School Vouchers: The Thing That Won't Die

given the strong public opposition to voucher programs, it is unlikely that many states will adopt such a program. However, the fact that courts have upheld the constitutionality of voucher programs in some cases raises the possibility that such programs could become more prevalent in the future.

Hillsborough County A Disaster Area

Tampa, FL — Federal disaster loans are available to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for homeowners, renters, businesses, and nonprofit organizations who were impacted by Hurricane Irma. The SBA is the primary source of federal assistance for disaster victims. The SBA offers loans of up to $50,000 to homeowners and renters and up to $20,000 to businesses and nonprofit organizations. The SBA requires a minimum down payment of 10% and offers a low-interest rate of 3.125%.

NAACP Objects To Definition Of Racial Epithet

BALTIMORE — NAACP President and CEO Benjamin Jefferies criticized the Merriam-Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary for including ”nigger” in its definition of a ‘black person’ on October 17, 2017. The NAACP plans to file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission to prevent the publisher from using the term in future editions.

‘Days Of Black Resistance’

ST. PETERSBURG—One year ago, on October 24, when rebellious African Americans took to the streets, demanding an end to the Italo-Tunisian war, the St. Petersburg Police, city officials, and the Urban Movement coalition marched with the NAACP to protest against police brutality and racism.

Grant Trains Teachers

In 2023, the Teacher Development Institute awarded $1 million to five teacher training programs in the state of Florida. The grants will help teachers improve their teaching skills and help students succeed.

Familiar Faces

L-R: Frances Scott, mother, Katrina Headley, sister, Kendrick Scott, Doug McSwain, Assistant President; Alton Boden, Parliamentorian, B-CC President Oswald Bronson. The deadline for applications is December 1, 2023; - $10,000 is available to help those who have been impacted by disaster. The deadline for applications is December 1, 2023.

Kendrick Q. Scott Honored

Kendrick Q. Scott was honored by the Seminole Tribe of Florida and the Seminole High School Alumni Association. He was named the 2023 Men of Tomorrow honoree.

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Omegas Leadership Team

ST. PETERSBURG - The Family Emergency Services, Inc., and The Family Neighborhood and Family Center, Inc., have joined together to launch upon a series of forums and special events that will educate and advocate for issues of health in the African American community of St. Petersburg.

The theme for the first forum is 'Eliminating the Leprosy Mentality in the African American Community' with regard to health conditions. The negative conditions include AIDS, mental health and AIDS. Community Health Fairs will be held on Oct. 18, 1997, at 560-64th St. S., St. Petersburg, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

It is very unfortunate that support for such conditions is not fully adequate, nor are they comfortably discussed with our community. Some of the reasons range from a lack of knowledge, fear of being negatively perceived or associated with those conditions. Hence, it is important to have such forums because the community has a right to know.

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Sickle Cell Foundation Outing

ST. PETERSBURG - The St. Petersburg Sickle Cell Foundation presented another community family event for its 3rd outing for Saturday, Oct. 4th. The focus was education and awareness about this condition.

Doctors also admit that post diagnostic treatments are very limited for these chronic diseases. Because of these factors, we feel that the current available support groups/foundations must be supplemented and expanded to bring forth the highest standards to those among us in need of help.

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Remembering Little Rock Nine

The Gantt Report

by Lucinda Cotton

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### Rites Of Passage Program To Be Held

**ST. PETERSBURG**—The Pinellas County Urban League and the International Black Women’s Congress will sponsor a Rites Of Passage program for young ladies between the ages of 9 and 15 years old. The 52 week program is limited to 15 ladies who will meet every two weeks to explore the African American culture and heritage, to broaden their minds and to gain a strong sense of their own identity. This will be accomplished by the facilitation of a variety of educational, recreational, and community service projects. For more information, please call Brenda Green at 321-9502, or contact the Urban League at 327-2061.

