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Author to speak on Soviet Union ST. PETERSBURG - Author Howard Parsons is making three appearances in St. Petersburg this weekend as the guest of the Gulf Coast Association for American-Soviet Friendship. Parsons is chair of the philosophy department at the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut and author of the book *Marxism, Christianity and Human Values*. He will speak on "Christianity Today in the U.S.S.R." (also the title of his latest book) at a noon luncheon today at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 719 Arlington Ave. N, St. Petersburg. He will speak at the church's 10 a.m. service Sunday on "Dialogue on Religion, Marxism and Peace." At 3 p.m. Sunday, he will lead a discussion on "The Meaning of Life" at Amity House, 1246 Alcazar Way S, St. Petersburg. **Straight to have clergy workshop ST. PETERSBURG - Straight Inc. is sponsoring a workshop on "Ministering to the chemically dependent family" from 1 to 9 p.m. Friday at the drug treatment organization's facility at 3001 Gandy Blvd., St. Petersburg. The event, open to clergy of all denominations, will include presentations by Randy Ratliff, director of Straight's Tampa Bay area programs; Rev. Prit Rebane, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, St. Petersburg; Chris Yarnold, Straight counselor; and Steve Knowles, Straight associate director. A complimentary buffet dinner will be followed by an open meeting with staff, teen-age clients and parents of clients of Straight. For reservations and information, call 577-6011 in Pinellas County or 223-4362 in Hillsborough County.** Pinellas blacks, Jews to meet ST. PETERSBURG - Representatives of the black and Jewish communities of Pinellas County will gather at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Faith Memorial Missionary Baptist Church, 1800 18th Ave. S, St. Petersburg, for a forum on the common concerns of their communities. Charles A. Felton, moderator and coordinator for the meeting, said discussion will center on the need for "a more cooperative working relationship" between the two groups on matters affecting their common economic, political and social aspirations. Speakers will include Rev. Brag Turner, Watson Haynes, Abdul Ali and Garnell Jenkins, president of the local NAACP chapter, for the black community; and Rabbi Ira Youdovin, Martin Dyckman, Jane Silverberg and Beverly Mitlin, representing the Jewish community.

Mass celebrates years of marriage ST. PETERSBURG - More than 600 couples married 25, 50 or more years - representing more than 28,000 years of married life - took part Sunday afternoon in celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Jude's Roman Catholic Cathedral in St. Petersburg. Bishop W. Thomas Larkin was celebrant for the occasion, which attracted participants from throughout the 67 parishes of the five-county St. Petersburg Diocese. Included were 82 couples celebrating 25th anniversaries in 1987, 242 marking 50th anniversaries and 281 married more than 50 years. Recognized as the longest married couple was Frank and Martha Dombrowski of New Port Richey, who were married 74 years ago. A reception for the anniversary celebrants and their families followed the worship service.

Salvation Army plans civic banquet ST. PETERSBURG - B. Franklin Skinner of Atlanta, chief executive officer of the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Co. and chairman of the National Salvation Army Advisory Board, will be the principal speaker Monday for the annual civic banquet of the St. Petersburg Salvation Army. The event begins at 7 p.m. at the local Citadel Corps, 3800 Ninth Ave. N, St. Petersburg. The program also will include installation of the new officers of the local corps advisory board: chairman Don Kolb, executive vice president of Sun Bank/ Suncoast; vice chairman Robert Keelean, president of Keelean Buick; treasurer Kristin Delano, local attorney; and secretary Emanuel Stewart, retired school administrator. For dinner tickets at \$12 each, call Ed Freeh at St. Petersburg 323-2222.

