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Counsel Of The Blind Enjoys Christmas Together



L-R: Essie Dooley, Lorenzo Johnson and Curtis Dooley

TAMPA — The holiday season was a wonderful way to bring joy, peace and goodwill to the members and friends of the Florida Counsel of the Blind during their Christmas Party that took place on Dec. 19th, 1999 at the Sam Selsten Steakhouse, Dale Mabry and M.L. King Blvd.

This was certainly the way to make their spirit and their holiday bright, making the best of the holiday season by caring and sharing with those who have supported their efforts and the mission throughout the years.

At the Christmas Party

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WTMP "Jamz 2000" Celebrates Holiday Party



Sheila Stoker and her guest

TAMPA — The WTMP "Jamz 2000" Christmas Party held at the Tampa Airport Hilton was enjoyed by all.

The honored guests were Schieffelin & Somerset, "Moet & Chandon Nectar Imperial Champagne." Representatives were on hand representing the state of Florida. Latonya Davis, the marketing manager for Schieffelin & Somerset, was also present for the festivities.

WTMP held a contest for one winner and ten of her closest friends to win a V.I.P. Party. Sheila Stoker of Tampa was the lucky winner.

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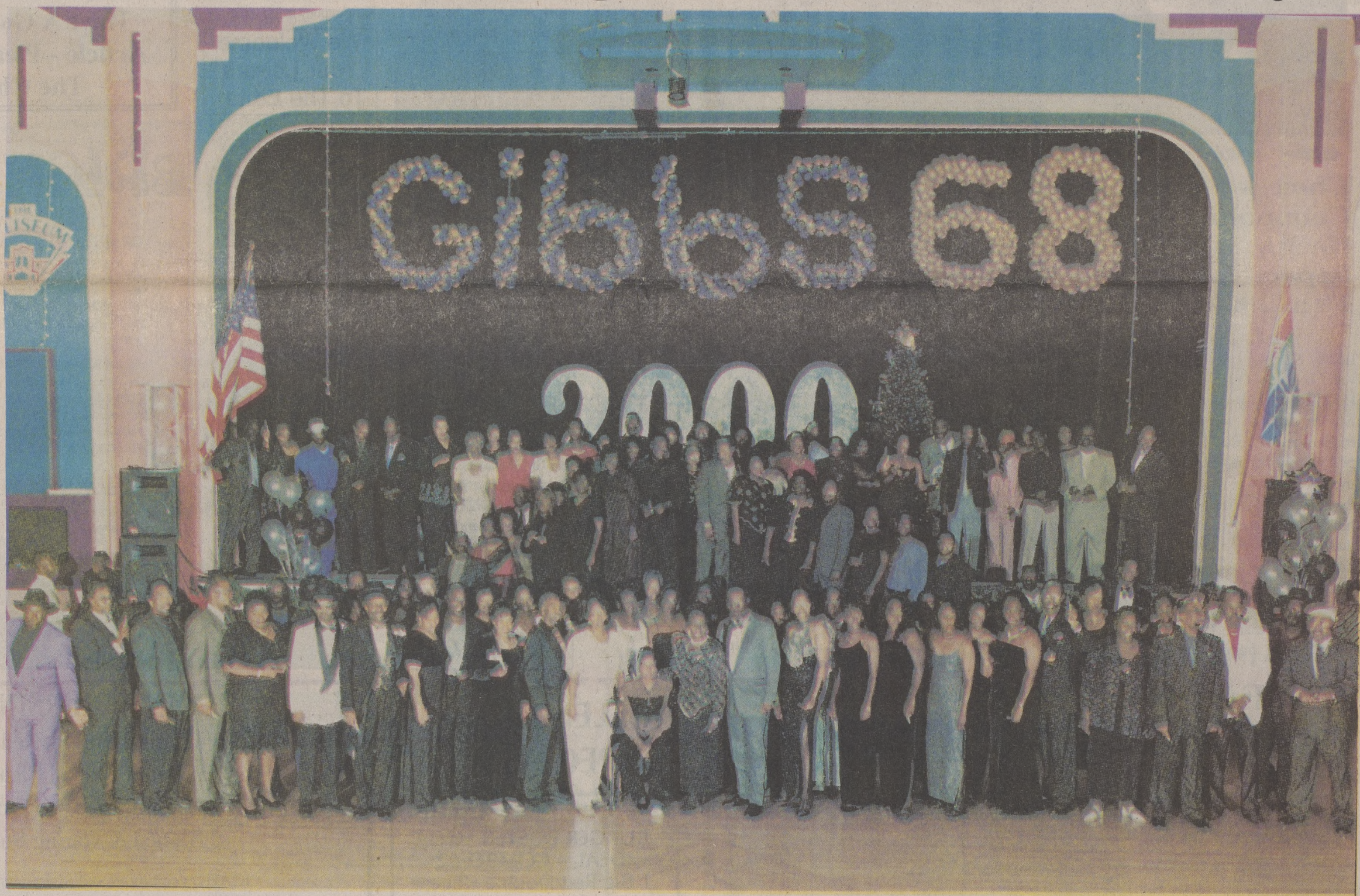
by Allene Gammage-Ahmed

ST. PETERSBURG — This year the very first day of 2000, what was the real meaning of New Years? It was the Class of 1968's New Year Millennium Extravaganza. It was the event that friends and family waited an entire year to attend. It was high style, elegance, glamour and the perfect setting for an inspiring holiday celebration.

As final plans had been made for this spectacular event, the Gibbs Class of '68 took time out to relax and celebrate the hard work and dedication put forth for their annual gala. A week prior to their New Year's function, they partied heartily at the Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort Hotel during a well attended Christmas Holiday Jazz set. Many of the classmates had already started arriving with great anticipation for what was yet to take place.

Of course, the venue was the beautiful, historical St. Petersburg Coliseum where hundreds gathered at the doorsteps far ahead of time to hopefully guarantee the perfect table for their guests. This was the place to be to witness the best of fashions, diversity, a matrimonial ceremony; where anyone could satisfy their musical skills and culinary inclinations and to meet and greet new and old friends.

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Distinguished Pastor To Be 2000 Breakfast Speaker

TAMPA — TOBA, the Tampa Organization of Black Affairs, is proud to announce its guest speaker for the 2000 Dr. Martin Luther King Leadership Breakfast. The Reverend Dr. Joseph E. Lowery, former President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) will deliver the main address to the attendees on Jan. 17th, 2000. The event will begin at 6:45am at the Downtown Tampa Hyatt Regency, at Two Tampa City Center. Dr. Lowery is a noted orator and a much traveled preacher, teacher and speaker. His vigor and effectiveness as a leader have hallmarked his

ministerial career. The theme for the coming breakfast is, "The End of the Century - Reflections on the Past, Present and Future."

Lowery's genesis as a national leader started in the 1950's when he led the civil rights movement in Mobile, Alabama. In Nashville, Tennessee, he led a group which spearheaded the desegregation of restaurants and hotels in 1963-64. In Birmingham, Alabama, Dr. Lowery served as President of the Ministerial Alliance and led the struggle for the hiring of black police officers and gainful employ-

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CAMPAIGN 2000

Pinellas County School Board

This is one in a series of interviews with candidates running in 2000 for state and local offices that will have an impact on Black communities through the Bay Area

It's Better To Build A Boy Than Mend A Man

David Archie, 46, is a native of Tarpon Springs who is mayor pro tempore of the city and is serving his second term as a City Commissioner.

He sits on the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority Board and is a member of the District Monitoring Advisory Committee that oversees the desegregation efforts of the Pinellas County school district.

Archie full-time job is that of executive director of the nonprofit Citizens Alliance for Progress, Inc., (CAP) which operates Union Academy Cultural Center, a neighborhood family center that is a one-stop venue providing after-school programs for children, family support services, career assistance and other services to the African-American community in Tarpon Springs.

Union Academy used to be an elementary school in Tarpon Springs that was abandoned in the mid-1970s when the system was desegregated. In its desolate state, the building was left to be vandalized, until CAP peti-

tioned for it to be renovated with Community Development Block Grant funds. Many board members of CAP were graduates of Union Academy.

In the 100 years since Tarpon Springs was incorporated, Archie is the only second black person to be elected to the City Commission. The first was Glenn Davis who served in the late 1980s.

Archie is the son of Samuel and Elizabeth Archie, attended Union Academy, graduated from Pinellas High School and holds a bachelor's in business from Florida A&M University. His wife Altamease is a native of Chester, Pa.

Archie has announced that he is a candidate for a seat on the Pinellas School Board, which has never had a



David O. Archie

black as a member. He is seeking the District 3 seat being vacated by Susan Latvala, who is running for Pinellas County commissioner. Tarpon Springs, Dunedin and parts of Clearwater and Palm Harbor fall within the boundaries of District 3.

The Weekly Challenger interviewed Archie at his office on Tuesday to get some insights on why he thinks he can be the first black to win election to the school board.

Q. What got you interested in running for a seat on the Tarpon Springs City Commission?

A. I have been involved in Tarpon and the community as a whole for over 20 years and I wanted to see people have access to government. I felt that I would have a good opportunity to do some things for all of Tarpon. And, there were a number of grants that had been funded and the money did not come to the African American community as it should have.

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The party included dinner, dancing and invitations only to see Shaun Brown, Kayla Hill and Act III. (Jerry Bronson, photographer for WTMP.)

To reach WTMP Jamz in St. Pete, call (727) 321-1573.



Choices For Community Health Report-Jan. 27th, 2000

ST. PETERSBURG — Healthy Start will participate with Choices for Community Health to report to the community the status on important health issues in Pinellas County. A Healthy Start representative will report on progress in the areas on maternal and child health, in particular the reduction of low birthweight, infant mortality and teenage pregnancy. The community is invited to the Holiday Inn Select at St. Petersburg/Clearwater Airport from 11am-12noon.

First-Ever Phone Card Part Of New "Cupid Cash" Instant Game

TALLAHASSEE — Calling all sweethearts...the Florida Lottery is making history by attaching, for the first-time ever, a FREE 5-minute Phone Card with every "CUPID CASH" Instant ticket. More than \$7.1 million worth of cash prizes will be won, including a top prize of \$10,000! Each ticket costs \$2.

With Valentine's Day just around the corner, the Lottery is again offering an Instant game with a theme for the season of love, candy and flowers. "CUPID CASH," one of the Lottery's newest Instant games, makes a great Valentine's Day gift — for him or her.

The "CUPID CASH" detachable phone card can be used to call your sweetheart, or anyone else, for up to five minutes of domestic long-distance time. The ticket weighs less than an ounce, is nonfattering, and is easy to find at more than 11,000 Florida Lottery retailers.

To play "CUPID CASH," scratch off the 10 red hearts,

match any of Your Symbols to any of the three Lucky Symbols and win the prize shown. You can win up to 10 times on each ticket, with 30 possibilities on each one.

Players can win other prizes including: a free ticket, \$2, \$4, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100, and \$500 and up to \$10,000. Overall odds of winning a prize are 1:2.93.

Even if you're not a cash winner, you still will receive five FREE minutes of domestic long-distance calling with each \$2 ticket. Players should refer to the back of the detachable phone card for dialing instructions. The phone card expires June 30, 2001.

With Valentine's Day approaching, this game is a sweetheart of a deal. This is not only a great gift for lovers, but it also makes a perfect anniversary, graduation or birthday present. Tickets are now on sale at most 11,000 Florida Lottery retailers throughout the Sunshine State.

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were young and old, enjoying the tradition of songs, dance, gift-giving and festive foods. This end-of-the-year celebration brought closure while

reflecting on the past year. It was also a wonderful opportunity anticipating and appreciating what they have to look forward to in helping to meet the

needs and demands of all who work hard to make the Florida Counsel of the Blind what it is today.

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ment for black citizens in local white-owned businesses. In 1967, he became the first black president of the Birmingham Office of Economic Opportunity Community Action Agency.

A former school teacher and newspaper editor, Lowery has served as visiting instructor at Emory University's School of Theology and has been named Citizen of the Year on two occasions. A native of Alabama, he studied at Knoxville College, Payne College and Wayne University. He also studied at Payne Theolog-

ical Seminary and the Chicago Ecumenical Institute. He holds A.B., B.D. and L.L.D. degrees. Dr. Lowery has received honorary doctoral degrees from Dillard University, Morehouse College, Miles College and Atlanta University.

This event brings an estimated 1200 people together to honor the accomplishments of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and to foster positive relations. Its popularity is reflected in the fact that so many people turn out at such an early hour. A cross section of this area's politicians, business leaders

and citizens make up the audience.

Co-chairs for the 2000 Breakfast are Ida Booth and Ken Anthony. Ms. Booth is an employee of Continental Airlines. Mr. Anthony is the owner of Ken Anthony Insurance, a State Farm Insurance agency. They are both long time TOBA members and have been active in many of the organization's activities. For more information about this event, contact TOBA at 874-8622 (874-TOBA), or Ken Anthony at 251-8685.

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KIDS CORNER

by Khana A. Riley



This week Kids Corner is about something important to me that happened at school. I was appointed a Hero. What things come to mind when you think of the word Hero? What do you think Hero means? The definition from my principal for Hero is someone performing an act of helping someone in need, to giving someone a sincere compliment, or even noticing that someone is lonely and being their friend. My English teacher, Mrs. Mercier, was moving from her room of 15 years to a new room. The reason for her leaving her room was because of a strong case of allergies. It was said that my school, Shorecrest, rests and sits upon a race track where dogs used to race for money. After the school was built, mildew was in between the ways and messed up her allergies. So I was helpfully moving things from one room to another, not even noticing

that I was being recognized. My principal called me up to the office and I received the award for Hero. I was so very excited that people are noticing my hard work within the school. The principal also gave the award to others who helped with the moving of things to the different rooms.

