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Ebony Scholars On The Move

Meet Tamika La-Nicole Bennett, LaDonna Nicole Whitfield, and Edouardo A. Jordan.

Tamika is a junior at Gibbs High School. She will graduate in June of 1999. Tamika plans to attend Clark University in Atlanta GA where she will pursue a degree in Medical Business Administration.

Tamika lives with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wright. She is a member of Future Business Leaders of America. The French Club, Students Against Drunk Driving, C.R.O.P. and an active member of New Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church.

LaDonna Nicole Whitfield

LaDonna is a junior at Boca Ciega High School and will graduate in June of 1999. She lives with her guardian, Ms. Bertha Wilson-Jones. LaDonna plans to attend Florida A&M University after graduating from high school to pursue a degree in Psychology.

LaDonna is a member of Future Business Leaders of America, Students Against Drunk Driving, Teen Court and serves as the Secretary for the Multicultural Club. She is the Director for the Gethsemane Youth Choir and is involved in other community activities.

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Kwanzaa Comes Into Its Own

by Dr. Conrad W. Worrill

The African-American celebration of Kwanzaa, created by Dr. Maulana Karenga in 1966 and celebrated from Dec. 26th to Jan. 1st, has truly come into its own. Millions of African people in America, and throughout the world, have embraced this seven-day celebration that focuses on the development and strengthening of the African family, community and culture.

For those of us in the Pan African/Nationalist Movement, the development and acceptance of Kwanzaa, in a mass way, speaks to the continued burning desire of Africans everywhere to be a free, independent and liberated people.

This continues to be the challenge of Kwanzaa through the internalization of its seven principles, the Nguzo Saba, in our daily lives.

A definition of the celebration reads, "Kwanzaa was created to introduce and reinforce seven basic values of African culture which contribute to building and reinforcing community among African-American people as well as Africans throughout the world African community. The values are called the Nguzo Saba, which in the Pan African language of Swahili means the Seven Principles. These principles stand at the heart of the origin and meaning of Kwanzaa, for it is these values which are not only the building blocks for community, but serve also as its social glue."

As the celebration approaches, we must remind ourselves of the Nguzo Saba, the Seven Principles. They are:

Umoja (Unity)—To strive for and maintain unity in the family, community, nation; **Kujichagulia** (Self Determination)—To define ourselves, name ourselves, create for ourselves and speak for ourselves; **Ujima** (Collective Work and Responsibility)—To build and maintain our community together and make our brother's and sister's problems our problems and to solve them together; **Ujamaa** (Cooperative Economics)—To build and maintain own stores, shops and other businesses and to profit from them together; **Nia** (Purpose)—To make our collective vocation the building and developing of our community in order to restore our people to their traditional greatness; **Kuumba** (Creativity)—To do always as much as we can, in the way we can, in order to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than we inherited it and **Imani** (Faith)—To believe with all our heart in our people, our parents, our teachers, our leaders and the righteousness and victory of our struggle.

During the Kwanzaa season, we evaluate the goals we set in the previous year as we prepare for a new season. For those of us in the Black Liberation Movement, the challenge of fighting for freedom, independence and liberation remains a constant goal.

With the coming of Kwanzaa, let's work toward strengthening the Black Liberation Movement. When we meet again next Kwanzaa season, hopefully we can proudly say we have accomplished our goals and can congratulate ourselves on a job well done!

Florida Exceeds Federal Welfare Reform Work Participation

TALLAHASSEE - Nearly one-third of Floridians receiving cash assistance or more than 20,000 people went to work or work training between July and September 1997, topping the federal government's requirement that 25 percent of recipients participate in work activities.

According to a report just released by the Department of Children & Families Secretary Ed Feaver, Florida posted a 30.8 percent work participation rate for the last quarter of the federal fiscal year that ended September 30.

Meeting this goal means Florida will receive its full federal block grant for the coming year. If the state had fallen short of the mark, it would have meant a loss of five percent or about \$28 million of available federal funds.

"Florida has moved very fast and worked very hard to launch welfare reform," Feaver said. "Work experience is crucial to helping people get and

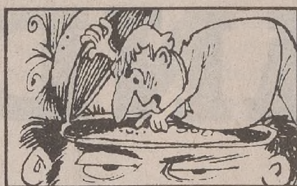
keep jobs. These work participation rates illustrate Florida's commitment to make welfare reform succeed."

Placement of individuals in work participation activities is the responsibility of Florida's Division of Jobs and Benefits and the WAGES coalitions around the state. Under Florida's new welfare reform system now in place, cash assistance is provided on a time-limited basis and recipients must work at least 20 hours per week.

"Florida's success in meeting this year's goal has been due to the hard work and dedication of all the state and local partners in implementing the new welfare reform system," said Jamerson.

For each succeeding year, the federally required work participation rate increases by five percent, requiring a maximum of 50 percent for all families in the year 2002.

11th Annual Family Christmas Festival



The human brain is made up of more than eight billion cells.

TAMPA—One of Tampa Bay's most popular Christmas presentations is the Family Christmas Festival, featuring the University of Tampa Chorale and The Mostly Pops Orchestra.

This annual event takes place in Sacred Heart Church, Florida and Twiggs Streets in downtown Tampa on Sunday December 7th at 3:00 p.m. Last year the seats filled up quickly and those arriving early were able to contemplate, meditate, and in general reflect on the beautiful stained glass windows and magnificently carved altars.

An added feature this year will be forty-five minutes of Christmas music for piano and organ from 3 to 3:45 p.m. That way those who arrive early for the concert will have some holiday music played before the formal program beginning at 4 p.m.



L-R: Ms. Ritagay Jamison, her 15-year-old nephew from Philadelphia, Chad Sisk, who answered questions about purchasing music with parental labeling, Senator Sam Brownback (-R-KS) and Dr. C. DeLores Tucker, NPCBW Chair. Sen. Brownback chaired a Senate Subcommittee Hearing on the Impact of Violent Music.

Economic Development Project

by Alvin J. Downing

ST. PETERSBURG—It is my considered opinion that economic development could be realized in the SouthSide minority impacted neighborhoods and improved quality of life if I could be assisted in the following endeavor:

My proposal would be to establish The Downing Music School. Such a school could be designed to (1) offer

employment to qualified minority and other instructors in the various area of musical pedagogy;(2) to provide an opportunity to the many talented and otherwise promising youth to receive worthwhile experiences of musical art forms for a reasonable fee;(3) to utilize the volunteer services of those willing to help in the establishing of such facility and

most importantly to provide a worthwhile venue for youth to spend their leisure time.

Because, to my knowledge, there is no organized music school on the south side of St.Petersburg as on the Northside(Bringe Music School), I

Uhuru Movement Honors Community Leaders

ST. PETERSBURG—Long touted as polemically opposed, the Uhuru Movement and St. Petersburg's community and economic development syndicate are moving closer to joining forces to help create economic and social justice for the City's African American working class citizens. In the not so distant past, founder of the Uhuru Movement and national chairman of the African People's Socialist Party, Omali Yeshitela, blasted City government officials and the City's non-profit sector for having overlooked South St. Petersburg's capital, commercial, and social development needs. Diametrically positioned, City staffers and community development workers painted the Movement as fringe and radical in the extreme, and incapable of the cooperative and conciliatory attitude needed to make serious strides toward development.

Following last year's civil disturbances, the two camps have come to recognize, if not agree with, one another's stances. Yeshitela regularly consults with staff from the Federal Interagency Task Force and the City's Economic Development Office. The City, in turn, recognizes the entrepreneurial and development capacity of previously overlooked south side communities and is planning new initiatives, including a business development center to house small business training, technical assistance, and financing agencies. The initiative comes on the heels of a town hall-style meeting held November 4th at the Enoch Davis Center on 18th Avenue South where scores of south side residents voiced their frustrations, needs, and hopes for the future of economic development initiatives.