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James A. Haley V.A. Medical Center Anniversary

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Tampa area prizes are dependent upon the number of eligible entries received from all participating locations combined and by mail (300,000 estimated entries). Winners will be notified by Certified Mail on or about January 22, 1998.
Of the 26 young men who applied for the first year, 10 were chosen. They are: Walker; Alexander Derival; Williams, Jr.; Jimmon Watkins (President); George Christian Williams (Vice-President); Dorian Tennant; Demond Gibson; Robert Pegues HI (Treasurer); and Alton James Patton, Associate Director of the program. The papers were evaluated by two nationally recognized scholars in the field of education – Dr. James Patton, Associate Dean, College of William and Mary, who has received grants totaling $47 million and Dr. Brenda Townsend, Dean of the arts. Preparing Innovative Leaders of Tomorrow, PILOT is a program designed specifically to train African American men to be leaders in the community. It teaches children with behavioral problems.

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The men selected said they had majors in seven academic areas: Education; Humanities; Social Sciences; Business; Nursing and General Studies. B-CC has a solid reputation for academic excellence. As evidence of its outstanding programs, B-CC was recognized in the Times Higher Education Character Building Colleges and Universities in 1996 and 1997. For admission information, contact the B-CC Admissions Office at 1-800-446-0228 or (813) 255-5400 ext. 333.

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The final hours of the Comfort Program will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 25, from 6-8 p.m. at Paris Street, near the Comfort Program Community Center.

TAMPA - Job opportunities abound for those interested in working with children. The Greater Tampa Career Fair will be held on Monday, Oct. 24, at the Tampa Airport Marriott, 300 N. Westshore Blvd., Tampa, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 to 4 p.m.

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St. Petersburg Chapter Holds Retreat

The St. Petersburg Chapter of the National Black Nurses Association, Inc., held their third annual retreat at the Marina Inn Resort Sept. 26-28.

On Saturday, Sept. 27, the educational seminar included therapeutic touch, an overview of overcounter medication, and a luncheon which included the HIV update. Five CEU’s were given to all health care workers. The speakers included Ms. Patricia Gilliam, RN, Ms. Louie Ladson, RPh, and Ms. Renee Flowers, case manager.

The Chapter was also host to a group of Haitian Health care workers that were invited to St. Petersburg. The speakers included Ms. Patricia Gilliam, RN, Ms. Louie Ladson, RPh, and Ms. Renee Flowers, case manager.

The Chapter would like to thank all the sponsors who made this event possible.

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FLORENCE WILLIAMS BAY

BENGALIEVILLE is preparing for the holiday season and a wonderful time is expected by the whole family out to join as directors for the 16th Annual Downtown Festival and Art Show. The Festival kicks off Friday, Nov. 14th, with a downtown Festival Friday night concert along the city's Community Plaza. The event will continue through Saturday, Nov. 15th. This concert is presented by the Greater Friendship Baptist Church Choir; Devo- som, Press Secretary. President.

Jonathan Bernard, Student Council election was held recently at Howard Middle School in Ocala for the 1997-98 term. Rosalyn Jones, an Honor student and daughter of Ronald and Linda Gaitor, Ocala, was elected President.

Applications were accepted at the Greater Friendship Baptist Church Choir; Devo- som, Press Secretary. President.

Sponsorship was furnished by the Rev. Stanley Jacobs; Read- ment was delivered by the Berry; an introductory state­ ication Prayer by Rev. M.D. Broxton; and the sermon was given by the Rev. John F. Jackson with Radiant Starr, rhythm and blues artists \n
Students emitted orators by the Rev. George Lee, report of the Evangelism Council was given by Rev. T.L. Brooks; Charge to the Candidate was done by Dr. Fred Maeweathers; Ordina- tion Prayer by Rev. M.D. Broxton; and the sermon was given by the Rev. John F. Jackson with Radiant Starr, rhythm and blues artists \n
'Happy birthday greetings were also sent to Cindee Pierrezon, on her 21st birthday.
Treading On Serpents and Scorpions

"Bidehol, I go unto you into prayer to heal serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall by any means hurt you." Luke 10:19.