The following week after that was the most difficult week I've had this semester. It was Final Exams! We had two exams a day for three days. That was a killer. Then again, I was well prepared to take the tests because of the attention that I put into every review and the massive studying, going to bed at 10pm and waking up at 4am. I need my beauty rest! But on Jan. 3rd, they will be handing out the exam scores and I will give you all the updates as soon as I get them.

Until next week, Peace Out!

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Masonic Lodge #109 Celebrates 107th Anniversary In The Millennium



L-R: Theodis C. Wright, Eddie Pringle, David Witherspoon and Ernest L. Fillyau

ST. PETERSBURG — St. Petersburg Masonic Lodge #109 will celebrate their 107th anniversary at their Masonic Hall, 3130 18th Ave. S., on Saturday, Jan. 15th, 2000 at 6:30pm. The Rev. Dr. Leon Lowry, 33rd degree Mason, will be the guest speaker.

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But, the driving force was to try to be responsive to the needs of the people and try to do something that I felt would make a difference here in Tarpon Springs.

Q. When you look back at your time in elective office so far, what two things are you proudest for having done in the African American community?

A. During my term there was some discussion as to whether the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday celebration should be considered one of the city's cosponsored events. I was instrumental in getting the city, not only to cosponsor the event, but to put as much money into it as they put into the Christmas parade. So now it's a funded event here. Also I was able to help bring affordable housing. It was very unusual for the city to put money aside that would benefit people of color — actual general fund dollars and not grant monies. We are looking to break ground in the very near future on some homes. Those are some of the things I believe I was a catalyst for because you still have to have the support of the rest of your colleagues, but it's in trying to raise the awareness of various issues.

Q. Why are you interested in running for the school board and how do you intend to campaign realizing you are running countywide?

A. I have been involved with the efforts of helping children in over 20 years. From coaching basketball teams, baseball teams to tutoring and afterschool programs. On the northern end of the county especially, and throughout Pinellas, I am known as being an advocate for children and for parents. I have been to many schools on behalf of parents for their children. I have been involved on various committees for Pinellas County schools, from the literacy committee to the safe schools task force, the code of conduct revision committee and now I am on the discipline steering committee. I have been involved with the school system and been able to see some things up close as to what's happening. I believe that I can make a difference by putting the focus continuously on children and to try to see if we can do more to insure that every child is successful in school.

I am in it to win. There are no single-member districts here in Tarpon. Our makeup up here is about the same as in the county. We are about eight to 10 percent African-American population and I had to run at large.

Q. So the white vote got you in?

A. It was a collective effort. I could not get in strictly on the African-American population. I would have to appeal

to the larger segment. I run as an African-American because that's what I am. I believe people should vote for me because I am qualified. I believe that I am able to do some of the things that's necessary in the Pinellas County school system. I bring a different perspective to the table because of my heritage. But I believe that I have been able to demonstrate here in Tarpon that I can make the decisions that need to be made to ensure that resources are spent the way that they should be to affect the education of every child.

Q. What is your take on busing? Do you think it was successful? And once it's over, what's the next step?

A. I think that everybody understands that busing children for the sake of busing children is not what the school system should be about. Integration and diversity are very important in every child's life. But first and foremost, the school system should be about educating children. Most of the statistics that are very appalling are those that look at the disproportionate number of African Americans who are being suspended, who are placed in exceptional classes, and who are dropping out of school, and you ask whether it has been successful. Most people would have to say no, it hasn't as far as the quality of education (is concerned), which I think needs to be the focus.

I think when everything is said and done we have to get back to the business of education children. When this place (Union Academy) was a school during the time of segregation children here could only go to school up to eighth grade. Then they had to be bused to Clearwater to Pinellas High to get a high school education. Now, we are busing them that distance not for educational purposes, but for diversity. And I say diversity is important, but should we now still be busing children past schools that are closer to them, where their parents could be involved in those schools to educate that child? Is it important enough that we bypass those schools? I don't think that's the way it should be. I think the focus should be back on quality education.

Q. What do you think of affirmative action in terms of Tarpon Springs and generally?

A. Tarpon would be an example of why there should be affirmative action. If I have one disappointment in being in office is that I have not been the catalyst to have more African Americans hired as department heads and those types of positions. Affirmative action gives access to opportunities that might not present themselves otherwise. No business, no entity brings people in who are not qualified

and retain them. None. So, it's a fallacy to think that affirmative brings in unqualified people. It continues to make people aware of the importance of diversity and, with that, it helps to give opportunities to those who might not necessarily have that opportunity.

Q. What do you think of black-on-black crime and what's the solution?

A. A lot of this relates to education. I believe that when individuals have the opportunity to see there's hope for them and their families then they are less likely to do things that are destructive. But when I don't have an opportunity, when I feel like I dropped out of school and my opportunity for doing anything lies in something that illegal, in dealing in drugs, and you decide to cross me in anyway, I don't have anything to lose. And when people feel that they are in a hopeless state, they lash out and do things that are not logical. When we look at what's encompassed in, quote-unquote black-on-black crime, I think you'll see a lot of it involves individuals who feel they have lost hope. I think a lot of that is tied into education and economic opportunities. Instead of dwelling on the negatives, I look for positive solutions. I guarantee you that if give young people opportunities to do some things that are successful in their lives you are going to see less of them deciding to do something that is irrational.

Q. When you look back, what stands out? What significant events transformed you into the person you are today?

A. I think that what helped me the most was always feeling a sense of community. There were always people, whether related or not, who were there to support me. My family is my strongest support. The things that I try to do today in relation to children is modeling what my father had done. During the days of segregation he had a boys club because you could not go to the boys club that all of the whites went to. So he had what he called "a better boys club" and his motto was: it's better to build a boy than mend a man. The things that he did had an effect on me. My mother has always been a giving person, she's always looking at trying to help people. Those were the values that were instilled in me that make me want to give of my self. Some people tell me politics and the rest of that stuff is a waste of time. But having the opportunity to help people, having the opportunity to affect change is important, having the opportunity to deal with children, to give some child hope. And that's what we try to do around here. Those things that my parents instilled in me I try to instill in others.

Gibbs Jr. College National Alumni Assoc., Inc. Finalizing Millennium Reunion Plans



ST. PETERSBURG — The Board of Directors of Gibbs Jr. College National Alumni Association, Inc. in conjunction with the membership committee headed by Ms. Mabel Manley, Ms. Carolyn Macon, and Ms. Bessie Kimes, honestly desire your participation in the alumni association and the Millennium Reunion. We are recruiting all of the alumni of Gibbs Jr. College to join our organization, Gibbs Jr. College National Alumni Association, Inc., and help us fulfill our mission of giving two scholarships a year to attend St. Pete Jr. College, Gibbs Campus. We are putting together a GJC Directory for our souvenir book. We need the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of all alumni of GJC. Please call (727) 906-0059 and give Mabel your correct mailing information if you have not received a Millennium Reunion registration packet. The directory information can also be given to Mrs. Bessie Kimes, (727) 898-4216.

We are finalizing plans for our biennial reunion to be held May 26th-28th, 2000 at Holiday Inn Select, Clearwater. Our chairperson for the reunion, Mrs. Bessie Kimes and Co-Chairperson, Dean Cecil B. Keene along with the planning committee members have worked hard planning our Millennium Reunion. Please call the hotel at (727) 557-9100 for room reservations, Mrs. Bessie Kimes at (727) 898-4216 for reunion information and/or registration, and Ms. Mabel Manley at (727) 906-0059 for information on how to submit an ad/patron in our souvenir book and for updates to our directory. Please plan to join us at this reunion and help us give two scholarships to deserving students attending SPJC, Gibbs Campus.

GJCNA Board of Directors Meetings are open to all alumni of Gibbs Jr. College. The National President, Dr. Walter L. Smith, will preside. Please mark your calendar and join us at one of our regular

meetings. Our next National Board Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 15th, 2000, 12noon at Dr. Welch's office, 1600 16th St. S., St. Pete. The remaining meetings will be held the 3rd Saturday of each month, 12noon, at Dr. Welch's office.

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Water Gardening, Koi Ponds And Nuisance Wildlife Presentations At Sunken Gardens

ST. PETERSBURG — The novice puddler or the koi expert is invited to a free water gardening presentation at Sunken Gardens, 1825 Fourth St. N., on Saturday, Jan. 8th, 2000, at 10am in the Oak Pavilion. Bob Heagey of Bonsai Koi Ponds will make the presentation.

Have you been outwitted by an opossum? Stymied by a squirrel? Also at the Gardens that day is a presentation by Dr. Bill Kern, urban wildlife specialist, who will talk about *Nuisance Wildlife in Your Backyard*. Dr. Kern will offer advice on how to outsmart pesky wildlife at 2pm in the Oak Pavilion of Sunken Gardens. The presentation is free with admission.

The water gardening presentation will provide an overview of the hobby for the novice puddler or the koi expert. Sizing and placement of ponds will be covered along

with some popular methods of construction, tips to use, and pitfalls to avoid. Information on selecting plants for the water garden and how to re-pot and fertilize them will also be covered.

Other topics include what to do about pests, and predators and visitors, from herons and raccoons to snakes and toads. Filtration, balancing an ecosystem along with fish, and a question-and-answer session are included in the presentation.

Water gardening is growing around the world. With the availability of rubber and plastic liner materials, what was once enjoyed only by nobility is now available for everyone. Advances in filtration technology now allow fish to be kept without a constant flow of fresh water. These two reasons account for the explosive growth in the hobby of backyard water gardens.

Leadership Pinellas To Hold Political Candidates Seminar

CLEARWATER — Leadership Pinellas will be offering a one day Seminar on how to run for elected office, on Saturday, Jan. 29th, 2000, announced Debbie White, President of Leadership Pinellas. The full-day program will be held at the Long Center, located at 1501 Belcher Road, Clearwater.

The goal of the program will be to give potential candidates, community leaders, campaign workers and volunteers a realistic look at the cam-

paign process. Attendees will hear discussions ranging from how to decide to run to putting a campaign team together.

This will be an open forum allowing interested attendees to ask questions of professionals on what to expect and what works. This is the second time Leadership Pinellas has offered this program. The program is open to all interested parties from throughout Tampa Bay. Speakers will be a combination of elected officials, professional political

consultants and members of the local media. "The need for a program like this grows greater as our region sees term limits begin to affect some of our most experienced lawmakers," said Debbie White. The program requires reservations as seating is limited. Reservations can be made at (727) 585-8889. There is a cost for the program for the general public, with a reduction in price for the active Leadership Pinellas alumni. Price includes continental breakfast and luncheon buffet.

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"Jekyll & Hyde" Comes To The Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center



TAMPA - Jekyll & Hyde, the hit musical currently in its third "killer" year on Broadway, opens at the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center on Tuesday, Jan. 18th.

One of New York's biggest hits, Jekyll & Hyde, features a book and lyrics by two-time Academy Award-winning lyricist Leslie Bricusse and a score by Grammy Award-nominated composer Frank Wildhorn.

Starring Chuck Wagner (Dr. Jekyll/Mr. Hyde), Sharon Brown (Lucy Harris) and Andrea Rivette (Emma Carew), the Broadway tour of Jekyll & Hyde adds another chapter to the musical's now legendary story.

Jekyll & Hyde plays the Carol Morsani Hall at the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center from Jan. 18th-23rd. Showtimes are Tuesday-Thursday, 7:30pm; Friday at 8pm, Saturday at 2 & 8pm; and Sunday at 2 & 7:30pm.

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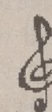
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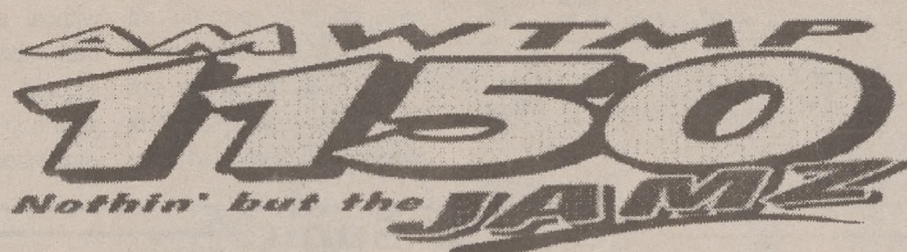
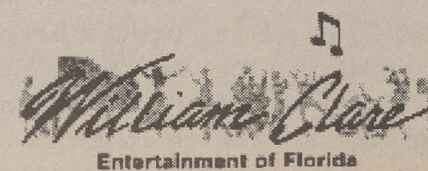
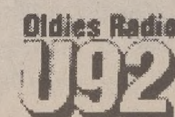
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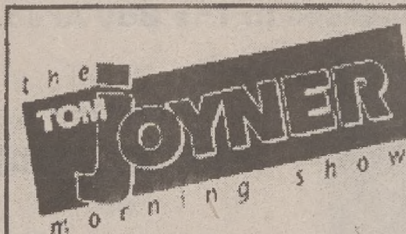


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Zeta's Annual Champagne Breakfast And Fashion Show Held

ST. PETERSBURG — Zeta Phi Beta Sorority's annual Champagne Breakfast & Fashion Show titled 'Affordable Elegance' was once again a huge success! The gala event was held on Saturday, Dec. 11th, 1999, 9:30am at the St. Petersburg Bayfront Hilton & Towers. The community came out in large numbers to support us.

We saluted our retiring sorors: Betty R. Smith - North Shore Elementary and Eloise T. Thompson - Gulfport Elementary. These fine ladies gave outstanding service to Pinellas County students for many years.