Minister to give talks at USF TAMPA - Dr. Samuel D. Procter of New York City, senior minister of the Abyssinian Baptist Church of Harlem and a professor emeritus of Rutgers University, will present a series of lectures Sunday through Tuesday as the 1987 Staley Distinguished Christian Scholar Lecturer for the University Chapel Fellowship at the University of South Florida. He speaks at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at Beulah Baptist Church, 1006 Cypress St., Tampa, on "The Pursuit of a Genuine Community in America," and at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the University Lecture Hall on "The Christian Witness in a Secular Society. He will speak before USF classes at 10 a.m. Monday (SOC 155), 11 a.m. Monday (CPR 126) and 11 a.m. Tuesday (SOC 384). He will be the guest of honor at an informal soul food luncheon from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Tuesday at the University Chapel Fellowship, 12710 N 50th St. (at the eastern end of the campus). For details, call Tampa 988-1185.

Lecture addresses counseling gays CLEARWATER - A free breakfast-lecture for ministers and pastoral counselors on "Understanding Alternate Lifestyles: Homosexuality" is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. March 11, at Horizon Psychiatric Hospital, 11300 U.S. 19 S, Clearwater. The speaker is Donna Flanagan, a registered nurse and program coordinator at the hospital. Advance registration is required by next Friday. Call (Hillsborough) 229-0026, Ext. 207, or (Pinellas) 541-2646, Ext. 207.

Council of Churches names official ORLANDO - Shelburn Wilkes, former Central Florida director for the American Heart Association, has been named director of financial development of the Florida Council of Churches. He will be in charge of a major effort to raise funds for a new Ecumenical Office Center to be located in the Orlando area. Wilkes is a graduate of Phillips University in Enid, Okla., Emory University in Atlanta and Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Ga.

Meeting on Jews in Latin America GAINESVILLE - A four-day conference on "The Jewish Presence in Latin America," highlighted by the opening of a month-long exhibit of memorabilia from the lives of Jews in Cuba from 1910 to 1984, opens Sunday at the University of Florida. The conference coincides with the fourth annual meeting of the Latin American Jewish Studies Association and is cosponsored by the university's Center for Latin American Studies and Center for Jewish Studies. For conference details, call Gainesville 904-392-0186. The exhibit at the university's Grinter Galleries (in the lobby of Grinter Hall) will be open to the public from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday and 1 to 4 p.m. Sundays through March 20. A special feature this Sunday through Friday will be showings at 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m. of a video documentary on Jewish life in Cuba.

Gospel Businessmen to meet MADEIRA BEACH - The New Full Gospel Businessmen's Pinellas Park Chapter will hold a dinner meeting March 7 at the Madeira Beach Brown Derby. A complete prime rib dinner will be served. Cost is \$14.95 and includes tax and gratuities. Reservations are necessary and must be made by Friday by calling 541-4160, 541-4159, 541-6019 or 822-0289. The Brown Derby is at 601 Blackhawk Blvd., Madeira Beach.

Episcopal church invites Catholics TAMPA - St. John's Episcopal Church, 906 S Orleans Ave., Tampa, has responded quickly to the call from local Episcopal and Roman Catholic leaders for more contact and cooperation between churches of the two denominations. Rev. John R. Petersburg, rector at St. John's, said this week that the clergy and congregations of two Catholic churches in Tampa - Sacred Heart and Christ the King - have accepted his invitation to join his congregation at 5 p.m. Sunday for a choral evensong service. The church's Choir of Men and Boys and its Choir of Junior and Senior Girls will sing. The event comes just one month after the bishops of the two Roman Catholic dioceses and one Episcopal diocese serving southwest Florida signed a covenant urging such gatherings between Catholic and Episcopalians.

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Bush referred Contra supporter to North

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WASHINGTON - Vice President George Bush wrote a letter to a pro-Contra leader in search of help and suggested that he meet with Lt. Col. Oliver North at a time when all U.S. aid to the Nicaraguan rebels was banned, Knight-Ridder newspapers reported Saturday.

The letter, obtained by the Miami Herald, helped open doors in the Reagan administration for the Guatemalan Contra supporter, specifically to North's secret aid network of former military and government officials now under investigation in the Iran arms-Contra aid scandal, the copyrighted report said.

