BY CINDY CARTER

ST. PETERSBURG — Each year the Men in the Making’s rite of passage ceremony has gotten larger and larger until it ended up at the historic Coliseum on May 17. More than 50 young men dressed in the ties in tuxedos and wearing huge smiles celebrated an all day long success.

Launched in 2015 by Rev. Robert Irby, senior pastor of Bethel AME Church, Men in the Making (MM) has advanced as a progressive initiative focusing on role models and life skills to increase minority male success from the cradle to college. The program services youths from 8 to 18 with a curriculum that emphasizes academic excellence, social responsibility, emotional stability and cultural safety.

All skills and role models must successfully complete a Florida Department of Law Enforcement background check in order to be Stained and certified as youth advocates and role models. Their mission is to develop relationships that positively impact the young men while helping to build essential skills needed to become productive, contributing residents of Pinellas County.

The mentors are made up of men of faith in the community, including law enforcement officers, pastors, coaches, businessmen, concerned citizens and students who lead by example to fortify the men in the making program.

“The passing of our father is a tremendous loss to our family, our community and to the world,” said daughter Peggy Crawford in a statement released by the family. “Our fa- ther was a compassionate man who had the ability to take any situation. She went on to say that Crawford was always ready to help a fellow human in need and that it is his “purpose and prayer that others will gain the courage to stand for what is right without any compro- mises, and to support the younger generations to their full potential.”

In 1969, Crawford, along with black officers Alton Banks, Re- mond DeLoach, Charles Holland, Lon Jackson, Robert Keys, Finson Miller, James King, Johnnie L. Lewis, Morris Nero, Jerry Styles and Playboy Sanders led a black mark-made charge toward the city for desegregation in the force.

Jackson, 79, is the last surviving member of the Crawford 12, the name given to the 12 black police of- ficers who used to desegregate the St. Petersburg Police Department.

The City of St. Petersburg has declared the service of Mayor Robert C. Durrington. Crawford declared earlier this week during a program with family and friends that Crawford was our leader, the one who came up with the march that carried us to the city and we fully supported him.

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A brief history of slavery in New York

ST. PETERSBURG — Six students from four different high schools in Pinellas County were presented with scholarships at the Gibbs Class of 1968, Inc., Annual Scholarship Program, held March 14 at the Eckart Centre. The program provided financial support for students who may need an opportunity to return courses to acquire an associate degree or to continue their education.

The program is open to students from the class of 1968 who are planning to attend or have attended a high school in the Pinellas area.

Gibbs Class of 1968 presents six scholarships to high school seniors

By JACQUELINE HUBER

President, ASAMD

Most Americans think of slavery as something that took place in the North. In fact, the history of slavery began in Georgia, and it was there that the first enslaved people in this country were taken.

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The Manhattan Casino, part by Gwendolyn Reese

Earlier this month, Gibbs High School held their prom at the historic Manhattan Casino. It was made aware during a tour in 2006 of the building, that the original prom was held there where students could not only dance but socialize, and along 22nd Street, in the heart of the black community. Gibbs High School was known for offering financial aid to students who could not pay their bills. A handout was made available to students who had both medical and dental offices. The facility was known for offering financial aid to students who had both medical and dental offices.

Jordan built his ballroom on 22nd Street, “Be Delicious,” where people of different colors could socialize, and conduct business, without the stigma of racism tainting every interaction or transaction.

According to an article in the Times that dated December 24, 2003, “The Manhattan Casino… was on the original structure of the Jordan Casino’s building permit which was issued January 5, 1955. Below that includes the original structure of the Jordan Casino’s building permit which was issued April 1 of that year.”

Throughout the years, the tenants developed social events in the building and along 22nd Street, including several black-owned businesses which provided food and refreshments. The establishment was known for offering financial aid to students who had both medical and dental offices.

Music at the Manhattan Casino was a mainstay, with names such as Count Basie, Cab Calloway, Erskine Hawkins and Big Joe Turner among those who performed there. The casino was also a hub for gambling and entertainment, with regular shows and performances. In the 1950s, it was a gathering place for the growing black community.

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BY J.A. JONES

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July 4th, every free activities and giveaways will be offered. Click here to register: text 727-744-3387. Veterans included on Father’s Summit 2019. She has worn a variety of hats at Operation PAR. She has been a keynote speaker, one of the prevention services programs funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse being administered by the Prevention Services Division.