Our host was Earnest Fillyau. Event coordinators were Benita Swanson and Daphne Miller. Committee members were: Alma Bell, Emma Cavin, Carolyn Michael, Rosa A. Nesbitt, Miriam Simmons, Betty Smith, Mary Turner and Katherine Valentine.

Many thanks are extended to those who donated door prizes, namely: St. Petersburg Bayfront Hilton & Towers, The Unisex Salon, and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority.

We thank all of our patrons, models, musicians and other participants, and hope you will plan to be with us again in 2000.



Request For Pardon Submitted To Clemency Board

ST. PETERSBURG — The Concerned Citizens for Action are pleased to announce that the application for a full pardon for Omali Yeshitela has been submitted to the Florida State Clemency Board.

A public forum is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 6th, 7pm at the St. Petersburg Times Auditorium, 490 First Ave. S. Attorney William Slicker sent in the completed application during the week before the Christmas holiday. The pardon request included nearly a hundred letters of support from St. Petersburg citizens as well as from friends and supporters from around the U.S. and the world. The application petitioned for a pardon for the felony on the record of Mr. Yeshitela which was given him more than 30 years ago after he tore down an offensive, racist mural that hung on the landing of the St. Petersburg City Hall. Then known as Joseph Waller, Mr. Yeshitela served 2 and a half years of his five year sentence on these charges in the Florida state prison system.

The Concerned Citizens for Action take this opportunity to urge the St. Petersburg City Council to fulfill its commitment, made more than a year ago, to put up a plaque on the spot in City Hall where the racist mural once hung. This plaque would tell the story of

the racist mural which was a blight on our city's history.

As concerned citizens of this city, we feel that the plaque must also include a full apology both to the African community and to Mr. Yeshitela who paid with his civil rights and with two and a half years of his life for his courageous act. Moreover, we concerned citizens believe that such a plaque would go a long way in bridging the racial divide which still marks our city and which was evidenced in the police murder of young TyRon Lewis in 1996.

The Concerned Citizens for Action urge the City Council to break its deadlock on this matter.

For a further discussion of these and other pertinent questions, we urge everyone to attend the forum scheduled for **Thursday, Jan. 6th at the St. Petersburg Times auditorium, 490 First Ave. S.** Featured speakers will include Omali Yeshitela, leader of the Uhuru Movement, Doug Tutill of the University of South Florida's Urban Initiative, Alvelita Donaldson of the Concerned Citizens for Action and others.

For more information, call (727) 898-1042.

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Contractors And Builders Assn. Announces January General Membership Meeting

PINELLAS PARK — The Contractors and Builders Association (CBA) of Pinellas County will hold their January General Membership Meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 11th at the Tucson's, 13563 Icot Blvd., Clearwater, from 6-9pm.

David Swider of the Meyers Group will present the program - "Housing Trends and

Conditions," a review of the 1999 year and predictions for the year 2000. This meeting will also serve as the monthly meeting for the Association's Sales and Marketing Council.

For reservations, cost or more information, call (727) 545-5536 no later than Jan. 7th.

South Tampa PC Users To Meet

TAMPA — The South Tampa PC Users Group will meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Gateway Country Store in the K-Mart Plaza at the corner of Dale Mabry

Hwy. and Columbus Dr. from 7-9pm. All welcome who have an interest in computers. Great speakers! Questions? Call 813/839-4272 or log on STPCUG 1@AOL.com.

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SCLC 15th Annual National M.L. King, Jr., Drum Major For Justice Parade

ST. PETERSBURG — The Southern Christian Leadership Conference & the Florida Martin Luther King, Jr. Institute For Non Violence invite you to join us and the nation in bringing in the New Millennium celebrating the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as we host the SCLC's 2000 Millennium 15th Annual National Martin Luther King, Jr. Drum Major For Justice Parade on Monday, Jan. 17th at 1:15pm in downtown St. Petersburg.

The SCLC's 2000 Millennium 15th Annual National Martin Luther King, Jr. Drum Major For Justice Festival of Bands is Sunday, Jan. 16th at 4:30pm at Al Lang Stadium/Florida Power Stadium, 230

1st St. S. in downtown St. Petersburg.

This St. Petersburg first official Millennium event of the year 2000 features top marching bands from around the nation who will perform their renowned "High Stepping" performances in special salute and tribute to Dr. King and his teachings of Non Violence.

All organizations, businesses, agencies, institutions, elementary, middle and high school groups who wish to be in the parade must pick up their applications at the Enoch Davis Center, Campbell Park or Wildwood Recreation Center. For further information on vending for the parade, contact (727) 327-0085.

Davis Center To Host 20th Annual King Essay Finals

ST. PETERSBURG — Six finalists will present their essays during the 20th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contest Finals at the Enoch Davis Center, 1111 18th Ave. S., on Friday, Jan. 14th beginning at 7pm.

High school students were asked to write on this year's theme, "1999 A Summer of Hate: Rampant Hostility-Violence-Bigotry and Aggression; Is Peace Only A Dream?"

First, second and third place winners will receive U.S. Savings Bonds and others will receive Honorable Mention Awards. Individuals who are active in the community and participate in programs beneficial to youth serve as judges. The three judges for 2000 are Winnie Foster, Vincent Russell, and Charles Wims.

Diane Speights, Director of Neighborhood Programs, Resource Center for Women, will serve as moderator for the contest. The Starlight Performing Arts group, children ages 8 to 14 directed by Delores Foster, will provide entertainment for the evening.

The annual event is free and open to the public. The essay contest is co-sponsored by the City of St. Petersburg's Enoch Davis Center and the St. Petersburg Chapter of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Committee.

The Enoch Davis Center is a multipurpose facility operated by the City of St. Petersburg's Department of Leisure Services and offers numerous programs for all age groups. Call 893-7134 for further information.

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Elouise Troxel Shelter for Women and Children will provide a center where homeless women and children will have access to a spiritually based rehabilitation program that will give them a hand up not a handout.

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TAMPA - Christian Women's Fellowship Women of Excellence is announcing its Millennium Winter Revival at Greater Morning Star Baptist Church, 1415 5th Ave., in Tampa, on Jan. 10th-13th, 2000. Pastor Dorothy Evans, of Altadena, CA, an anointed woman of God, will be revival

evangelist. Service will begin nightly at 7:30, along with Praise and Worship Healing and Deliverance. Come and celebrate with us nightly.

• Christian Women's Fellowship, Women of Excel-

lence is also delighted to announce an exciting Pre-Conference Concert "His Radiant Glory In A New Millennium" with an anointed Psalmist and recording artist Karen Taylor of the Potters House of Dallas, Texas. This

event will take place Thursday, Jan. 13th, 7:30pm at Greater Morning Star Baptist Church. For more information, please contact Dr. Ada Davis at (727) 867-5209.

• The Sixth Annual Winter Conference will take place at the Airport Hilton on Jan. 14th and 15th, 2000.

Women's Chamber Of Commerce Plans 70th Birthday Party

ST. PETERSBURG - "A 70th Happy Birthday Party" will be the theme at the next luncheon meeting of the St. Petersburg Women's Chamber of Commerce.

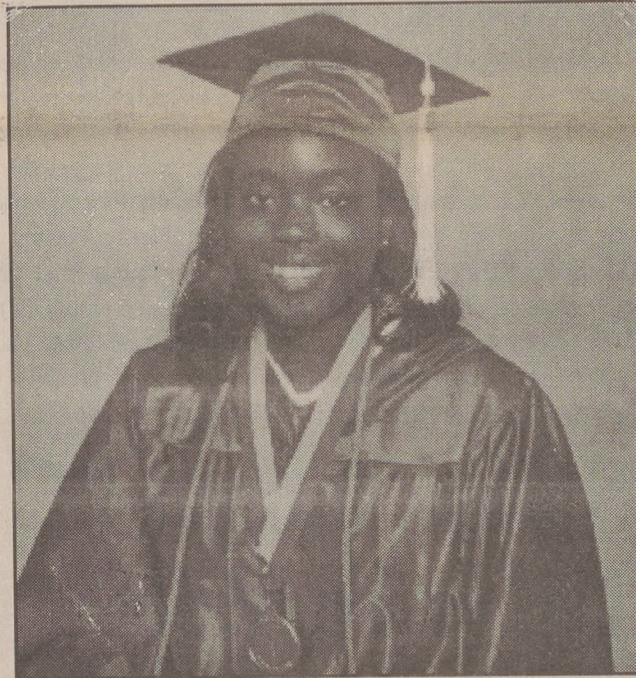
The group will meet at 11:30am on Thursday, Jan. 20th, and the third Thursday of each month through April, at the St. Petersburg Women's Club building, 40 Snell Isle Blvd. NE. Membership is open to anyone interested in St. Petersburg and city beautification.

Participants are welcome to stay and play bridge following the luncheon. For reservations and ticket information, please call Alta Varney at 866-6696.

Packer Enters Graduate School

Tameche Packer has completed her first semester of graduate school at the University of Illinois in Urbana, Illinois. She was in St. Petersburg to celebrate the holidays with her family. Tameche, pursuing a Master's in Theatre Stage Management, is the recipient of a full fellowship from the university.

A Cum Laude graduate of Florida A&M University, she received two Bachelor degrees in 1999. In May, she graduated with a BA in Theatre and was awarded her second degree in August for Social Work. While attending FAMU, she spent a summer at Walt Disney World in Orlando as a Stage Management Intern. She is the 1998 recipient of the prestigious Antionette M. Humphries Award, presented annually to a promising theatre student. During her senior year,



Tameche Packer

Tameche was inducted into the National Social Work Honor Society.

A 1995 graduate of St. Petersburg High School, she is thankful for her relationship

with the Lord, who is the guiding force in her life.

Tameche, the daughter of Bill and Birce Packer, has an older brother, William.

Miss "Fashionetta" Contestant - Jazmine Nicole Clarke - Pearl Group



Jazmine Nicole Clarke

ST. PETERSBURG - Jazmine Nicole Clarke is a junior and honor student at Boca Ciega High School. The Center for Medical Wellness and Professions.

Jazmine is a very active teenager in the community. She is a member of Northside Heart Institute Medical Explorers, Jack and Jill of America, Inc. (secretary and immediate past president), Thurgood Marshall Achiever's Society (president), Trinity Presbyterian Church Youth Group (secretary), and co-captain of Teen Usher Board. She is also a member of Exquisite Gems, JC Penney's Teen

Board, Boca Ciega High School's Key Club, Navigators, Youth Crime Watch of America, Pirate Patrol, Steppers, Spanish Club, Student Government Association, and 100 Blue Pep-Club.

After high school, Jazmine plans to attend college at Florida Agriculture and Mechanical University and major in Pharmacy.

After graduating from Pharmacy School and receiving her pharmacy doctorate, she plans to work for a pharmaceutical company.

Jazmine is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J. L. Michael Clarke.

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Celebrating The New Year With Friends At The Renaissance

ST. PETERSBURG — Bringing in the new year with friends is a long-time tradition in our history — what a wonderful way to celebrate and exclaim resolutions!

On Friday, Dec. 31st, 1999 a gathering of party-goers who wanted to have fun, dance, chat and enjoy the holiday in a cozy, quiet atmosphere greeted each other at the newly managed and decorated Renaissance Club, located at 1801 34th St. S. Right at home in the heart of South St. Petersburg, they couldn't have had a better time anywhere else.

Take a look for yourself — everyone is into the smooth groove of dancing to oldies but goodies, indulging in a delightful New Year's Eve party dinner prepared by Shirley's Soul Food, and singing and shouting in the best for the year 2000!



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MORE UNIQUE WAYS TO STRETCH A DOLLAR

I'm taking this opportunity to wish all my readers, family, and friends a happy and prosperous new year! Next week, more ideas on how to stretch your dollars.

And now, it's that time of the week in the new year, when we would like to share with you, 'newsy' tidbits about what's going on in and out of the city.

HOLIDAY VISITORS

Julia Florance (Jemison) Wilcox was here in the Sunshine City visiting family members and old friends. While here, she spent one half day with Ed (Pop) Kirkland of 19th Ave. S., where they reminisced about old Jordan Park and Webb's City days. Julia will be returning to Daytona Sunday, Jan. 2nd, where she is very active doing volunteer and other charitable work. Julia made Daytona her home several years ago.

Here visiting family members and friends were Ken and Lolita Paige; also, Yvette Cannon, who was house guest of mother, Altamese Cannon of Harbor Watch Complex South. Lolita, who lives in Greenburg, NC, has been an English instructor for 27 years.

Ken is an industrial arts and football coach for 30 years.

Yvette, who lives in Laurinburg, NC, teaches pre-K.

The group left last Sunday via Delta Airlines. Here's to a safe trip.

Romondea Stockton Harris, 2nd grader at Perkins Magnet School, recently returned from a holiday visit with her mom and sister, Garland and Ailial Stockton, of Miami, FL. She returned last Sunday via Southwest Airlines. Have a happy year in your studies!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES

A personal note, if you please!

I would like to take this method and opportunity on behalf of myself and my entire family to thank our many friends, neighbors, classmates, co-workers (present and past) for their thoughtfulness and concern in the passing of our beloved Albert C. (Jack) Howard, Jr.

Also, special thanks go out to his church, Mt. Ebal Primitive Baptist Church, where Rev. Elder Joseph Myrick, Jr. is the pastor and McCabe United Methodist Church, the Rev. Floyd L. Water, Pastor.

Last Saturday, 1-1-00, in the twilight of the evening, a 90th birthday celebration was held for cousin Willie Hutley. It was a bar-be-que extraordinaire. Also sharing in the affair was great, great, great grandson.