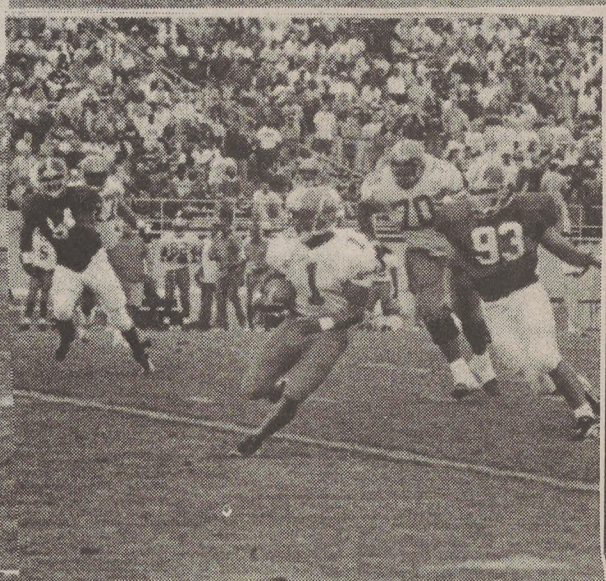
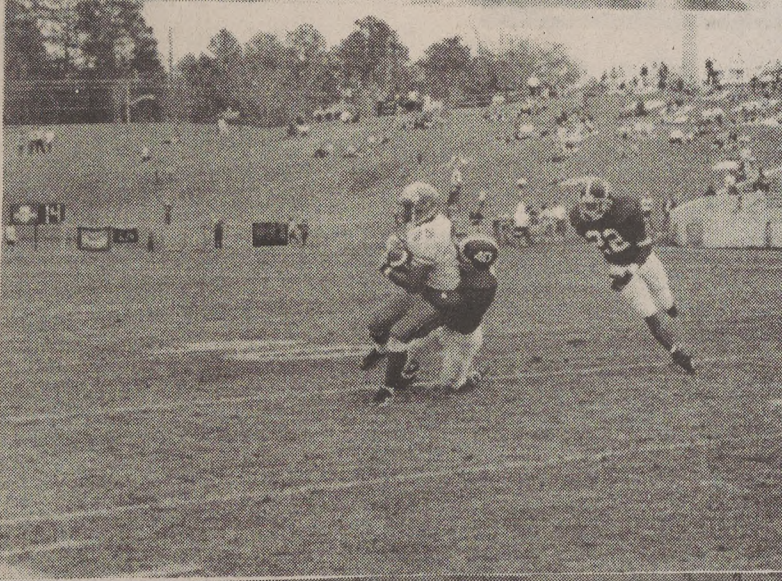
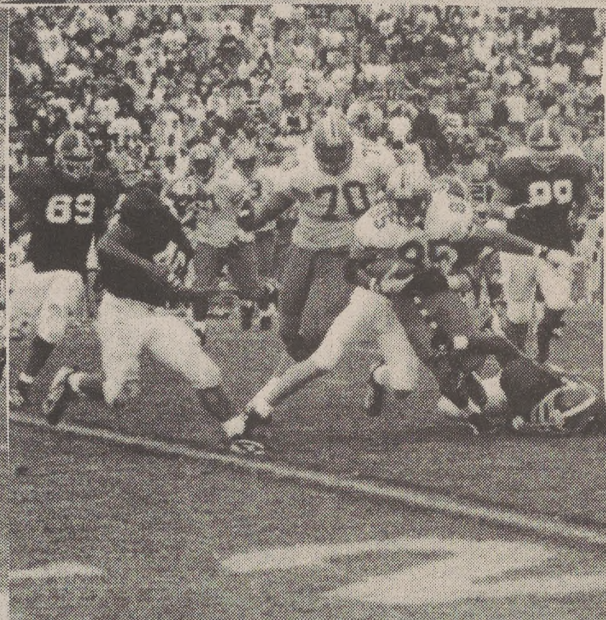
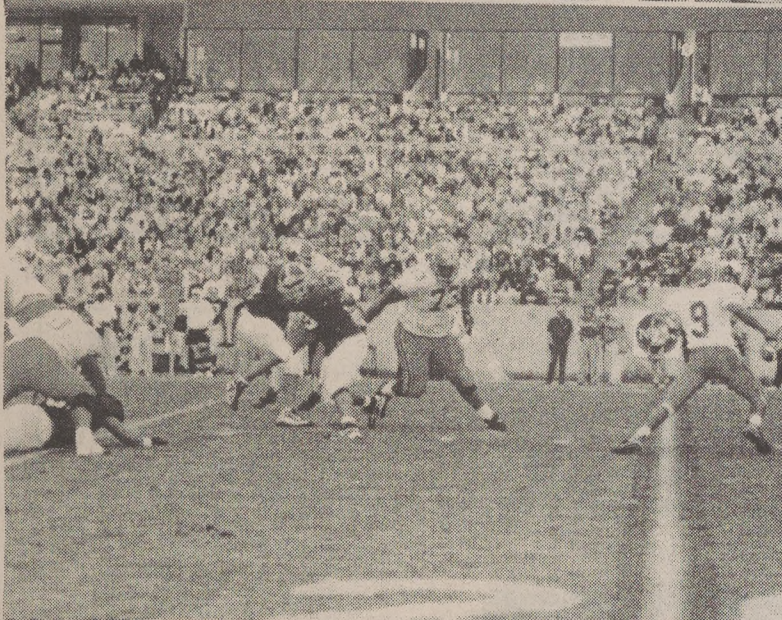
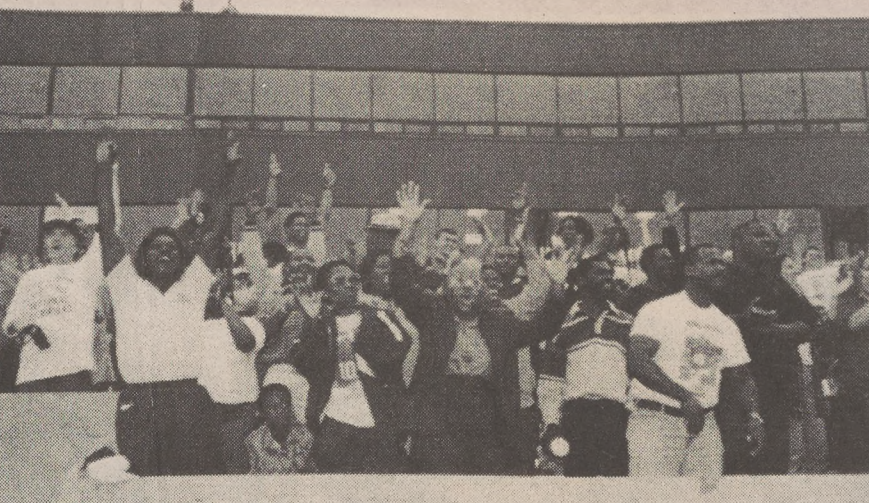
Further evidence that a collaborative spirit now prevails,

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Congressman Mervyn Dymally joins with Sudan Ambassador Mahdi Ibrahim Mohammed at National Press Club Reception hosted by the National Coalition For Fairness In Africa Policy. Rev. Maurice Dawkins and National Coordinator Yvonne Price shares the platform hearing Black American opposition to US Sanctions.

FAMU Loses In First Round



STATESBORO, GA—Florida A&M lost to Georgia Southern in the Division I-AA in the opening round by a score of 52-37.

FAMU finished the season with a record of (9-3) and the Georgia Southern Eagles with a (10-2) record advances onto the next level and will play Delaware in Round 2.

Many fans from the Tampa Bay area made the trip only to see their favorite lose for the second season in the first round. The Rattlers deserve continued support for their effort and representing the state in its playoff bowl bid.

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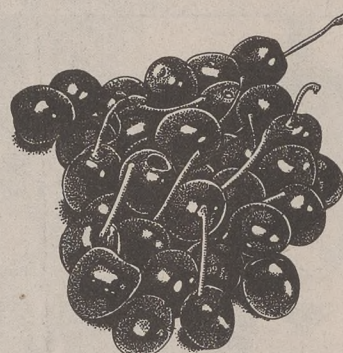
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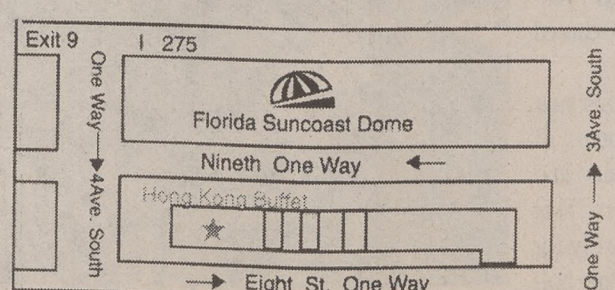


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On Behalf Of A Good Man

by Bernice Powell Jackson

We've all heard the phrase 'Catch 22' meaning that one is caught in a paradox and a no-win situation. It's kind of what the old folks meant when they said caught between a rock and a hard place. That's kind of where Bill Lann Lee is right now and we all stand to lose because of it.

Bill Lann Lee is President Clinton's nominee for the Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights. That's the job in the Justice Department which helps set the administration's policy when it comes to civil rights issues. It's a job that at times has been controversial, at times pace-setting and has often been the place where the marginalized could turn for help in finding legal remedies for their situation. Most recently it was held by Deval Patrick, who was instrumental in assisting with the FBI investigations of the burned churches in the African-American community. But it's been a year since that job has been vacant, a long time for such a key position, especially during this time of many legal challenges facing human rights issues and concerns.

Bill Lann Lee, the President's choice for this vital position, is the son of a Chinese laundryman, who came to this country during the Depression as a penniless immigrant. A Chinese laundryman whose business was located in Harlem. His mother worked as a seamstress and ironer in that small, cramped laundry and Bill and his brother watched their father suffer the indignities of being called a 'dumb Chinaman' and being denied housing because of his race, even after serving honorable in the Army Air Force during World War II.

Bill Lann Lee, the son of the poor laundryman, was able to attend Yale University, as one of its first affirmative action admissions, but he graduated Phi Beta Kappa, with a magna cum laude degree in history. After studying law at Columbia, he has dedicated his entire career to working in the field of civil rights law. In a recent statement he said, "In my mind, the people I have represented in civil rights cases are

people very much like my father."

But Bill Lann Lee is not just a theorist, he is practical solution-seeker, one who has a reputation for searching for common ground in the process of working for fairness for those who have been excluded and disenfranchised. Even the Republic Mayor of Los Angeles, one of Mr. Lee's opponents in a case concerning poor bus riders in that city, wrote in a letter of recommendation for Mr. Lee that, "The work of my opponents rarely evoke my praise, but the negotiations could not have concluded successfully without Mr. Lee's practical leadership and expertise."

Bill Lann Lee is an honorable man. He is a man of whom all of America should be proud. He is a man who has spent his lifetime working for civil rights law, believing that, "The civil rights laws do not confer charity. Their protections have their roots in prior discrimination and exclusion of those who look different, who speak differently, who are disabled and who were once enslaved. They are laws designed to overcome relegating minority school-children to segregated schools, the unjust denial of employment opportunities on account of ethnicity, the artificial exclusion of women from educational opportunities, the barriers that obstruct the access of the disabled to public buildings."

Those don't sound like the words and his is not the story of an extremist. But Republicans in the Senate are determined to paint him as a radical and marginalized left-wing lawyer solely because of his support of affirmative action and his work against Proposition 209 in California. Those arguments forget the fact that affirmative action was the law of the land for nearly 30 years, so it is only natural that Mr. Lee would work on their behalf and that as a staff member of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, he would be joining in the efforts against Proposition 209, a law which would deny him the very benefits which allowed him to move beyond the horizons of working in his father's Harlem laundry.

Will Goliath Play Fair With Black Companies?

by John William Templeton

Most companies that do business with the federal government make a point of saying that they attempt to trade with what the feds call "small disadvantaged businesses". In most cases, this relationship means as little as a line at the bottom of some public relations literature and maybe a few tickets to a couple of company dinners. Institutional racism prevents true partnerships between corporation and minority firms. And because of a lack of financing and market access, most black companies never get to the point of effectively competing.

Every once in a while a company comes along that really tests whether the free market is a fair one. A \$50 million lawsuit in a California Superior Court against printer maker Hewlett-Packard Co. (HP) tackles that question.

The plaintiff, Colossal Graphics, Inc., shares a Palo Alto address with

Hewlett-Packard, the granddaddy of Silicon Valley entrepreneurship. Colossal also thought it would share in the explosive growth of the large-format color printing business. It was not an unreasonable expectation. Ron Jones, Colossal's founder and chief executive officer, actually created the first raster image processor (RIP) that allowed personal computers to drive four-foot wide plotters used by the military to print out satellite photos.

Gen. Colin Powell and O.J. Simpson helped drive the popularity of the full color posters and flip charts on demand. Powell used the computer print-outs in his daily briefings during the Persian Gulf War. Both sides in the televised Simpson criminal trial used the large-format prints to present evidence.

When Jones sought to control his discovery 10 years ago, larger companies first denied the viability

of the product; then blocked his access to valuable reseller contracts for additional products such as page description languages and printers. Then, they jumped into the large-format printer and RIP market once it became popular.

