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Christmas Gala

ST. PETERSBURG—The Emerald Group of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. cordially invites you to their Christmas Gala, Saturday, Dec. 25th, 1999 from 8pm until at Club Renaissance, 1801 34th St. S. The proceeds will benefit scholarships and local charities. Tickets can be purchased from the above members or by calling 896-2922 or 822-8996 at *The Weekly Challenger's* office. You may also contact Mary Murph at 895-3101.



L to R: Myrtle Williams, Mary Murph, Florzelle Howell, Patrice Moore, Paula Jones & Inez Ford.

One Florida

TALLAHASSEE — On Tuesday, Nov. 9th of this year, Governor Jeb Bush announced his "One Florida Initiative." This is suppose to be "an innovative plan to increase opportunity and diversity, while ending racial preferences and set-asides in state contracting and university admissions..." The Miami Herald wrote, "A welcomed response to (Ward) Connerly's crusade." The St. Pete Times said, "Gov. Jeb Bush deserves credit for his innovative ideas to further diversity while eliminating overt race and gender preferences. The big question is, will he be able to deliver? On Saturday, the 18th of December, several representatives of the black media met with the governor in Tallahassee to ask him point blank if he can deliver. His response was, "I can and I will."



The Governor is seen with some members of the African-American Press attending the meeting.

Residents Say Ford & Griswold Are Trying 'To Hold Us Back'

City Council members Kathleen Ford and Bea Griswold are trying to roll back progressive gains the city has made in race relations, a handful of residents said last week.

During the open forum at the marathon council meeting on Thursday, residents came prepared to blast the council over two issues:

The council's attempt to renege on a promise to honor Omali Yeshitela with a plaque for his bravery in tearing down a racist mural from City Hall, and a recommendation to audit the Police Department and investigate Chief Goliath Davis.

Both matters were quickly put to rest. The council has scheduled a workshop in January to discuss the wording of the plaque and a majority vote rejected an investigation of Davis, the city's first Black police chief who has been catching heat from disgruntled police department



Connie Burton is flanked by Kelly Riley and Penny Hess in the stairwell of City Hall where the mural was removed. The three women addressed the council last week.

insiders and the officers union.

But although the issues were not debated as the public had expected, council members Ford and Griswold were accused of "trying to take away gains from a progressive agenda."

Penny Hess said Ford and Griswold are trying to "hold us back, to go back to the old days."

The two council members do not want to make a hero of Yeshitela, who tore down the racist mural and was convicted and jailed for the act. They also question the actions of police chief Davis and were trying to get their colleagues on the council to vote to have him investigated.

Hess said she is pleased with the work of chief Davis and said she's

"calling on all white people in the city to support the police chief."

Kelly Riley said the council should "support the plaque to rectify what has happened in the past." She added that "there would be no peace without social justice in this city."

Riley likened Central Avenue to a Berlin Wall, saying that everything south of it suffers from

economic depravity. She urged city officials to pay more attention to the black community, a sentiment also echoed by Connie Burton and Stanley Muhammad who addressed the council during the public forum.

On the issue of the police department, Council member Peterman said that Davis is doing a good job. But "remnants of a bygone ear are trying to disrupt his leadership," Peterman said.

Regarding the plaque, Peterman said he insists that Yeshitela be named specifically. The removal of the mural "was a cornerstone event in the civil rights history of the city of St. Petersburg," Peterman said.

To leave off Yeshitela's name would be trying to ignore what happened, Peterman said.



Under the One Florida Initiative, Gov. Jeb Bush reiterated that the state is committed to a fair and equal opportunity to all to compete for State contracts, and that the plan will:

- Implement truth in measurement.
- Reform procurement to encourage the pursuit of diversity.
- Cut the red tape in the certification process.
- Reprioritize the Minority Business Advocacy and Assistance Office.
- Boost the State's anti-discrimination efforts.
- End unconstitutional set-asides and price preferences; and
- Enhance minority business development.

The Governor's Equity in Education Plan is committed to bringing Florida's schools serving low income and minority students in line with those in our more affluent communities.

All students in Florida,



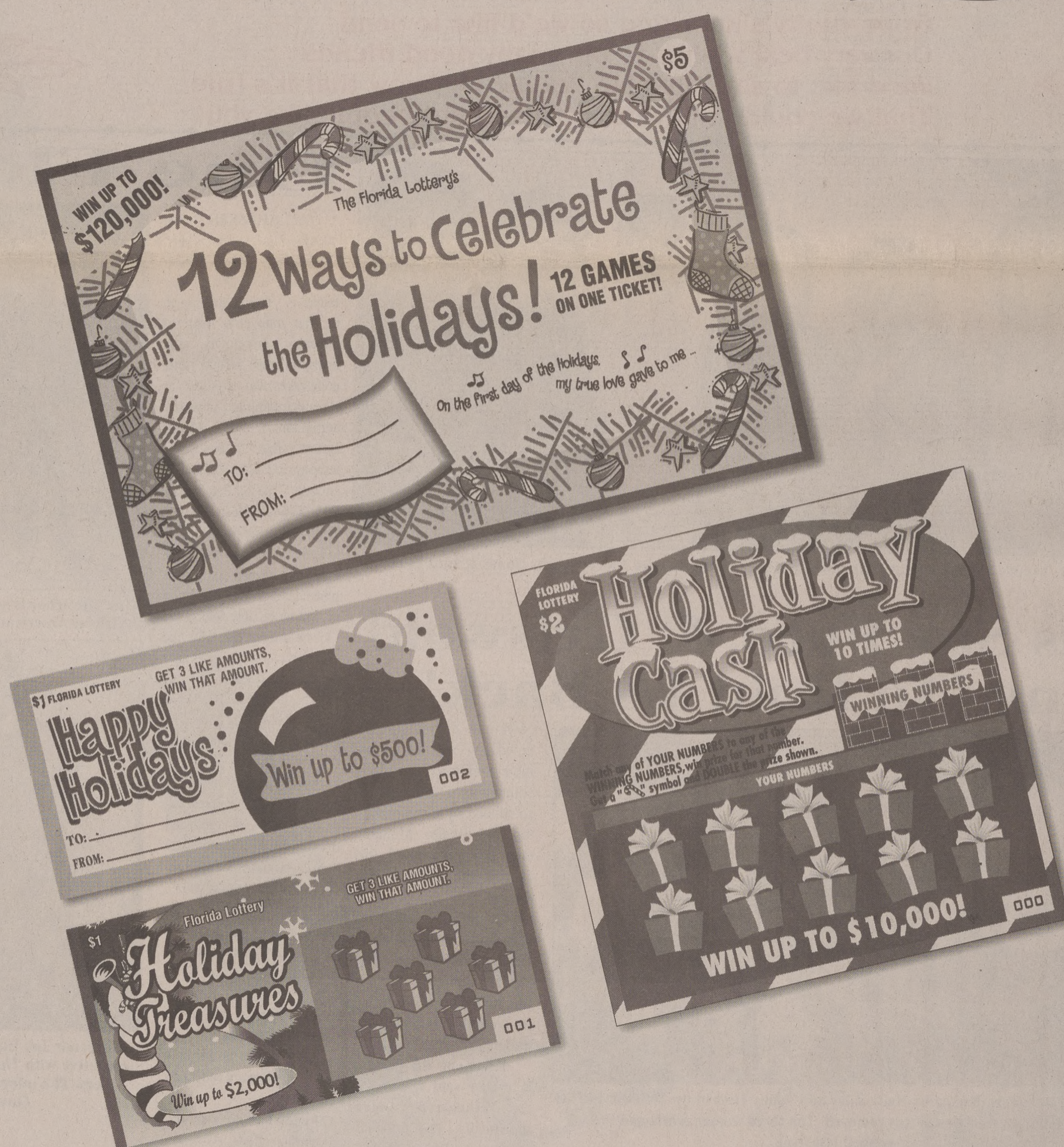
Governor Jeb Bush poses with Bill Blackshear, executive with *The Challenger* group of newspapers. The informal meeting was held in the Governor's mansion.

regardless of their race, ethnicity, gender, economic circumstances or zip code, should have the opportunity to fully develop their educational potential. "Our high schools will graduate more minority students who are ready for college, more minority students who stay in college, and more minority students who leave college prepared for the challenges of life."

With these new initiatives in place, this new millennium will bring about new opportunities, making way for a brighter future for all concerned.

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St. Pete Free Clinic Needs Holiday Help

ST. PETERSBURG - The St. Petersburg Free Clinic, Inc. is in need of the following help for the holidays: Hams, turkeys, grocery gift certificates, non-perishable canned goods and holiday treats for food baskets to give to families in need in the We Help program. New men's socks and underwear (all sizes) for Beacon House, the men's shelter. Roasts and hams, bulk food items, coffee, sugar, cream, fresh fruits and vegetables for evening meals at Beacon House's community kitchen

and Christmas dinner at the Women's Residence. Gifts for teens, men and women are needed and will be appreciated. We are in desperate need of dinner plates, forks, spoons, drinking glasses, napkins, restaurant size cooking utensils, cook pots, serving spoons for Beacon House (our men's shelter) and community kitchen serving anyone in need.

For more information, call Dawna Sarmiento, Director of Volunteers, (727) 821-1200, ext. 118.

RECOLLECTIONS



By
Frances N. Pinckney

Christmas At Century's End

It is drizzling rain and the sky is grey and overcast as I walk around Mirror Lake. It is late evening and all week I have felt the urge to walk around the lake before writing my last column of the year; of the century. Mirror Lake has been the setting for many of my columns over the years and I have been inspired with ideas that made pretty good copy I am told. I find a satisfying serenity here; can feel nature's soothing comfort.

The Sycamore tree is wearing its winter coat in hues of brown and gold and several of the other deciduous trees are wearing cloaks of gold standing out as beacons of autumn among the palms and moss-covered evergreens. Squirrels scamper to and fro and eight fat ducks waddle near a bench where a very thin man is sorting through a plastic bag which appears to hold clothing and other personal things; a

homeless man facing a bleak last Christmas of the century. The plight of the homeless goes on as we approach the Millennium. A recent news story notes that San Francisco celebrates Pet Pride Day and is home to a \$7 million animal shelter where stray cats and dogs live in private condos furnished with wicker furniture and television. I have visited this city in recent years. Homelessness is prevalent there. I bet there are run-down inadequate homeless shelters with 'nary' a luxury item. There is truly something wrong with this picture!

Mama has been the subject of many of my columns. Memories of her overflow as I walk along the beautifully decorated waterfront. We didn't have holiday lights but our house was filled with the light of love and laughter. We were a large family sharing a bond of caring and sharing. Our Christmas tree was decorated with 'kitty steps' that Mama made out of crepe paper and

assorted decorative items by us children. There were fresh branches of holly which we cut from the woods around our house. I tried my hand at the making of kitty steps from gift wrapping paper and placed them on my tree today, and I, who usually leave the baking to Sara Lee, baked syrup tea cakes like Mama used to bake during the holidays. Mama has been my inspiration all my life and her spirit will continue to shed its calming power and add flavor to my life in the new Millennium.

My daughter Carole set up her tree early this year with all white decorations and planned our family outing. "We must go to see a Nutcracker production Ma," she said. "It's a tradition." And so, her mother-in-law Barbara Bolden played fairy godmother and got tickets for us all. Erik, who is a very talented musician, enjoyed this exceptionally talented community ensemble of singers and dancers in the production of The Chocolate Nut-

cracker. Four year-old grandson Dallan wants to go see "The Chocolate Nutcracker" again tomorrow!

My friend Sam read a verse to me by Kahill Gibran: "Sometimes you have not even begun to speak and I am at the end of what you are saying." This defines the close harmony, the conforming feelings and interests we share. And it is with peace and harmony that we celebrate this last Christmas of the century. We hope and pray for a continuance in the new millennium.

A new century awaits. Science and technology have advanced in leaps and bounds. My brother Bobby, an engineer, has great experience and expertise with computers and software. He and my daughter have great plans for this computer misfit. "We will bring you up to the 20th century at least," my daughter teased. But Bobby has a plan for the 21st century. He feels that a Sony Web Television will serve me well in learning to surf the

Internet. "It's user friendly," he promised.

According to a recent issue of Popular Science, Smart Kitchen Appliances that will chat with each other will be available in the near future. Communication will be done through standard electrical wiring. Can't you just hear them using slang: the stove to the refrigerator, "Chill out." Technology is amazing!

As I write, I see a man in Finland on the Sixty Minutes program purchasing a soft drink from a machine with a phone device! Breakthroughs in medicine have been phenomenal in recent years. Thank God that research for the cause and cure of Alzheimer's disease shows great promise. The way we live has been greatly changed by technology. The way we live must include more faith in Godpower and a strong commitment to practice good action and goodwill to all men. God's blessings for a happy and holy Christmas season!



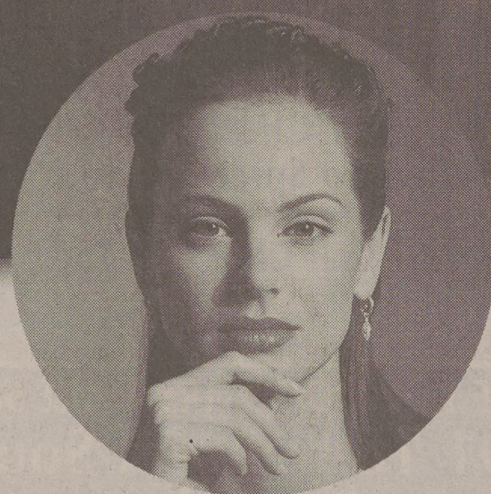
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CBN's Second Annual Christmas Party A Huge Success

ST. PETERSBURG — Since returning to St. Petersburg after ten years in Chicago, Attorney Darryl Rouson has been on the move. He credits all of his good fortune to the grace and mercy of God. Last year this gratitude inspired him to sponsor through his non-profit organization, Community Benefit Network, a Christmas Party for needy children. Over 100 children attended this party. Joining Attorney Rouson was Attorney Shirley Pellarchy of Rouson and Pellarchy Law Offices.