There are not enough words for me to thank the director and his entire staff of Zion Hill Mortuary for their personal and compassionate service rendered. God's choice blessing is my prayer to each of you.

Until next week, Jump To It!

'New Jordan Park' Development Meeting To Be Held

ST. PETERSBURG — The St. Petersburg Housing Authority's new developer for the Jordan Park HOPE VI project, Landex Corporation and the Richman Group, will meet with residents, City representatives, local community leaders and SPHA staff on Thursday, Jan. 6th, 2000 to discuss refinement and finalization of the site plan for the new Jordan Park to be submitted to the City for approval. This is being done in preparation for submission of an application to the Florida Housing Finance Corporation for an allocation of Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC). The application must be submitted by March 8th, 2000.

The conceptual site plan was developed as a part of the Jordan Park HOPE VI Revitalization Plan, recently approved

by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Ms. Judith S. Siegal of the Landex Corporation explained that as the developer begins the process of building the new Jordan Park, their first critical milestone is submission of a "perfect" application for Low Income Housing Tax Credits. Ms. Siegal states that Landex's first priority in that process is to meet the stakeholders to reach a consensus on the final physical design of Jordan Park.

Darrell Irions, Executive Director of the St. Petersburg Housing Authority, stated that the Housing Authority has complete confidence in Landex's ability to prepare a winning application for the award of an allocation of the vital LIHTC to the HOPE VI project.

Youthbuild Seeks New Applicants —

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For applications or further information, contact: YouthBuild St. Petersburg at PTEC, 901 34th St. S., Room E-1, (727) 893-1573.



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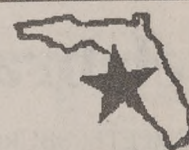
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Former U.S. Surgeon General Urges People With HIV To Learn About Anemia



L-R: Audley Ransom, Dr. Jocelyn Elders and Kip Wright

WASHINGTON — Former U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Jocelyn Elders is joining forces with The Balm In Gilead and the National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC), two of the nation's leading AIDS organizations, in a national campaign urging African Americans living with HIV to see their healthcare provider about anemia so they can improve their quality of life. The recently

launched campaign includes print and radio public service announcements and advertisements featuring Dr. Elders, a toll-free number for more information (1-888-321-AIDS), and on-line information at www.nmac.org and www.balmingilead.org.

As many as 95 percent of people living with HIV will develop anemia during the course of their disease. Treat-

ment options are available that can dramatically improve the way they feel.

Anemia is an abnormally low level of red blood cells and is a common complication of HIV/AIDS and its treatments. It can be caused by the virus itself or by certain HIV/AIDS treatments that suppress the bone marrow, among other factors. It can be diagnosed by a routine red blood cell count.



Rosetta Cohen Forshee

"Recognizing God's Anointed"

In Ordination Services to be held on Sunday, Jan. 9th at 3pm, Bishop Elect Gregory Finnie, Sr. will be "Recognizing God's Anointed," workers who are diligently working to please God and whose aims and objectives are to multiply His Kingdom.

These workers pledge their physical, moral and spiritual support in every endeavor of God's Word. They represent the kind of leadership that is guided by the Bible, for they know that God's Word has always been a friend to mankind, offering spiritual guidance, words of comfort and encouragement to those who live by what is written within. They stand ready to assist you in understanding the goodness of God and His saving grace.

Being ordained are:

• **Elder-Elect Thomas Harris** - Married to Melissa, 3 children: Thomas, Chanterria and Alicia. Graduated from high school in 1982 in Ft. Lauderdale, attended Broward Community College. **Desire In Ministry:** To evangelize souls for the Kingdom of God; to launch Prison Ministry.

• **Minister Pam McAroy**

- Daughter, Frances Beth Stepter. Graduated high school Class of 1978 in Memphis, TN, attended Memphis State University. **Desire In Ministry:** To be a vessel used by God to reach the so-called "unreachable" and reconcile them back to Christ.

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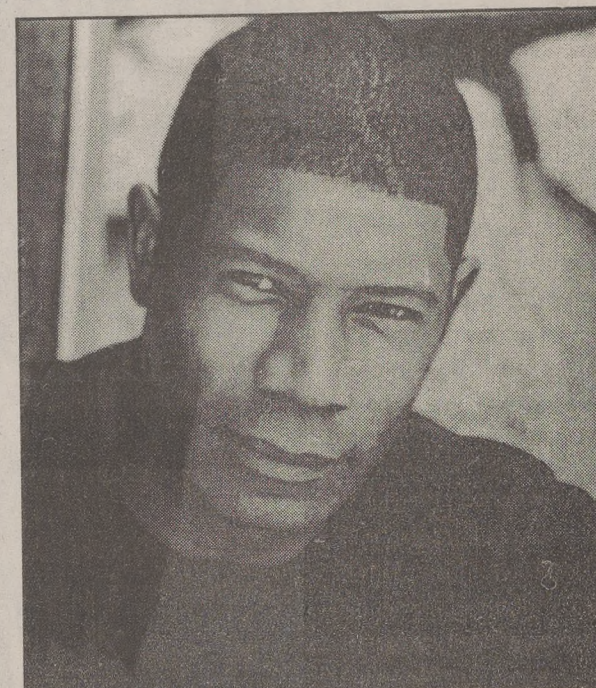
• **Minister Vanessa Shelton** - Married to Frank. Graduated high school June 1979 in Lyons, NY. Attended Career City College, Ft. Lauderdale and Mid County Medical Training, West Palm Beach. **Desire In Ministry:** To utilize her skills to reach men and women who are incarcerated, abused women and youth of all ages.

• **Minister Leroy Harris, Jr.** - Graduated high school June 1986 in New Haven, CN; served 4 years in U.S. Army. **Desire In Ministry:** To reach out to those who are lost and to teach the Word of God.

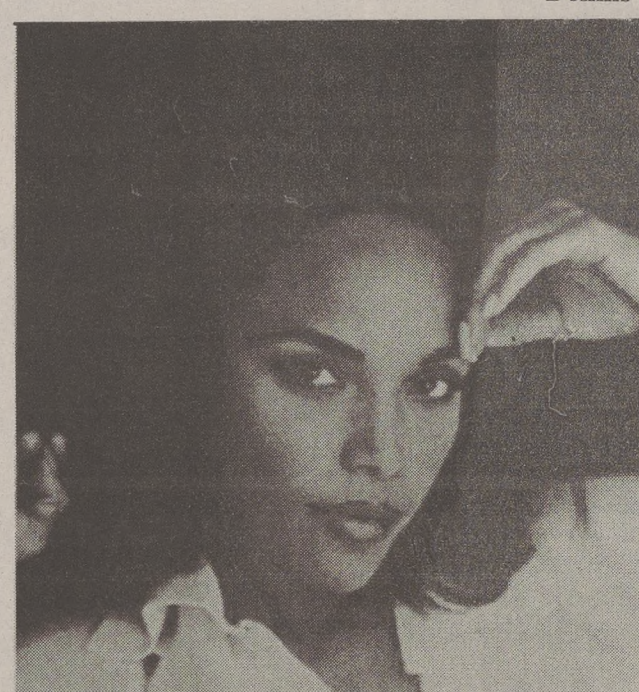
Come and show your love and support for these most worthy leaders. Ordination Services will be held at Galilee Christian Church, located at 14529 SE 95th Ave. in Summerfield.

Turner Broadcasting Announces The 2000 Trumpet Awards Honorees

ATLANTA — Patti LaBelle, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Lou Rawls and Time Warner, Inc. President Richard Parsons are among the honorees at Turner Broadcasting System, Inc.'s 2000 Trumpet Awards ceremony to be held at Atlanta's Omni Hotel at CNN Center Monday, Jan. 10th, at 6pm and premiering on TBS Superstation Saturday, Feb. 26th, at 8:05pm. The Trumpet Awards, hosted this year by Lynn Whitfield (Eve's Bayou) and Dennis Haysbert (Now and Again), honor African-American achievers in fields as diverse as law, politics and entertainment.



Dennis Haysbert



Lynn Whitfield

The 2000 Trumpet Awards Honorees include Gospel Artist Shirley Caesar; Singer/Philanthropist Lou Rawls; Airline Captain Patrice Clarke Washington; Living Legend Award: Singer Patti LaBelle; Crusader Award: Civil and Human Rights Activist, the Rev. Jesse Jackson; Pinnacle Award: Judge Damon J. Keith; and Young STAR Award: Jockey Marlon St. Julien.

Turner Broadcasting System, Inc., a subsidiary of Time Warner, Inc., is a major producer of news and entertainment products around the world.

Household Hazardous Waste Being Collected

OCALA — The Marion County Board of County Commissioners is sponsoring a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day for county residents at the Martel Recycling Center, located at 500 SW 70th Ave. (just west of Ocala Airport) on Saturday, Jan. 8th, 2000 from 9am-3pm.

Items being accepted from

residents include: Lawn and garden chemicals, fertilizers, paint, strippers and thinners, gasoline, antifreeze, batteries (household and auto), household cleaning fluids, thermostats, solvents, used oil, and many other hazardous waste items. Used vehicle tires will also be accepted. There is a

limit of 5 tires per residence, 16" rim size or smaller. No large truck or tractor tires will be accepted.

This event is free to Marion County residents. No business waste can be accepted at this event.

For further information, call (352) 245-6530.

Certain Candles May Cause Health Risk And Cleaning Problems

GAINESVILLE — This is the time of year when cinnamon and bayberry candles conjure memories of holidays past. Tapers and votives illuminate festive meals and religious ceremonies, and pillars provide a special holiday ambiance.

However, candles may

pose problems many consumers aren't aware of. High soot production from certain candles can cause respiratory health problems as well as the soiling of walls, appliances and furniture.

Although candles may seem harmless, some varieties can produce indoor concentra-

tions of soot that exceed levels allowed in outdoor air by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Candle-produced soot particles can penetrate almost all residential air conditioning filters, circulating the particles throughout the home. Keep lit candles away

from drafts created by open windows, fans or air conditioning vents — candles in a draft could produce up to 50 percent more soot.

People need to be aware of the potential health and home care implications that go along with the use of candles.

Ocala Civic Theatre Mainstage Production Of 'Once Upon A Mattress'

OCALA — Most of us were told, when we were young, of the princess who, because of her noble birth, was so sensitive that she was unable to sleep on a bed of twenty mattresses when a single pea was placed beneath the bottom mattress.

In the prologue to *Once Upon A Mattress*, the Minstrel (played by Ed Morrison) warns the audience that the Hans Christian Andersen version does not cover all the facts, as he goes on to tell the story "as it really happened."

Once Upon A Mattress opens on Thursday, Jan. 27th, and runs through Sunday, Feb. 20th. Curtain times are 8:15pm for evening performances and 2:15pm for matinees. Tickets will go on sale Jan. 10th. Please call the Theatre box office at (352) 236-2274 for more information or to make reservations.

Once Upon A Mattress is tongue-in-cheek fun ... pleasantly sophisticated and witty enough to delight adults, with enough fairyland quality to entice youngsters as well!

Ted Strickland To Direct 'Once Upon A Mattress'

OCALA — Ted Strickland will serve as the Guest Artistic Director for Ocala Civic Theatre's upcoming production of *Once Upon A Mattress*.

With over 30 years experience as a director, Mr. Strickland most recently served as the Managing Director of The Portland Stage Company in

Portland, Maine. Mr. Strickland also directed the inaugural season of the Arundel Barn Theatre in Kennebunkport, Maine.

While Executive/Artistic Director of The Little Theatre of Chattanooga, Tennessee, Mr. Strickland's production of *Pump Boys And Dinettes* was

an American Association of Community Theatre national festival finalist and represented the United States in the Aruba International Theatre Festival. Mr. Strickland founded the theatre program at Michigan Technological University and served as Director of Theatre,

after which he headed the Graduate Directing Program at Memphis State University.

After earning his B.A. in Theatre from Wesleyan University, Mr. Strickland earned his Master of Fine Arts in Directing from Pennsylvania State University.

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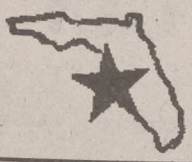
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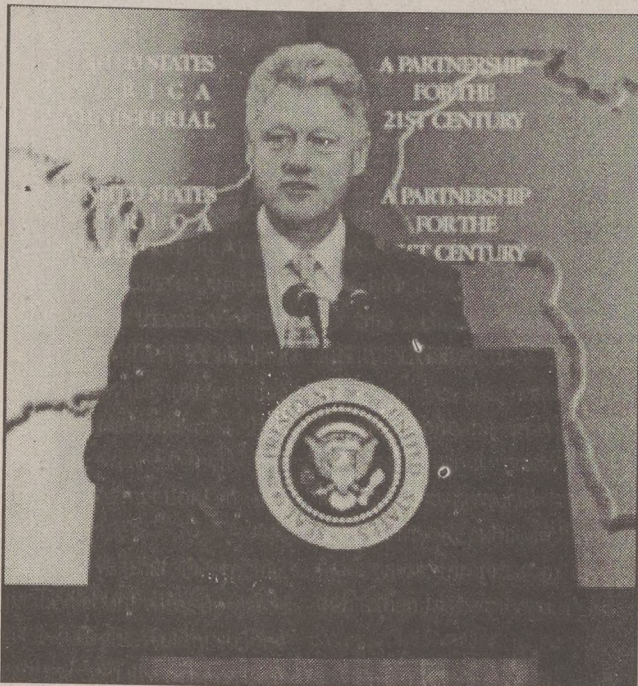
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A Message From The President To Muslims Worldwide On Ramadan



President Bill Clinton

by William J. Clinton

Warm greetings to Muslims across America and around the world as you celebrate the start of Ramadan, a holy month of prayer, fasting, reflection and good works.

