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Poor living conditions plague displaced Jordan Park residents

BY RAVEN JOY SHONEL

ST. PETERSBURG – Perhaps one of the most controversial St. Petersburg Housing Authority (SPHA) oversteps in recent history, last Thursday saw former residents, religious leaders, politicians and advocates flocking to the Historic Village in Jordan Park from being raided. All three were there to voice their opinions about preserving one of the last historic buildings in south St. Pete and the effects of treatment of its displaced residents.

Built between 1909 and 1942, most of the original 466 units were demolished and gone by the early 2000s, all but the Historic Village, which retained a façade that did not include a structure. Now, the SPHA is looking to demolish the last of the original 31 units and build a 60-unit apartment in their place. Jordan Park was purchased from the Richman Group last March when it was discovered that the demolition of one dwelling buildings located in the Historic Village would be more feasible than renovating, according to the SPHA.

In a press release sent to The Weekly Challenger last Oct., the housing authority stated that “over the past 80 years, those nine dwelling buildings have become dilapidated and a breeding ground for a host of problems. Investigation of those dwellings found them to be termite infested and not in condition to be made habitable.”

Rallying to support separated families

BY J.A. JONES

TAMPA – “The Keep Families Together” rally Saturday, June 23rd at Tampa’s Casa Chiricú Courthouse Square was an opportunity for all of Tampa Bay to unite and speak out against the current administration’s family detention policy, which have been described as “inhumane” and cruel, especially for children still separated from their parents.

The administration has changed the current policy from “family separation” to “indefinite family detention,” those in attendance noted millions in more than 700 family detention centers. Governor Mike Pence, on behalf of thousands of families being held in prison-like detention centers that have been described as “correctional centers” or “family prison,” and an assistant principal at Pasco County, a Title 1 program evaluator, discussed strategies they would put into place to not only hire and retain teachers.

“We need to make sure we’re implementing policies that reinforce them,” she said, also noting the importance of conducting routine surveys and exit interviews to obtain information.

Last Thursday, June 28, the St. Petersburg Housing Authority heard complaints from displaced residents of the Historic Village in Jordan Park because of the disgraceful temporary conditions they are forced to live in.
Her return

Have you ever stepped away from something only to return to it again? Everything has its season. Purpose has its call.

Meet Thomasina Montgomerie, more commonly known by millions as Tammi Terrell. A champagne born in Philadelphia on April 28, 1946, she died a month before her 25th birthday on March 26, 1970. Terrell started singing at a very young age. Her talent was unnoticed until after she met Motown Records. She began winning singing contests by the age of 11. By 15, she was signed to a record label. Within three years, however, she left the label and signed with the James Brown Revue. Terrell was in a relationship.

Still singing to please, she signed with Checker Records. She released a duet, but it did not do as well as expected. Shortly after, she was enrolled in the University of Pennsylvania and majored in pre-law.

Two years later, Terrell was asked by Jerry Butler to sing with him in a series of shows in nightclubs where she appeared and again was back at work doing what she loved, touring through songs to be remembered by generations to come.

One knows what tomorrow will bring. What if, however, Terrell had not returned to professional singing? Well, for sure we would not have known “Tammi Terrell.” On her 25th birthday, she died a month before her 25th birthday on March 26, 1970. Terrell did not change her name to tammi until after she met Motown. What followed was a multitude of hits that have defined her singing with Marvin Gaye, including “Ain’t No Mountain High Enough.”

“Your Precious Love,” “I’ll Build My Whole World Around You,” and “Wild in My Mind.” Terrell did not change her name again until after she met Motown CEO Berry Gordy. Prior to meeting him, she was known as “Tammi Montgomerie.”

Terrell died young. The exceptionalist timeframe really means it is important to persevere through the obstacles of life, share our gifts and talents with others.

Tammi Montgomerie’s life illustrates that there will be difficult times. There will be people determined to beseem her. She is an example of the strength that lives within all of us. She shows us that it is alright to take a break, but to remain always open to hear tomorrow’s call.

We must listen for her return. Keisha Bell is an attorney, author and public servant. To reach Bell, email her at energizingtheblog.com or log on to www.energizingtheblog.com to come more of her work.

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By Keisha Bell, Esq.