This year, Dec. 19th, 1999, they exceeded expectations when over 200 children and adults were treated to food, games, toys, gift certificates and cash prizes. The Outback Bowl Committee donated two tickets for the first major sporting event of the millennium. Area businesses donated hundreds of giveaways.

The Rev. Louis M. Murphy, Pastor of Mt. Zion Progressive Baptist Church, gave the invocation and stirred the souls of all those who attended

to remember the reason for the season. He congratulated Attorneys Rouson and Pellarchy, and thanked them for their commitment of giving to the community instead of just taking from the community.

A host of volunteers pulled together by the hard working Director of Community Benefit Network, Mr. Eric L. Green, were on hand to do everything from being Santa Claus, to distributing food, toys and giveaways. Mr. Green secured sponsorships from major corporations including Coca-Cola.

Community Benefit Network (CBN) invites you to tune in each Sunday afternoon from 1:30-2pm on WRXB 1590 AM Radio to the "Power Half Hour" live radio broadcast show. Each week CBN features people, issues and events of concern to the Tampa Bay Area. Rev. Dexter McCree is the guest speaker for Sunday, Dec. 26th, 1999. He will speak on issues pertaining to Boy Scouts of America. Tune in!



AMERICA

Who Will Be Miss Fashionetta?

ST. PETERSBURG — Many young girls dream of the day when they can wear a crown - not just any crown, but a Miss Fashionetta crown. On Saturday, Feb. 12th, 2000, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. will make one lucky girl's dream come true.

The Zeta Upsilon Omega Chapter has chosen the theme: "Black Women, Past & Present: Bridging the Gap to the Future" to present five very elegant, intelligent and talented young ladies currently vying for the title of "Miss Fashionetta." These young ladies are junior and senior high school students who have set and achieved high goals for themselves and abide by an unblemished moral and social code.

During the next several weeks, you will be introduced to these young women in *The Weekly Challenger*. See if you can guess who will wear the crown.

It's Midnight 2000—Do You Know Where America's Teenagers Are?

ATLANTA — For three days prior to, and culminating with New Year's Eve, as many as 100,000 teens from across the U.S. will gather in seven major venues - not for a rock concert, not for a revenge-fest, and not to reject the world they've inherited - but for one of the largest millennium celebrations of the year, YouthLink 2000 (YL2K), Dec. 29th-31st.

YouthLink 2000, sponsored by agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC), plans to link via satellite, stadiums and arenas in seven American cities (Anaheim, Atlanta, Denver, Houston, Philadelphia, St. Louis, and Tampa), plus Jerusalem, for this unique millennium celebration for teens and college students. The event purpose is to prepare and encourage this generation of youth to live their faith in the new millennium.

At a time when hope for teenagers has seemed to vanish, this will shine a positive and overdue spotlight on the great potential among American teens. YL2K organizers believe students will remem-

ber this historic moment more for the presence of God, than for a millennium change.

Highlights for YL2K include each night of the YL2K event a satellite link to the Holy Land which will feature interactive broadcasts with American teens in Jerusalem, and youth author/evangelist Jay Strack. Special guest musicians for YL2K include Audio

Adrenaline, Jaci Velasquez, Smalltown Poets, Rebecca St. James, Third Day, Out of Eden, Big Tent Revival, Caedmon's Call, and many more. Guest speakers include Josh McDowell, Louie Giglio, Buster Soaries, Miss America '99 Nicole Johnson, NBA star A.C. Green, and Jon Brennan from MTV's Real World.

For those who would like

to attend a portion of YL2K, day passes may be purchased at a reduced rate. Reservations are still available for the entire YouthLink 2000 celebration. For more information, or to register for YouthLink 2000, call 1-888-YOUTHCLK or visit the website at www.youthlink2000.org.

Looking For A Few Good Men And Women

ST. PETERSBURG — The Elks Sunshine City Lodge #255 and Sunshine Temple #168 are looking for a few good men and women. If you would like to belong to a national organization that was founded on Christian principles, one that believes in charity, justice, brotherly/sisterly love and fidelity, please give us a call: T.C. Stockton, 327-1533; Mattie Adams, 327-6286; Mae Butler, 895-4327; William Wimberly, 823-4949; or any member of the Lodge.



Networking Opportunities Available For Senior Organizations

TAMPA — Florida professionals from agencies and organizations that work with senior citizens can increase their networking opportunities by joining Volunteer Outreach Interagency Communications for the Elderly (VOICE). This coalition of health, human services, and senior advocacy groups meets quarterly to establish contacts and learn about other organizations.

The goal of VOICE is to facilitate communication among agencies so that groups can use knowledge and contacts to improve service to

Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries. By understanding what services are available throughout the state of Florida, members can help beneficiaries and customers more efficiently.

VOICE is sponsored by Florida Medical Quality Assurance, Inc., the Florida Medicare Peer Review Organization, and First Coast Service Options Medicare Beneficiary Education and Outreach. There is no cost to join. If you are interested, call 1-800-844-9795, ext. 3312 for a free information packet.

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Y2K PREPAREDNESS

Are you ready for the year 2000 (Y2K)? In Florida, there are no problems expected for the year 2000.

But, be prepared for the turn of the century just as you would for a storm or a long weekend.

- Keep all important documents safe and secure
- Get some extra cash out of your bank accounts
- Make sure you and your family have all needed medicines (prescription and over-the-counter)
- Gas up your car
- Have an ample supply of drinking water
- Make sure you have all necessary items for your infants and pets



Florida state and local officials have worked hard to make sure everything goes smoothly. Just in case, you need to be prepared so everything goes smoothly for you and your family.

**Team Florida
2000
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KIDS CORNER

by Khana A. Riley



Dear Readers:
I missed writing to you for the past two weeks, but I had semester final tests that kept me very busy, however, I'm glad that it's over so that I could get back in time to wish you a Merry Christmas!

My Christmas celebration started last Friday when the Precious Jewels went to South Heritage Nursing Home to sing Christmas carols and bring some joy of the holiday season to many elderly people. After the caroling, we had a great party and exchanged gifts.

Then, Saturday, there was our Urban League field trip and practice at my church (St. Mark) for our Christmas Musical called "Sending Out Love." Because we did so well

with our Christmas program last Sunday, Sis. Coney and the youth workers gave us a party at Lynn Lake Clubhouse on Monday. After our party, our church went to South Heritage and Bay Point Nursing Homes to sing Christmas carols.

I've been spending a lot of time wrapping Christmas gifts for my family. But I know that Christmas is about Jesus' birthday.

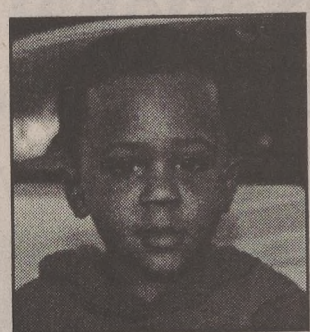
My great grandfather, Alexander Bess, Sr., was born on Christmas Day, and I wish Grandpa Bess a Happy Birthday and all of you, a Merry Christmas!

Please write me and tell me about your holidays. Peace Out!

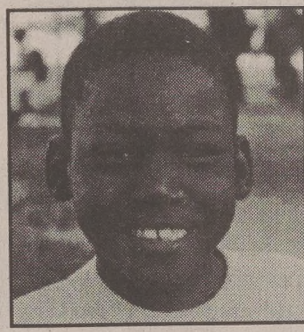
WHO NEEDS E-MAIL AND THE NORTH POLE WHEN WE HAVE

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DEAR SANTA: *All we want for the holidays is...*



James Battle, Age 2
...my Mommy to buy me some Teletubbies



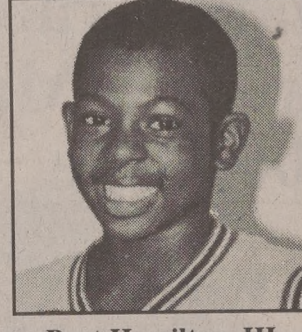
Guy Roquemore, Age 7
...to get my Mother the car of her dreams and sports equipment for me. I'll share, you'll see



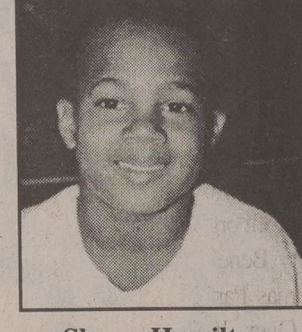
Rashad Hamilton, Age 5
...as you can see, my two front teeth, and a lot of toys for Ms. Seay and Ms. 'P'



Fantasia Campbell, Age 6
...lots and lots of dolls, so I can play house with my friends



Bart Hamilton, Age 13
...help me to keep good grades, good behavior and a bright smile. An art studio and tools will help my young career



Shaun Hamilton, Age 10
...to give gifts to everyone that I love with the money I saved. Most of all, God bless everyone in the whole world



Talia Carpenter
...to have a happy and holy Christmas, thanking Jesus for making it possible



Della Sanchez, Age 8
...my own computer



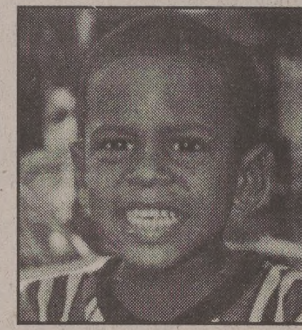
Jasmine Collier, Age 12
...clothes, shoes and money



Dionne Simone Sanchez, Age 5
...for Santa to hurry and come



Courtney Roquemore, Age 8
...a big shiny bike and a computer



Joshua Battle, Age 4
...about 15 trucks this year. I'll be better next year, I promise



In The Spirit Of Giving

The Weekly Challenger Is Extending Our Best Wishes To You & Yours For A Holiday Filled With Love.

The Holidays Are Coming

Does the mere thought of the upcoming holidays set your teeth on edge?

"You don't have to resign yourself to being overcommitted and overstressed...and then overreacting by overeating!" said Doris Schafer, a representative of TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly). "Try these Hints."

1. Be assertive and ask for help. Many people eat too much when they're feeling overwhelmed, so don't be afraid to ask someone else to help clean up after a holiday meal or to pick up the kids from practice when you can't make it, or to serve you a beverage that fits into your healthy eating plan.

2. Try new, lighter versions of traditional recipes. You'll enjoy the pleasant associations these foods provide without the consequences of extra fat or sugar.

3. For a refreshing change, take the focus off food. Pay more attention to people, decorations, music and all the delightful sights, sounds and smells of the season.

With support from friends in a local TOPS chapter, you can learn to enjoy holidays without that dreaded weight gain.

To learn more about TOPS and to locate the chapter nearest you, call Doris Schafer at 727-581-7424 or toll-free at 1-800-932-8677.

First Night Needs Volunteers Now!

ST. PETERSBURG - First Night St. Petersburg, to be held Friday, Dec. 31st in downtown St. Petersburg, needs 300 volunteers. Two shifts are available. Volunteers receive a t-shirt and free button.

For more information, please call the Volunteer Action Center at 727-550-4045.

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Omega Continues Social Action Projects

ST. PETERSBURG - The St. Petersburg Chapter of Omega Psi Fraternity joined in partnership with several area businesses and organizations to support and provide needed gifts and items to CASA (Center Against Spouse Abuse). The fraternity has as one of its mandated programs, Social Action, where it will support many community projects and organizations in the city and surrounding areas.

Omega wishes to thank the following people for their outstanding support: Jim Yale, Eckerd Drugs 9th St. N., Benehye Griffin of Perfect Start Academy, Missey and Janet Meling, and Wal-Mart, Pinellas Park. The event was chaired by Brothers Lance Paul and Bernard Kendrick. John Wooten, Chapter Basileus.

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WOMAN'S WORLD

Iyanla Vanzant Graces The Cover Of Essence Magazine's January 2000 Issue



NEW YORK - Happy New Year! ESSENCE starts the new millennium with motivational speaker and author Iyanla Vanzant on the cover. In her cover story, Vanzant shares with us how she turned her life around and tells how we can, too. For our healthy-living special edition, we tell the real deal about popular nutritional supplements; we also meet three women who share their journeys to wellness through the help of alternative-medicine practitioners, and a workout and dietary plan to boost energy and promote healthy living habits. The first issue of the new year will include:

- Iyanla's Gift:** Personal development expert Iyanla Vanzant talks about the millennium and how and why she's restructuring her own life, as well as offering her own thoughts on the challenges we all face (page 78).

- Beauty by the Book:** ESSENCE Books proudly presents The ESSENCE Total Makeover: Body, Beauty, Spirit which offers the real deal on caring for African-Americans' hair, skin, body, health and emotional and spiritual well-being (page 17).
- Sister, Heal Thyself:** Listen in as three readers share how, with the help of alternative-medicine practitioners, they were each able to take control of their different health - high blood pressure, breast cancer and fibroids - problems to heal themselves (page 82).
- Dose of Reality:** The Truth About 'Natural' Remedies: ESSENCE has compiled research and experts' comments on some of the best-selling natural remedies, including a few that are particularly popular in black communities (page 94).
- Boost!** Tired of being tired? Energize with our holistic exercise and eating plan, as celebrity trainer Kacy Duke motivates us to start a new workout regimen (page 36).

- Age-Defying Sisters:** When it comes to feeling fit, looking fabulous and living life to the fullest, these six women, ages 54 to 86, have all the right moves. Meet these lovely ladies who share their secrets to longevity and looking great (page 98).
- The Roots of Wellness:** Writer Patricia Smith sojourns into the remote regions of West Africa - and into her own soul. Learn what Smith found out about herself (page 86).
- I've Got Your Back!** What would we do without our girls? - we mean those women in our lives who empower, enrich and embrace us. Here some well-known celebrity sisters tell exactly why they've got their girls' back, no matter what (page 62).

