of the companies in our area demand.

We will have graduates who have earned an education that will allow them to reach their fullest potential—whether that potential is through immediate employment; postsecondary vocational or technical training; or enrollment in college.

During this past legislative session, I sponsored a bill that would allow school districts who wished to participate the opportunity to implement this "Career Directed Education" initiative into existing curricula. The bill passed the full House of Representatives and the Senate, and subsequently was signed into law by Governor Lawton Chiles.

In addition to the "career directed education" legislation that I sponsored, my colleagues and I spent many hours crafting sound policy to increase funding for education; to raise academic standards for high school students; to lower class sizes in earlier grades; and, to increase accountability of enhancement funds from the Florida Lottery.

Of all these initiatives related to education, the most important issue that we settled was the provision of an extra $698 million for public schools in this year's budget. Lottery accountability legislation includes the establishment of college scholarships for outstanding Florida high school students. These scholarships will be paid for with funds from the Lottery budget.

Additionally, Healthy Kids, the program that helps Florida's uninsured working families secure health care coverage for their school-age children, received an extra $22 million to nearly double the amount of youngsters involved in the program.

The members of the Florida Legislature worked very hard to invest in our children by increasing the funding for the state's public education system; however, increasing funding for education is but one part of the equation. The success of any child, whether in school or in society, ultimately rests with the parents and other positive adults in the child's life.

As parents must build a solid foundation for our children's success by being their first teachers at home. We must guide our children, share our experiences with them, and teach them the values they need in order to become excellent students and productive, contributing citizens.

As caring citizens of our communities, we must embrace all of our young people, instilling in them a sense of pride in their heritage and a belief that, through hard work and perseverance, any and all of their dreams can become a reality.

Finally, our children must prepare themselves for greatness by choosing to heed the wise counsel of their elders and by choosing to excel academically, regardless of the obstacles that they may encounter. In the words of the immortal African-American statesman Frederick Douglass: "Our destiny is largely in our own hands. If we find, we shall have to seek. If we succeed in the race of life it must be by our own energies, and our own exertions. Others may clear the road, but we must go forward, or be left behind in the race of life..."*

*Quote taken from "Self Determination" by Frederick Douglass, 1866.*
**Childs Park After School Tutorial Program**

As more and more attention is placed on the current status of youth, and even more questions are asked about what can be done to reach them, an innovative program is functioning in Childs Park, a South St. Petersburg community.

In 1995, Public/Private Ventures (P/PV) of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania selected Childs Park as one of three sites nationally to participate in a community-based youth development project. The Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County (JWB), a major funder of community and youth development, collaborated with Public/Private Ventures, and The Community Change for Youth Development Initiative (CCYD) was born.

The CCYD Initiative's primary goal is to build community-based developmental infrastructures that provide support to youth (6th-12th grades), during gap periods, those hours when youth are unsupervised either by parents/teachers. With that goal in mind, several components of the initiative were designed: the Childs Park Teen Club, the Childs Park Cultural Arts Group and the Youth Sports Academy (YSA).

Recognizing the need for structured and supportive recreation, the YSA provides youth with opportunities to participate in basketball, tennis, track and football.

However, recreation is not enjoyed in isolation. As such, students participating in the YSA must maintain an academic grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 (C). If a student's GPA falls below 2.0, he/she is required to register and attend the Childs Park After School Tutorial Program (Tutorial Program) for academic assistance.

Any student with a GPA of 2.0 or above is required to participate in the tutorial program as a peer mentor/teacher. This not only provides an opportunity for youth to give back to their community, but it exposes these successful students to the other students in the community.

The Tutorial Program is administered by Childs Park Outreach, Inc., an arm of The United Methodist Community Ministries. The goal of the Tutorial Program is "To increase the academic performance of students in the 6th through 12th grades as a means of preventing academic failure." To achieve this goal, the Tutorial Program seeks to:

- Increase academic performance through small group tutoring.
- Serve as a bridge between parents, community and teachers.
- Engage parents as educational partners with their children.
- Address identified learning challenges by focusing on youth's strengths and abilities.
- Promote academic achievement and the development of positive self-esteem.

Each student must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at the time of registration and must bring their most recent report card. In addition, the Program Director solicits information from the student's teacher as to their strengths and needs. During the academic year, the student's academic progress is monitored through progress reports (weekly or bi-weekly) and the grading reports issued at the end of every academic period.

With this liaison between the teachers, students and tutors, more than 75% of the students who participated regularly in the Childs Park After-School during the 1997 academic year.