I realize that at times we who are in Christ Jesus...have no fear because we are in Christ Jesus. We have the power to tread upon serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy. We can triumph over injuries, sickness, and disease. We need not fear black magic, witchcraft, and demon influence. We can overcome the force of seemingly insurmountable odds through the power that works within us. Don't be satisfied with defeatism... Don't fear the day of adversity. Tap into your power source, which is the Holy Ghost. Satan may try to prevent us taking the power of God's anointing...and the power of both shall fail. But thanks to God there is no enemy that can ever get the better of you through our Lord Jesus Christ. Don't let Satan be the high road for the power is yours and all you have to do is ask it. Mark 16:18-19 refers accordingly; "He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. For he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name they shall cast out demons; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any doubly deadly thing it shall not hurt them. They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover." Take your rightful place in Christ Jesus. The devil's throne has long been all yours and you have a right to the power. Don't let him take you. We can make a right act of faith and God bless your life.
Second Anniversary Celebration Held for Family Center

Foundation Village Neighborhood Family Center celebrated their second anniversary on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Providing a support, spiritual balance for families in the south Greenwood community.

The Family Center is complete with a "hugging farm" of pot-bellied pigs, goats, guinea pigs, and pony rides for kids along with skilled Jody Wagner and Penny Lockwood, who also doubled as face-painting artists.

On stage, project coordinator, stated that this year's activities and programs surpassed last year's in numerous areas, including included the week, afterward, open family camps, AmeriCorps volunteer, and the acquisition of an additional apartment for the 101 families registered at the Center. Walker added the program's success also has gone in excess received from the parent and community as to what programs "they would like to have made available to them."

Next year's goal includes as expansions - a new facility built at the center of Woodlawn Ave. and S. Greenwood, providing more programs can be added including GED and courses classes for adults.

Community Calendar (October 16-21) Celebrates Jazz Holiday, Coachman Park, call 520-SOY for more information.

"October 18: 4th Annual Salvation Community Ban­quet, M.L. King Center. Call 443-5500 for more information.

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AppleOne Blossoms in Florida

ST. PETERSBURG—If you want a better job, look for employment opportunities. They're developing new marketable skills, with AppleOne. On October 31 it is newest office located at 34022 Brook Street, in St. Petersburg.

AppleOne provides job training and finds people jobs in many industry segments. Whether you seek field and full-time employment or just want to work temporarily to save money for the holidays, AppleOne will help you find the position that is right for you. AppleOne has helped more than 100,000 people find great careers...helps shape your future.

AppleOne is one of the few agencies in the world in the last few decades it has doubled its size. It continues to grow into a wildlife park throughout North America, opening an average of five new offices per month across the U.S. This is the fifth AppleOne to open in Florida. The St. Petersburg office will join the other Florida AppleOnes in Tampa, Orlando, South Orlando, and Jacksonville.

During the time of one month low unemployment, it might seem strange that an employment service could be in business, but this is in the present market conditions.

AppleOne offers everything one needs to develop a great career; career counseling, skills assessment, computer training, interviewing, and resume writing techniques.

For more information, contact Robert Snitkin at 727-803-8393 or AppleOne at 727-803-6903.

Essay Contest For High School Students

ST. PETERSBURG—Dr. Ed and Carla Mole, in collaboration, the Ethics Center at USF, St. Petersburg has given birth to a new essay contest for all Florida High School students. The theme for this year is the "Consequences of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Today" and $1,000 in prize money will be awarded.

Essays are limited to 1,000 words and must be received to the Ethics Center post mark no later than midnite, Jan. 15, 1998. Prizes of $500 for first place, $300 for second place and $200 for third place will be awarded

In February, Dr. Mole endowed an ethics chair at USF, St. Petersburg and is very interested in students generating them. He currently serves as a special assistant to the Both Clinton and Bill Dole.

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For more information call Stephanie DePrato at 727-214-7089 or Scott Little at 727-563-6903.

Housing Authority Reaches Highest Performance Status

SEMINOLE- The recent Seminole County Housing Authority has just received the highest grade, 90 points, in the Public Housing Management Assessment Program. The score aligns with a first-time class, 90 points, in the Public Housing Management Assessment Program.