State Labor Secretary Receives Award

TALLAHASSEE - Florida Department of Labor and Employment Security Secretary Mary B. Hooks is the recipient of one of the first Women and Power Awards presented by the Woman's Business Journal. Candidates for the award are selected on the basis of their respect for knowledge and their abilities to effect significant business or social change and create economic opportunities. Secretary Hooks was named to represent the Women's Chamber of Commerce of Palm Beach County. She received the award in ceremonies held recently in Davie.

Said Secretary Hooks, "It is both an honor and a privilege for me to be recognized with this award. My parents taught me that the greatest power comes from within and surfaces when it is used to benefit others. I hope that I have succeeded in making a real difference in the lives of others."

Secretary Hooks owned M.B. Hooks & Associates, a Palm Beach County insurance brokerage, which specialized in life, group health, disability and annuities. She is a past president of the Palm Beach Association of Life Underwriters and, in 1992, was presented with their Public Service Award for outstanding community service.

She has been able to use this public/private experience to good advantage on behalf of Florida's workers and employers.

Her leadership skills have prompted national and international appointments. Governor Bush nominated Secretary



Mary Hooks

Hooks to the Council of 100, and she has been involved as a member of the training team for the Institute for Public Leadership, a program that trains women in the United States and the Caribbean to play a leadership role in politics and community service.

Secretary Hooks is married to Lee A. Hooks, an educator and chairperson of the Fine Arts Department of the John F. Kennedy Middle Magnet School in Riviera Beach.

Deltas To Celebrate Kwanzaa

CLEARWATER - Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Clearwater Alumnae Chapter, and community friends will sponsor our annual Kwanzaa celebration on Tuesday, Dec. 28th, 1999. This event will be held at the Martin Luther King Center, 1201 Martin Luther King

Drive, Clearwater, from 6-8:30pm. The community is invited to join us for this wonderful occasion.

For further information, please contact Luvetta Williams, President at 734-8025 or Terri Hanley at 535-2353.



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ST. PETERSBURG - Couture 2000 will showcase fashions by Lillie Rubin at a spectacular 21st century show. Fashions through the ages into the millennium will be presented by St. Anthony's Hospital Auxiliary, Inc., to be held on Wednesday, Jan. 12th, 2000 at

the Renaissance Vinoy Resort Sunset Ballroom, Snell Isle.

Social hour commences at 11am, with luncheon following at 12noon. Fashion show will start promptly at 1pm.

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TAMPA - Come join the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. Tampa Bay Chapter and meet the millennium in grand style on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31st at the Tampa Airport Hilton Westshore, 2225 N. Lois Ave.

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year in style. Please join us at 12:30am for a Candle Light After Party with a scrumptious breakfast buffet in the famous Hemmingway's Restaurant. For tickets and general information, please call: (813) 626-8332.

FKQ Announces New Addition

CLEARWATER - FKQ Advertising and Marketing has hired Melissa L. Duckro as Executive Assistant. Prior to joining FKQ, Ms. Duckro served as Assistant Finance Manager for Scarritt Lincoln Mercury. Her responsibilities included scheduling renewal appointments, verifying insurance and securing credit reports. Melissa then worked for Piccadilly Promotions as Office Manager and Show Coordinator where she managed the logistical demands of antique shows. With FKQ, she will be responsible for providing direct support to the agency's Executive Committee as well as the Account Service team; coordinating client meetings and agency events; maintaining the agendas,



Melissa Duckro

schedules and client relations. Ms. Duckro graduated from the University of Florida in 1992 and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration.



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UPPER PINELLAS HEADLINES



by
Marilyn Buckner

A Momentous Dedication-For A Woman Of Substance

The Cherry Harris Park Dedication and Unveiling ceremony was held last Saturday, to honor and pay homage to one of Clearwater's most dedicated human, civil and political rights activist, the late Cherry Harris.

A tireless volunteer, she "worked" to better the North Greenwood neighborhood; challenged the community to get involved in neighborhood improvement programs; beautify streets and combat crime. Cherry organized a neighborhood task force that brought residents and city officials together, and prior to her death two years ago, compiled the largest voter registration record in Pinellas, by one individual.

Festivities, entertainment and memories were shared by all 300+ community residents, city, county, and state dignitaries in the beautifully renovated park, to honor her memory.

Among those on hand to reflect on the life of Cherry Harris included Mayor Brian Aungst, City Manager Mike Roberto, Assistant City Manager Bill Home, City Commissioners Hooper and Johnson, state Senator Jack Latvala, BPI

member Susan Latvala, Circuit Judge and long-time friend, Walt Logan, county commissioner Calvin Harris, State NAACP President Leon Russell, neighbor and long-time friends, Willa and Ernest Carson, Dorothy Pierson, Rev. Walter Campbell and Sherman, friends and admirers.

The \$500k renovated park was officially opened with a ribbon-cutting and monument unveiling by city officials and Harris' great-grandniece, Zenetta Robinson, which read:

'Cherry Harris worked tirelessly to better her North Greenwood neighborhood. She encouraged residents and city officials to work together toward common goals, and she challenged the community to get involved in neighborhood improvement programs that would create new jobs, spruce up the streets and tackle crime. She was a woman who loved helping people of all ages and races. The youth of Clearwater held a special place in her heart because she knew they were the hope and future of our tomorrow. Cherry Harris touched many lives, and if you were one so fortunate, then you have been truly

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blessed.'
I know I was. She was indeed a woman of substance who asked that we just touch one life on life's journey. Cherry touched lives all over this country, but mostly, her charity started at home, or in this case, her community.
Cherry, you are still sorely missed!

Cherry Harris

1911-September, 1997

Cherry Harris was born in her North Greenwood neighborhood. She dedicated her life to work together toward common goals, to get involved in neighborhood improvement programs, spruce up the streets and tackle crime. She was a woman who loved helping people of all ages and races. The youth of Clearwater held a special place in her heart because she knew they were the hope and future of our tomorrow. Cherry Harris touched many lives, and if you were one so fortunate, then you have been truly blessed.



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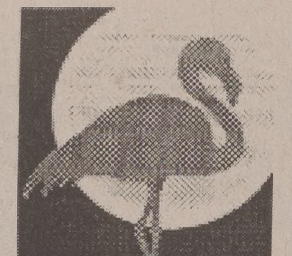
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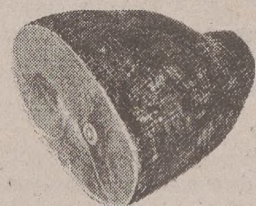


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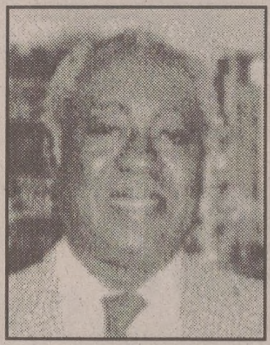
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Ocala News

by James Thorpe



MLK COMMITTEE TO HOLD MEETING

The MLK Commemorative Committee will hold its meeting at the Ocala Police Department on Wednesday, Dec. 29th at 1pm. The committee is working and planning for the celebration which includes:

Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, Jan. 15th, 8:30am at Howard Middle School; Ecumenical Service, Sunday, Jan. 16th, Ft. King Presbyterian Church; and the Main Event consisting of a parade starting in downtown Ocala, Monday, Jan. 17th, 2000.

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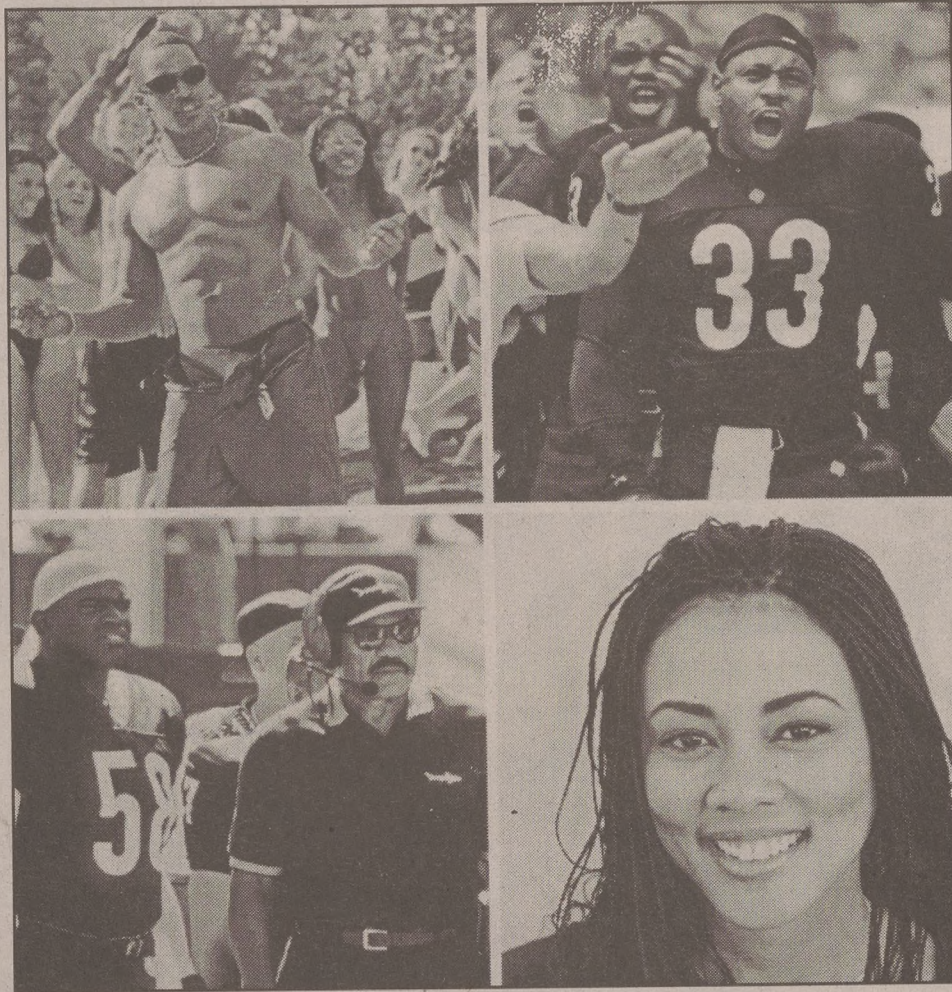
ents? Contact Tina Greene, 401-3920. If you wish to be a vendor in the park, the deadline is Dec. 31st, 1999. For further vendor information, contact James Thorpe at 629-2948.

1999 KWANZAA CELEBRATION

Greater Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church will present its 1999 Kwanzaa Celebration on Sunday, Dec. 26th, 4pm in the sanctuary. A feast will follow immediately afterwards in the fellowship hall.

Bring your entire family. Bring a friend or some friends and celebrate our rich heritage! Harambee!

Star-Studded Movie "Any Given Sunday" Premiered Dec. 22nd —



L-R (top): Jamie Foxx, LL Cool J;
L-R (bottom): Lawrence Taylor and Jim Brown, Lela Rochon

SANTA BARBARA, CA — Warner Bros.' 'Any Given Sunday' is Academy Award-winning filmmaker Oliver Stone's look at contemporary society through the dynamic prism of professional sports. The film opens nationwide Dec. 22nd.

Although professional football provides the action-packed backdrop of 'Any Given Sunday,' the film takes a simultaneously epic and intimate look at a cross-section of contemporary Americans,

including the modern-day gladiators of the gridiron, their coaches and often-beleaguered families, the moneyed team owners and corporations attempting to control the game as big business, the hungry sports media, and the hangers-on trying to get a taste of the glamour.

This star-studded film features the talents of Al Pacino as head coach, Cameron Diaz as co-owner of the team, Dennis Quaid, Jamie Foxx, LL Cool J, Jim Brown, and Lawrence

Taylor as team members, James Woods as the team orthopedist and Matthew Modine as team internist. In addition to these stars of the big screen, you will also see Ann-Margret, Aaron Eckhart, John C. McGinley, Bill Belamy, Lauren Holly, Lela Rochon, Elizabeth Berkley, Andrew Bryniarski, James Karen, Gianni Russo, Clifton Davis, and a cameo by Charlton Heston.

Keeping Kids Safe On The Internet

WASHINGTON — How safe are our children when they are surfing the Internet? There is no denying the incredible educational advantages the Internet offers and how essential mastering it is to future success in the professional world, but there are also dangers waiting for the innocent and unsuspecting. For the many computerless African-American households on the wrong side of the "digital divide," it is more important for these parents to impress upon their children these dangers since they'll be learning outside the home.

In addition to inappropriate Internet content being within a child's reach, there's also the danger of who may be trying to reach out to them. The news

is full of stories about sexual predators using online "chat rooms" to arrange real life meetings with unsuspecting kids. And there are always scam artists trying to make a quick buck.

Parents need to take a proactive role in their child's exploration on the Internet. Rules are fine, but they need parental enforcement to make them work. When parents are not around, a child's wandering can go unchecked and unchallenged. It's the duty of parents to make sure they know what their children are logging onto and why some places are off-limits.

We cannot deny our children the Internet. It has a great deal of resources specifically designed to help the develop-

ment of black children. It would be a shame for them to miss out on the opportunity to use them.

One cannot function in the modern workplace without computer training. It is our duty to our children to make sure they get that training. Together, we can close the digital divide. But we also must honor our commitment to keep them safe. We need to hold their hands as they take their first steps into the digital world, and shouldn't hesitate to use the tools out there designed to help us protect our own.

We need to stay informed when it comes to cyberspace, so let's stay on top of it!

ACLU To Distribute 50,000 Racial Profiling Resource Kits At Black College Super Bowl

NEW YORK — Escalating its attack on racial profiling, the American Civil Liberties Union distributed 50,000 "Driving While Black or Brown" kits to attendees of the McDonald's Heritage Bowl (also known as the "Black College Super Bowl") in Atlanta last weekend. The kits provided attendees of the four-

day festivities (Dec. 15th-18th) with the tools they needed to help end the practice of racial profiling by law enforcement agencies.