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**Special Observance Days**

Below are the special observance days that the Pinellas County School Board has approved for the 1997-98 school year. School board policy states that teachers and staff members will not schedule tests, exams or major activities that account for 25 percent or more of a student's grade for a grading period on these days. The policy also notes that students will have the opportunity to make up the work without being charged special fees. No district-coordinated activities should be scheduled on evenings and/or days designated as Special Observance Days.

The 1997-98 Special Observance Days are:

- Thursday, Oct. 2: Rosh Hashanah
- Friday, Oct. 3: Rosh Hashanah
- Thursday, Oct. 16: Sukkot
- Thursday, Oct. 23: Shemini Atzeret, Good Friday
- Friday, April 10: Eastern Orthodox Holy Friday
- Friday, April 17: Good Friday

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Tennessee State President To Address Ebony Scholars

Dr. James Hefner, President of Tennessee State University, will be the speaker for the annual South County Motivational program that will be held on Wednesday, September 3, at 7 pm at Pasadena Community Church.

This motivational program recognizes African American students for their academic achievement while attending south Pinellas County Schools. The purpose of the activity is to publicly recognize and encourage students to achieve quality education in south county public schools. Our mission is to foster an educational environment for African American students to pursue and excel in Pinellas County Schools as a means to enhance the quality of life in South Pinellas County.

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Wendell Norton

made a life-changing decision; she changed her major to Psychology of Consciousness. It was a real eye-opener. It brought out things from inside me that I'd held in for years. There was a real caring and a lot of individual attention in that class. Sometimes we laughed together, sometimes we cried together. It was a cleansing experience."

Wendell Norton found herself and her exciting new career in Eckerd's PEL program. She wants to be the kind of teacher who "brightens kids' eyes about their history". But going to be honest and forthright with them. I'll let them know that if you focus yourself and have a plan, you can reach your dreams."

Of her experience with the PEL program, she says "I wouldn't give it up for anything in the world." To anyone considering following in her footsteps, she insists "You can do it. I did it. It's an experience I would wish for everybody."

Financial aid is available. The PEL program office will be glad to mail you an informational packet. They can be reached at 864-8226.

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School’s In Session
– Drive Safely

**Lunch Prices**

The prices for lunches will remain the same as last year. They are:

- Adults — $2.25
- Middle and high school students — $1.50
- Elementary school students — $1.25

All reduced-price lunches are 40 cents.

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1997-98 School Board Meetings

Conference hall, administration building, 301 Fourth St. SW, Largo. Meetings are generally the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The first meeting of the month begins at 9 a.m. The second meeting of the month begins at 5 p.m. Please note only one meeting is scheduled for November and one for December. The November meeting begins at 5 p.m. The December meeting begins at 9 a.m. Board meetings are televised at 6 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays on WPDS Channel 14 and TCI Cable Channel 20.

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Volunteers Make Sanderlin Center from pg. 2

McGhee says that the volunteers and the youth they serve both gain much from the relationship.

"It's really very heartwarming," says McGhee, who has been the Center's volunteer coordinator for three years. "You just have to see the kids' faces, the way they light up when their volunteer comes in. They look for that individual, and often greet them with hugs, because they know that volunteers care about them."

The volunteers, she says, gain as much from the relationship as the kids they serve: "Our volunteers get a lot of satisfaction from their role. They know they're giving something important to their community."

"Our volunteer opportunities are unique," McGhee says. "Volunteers can decide for themselves, based on their interests and skills which program they want to work with."

That flexibility also extends to the hours worked. "Our volunteers can tailor their time to fit their schedule."

Volunteers can choose from a variety of Sanderlin Center programs, says McGhee, ranging from the traditional (tutorial, homework lab) to the exotic (karate, music theory).

There are computer classes for both youth and adults, in which people beginning with no knowledge of computers can progress from introductory classes to advanced classes that offer certification.

One new program is a Career Exploration Course which serves youth 18-21 who have not yet formed firm ideas about a career. Volunteers help them find a career consistent with their interests and strengths, then train them how to investigate job descriptions, requirements and income opportunities.

The kids' positive experiences with their adult volunteers has led to something special, McGhee says. Many of them want to become volunteers themselves, which led to formation of the Sanderlin Center's Youth Volunteer Program.

"Our youngest volunteer is eight years old." They range in age up to 17 years old, working the Center's phones, fax, copiers and computers. A particularly positive development has been the increasing number of young men volunteering their time.

The Center's greatest needs currently are for typists, grant writers, "playmate attendants" who watch children while their parents attend a GED program, and a variety of tradesmen to help maintain and upgrade the aging buildings at the Center.