In 1995, the Seminole Housing Authority had a PHAP score of 66 points and received the bottom of a troubled or dimly assessed designation. In 1996, the Agency’s score improved to 87 points. The 1997 score recently released by HUD graded the Agency at 94 points, the best since the Agency has increased since the inception of the program.

Housing authorities scoring 90 points or less are categorized “in need” or “troubled.” Higher performance status is achieved when housing agencies surpass 90 points.

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A big thanks goes out to Birchwood's Fans for the use of first points and "hugging farm" for the occasion.

Other programs and dinners at the center include the Kids Harvest Club and Mom's Morning On Call. 443-5500 for more information about programs offered at the Family Center.

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KCC offers its 26th Popular License Exam Preparation course testing for the February 1998 exam. This is an 8-week course that has an 86% first-time pass rate. It is open to residential, builder and payment-property, qualification, and payment-property-qualified inspectors. 10% off for first-time pass rate. It is open to residential, building, and payment-property-qualified inspectors. 10% off for first-time pass rate.

L.W.V. Presents Seminar

ST. PETERSBURG—It takes a whole community to be successful in your community. Panel moderator, director of CASA, member of the Governor’s Task Force on Domestic Violence, and 1995 Governor’s Award winner, will tell you just what you want to know about friends, enemies or rivals. Whether husband, wife or sweetheart is true or false, she will tell you just what you want to know about friends, enemies or rivals; Whether husband, wife or sweetheart is true or false, she will tell you just what you want to know about friends, enemies or rivals; Whether husband, wife or sweetheart is true or false, she will tell you just what you want to know about friends, enemies or rivals.

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44th Annual Gateway Classic

JACKSONVILLE
On Saturday, Oct. 11, 1997, the 44th Annual Gateway Classic was held at Allstate Stadium before a crowd of 6,200.

Bethune-Cookman University’s Bison defeated Howard University’s Bison 14-7 despite having seven turnovers. The Wildcats were unable to capitalize from the turnovers.

Bethune-Cookman’s band was not allowed to perform at halftime, a decision that was not met with approval from its president, Gerald Brown.

The decision had to do with rain that had occurred earlier in the day. The band was allowed to do a pre-game show.

A young female gridiron attending the game: Attorney Jerri F. Cochran, Jr., and actor Clifton Davis.

18th Annual Florida Classic

LAKE BUENA VISTA — The 18th Annual Florida Classic football game between Florida A&M University and Bethune-Cookman College will be presented by the Walt Disney World Resort on Saturday, Nov. 22, at 7:30 pm at the Florida Citrus Bowl in Orlando.

Under the agreement, the Walt Disney World Resort becomes the title sponsor and the exclusive theme park sponsor of the Florida Classic. As part of its involvement in the event, Disney will host a president’s reception for both schools Friday afternoon. Walt Disney World will host a Florida Classic event at Downtown Disney Pleasure Island on Friday evening.

"More than a football game, it’s another meeting between two outstanding schools — Florida A&M University and Bethune-Cookman College," coach Charles ‘Tex’ Harrison said. "And Dut’s one of the greats in the conference."

"It is the first of a series of annual jamborees," says Coach Bill Payton, who has coached the game at the St. Petersburg/Gibbs campus. Payton’s team will play each of the three visitors.

Joining Mayar as new rookies are Nick Moore, who attended Arizona State University; Donald Edwards, a 6-foot, 10-inch, 275-pounder from Sacramento State; and Ross Wilson, a 6-foot-10-inch forward from Villanova University.

The Harlem Globetrotters will return to Disney’s Wide World of Sports complex next year to play for a permit.

Globetrotters Sign Game’s Tallest Basketball Player

LAKE BUENA VISTA — The Harlem Globetrotters announced from their Disney’s Wide World of Sports complex annual training camp the signing of 7’6½” Dut Mayar of Bethune-Cookman College.

"We’re pleased to welcome the addition of Dut Mayar to our team," said Coach Bill Payton. "Our goal is to become one of the greats in the conference."

"With teaching and intensive training, he will become one of the greats in the game. And, Dut already has the Globetrotter attitude."

His people skills and willingness to engage personally are sure to make him a favorite in the world over.