It was also reported Saturday that a California environmentalist said Bush exerted improper pressure on a federal agency to give preliminary federal approval for a hydroelectric project near Yosemite National Park.

The developer of the proposed \$5.4-million dam project, which would divert water from Lewis Fork Creek in the Sierra National Forest, is Bill Dyer, whose father is a longtime friend of the Bush family.

But an aide to Bush says the vice president's role amounted to nothing more than routine assistance.

Here are the details on these two reports:

Bush-Contra report

Dr. Mario Castejon, a political leader from Guatemala City, had written to Bush requesting U.S. medical support for the rebels fighting the Marxist-led Sandinista government.

Bush's reply, dated March 3, 1985, said, "Since the projects you propose seem most interesting, I might suggest ... that you consider meeting with Lt. Col. Oliver North of the President's National Security Council staff."

Bush's chief of staff, Craig Fuller, said Bush's act in referring Castejon to North "is a fairly unique example."

Boyden Gray, counsel to the vice president, said the letter did not violate the congressional ban on aid to the Contras. It was "purely ... exclusively humanitarian," he said.

At the time the letter was dated, Congress had banned all U.S. aid for the Contras. That was later amended to allow some humanitarian assistance.

Fuller minimized the significance of the Castejon letter but conceded it indicates Bush was more aware of North's secret projects on behalf of the Contras than Bush has so far publicly acknowledged.

"I'm nodding my head in agreement that I understand how a letter on March 3 signed by the vice president can be seen as suggesting that we've gone to some length to assist this doctor (Castejon)," Fuller told reporters for Knight-Ridder.

Castejon, interviewed at his home, denied any contact with U.S. officials until he was shown a copy of the Bush letter. He then conceded that he had met North, who was fired by President Reagan in November for his role in the shipment of U.S. weapons to Iran and the diversion of profits to the Contras.

Bush's letter, according to former arms dealer Henry Whaley, who introduced Castejon to members of North's network, made it possible to channel Castejon into the "shadow administration pipeline in Washington," he was quoted as saying.

But Whaley said Castejon's medical supply network was not used to ship arms.

Sources said Bush's letter was forwarded by Whaley to a mysterious Virginia company, TGS International. The company is headed by Ted Shackley, a former top CIA official who served as chief of covert operations when Bush headed the CIA in 1976, and was reported to have CIA connections.

Bush's aides and Shackley denied Bush ever had contact with TGS International, but other sources told Knight-Ridder that Bush was seen at TGS headquarters.

Improper pressure?

C. Jerry Bishop, president of the California Save Our Streams Council, an environmental group, asserts that Bush became involved in approval of the hydroelectric project "as a friend of the Dyers, not from his knowledge of hydro development."

"Our main objection is that this is a beautiful scenic area that should not be used for industrial development," Bishop said. "Energy is not needed there, and not to line the pockets of a developer."

His group has appealed a preliminary finding by the U.S. Forest Service that the power project would have no significant impact on the environment. Final approval by the federal Energy Regulatory Commission awaits a Forest Service opinion on the group's appeal.

Bishop's group contends that the power project will damage scenery and harm the 80-foot Corlieu Falls of Lewis Fork, a stopping-off point for travelers on the way to Yosemite.

The group also has asserted that environmental studies by the project developer, Alternative Energy Resources Inc., headed by Dyer and Dale Lucas, were unsatisfactory. The energy concern sells power to the Pacific Gas and Electric Co.

Bush received letters last summer from Bill Dyer and his father, William H. Dyer, about the water project and instructed his staff to look into the matter, said Barbara Lowe, an administrative assistant to Bush. Lowe made at least two telephone calls to the Forest Service, according to records obtained by Bishop under the Freedom of Information Act.

John McArthur, an assistant lands officer for the Forest Service in San Francisco, said Lowe called him July 25, "asking basically why we were holding up that project and wanting to know what the status of that was."