Colossal follows a long line of black firms with significant technological discoveries that have been stalled by corporate roadblocks. A brief black history lesson recalls the role of African Americans in creating thousands of inventions at the turn of the century—the traffic light, the filament for the light bulb, peanut butter, railroad lubrication, refrigerated trucks, et al. It has been difficult to defend a discovery against vertically-integrated competitors with large distribution channels and customer bases.

Jones decided to find a niche in an area that the competitors did not want to tackle. Colossal began making refillable ink cartridges for the large-format

printers, gaining a license from Hewlett-Packard to sell the recyclable cartridges for its DesignJet printers in July 1996.

This summer a statement began to appear on Hewlett-Packard's web pages that said it would no longer honor warranties on printers that used the Colossal cartridges. Hewlett-Packard sells \$3 billion worth of printer ink in smaller two-ounce cartridges. Colossal's refillable reservoirs hold 16 ounces and cost less than half for the equivalent number of Hewlett-Packard cartridges.

First there was an apology letter from Douglas Watson, general manager of the Hewlett-Packard specialty printing systems operation. However, Hewlett-Packard has opted to stop supporting third party systems after a case in July involving another ink manufacturer, Nu-Kote. The announcement was posted on Hewlett-Packard's web site.

Colossal's response was to file suit. In the 21st century, the new battleground for minority businesses will be in the judicial arena challenging anti-trust and intellectual property violations.

Colossal's legal action has already borne fruit. Hewlett-Packard removed the offending language from its web page after Colossal presented its story to 10,000 attendees at the Seybold Seminars convention in San Francisco from a booth adorned with a cartoon description of the case.

Black entrepreneurs must be particularly vigilant when they make proposals to large companies. The standard operating procedure is to get enough information from you to figure how to do it without you. Jones calls it 'embrace and smother'.

We certainly should be proud to acknowledge the contributions of discoverers, but in the 21st century we must make sure that the

discoverers become the beneficiaries of their work. Edison and Bell's names are still emblazoned on the companies that emerged out of their work, but names like McCoy, Woods and Latimer are not familiar and their contributions go under-recognized.

Black business organizations must diversify their focus to provide group representation on these kind of issues and to utilize public pressure to equalize the odds when 'Goliath' goes after 'David'.

In the 21st century, corporate responsibility and affirmative action must extend beyond charitable donations to more lucrative areas like distribution channels, venture investments and strategic alliances. In Silicon Valley, as elsewhere, we must remind the big companies that much of their research and development was financed by taxpayer dollars and subsidies. It's time to play fair.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The following is a letter written to Chairman Fillyau and Members of the St. Petersburg City Council.

Dear Chairman Fillyau & Council Members:

It is with great disappointment and total disgust that I write this letter. I watched the City Council

meeting of November 13, 1997 (several times) in disbelief!

Your rudeness and disrespect for each other was unbelievable. You are supposed to be 'leaders' and 'role models' but your behavior defied both titles.

Furthermore, your debate on *Rising Stars* was

the most blatant example of 'Plantation Politics' I have seen in years!!!! You ignored the wishes and concerns of the African American community and its Elected Representatives to tell US that YOU know what is best for our community and who should be in charge of it! HOW DARE

YOU!

You just don't get it. In a City that is trying to repair and heal the results of years of racial insensitivity and frustration, you have learned nothing. You, the majority community, chose to ignore the Mayor and staff and the majority of the black community. Why? To

remind us that the 'Master Mentality' rules? Well, we got it! And in a big way.

The African American community needs to throw a Tea Party because we are truly taxed without representation! I will urge every member of my community to throw that Tea Party on election day when each of you will

need the votes of the African American community to get elected/re-elected to ANYTHING! I will never forget. History forgotten is destined to repeat itself.

Iris C. Wilson
St. Petersburg

Open Letter To State Attorney Bernie McCabe

November 29, 1997

State Attorney Bernie McCabe
14250 49th Street North
Clearwater, Florida 33762

Dear State Attorney McCabe:

I praise God for you, your staff, Judge Baird, Attorney Meissner and the law enforcement for granting me a down departure on October 20, 1997.

I have always had a great amount of respect for those who have been entrusted to provide a safe environment for the community. Specifically, I have felt proud of the State's Attorney's office under the leadership of Attorney James T. Russell, as well as yourself.

Now I must view everything from a different angle for not only is my family being investigated, but the man I love and respect who is also my best friend is being viewed in an unfavorable light.

I have known Henry James Lyons for twenty seven years; as a committee member, as an employer, and as a friend, and later as a husband and father. The man that has been portrayed in the St. Petersburg Times is not the man I married or am currently married to. His intentions have always been to lift the standards of others, yet the media continues to label him as a money spender with no regard for others. Anyone that knows him will vouch for his tightness on money and his trustworthiness. He built our Church Treasury on vision and honesty. Never taking raises but instead using those funds to purchase property, buses, and other equipment. Always putting himself last. It is hard to believe that the name is the same but the description is certainly different. He carried this honesty and vision to the Florida General State Convention. If researched, you will see the amount he accomplished in the short time he was there. As well as the great amount that he has accomplished at the National level. He had to fight to be elected President, and then fight to have the vote upheld, and then developed and implemented plans to maintain the convention; paying off creditors of the past president, seeking financial assistance to operate and provide services to the people.

His life has not been easy for nothing has been handed to him. He has worked hard for all that he has accomplished. When we moved into our present home. It was out of fear. Someone came into our home on 16th Street South while I and the children were home. Had we waited, we might have built at that time, but he did not want the family to be in danger while he traveled. He is a great leader that cares about people and has always made every attempt to lift others; not destroy.

While he has provided well for his family, it has taken many years of preaching for as much as 40-48 weeks a year in revivals, constantly saving and making personal sacrifices.

Lastly, I want you to know that he is not a womanizer! Yes he has helped many women as well as men. And continues to provide assistance even during this wretched storm and whenever it is needed. For I'll have you to know that the Christian walk in not about boasting of ones abilities, but of giving praise and thanks to God for daily blessing that are bestowed.

It is my prayer that you look beyond the newspaper articles that have based their opinions on accusations but look at the man. For if you take the time, one conversation with him and it will be quite obvious that he has never had any intentions of defrauding the government or anyone else. Dr. Lyons is an honorable man who has always tried to do what is right by himself and to others. Through storms of my addiction, he has been there for me. Just as through this media whirlwind we are there for each other, along with our children, giving love and loyal support.

With Much Prayer

Deborah L. Lyons
Deborah L. Lyons

The Gantt Report

by Lucius Gantt

Do you like Cracker Jacks? I don't All of my worst nightmares are about Cracker Jacks!

A Cracker Jack, in my neighborhood, occurs when a klansman or closet-klansman does something bad to an African-American person.

Reports indicate that Dade County Florida schools will soon be required to teach all of their public students about the trials and tribulations of black people.

The first thing Dade County should teach is that no matter where you come from, if you're a black man or any other MAN, you come from Africa, the center of the universe. All decent human life originated in Africa.

When other cultures were living in caves, our

ancestors were living in palaces. When others went for years without cleaning themselves, we were taking hot mineral baths in waters from the Nile River and the Red Sea. When some cultures were wearing animal skins, our forefathers were adorned with diamonds, gold and the world's most exotic jewels.


I hope the children in Dade County are taught that blacks were the original cowboys. Even today, people will fight you if you call them a boy, so you know the race of any adult who was originally called, in two words, cowboy. Once people saw how hard it was to break horses, rope steers and the like, it was easy to twist and turn history to make Buffalo Bob and Marshall Dillon the originators of

the career choice called 'cowboy'.

I hope Dade students learn that at one time the Moors, black people, pretty much rules Europe. Next time you go to Spain, ask them about the Moors. Egypt, Algeria, Morocco and Libya all are in Africa.

Yes, I could go on and on about things that I learned after I got out of school. In college even, I majored in Philosophy and I didn't know the world had any great thinkers other than Aristotle and Plato. I never studied Confucius, Nkruma, Cabral, Chaka, Nzinga, Amina, Mao and other great non-European philosophers.

I hope one of the first African-American history subjects Dade students learn is how to recognize a Cracker Jack!



"I shouldn't have been afraid."

After the accident, I dreaded going to court over compensation. Fortunately, my experienced trial lawyer prepared me so well. I knew exactly what to expect. In fact, I enjoyed watching him argue my case so persuasively!

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Happy Birthday

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Pre Thanksgiving Dinners

Exalted Dgt. Ruler and Daughters of Elks Lodge served pre-Thanksgiving dinners at the Elks Lodge to the community on Saturday, November 23rd. Mattie Adams, Ma Hutley, Ma Jane, Victoria Lawson, Barbara Norris, M. Cooper, Johnnie Rose were some of the pleasant faces I looked upon, or saw there. Bro. Wilson was on the stereo playing gospel and soft music for your listening pleasure. A good day "gobble, gobble" was what it was all about.

Many were served, there were many dinners carried to the ill and shut-in. May God bless you all.

Out of State Visitors

Here in our sunshine city visiting from Atlanta GA was Carla Smith. From Dayton Ohio was Myrtice Henley and John C. Forman from Detroit. They house guested at the home of sister and friends, Mary and Lee Haugabook of 38th Street South. Shelia Hammond and Sylvester "Tiger" Boles of 18th Avenue North visited with Betty Jackson and Chester Harris of 38th Street South. While vacationing they traveled via van to Atlanta where fellowshiping with relatives and friends was the order of the day. Myrtice stopped in a nail salon to get her nails done.

Leaving Atlanta, next stop was Macon GA "where the good times was a repeat for about three or four hours" Myrtice said! long enough to eat a good breakfast. From there to Unidila then to St. Pete. From St. Pete to Fort Myers, visiting cousins on Sunday. Monday, the group along with yours truly had breakfast at Shelia Hammonds' niece and cousin. Leaving Shelia's monday back to Atlanta at 3:00 p.m. where some changes in plans, split for a break, then rejoicing in Savannah where it was back to the van and heading back to Dayton Ohio, where after depositing Myrtice, John's destination was back to Detroit. The group had an enjoyable stay.

Thanksgiving Dinner

"Annie's Hair Boutique" of 49th Street South donated a Thanksgiving Box for Thanksgiving. The lucky recipient was Betty Andrews of 9th Street south

Virginia Beach, VA Visitors

Here visiting recently with Dianne Speights of 54th Avenue South for two weeks were sister Jean and her husband Fred People from Virginia Beach, VA. They also visited their other three sisters. While here they were able to witness the house blessing of sister, Mae McRae moving into her new home on 6th Avenue South and sister Dianne's retirement from Pinellas County School System after 28 years, and a total of 30 years as a Pinellas County employee. Fred and Jean flew in via U.S. Airlines. He

is a retired engineer from Quality Control Management out of Indiana. Jean retired from the VA School Board. They flew out on November 19th.