Islam is one of the world's most prominent religions and a source of profound strength and guidance for millions of Americans. Members of the Muslim American community have made enormous contributions to our national life.

I am especially pleased that my alma mater, Georgetown University, has named its first Muslim chaplain, reflecting the increasing recognition in our country of the Islamic faith and our firm commitment

to religious tolerance.

Sadly, in too many communities around the world, Muslims and other believers are unable to worship according to their religious traditions. We look forward to the day when people of all faiths can freely express their beliefs without fear of persecution or discrimination.

Each year, Ramadan brings a promise of renewal and hope for the world. I pray that, as the new moon rises, we will witness the beginning of a new era of tolerance around the globe. As the followers of Islam celebrate the revelation of God's word to Muhammad, we join you in honoring his call for harmony and peace.

Bill Bradley Fouls The Civil Rights Act

by R.D. Davis

Writer and Talk Show Show

Former basketball star and current Democratic presidential candidate Bill Bradley hasn't fouled an opponent on the basketball court in years, but lately he's fouling the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Bradley claims the congressional vote on the Act led to which political party he would join. Oh, really?

On Oct. 9th, 1999 at an Iowa Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner, Bradley exclaimed: "I remember the exact moment that I became a Democrat. It was the summer of 1964; I was an intern in Washington between my junior and senior year in college. And I was in the Senate chamber the night the 1964 Civil Rights Act passed that desegregated public accommodations in America... And I became a Democrat because it was the party of justice. It was Democrats that stepped forward that evening in the Senate and cast their vote that washed away the stain of segregation in this country."

I believe that Democrats have lied about who supported the Civil Rights Act for so long that they actually believe their lies. But anytime this lie is retold, I feel compelled to debunk it. So here we go again...

The Congressional Quarterly of June 26, 1964 (p. 1323) recorded that, in the Senate, only 69% of Democrats (46 for, 21 against) voted for the Civil Rights Act as compared to 82% of Republicans (27 for, 6 against). All southern Democratic senators

voted against the Act. This includes the current senator from West Virginia and former KKK member Robert C. Byrd and former Tennessee senator Al Gore, Sr. (the father of Bradley's Democratic opponent). Surely young Bradley must have flunked his internship because ostensibly he did not learn that the Act's primary opposition came from the southern Democrats' 74-day filibuster. In addition, he did not know that 21 is over three times as much as six, otherwise he would have become - according to the logic of his statement - a Republican.

In the House of Representatives, 61% of Democrats (152 for, 96 against) voted for the Civil Rights Act; 92 of the 103 southern Democrats voted against it. Among Republicans, 80% (138 for, 34 against) voted for it.

Since Bradley was interning in the Senate, why doesn't he remember the major role the Republicans played in fighting for civil rights? During the Eisenhower Administration, the Republican Party made more progress in civil rights than in the preceding 80 years.

The historical facts and numbers show the Republican Party was more for civil rights than the Democrats from "the party of justice," as Bill Bradley called it. It is an "injustice" for contemporary Democratic politicians and the liberal news media to continue to not give the Republicans credit for their civil rights triumphs.



LIGHT OF THE WORLD

By DANIEL BANKS

On Wednesday, Dec. 29th, I drove ten members of the St. Paul A.M.E. Church School to Tallahassee, FL to tour the State Capitol. The trip was a veritable success. There was not enough interest to charter a bus so we made the three-hour trip in the church van. We toured the House and Senate Chambers in the new Capitol, as well as the Rotunda and the famed 22nd floor, which affords one an aerial view of the entire city. From the 22nd floor, we could see many landmarks, including Florida State University, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, and Tallahassee Community College (in the distance). We

also toured the old Capitol building with its House and Senate Chambers and varying historical displays.

Portraits of former Florida governors dating all the way back to the 1830's hung from the walls of the old Capitol.

After leaving the old Capitol building, we drove through the campuses of Florida State University and Florida A&M University. The excursion allowed the youth to get a first hand glimpse of campus life and was intended as an incentive to greater academic achievement.

When the campus tours ended, we were all ready for a hefty lunch at Piccadilly's in

the Governor's Square Mall, (and the return trip home)!

One of our youth came from as far away as Wildwood to be a part of this educational experience.

"Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it." -- Proverbs 22:6

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College Scholarships Available From Ocala Civic Theatre

OCALA - Ocala Civic Theatre is proud to support the future of the performing arts through its scholarship program.

Encouraging young talent to pursue their dreams in the performing arts is a part of Ocala Civic Theatre's mission. In addition to producing shows which allow students to perform and hone their technical skills, the Theatre offers scholarships to Marion County residents planning to major in the performing arts at college. This is a competitive process which asks applicants to fill out an application, write an essay, offer references, attend an interview and present their tal-

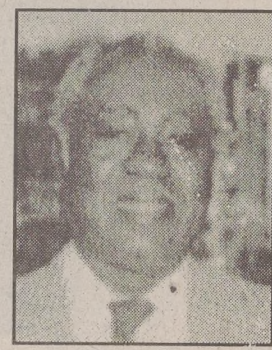
ent in an audition. The award amount varies each year, but it is a minimum of \$500 per student.

Scholarship applications will be available beginning Jan. 28th, 2000. They may be picked up at the Theatre at 4337 East Silver Springs Boulevard between 10am-5:30pm, Monday through Friday. To receive one by mail, call (352) 236-2274. Completed applications must be returned to the Theatre no later than March 10th.

More than \$23,000 has been awarded to Marion County students since the scholarship program was established in 1981.

Ocala News

by James Thorpe



QUEEN VICTORY LODGE TO HOLD MEETING

Queen Victory Lodge #50 will hold their monthly meeting 8pm on Jan. 11th, 2000 at R.R. Bailey Lodge, 920 NW 8th Ave, Ocala.

All brothers need to be present, as this is a meeting of importance.

GREATER HOPEWELL AND NEW ZION

Greater Hopewell will be in service with New Zion Baptist Church on Sunday, Jan. 9th at 3:30pm. Greater Hopewell will be in charge of the service. Rev. Lee will deliver the message. Rev. Dr. Eugene Broxton is the Pastor of New Zion.

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Middleton Class Of '69 Has Christmas To Remember'

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Thanks are extended to Hillsborough Lodge #242, as the yuletide event was held at the Prince Hall Affiliated Bodies, Inc., 1708 E. Columbus Drive.



New Tampa Marriott Waterside Offers Abundant Jobs In The New Millennium

TAMPA — Scheduled to open in March 2000, Tampa Marriott Waterside — the \$105 million property featuring 717 rooms and a 6,000 square-foot spa and fitness center — offers 550 positions from housekeep-

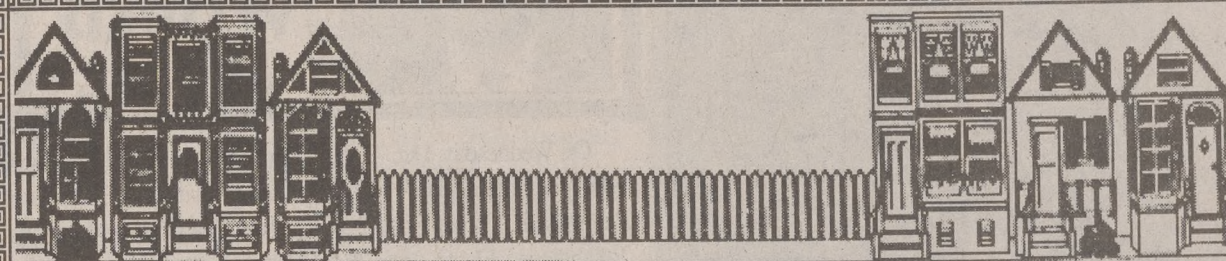
ing and utility to front desk and management.

The Marriott Employment Center — a temporary facility for recruitment, screening and placement — is available Jan. 10th-14th at the neighboring

Tampa Convention Center. A unique direct hire process will allow applicants to walk in for an interview with an experienced Marriott manager capable of making the hiring decision and leave with a job offer,

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Session VII 11/8 - 12/20 (Monday 6-8pm)

Microsoft Word for Windows Classes

Session VII 11/18 - 12/30 (Thursday 6-8pm)

Microsoft Excel for Windows Classes

Session VII 11/9 - 12/21 (Tuesday 6-8pm)

Introduction to Computers

Session V 10/30 - 1/8 (Saturday 10-2pm)
Session VII 11/10 - 12/22 (Wednesday 6-8pm)

Music Classes

Every Monday, 4-5pm

Community Parent Support Group

Third Monday of every month, 6-8pm

Suncoast Epilepsy Services

Monday & Wednesday, 8am-4pm

Catholic Charities Housing

Every Wednesday 1-7pm. Please call Deborah @ 727-893-1314, ext. 214

Rational Living Support Group

Every Monday & Wednesday, 6-8pm

Battery Intervention Program

Every Wednesday, 12-8pm

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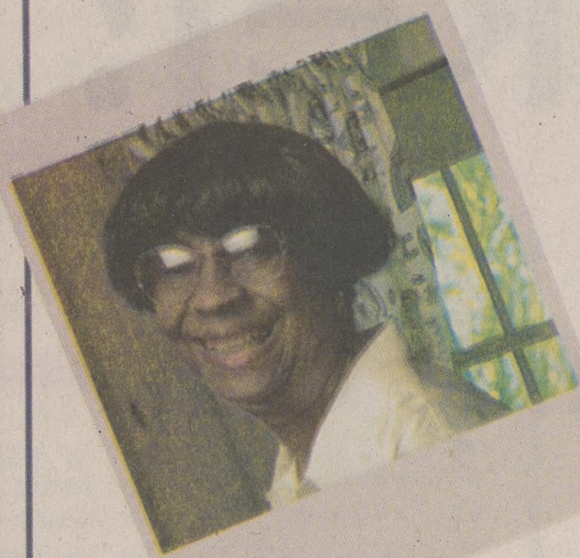
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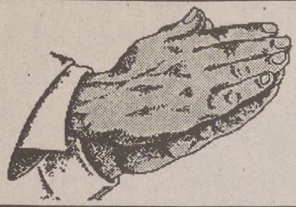
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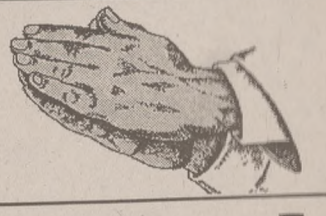


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Church News



New Philadelphia Community

Convocation at land site for construction of New Philadelphia's Christian Life Center will take place following mid-morning worship. Members are urged to join in this solemn act of gratitude for the continued grace of God and how amazing it always is! Pastor requests that members make frequent "pilgrimages" to land God has given us for prayer, fellowship, and become acquainted with tenants living in church owned properties.

The ministries of prayer intercession and deliverance will visit members for prayer, fellowship, and discuss church family's theological strategy for engaging in spiritual warfare. Members can also request visitation sessions at times which agree with their daily schedules. These visits repre-

sent a major effort to do "in-reaching" to church family members and solidify "congregational chemistry" necessary for spiritual battles.

Worship innovations for year 2000 will continue during mid-morning service. The period of praise and devotion will be extended. Congregational offerings in music will continue to be projected overhead for its spiritually enthusiastic effect on praise and worship. Individual musical offerings will be varied. Traditional hymns, contemporary Gospel, and Negro spirituals, will all be part of music ministry. Spontaneous and spirit-led singing is always welcomed. Pastor will continue his sermon series on "Poverty of the Soul." Proclamation focus on Sunday is "Sanctified Stewardship."

Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church

Pastor Clarence Williams and the members of Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church wish each and everyone a Happy New Year!

Watch Night Service was spiritually uplifting and enjoyable as we welcomed the coming of the new year.

Mt. Zion continues to make plans for our first millennium activity for the new year as we observe our church's 75th anniversary with the sharing in our Fashion Show and Mammoth Tea on Sunday, Jan. 23rd at 4pm.

Plans are still being made for our church anniversary on

Sunday, Feb. 27th. Various speakers for this occasion will be enjoyed by all. Please plan to come out and join in with this celebration.

Mt. Zion is getting excited as we make plans for our first revival to be held Jan. 24th, 25th and 26th, starting at 7pm nightly.

The preacher for the revival will be the Rev. Jimmy Thompson, Pastor of Bethel A.M.E. Church, Lakeland. Everyone is invited to come out and get revived by this dynamic preacher!

EVERY WORD OF GOD IS PURE: HE IS A SHIELD UNTO THEM THAT PUT THEIR TRUST IN HIM.
Proverbs 30:5



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Evangelist's Third "Live At Azusa" Album

Since his early days as an Oral Roberts University World Action Singer, the evangelist Bishop Carlton Pearson's mission has been to eradicate racism from Christianity. His annual Azusa conference has become an interracial magnet for thousands of pastors and church leaders to obtain spiritual rejuvenation. As a result, Pearson has become a pastor to pastors. Someone they can talk to when they need counsel. In fact, Pearson is presiding bishop to over 600 churches through the U.S.

For years, Pearson has quietly nurtured budding ministries. Among the scores of leaders Pearson has counseled is Bishop T.D. Jakes. When he was an unknown preacher from West Virginia, Pearson had Jakes speak at the Azusa conference. His "Behind Closed Doors" sermon riveted the crowd. Pearson aired Jakes' sermon on his Trinity Broadcasting Network (TBN) TV show and Jakes started to get offers to speak around the country.