The ACLU resource kits distributed at the event included a sample letter to members of Congress urging support for a bill that addresses the problem of racial profiling, stickers

with the phone number of the ACLU's toll free hotline (1-877-6-PROFILE) for reporting race-based traffic stops, a wallet-sized copy of the ACLU's "bust card" explaining what to do if stopped by the police, and information on the progress of national, state and local efforts to address the problem of racial profiling.



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North Central Florida

NEU Beginnings Has A New Beginning



OCALA — Neu Beginning Total Salon has a new location. The beauty salon's new home is in Pine Plaza on Pine

Avenue, across from the police station. So, for the best 'do' in town, be sure to come on over

to Neu Beginning, where it'll be the start of something new and exciting for your hair!

Chestnuts Could Be A Low-Fat Alternative For Holiday Snacking

GAINESVILLE — Chestnuts roasting in a...micro-wave? Just doesn't have the same ring to it, does it?

Yet a two-minute zap of 12 pierced chestnuts on a paper plate will cook up the hard-shell beauties just as well as the traditional "open fire" method. And better yet, a University of Florida food and nutrition specialist says chestnuts could be a tasty and low-fat treat during

the holiday season.

Chestnuts are a lot different from other nuts that we eat around the holidays such as pecans and almonds in that they are low in fat. Where a handful of cashews, or other nuts might have 12 or 15 grams of fat, a handful of chestnuts -- about three large chestnuts -- is going to have about 1 gram of fat.

The uses for chestnuts are

limited only by the cook's imagination. You can eat them straight out of the proverbial "open fire" or in the traditional chestnut turkey stuffing. There are even recipes for sweet snacks such as candied chestnuts, the directions for which can be found at The Farm Store Web site <<http://www.ssquare.com/thefarmstore/html/recipes.htm>> along with other chestnut recipes.

Ocala Civic Theatre Announces Open Auditions For "Educating Rita"

OCALA — Ocala Civic Theatre will hold auditions for its Second Stage production of *Educating Rita* on Monday, Jan. 17th and Tuesday, Jan. 18th, 7pm at the Theatre, 4337 East Silver Springs Boulevard.

Educating Rita is the story of a London hairdresser from the "wrong side of the tracks," who decides to attend the Open University, a British institution whose mission is to make higher education accessible to all people, regardless of their educational qualifications. Rita arrives at her first class to discover that her tutor, Frank, is an alcoholic who is only teaching Open University courses to subsidize his drinking problem. Undaunted, she insists that Frank teach her all there is to know about English literature. In doing so, she teaches him a few things, forcing him to rethink his own paradigms.

Roles are available for one male and one female. Frank is in his early 50s, a well-educated professor of English literature at a London university. He is also an alcoholic who made an unsuccessful attempt at publishing his poetry. He lives with a former female student, but is obviously unhappy with the relationship.

Rita, 26, is a brash, earthy hairdresser who yearns to discover her true potential. She is married to a working-class, Liverpoolian who wants her to stay home and be a good wife, have babies, and let him drink his beer.

The audition will consist of cold readings of selected scenes from the play.

Copies of the script are available for perusal at the Theatre during regular box office hours, Monday through Friday, 10am-5:30pm. The script can also be checked out overnight with a deposit.

For additional information about the audition, call the Theatre at (352) 236-2274.

CITY OF GAINESVILLE

RECREATION MANAGER REQUISITION #G068-00-02-22

The City of Gainesville is seeking a creative, visionary professional to lead and manage the Recreation Division of the Recreation and Parks Department. The successful candidate will be a high energy, innovative self-starter with strong people and communication skills. This management professional will demonstrate fiscal and revenue management skills. The applicant should have knowledge of marketing, program trends, team building, and partnerships. This position is part of a team and reports to the Recreation and Parks Director.

The current division includes the athletics, centers/playgrounds, and aquatic sections with program emphasis in sports, instructional programs, youth and senior adult. The City is seeking to diversify recreation programming.

This position directs a diverse workforce of 30 regular and temporary positions with a seasonal staff of an additional 110 people. The operating budget is \$1,404,403.

Selection criteria will include a four-year college or university degree in recreation, physical education, leisure studies or related field, and five years supervisory experience in organized recreation programs. CLP required or ability to obtain within one year of employment. Valid driver's license required.

Salary: \$39,187 - \$58,931. CLOSING DATE: JANUARY 16, 2000. Please call (352) 334-5077 for an application packet or send your resume to: City of Gainesville, Human Resources Department, P. O. Box 490, Gainesville, FL 32602, or e-mail your resume to jobs@ci.gainesville.fl.us. Please indicate the position you are applying for, the requisition number, and your social security number. Failure to include your SS# will cause the resume or application to be rejected. TESTING WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE.

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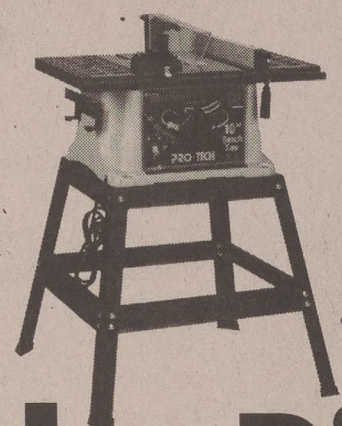
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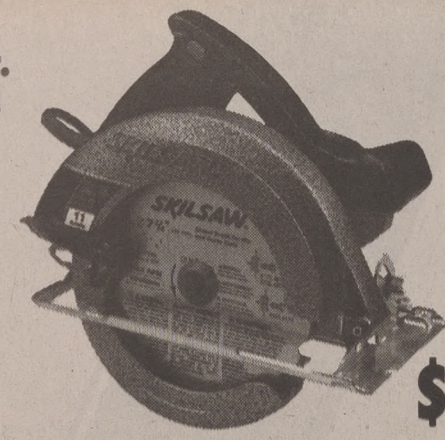
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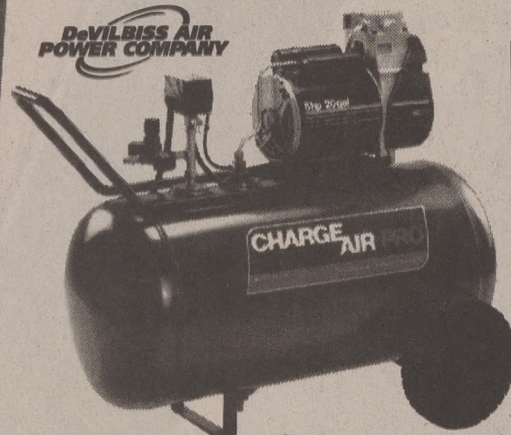
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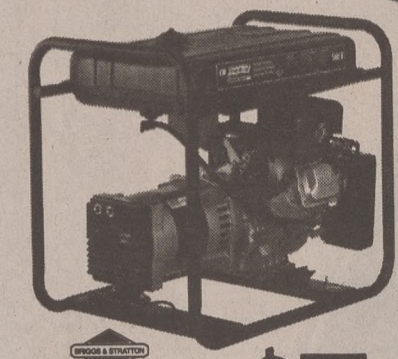


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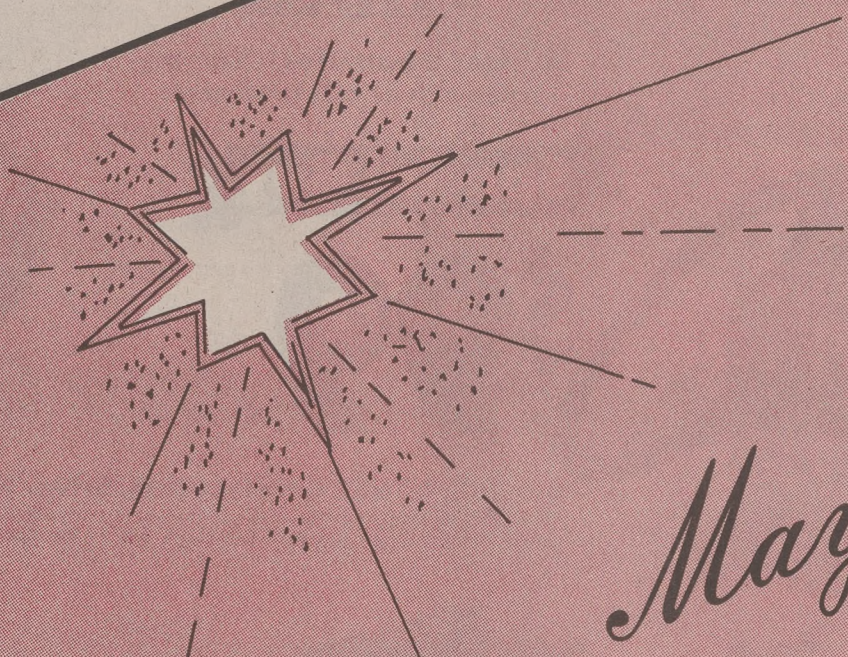
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21st CCLC Awards Presentation

TAMPA—The 21st CCLC of the Hillsborough County School District, Adult and Community Education, held its Awards Presentation on Wednesday, Dec. 8th, from 6-7:30pm.

Keynote speaker, Debbie Cohen of Success Coaching Institute, provided words of encouragement and wisdom to all those in attendance, particularly the students involved in this most unique and rewarding institution of learning.

Awards were presented for Most Innovative Project, Most Profitable Project, Enterprise Student of the Year, Most Academically Improved Student, Highest Grade Point Average, and Top Sales Person. Leadership and Turn Around Awards were also presented, as well as Certificates of Participation.

Those in attendance included: James and Linda Padgett, Minister Frank and Carolyn Watson, Terry Hall, MS ED, Barbara Duran and Principal Charles Dixon (of Middleton), Melissa Gonzalez, Richmond Wilson, Andrew County, Franterria Barkley, Britt West, Watts Sanderson, Jr., Rhonne and Juanita Sanderson, Raymond Johnson, Myrtle Walker, Jasmin Bryant, Morris Daniels, Marquis Charles, Demontario Williams, Pierre McIntyre, Carl Martin, and Roosevelt Woodson.

Everyone enjoyed and swayed to the rhythmic moves of Steppers from Young Middle School, who gave rousing entertainment for the occasion, as well as music provided by Orange Grove Middle School.

The 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) is proud of its students' many accomplishments and look forward to furthering the educational pursuits of those yet to follow.



Ignite Your Life In The New Millennium With RCW's New Programs

ST. PETERSBURG—The Enoch Davis Center is ringing in the new year by offering a variety of personal and professional enrichment courses sure to be of benefit to everyone:

The Personal Enrichment course (Tuesdays, 6-8pm) can provide self-awareness of one's strengths, weaknesses, desires, and the knowledge to acquire the traits of personality and appearance that lead to success in life.

The Parenting Education course, STEP (Systematic Training for Effective Parenting), (Wednesdays, 6-8pm), provides a practical approach

to raising children. When you study and apply the ideas, you will "graduate" as a more effective parent. The skills you learn can serve as guidelines in building a happy home.

The Career Development (Mondays and Thursdays, 10am-12noon) and Job Club (Thursdays, 5:30-7:30pm) courses, in essence are "how to" courses to enhance your chances for success in the job market by teaching you how to project an image that potential employers will like so that their response to your application for employment will be: "You're hired."

Personal and career counseling is also available. Call The Enoch Davis Center at 893-7134 or 586-1110.

Weekly Parenting Support Groups will be held in partnership with The National Council of Negro Women, 1835 Ninth Ave. S. from 4-6pm.



Future Mayors—Apply Now!

ST. PETERSBURG—High school students in private, public or home schools in Pinellas County have the opportunity to become Mayor for the Day and travel to Tallahassee with local elected officials for Pinellas Legislative Day! Over 15 municipalities and the county will select a youth Mayor/Commissioner to experience first-hand the local government political process. Organized by the

Pinellas County Millennium Celebration Government Committee, the contest encourages students to research the roles of local government and learn how to improve their community through public service.

"The responsibilities of local government in Pinellas County and how I can make a difference in the new millennium" is the essay topic and must be typed or computer-

printed, double-spaced, 500 words or less, and submitted no later than Friday, January 28th, along with the completed application.

For application, check your high school office, call (727) 552-2000 or visit our website at www.pinellas2000.com.

Christmas Dinner

ST. PETERSBURG—The St. Petersburg Free Clinic's Community Kitchen, at the Beacon House, will be serving a delicious Christmas Dinner. For the past 6 years, Pat Neal, her friends and relatives, have bought, prepared, and served this delicious home cooked meal. This year, the Vet Center Program is helping to sponsor this dinner as well as gifts

through donations from the Non-Commissioned Officers' Association. The meal will be served between 4-6pm on Saturday, Christmas Day, for adults, families, and anyone in need of a hot meal. The Beacon House is located at 2151 Central Ave. For more information, please call Dawna Sarmiento at 821-1200.



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CHURCH NEWS



Breakthrough Ministries



Evangelist Angela D. Redden

We are expecting to see you tonight (Thursday) at 7:30pm for our Dynamic "Word Explosion!"

Have a joyous and prosperous holiday. Remember, Jesus is the reason for the season. Don't take Christ out of Christmas. Be sure and tune in on Christmas Day at 11am to "The Light" WTBL 1470 AM Radio and listen to Breakthrough's broadcast.

Sunday night is a night you don't want to miss. Evangelist Angela D. Redden will be ministering powerfully in the 7:30pm service. She's anointed and called by God. She has traveled the country preaching, singing and ministering in the Word of Knowledge and Gifts of the Spirit. She is a product of St. Petersburg. Come expecting the Lord to move in a dynamic way! She will be ministering live on Sunday, 4:30-5pm, with Pastor Glenn on WTAN 1340 AM, so tune in.

There will be a Special "Word Explosion" on Tuesday, Dec. 28th at 7:30pm.