In an interview, Lowe at first said she did not remember making any calls to the Forest Service. Told of a memo that indicated at least two calls, she said she might have made them but that they would have been routine.

She confirmed that she had numerous conversations with Bill Dyer, but said Bush's friendship with William H. Dyer played no role in her inquiries about the project.

Tom Dewitt of the federal Energy Regulatory Commission's office for hydroelectric licensing confirmed that his office received a written "action request" from Bush's office concerning the project. He said his office sent a letter to the Forest Service on Dec. 4, demanding comment by Dec. 16 and stating that failure to file a report by then would result in final action without a Forest Service recommendation.

Asked why the agency threatened to cut the Forest Service out of the review, Dewitt said: "Because of the request of the vice president of the United States. We were asked to provide him with the status of what's going on."

On Dec. 17, the day after the deadline, the Forest Service granted preliminary approval for the project.

In an interview, Bill Dyer rejected Bishop's assertions that he was short-circuiting environmental protections. He said he had invested more than \$300,000 on environmental studies.

Bushes to visit Clearwater

Vice President Bush and his wife, Barbara, are scheduled to visit Clearwater on Tuesday.

The Bushes are to arrive at St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport at 10:10 a.m. and then visit Straight Inc. They will then attend a private fund-raising luncheon at the Belleview Biltmore Hotel before leaving the city by air for Palm Beach.

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Surviving traffic snarls requires creativity Series: News & Views

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For the 20 minutes I sat in I-275 traffic trying to get to Las Fontanas for a luncheon last week, I watched the fellow behind me talking on his car phone. I've complained about telephones in cars before. I think they can be a hazard. But I never wanted a car phone more than I did at that time.

My radio is broken, and I really needed some entertainment. As I wasn't moving, the telephone wouldn't have proved any distraction, and I was envious watching this man laughing and chatting away the minutes.

Without a radio in the car, I've taken to singing a lot lately, so when you see me, please don't think I'm talking to myself.

One of the interesting things I've found in this radio-less interlude is that when you're going across the Howard Frankland Bridge, the clicks in the pavement provide perfect three-quarter time. Waltzes are good here. Otherwise, I range from golden oldies and ballads to country western and hymns, and sometimes college songs and patriotic numbers, you name it.

Anyway, with nothing else to do while stuck on the interstate last week, I started serenading myself. It helped my aggravation until I got to the Clearwater turnoff and realized that, although all three lanes were funneled into one from 54th Avenue to that exit, there wasn't one piece of equipment other than traffic cones and sign holders on those two empty lanes. All of us who were Clearwater-bound could have sailed on through.

Oh, well. I suppose the DOT has its reasons.

Plans for the Easter Parade at The Plaza are coming along beautifully. Peg Nunn and Sylvia Johnson, who've been planning the 1 p.m. event Easter Sunday, have lined up Eva Ison, Rose Posno, Rosemary Hughes, Mary Evertz, Elzora Motley and Judge Karl Grube as judges. Mary Bond will be at the organ, and Mary K. Wilson and husband John Wilson of Channel 10 will sing.

Admission is free; there'll be refreshments, and an Easter parade with categories for adults and children, awards for hats both beautiful and funny, and cash prizes. The Plaza will be decked out in its Easter finery, too, with lilies banked all around. Entry in the Easter parade contest costs \$5, proceeds from which will benefit the Boys Clubs of Pinellas County. For contest registration, call the Boys Club at 546-1032.

Comes a note from a local mother who is angry, and rightly so. Her elementary-school-age daughter was calling a 900 number to get messages ``not fit for any child to hear`` from Penthouse magazine. The mom is upset that these numbers are made available to young children and her daughter didn't have better sense than to listen to them. Also, her daughter thought 900 numbers were free like 800 numbers, so now the mom has no recourse but to pay for the calls. Yes, she has contacted GenTel, AT&T, Penthouse and others, and she wants others to be forewarned.