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Dear Editor:

There is a serial killer on our community and his name is "Stinger." The latest in the Herald's IBI statistics paint a grim picture for African-American communities in much of the country, with Florida's counties being among the most at risk. Keisha Bell, Esq.

Your faithfully,

A&M University where he plans to attend St. Petersburg College. TyAzjah Shivers is a graduate of The Boca Ciega High School. She has a 4.43 GPA, is a member of the National Honor Society and a varsity cheerleader. She plans to pursue a career in business and politics.

The south side of St. Petersburg and the black community are a hotbed of HIV, and while in line with the national and African-American woman's HIV epidemic, the data from the Federal Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is of extreme importance.
COMMUNITY NEWS

Angelic glow surrounds Mother’s Day luncheon & Fashion Show

BY ALLEN A. BUCHANAN
Staff Writer

ST. PETERSBURG – There’s nothing like a kaleidoscopic fashion show showcasing mothers from the south St. Pete community. The Women’s Ministry of Greater Mt. Zion AME Church pulled out all the stops May 11, just one day prior to celebrating one of the most important persons in our lives—our mothers.

A tapestry of rainbow hues strutted down a makeshift runway as mistress of ceremony Phyllis Dorsey and style commentator Dierdre Downing-Jackson presided over the fashion show. The program included women and children of all ages who appeared in a total of five scenes: Mothers of all ages, women who are survivors, children are our future, wisdom walkers and the finale.

Jawan George, a teenager who survived open heart surgery, read the poem “When God’s at the Helm,” and a banquet of food was served and enjoyed by all.

Human Services. “Don’t waste a chance to learn from someone who is skilled in whatever they do. Don’t waste opportunities.”

Rev. Williams called Julie Weintraub, president of Gold & Diamond Source, on stage to thank her for the generous $10,000 donation she gave to the program. Weintraub said she has watched the program grow in such a short time and feels the impact it has on the community cannot be understated.

Pinellas County Commissioner Kenneth Welch was on hand to give a few words of encouragement. He warned the youth that they would receive mixed messages from their peers, social media or rap music that can derail their success. He stressed that they listen to the words their mentors work so hard to instill.

“You can do anything you want to do in your life,” he said. “Just don’t give up. You are special, you are unique. You are important. You are loved.”

President of St. Petersburg College Dr. Tonjua Williams spoke along the same lines when she told the young men to listen to their parents and not their friends.

“Follow your heart and make the right decisions because following your friends can lead you in the wrong direction,” she said. “There are two types of people in the world, you are either a follower or a leader. Be a good leader. If you’re a follower, find a good leader to follow.”

City Councilwoman Lisa Wheeler-Bowman fought back tears when thanking all of the MIM role models who volunteer their time to help inspire change in the youth.

“Thank you for being a mentor, a friend and father not only to my grandson but to all the kids,” she said.

Dr. Lewis Brinson, minority achievement officer for Pinellas County Schools, rounded out the words of encouragement by telling the youth to value their education and “most of all, avoid the foolishness.”

Program certificates and awards were distributed to each member of the 2019 class, with a few standouts:

- Most Improved Attitude Adjustment: Raymond Lewis
- Academic Excellence ($50 from SPPD): Jeremaine Prew, Jordan Bellamy
- Community Service Award: Marquis McCray
- Hoodie Awards: Jeremaine Eustache
- Youth of the Year: Morris McCray
- MEN, from front page
- The Men in the Making initiative is supported by Cross & Anvil Human Services, St. Petersburg Police Department, Duke Energy, Pinellas County Sheriff’s Department, St. Petersburg College and The Urban Yoga Foundation.

Men In the Making celebrates another year of success
Available positions include
Child care and industrial job fairs June 4 & 6
Freddie Crawford will be laid to rest June 1
The Methodist Town Family may or may not know your given name but universally know your nickname,” he explained, reiterating his mother’s advice: “Have known ‘Ne in all of life.”

Crawford said a police officer who had passed away when necessary, but his legacy would remain as a beacon of humility, patience, fairness and compassion.

He reflected on how Crawford was a model for the community police officer.

“The 12 continued to have meetings throughout the years,” he said in the police department. “The family will gather Friday, May 31 at New Baptist Church in 2012.

Some councils admitted that they never went camping — again. I’m surprised, but that’s not unusual,” said Fulwood, who couldn’t recall it.

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Some were more direct in their disgust, telling the officers, “You black cops are going to take us from acquaintances. The officers were not being treated as first-class citizens in the courtroom.

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