Thanksgiving Repast

Was held at the Newton Avenue South home of sister, Phrances Howard where the full course meal was served. Sister did a dynamite job, the specialty for the affair was home-made pot pies.

Gobble, Gobble, Oink, Oink was what it was all about at the Jordan Park home of Mother Louise Williams who had house to house, wall to wall and yard to yard guests for Thanksgiving dinner. Family and friends had an enjoyable evening at Lou's, she had it all!

Lynn Lake

The home of Frances and Abe Taliferre of Lynn Lake is where Thanksgiving was a huge gathering of generations fro the festive day. Dinner as usual was cooked and superbly served by Frances. There was top shelf spirits and a choice of games, "dirty heart's" were the order of the evening.

Richard and Patricia Woods of 25th Street South held their usual Thanksgiving feast with family members, co-workers of Head Start, club members of the Elks and generally good friends enjoyed the holiday with plenty of good food, top shelf spirits and just enjoying each others company, a great time by all.

I'm sure everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving. Each year I try and give everyone a plug. If I missed some, will get you the next time.

On Saturday night, December 6th, the Elite Social Club is giving a "free" dance at the Knights of Columbus on Central Avenue. All they ask is that you bring a Christmas toy for a needy child. The dance begins at 9:00 p.m. until. Until next week, "JUMP TO IT".

Hires

When we start a fire to burn our enemy, most often we do more harm to ourselves.

We should not be unfair to strangers, because we ourselves were once a stranger.

All talk and no deeds, is like having a garden with nothing but weeds.

Enjoy today because the past is gone and the future is unknown.

UPPER PINELLAS HEADLINES



by Marilyn Buckner

Florida's African-American Student Assoc., celebrated their 23rd Presidential Conference recently, at Clearwater's beach Doubletree Resort. Hosted by SPJC Clearwater campus BADEYA, this 3-day conference brought together nearly 250 African-American students from across the state, who participated in the conference themed "Building Bridges Over Troubled Waters - To Make A difference".

The conference featured a mixture of student activities and workshops that were facilitated by regional directors - regional caucuses, social network sessions, political roundtable discussions, fundraising auctions, a talent and showcase, and an African and traditional - attired fashion shows that were paraded right through to the banquet hall, to kick off their annual FAASA Presidential Banquet.

Braids and dreads, perms and weaves, African accented headwraps, shaved heads with pierced earlobes were color coordinated to match sequinned dresses and gowns, traditional and African attires, tuxs, muslim and Indian wrapped sari - were all strutted by students and sponsors, alike.

1997/98 FAASA President, Marsha Lloyd, brought greetings to sponsors, board and advisory members and students. She explained this year's conference theme - why build bridges? "...there followeth after me today, a youth whose feet must pass this way. This chasm that has been naught to me, to that fair youth may a pit-fall be. He, too, must cross in the twilight dim; Good friend, I am building the bridge for him". She encouraged students to become bridge builders and to be mindful of the bridges we have crossed, have yet to cross and to lay a foundation for another to follow.

The highlight of the conference was none other than Minister Rasul Hakim Muhammad, guest speaker, and one of the sons of Elijah Muhammad, leader of the Nation of Islam. Armed with two Chicago temple ministers at both sides, Minister Rasul is noted international representative of his father's teachings, under the guidance of Minister Louis Farrakhan. He's well known for his prison outreach motto "Instead of serve time, make time serve you, by educating your mind"; He's accredited for organizing student unions that

serve to help direct and counsel campus students from diverse backgrounds, to bridge the gap between campus and urban communities in need. Minister Rasul was recently appointed by Farrakhan to lead Caribbean, Central and South America; is dedicating his life to the "resurrection of oppressed people". Rasul galvanized the audience with an a speech, that focused on various ethnic races, defining one's culture and race relations in the US today - the migration and assimilation of other ethnic groups, vs. blacks in economic development and opportunities; students leaving their communities, and doesn't give back, and a timely reminder that one's culture is based upon how one thinks. "Africa is not an attire or greeting, and black people are now being 'politically correct', when asked 'what color are you?' - depending on one's agenda it could be 'I'm an American, to 'brother why do you want to know?'..."

There was apprehensive laughter as the minister explained how other ethnic groups maintain their identity and culture, whether they were born here or immigrated here, whereas our culture has been identified for us, labeled for us, and how blacks accepted these learned and audacious behaviors and attitudes (in order to be considered intelligent), and now passing on these practices to a new generation. "We have a rich history and culture, it wasn't that long ago when we were made to feel ashamed of who we were/are". Minister Rasul is an Islamic scholar, and well-traveled and much of his speech drew comparison and called for answers to many questions posed. He satirized how blacks compete against themselves on religious dominations, the \$457 billion we spend an apparel and home furnishings, to purchasing Xmas trees from whites, whereas it wasn't long ago, that black males were hanged from trees, and the absurdity of putting a tree in your home. "These are white folks traditions" and now black people have maintained the status quo-"never allow anyone to define us", but define self first. "Whites are now using our phrase, It takes a village to raise a child, not that they're the village that raised you," low self esteem, no self knowledge - "We do not have a black economy, but there is a lot of black financial activities



Minister Rasul Hakim Muhammad



FAASA Members

going on as we pass the bucks out of our communities".

Minister Rasul was well into his second hour speech, when I observed how his message impacted the students present, with at least 40% of them being male. There were complete agreement with generation X, there was a sense of how will my life and education, effect change for the better. This is also a generation that have more knowledge of black history (accurate) historically and today, and I pray tell, hope that they will not define themselves by career titles or bank book balances, but how their lives impacted someone else. That's the ultimate measure when all is said and done, because titles will come and go

will be how well you lived your life, not how long. Then you would have built a bridge, for future generations to cross over.

This conference was made possible and successful, in part to SPJC's faculty advisors, Antionette Caraway, Debra Dorsett and St. Pete/Gibbs advisor, James Parker; students, Tamaqua Nisbett, Sylvia Glenn, Celeste Trotman, Christina Clark and Oral Matthews; sponsors, Black Pages Directory, Saffron's Restaurant and Mrs. Steve Johnson and the Harambee Club.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

December 5th, 10th Annual Ms. Black and Gold Ball, Harborview Center from 9-12 p.m. For ticket information

contact Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity members.

December 6th, Trail Fest '97, Scavenger Hunt in downtown Clearwater. Grand Prize Giveaways, call the Clearwater Chamber of Commerce or City of Clearwater.

December 12th, Dunedin's Happy Holly Daze, Edgewater Park, 6:30 p.m. Boat Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony and on December 13th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Xmas Parade, arts and crafts, entertainment, carnival, games and more. Call 738-1888 for more information.

You may send your community 'headlines' to Marilyn Buckner at P.O. Box 6941, Clearwater, FL 33758 or call 561-5629.

City of Clearwater Seeks Members For Newly Established Board

CLEARWATER-The City of Clearwater is looking for persons willing to serve on a new Brownfields Advisory Board. The Board will be composed of nine members and all nine positions on the Board are currently vacant.

The purpose of the Brownsfields Advisory Board is to improve public participation and receive public comments on the rehabilitation and redevelopment of the Brownsfields Area, future land use, local employment opportunities, community safety, and environmental justice. The Board must review and provide recommendations to the City Commission regarding site rehabilitation agreements. This Board will also implement the public participation elements outlined in the Federal Brownsfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative Work plan.

Three of the Board mem-

bers will be Clearwater residents who live within or adjacent to the Brownsfields Area.

Three will be owners of businesses operating in the proposed area and need not be residents of Clearwater. Three will be representatives of federal or state agencies or local governments involved with the Brownsfields remediation

process within Pinellas County and need not be Clearwater residents.

The Board will be required to hold at least six meetings each year but may meet more frequently. Those interested in serving on the Board should contact Miles Ballogg, Clearwater Brownsfields Coordinator, at (813) 562-4023.

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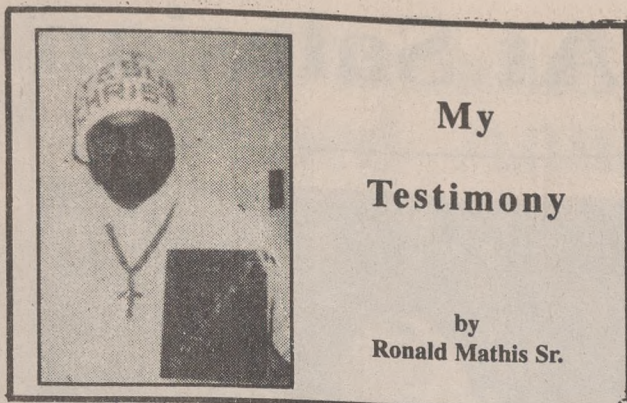
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Grace and Peace to you from God the Father and God the Son and God the Holy Spirit which is Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ the True King of all Kings and the Lord of all Lords. He is the Way. The testimony is about the work of God here at Lewisburg, how He is changing lives. There was an officer here working in the commissary, evening shift. I would witness to him every week whenever I saw him I would ask him, did he read the scriptures I gave him? Once he

told me about his friend who had just died, that worried him. He was thinking about his own life and where would he be if it was him. He decided to read the scriptures. After reading he wanted to be saved. While we were having service one Monday night the Holy Spirit told me to leave the service, I told our visitors and the brothers I had to leave to do what God told me. They thought I was crazy again, but when I went to the Commissary to speak with the officer I asked him did he want to receive Christ as his Savior, he said yes, I said Praise God. We will do this now I said yes, here there were a lot of people buying that night, he was a little worried but I said just say what I tell you and you will be saved, he said O.K. We prayed a quiet prayer together and he received Jesus Christ. He felt the power of God move in his body, he asked me what was it that just happened to him? He said he had a funny feeling in his body. I told him it was the Holy Spirit. I continue to share with him and keep him in the word. Anytime I see him he would see me coming and say yes I have been reading and studying my Bible. Sometimes that would prove to be a lie. Another officer that Jesus moved on his life is a Jamaican who had a real nasty mouth. One morning as I was going to work I stopped before going through the door, he looked at me and said in a nasty way, what do you want? I said nothing.