Of course, every shepherd's advice is not heeded. He politely warned PTL Founder Jim Bakker to "live clean" a year before the 1986 PTL scandal, but Bakker ignored his premonition. Most others solicit and heed Pearson's advice. Charisma magazine publisher Steven Strang



Bishop Carlton Pearson

sought Pearson's advice on his starting a black Christian lifestyle magazine. Pearson's advice was to integrate blacks into Charisma instead of segregating them to their own magazine.

Returning to the subject of Azusa, Pearson started mixing the speaker lineup at Azusa to further expose people to men and women of God they would not ordinarily gravitate to, pulling in a James Robinson or an R. W. Shamback, and pairing them with a Richard Henton or an Ernestine Cleveland Reems. For the music, they had Michael English and CeCe Winans trying to integrate the body of Christ. Pearson's successful "Live

at Azusa" albums grew out of the conference worship experience. Atlantic Records just released the current Live at Azusa 3: Reminding the Saints of the Hope which features guest appearances by Fred Hammond on "Jesus Be A Fence," Marvin Winans on "Just A Closer Walk with Thee" and Beverly Crawford on "He Lives" among several others. The inspired songs were the ones that I loved for years. A large portion of our church is non-black and never heard those songs, but there would always be an awesome sentimental anointing on those songs when ever I'd tear into them. These old songs are the ones that really seemed to

touch people the most and they helped tear down those racial divisions that often separate us. They also remind us of the hope. I felt those old songs gave us a sense of stability and a sense of security and safe keeping because that's what kept us through the Jim-Crow lines, civil rights riots and the assassinations of Dr. King and President Kennedy in the sixties."

Pearson trumpets the horn of racial harmony because the Bible commands him to, but also because he feels the church should be an active participant in making people's lives a little happier. "The one thing the church has emphasized is saving of souls," he says, "but we've neglected saving of lives. We want to get everybody into heaven and let them live in hell on earth. I want to change that."

For more information, contact Bill Carpenter at 202-986-0693.

Emmanuel Christian Fellowship

"I will bless the Lord at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth." Psalm 34:1

As the new year came in, we were blessing the Lord at Emmanuel Christian Fellowship Church. We thank God for His blessings of a new year and our visiting friends.

We invite you to worship with us on Sunday, Jan. 9th. The youth of Emmanuel will lead devotion service, as well as usher in the members and friends.

The word will come forth from God by the Youth Pastor, Elder Lawrence Range. The

songs of praises will be sung by the Youth Choir.

Sunday School begins at 9:30am. Morning Worship is at 11:15am, and Evening Worship is 6pm. (Revelation Film, Part 2 will be shown. Youth Missionary Sis. Gwendolyn Rollins is asking everyone to bring a guest, and please be on time.) Refreshments will be served.

"For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he comes." 1 Corinthians 11:26

Peace comes only from above. Prayer is the answer to the problem!

**Love One Another
As If You Love
Your Brother,
Or Sister**



WORLD EVANGELISM CHRISTIAN CENTER

923 M.L. King St. South, St. Petersburg
(727) 502-W.E.C.C. (more information)

We invite you to come worship with us as the Presence of the Lord fills the house.

SERVICE TIMES:

Sunday Morning 10:30am
Sunday Night 7:00pm
Tuesday Night: Prayer/Worship 8:00pm
Wednesday Night: Bible Class 8:00pm
Friday Night: Youth In Praise 8:00pm
Apostle Kenneth Miller, Sr., Pastor



STEWART-ISOM MEMORIAL CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1820 Walton Street S., St. Pete, FL 33712
(813) 327-0593

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. • Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.

Bible Study: Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

"To God Be The Glory"



Rev. Calvin Hopkins

Galilee Missionary Baptist Church

505 - 35th Street S. • St. Petersburg, FL • 327-3186

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

Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church

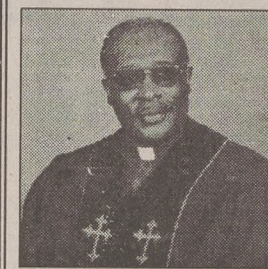
2550 9th Avenue S. • St. Petersburg, FL

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.

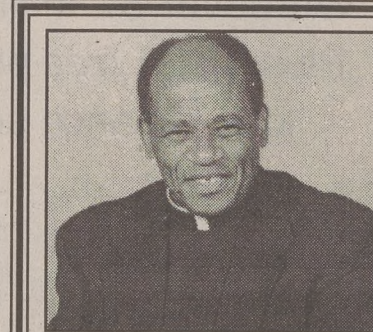
Prayer Meeting & Bible Study

Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.

"The Church Where Everybody Is Somebody"



Rev. Joseph Gordon, Pastor



Father Callist Nyambo, Pastor

St. Joseph Catholic Church

2101 - 22nd Ave. S., St. Petersburg

Sunday Services Are At:
9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Gospel Choir

BREAKTHROUGH MINISTRIES

1940 - 49th Street South
St. Petersburg, FL
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SUNDAY 11:00 AM

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WTBL-1470 AM Sundays 10:30-10:40 AM

WTAN-1340 AM Sundays 4:30-5 PM

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"A Place of Healing and Restoration"



PASTOR/PROPHET
GLENN MILLER

Bethel Community Baptist Church

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

Rev Manuel L. Sykes

Services

Sunday School 8:45 a.m.
Worship Service 10 a.m.
Prayer Services Wed., 6:30 p.m.
Bible Study Wed., 7:30 p.m.



Bethel Metropolitan Baptist Church

3455 - 26th Avenue South • St. Petersburg, FL 33711
(727) 327-0554

"Church of The Open Door"

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Wed. NBC/AWANA/Bible Study/

Praise & Prayer 7:00 p.m.

Thurs. Midday Bible Study

12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.

Sat. Noon Day Prayer Hour

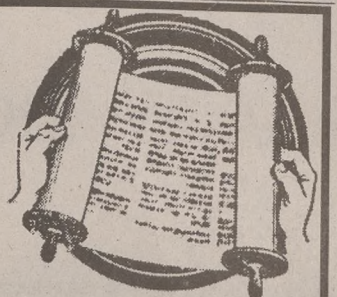
12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.

Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church

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

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

The church where everyone is welcome & the Spirit of Christ lives.





Church News



Moore's Chapel

Rev. Quintin Parker and Moore's Chapel Church family welcome you to share in their services this 2nd Sunday in January (the 9th) during both 8 and 11am services. The sermon will be delivered by Rev. Parker during both services. Music will be provided by the Mass Choir, directed and accompanied by Minister of Music Michael Melvin. For transportation to church, please contact the Transportation Ministry: Willie F. Bryant, 894-6067; Robert Golden, 867-0656; or Anthony Macon, 328-0022.

Church School will begin at 9:30am with Supt. Mose Philip Bell in charge. All officers and members are urged to attend. For transportation, please contact the Transportation Committee.

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

Prayer Service / Bible Study, Wednesday, 7pm.

Steward Board Meeting, 7pm (date to be announced).
Church Conference, 7pm (date to be announced).

Trustee Board Meeting, 7pm (date to be announced).
Drill Team Practice, the 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 11am-12noon.

African Freedom Singers Rehearsals, Tuesday, 7pm and Saturday, 10am, before the 3rd Sundays.

Youth Choir Rehearsals (ages 5-12), every Tuesday at 5:30pm.

Inspirational Dance Group Rehearsals, Monday, 6pm.

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

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

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

Friendship MB

The Friendship Missionary Baptist Church family under the leadership of Pastor John A. Evans, Sr. requests the community's presence at our worship service Sunday, Jan. 9th at 8am. The deacons will lead in devotion/prayer/praise service. The Male Chorus will render songs of praise and the No. Two Ushers will greet you. Pastor Evans will preach the divine word of God. Church School is held at 9:30am and a second service is held at 10:45am, opening with

the Minister of Music and the Praise Team.

Weekly Events:
Thursday, Jan. 13th, 7-8:45pm, Prayer/Praise Services and Bible Study; 7:45pm, Youth Enrichment Hour.

Tuesday, Jan. 18th, 6:30pm, Youth Ushers Ministry Meeting.

Wednesday, Jan. 19th, 12noon, Bible Study; 12noon-Church School is held at 9:30am and a second service is held at 10:45am, opening with

Breakthrough Ministries

"Covenant Revival" - Pastor Glenn will be ministering powerfully tonight (Thursday) and Friday (7th) at 7:30pm. God is going to make new commitments to us as we make new commitments to Him.

We have a new time slot on "The Light" WTBL-1470 AM. It has changed from Saturdays to Sundays, 10-10:30am. So tune in while you're getting dressed for church or on your way to church. Also, listen in to WTAN-1340 AM on Sundays from 4:30-5pm.

Join us for Sunday School at 9:30am for youth and adult classes, and our "Power Breakthrough Service" at 11am.

Sunday night at 7:30 kicks off our second week of Covenant Revival with Bish-

op/Prophet Sammy L. Huff, Detroit, Michigan - "back by popular demand!" He's an anointed preaching machine. He'll be ministering six great nights - Sunday through Friday at 7:30pm nightly. Come expecting a miracle. This is "The Year of Miracles!!!"

If you need a flyer of this "Covenant Revival Month," call, write or fax us. We'll be more than happy to send one. Better yet, why don't you just stop by? See you at Breakthrough, 1940 49th St. S. Mailing address: P.O. Box 10991, St. Pete 33733. Call us at (727) 321-4986/888-447-PRAY or fax us at (727) 321-3937. Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers go out to Sis. Mable Moore and family on the death of her daughter, Julie Hodges. The Lord is bringing you through this. Hold on - to Jesus!

Hot Breakfast

Queen Street Church of God in Christ will be serving hot breakfast Saturday, Jan. 8th from 6:30-11:30am. The

church is located at 1732 Ninth Ave. S. For more information, contact Irene Thomas at (727) 327-9490 or 896-4356.

FCAA Launches Statewide Consortium Of Black Faith-Based Organizations

MIAMI - Herman K. Williams, President/CEO of The Family Christian Association of America (FCAA), has announced the launching of a statewide initiative to promote family and community development in distressed communities throughout the State of Florida, through The Florida Consortium of Black Faith-Based Organizations.

The mission of the Consortium is to organize a network of social and human services training and development projects that will better equip black faith-based organizations to engage collaboratively in addressing communi-

ty needs. There are 15 inaugural members, which include faith-based leaders from the Miami, Ft. Lauderdale and Tampa areas, who also make up the board of directors.

As the umbrella organization, the FCAA is responsible for researching and developing resources for the Consortium to reach out across the state to collaborate with other faith-based organizations and effect socio-economic change. An aggressive campaign has been launched to establish this network of partners in 15 state areas. Additionally, an important aspect of the Consortium's initial efforts will be to develop

funding resources to help facilitate the training, organizing and planning process that is needed for capacity building.

For 15 years, FCAA, a community-based social and human service organization, has recognized the importance of providing programs that give meaningful help to black families and communities. It has also recognized the need to collaborate with the exempt, 501(c)(3) arm of black churches, which are known to have the ability and skills to organize and mobilize community action. In order to support and develop their community development work, The Flori-

da Consortium of Black Faith-Based Organizations was formed.

The Consortium's goal is to implement faith-based approaches to meet the needs of children, their families, and the community at large, by providing technical assistance to each member organization. It has already begun its faith-based efforts, by pledging support for the Department of Juvenile Justice's Faith Community Network, and the Department of Housing & Urban Development's Center for Community and Interfaith Partnerships.

The Lord looks down from heaven, He sees all the sons of men...
- Psalm 33

For Those Who love the Word Of God: Every Word Of God Is Pure: He Is A Shield Unto Them That Put Their Trust In Him. Proverbs 30:5

PEOPLE OF CHRIST CHURCH
"Where Jesus is First"
2137 - 9th Avenue South
St. Petersburg, FL 33712
(727) 821-5444
Sunday School 9:30
Sunday Morn 11:45
Monday Prayer 6:00
Tuesday Bible Study 7:30
Friday Service 7:30

Pastor Tony B. Young, Sr.

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church
2120 19th St. S., St. Pete • 896-5228

10:30 AM	.....	PRAYERS & 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

Join us for any of our services where you will always find "JESUS BEING PREACHED AND TAUGHT"

Rev. Alvin Moore, Pastor

Macedonia Freewill Baptist Church
2361 Seventh Avenue South St. Petersburg, Florida
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.
The Church Where Everyone Is Welcome

FIRST BAPTIST INSTITUTIONAL CHURCH
3144 THIRD AVENUE SOUTH
ST. PETERSBURG, FL
PHONE: 323-7518

REV. WAYNE G. THOMPSON, PASTOR

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:30 A.M.
MORNING WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

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THE FIRST BAPTIST FAMILY

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)

Pastor Louis M. Murphy, Sr.

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

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Earth Mission Miracle Temple of Deliverance
2611 5th Avenue S. * St. Petersburg, FL.
(727) 895 - 9591

Sunday School.....9:00 A.M.
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 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.

Welcome... This church opens wide the door - and in the name of Christ and Our Lord says: "COME!"
TRANSPORTATION IS AVAILABLE

GREATER MT. ZION AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
REV. CLARENCE WILLIAMS, PASTOR
919 - 20th Street S., St. Petersburg, FL 33712

Early Morning Worship 7:30 a.m. • Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
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.
Vintage Bible Study Wednesday 11:00 a.m. - 12 noon
Live Broadcast WRXB (Every Sunday 8:30 a.m.)
Tape Ministry • Bus Ministry
Need a tape of a service or transportation - Dial 894-1393
("The church with a heart in the heart of the city")

THE FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER STAYS TOGETHER

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.