Carpenters, painters, electricians and plumbers are always needed. Businesses are invited to offer goods or cash support.

McGhee says people who think they might like to be volunteers can "drop in and see what it's really like. They'll get back in satisfaction more than they put in," she says. "Our volunteers love their work."

Pat McGhee can be reached at 321-9444.

Ask graduates who are making their mark professionally, or ask current students who are blazing new trails... St. Petersburg Junior College is a great place to start.

"As a single parent attending college full-time and working part-time, it took a lot of hard work and perseverance to be successful. Having graduated from Largo High School in 1973, and attending college for the first time nine years later, I needed a great deal of guidance and support. . . . I will always remember my learning experience at SPJC and the manner in which the instructors went above and beyond their duties to help me to be successful, not only as a police officer but also in my personal life."

Rayshall Poinsette
- SPJC Associate in Arts, 1985
- Largo High School Resource Officer
- Winner, Florida Association of School Resource Officers', High School Officer of the Year Award, 1990 and 1994

"At SPJC I have learned about my strengths as a student. SPJC helped me with my confidence and instilled in me a belief that I will succeed."

Marcos Lynch
- Current SPJC student pursuing Associate in Science degree
- SPJC Associate in Arts, 1993

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St. Petersburg Junior College is an Equal Access/Equal Opportunity Institution.
Richard Allen, an extraordinary organizer and minister, founded the African Methodist Episcopal Church in Philadelphia in 1787. Born a slave, Allen made enough money as a wood cutter during the Revolutionary War to free himself. After the war, there were increasing restrictions of segregation imposed on blacks worshipping with whites. One Sunday, Allen rebelled against the restrictions and started his own congregation. The church Allen founded is known as the oldest and largest black denominational church existing today.

Checking your tire pressure is a good idea. Checking your blood pressure is an even better one. High blood pressure greatly increases your risk of stroke and heart attack. And those are harder to deal with than a flat tire. To learn more, contact your nearest American Heart Association at 1-800-AHA-USA1 or online at http://www.amhrt.org

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Visions Of Sugarplums Yearned For And Found

Melva Hemphill is an artist whose art rekindles the hopeful visions of the child and whose rewards are committed to ensuring that young dreams can come true.

Studying Hemphill’s works, one is seduced by a vision which heralds the blissful naivete’ of a child yet bemoans the loss of innocence. She chronicles in pen and ink and watercolor both hopefulness and disillusionment, delivering to us images of a stability long wished for yet rarely realized.

Maggie Lena Walker

Maggie Lena Walker, organizer and founder of the St. Luke Bank and Trust Company of Richmond, VA, was born in a poverty-stricken family in Richmond. She completed high school at age 16 and began a teaching career. After taking a course in business, she left teaching in 1889 to become the executive secretary of the Independent Order of St. Luke. Within 10 years, she became secretary-treasurer and she held this position for 35 years.

The purpose of the Order of St. Luke was to provide assistance to its members in sickness, in old age and in meeting funeral expenses. Mrs. Walker’s duties were to collect the dues, verify the claims and keep the books. She conceived of the ideas of training the members to save and invest their money. When she assumed the job of secretary-treasurer, the order had only 3,408 members, no reserve funds and no property. By 1924, she had increased the membership to 100,000, had also acquired a home office building valued at $100,000, had organized an emergency fund of $70,000 and had established a newspaper, the St. Luke Herald.

In 1902, she had proposed the plan for the founding of the St. Luke Penny Savings Bank of which she later became president. In time, the bank became the St. Luke Bank and Trust Company, a depository for gas and water accounts and for city taxes.

Mrs. Walker, well known for her interest in individuals, had been influential in helping those who first helped themselves. For instance, she once encouraged a one-legged bootblack to save his pennies. When he accumulated $50, the order helped him first to rent, then to purchase a place of his own. Children, encouraged to deposit their meager earnings in a savings account, were taught by the order to save with the definite purpose of using their earnings wisely.