I was told by Brother Vern about this man, he said that this man is O.K., you just have to get to know him better. One night maybe a week later this man came to out cell block, he was not working our block that night. He started again with all that nasty talk, I walked down to look at him, Vern was with me. He asked Vern where was his room, which was down the hall, two doors down from my room. He walked in Vern's room and saw the Bible and Cross. He asked Vern was he a Christian? Vern said yes. He said that he was too, he asked me where my room was. I took him to my room and he walked in, and looked around. He walked out and stood by the door, he said that he was dizzy. I asked him when did he become a Christian? He said in March of 95. I said, are you sure that you are Christian. He said I think so.

I read him some scriptures the one that touched him was the scriptures in James Chapter 5-V-13-20. After hearing the scripture he hit my desk and said that is it, that is it, the Holy Spirit spoke he has sinned in his heart, he needs to be washed in the Blood of Jesus, he is not saved. I said do you want Jesus Christ in your life? He said yes, but Satan was at work, his walkie talkie was going off, plus someone came to my door looking for him. He ran the person away, we prayed and he received Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit came upon both of us, I was dizzy then the Holy Spirit spoke through me, and told this man about his wife and the other women he was seeing. He turned and looked at me and asked who are you? I said, I'm a servant of the Lord. He said, How do you do this? I said it is not me but Jesus speaking through me to warn you about your life and the wrong you are doing. The Holy Spirit continued to tell him about his life, just using my mouth. He and his wife were separated, he had other women plus a real nasty mouth, and evil in his heart.

God changed this man as we prayed, the cursing changed, he was sacred because he has never witnessed the work of the Holy Spirit. The next day he went to see his lady friend, she tried to get him to have sex with her. She was naked, rubbing against him, kissing on him, but he was unable to do anything with her, he had no sexual desire for her at all. As he tried, he couldn't perform anything. He told her that they could only be friends from now on. He was going to get right with his wife and God. I saw him the next day in the cafeteria he told me what had happened with the lady he was seeing. He didn't understand how this could happen. He said last week I had no problem with her, if she would have come to me a week ago we would have gotten it on, but he said I have no desire for her anymore - why? I said, Jesus Christ is working in you, he took the desire away from you to keep you from making any more mistakes. You can't do it on your own, the Holy Spirit had to help you. Now he reads and prays daily and asks me for scriptures. He is looking for a church to serve God the right way. The first officer became more of a believer after his son was involved in an accident. He was laying in bed with no response. Life tubes all in his body. His father thinking he was going to die. Well God sent a pastor to pray over the boy, the father didn't know who the pastor was, but he saw the power of prayer as this boy was lifeless now has life again. As he told me what happened I shared with him that it was Jesus who brought his son back. He said that made a believer out of me. He said it was that man praying that did it. Again, nothing is impossible with Jesus if you just believe and trust in Him. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. Have you talked with Jesus today? Remember that know one can promise tomorrow. Call him while you are able to. This testimony is true. I Ronald

CLEVELAND, OH- This has been one of those difficult years for me. A year in which I lost trusted friends and colleagues. A year in which I found family members and friends facing illnesses and crises. A year when I have seen issues which are important to me and to my people under vicious attacks. A year which has forced me to stop and care for myself and those I love. So, this year my Christmas wish list is a little reflective and a little less optimistic.

My first wish is, of course, for peace-peace in Africa, peace in the Middle East, peace in Europe. But not just peace, but peace with justice. Peace with justice for the people of Tibet, peace with justice for the people of Haiti.

My second wish is for peace-peace in this nation, where people of color are still beaten and killed because of the color of their skin. Peace in this nation where black churches continue to burn. Peace in this nation where children in cities are still killed in drive-by shootings and gang violence. Peace in this nation where families are still subjected to terror and violence in their homes. Peace in this nation where our elders are afraid to walk the streets.

My third wish is for peace- the internal kind of peace which still eludes so many people in this fast-paced, crazy world. Peace of mind that the world is not spinning out of control and that God is still in charge. Peace of mind in our places of work and in our homes and our communities. Peace of mind that comes with knowing that we are here for a reason and that we can make a good life for ourselves and our

Eugene Mathis, Sr. witnessed the power of Jesus Christ again and again. Against all odds He came through.

My Christmas Wish List

families.

My fourth wish is really a prayer. As we mark another World AIDS Day, my prayer is for the end of HIV/AIDS in this century. My prayer is for all those living with HIV and AIDS, especially those in communities of color. That they might be able to reach out to someone else, that they might find love in their family and friends, that they might know and experience God's healing power. My prayer is for those pharmaceutical companies that their hearts may be softened and that they might re-evaluate whether they have to charge such exorbitant fees for medicine which can mean life to HIV/AIDS patients. My prayer is for our churches and mosques that they may embrace those infected and affected by this virus. My prayer is for those teenagers not yet infected that they might understand that teens of color are one of the fastest-growing groups infected by this virus. My prayer is for the babies who

are born with HIV that they may be healed.

My fifth wish is that our nation will reach beyond the political rhetoric and come to understand that to end affirmative action will not only be bad for communities of color, but will be bad for the whole nation. My wish is that those of us who have benefitted the most directly from affirmative action over the past generation-women of all colors, men of color will tell our stories and help others to understand the positive impact for everyone or we will find affirmative action dying state by state.

My sixth wish is that every child in this nation would have access to health care and quality education and housing and food. How wonderful that would be. What a statement about this nation.

My seventh wish is that every police officer tempted to brutalize a civilian will see the face of his/her child in the face of the person they are about to hit. May we have a year with

no police brutality or harassment.

My eighth wish is that all of the commitments made during the Million Man and Million Woman Marches will come to fruition. That our people will continue to re-dedicate themselves to their families and their communities and to their own spiritual growth and development.

My ninth wish is that somehow we can reach beyond the political machinations, beyond the personal blinders, beyond the historical mis-education and beyond the institutional barriers and really end racism in my lifetime. What a gift that would be to our children and grandchildren.

My final wish is a wish for all who read these words. May you and yours find new knowledge of the depth of God's love, may you find health and wholeness in your life, may you know nurturing relationships and may you share your blessings with others.

Uhurus

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The Uhuru Movement will host its first Stand Up for Justice People's Recognition Award Banquet on Friday, December 19, 1997. Invited speakers and awardees include Rudolph Bradley, State Representative from District 55, Douglas Jamerson, Florida Secretary of Labor, Stephanie Owens of the Federal Interagency Task Force, Frank Peterman, District 6 City Council member, Dean Williams Heller of the USF Bayboro Campus, Douglas Tuthill of USF's Urban Initiative, and a representative of the Coalition of African American Leadership.

Yeshitela notes, "The banquet represents an effort to recognize the long-standing and sincere commitment of community leaders who too often are painted by the media as fervently opposed to the mission and objectives of our Movement." Sell-out attendance is expected.



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HeadStart Registration - 3-5 p.m., Tuesdays & Thursdays

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Community Bible Study - 7:00pm-8pm, Wed.
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Youth Computer Classes- 7:00-8:30 p.m. TBA
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By
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Deputy Director Mary Jo Monahan, Festival of Trees and Lights Director Ray Hoopes and Director of Development Lindsey Mickler enjoy themselves at the Night Under the Trees Gala.



Kim Roche and Pat Hayes of St. Petersburg attended the Gala held at the Harborview Center in Clearwater.

Family Service Center Holds Night Under The Trees Gala

The Family Service Centers (FSC) of Pinellas County held their *Night Under The Trees Gala* this past Saturday at the Harborview Center in Clearwater. The event capped the successful "Festival of Trees and Lights" display designed to raise money for FSC, a non-profit organization which focus on helping the family unit in times of need and trouble.

Ray Hoopes, Director of the Festival of Trees and Lights, estimated the event would raise \$100,000 for FSC. This is the thirteenth year the organization has coordinated the event with the financial assistance of corporations and individuals. Trees are decorated by sponsoring businesses and decorating committees. They are beautifully decorated for the festival and are on public display along with crafts and exhibits live entertainment, trains, and, of course, Santa and Mrs. Claus. The trees then are purchased by businesses or groups for display along with crafts, exhibits, live entertainment, trains, and, of course Santa and Mrs. Claus. The trees then are purchased by businesses or groups for display at their respective offices for the holiday season. The Gala helps raise additional money by silent and live auctions of trips,

celebrity autographs and unique gifts which are all donated to the Family Service Centers for the black tie affair.

This is a great organization that has grown in its 58 years to a 6.2 million dollar budget with 150 employees and over 450 volunteers. Mary Jo Monahan, Deputy Director of FSC, explained that there are three major area's that the agency focuses on with families. The first is prevention and education which concerns itself with normal ffamily development issues. Second, is what is considered a major loss in the family, i.e., divorce, death, abuse. Third, is welfare reform which is designed to move families from welfare to work. Programs titled Childnet, Family Life Education, Healthy Families and Schools Together (FAST), Project Rainbow, Sexual Assault Family Emergency (SAFE), Timeout Homes, and Catalyst/ JSO are only a few of the programs FSC offers at its seven offices around the county.

It is obvious why the Festival of Trees and Lights and the Night Under the Trees Gala is supported by the community because FSC does god works not only during the holidays but year around. For further information on Family Service Centers call 531-0482.

Ebony Scholars

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Edouardo A. Jordan

Edouardo is a senior at Boca Ciega High School and will graduate June 4, 1998. He plans to attend the University of Miami to pursue a degree in physical therapy. He would like a career as a Chiropractor.

Edouardo is the President of the Multicultural Committee at Boca Ciega High. He is a member of the Spanish Club, football, track, and wrestling teams. Urban League (NULITES). Student Government, Senior Class Representative and Bethel Community Church. Edouardo lives with parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jordan.

St. Pete City Mission Looking For 'Handy' Volunteers

ST. PETERSBURG -- If you can swing a hammer, push a broom, carry a bucket or wield a paintbrush, The St. Petersburg City Mission can use your help. The Mission is looking for volunteers to help out on "Clean-up/Fix-up Day" Saturday, Dec.6, from 9 a.m. until noon. The day will be spent making repairs and improvements in the Mission's facility at 1600-34th St. S, in

Ben Varner Visits St. Pete

ST. PETERSBURG--Alphonso Varner recently visited St. Petersburg along with his sister Ruth M. Varner of West Palm Beach. They were the guest of Mrs. Edith Sutton. The family had a marvelous time with lots of holiday food fun and cheer.

Ben Varner was a star football player with FAMU which is now FAMU in the early 1950's. He also played professional football in Canada.

Mr. Varner is a retired coach from Ft. Valley State College in 1988.