"The Church That's Moving Forward Together"

Greater St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church
532 33rd Street S. • St. Petersburg, FL

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.
Baptist Training Union 5 p.m.
Tuesday Night
General Bible Study
Thursday Night Prayer Meeting & Teachers Meeting

Rev. Clyde Williams
We welcome you at all times.

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.
YPWW 5:30 p.m. Sunday
Church Service 6:30 p.m. Sunday
Night Services 7:30 p.m.



Church News



Bethel A.M.E.

The Bethel A.M.E. Church family extends a warm invitation for all to join us this Sunday. Our church school begins at 9am followed by the Morning Worship Service at 10:30. Pastor Dawkins will preach the spoken word. The Male Choir will render the music for the day.

Bethel will present in concert Paul Beasley and the Gospel Keynotes, on Sunday, Jan. 16th, 2000 at 5pm. For ticket or other information, contact the church at (727) 822-2089.

Our Mid-Week Service is each Wednesday at 7pm. If you missed the Sunday Worship Service, come out and be blessed!

Weekly Calendar:

Monday, Boy Scouts, 6:30pm.

Tuesday, Bible Study, 7pm.

Wednesday, Noon Day Bible Study; Choir Practice, 7pm.

Saturday, New Member's Class, 9am.

The Boy Scouts of Bethel will be in charge of the service on Jan. 16th, 2000. A play will be presented honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The Boy Scouts will be presenting a cake bake-off by the men and boys of Bethel following the service. For information, contact the church and leave a message for Nathaniel Williams.

Pleasant Grove

Pastor Joseph Gordon and the Pleasant Grove Church family invite you to worship with them on Sunday, Jan. 9th. Choir No. Two will render song service and Usher Board No. Two will serve in the 7am Early Morning Worship Service. Sunday School begins at 9:30am with Supt. Dea. Philip Carter presiding. Mid-morning worship begins at 10:50am. Choir No. Two and the Angelic Choir will render song service and Usher Board No. Two will serve. Also, we will worship with the Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church of Tampa at 3:30pm. The forementioned choirs and ushers will serve.

The Bible Drill Team will meet Friday, Jan. 7th at 6:30pm. Deacon Jim Anderson is asking all parents to please encourage your children to attend. (See church ad for all other special services.)

Don't forget the Grand Canyon Tour 2000. Please contact Sis. Kay Curry at 864-2937 after 7pm for details. Payments are being accepted now. Final payment is due June 4th, 2000.

Pastor Gordon wishes to give special thanks to the Combine Choirs and Ushers for a spiritual service at First Baptist on New Year's Eve. May God forever bless you.

Bethel Metropolitan

The Official Board, ministerial staff and church family invite you to worship with us during the 8 and 11am services and Sunday School at 9:30am. The Praise Team, Angelic Choir, Youth Choir and No. 2 Usher Board will serve.

Our mid-week Bible Study (NBC) and Prayer Service at 7pm are designed for the spiritual enrichment of the entire family. Transportation is available by calling the church office (327-0554) if you have a need.

Our Noon Day Bible Study continues its exciting study. Join them for an intense and interesting study of the Word.

Church Council/Business Meeting will be held Friday, Jan. 7th, at 7pm. All auxiliaries are expected to make their monthly financial report. Boards, auxiliaries, ministries and committees are expected to have a written Council report of its group's first six

months projections for the year 2000.

The Official Board of Bethel Metropolitan continues the 24 hour, 7 days a week Prayer Vigil. Each member of the Official Board is in prayer for 12 specific principles for the church. We ask the entire membership and community to join us in prayer at your chosen hour.

The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Committee is planning another magnificent service on Jan. 16th at 11am. This annual service has been an added enhancement to the many activities observed during the year. The membership is encouraged to wear your black and gold attire.

January Calendar:

Jan. 7th, Church Council/Business Meeting, 7pm.

Jan. 16th, MLK Commemorative Service, 11am.

Jan. 31st, Mission Sunday/High Attendance Sunday.

Traveler's Rest MB Church

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Thank you Lord for a new beginning, a new year in Your name!

The Travelers' Rest Baptist Church family and Pastor D. Franklin Browne welcomes all to fellowship where Christ is the center of attraction and the word of God is preached. Sunday Church School begins at 9:30am. Sister Yvonne Demps continues to encourage the membership to come out and learn lessons of life. Sunday School teachers are to meet for an in-depth study of the next three lessons on Saturday, Jan.

8th, at 10am. At 10:45am, our worship service begins. Pastor Browne will deliver the Ministry of Teaching, the Mass Choir under the leadership of Sister Barbara Davis will sing praises to God, and Usher Board No. Two will serve.

Upcoming Events:

The church family is reminded of the special Installation Service for all officers for the year 2000, on Sunday, Jan. 16th at 4pm. Officers, please plan to attend this special dedication service.

Weekly Activities:

Thursday, Jan. 6th, Mid-

Day Bible Study, 11am; Mass Choir Rehearsal, 7pm; Special Call Planning Meeting for our Church Anniversary, 7pm. Sister Mattie Adams is chairperson.

Saturday, Jan. 8th, Sunday School Teachers' Meeting, 10am; Usher Board No. 2 Planning Meeting.

Sunday, Jan. 9th, Baptist Training Union, 5pm.

Wednesday, Jan. 13th, Prayer and Praise, led by the Deacon Ministry, 7pm; Bible Study, with Pastor Browne as teacher, 7:30-8:30pm.

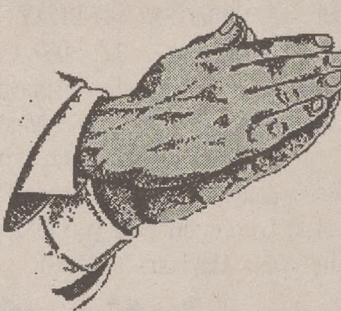
Special congratulations to

Deaconess Janice McGee who has officially retired after 25 years of service to the Veterans' Administration. We applaud you, Janice, and may God bless you in all your future endeavors.

If you are seeking a church family, we offer Travelers' Rest to you. We welcome you with opened arms.

Transportation is available by calling the church at 822-4869, before noon on Saturday.

God bless and we will see you in church!



Faith is a gift bestowed by the Lord, joyfully illuminating your path in a way no other light can. It enables you to overcome obstacles, to endure hardships and to preserve until you reach your goal. Would you like to walk by faith? God is eager to grant His priceless gift to you, if you will only ask for it.

Dear Father, You Have Given So Much; Give One Thing More - A Grateful Heart. Amen

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.

Morning Worship 11:15 a.m.

Bible Study (Monday) 7:00 p.m.

Prayer & New Comers Class (Wednesday) 6:30 p.m.

Daily Prayer (Tu & Th) 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

"All Are Welcome" • "Bring A Friend"



The Holy Ghost Church of God Purchased With His Blood

2901 Fifth Avenue S. St. Petersburg, FL 33712
Bishop W.D. Holcy, Pastor

SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Morning Worship 11:30 a.m.

YPWW 6:00 p.m.

Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Bible Band 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Prayer & Worship Service 7:30 p.m.



John A. Evans, Sr.

Friendship Missionary Baptist

3300 - 31st Street South
St. Petersburg, FL 33712
(813) 906-8300

Pastor John A. Evans, Sr.

CHURCH SERVICES

Sundays 8 AM and 11 AM Worship

Sunday School 9:30 AM

Baptist Training Union 4:30 PM

"Where strangers meet with friends and sinners find their God."



Moore's Chapel A.M.E. Church

Rev. M. Mason Walker, Pastor
321-3545

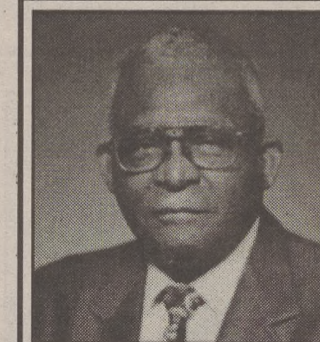
3037 Fairfield Avenue St. Petersburg, FL
Early Morning Worship 8:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

FIRST MT. PILGRIM EVANGELIST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.

2700 - 5th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL
Reverend L.E. Davis, Pastor
Home Phone: 345-3121

Sunday School 10:00 am Baptist Training Union 4:30 pm
Morning Worship 11:30 am Evening Worship 6:00 pm

Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study 7:00 pm
Friday Evening - Youth Meeting 6:30 pm
The Church That Welcomes Everyone!



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.

The Church Where Everyone Is Welcome

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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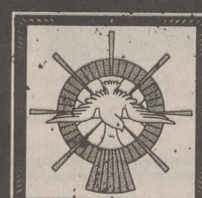
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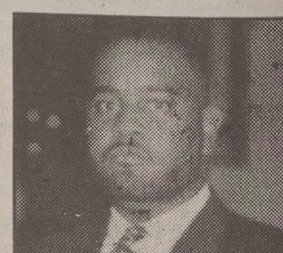
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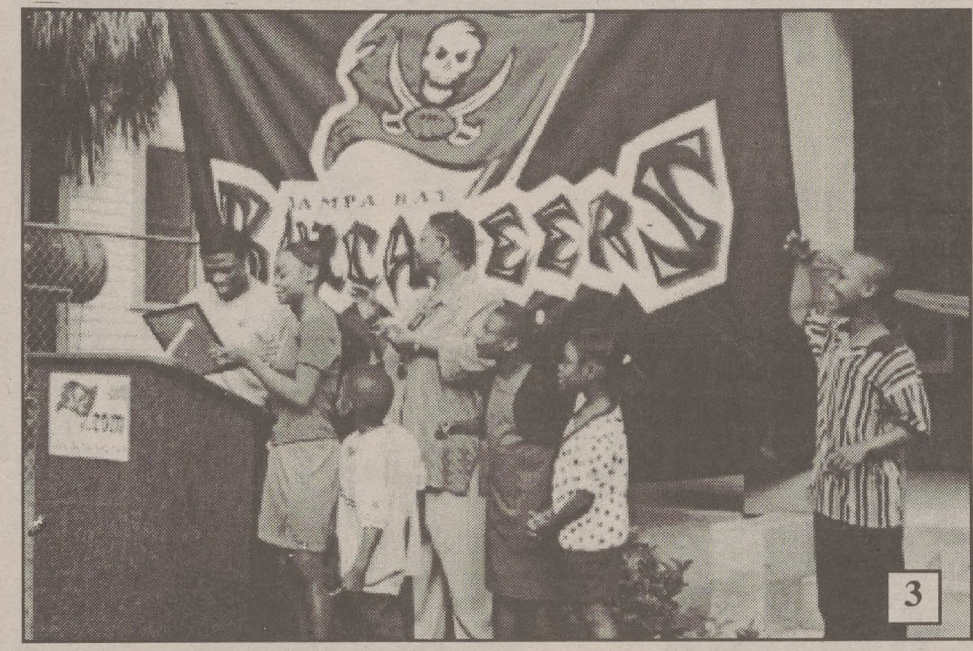


Photo #1: Warrick Dunn (seated left), Tampa Bay Buccaneers and former Florida State University Running Back, wrote a personal check and witnessed the deed for Patricia A. Haygood (seated middle) who bought a new home in St. Petersburg's Bartlett Park neighborhood. Closing papers were signed at One Buccaneer Place between team meetings and practice. Shown with Dunn and Ms. Haygood are Patricia Callaghan (seated right), Closing Agent from Florida Title and Guaranty; Askia Muhammad Aquil (standing left), Executive Director of St. Petersburg NHS, Inc.; and MaryBeth Storts, Senior Vice President for Bank of America Community Development Corporation.

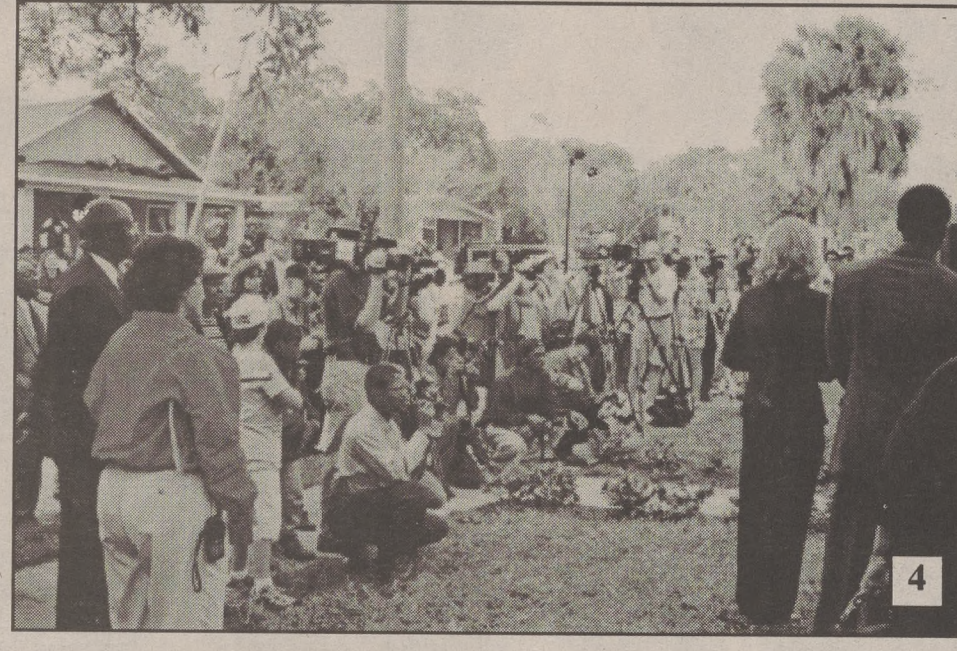


Photo #2: At the ribbon-cutting ceremony in front of their new home, Patricia A. Haygood and her children presented Warrick Dunn with a portrait of himself drawn by a local artist.