We believe in giving credit where credit is due, and that as we blame we also should praise. Last Wednesday, we complained about the southeast corner of First Street and First Avenue NE being an eyesore, as well as the south side of First Avenue S between Seventh and Eighth streets. By the next morning, the two areas were cleaned up. Now that's action! I and about 15 callers and letter writers thank you, city.

Betty and Mel Sembler have given 11 years of service to Straight Inc., the family-oriented drug-treatment program for teen-agers. A black-tie dinner at 7:30 p.m. April 25 will honor them at the Straight Treatment Center, 3001 Gandy Blvd. The ``Hollywood style`` evening has a theme of ``Dream Builders,`` and the \$100 tab will be a start for fund-raising efforts for a million-dollar Sembler Scholarship Fund. This fund will be used across the country to help underwrite the

treatment of teen-agers with drug problems.

Like to attend? Please call Debbi Stowell, 822-5832.

Anna Trakas, executive director of SPIFFS (St. Petersburg International Folk Fair Society), extends a welcome. Anyone from an ethnic group not represented at the SPIFFS Folk Fair (and there now are 40 in the organization) is asked to call 327-7999 for information.

Maybe you think local organizations weren't happy to have a downtown ballroom again. The Heart Ball and the Charity Ball already have booked the Hilton for their functions next year!

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Quilting a reminder of another place and time Series: News & Views

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There's something about a group of women sitting and quilting on a sunny morning that takes you back, even though you know not to where. Strains of it was at Aunt Dinah's quilting party, I was seeing Nellie home keep running through your head.

Somehow, hand-sewing comes forth in my mind as the height of domesticity. The bowed head over the piece of cloth and the motions of the needle bring forth visions of Betsy Ross trying to figure out whether those stars would look better here or there. Or pioneer women at a sewing circle, children crawling about at their feet. There is comfort and even a little nostalgia for me in the mere taking up of a hem.

What brought me to these thoughts was a recent visit to a weekly meeting of the Suncoast Quilting Circle. The group meets at the Pasadena Presbyterian Church, and although the art of quilting has had a monumental resurgence, you know that these women would be quilting, trend or no trend. Their quilt squares are as bright as the sunny day, and each one different. Some women were appliqueing fabric onto a square of cloth. Others were "piecing" - putting squares together from patterned pieces of bright material, forming stars, flowers, other pictures and patterns.

As for Marki Hulse, "I'm a scrap-bag quilter." She displays a bright patchwork quilt. "My mother taught me, and I was brought up doing it."

In addition to their own quilting projects, each member makes up a square for a quilt four times a year, and a drawing of names determines who wins it. The spring flowers quilt, all in pastel shades, will be the proud possession of one of the quilters. Another magnificent completed quilt, is made up of 30 large squares, each one with a picture of a house, each done by a different member. Some designs are from pre-existing patterns, others are original. There are simple cottages, landscaped mansions, a church, all done in shades of wine, navy, ivory and light blue. It's the kind of quilt one could never pass by without stopping to re-examine and find something new. Happy winner was Esther Purcell.

There are more benefits to the group. They do for others: An announcement is made that lap robes are needed by a nursing home, and the quilters quickly vote to undertake the project. They learn history: Members recently went to Tallahassee for "Discovery and Documentation Day," presented by Florida Quilt Heritage with the support of the Department of State and the Museum of Florida History. They'll convey the results of their findings to you at their Quilt Heritage Day on Saturday, when you may bring your quilts for documentation to Pasadena Presbyterian Church, 100 Pasadena Ave. N, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

But Mrs. Hulse finds that the friendship of the group is the biggest benefit. "It is one of the greatest joys I've ever known."

A Celebration for Children Seafood Festival is what the Rotary Club of St. Petersburg has in mind for Saturday night, and where more appropriate than the downtown waterfront? The site will be the cruise port terminal on Eighth Avenue SE across from Albert Whitted Municipal Airport, and the time will be 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. For \$50 a person, members and guests will enjoy an open bar, a seafood buffet and entertainment by Crown Productions. Proceeds will go to Straight Inc., the Angelus House and the YMCA. For information, please call 822-3277.