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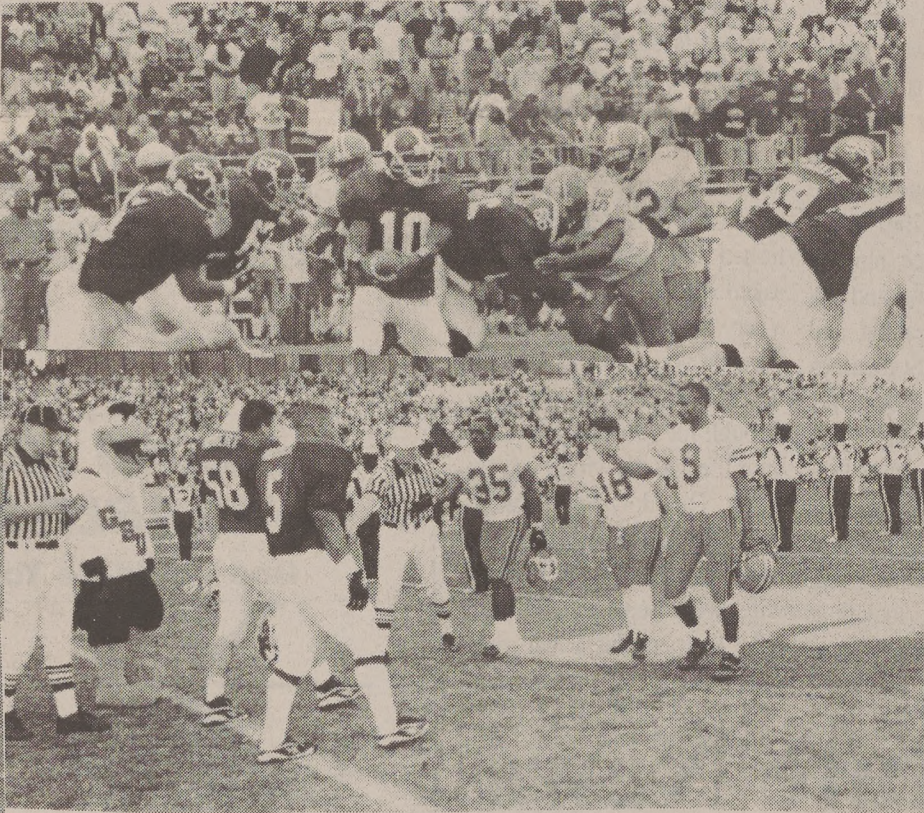
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Sigmas Diamond Proclaimed Anniversary



ST. PETERSBURG—The St. Petersburg Alumnae Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. celebrated its 75th Anniversary throughout the city November 15-21st, along with Sorors throughout the nation. The sorority was founded nationally on November 1922 on the campus of Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana.

As a part of the local celebration, the Mayor of the City of St. Petersburg proclaimed

the week as Sigma Gamma Rho Founder's Week and Saturday, November 15th as International Sigma Day. The Proclamation was presented to the Sorority's members at their Annual Read-A-Rama for children on Saturday, November 15 by City Councilman, Ernest Fillyau. Children of all ages filled the Enoch Davis Center for the event. The event emphasizes the importance of reading and provided hundreds of books to the children as well as

games for reinforcing skills. Entertainment was provided by Ron Brown, noted Puppeteer from Channel 22 who presented AESOP Fables through puppetry. Refreshments were provided to the children and their parents. Fulfilling the motto of the sorority—Greater service, greater progress was a mission completed.

Assisting in the event was Sigma Auxiliaries, Rhoer Club (Youth Auxiliary) and Philos (Friends of Sigma).

Help For Holiday Loneliness

TAMPA—If you have misgivings about the approaching season, you are not alone. For many people, the holiday season brings more disappointment than happiness. In an area like Florida, loneliness will create major problems. Divorce, separation, missing your children will greatly complicate the issue, as will excessive use of chemical stimulants create additional problems.

According to Michelle Ratcliff, NR, CEO of Turning Point of Tampa, you should not set yourself up to be alone during the stressful holiday period. Make your plan with co-workers, friends, relatives or neighbors. A good way to enhance your holiday is to focus on giving to others. You may choose to serve as a volunteer at a hospital or a community group. Another possibility is to adopt a needy family for the holiday season. Give some of yourself. You do not need to be lonely, avoid that trap by filling the void with meaningful activity.

The limited number of days for shopping, baking and entertaining can also create a time crunch. Planning will be necessary to preserve adequate time for sleep and exercise. Good health habits, like regular meals, adequate sleep, relaxation, exercising and vitamins are especially important during times of stress. And remember that caffeine, alcohol, cigarettes and drugs add to the stress and should be used with caution. Moderation is the key to the season.

If you feel overwhelmed and unable to cope, Ms. Ratcliff suggests you reach out to a local community mental health organizations. For drug/alcohol or eating disorder issues contact Turning Point of Tampa at 1-800-397-3006.

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Delta's Hold Annual Santa's Breakfast

ST. PETERSBURG—Fellowship Hall at Bethel Community Baptist Church will be beautifully decorated with signs of Christmas on Saturday, December 6th when the St.

Petersburg Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority has its Eight Annual Breakfast with Santa from 9 a.m. to noon. The church is located at 1045

16th Street South.

Besides a delicious breakfast of scrambled eggs, toast or waffles, orange juice, sausage and grits, there will be crafts, games and personal visits with

Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus. Donations are requested and will benefit the Delta Sigma Theta Scholarship Fund. This event is co-sponsored by the City of St. Petersburg.

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ST. PETERSBURG—The St. Petersburg waterfront will be glimmering with holiday festivities the evening of Saturday, December 6, 1997 as the 10th Annual Lighted Boat Parade attracts thousands of spectators to the waterfront and The Pier.

U-92 will have Cleveland Wheeler on hand to broadcast parade highlights from The Pier, the parades prime viewing spot. The boat parade leaves from the Harborage Marina at 6:15 p.m. and is expected to

arrive at The Pier at 7:00 p.m.

At The Pier, Dickens Carolers will stroll and sing classic holiday songs for your enjoyment from 5-8 p.m. If live bands are your taste, at 6 p.m., the St. Petersburg Community Band will perform your favorite music of the season. Any basketball fans out there? The Harlem Globetrotters will also be on hand for autographs, and to show some of their tricks! Immediately following the parade, there will be a free concert by the Seattles until 11

p.m. So get here early to get a good seat! Three sets of bleachers and a handicap seating area will be available for parade viewing convenience. (While they last!)

The 10th Annual Lighted Boat Parade is sponsored by The Pier, AT&T, U-92, St. Petersburg Municipal Marina and The Harborage Marina. For more information on the Boat Parade please call 893-7329.

Sneaker Blowout Sale This Saturday

ST. PETERSBURG—Garlynn "G" Boyd, head coach of the Lightning Bolt Track Club has announced the First Annual Hoop-De-Do Basketball Tournament and Truckload Sneaker Blowout Sale to be held in St. Petersburg this Saturday and Sunday, December 6th and 7th to benefit the organization. Admission is free.

The tournament is double elimination and is going to be held Saturday at both Childs Park Community Center, 13th Avenue and 43rd Street South and Frank Pierce Recreation Center, 7th Street and 20th Avenue South and Sunday, including the finals at Frank Pierce only. Play will begin at 9 a.m. until complete.

The \$100,000.00 Truckload Sneaker Blowout Sale is sponsored by Sneaker Central, with top brands up to 60% off! This is a preview event to the grand opening of their new

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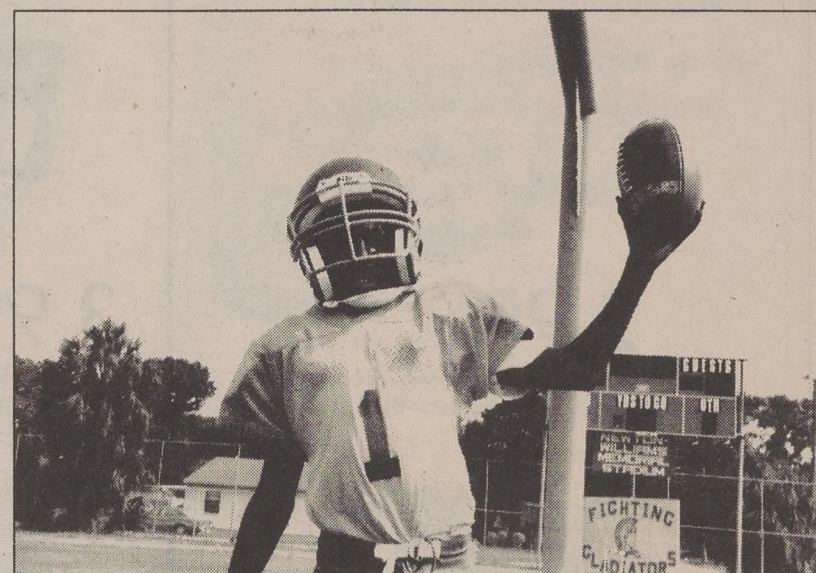
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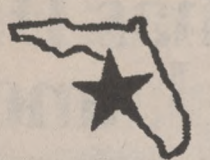


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LIGHT OF THE WORLD

By DANIEL BANKS

"Daniel Sings For Christmas"

The program is entitled simply "Daniel Sings for Christmas! Admission is free. Pray for me, see you there.

NOTE: I owe an apology to our readership and to the Eta Tau Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority for the dreadful confusion surrounding my article two weeks ago. The staff's layout and design team failed to print my "Light of the World" article and in its place printed half of my article covering the Sepia Revu Fashion Show, which has no religious connotation at all. In the future, hopefully all articles submitted will be printed in their entirety, with necessary editing.

Christmastime affords us a unique opportunity to minister the Good News of Jesus Christ unlike any other time of the year. For in the lyrics and precious verses of the songs and carols written about the miraculous birth of our Saviour are records and documented sightings of angels, holy kings, a bright star, super-natural annunciation, the Madonna and child, Herod's espionage and wondrous intrigue!

Songs of the events surrounding Christ's Nativity clue us in to more spiritual and scriptural meditation than at any other holiday season. At what other time do we think twice about the sound that one angel makes as his wings "unfur", let alone the sounds that "choirs of angels" make as they herald the "birthday of a King," the long-expected Jesus?

Works of majesty and grandeur like Handel's Messiah, or Negro spirituals such as Go Tell It On The Mountain, and even commercial favorites like Silver Bells pique our imagination and revive our faith so that we're actually strengthened and more amply prepared to do our Master's will in telling others of His supreme sacrifice of leaving His throne in glory and being born on earth, to become the quintessential Saviour of all mankind! (see Matthew 1&2 and Luke 1&2).