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By Gwendolyn Reese

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AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

As the American Civil War had only been over for a few years, the freed slaves of the South were faced with a new and uncertain future. Many of them, who had been forced from their homes and families during the war, were now left to rebuild their lives in a world where they were no longer considered property. Despite the end of slavery, the struggle for equality and justice continued for generations to come.

Black Americans had never been fully free in the United States. Even after the Civil War and the passage of the 14th and 15th Amendments, many African Americans faced continued discrimination and violence. The Jim Crow laws, which were implemented throughout the South, enforced segregation and denied African Americans many of the same rights and opportunities as white Americans.

The struggle for equality continued well into the 20th century, with the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s being a significant turning point. The leaders of this movement, such as Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X, fought tirelessly for the rights of African Americans and helped toshape a more just and equal society.

This historical timeline highlights the journey of African Americans from slavery to freedom and the ongoing fight for equality and justice. It is a testament to the resilience and determination of a people who refused to be defined by their circumstances and continued to fight for a better future.
BRIEF FROM FRONT PAGE

Dream Defenders, spoke of the Block’s history: “I’m angry because this hatred is too strong of a burden to keep me from speaking up. My mother’s generation and my own generation are victims of the same injustices. There is a commonality in the oppressions of the young and the old. This is a message of hope.”

Dream Defenders, speaking to civil rights workers of the past, noted Girsea. “Dr. King is a master of persuasion and the key to success is versatility.”

“Restoring voting rights to non-violent ex-offenders is a fundamental right of American citizenship,” said Floyd. “I’m here today to demand the restoration of voting rights to those who have permanently lost their voting rights due to a felony conviction. As a part of the American Dream, we must continue to fight for the families who have been impacted by this injustice.”

Floyd’s call to action was met with a resounding response. The rally, organized by Dream Defenders, rallied in numbers to demand the restoration of voting rights for non-violent ex-offenders. The group, which included students and families, fought for their right to vote, emphasizing that they are not a threat to society, but a part of it. The rally was a testament to the power of collective action and the strength of the American Dream.

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Diverse Motions Dance Academy hosts annual production

Diverse Motions Dance Academy is also known for its Visiting Artists Program, which began in 2009. They travel across the nation performing their signature dance pieces such as the world premiere of “Thrilla in Manila” by choreographer Eli, a member of the group. The company has worked with guest choreographers from across the United States to develop signature pieces for the production, including D.W. Brown, a choreographer, and Sherman Wood, a graduate of the Boston Conservatory. And St. Pete native, Charles Smith, who is currently based out of New York and has worked with names such as The Broods, rapper Briana Perry and has appeared on “Good Morning America.”

“We are a community-driven company and every year we put on a huge production for the dancers to showcase themselves in a very professional light,” said Floyd. “The thing about this production, you can come to see it, you can come to listen to the program and you can see a huge production for the dancers.”

Floyd’s words were met with a resounding response. The production, titled “Honor Our Lives,” was a true celebration of the story of a small business. It began as a local dance group with no capital practicing out of community centers in South St. Pete. Today, the company has grown to a nonprofit dance academy with 80 students and counting. It is a story of talent, dedication, and hard work.

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She also spoke of her mother, who passed from cancer after years of fighting the disease. Girsea Martinez, is a real story of the evolution of artistry to every aspect of her life. As a part of the artistic direction, she was chosen to be the collaborative artist of the production. As the artistic director, she was tasked with developing the vision for the national production. She is an alumnus of the Pinecrest Community Center for Advanced Arts program at Gibbs High School and attended the Boston Conservatory where she received a Bachelor of Fine Arts.

Throughout Floyd’s career, she has worked with big names such as the Alvin Ailey Dance Theater and has received $10,000 in scholarship money. While she shared that her mother was offered the job, seeing her son live his dream meant her mother couldn’t be there.

As storm clouds gathered and thunder echoed through the air, the rally was cut short. But not before Eli offered the crowd a fundamental question in the face of such adversity: “How can we help each other and the people coming and seeking refuge if our own people are oppressed and disenfranchised from their abilities to make a difference in their communities?”

For more information on the Second Chances programming and the academy, visit www.dmsm.org.
Mother knows best!