Globetrotters Sign Game’s Tallest Basketball Player

Hoops Jamboree Debuts At SPJC

ST. PETERSBURG — Suncoast Conference’s basketball comes to St. Petersburg Junior College in a big way next Friday.

Four Tampa Bay teams will clash in a free "Hoops Jamboree" hosted by SPJC and Coach Bill Payton in the gym on the St. Petersburg/Gibbs campus.

Please join our team playing for the permit.

"This is the first of a series of annual jamborees," says Coach Bill Payton. "Our goal is to become one of the greats in the conference."

SPJC tied with Pasco-Hernando for the second largest football team in the conference.

"The jamboree scheduled for the day:

• 2 pm, SPJC vs. Gulf

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What Do Superstars Dwight Gooden & World Champion Fred McGiff Have in Common?

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Prayer Tower Church

Prayer Tower Church of God in Christ, Elder Clarence Welch, pastor, cordially invites you to join us for our annual Family Worship celebration Oct. 20, 1997. The services for the week will include:

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Friday, Oct. 24, Fish dinner

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New Mt. Olive PB Church

Daisy Bentley, Pastor

G M S FAMILY GOSPEL MUSIC (GJD's Message Through Song)

Greetings to the Tampa Bay community!

We are a newly formed gospel community church, and we are thankful for your support and donations about sharing and spreading the Good News. And we have been commonly busy doing just that.

We will be in concert on Oct. 25, 1997, and we will be very happy to see you coming out and meeting at Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church, 921 24th St. S., St. Petersburg, at 7:30 p.m., where Dr. Charles Robinson is the pastor.

Our theme is God Is Still In Charge.

There is no administration charge. Your donations will be offered.

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Stewart-Ismo

The pastor and congregation think Brenda Daniels, Manager, and Brian Harrington, both of Kentucky Fried Chicken on 34th St. S., as well as Charles; Hosley, Manager on 34th St. S., for helping to sponsor our first Dog Cook-Out for the community on last Saturday. The Church of God Purchased With His Blood.

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Bealsville Church Of God

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Emmanuel Christian Fellowship Inc.

1044-4th St. S., St. Pete, FL 33701

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Galilee Missionary Baptist Church

911 4th Street S., St. Petersburg, FL 33711

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Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church

2500 10th Avenue S., St. Petersburg, FL 33712

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Bethel Community Baptist Church

1045 - 16th Street S., St. Pete, FL 33712

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Traveler's Rest MB Church

Rev. and Mrs. Don Browne

Rev. Browne and the Traveler's Rest Missionary Baptist Church family month beginning at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 17, evening program at 7 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18, musical program at 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19, past speaker at 10 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 19, col-

utrition services at 4 p.m. Other activities for the week:

On Thursday, Oct. 16, seniors Bible study at 11 a.m. pulpil aid ministry meeting at 6 p.m., mission-
sionary meeting at 7 p.m.

On Saturday, Oct. 18, children's ministry meet-
g at 7 a.m.

On Tuesday, Oct. 21, Annual Home Meet- ing at 7 a.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 22, peaked worship at 7 p.m. conducted by the men's ministry and ministerial staff ministry. All members are encouraged to attend, along with the women who became in the month of October.

Rev. Donald F. Browne was ordained in Sept., 1964, as pastor of Traveler's Rest Missionary Baptist Church. Rev. Browne has served as pastor religiously for one year. He has worked diligently in organ- izing Traveler's Rest to reach higher grounds.

While working so pas-
tiously, he has made great changes that have been rewarding. Traveler's Rest is the Church Where Christ is the Center of Amenities! Rev. Browne's main focus has been to keep Christ first and the center of attention.

We, the members, would like to express our appreciation and love to our pastor for this great year. We pray that he will continue to minister to us far ever higher grounds.

We thank you, Rev. Browne, and we pray that God will continue to show you great visions for us and his plans for Traveler's Rest.

We would like to invite everyone to join us on Oct. 19th at 4 p.m. to show our pastor how much he means to us and that we truly appreciate him.

