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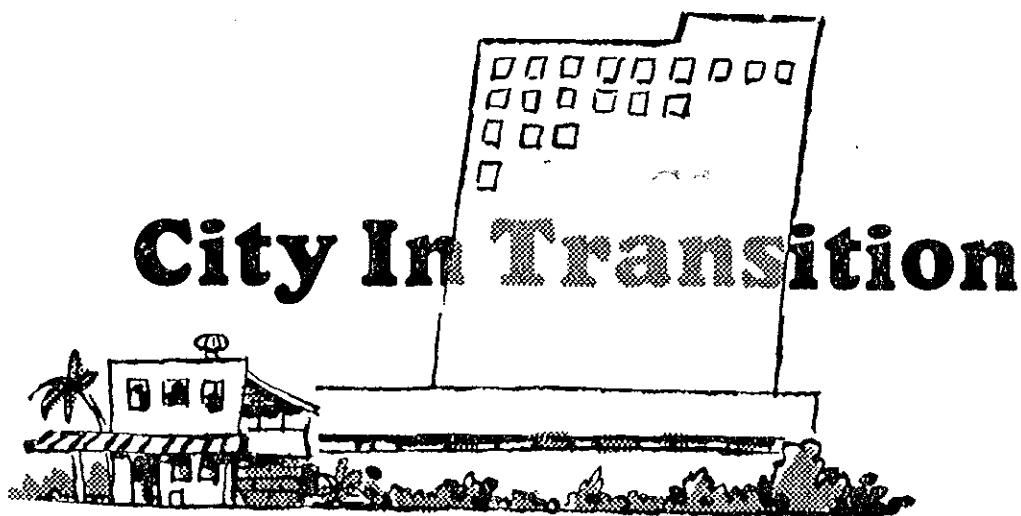
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The Niela M. Eliason *City in Transition* Collection

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Introduction and Provenance

In November 1993, Niela M. Eliason, a free-lance writer and St. Petersburg resident, permitted the Special Collections Department of the Nelson Poynter Memorial Library to copy the contents of two scrapbooks in her possession. The *City in Transition* manuscripts reside in a half-size document box and fall within the provenance of the Special Collections Department's local and regional history collections.

Scope and Contents

Niela Eliason's *City in Transition* series documented the social and cultural history of St. Petersburg, Florida, through the voices of civic leaders and common citizens alike. As stated in the first *City in Transition* column, these essays examined "a changing community--the people, the buildings, the activities, the attitudes and reactions, the progress and deterioration." This collection contains photocopies of her 123 *City in Transition* articles, as well as photographs from the St. Petersburg area. Her writings first appeared in the *St. Petersburg Evening Independent*, and later moved to the *St. Petersburg Times* after the afternoon *Independent* folded in November 1986. All materials fall within the inclusive dates from 1983 to 1988, with the bulk of the material representing the period from 1984 to 1988. This collection includes no access or photocopy restrictions. Niela Eliason has retained copyright privileges on the original photographic prints, which remain in her possession.

Additional Sources of Information

This collection offers a glimpse of St. Petersburg's social, civic, and cultural institutions through the eyes of Niela M. Eliason. Her articles and interviews may serve as a springboard for further research of local and "nearby" history. In addition to the microfilm copies of the *St. Petersburg Times* and the *St. Petersburg Evening Independent*, the researcher may want to consult books in the library's circulating and special collections, as well as the *Oral History of Modern America*, a set of interviews documenting local, regional, and state history. The Department of Special Collections maintains these oral history interviews at the USF St. Petersburg library. Please ask library staff for assistance if you wish to use our oral history collection.

Sample Citations from this Collection

Footnote or endnote citations for 1984 articles (which lack specific titles):

¹ Niela Eliason, "City in Transition," *St. Petersburg Independent*, 3 October 1984, Box 1, Folder 2, "City in Transition" Collection, Department of Special Collections, Nelson Poynter Memorial Library, University of South Florida, St. Petersburg.

Footnote or endnote citations for later articles:

² Niela Eliason, "Library Lost Its Cool at a Bad Time of Year," *St. Petersburg Times*, 30 July 1987, Box 1, Folder 3, "City in Transition" Collection, Department of Special Collections, Nelson Poynter Memorial Library, University of South Florida, St. Petersburg.

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		from the year 1985	25
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		from the year 1987	25
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