By Dexter McCreery  
Penner Writer

St. Petersburg - The thought of spending a relaxing summer day attending a four-day work- 
shop during school break was not appealing to Nadya Riley, just think about all the 
things a high school student could be doing during the summer months where no alarms 
are sounding to get out of bed for school, bells ringing to change classes or massive 
amounts of homework.

It’s not every day that you get more than 30 high 
school students to sit in a room for four days, weeks 
each day, during the summer break, But Dr. Michael 
Wynn and his wife did just that! And, of course, the 
parents who took the time to invest in their children’s future had a little some- 
thing to do with it too.

From June 18-21, Nadya attended the Col- 
lege Planning Boot Camp at Gibbs High 
School, which was organized by Dr. Lesa Brinson, 
the Minority Achievement Officer for Pinellas 
County Schools. This objective is to give minority students 
more insight into the college planning process and 
teach them personally about how to select 
and change their success. 

My initial thought about attending the four- 
day workshop was to make sure that I had the 
best plan going forward into senior year,” said 
Nadya, whose mother, Tiara, encouraged her 
to attend because she knew it would 
benefit her daughter.

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Prayer Done the Right Way – Part 4

Praise the Lord saints. We should write out prayers and send them in with our petition. It's a very powerful tool of a mouse TV evangelist. Don't expect them to be more appropriately answered because you exercised faith by sending a gift that was more than what you had in your bank. When you use the prayer requests piled up in front of the man of faith, It is done on purpose for their TV show. You are making sure that your name is in the air. He then offers a general public prayer over the thousands of requests that are presented in front of him. This is how prayer is done to be effective. The motives of an intercessor are very important in spiritual development for our prayers. Are our prayers to be specific and to be for an individual or people?

Twice Jesus said, “If not written, my house shall be called a house of prayer.” God has made it in every home. Don't let their spiritual purport be misunderstood. Our prayers are to God and no other. We do not address unseen spiritual beings and threaten them or fight against them to have God gain control over a certain area or person. If you're speaking to the Devil in the atmosphere you are no longer praying to God. We don't want to become necromancers, praying what I want to be, what I want to happen in my way. It should be God's will and plans we are concerned about. Praying in Jesus name is a warranty to receive anything we ask or say, and we can certainly thank him for that. He doesn't want spoiled little children, but mature heavenly minded people who look at His word and are willing to be conformed to His likeness even if it's uncomfortable. Those who trust Christ in His decisions, He can enter to answer or not.

In the prayer God gives, power, honor, knowledge, or reputation, for our soul is seeking our own kingdom. If we petition God for riches, power, honor, knowledge, or reputation, for our kingdom we need to have him search our hearts to know if our motives are pure. So how do we know how to pray and be on target? Charles F. Spurgeon stated it like this, “Sometime a fog will settle over a ship's deck and yet the landmark clear. Then a sailor gives up ship's pilot and a look that the helmwhatever he cannot do. So, the prayer sends the soul adrift. It is delusional and egotistic and brings no hope and gives us a chance to see which way to go.”

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Men of S.T.E.E.L. Ministries

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W. R. Reynolds wrote: “The sovereignty of God does not override the will. The will, the tears, the cry of his children, but does, in the first instance, express that very want -- those tears and those strong desires. Is it not that man changes God’s purpose, but that man worketh and moveth things in purpose through his own earnest prayer?” John 15:7-10 “If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you shall ask what you will, and it shall be done unto you.”

We need to be walking with the Lord and seeking to do the thing pleasing in his sight and in more than willing to answer our requests. Not that we will ask for something for ourselves but if we are really and truly walking with our prayer we will be a dying to self we wants and lifting up him to his kingdom wants.

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Flowers agreed and shared how along with her church, Greater Mt. Azalea Middle School, believes in the potential of what needs to be done. “I think there is a misconception that because we have struggles in our community that our teachers are not good teachers,” she said. “We have a lot of hard-working, undervalued, underground teachers who are trying to do the best they can under the constraints they are put under.”

Stewart, an adjunct professor at St. Petersburg College, believes in the need for increasing teacher pay sign as a way to retain qualified teachers and make the institution of teaching seem cutting to new hires. Currently, new hires are not to earn above $45,000 the first five years of their teaching. As the rate of increase is minimal each year, roughly $200 extra.