Get ready for our "Millennium Celebration 2000" service, Dec. 31st, 1999 at 8pm. It's going to be a Holy Ghost Blowout! Please send, bring or fax your prayer requests. We will lay them on the altar as Pastor Glenn preaches and ministers. We're looking for praise reports. The Breakthrough C.C. Mass Choir will be singing that night. Following the service at 1am, the wedding ceremony of Minister Anthony Smith and Sis. Phillis Jackson will convene.

Watch for details coming up about our "Covenant Revival 2000." We are looking for you at Breakthrough, 1940 49th St. S., (727) 321-4986/888-447-PRAY (7729) or fax us at (727) 321-3937. Check out our new info in our ad. Come as you are - no dress code!

Faith Memorial Missionary Baptist Church

1800 - 18th Avenue S., St. Petersburg, FL
Reg. Bragg L. Turner, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Membership Training 5 p.m.
Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Tuesday 7 p.m.

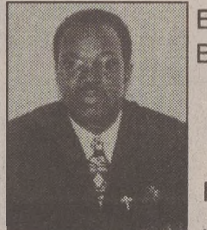


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Greater St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church

532 33rd Street S. • St. Petersburg, FL

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Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.



Rev. Clyde Williams

Evening Worship ... 6 p.m.
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Tuesday Night
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Bible Holiness Church of God in Christ

419 - 5th Street S., St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Phone: 898-3838

The members would like to invite you and your family to worship with us. Our services are:
Tuesday Morning Prayer 9:00am
Weds.-Family Worship 7:00pm
Sunday School 10:00am
Sunday Morning Worship 11:15am
Sunday Evening Worship 7:00pm

Pastor: Elder B.O. Walker



Prayer Tower Church Of God In Christ

1135 37th Street South, St. Pete, FL

Elder Clarence Welch, Pastor
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Service 11:30 a.m.
YPMW 5:30 p.m. Sunday
Church Service 6:30 p.m. Sunday
Night Services 7:30 p.m.



First Baptist Institutional Ring In The New Millennium In The Spirit Millennium Watch Night

The joint congregational fellowship of Peaceful Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Friendship Missionary Baptist Church and the First Baptist Institutional Church will be hosted at First Baptist Institutional Church, located at 3144 Third Ave. S., St. Petersburg, on Friday, Dec. 31st, 1999 at 8pm.

This fellowship continues to be an anointed and spirit-filled year-end worship experience. The choirs of the congregations will offer inspirational and uplifting musical selections and fervent prayers and praise will be led by the deacons and other officers of the participating churches. At 8pm, the W. G. Thompson Gospel Choir will begin the service with anointed singing.

This will be followed by worship services led by Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church and Friendship Missionary Baptist Church with sermons by Dr. Joseph Gordon and the Reverend John Evans. The crowd-pleasing feature of the night will present Dr. Frank G. Jackson and his unmatched presentation of the old-fashioned watch call as the old year ticks down. The final prayer of the year will be ushered out and the new year will be rung in, led by Dr. Wayne G. Thompson.

Please come out and join these congregations as praise, prayers and preaching are offered to the glory of God.

Easy access parking is available to all who come to be a part of this millennium celebration.

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St. Petersburg, FL 33712

(727) 821-5444

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Sunday Morn 11:45

Monday Prayer 6:00

Tuesday Bible Study 7:30

Friday Service 7:30



Pastor Tony B. Young, Sr.

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10:30 AM.....PRAISE & WORSHIP SERVICES.....SUNDAY
9:00 AM.....CHURCH SCHOOL.....SUNDAY
5:00 PM.....FELLOWSHIP & DINNER.....TUESDAY
7:00 PM.....BIBLE STUDY.....TUESDAY
6:00 PM.....PRAYER SERVICES.....TUESDAY
7:30 PM.....MASS CHOIR REHEARSAL.....THURSDAY

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Macedonia Freewill Baptist Church

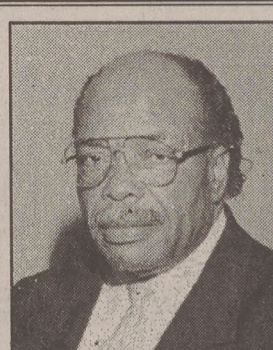
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Rev. John Copeland, Pastor

Morning Worship 8:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Mid-Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting and Bible Class Wed. 7:00 p.m.

Communion is observed quarterly the first Sunday after every 5th Sunday.

For transportation to the church, call 327-8196 or 327-2391.

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3144 THIRD AVENUE SOUTH

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PHONE: 323-7518

REV. WAYNE G. THOMPSON, PASTOR

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:30 A.M.

MORNING WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

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Mt. Zion Progressive Missionary Baptist Church

955 - 20th Street South

St. Petersburg, FL 33712

Phone: 894-4311

Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service: 8:00 a.m. • 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, Prayer Meeting: 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Bible Study: 8:00-9:00 p.m. (Adult and Youth)

Also offering free lunch, day care, after school care, private school.



Pastor Louis M. Murphy, Sr.

Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist

Pastor Joseph Gordon and the Pleasant Grove Church family invite you to their services this 4th Sunday in December (the 26th) during both 8 and 11am services. At 8am, the sermon will be delivered by Rev. Ira Whitson. At 11am, the sermon will be delivered by Rev. Parker. Music will be provided by the Male Chorus directed and accompanied by Minister of Music Michael Melvin. The Stewardess Board and the Usher Board will serve. Christmas Service sponsored by the Baptist Fellowship Conference will be held Christmas morning, 7am, at the Gethsemane M.B. Church. New Year's Eve services will be held at First Baptist Institutional Church. Pastor Gordon is asking the Combine Choirs to rehearse on Thursday, Dec. 30th for this service. (See church ad for all other special services.)

Don't forget the Grand Canyon 2000. Please contact Sis. Kay Curry at 864-2937 after 7pm for details. Installments are being accepted now. Have a blessed Christmas and New Year!

Moore's Chapel African Methodist Episcopal

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Bryant, 894-6067; Bro. Robert Golden, 867-0156; or Bro. Anthony Macon, 328-0022 on or before 9pm Saturday.

Church School will begin at 9:30am with Supt. Mose Phillip Bell in charge. Everyone is invited to attend. For transportation, please contact the Transportation Ministry.

Services/Meetings:
Noon Day Prayer Service, Wednesday, 12noon.

Bible Study/Prayer Service, Wednesday, 7pm.

W.M.S. Meeting, Wednesday after the 1st Sunday, 6pm.

Drill Team Practice, 1st and 3rd Saturday, 11am.

Youth Choir (ages 5-12) Rehearsal, Tuesdays, 5:30pm. Inspirational Dance Group Rehearsal, Mondays, 6pm.

African Freedom Singers Rehearsal, Tuesdays, 7pm and Saturdays, 10am.

Inspirational Choir Rehearsal, Thursdays before the 1st and 2nd Sundays.

Mass Choir Rehearsal, Tuesdays before the 1st and 2nd Sundays.

Male Chorus Rehearsal, Thursdays before the 3rd and 4th Sundays.

YPD Meeting, 3rd Sunday, 4:30pm.



Silent Night, Holy Night

Let us give you our thanks at this special time of year.

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Morning Worship.....10:00 A. M.

Thursday Bible Study.....7:00 P.M.

Saturday Morning Prayer...7:00 A.M.

Rev. Constance D. Samuels, Pastor



St. John Missionary Baptist Church

1500 N. Pennsylvania Avenue

Clearwater, Florida 33516

Church Phone: 443-1945 Parsonage: 446-6056

Rev. Fleming Tarver, Pastor

Sunday Services

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Baptist Training Union 5:00 p.m.

Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

Weekly Services

Bible Class Monday, 7:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting & Bible Study, Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

The church where everybody is somebody and Christ is all.

New Faith Free Methodist Church

2427 Irving Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL

Phone: 824-2814, Pastor • 323-1290, Church

THEME: Looking Upward, Searching Inward, Striving Onward

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES

Sunday School 9:30 AM

Morning Worship 11:00 AM

Youth Bible Study WED. 6:30 PM

Adult Bible Study & Prayer Service WED. 7:00 PM

Rev. Curtiss L. Long, Pastor



Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church

912 - 3rd Avenue North • Phone: 822-2089

Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Prayer Service/Bible Study Tues. 7:00 p.m.

Junior Church Fellowship Thurs. 6:00 p.m.

Tutoring Mon. & Thurs. 5:30-6:30 p.m.

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Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. • All Male Bible Study Weds. 6:30 p.m.

Prayer Meeting Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

Bible Study Monday 6:00 p.m.

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CHURCH NEWS

Mt. Zion A.M.E. Emancipation Service



Join us for our Emancipation Service scheduled to be held on Sunday, January 2nd, 2000 at 11am. This year, we will join the Greater Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church where Rev. Clarence Williams is pastor and will be the speaker for the occasion.

Rev. Clarence Williams is native of Central Florida. He was born in Bartow, Florida in eastern Polk County. He attended Polk County schools where he graduated in 1976. He attended Knoxville College in Knoxville, Tenn.,

majoring in Professional Biology. He entered into the ministry in 1984 and has served as pastor of several churches in the 11th Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church for the past 13 years. In August of 1999, he was appointed as Pastor of the Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church in St. Petersburg. He is married to Andrea Williams, and has one daughter, Dominique.

Greater Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church is located at 919 20th St. S., St. Petersburg.

THE FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER STAYS TOGETHER

Christ Gospel Church

2512 22nd Ave. S.
St. Pete, FL 33712
327-0997
Rev. P.D.H. Leonard
Pastor



SUNDAY
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.
TUESDAY
Bible Study 7:30 p.m.
FRIDAY
Evangelical Service 7:30 p.m.
PRAYER TIMES
Tuesdays, Fridays & Sundays - half an hour before service.
Mondays & Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.
Friday nights at midnight.
RADIO BROADCAST
Sundays 7:45 a.m.
If you would like to come to church and do not have a way, call 327-0997.
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ELIM Seventh-Day Adventist Church

801 - 6th Avenue S., St. Petersburg, FL 33712
(813) 894-5246 / 823-1619

SATURDAYS
Sabbath School: 9 am
Morning Worship: 11 am
Youth Hour: 1 Hour Before Sunset

WEDNESDAY
Prayer Meeting: 7:30 PM
LEWIS W. EDWARDS
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Pastor-Counselor



ELIM Junior Academy & Day Care Center

20th Street Church Of Christ

820 20th Street South
St. Pete, FL
Home: 896-8006.



Sunday Morning Bible Class 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Ladies Bible Class Monday 7:00 p.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Monday Evening Bible Class 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Bible Class 7:00 p.m.

Elim Seventh Day Adventist Church

Merry Christmas to you and your family! Pastor Edwards and the Elim Seventh Day Adventist Church invite you to worship with us on Christmas Day starting at 9am. Our Sabbath School lesson is entitled "The Heavenly Family." The memory text is "For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ." (Philippians 3:20) Worship service starts at 11am. Every Sabbath is special and this Sabbath is doubly special because Christmas is on this Sabbath in 1999. Let's remember that Jesus is the reason for the season. Please come join us this Sabbath. Our church is located at 801 6th

Ave. S. in St. Petersburg. For questions, information or transportation, please call 894-5246.

AYS is every Sabbath one and one-half hour before sunset. Please come support the youth of tomorrow as they praise God in song, drama, puppet shows, etc.

If you have kids and would like them to be involved with a club that teaches Christian values, please have them join the Adventurers or the Pathfinders club. For more information, please contact our church at 822-0034.

Elim Junior Academy - training the hands, the head, and the heart. All kids grades kindergarten through eighth grade are welcome.



PEACE ON EARTH
At this special time of year, we extend our heartfelt thanks to the wonderful people of this community.

All Nations Church of God By Faith

3000 - 4th Avenue S. • St. Petersburg, FL
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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Night Worship 7 p.m.
Tuesday Bible Class 8 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 8 p.m.
Friday Tarry Service 8 p.m.
Saturday Sabbath School 11 a.m.
Rev. Johnnie Lee Williams, Pastor

PEACEFUL ZION M.B. CHURCH

2051 - 9th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33712
Rev. F.G. Jackson, Pastor
(813) 822-2455
Church School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
B.T.U. 5:00 p.m.
Evening Worship 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday Evening Bible Class 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday Youth Rehearsal 5:30 p.m.
Thursday Prayer & Church School Study 7:30 p.m.
1st & 2nd Saturdays SR Choir Rehearsal 11:00 a.m.

The Church Where Christ Is The HEAD

10th Street Church Of God

207 - 10th Street North, St. Petersburg, FL
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting/
Bible Study 7:15 p.m.
Evening Worship (1st & 3rd Sunday) 6:00 p.m.
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2830 - 22nd Avenue South • St. Petersburg, Florida 33712
(813) 327-8560

9:00 AM Prayer Time
9:30 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Worship
12:30 PM After Service Fellowship
Wednesday 6:30 PM Prayer Meeting and Bible Study

You are invited to share spiritual nurturing, preaching of the Gospel and a Christian community for everyone



Dr. Frederick D. Terry

New Philadelphia Community Church

The Reverend Don A. Gaskin, Pastor
2335 - 22nd Avenue South
P. O. Box 15935 • St. Petersburg, FL 33733
Wisdom School 9:50 AM • Morning Worship 10:30 AM
Bible Study Fellowship 6:30 PM (Wed.)