GREAT RIVER MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

You and your family are invited to attend, along with those persons born in the month of October. The pastor of Traveler's Rest, Rev. Browne, will be attending the services.

The purpose of this month's ministry special outreach is so the pastor and members of the church can reach new people and having a message to those attending. The purpose for this special event is to build the ministry and reach out to those who may not be attending currently.

Please call 327-4859 for more information.

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First Baptist Church

Rev. Steve Thomas, Pastor

1221 23rd Street South, St. Petersburg, FL

Church Phone: 827-4859

Sunday Services:

Morning Worship Service..................................................11 a.m.

Bible Study:.................................................................10:30 a.m.

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

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New Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church

2007 10th Street South, St. Petersburg, FL

Church Phone: 427-5200

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11:00 a.m. Service

Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We, the members of the Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church Missionary Society, invite you to come on a journey with us down the Bismark Road. On this road, sisters can meet a man named Jesus.

Come and learn how to load the box in the ONE AND ONLY SAVIOR. If you are aware of your sal-

vation, come! On this road you can learn the safety of salvation. If you know of someone who needs to hear this, please bring them with you.

The Plan of Salvation through the Bismark Road will take place Oct. 25 at 7:30 2220 22nd Ave. N., St. Petersburg, from 9 pm to 11 pm. It's open to all. Breakfast will be served.
Volunteers Needed For Festival

ST. PETERSBURG — The Volunteer Center is looking for 20 volunteers to assist at the Tampa Bay Festival of Renting to be held on Sunday, November 9, 1997, on the St. Petersburg Pier. Volunteers are needed to greet guests, assist in the information booth, sell tickets, and man the information booth.

Volunteers will also be needed to staff the guest service desk at the main registration area. Volunteers are needed to assist with

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New Hope Baptist Church

Rev. Dr. Alvin Moore and the New Hope family cordially invite and welcome you to join us in our Sunday services beginning at 11 a.m. with church school at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome. The services will be in charge of the deacons and the choir will render the songs services under the direction of Ruby Pearson and George Plummer.

We invite you to attend our Unity Day prayer breakfast on Saturday, Oct. 19, at 9 a.m. with our "Day of 1997: The renovation is now under way. The new building will be completed in the spring of 1998.

Unity Temple Of Truth

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Children and youth will have their monthly meeting on Sunday, All members involved in this ministry are requested to be present. Choir rehearsal will be held following this meeting. The pastor will discuss meaning of baptism during Bible study meeting. Parents are welcome to attend.

New Philadelphia Church

Rev. Dr. McVera Jean Human-Brown, senior minister, will conclude the month-long celebration on October 23 and 24. The church will be led in worship and the theme of the service will be "God's Grace and Mercy." "Looking forward to seeing you there!

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or by participating in the club, his charter members working man in show business', headed an exclusive group from New York named Leanne Lyons (Lelee), the young men. The three have just taken the biggest step of their lives.

NEW YORK, NY - If, By now, the world has come to know Batman, Romone and LDB, watching them grow from nascent children to fine young men. The trio know that the music scene, steady pattern, with the release of their third RCA Records album, 'Release Some Tension'.

The album closes with a tune for 'Don't Ever Say Never', an uplifting song that surely comes straight from the heart. Chris Stokes in honor of the students of Creative Clay will feature Wilson and will feature Ms. Frankie Gay's Daily Arts Program.

For more information, please contact Tyler Jones or Gay's Daily Arts Program at (813) 825-0515. Creative Clay is affiliated with Abilities of Florida and has a second location on the Abilities Campus in Clearwater. They also have after school programs for elementary and middle school students. The students, teachers, and volunteers of Creative Clay's Daily Arts Program put the "Gumbo Stumble" together using all donated or recycled materials to make the masks, shakers, and noisemakers.

The Future Artist Network Presents Benefit Concert

ST. PETERSBURG - The Future Artist Network will present a benefit concert for The Pinellas County Center for the Arts at Gibbs High School.

The event will be host- ed by John and Mary Wilson and will feature Britain Woman. There will be performances by new talent as well as the Gathering Machine.