“Lower that’s a burden to get them in,” Stewart pointed out. He also discussed the high rate of increase in teacher health care, which amounts to teachers making less each year as the hike in insurance bypass any step increases teachers were making.

Those who agree and announced teachers are up over 5% increase of more than 5% in the upcoming school year. However, in contrast, the city of St. Petersburg Hillsborough County, veterans teachers currently make nearly $50,000 a year.花这点小事零钱的步骤 to find the district. Flowers hopes to turn around the increase in healthcare that is doubt- cally cutting into the pay of teachers.

Humans want to ac- crease the amount we pay, and we want to make sure that it is not passed along to our students too,” she said, vowing to look into the matter “I'm very con- cerned.”

Money, all candidates agree offering sup- port for increased funding, providing ongoing professional development, and help keep some teachers stay in the classroom.

Another topic discus- sed was the issue of bringing diversity into the classroom. With more than 42 languages in Pinellas County Schools, there is a shortage of African-American educa- tors in comparison to their representation.

“Many students show up in the classroom and don't see anyone who looks like them.”

But Dr. Lilan case- mented in an interview with the key black teachers that are seeking.

“Just because someone is one African American, don't assume that they can only do black teachers,” she said. “A great teacher is a great teacher.”

Monitoring of schools was also dicussed by Men of S.T.E.E.L. Ministries, possibly new educators from teaching schools. These educators are the focus of this article. Flowers.

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money into failing dwelling units, the board of health wanted measurement approval "for staff to be able to come in," May 30, 2017, to the Special Needs Board of Health in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (H UD) for the dis- :sion of mini-bedroom buildings containing 35 apartments. She photographed in his refrigera- ler, who said it is disgrace- building demolition of the Historic Village, which led to her being an individual all-around and team competitor.

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A former patient improved in Suncoast Hospice care

ST. PETERSBURG – It is an honor to meet marvellous beings in our community. They are an inspiration.

At age 94, Love “Aunt Love” Dixon, Peterson is a special lady to celebrate. She lives in the home of her niece, Gwen Dixon, and her husband, Herb Dixon. The family had been together for more than 50 years when Dixon gave birth to her daughter, and Peterson stepped in to help out with care.

Aunt Love quit her job so she could take care of her. “I couldn’t do someth- ing to our sister. She’s a dear lady to care for. She’s completely dependent on me but not bedridden. Everybody knew her. She’s a beautiful lady to celebrate. She enjoys life. She was cooking, unassuming; she enjoys Everybody loves her. She’s a sweetness. She’s a person who cared for Aunt Love quit her job so she could take care of her. She was teaching her and was on love and affection.”

Hospice care focuses on comfort and support for patients and their families. Services may include in- port medical treatment, nursing and personal care, medications, medical sup- plies and equipment, spe- cialized therapies, emotional and spiritual counseling, social work and grief support, assistance with home care, and more.

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The doctor recom- mended Suncoast Hospice, and she was admitted into hospice care. “She was like family. We were going to take you home with Ms. Lovie saying, ‘I’m going to take you home with me.’ She was so sweet. She was like our blood relatives. You can’t buy that kind of care,” said Dixon.

Dixon’s nurse, Angie “Aunt Love,” was very special. She had provided personal care for Suncoast Hospice patients for 13 years.

“She was like our nurse,” Dixon said. “She did everything that was needed to love and affection.”

At age 104, Lovie “Aunt Love” Peterson’s story was in hospice. That’s when I got to know how special she was out of love and affection.

Dixon remains grateful for Suncoast Hospice and hopes others will become aware of its services.

“Hospice is not about trying to save you, it’s about providing care and comfort,” said Dixon. “They did that without inter- vention. There was nothing that we needed that we didn’t get. It was won- derful. I owe hospice so much. I hope it survives forever.”

Suncoast Hospice is here for you. To learn more, visit SuncoastHos- pie.org or call (727) 467-7423.

The Revolution Will Not Be Pathologized!

By Kayla Nembhard, MA, LMHC

Remember. You are magic – literally.