Deacon Ministry Deacon Edward Nesbitt
Finance Ministry James Robinson
Children & Youth Ministry Joyce Robinson
Clerk Ministry Wyonna McGee
"A Church With Passion For God and Compassion For People"

Good Samaritan Baptist Fellowship

Meeting at Covenant Presbyterian Church
4201 6th Street South, St. Petersburg, Florida
Sunday Worship Service: 8:45 A.M. Wednesday Bible Study: 7:30 P.M.
• Wholistic Ministry (Physical, Mental, and Emotional)
• Bible Based Fellowship Considering the Biblical Commands in Light of Contemporary Problems
• Promoting the Self-Worth and Equality of All Persons
• Non-Sexist Participation • Youth Ministry
NATHANIEL W. TINDALL, II, PASTOR

New Philadelphia Community Church

Worship for Sunday after Christmas will also be final mid-morning service in this century and millennium. Church family is urged to be present. Speaker will be Vikki Gaskin-Butler. Minister Butler, husband Malcolm, and son Malcolm Lee, are visiting family and friends during this holiday season. Vikki has completed first semester studies at Candler School of Theology, Emory University in Decatur, Georgia.

The church's ministry of Deliverance is now operative full-time. Members will be informed more of how this vital ministry can aid them as they engage daily in warfare of the spirit. The Pastoral Ministry will join Deliverance Ministry in a program of "in-reaching." These ministries will visit by appointment each member's residence. Subject of discussion will be developing a theological strategy for

spiritual warfare ensuing as church moves forward in building God's Christian Family Center. William Thompson is chairminister of Deliverance Ministry.

Kwanzaa observance will commence on Sunday and last through culmination during Watch Night assembly and Communion Sunday worship. James and Barbara Bolden will coordinate these activities. Family and friends are invited to take part in these services.

Shepherd Men Celebrate 10th Anniversary

ST. PETERSBURG--The Shepherd Men Basketball Ministry will celebrate its 10th Anniversary by sponsoring a

Pre-Season Musical Concert Saturday, Jan. 8th, 2000 at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 3300 31st St. S. We have invited several choirs

from in and around our city to participate in this great historic event. The public is invited to attend. Admission is free.



Wishing you a wonderful season.

Emmanuel Christian Fellowship Inc.

1948 49th St. S. • St. Pete, FL 33707
Church: 327-8072

Pastor: Elder. Franklin Evans
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
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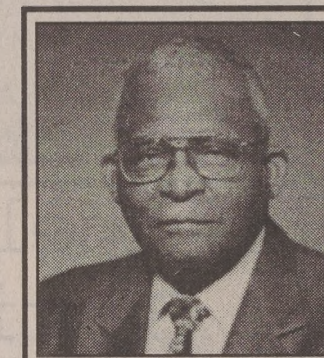
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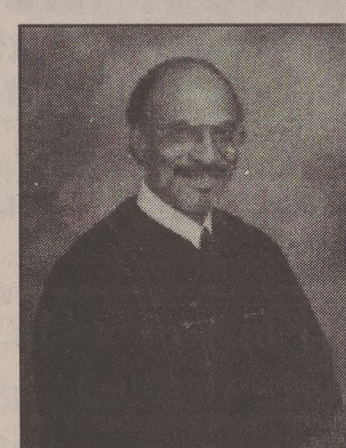


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2183 - 22nd Avenue South
St. Petersburg, FL 33712
Church Phone: 822-4869
Residence: 824-6021

Mid-Morning Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Prayer/Praise Service (Wednesday) 7:00 p.m.

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1301 - 37th Street South, St. Petersburg, FL

Schedule of Services
Church School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Baptist Training Union 5 p.m.
Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting
Thursday 7 p.m.



Rev. Brian K. Brown

"One week from church makes one weak."



CHURCH NEWS



St. Mark A.M.E. Church

"Soaring higher for Christ Jesus" (Isaiah 40:31)

You are cordially invited to join in worship with us at any or all of our services:

• Sunday, Church School at 9:45am; Worship Service at 11am.

• Tuesday, Operation "BIG EAR", 6-7pm.

Spiritual counseling, in the form of Prayer Meeting & Bible Study is available on Wednesday from 7pm until.

Weekly Activities:

Thursday, Tutoring for K

thru 5th grades, 6:30-7:30pm.

Friday, Great Book

Review for Youth, 7pm.

Each 2nd and 4th Satur-

day, Young Men's Bible Study,

"Teen Word" 9-10am.

For more information

about our church activities,

please contact our Pastor, Rev.

Keturah D. Pittman at, 867-

2400, Rev. Bernard Smith at

896-0367 or Minister of

Youth, Rev. Kenny Irby, 865-

9005.

St. Mark A.M.E. Church is

located at 2232 62nd Ave. S.

Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

Pastor John A. Evans and the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church family welcome you to our worship services Sunday, Dec. 26th and the forthcoming week. At 8am, the Youth Ministry will lead in devotion, prayer and praise service. The Youth Choir and Youth Ushers will serve, and Pastor Evans will preach the unadulterated word of God. Church School is held at 9:30am. A second service is held at 10:45am, opening with the Minister of Music and the Praise Team.

The Second Annual Christmas Fellowship and Recognition Dinner was

enjoyed by all in attendance. Thanks to Sis. Brenda Jackson, the committee and everyone who helped make this an occasion to remember.

Weekly Events:

Friday, Dec. 31st, Watch Night Services will be held at First Baptist Institutional Church, 3144 Third Ave. S., Wayne Thompson, Pastor. The services begin at 8:30pm. Friendship is on program, so everyone need to get there early.

Wednesday, Jan. 5th, Noon Day Bible Study; 12noon-2pm, Bread of Life Ministry serving lunch to all needy in the community.

Galilee Missionary Baptist Church

You are welcome to attend Watch Night services at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church on New Year's Eve beginning at 9pm on Dec. 31st, 1999. Churches participating will be the Reverend Steve Thomas and St. John Missionary Baptist Church as well as Reverend Robert Ward and the Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church. The first

service will be conducted by St. John, last year's host church. The last service for 1999 will be conducted by Mt. Moriah, and the first sermon for the new millennium will be preached by Reverend Earnest Jones. Choirs from all churches will provide song service. Please come and share in this great fellowship!

Bethel A.M.E.

Pastor Dawkins and the Bethel family invite all members, friends and visitors to worship with us this Sunday. This is the last Sunday before the year 2000 and Pastor Dawkins has a word from the Lord for all that will hear. Come and hear! The Youth Department will be in charge of the service.

Bethel will worship with Mt. Zion A.M.E., St. Mark A.M.E., Collins Temple and Moore's Chapel this Friday, Dec. 31st, 1999 for Watch Night Service. The service will begin at 9pm. Pastor Dawkins

will deliver the spoken word. Love feast will precede the worship services. This year's service will be held at Mt. Zion A.M.E., 919 20th St. S. All are invited to share in this worship experience with all of God's children gathering together to close out 1999.

Pastor Dawkins and the Bethel family wish all a happy and safe holiday, and to keep your focus on the Man in charge of us all - God!

Tune in each Sunday morning on WTMP 1150AM at 10:40 for the radio outreach service at Bethel.

Traveler's Rest

"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins."

Merry Christmas to all. Travelers' Rest extends a warm and festive greeting to all visitors on Sunday, Dec. 26th, 1999. The children, youth and young adults will be in charge of morning worship service. Sunday School and New Members' Orientation begin at 9:30am. Morning

worship service is at 10:45am. The youth ushers will serve as doorkeepers.

Activities:

Dec. 23rd, Mid-Day Bible Study.

Dec. 29th, Prayer and Praise, 7pm; Bible Study, 7:30-8:30pm.

If you need transportation to church, please contact the church at 822-4869 by noon on Saturday.

Have a safe holiday season.

Emmanuel Christian

"Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call His name Immanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." (St. Matthew 1:23)

The pastors, officers, and members of Emmanuel Christian Fellowship Church, located at 1948 49th St. S., wish everyone a very Merry Christmas Day!

Our invitation to you is still in order, for you and yours to share with us in our services: Sunday School, 9:30am; Morning Worship, 11:15am; and Evening Worship, 6pm. God is still working miracles in our lives.

Our foreign missionaries, Pat and Brian, are home, with a good report, all over the world people are coming to Christ. Praise God!

Remember, "Jesus is the reason for the season!"

Merry Christmas To All

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Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church

Pastor Clarence Williams and the members of Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church invite each and everyone to the Watch Night services that will be held here at Mt. Zion as we give praises to the Lord for His blessings that have been bestowed upon us during these

last years. The NAACP will have the Emancipation Proclamation Services at Mt. Zion beginning at 11am. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy as we begin the new millennium. Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year to all!



Antioch Church

Ph # 866-3842
4601 34th Street South
(Howard Johnson's)

Rev. Michael A. Hawkins, Pastor
Sunday School10:00 AM
Morning Worship11:00 AM
Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

.....Tuesday 7:30 PM
Church Theme: "Rise Up And Walk"

First Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church

1121 22nd Street So., St. Petersburg, FL
Rev. Wallace Elliott, Pastor

Church Services

8:00 a.m.Morning Service
9:45 a.m.Sunday School
11:00 a.m.Worship Service
5:00 p.m.B.T.U.

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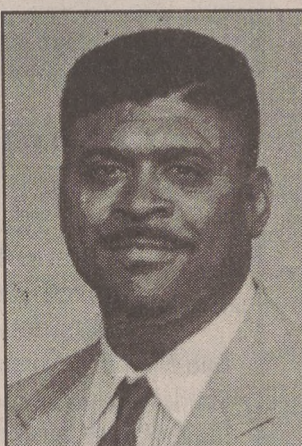


1045 - 16th Street S., St. Pete, FL 33712
PHONE: 896-6722

Rev. Manuel L. Sykes

Services

Sunday School8:45 a.m.
Worship Service10 a.m.
Prayer ServicesWed., 6:30 p.m.
Bible Study..... Wed., 7:30 p.m.



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Sat. Noon Day Prayer Hour
12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.



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Morning Worship..... 8:00 a.m.
Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.
Mid-Morning Worship..... 11:00 a.m.
Baptist Training Union..... 5:00 p.m.
Bible Study/Prayer Service..... Thursday 7:30 p.m.
Couples Ministry (3rd Sunday)..... 6:00 p.m.

Come join us at the Church where everyone is Welcome!

Rev. Earnest Jones, Pastor



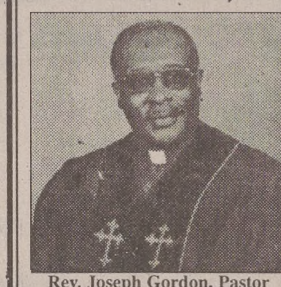
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Early Morning Worship..... 7:00 a.m.
Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship..... 10:50 a.m.
Baptist Training Union..... 4:30 p.m.
Communion..... 7:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Prayer Meeting & Bible Study

Wednesdays..... 7:30 p.m.

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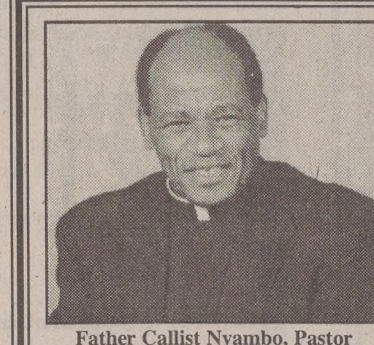


Rev. Joseph Gordon, Pastor

St. Joseph Catholic Church

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9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Gospel Choir



Father Callist Nyambo, Pastor

Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church

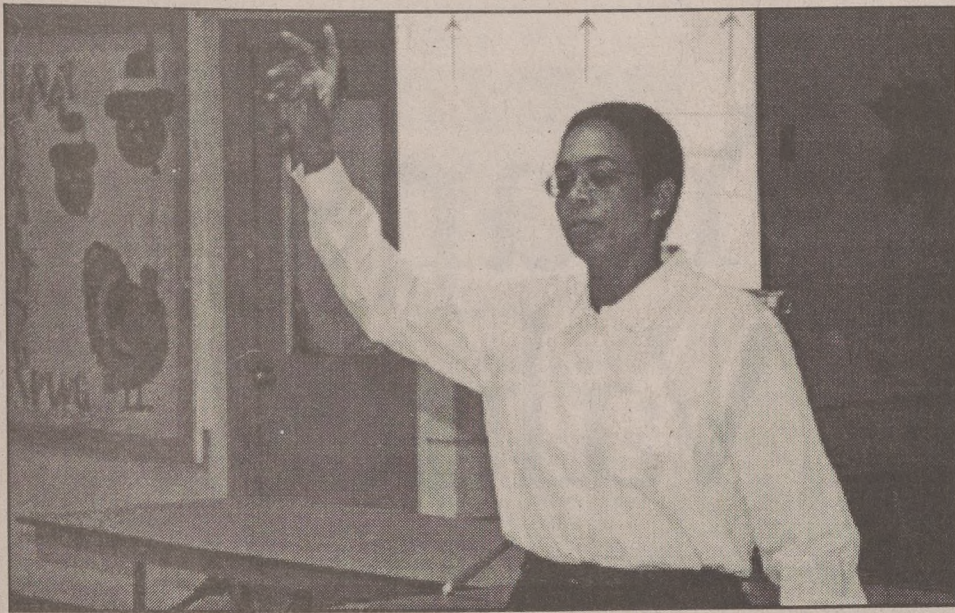
3700 22nd Avenue S. • 321-0020
Elder Clarence L. Warren, Pastor

Sunday School9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship11:00 a.m.

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'Front Porch Florida'



Yate Cutliff, President of SEEDCO, leads the discussion at a recent 'Front Porch Florida' community meeting.

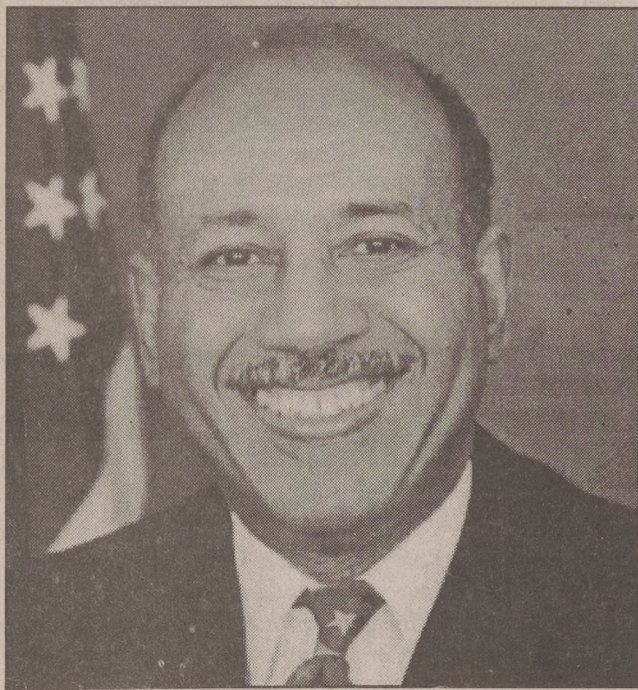


William Ferrell, Deputy Director for the Office of Urban Opportunity, Office of the Governor, gives detailed explanation about 'Front Porch Florida'.