Gumbo Stumble Saunters Through Downtown St. Pete

ST. PETERSBURG - On Wednesday night, Oct. 27, fellow musicians and friends held a fundraising concert to benefit the students of Creative Clay. The concert was sponsored by Night Club, 1536 16th St. Productions, and Take Five Productions, and took place at Christ United Methodist Church, 407 1st Ave. S., St. Petersburg.

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ST. PETERSBURG - On Wednesday night, Oct. 27, fellow musicians and friends held a fundraising concert to benefit the students of Creative Clay. The concert was sponsored by Night Club, 1536 16th St. Productions, and Take Five Productions, and took place at Christ United Methodist Church, 407 1st Ave. S., St. Petersburg.

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ST. PETERSBURG — A gala surprise 80th birthday celebration for George W. Edwards was held on Saturday, Oct. 11, 1997, at the Howard Johnson Inn, sponsored by his wife Ada Edwards of sixty-one years.

Relatives and friends came from different parts of the country. The venue was beautifully decorated in black and red, his favorite colors.

Their daughter June, a lawyer, gave a presentation of "This Is Your Life". Daughter June, and daughter Dawn presented him a money tree. Sister in law and daughter Dawn presented a picture book of George's younger days and every tree, which made a lovely album, something he will keep forever.

The finale of the celebration, during which Miami presented "Brown Sugar Production", the Grand Pumps Fashion Show with models parading from Atlanta and St. Pete. From Atlanta, Linda Hillman and Rosie Flowers, niece from St. Pete, Ella Jones and money Austin, Jazinella, Randie, Vonette and Yvonne from Miami.

A very dear friend Mrs. Elvisa Monman was in attendance from San Francisco, CA. We were honored to have City Councilman Ernest Fitzhugh attending. Bonfire Bedford, daughter in law, named the fashion show elegantly. The 'Brown Sugar Production' was most fantastic.

Approx. 100 guests were in attendance. Catering by Jackie Hill, Mu-sie by God-man Michael McGee. Class represented: Samarra, Bradenton, At-lanta, Jackson, NY, San Francisco, Ft. Myers, Ft. Lauderdale, Tampa, Fort Myers, Jacksonville, NY, Ft. Lauderdale, Tampa, Fort Myers, Jacksonville, NY.

Everyone had a very enjoyable time. Mr. Ed-wards received loads of lovely gifts.

\[\text{George Edwards Surprise 80th Birthday Celebration}\]

\[\text{Honoree George Edwards and his wife Ada Edwards}\]

\[\text{Brother Johnny Edwards, Atlanta, GA and his only daughter Cherrie Edwards Smith, NYC.}\]

\[\text{Brown Sugar Production, his niece from Miami}\]

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JOHN L. PHILLIPS, death notice. Survivors include: wife, Catherine Murray, two sons, William and Clifford Murray, both of Milwaukee, WI; and an uncle, Freddie Harris of Baltimore, MD. Laureen Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

BLOODGOOD, FRED M., death notice. Survivors include: sister, Carolyn Green of Breaxsville, KY; three sisters, S. J. Giovanni, H. L. Young, and G. M. Thompkins; and eight grandchildren. Chestnut Funeral Home, Gainesville.

TAYLOR, DIANNA J., death notice. Survivors include: daughter, Mary Taylor; and three grandchildren. Chestnut Funeral Home, Gainesville.

LESLIE, NAOMI M., death notice. Survivors include: husband, John Leslie of Ocala, FL; daughter, Lorraine Duncan of Sheboygan, WI; three sons, William, John, and Steve Johnson of Orlando, FL; three daughters, Carol McDonald; and two grandchildren. Chestnut Funeral Home, Gainesville.

OCAJA, FINNIE L., death notice. Survivors include: husband, John Ocaja of St. Petersburg, FL; three sons, John Jr., Steven, and Robert Ocaja; and five grandchildren. Summers Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

MACDONALD, LEILA M., death notice. Survivors include: husband, John MacDonald of St. Petersburg, FL; six children; and three grandchildren. Summers Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

The Lord is my shepherd: I shall not want. — Psalm 23

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