The African pyramids are so much more than an engineering marvel. They are proof that people refuse to believe Aliens could have had any- thing to do with their cre- ation. Theories related to extraterrestrials seem to be the most comfortable nar- ratives for us to believe. The African pyramids are so magical, we construe them to be the work of gods or be- ingly beings. The African pyramids are so magical, we construe them to be the work of gods or be- ingly beings.

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SAINT PETERSBURG – A cardiovascular nurse by day, and writer and poet by night, Robert C. Saunders has four books under his belt, three of them published in the same week.

Although his late father, Victor E. Saunders, was an avid reader and his mother, Gloria, who has also passed away, a keen writer, Robert C. Saunders explained that he dabbled with creative writing while attending Lakewood High School, but had not become passionate about it until he was in his early 30s when his love of reading and the art was a gradual process.

Saunders explained that he pursued his own passion of writing, and the reading public is the beneficiary of his encouragement.

Saunders’ first book, “Nurses Bred for Business: The Awakening of Legions of Nurse Entrepreneurs,” is a roadmap for those in the medical profession to identify their skill sets and how to transmogrify those skills into the world of entrepreneurship.

In the book, he writes, “In choosing to enter one arena can carry over to victory in all areas. So an aspiring leader, what will be your personal competitor’s mission and vision? Will you be compelling enough to pull you out of bed to check in early and keep you up at night?”

He switches gears for his next three books, which were all released in May. Revisiting his inner poet, “Dances in the Theatre of the Mind” is a collection of 25 poems that are broken down into acts such as in a play. He feels that each one of us has played a role in the dance of life. We all have experienced joy, heartbreak, discovery and frustration with hope with wisdom anew – accept and rectify.

Saunders describes himself a as a foodie; so it only seemed natural to combine his love of food and poetry. His first book was published in the same week!

“Food brings back childhood memories,” he said. “It takes me back to my mom cooking in the kitchen on Sunday. Food is connectedness.” Each poem has a recipe to match.

In “Reflections: A poetic treatise on our place in the universe,” Saunders piggybacks on Einstein’s “Theory of Relativity” in pointing out that relating to an orderly and harmonious universe, humanity has much to learn by its disasters and lack of accountability toward the good of all.

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One of the most sacred and magical places on the earth has been woven and taken over by colonialists and their stories, as though there is no consequence for a people towards a culture and history that is so full of detailing of foundation and events that literally paved the way for the civilized world we live in today.

In turn, the rest of the world, have apparently been given the knowledge of the mother continent and more or less the continent of Blackness and the magic, power and freedom that is locked within a childhood wonder, while civilizations have faded for lack of recognizing this blunder.

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bly complicated. The objective should be to elec-
tically piece together a suc-
successful formula that works for you and disregard the loss of hard conditions.

So if you are in need of some inspiration, a new recipe or if you just fancy a
self-penned poem, you can find all four of his books on Amazon.com. You can also email Saunders for a copy of one or more of his book or book him for speaking en-
gagements at Bkman-
707@gmail.com.

About the author

St. Petersburg native, Robert C. Saunders graduated from St. Petersburg Junior College with an assoc-
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Let your heart be troubled no more: believe in God, and believe in me. John 14:1

Let us pray to God and continue our mission of creating a Bible-bred church. St. Mark MBC

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Father Brown installed as the new pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church

BY KARIN DAVIS-THOMSON

ST. PETERSBURG — St. Joseph Catholic Church, located 2101 22nd Ave. S, has always been known to be a welcoming, dynamic and diverse com-

St. Petersburg. He is the new spiritual leader of the 98-year-old congregation.

The 54-year-old pastor said his time in service to God has allowed him to gain wisdom, knowledge and a thick skin.

Bishop Green said he is looking forward to serving the Casler Heights neighborhood where it sits, along with getting to know his parishioners.

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As the associate pastor of St. Joseph’s, Brown is looking forward to the opportunity to continue God’s work.

Brown made his vow to serve as the pastor of St. Joseph’s, Brown said he is looking forward to growing the congregation and meeting community leaders to part-

He was asked by the bishop to be the new spiritual leader of the 98-year-old congregation.

Brown’s call to the min-

On Saturday, June 23, Father Stephan Brown was installed by Bishop Greg-

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something. I didn’t know

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St. Joseph’s can become a

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of the Diocese of St.

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ence in the African-

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