Interest in the 'Front Porch Florida' initiative is building as reflected in the faces of the residents above.

NCNW & The M.L. King, Jr. Commemorative Committee Leadership Awards Breakfast



Alcee Hastings

ST. PETERSBURG—The Millennial Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Leadership and Awards Breakfast will be held on Monday, Jan. 17th, 2000, 7:30am at the St. Petersburg Coliseum, 535 4th Ave. N.

The keynote speaker for the occasion is The Honorable U.S. Congressman Alcee

Hastings, 2nd Congressional District, Florida. Known to most as "Judge Hastings," he

has had a distinguished career as an attorney, civil rights activist and judge.

For additional information, please call NCNW members: Mrs. Mary Clowers, 864-3568, Mrs. Barbara Bolden, 822-7258, Ms. Dianne Speights, 866-6621, or Mr. Edward Kirkland, 323-7317.

Ticket locations: The Weekly Challenger, 2500 MLK St. S., The Enoch Davis Center, 1111 18th Ave. S., Lou Brown Realty, Deanie K's Beauty Salon, 2500 MLK St. S., or any member of The National Council of Negro Women.

Rev. M. Mason Walker, Chairperson; Mrs. Adelle V. Jemison, NCNW Chairperson.

"A Gathering Of Elders" Kwanzaa Celebration To Honor Elders

by Gwendolyn Reese

ST. PETERSBURG—On Tuesday, Dec. 28th, 1999 The Ujima Project will host the second annual "A Gathering of Elders" in observation of Ujima, the third principle of Kwanzaa. This year's celebration will be held at First Baptist Institutional Church, 3144 Third Ave. S., the Reverend Wayne G. Thompson, Pastor. The program, which begins at 7pm in the church sanctuary, will be immediately followed by a reception in the fellowship hall. The program will feature the lighting of the first green candle which symbolizes the principle of Ujima, African traditions including the pouring of libations and paying tribute to our ancestors, music, songs, poetry, food and drink. The highlight of the program will be honoring the many unsung heroes in our community who have been nominated as Honorable Elders and Ancestors of the African American Community. Last year, more than 120 people received certificates recognizing them as Honorable Elders and tribute was paid to 64 Honorable Ancestors. Members of the community have nominated a number of people to be recognized this year in both categories.

Kwanzaa, which means "first fruits of the harvest," was created by Dr. Maulana Karenga in 1966 as a cultural celebration for African Americans and others of African descent. It is America's fastest growing holiday and is observed by an estimated 18 million people. Kwanzaa, celebrated from Dec. 26th through Jan. 1st, is a way for people of African descent to focus on our culture and to celebrate our African heritage.

Kwanzaa is based on seven principles or spiritual virtues which can be applied to everyday life. These principles, known collectively as the

Nguzo Saba are: Umoja (unity), Kujichagulia (self-determination), Ujima (collective work and responsibility), Ujamaa (cooperative economics), Nia (purpose), Kuumba (creativity), and Imani (faith). Each night of the celebration, one of seven red, green or black candles is lit and the principle of the day is discussed with emphasis on how it can be applied to our daily lives.

The Ujima Project, a program of the YWCA of Tampa Bay and funded by the Juvenile Welfare Board, celebrates the contributions of the elders in our community and seeks to "reinvest" their talent, experience and wisdom back into the community through our youth. The project, in its second year, will pair 25 youth and 25 elders together. These intergenerational teams will meet on a regular basis over a nine-month period building meaningful relationships, learning from each other and sharing life experiences. The program, which begins each year with the Kwanzaa celebration of Ujima, includes seminars which provide an abundance of information regarding the African American Culture, the history of our community, a bus tour of the African community, various family oriented activities, a cultural excursion to the Zora Neale Hurston Festival in Eatonville, FL, and culminates with a closing ceremony and banquet at Saf-ron's.

There are many ways to celebrate and share Kwanzaa—ceremonies with your family and friends, as part of a small group or participating in the celebrations held throughout our community. Please join The Ujima Project in paying tribute to the elders and ancestors of our community for:

• The Kwanzaa celebration of Ujima on Tuesday, Dec. 28th, 1999, 7pm at First Baptist Institutional Church, 3144 Third Ave. S.

The calendar of Kwanzaa events in our community is as follows:

Umoja, Sunday, Dec. 26th, 4pm at 861 Sixth Ave. S., sponsored by People of Color Aids Coalition.

Kujichagulia, Monday, Dec. 27th, 6pm at 1245 18th Ave. S., sponsored by the Uhuru Movement.

Ujima, Tuesday, Dec. 28th, 7pm at First Baptist Institutional Church, 3144 Third Ave. S., sponsored by the YWCA Ujima Project.

Ujamaa, Wednesday, Dec. 29th, 6pm at Enoch Davis Center, 1111 18th Ave. S., sponsored by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Nia, Thursday, Dec. 30th, 6pm at Campbell Park Community Center, 601 14th St. S., sponsored by My Brother's Keeper.

Kuumba, Friday, Dec. 31st, 8pm at First Night in downtown St. Petersburg on Central Ave. between 1st and 2nd St., sponsored by the Banyan Tree Project.

Imani, Saturday, Jan. 1st, 6pm at Enoch Davis Center, 1111 18th Ave. S., sponsored by the African American Arts Council.

I invite you to join the millions of African people around the nation in celebrating Kwanzaa and re-establishing some of the values, rituals, and structures which provide for the spiritual socialization of our people.

May you have peace, love and prosperity in the new millennium. Happy Kwanzaa!

For more information about The Ujima Project, call the YWCA at 896-4629, ext. 14.

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And now, it's that time of the week again when we would like to share newsy tidbits with you.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES was what it was all about for the Gibbs High School Class of 1952 whose chosen party place was the Spotlight Club on 16th St. S. This was the class's second year for holding the Christmas party there. Everything was hooked up. All the guests had to bring was themselves. The self-service table was filled with delicious fruits, vegetables, finger sandwiches, chicken drumettes, Swedish meatball trays, tossed salad and rolls. Top shelf spirits were upstairs where you had Robert Needles attending the guests. Fred Burney attended the main bar

downstairs. There were live bands giving you oldies but goodies. James Peterson was one of the chosen. At intervals, you had Pamela Williams playing the house disco, setting up the buffet table, catering the food, etc. She is the owner, and knows how to treat the public. Have a happy holiday!

AFTER THANKSGIVING PARTY

was held at the home of Mary Jordan from 8ish until. There to join in the festive occasion were nephews, nieces, sons, daughters, sister and many good friends. There was plenty to eat with everyone having an enjoyable time. "Lorenzo" was the disc jockey.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sylvester "Tiger" Boles, Destanee A. Cunningham, Alana Lee, Jamel A. Simpson, Helen C. Henry, Sharon E. Knight, Joe Holmes, Jr., Jovan Holmes, Dr. Annette Shakir, Jarvis McGarrah, Lula Waddell, Virginia Tyner, Sandra Jackson, Richard Woods, Charlie Barron, Triston Manual, Dharvette S. McClendon, Gina N. Sims, John Taylor, Mary Nell Macon, Mattie Mills, Bruce and Darlene Walker, Jovan Scott, Willie Curry, Paul Bright, Natalie L. Washington, Sean R. Brown, Willie L. Hutey, Cornelius A. Grayson, Radajya Jackson, Vanester Brown, Pearl Smith, and Catherine Davis.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY Dec. 26th, Bruce and Darlene Walker. Merry Christmas! Until next week, Jump To It!

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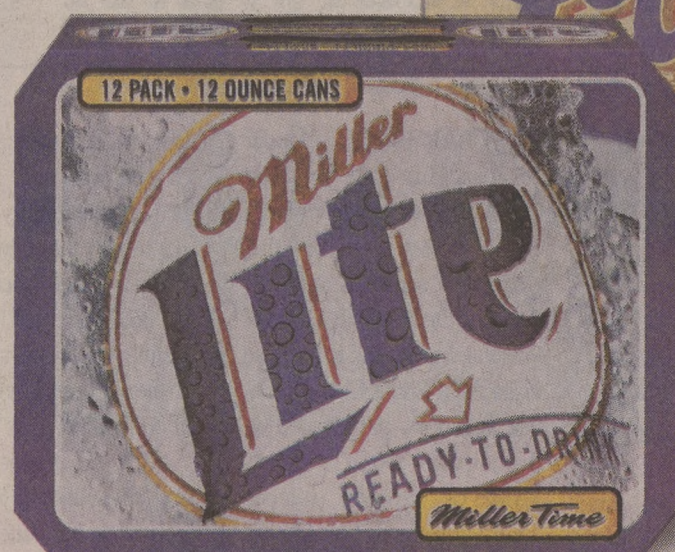
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PCUL Rites Of Passage Program On The Move



ST. PETERSBURG — The Pinellas County Urban League in partnership with the St. Petersburg Metropolitan Section of the National Council of Negro Women, recently held the first meeting of the youth initiative, "Rites of Passage" program. The multifaceted curriculum is designed to assist and ease the passage of youth, ages 10-18, from childhood to early adulthood.

The Rites of Passage curriculum is an intensive ten (10) session series of activities that will provide youth with a practical application for learning values in the areas of personal, social responsibility, self-respect and goal setting.

The program will also address African American cul-

tures, respect for elders, setting high standards of achievement by pursuing higher education, and promoting improved health practices among youth.

The program includes, but is not limited to, conducting workshops that will address conflict resolution, crime prevention, and refusal skills training, consistent with value based behavior modification life skills.

We are honored to have twenty-five (25) young ladies, "The NCNW Precious Jewels" participating in this series of the Rites of Passage Program. Participants are: Y'De-sha Alsop, President; Danielle Williams, Vice President; Khana Riley, Tikisha McRae, Shirley Adams, Jennifer

Thomas, Nikki Gainey, Jasmine Collier, Erica Holden, Aliya Flanagan, Annie Roundtree, Shannon Cooper, Samara Cooper, Shanique Cooper, Brittany Dennis, Precious Gibbs, Michele Hayward, Ashley Hayward, Ashley Washington, Erika Williams, Dominique Forte, Bristie Stephens, Nicole Watkins and Shayla Coleman. Demetrius Taylor, NCNW Teen Advisor and Mrs. Barbara Bolden, NCNW Project Advisor.

For more information about the Rites of Passage youth program, contact Deondra Riley at The Pinellas County Urban League (727) 327-2081.



Mary Ann Campbell

Mrs. Claus Presides Over Clearwater Festival

CLEARWATER — Under the watchful gaze of Mrs. Claus and her elves, children and families enjoyed this weekend's activities at Clearwater's Downtown Holiday Festival. In addition to surprise visits from Santa Claus, Festival attendees participated in making the world's longest strand of popcorn, watched local artists paint snowmen and saw art work from local school children.

Clearwater's Downtown Holiday Festival is a project of the Main Street Joint Venture Program.

At the festival this weekend, more than 200 feet of popcorn was strung. However, the sponsors of the event plan to make the strand as long as the 500 block of Cleveland. So

if you missed stringing popcorn last weekend, you will have an opportunity to help make history this weekend.

Mrs. Claus took some extra time out of her busy schedule to view the snowmen and the pictures done by the school children, ages 5 to 15.

After looking at the artwork and spending time with the children who attended the festival, Mrs. Claus said that she was glad the city of Clearwater invited her to participate in the festival.

The Festival is open every day, from 9am-8pm and features daily entertainment, art and craft booths, and vendors selling special holiday gifts.

For more information about the festival, please call (727) 562-4022.

Newlyweds Begin Life As One



Kenya Rashon Smith and Joshua Emanuel Smith Wedding

ST. PETERSBURG — Kenya Rashon Murray and Joshua Emanuel Smith were happily united as one in Christ on the 13th day of November, 1999. The lovely ceremony took place in Montgomery, Alabama at their church, Deeper Life Bible Church.

The wedding ceremony was officiated over by Pastor Kyle Searcy. The ring ceremony was officiated over by Rev. Preston D. H. Leonard of

Christ Gospel Church, St. Petersburg.

The bride is a graduate of Alabama State University and is currently a school teacher.

The groom is a graduate of Boca Ciega High School, St. Petersburg, and is currently a student at Alabama State University.

Attending the ceremony was the bride's mother, Ms. Irma Jean Murray, and father, Jeffery Walker (wife-Gloria),

and a host of family members, all from New York.

Also attending was the groom's parents, Don and Judith Thomas, aunt, Felicia Washington, and a host of sisters, nieces, nephews, and cousins, including from St. Petersburg, Rev. & Sis. Preston D. H. Leonard, along with at least 40 friends and members of Christ Gospel Church by chartered bus.