Jacqueline and Dr. Earl Cotman and guests Dr. Frederick Humphries, Florida A&M president, and Leo P. Sam, vice president, will discuss plans for FAMU's Centennial Celebration this fall in St. Petersburg. Talk will be over lunch today, and Anthony Collins, economic development director for the city of St. Petersburg, will join the group. Dr. Humphries also will meet with Florida Progress President Andy Hines while in town.

Florida Orchestra Guild President Joan Loader presented Florida Orchestra Executive Director Marshall Rousseau a "token check" for \$25,000 at last week's reception following the Carlos Montoya concert. The check was a portion of the money made on the Designer Showcase, with "lots more to come."

All Children's Hospital Guild will install Betty Evans as chairman of its board Thursday at Lakewood Country Club. Elva Ikeler, chairman-elect of the St. Petersburg branch of the guild, will be among those on the governing board for the guild's four branches. The group's \$100,000 pledge to the hospital was met in January, but members hope to have half that amount again to present at the luncheon.

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Viking Band shines in contest's silver division Series: Good For You

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The Northeast High School Viking Band recently placed first in the silver division at the Seminole Sound Spectacular held Sept. 26 at Seminole Senior High School. It also received trophies for best woodwind and best brass sections.

Devoria S. Smith recently was selected as a semifinalist in the 1988 National Achievement Scholarship Program for Outstanding Negro Students. Smith is a student at St. Petersburg Senior High School.

Robert and Lilla Ray of St. Petersburg recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with friends. They were married Oct. 1, 1927, and came here 27 years ago from New York, where he had worked in a chemical plant. They are members of the Northwest Presbyterian Church. The couple has two children, nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. They also have been adoptive grandparents for many children.

Harry and Joy Payne of St. Petersburg, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a buffet hosted by their three children. They were married Sept. 25, 1937. The couple moved here in 1984 from Evansville, Ind., where they had eloped to be married. He retired as a communications engineer from the city of Evansville.

Phil and Mary Traynor of Gulfport recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary aboard a cruise through the Panama Canal, a trip to Maynard, Mass., and a buffet lawn party. They were married Aug. 6, 1937, in Syracuse, N.Y. He retired, after serving 44 years as an industrial engineer in the international division of Continental Can Co. in Syracuse. The couple has three children and six grandchildren.

Sunrise, a non-profit community agency serving the retarded, recently recognized staff with service awards. Those honored are William Tipton, Patricia Brooks, Vivian Jones, Jacqueline Johnson, Ruth Boyer, Ellen Fisher, Helena Salen, Smita Rajadhyaksha, Peg Brown, Doris Morgan and Jill Coriale.

Mel Sembler of St. Petersburg recently was selected as a winner of the Third Annual Gold Rule Awards for outstanding volunteer service to the community. The award was given by the JCPenney Co. for his service through Straight Inc.

Lisa Spaulding, daughter of Ralph and Betty Spaulding of St. Petersburg, recently received a Charles A. Dana Fellowship at Furman University in Greenville, S.C. She plans to major in computing-business.

Lisbeth McDermott recently received her doctor of pharmacy degree from the University of Florida. She is the daughter of Joseph and Patricia McDermott of Tierre Verde.

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Abstract (Document Summary)

The Northeast High School Viking Band recently placed first in the silver division at the Seminole Sound Spectacular held Sept. 26 at Seminole Senior High School. It also received trophies for best woodwind and best brass sections.

Robert and Lilla Ray of St. Petersburg recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with friends. They were married Oct. 1, 1927, and came here 27 years ago from New York, where he had worked in a chemical plant. They are

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members of the Northwest Presbyterian Church. The couple has two children, nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. They also have been adoptive grandparents for many children.

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