Oh, there is so much power in What Child Is This? a carol my mother taught me as a child! We Three Kings, God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen and It Came Upon the Midnight Clear lift our spirits and encourage hearts as the dynamic words and phrases elevate us to another realm and clothe us in comfort and solace!

The awesome power of the spoken word is terribly underestimated. "For the Word of God is quick and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit and of the joints and marrow and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart." Hebrews 5:12.

These are some of the concepts and experiences I'd like to share with you at my solo recital on December 20, 1997 to be held at St. Paul A.M.E. Church, located at 822 N.W. 7th Street in Ocala at 7:00 p.m. I extend to my personal invitation to come and be enraptured in song as I endeavor to repeat some of the beautiful and brilliant timeless classics, written by the masters!

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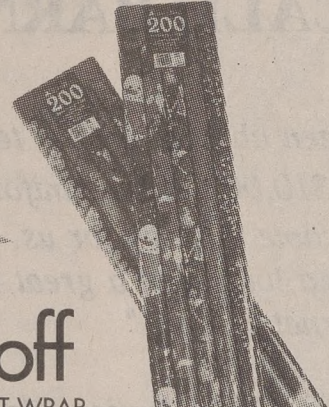
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Society In Ocala

by
Florence Williams Ray

Correction

The picture used for Rev. Cecil Wilson's church installation at Mt. Olive in Crystal River last



week was incorrect. A picture of Rev. Cecil Wilson is shown. I regret the error.

Sixth Avenue Renamed for Rev. O.V. Pinkston

The celebration honoring Rev. O.V. Pinkston's 48 years of service at Covenant Missionary Baptist Church in Ocala ended November 30, 1997 with the renaming of 6th Avenue in honor of Rev. O.V. Pinkston. City officials gathered along with family and friends to do the honor.



O. Von Pinkston

Present at the morning service was Mayor E.L. Foster who presented a proclamation from the City of Ocala for 48 years of service to the community and churches of Marion County. The renaming of 6th Avenue in his honor came as a surprise for Rev. Pinkston. Pinkston Avenue runs North and South along side Covenant Baptist Church.

The program included Rev. Raynall Churchwell of Atlanta who delivered the sermon. Others present for the occasion were Annie Pinkston of Palatka, the sister of Rev. Pinkston; Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Pinkston; Deacon and Mrs. Fred Pinkston of Ft. Lauderdale; Ann Haile of Ocala, daughter and all of the children and grandchildren. An anniversary dinner was served after service.

Class of '67 30th Reunion

The Howard Academy Class of '67 kicked off their class reunion on Friday, November 28th with a Bar-B-Que at Ivery and Lily Luckey's home. This gathering was followed by grand event at the Hilton Hotel in Ocala.

The theme for the program was "Thirty Wonderful Years" and included the blessing of food by Rev. Jerone Gamble; Invocation by Evangelist Evelyn Pearson; Solo by Gay Gam-

ble; Poem by Carolyn Donald; Memorial Tribute by Rev. Jerone Gamble and closing remarks by Ronald Burton, President.

The speaker for the occasion was Rev. Lucious Taylor who was introduced by Ivery Luckey. The Mistress of Ceremony was Evangelist Barbara Pinder. On Saturday, there was a dance at the City Auditorium from 9 to 2 a.m. Mr. Herber S. Coleman introduced the class members. On Sunday, church service was held at Mt. Caanan Baptist Church where classmate Rev. Jerone Gamble is pastor.

Class reunion committee include Ronald Burton, President; James Grant, Vice President; Carolyn Burton, Secretary; Barbara Pinder, Treasurer and Associate Planners Vivian Herring, Margaret Williams, Pearl Thomas, Carolyn Donald, Albert Johnson, Odell Hamilton, Ivery and Lily Luckey.

Church Bazaar at Covenant on Saturday

A church bazaar will be held at Covenant Missionary Baptist Church on Saturday, December 6, 1997 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. The church is located at 606 W. Broadway in Ocala.

The bazaar will include bake sales, clothes, knick-knacks, crafts and much, much more. If you are interested in renting a booth, call Barbara Samuel at 732-4984.

Birthday Greetings

Happy Birthday greetings go out to Henry Pittman, December 2nd, Kynnis Shelton, December 3rd and Shirley Bell, December 6th.

Giving Thanks, A True Blessing

by Varqui Wright

Gertrude Cooper made her way through the crowd carrying two styrofoam plates loaded with food, one for herself and one for her housebound husband.

James King, a groundskeeper wearing his Davis Lawn Service uniform, got his food and stepped back from the table to make room for a young mother with several children.

King and Cooper were two of more than 100 people, black and white, from all over West Ocala, who came on November 26th for the abundance of free food and goodwill at the first **Feed The Hungry**, held at the Holy Bank of Inspiration Deliverance Temple, 1019, N.W. 10th St. in Ocala.

"It's real beautiful," King said. "It's something for black people to get together and without having to spend a quarter."

"With more than 200 pounds of donated mullet, 160 pounds of donated crab and heaps of french fries, chicken, clams and cole slaw, organizers said their was to bring people in the community together and into the church."

"We want to get them into church, period - any church," said William Ferrell, administrator of the Holy Band Temple, whose idea it was to feed the hungry in what he said was intended as a "non-traditional Thanksgiving."

"The idea was to reach the community" Ferrell said. "People don't care how much you know unless they know how much you care."

Ferrell got the idea for the food outreach from a group he worked with when he lived in Irvine, Calif. several years ago.



The feast at Holy Band was put together by Mae Lawton, Holy Bank's associate pastor and John and Lillie Hanks, the church's joint senior pastors. Since all the food was donated, money was not an issue, said Ron Howard, a pastor from Ocala Word of Faith Church.

"The issue is the cause of Christ. We want to reach the people in the community so they will learn the gospel," Howard said. "We want the people to know that we love them not because of race or color, but because God loves them, and he's called us to love them."

Ferrell said he hopes to make **Feed The Hungry** a yearly event with other events such as grocery and clothing give-aways each week.

"It's wonderful," said Perry Thomas, a deacon at Holy

Band. "God said feed his people. He didn't say if they had a million dollars. He said feed the hungry."

Spiritual Ambassador's 9th Anniversary

The Spiritual Ambassadors of Ocala Florida will celebrate their 9th Anniversary this weekend. On Saturday, December 6, 1997 at 7:30 p.m. there will be a Parade of Choirs. On Sunday, December 7th at 7:30 p.m. the following gospel groups will be showcased during the anniversary celebration:

The Holy Prophets of Bartow; The Sons of Thunder of Belleview; The Southland Spiritual Singers; The White Star Gospel Singers; The Gospel Echoes of Ocala and the Gospel Wonders of Ocala.

Come out and celebrate with the Spiritual Ambassadors.

James Thorpe

The Laymen Auxiliary of the Second Bethlehem Baptist Association will be having a meeting on February 7, 1998 at 10:00 a.m. at the Christian Education Center. The Purpose of this meeting will be to begin planning for the "1998 Pre-Association Session for the Laymen Auxiliary."

We need each of you to participate and help to make Second Bethlehem Baptist Association Laymen Auxiliary the best in the State of Florida.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation and support.

The State Convention Laymen Department will meet for their Annual Winter Board Meeting on December 6, 1997 at 8 a.m. at Indian Lake Retreat Site, Florahome, Florida. This meeting is to prepare and make up the program for our session in April, 1998 in Jacksonville, Florida. Everyone is invited to attend. Bro. Emmett Thompson, State President; Dea. James Thorpe, President, Second Bethlehem Baptist Association Layman Auxiliary.

OCALA-I am high spirited after a delightful Thanksgiving day. Mother and I love this time of the year, as we reflect on our past experiences and God's blessings during the year. As a reader of the **Weekly Challenger** it was spiritually uplifting to read the heart warming articles by Mrs. Florence Williams Ray Society in Ocala, FL. The article stated "Set an extra place at the Thanksgiving table". Oh how it reminded me of our family yester-years. Mother and dad shared their blessings with others as they provided an extra place at the table.

My parents' kind acts of sharing and caring instilled a lasting bond for their children, friends, strangers and neighbors. I cherish today that compassion experienced during my childhood.

Our family has grown smaller over the years, however mother and I enjoyed Thanksgiving day as we continued to "set an extra place at the Thanksgiving table." This Thanksgiving's mother enjoyed and extends God's blessings to the writer, Mrs. Florence Williams Ray and her family.

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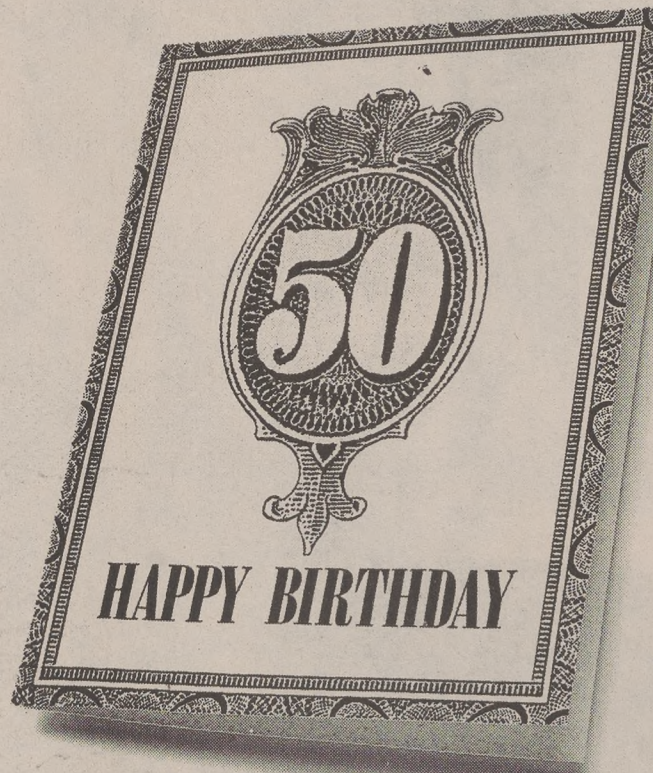
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ORLANDO— Florida College. These awards were made at the annual Florida Classic football game on November 22nd. "These two fine schools compete with each other on the football field, but they work together to provide educational excellence for the people of our state," said Jorge Dominics, Vice President of Corporate Affairs for FloridaA Crystals

Sugar, "we are honored to help provide academic scholarships to worthy students."