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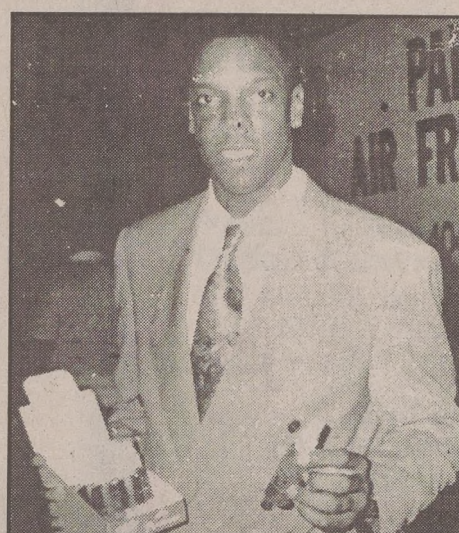
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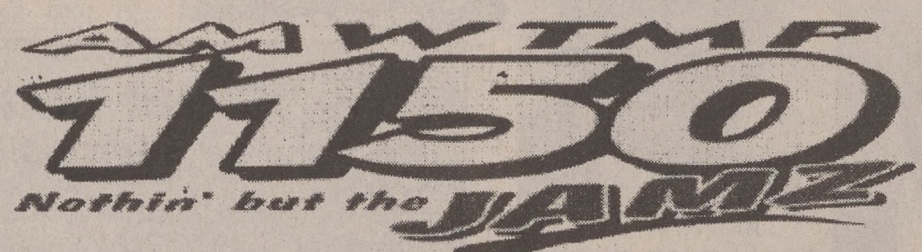
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St. Pete Final Rites



BROWN, WILLIE-BELLE died December 9, 1999. Survivors include one daughter, Ann L. Bennett; one son, Willie Lee Brown; six grandchildren; nephews, nieces, cousins, other relatives and many local friends. McRae Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

DAVIS, SHARON YVONNE died December 13, 1999. Survivors include one son, Corey Antwain Davis; daughter, Yolanda Nicole Davis; mother, Clara Davis; five brothers; four sisters; two grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. Creal Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

HARPER, JOHN EDWARD "GATOR" died December 7, 1999. Survivors include six children, Elicia Harper, Diane Gray, Mae Harper, Johnny Harper, Samuel and Julia Harper; five sisters; five brothers; 14 grandchildren; 6 aunts; 1 uncle; and a host of other relatives and friends. Creal Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.



HICKS, CALVIN A. JR. died December 7, 1999. Survivors include his wife, Juanita; son, Calvin III; two sisters; 10 nieces; 5 nephews and a host of cousins, relatives and friends. McRae Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

LINDSEY, BEASLEY SR. died December 13, 1999. Survivors include two sons, Beasley Lindsey, Jr. and Berry Lindsey; one daughter, Mary Alice Young; six grandchildren, six great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives. Creal Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.



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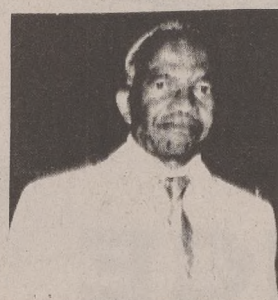


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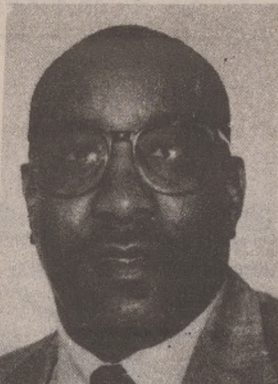


RAWLS, GLADYS VIRGINIA died December 12, 1999. Survivors include her son, Frank Wilbert Bowden; daughters, Evette Rawls Bidines and Johnnie Denise Carr; 18 grandchildren; ten great grandchildren; five cousins, and a host of other loving relatives and friends. Smith Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.



SNEAD, REV. WILLIE L. died December 14, 1999. Survivors include one son, Willie Jr.; three daughters, Agnes Snead, Gwendolyn Snead Simons and Faye Snead; 15 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren; 2 goddaughters; and a host of other relatives and friends. McRae Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.

Gainesville Final Rites



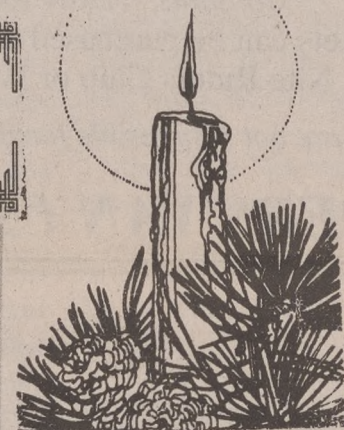
BROWN, PASTOR WILLIAM JAMES "B-BOP" SR. died December 7, 1999. Survivors include his wife, Gail D. Brown; two daughters, Tonya and Sonya Brown; three sons, William J. "Hoggi" Brown, Jr., William G. "Bill" Brown, and Tarius Smart; his mother, Helen Brown Day; his grandmother; three sisters; one brother; 7 grandchildren; numerous uncles, aunts, cousins and many treasured friends. Chestnut Funeral Home, Gainesville.

GREEN, WILLIE MAE TATE died December 11, 1999. Chestnut Funeral Home, Gainesville.



KENDALL, RUTH S. died December 1, 1999. Survivors include one son, Victor M. Kendall; six grandchildren; five nieces; five nephews; and a host of cousins and caring friends. Chestnut Funeral Home, Gainesville.

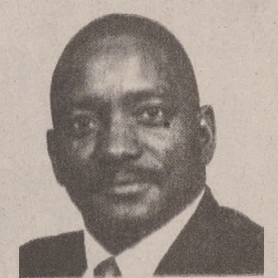
WOODARD, LILLIE MAE died December 2, 1999. Survivors include her husband, Dea. Sammy L. Woodard; one daughter, Karen Woodard; two sons, Sammy Woodard and Frederick Woodard; two grandchildren; one sister; five brothers; six aunts; two uncles; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and sorrowing friends. Chestnut Funeral Home, Gainesville.



Ocala Final Rites



DEAN, WILLIE MAE BELL died December 16, 1999. Survivors include one step granddaughter, and a host of cousins, nieces, other relatives, church family and many friends. Cunningham Funeral Home, Ocala.



DICKSON, LEON SR. died December 8, 1999. Survivors include his wife, Cornelia Walker Dickson; one daughter, Genea Dickson; two sons, Leon Dickson, Jr. and Joshua Dickson; three brothers; one sister; ten nieces, four nephews, a host of cousins, other relatives and friends. Summers Funeral Home, Ocala.



FORD, ERNESTINE VICTORIA died December 10, 1999. Survivors include

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MARQUET, SARAH F. CONEY died December 9, 1999. Survivors include her husband, John F. Marquet; one daughter, Valinda Coney; two sons, Darren and Michael Coney; 15 sisters; 5 brothers; 5 grandchildren; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and



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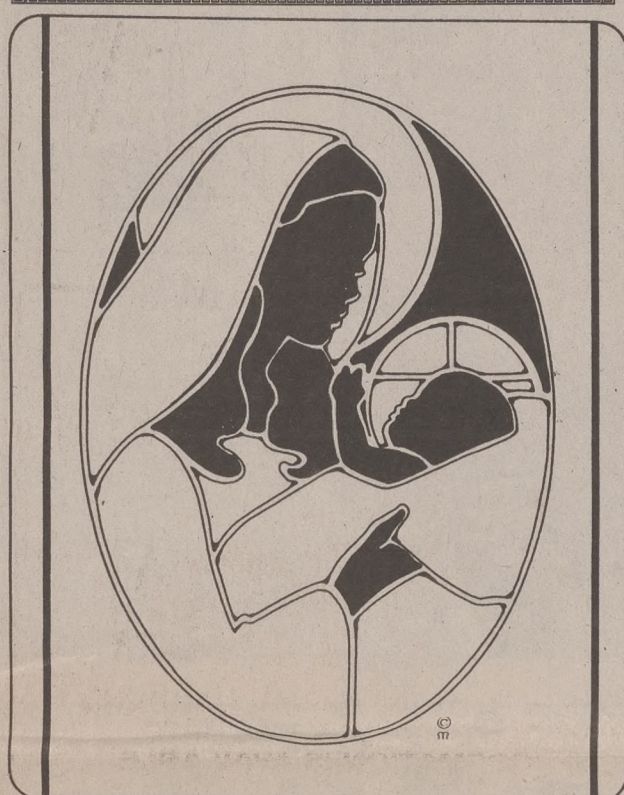


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LEGAL NOTICE

The Dunedin (DHA) is preparing a Five-Year Plan for its Fiscal Years 2000-2004 and a more specific Fiscal Year 2000 Annual Plan for submission to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in April of 2000. These Plans will describe the DHA's basic mission of serving the needs of low-income Pinellas County residents in general (and more specifically, those currently residing in Dunedin) and the agency's short and long-term goals and objectives to accomplish this mission.

Drafts of both Plans will be available for public inspection and written comment on January 7, 2000 until February 24, 2000, Monday-Friday, 7:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M., at:

Pinellas County and Dunedin Housing Authorities
The Dean S. Robinson Administration Building
209 S. Garden Ave., Clearwater, FL 33756

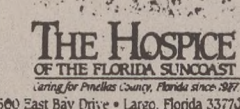
This notice further announces that a public hearing will be held at the following location to discuss prior public comments to the above-referenced original draft Plans and receive any additional public comments:

Highlander Village Office Building, 1142 N. Highland Ave., Dunedin, Fla. at 2:00 P.M. on February 25, 2000.

Direct any questions concerning this process to either Robert Chauncey or Jim Schaeffer at 727/443-7684.

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SERVICES RFQ #99-034

Pursuant to Florida Statutes, Chapter 287.055, The St. Petersburg Housing Authority (AKA: Housing Authority of the City of St. Petersburg) (SPHA) invites qualified firms to submit a letter of interest and supporting documentation relating to Professional Architectural/Engineering Services. SPHA is NOT soliciting for the primary architect to work exclusively on the Jordan Park HOPE VI project. SPHA is seeking general services architectural firms. This is an indefinite quantity contract solicitation whereby SPHA intends to select one or more firms qualified to provide architectural/engineering services on an as-needed basis. The firm(s) who is (are) awarded the general architectural/engineering services contract will primarily provide general architectural services for SPHA's non-HOPE VI related projects. However, some HOPE VI related projects may be assigned from time-to-time.

It is the intention of SPHA to select and enter into a contract, with the two (2) top-rated firms using HUD form HUD-51015. Individual projects may exceed \$100,000 in construction cost. Term of agreement is one (1) year with an option for an additional one (1) year term, total fees are not-to-exceed \$150,000, annually, depending upon funding availability.

Mandatory submittal documents shall include a Letter of Interest, a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) and Current GSA Standard Form 254. Submittals will be evaluated using the evaluation factors outlined in HUD Handbook 7460.8 REV-1, Chapter 4, Section 4-26, item C. A minimum of five (5) packages clearly marked "RFQ 99-034-Architectural/Engineering Services" must be delivered by hand or sent by U.S. Mail Return Receipt Requested to arrive at SPHA **no later than 2:00 p.m. local time, on January 12, 2000.** Late submissions will not be accepted. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

TO: Robin Adams, Director of General Services
St. Petersburg Housing Authority
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Aries

March 21 to April 19

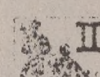
You'll have energy to burn this week, Aries, as Mars infuses you with celebratory vigor. Romance sparkles after the 30th, so prepare yourself for a dazzling New Year's Eve celebration. Bonus: a possible lottery win will keep the party going strong!



Taurus

April 20 to May 20

Lucky Bulls will end the year in a romantic haze, thanks to Venus' opposition until New Year's Eve. Your counseling skills will offer great comfort. Feeling frazzled? Much-needed private time is yours on the 27th and 28th.



Gemini

May 21 to June 21

You're the life of the party, Gemini, and this week is no exception, as your holiday spirit encourages others to count their blessings with you. You can also expect a burst of romantic energy courtesy of Venus' passion-kissed influence.



Cancer

June 22 to July 22

Go ahead, make those New Year's resolutions—the planets are poised to make 'em stick! A sudden surge in financial resources allows you to share the wealth with loved ones. Bonus: your romantic life will get a wonderful boost after the 30th.



Leo

July 23 to August 22

All eyes are on you this week, Leo, as the Moon casts its attention-getting light your way—so be sure you look your best! Married Leos will revisit their honeymoon days, while single gals can choose from a slew of new romantic prospects.



Virgo

August 23 to September 22

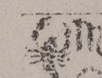
Romance blooms on the 26th and 27th, thanks to the Moon's encouraging glow. Who needs resolutions? Your hard-won wisdom means you're already on your way to achieving your goals. Bonus: an unexpected gift may arrive this week.



Libra

September 23 to October 22

You'll enter the new year on a wave of good fortune, as Venus moves into Sagittarius, heralding personal and financial prosperity. Others are willing to jump at your call—so use this opportunity to ask for something your heart truly desires.



Scorpio

October 23 to November 21

The stars have rewarded your top-notch planning with a holiday that's well within your budget! And get ready to be swept off your feet: Venus in your sign until the 30th kicks off one of the most romance-filled times in recent memory.



Sagittarius

November 22 to December 21

Your resolutions yield quick results this year thanks to Pluto's positive influence. So greet 2000 feeling truly fabulous! Ringing in the new year at home? The stars predict a joy-filled gathering. Bonus: your love life will sparkle.



Capricorn

December 22 to January 19

As your birth month celebrations continue, the planets have aligned themselves to assure you a great financial future. In fact, you'll soon have your choice of exciting money-making ventures! Bonus: family life has never been more blissful.



Aquarius

January 20 to February 18

The stars have a special gift for you, Aquarius: romance, courtesy of the Moon in your marriage zone on the 25th. So expect some "fireworks" to brighten up those chilly nights! Loved ones recognize your contributions to the family.



Pisces

February 19 to March 20

Scheduling time with your mate is a must, says the Moon, especially on the 26th and 27th. Single? A holiday gathering holds romantic possibilities. In family matters, helping others help themselves lifts the burden from your shoulders.

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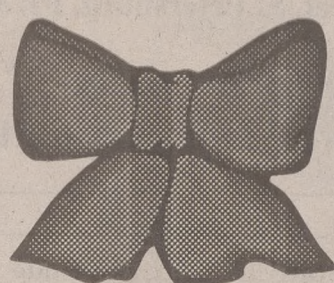


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