Scott Joplin grew up in a musical family. An accomplished pianist by age 11, his ragtime music brought him nationwide acclaim. He is best remembered for his hit song, “The Entertainer.” Considered a forerunner of today's secular music, Joplin was part of the strong tradition of black musicians. Black music dates back into Africa where it was used as a primary communication form. Because there were so many dialects and languages, music was used as the oral language for translating history.
**James B. Sanderlin Family Center**

2335 - 22nd Avenue South

“Across the Fence”

**CALENDAR OF PROGRAMS**

**EDUCATION**
- Business/Finance
- Community Law — 1-3 p.m. Tuesdays
- Computer Classes - Hosted by the Sanderlin Center, Adults, Wednesday and Friday 6-8 p.m.
- Career Exploration - 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday

**PRACTICAL**
- Project Independence/G.E.D. Program — 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Monday-Friday
- Title I G.E.D. Program (Night Classes) — 6-9 p.m., Tuesdays & Thursdays
- Headstart — Registration 3-5 p.m., Tuesdays & Thursdays

**KIDS’ ACTIVITIES**
- Girl Scouts • Mondays 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- Kindergarten Girls 5-6 p.m.; 1st-6th Grade Girls 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- Community Bible Study - 7-8 p.m., Wednesdays
- Church Service - New Philadelphia Church - 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Sundays
- Community Law
- Business/Finance

**WELLNESS**
- Elder Care Diabetic Clinic – Tuesdays, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
- Community Consultant – Mondays, 6-7 p.m.
- Suncoast Epilepsy Services – Mondays & Wednesdays, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Free Clinic Exercise - 10-11:15 a.m., Tuesdays & Fridays
- Teen Council Workshop – Wednesdays from 6-8 p.m.
- Community Parent Support Group – Mondays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- Parent/Child Developmental Group – Wednesdays from 6-8 p.m.
- Family Services - Safe Place – 4-5 p.m., Mondays
- Family Services - Safe Place – 9-10 a.m.
- Music Theory - 4-5 p.m., Mondays
- Pinellas County Youth Symphony - Tuesdays 7:30-8:30 p.m.
- Music Lesson - 5-6 p.m., Mondays
- Parenting Monday 1:30-3:30 p.m.
- Parenting Wednesday 1:30-3:30 p.m.

**VIOLENCE**
- Safe Place Counseling For Abuse – (Youths & Adults) – Thursday, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
- Victim Advocacy – 6:30-8:30 p.m., Mondays
- Music Theory – 4-5 p.m., Mondays
- Music Lesson – 5-6 p.m., Mondays

**SUPPORTS**
- Community Bible Study - 7-8 p.m., Wednesdays
- Church Service - New Philadelphia Church - 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Sundays

**JAMES B. SANDERLIN FAMILY CENTER**

The Center will strive to provide a holistic approach to the development of the families in the local community, especially the black family. It is hoped that the Center would become focal point for community pride, thereby establishing continuity and consistency, filling gaps and enhancing existing programs as we strive for community unity based on the empowerment of a people to help themselves. Hours: 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-12 noon Saturday

**NEW PROGRAM**
- Skill Enhancement Program – A program creatively by the James B. Sanderlin Family Center working with youth and learning disabilities. This program will encourage a more cohesive linkage between the educator, student, parent and community in an effort of addressing specific learning skill problems as it exists in our community. The program will specifically identify and focus on particular learning problems of youth K-12th grade. Class will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-6 p.m. For more information, contact Delores Green 321-9444.

**TUTORS**
- Working with children in the basic subjects.
- Baby Rockers – Working with small children, create games or arts and crafts
- Callers – To call community informing them of new programs and events
- Painters – To paint small office space, etc.
- Ground Workers – To work on outdoor projects. Contact Pat McGhee at 321-9444.

**AGENCIES LOCATED AT THE JAMES B. SANDERLIN FAMILY CENTER –**

- The Florida Parent-Child Center, Inc. – It is a preventative program designed to improve each child’s opportunity for success in life which includes success in school as well as improved self-esteem and motivation, family relationships and sociocultural development. Hours 7 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday-Friday. For more information call 321-5194.

**Family Services - Safe Place – Family Services Centers Safe program will offer sexual assault treatment services at the Sanderlin Center, such as rape support groups, adult incest, survivors groups, counseling and treatment for children sexually abused. For more information contact Sharon Brooks 535-9811.

**St. Anthony’s Family Medicine –** A clinic with a dedicated staff offering quality medical service to its community. St. Anthony’s primary focus is to increase awareness and patient load from the surrounding community. The clinic is also promoting more and more programs that will benefit the community. Persons needing a back-to-school physical, see St. Anthony’s. It’s affordable, and the clinic accepts some insurances. For more information, contact Mary Molin at 321-8600. Clinic hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday & Friday 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

**Elder Care –** Reaching out to help the community by providing programs and services for the elderly all FREE. Diabetic classes every Tuesday from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Grandparents Support Group August 5th and 19th from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

**Services –** Notary services are now available at the Sanderlin Center by appointment only.