Photo #3: Amanda, Ms. Haygood's oldest daughter, read a poem she wrote and dedicated to Dunn.

Photo #4: The ribbon-cutting ceremony attracted a large number of family members and friends of the Haygoods, along with dignitaries, city officials, Bartlett Park residents and media. The home is one of 50 being developed through a partnership formed by St. Petersburg NHS and Bank of America.

World Championship Boxing - Live On HBO

NEW YORK - HBO Sports begins the new millennium in style, showcasing sensational boxing talent from one of the nation's most famous venues when World Championship Boxing: Roy Jones, Jr. vs. David Telesco and David Izon vs. Derrick Jefferson airs live Saturday, Jan. 15th from world-famous Radio City Music Hall in New York City.

World light heavyweight champion Roy Jones Jr. (40-1, 33 KOs), considered by many to be the top pound-for-pound fighter in the world, squares off against David Telesco (23-2, 19 KOs) in a 12-round world title fight. Possessing "the fastest hands in boxing" and "explosive power in both hands," according to *Boxing Illustrated*, Jones, of Pensacola, Fla., is a crowd and television favorite. Telesco, from Port Chester, NY, is the former New York state champion and top-ranked contender in the light heavyweight division. He is coming off a string of hard-fought victories that set up his title shot.

In the opening fight, hard-punching David Izon (24-3, 20 KOs), from Accra, Ghana, now living in Pensacola, takes on Detroit's Derrick Jefferson (22-0-1, 18 KOs) in a 10-round heavyweight bout. Jefferson is hot, having scored a tremendous knockout of Maurice Harris Nov. 6th on "HBO Boxing After Dark," and the showdown between the two 31-year-olds could be explosive.

Arthritis Foundation Aquatic Program New Location

* CLEARWATER - The Arthritis Foundation Aquatic Program will be offered at Morton Plant Mease Barrett Center, 430 Pinellas Street in Clearwater. The program, co-sponsored by Morton Plant Mease Hospital, is open to the public. Sessions will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2pm. Pre-registration is required. The Arthritis Foundation Aquatic Program is a recreational series of gentle activities in the pool designed to help relieve the pain and stiffness caused by arthritis. It is not necessary to know how to swim. Arthritis Foundation trained instructors conduct the sessions.

To register and for more information, call the Gulfcoast Branch of the Arthritis Foundation at (727) 576-1727 or 1-800-850-9455.

Sportscasters Take Radio By Storm In The New Millennium!

BRADENTON - WWPR-AM 1490 announced recently that starting Saturday, Jan. 8th, 2000, PIER 1490 will add another exciting local program to their weekly line-up!

ASPORTSTALK LIVE WITH TONY C! AND TOMMY~ will air each Saturday morning from 10-11:30am. The 90-minute sports program will feature exclusive interviews with members of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, the Orlando Magic, the Tampa Bay Lightning, and the Devil Rays. ASPORTSTALK LIVE~ will also include special features on the Florida Gators, the Florida State Seminoles, and of course the Bulls of the University of South Florida. Along with updates on the local Suncoast high school scene, the new program will feature live calls and interaction from listeners throughout the entire Bay area!

About the Co-hosts! National award winning sportscaster, Tony Cornish, Jr., will host the Saturday morning show along with radio broadcasting veteran Tom Gilbert. "Tony C," also known by his legion of fans throughout the region as "Mr. Excitement," has served as host of numerous sports-talk programs throughout the country during his highly successful broadcasting career. Currently, Tony serves as sports director for WWSB-TV Channel 40 (ABC) and as a freelance sports columnist.

Mr. Gilbert currently serves as a sports reporter for several radio networks (ABC, CBS, and The Florida News Network). Tom also produces *The Buccaneers Pre-Game Show* and also a Tampa Bay Lightning program at PIER 1490.

First NCAA Basket Scored In 2000

DAYTONA BEACH - Bethune-Cookman College sophomore Kimberly James scored the NCAA's first points of the Millennium when she hit 2 in the first NCAA Division I college basketball game of 2000 - Bethune-Cookman College vs. University of Maryland-Eastern Shore, 2pm, Saturday, Jan. 1st, 2000 at Moore Gymnasium on the campus of Bethune-Cookman College.

James' two points at 19:02 (58 seconds expired off the clock) were her only points of the game, which featured the Lady Wildcats winning 61-59 in a thrilling comeback effort.

James of Arlington, Texas' Kennedale High School, is a two-sport athlete at Bethune-Cookman College, playing both softball and basketball.

The men's games at 4:20pm was the first NCAA Division I matchup, with Benji Surpin of Maryland-Eastern Shore hitting the first points - of his game-high 13 points. Bethune-Cookman won 64-52.

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On behalf of the President, Sylvia Wells-Moore, the Class of '68 Board of Directors and the entire class, they would like to send their sincere thanks to each of you who played a part in making the event successful. For all the support they've received, they are humbly grateful that you shared a moment in the history with Gibbs Class of '68 as we all fellowshiped and celebrated their New Year Millennium Extravaganza. This, in itself, was a gift worth sharing and worth waiting for.

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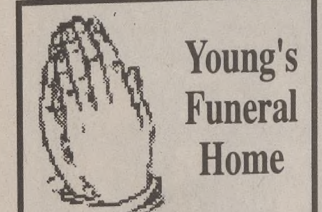
GRADY, CARRIE died recently. Survivors include a host of loving and dear cousins, other relatives and friends. McRae Funeral Home, St. Petersburg.



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MILLS, RUTH MILLER died December 27, 1999. Survivors include one daughter, Wanda Franklin; three sons, Clifford, Cyril and Kevin; a devoted niece, Linda Swain; 17 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren; 5 sisters; 3 brothers; 2 aunts; and a host of other nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Young's Funeral Home, Clearwater.



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Gainesville Final Rites



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JACKSON, TONITA CHARISE died December 20, 1999. Survivors include two children, Marcus and Latrivia; her mother, Gail Jones; father, Raymond Jackson; six brothers; two sisters; a host of uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and sorrowing friends. Chestnut Funeral Home, Gainesville.



WALTERS, CLARENCE died December 17, 1999. Survivors include his wife, Louise Walters; two sons, Thomas Walters and Gregory Eason; one daughter, Kateria Eason; two brothers; three sisters; nine grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and sorrowing friends. Chestnut Funeral Home, Gainesville.

Ocala Final Rites

BOWERS, LILLIE KATE RAINES died December 29, 1999. Survivors include seven sons, Isadore Bowers, Johnnie Bowers, Gregory Bowers, Israel Bowers, Kenneth Bowers, Frederick Bowers and Dolphus Martin; five daughters, Norma Grimes, Gloria Ward, Martha Kingcade, Sharon Bowers and Alzora Kennedy; 23 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren; one sister; one brother; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many friends. Summers Funeral Home, Ocala.

DAVIS, CURTIS died January 1, 2000. Survivors include seven daughters, Patricia Evanson, Paulette Twigg, Alice Hope, Lavonia Evanson, Sharon Brisco, Cedes Davis, and Cassandra Davis; five sons, Alvin, Morris, Anthony, Victor and Cameron Davis; three sisters; and numerous grands, great grands, great, great grands, and a host of sorrowing friends. Summers Funeral Home, Ocala.



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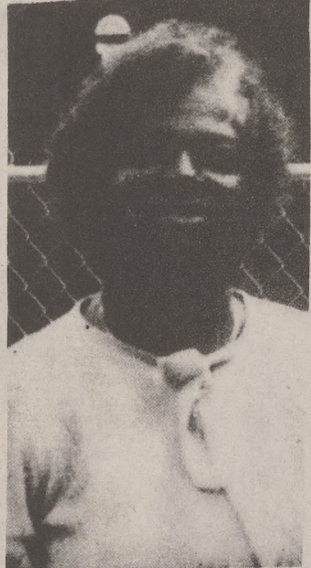
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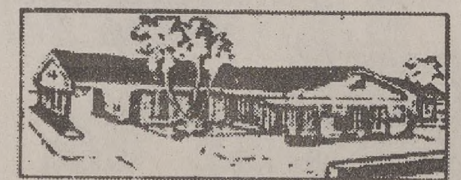
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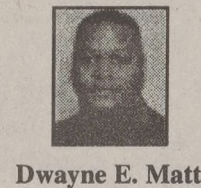
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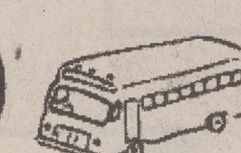
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Your Horoscope



Aries

March 21 to April 19

Feeling creative? The 10th is the perfect time to try something new—a choir group or crafts class, perhaps?—thanks to an inspiring Moon/Mars conjunction. Plus, a lucky financial transaction will pour money into your bank account!



Taurus

April 20 to May 20

Your instincts may have felt off lately, but Saturn in your sign will now make everything clear. So cut to the chase and eliminate any drains from your life! You'll also notice the pounds melt away on a new, star-blessed diet regime.



Gemini

May 21 to June 21

Career smarts are at their peak this week, Gemini—due to Mercury's influence—so you can see through others' strategies and position yourself for a big win at work. Both single and attached Twins will be simply irresistible!



Cancer

June 22 to July 22

Love blooms under the Moon's romantic glow this week. You'll double your chances—at the casino, stock market or even the gym—if you team up with a mate. Bonus: ask a favor now and be pleasantly surprised by the answer.



Leo

July 23 to August 22

Love is in the air this week, as single Lions meet romantic strangers, and attached gals earn renewed interest from their mates. Saturn in your career zone brings with it a long-desired promotion, so set your sights high!



Virgo

August 23 to September 22

Nothing can get by you, Virgo, as Mars fine-tunes your natural ESP, helping you uncover others' hidden agendas. Your love life will get a boost on the 10th and 11th, as the Moon shines on your marriage or special relationship.



Libra

September 23 to October 22

Prioritizing is easier than ever, thanks to the planets helping your busy life flow like clockwork! Any plans for the weekend? You might, as the Aquarius moon promises romance. Bonus: a credit mess is resolved on the 11th.



Scorpio

October 23 to November 21

Get ready to savor some romantic bliss, Scorpio, as Saturn works out the kinks in your love relationship. Meanwhile, changes at home will bring you unexpected joy. Bonus: a hunch on the 14th puts you in the winner's circle!



Sagittarius

November 22 to December 21

A trio of planets converge in your sign this week, so the answers you've been seeking—about family, work and money—will soon be yours! Romance takes center stage as the Moon casts its glow on your love life.



Capricorn

December 22 to January 19

Your birth month celebration continues with a harmonious home life, courtesy of the Moon's calming gaze. Your bank account may also get a boost, thanks to a savvy investment. Bonus: an old family rift will finally be healed.



Aquarius

January 20 to February 18

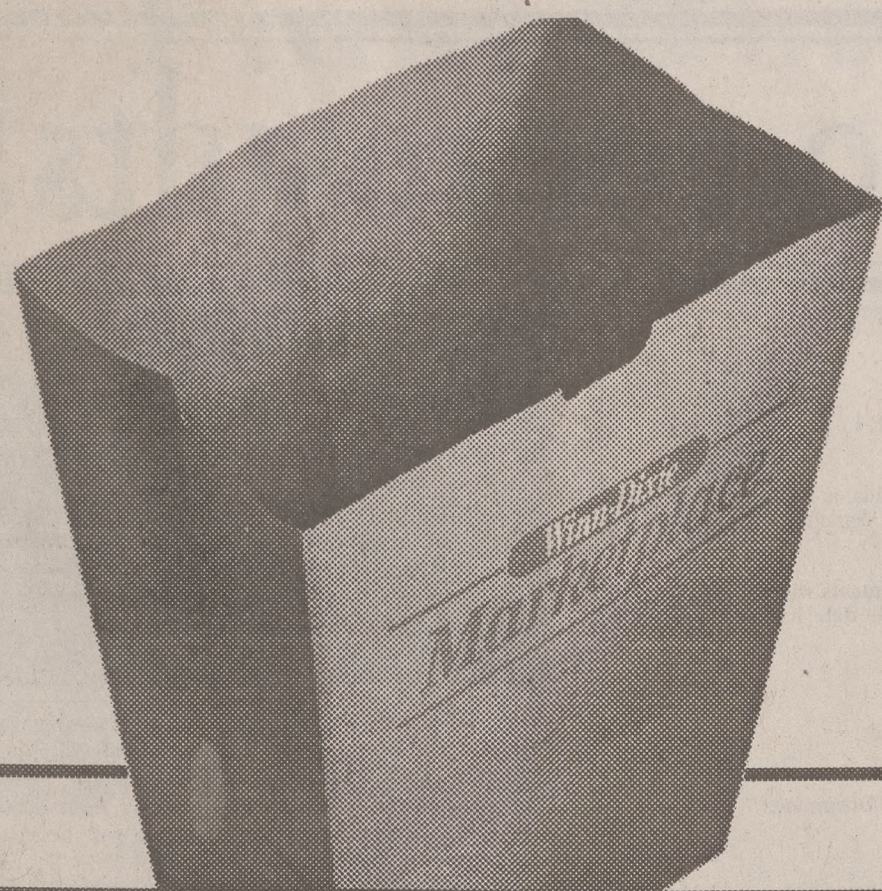
Extra cash will practically jump into your pockets, Aquarius, thanks to Mars bringing you some new money-making ideas. Romance pops up on the 8th and 9th, when the Moon puts you—and someone special—in the mood for love!



Pisces

February 19 to March 20

You're the hot topic with higher-ups who are oh-so-impressed with the job you've been doing! What's more, you can expect a big confidence boost in all areas of your life—including romance—thanks to Mars' positive influence.



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