This statewide grants program called SUGARCANE Statewide Urban Grants and Rural Community Assistance Effort is designed to provide contributions to educational, cultural and community development efforts which benefit the African-American community in Florida's major cities and rural communities.

Barbara Miedema, Manager of Public Relations for the Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative of Florida added, "Our companies are proud to have supported a great many charitable causes throughout the years. The creation of the SUGARCANE Grants Program is another wonderful way that Florida's sugar industry can help make a difference throughout Florida." The program is an important addition to the charitable support that the companies provide in communities surrounding their farming and mill operations.

Grant applicants must be not-for-profit charitable, educational or cultural organizations, or a governmental agency, and provide matching funds of at least half of the cost of the proposed project. Up to \$100,000 in SUGARCANE grants will be awarded, mostly at the \$2,500-\$5,000 level.

In the coming weeks additional SUGARCANE grants will be announced around the state. Those who would like to receive information regarding the second round of awards can contact SUGARCANE Grants Program Manager Tony Bland, of Bland and Associates, 407-352-5288.

Give Your Gift Volunteer!

ST. PETERSBURG— This is the season to be jolly, where giving your gifts, in time, to children is very important and very special to all of us, especially our children.

Giving the gift of life through education is one of the greatest gifts anyone in the community can give to a child during this season of merriment and joy. Getting into the spirit is easy. There's no mall crowds to contend with, money, it doesn't cost a dime, just some of your time. Spare a little or spare a lot, the children will accept whatever you've got.

This holiday season, make your list, check it twice, volunteer with children at Campbell Park Elementary and Bay Park Partnership Schools whether naughty or nice.

Be Santa's helper by: Registering to volunteer at Campbell Park/Bay Park Partnership Schools; Read to a child or small group of children; Help a struggling child to build skills; Adopt a child, a classroom or our entire school; become a role model; sponsor a christmas party; donate educational supplies; help serve holiday lunches or monitor the cafeteria; provide Christmas/holiday entertainment; join our specialty teams; come out carolling;

give children greeting cards, help boost self esteem; help with special holiday projects; work at our Cardinal Nations Bank or Cardinal Express Post Office helping the kids in budgeting their bank accounts through bank deposits/withdrawals and delivering in-school mail.

You don't have to cram all of your volunteer time into one day, but today would be a great time to start. There are only a few weeks left in the year. Let's make sure that no child at Campbell Park/Bay Park Partnership Schools goes without receiving their gift from you - some of your time. **VOLUNTEER!**

Psst! its time to get into the Christmas Spirit, pass it on and tell a friend.

Whether its gifts from an individual, a business, professional athletic team members, movie stars, historians, everyone is welcome and your time well spent at our school.

Remember also that when making your New Year's Resolution to commit to volunteering in your community schools, our kids need all of you.

For more information call or visit the school at 1101-7th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL (813) 893-2650.

ST. PETERSBURG



by Bob Gilder

TOGETHER

ST. PETERSBURG— Good communication is the key to building strong relationships. That philosophy holds true in all cases, but is an essential need in divided neighborhoods and communities. St. Petersburg has had some civil unrest in the past and Mayor Fischer has made it a priority to reduce crime in the Challenge Area. Toward that effort, he has established a city-wide program of community connections, whereby the city can identify new methods for being more mindful of and responsive to community issues and concerns. The city examined various programs of this type in Tampa and metropolitan Dade County for the purpose of developing a program to meet St. Petersburg's individual needs.

The new program, called C.A.R.T., stands for the Community Awareness and Response Team. It's a mechanism to help maintain constant awareness of situations that could provide community tension or develop into community unrest and to preserve peaceful and harmonious community relations. Ideally, the C.A.R.T. program represents a proactive effort to prevent distressing civil unrest as St. Petersburg has had in the past.

C.A.R.T. will consist of a network of city employees and community volunteers who are in close contact with the residents of the areas they serve. The C.A.R.T. network includes individuals who are usually aware of problems and issues of a disruptive nature and who could rapidly and effectively respond at the street level during moments of community disturbances and negotiate peaceful solutions to such problems as they arise.

The city's Community Affairs Department will have primary administrative program responsibility, but will be working closely with other departments, as well as with community volunteers. Individuals who are part of the Community Awareness and Response Team will receive training in the identification and analysis of issues that could escalate community tensions and agitation. Team members will function in accordance with clearly defined procedures and responsibilities.

If you would like more information concerning the Community Awareness and Response Team, please call Charley Williams at 893-5507.

ATTN: WRITERS

Please, when sending in pictures to be published include names and phone numbers. Otherwise, we have no way of knowing who they are. Thank you.

We Welcome Your Letters to the Editor

Who Has Time To Bake During The Holidays?

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Sweet potato pie. Pumpkin pie.

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CHURCH NEWS



St. Mark Church

Rev. Brian Brown and the St. Mark Church Family extend to you a cordial welcome to our church services, beginning with the 7:45 a.m. Morning Worship. The Deacons will lead the devotion, Rev. J.W. Rogers will deliver the message. The Choir will render song service, under the direction of Mr. Franklin Gray.

Holy Communion will be administered Morning and Evening. The #1 Usher Board will serve.

Church School will begin at 9:30 a.m. with the superintendent John Washington in charge. The 10:45 service will begin with the Deacons lead-

ing devotion. Song service will be rendered by the Mass Choir with Mr. Franklin Gray at the organ and Mrs. Vivian Green at the piano. The #1 Usher Board will again greet everyone at the door. Rev. Brian K. Brown will deliver the message.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE: Children youth meeting, Monday at 6:00 p.m. Teachers meeting, Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Male Chorus, Tuesday at 8:00 p.m.; Mass Choir, Wednesday at 8:00 p.m.; Senior Prayer Meeting Thursday at 10:30 a.m.; Prayer Meeting & Bible Study Thursday at 7:00 p.m.; Junior Woman Saturday at 6:00 p.m.

New Philadelphia

The seventh anniversary observance of the church family climaxed on Mission Sunday. James Robinson issued the final spiritual challenge from this year's theme, "Catch-the-Vision, People with a Mind to Build". The church family was urged to catch the faith in order to catch the vision. To do this, James stressed the importance of "fishing" with faith. Ministry in music included a solo by Nellie Wooten-Dalton of Brooklyn and Gloria Williams.

First Sunday in Advent commences eighth year history of the church. This "new beginning" will be celebrated with first lighting of the Advent candle. The Advent theme will focus on Holy Communion and prophetically compared to Christ's second Advent in Revelation 19. The Rev. Mary

Jones will offer sermon proclamation as well as share personal experiences on her recent trip to Greece an Isle of Patmos where John received the revelation. All members are requested to be present for this sacred service.

Men and boys of the church family will have its monthly outing with Leroy Monroe at Bay Pines on Saturday. Communion will be served following this activity to all sick and shut-in members. On Sunday morning promptly at 9:00 a.m. men and boys will "break-fast" together at their monthly prayer fellowship. All men and boys are invited to attend.

For more information regarding this article, contact Rev. Don Gaskin, Pastor at 867-5094.

Moore's Chapel

Rev. M. Mason Walker and Moore's Chapel church family welcome you to their services this Sunday, December 7th during both 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services. Rev. Walker will preach during both services. Holy communion will be administered by the pastor, assisted by the Stewardess Board. Music will be provided by the Inspirational Choir, directed and accompanied by minister of music, Geraldine Mayes. The Usher Board will serve.

Church School will begin at 9:30 a.m. with superintendent Mose Phillip Bell in charge, assisted by assistant superintendent Celestine Stephens. The lesson will be "Living the Light", I John 1:5-10 and I John 2:3-6.

Moore's Chapel Young People department yard sale will be held Saturday, Decem-

ber 6th from 8:00 a.m. until at the church. Sandra Williams, YPD director, Delores Baker assistant director.

The Steward's Board will present their Annual Festival of Advent service on Sunday, December 14th during the 11:00 a.m. service. The speaker for the occasion, Evangelist Vivian Powell, Pastor of the Latter Day Deliverance Holiness Church.

Christmas Communion service will be held on December 24th at 7:00 p.m. Noon day prayer service, Wednesday, 12:00; Prayer service and Bible Study, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

The Daisy Pierce/Fannie Williams Missionary Society meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 10th at 6:00 p.m. All member are asked to be present. Lynette Buchanan president.

Bethel AME

Rev. and Mrs. Dawkins along with the Bethel family wish to invite all to join them on Friday, December 5, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. for their final Love Feast of 1997.

Emma Slade wishes to invite the public to attend Church School on Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. They plan to increase each class by as many members as possible.

Sunday, Pastor Dawkins will deliver the morning ser-

mon at 10:30 a.m.

The youth are practicing each Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. for the Christmas program which will be held Sunday, December 21st during the 10:30 morning service. Parents are asked to please have their child/children at the church on time.

Bible Study is each Wednesday at noon and every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Please join Bethel for these studies.

New Faith

New Faith Free Methodist Church, 2427 Irving Avenue South will hold their Annual Christmas Banquet on Friday, December 5, 1997 at the Campbell Park Recreation Center from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. Plan now to attend for it promises to be the grand event of the season. For more information contact Mrs. Daisy Caldwell, 327-2051. This event

is sponsored by Stewardess Board Number One.

The Voices of Faith Gospel Choir will hold their winter concert on Saturday, December 13, 1997 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at New Faith. Come out and enjoy the word of God in song and praise in this promising spirit moving event. The public is encouraged to attend. Carole Conley, President.

—Galilee—

Pastor Earnest Jones and the Galilee Missionary Baptist Church family invite you to come out and join us for Sunday Worship Services each Sunday beginning with early morning worship at 8:00 a.m. and mid morning worship at 11:00 a.m. This first Sunday in December, the Pastor Gospel Chorus and the #1 Usher Board are in charge of both services.

Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. New members class convene during the Sunday School hour. Mid-week worship is held each Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. BTU is each Thursday at 6:30 p.m. followed by Prayer Meeting and Bible Study at 7:30.

Pastor Jones and Galilee family are on program December 8th at 7:30 p.m. at Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church. A combined choir and usher board will accompany him.

The Pastor's Aide Committee will be hosting a "Servants

Breakfast" Saturday, December 13th at 9:00 a.m. in the Galilee Fellowship Hall. The public is cordially invited to come out and fellowship with them on this occasion. Brenda Facyson is program coordinator.

The WIA and Senior Women Mission presidents, Margaret Brown and Carrie Hinton along with coordinator, Martha Philpott would like to say thank you to all mission members and the Galilee family for your contributions and support during our Thanksgiving Basket Give-Away. With the Lord's help, we were able to donate 12 Thanksgiving boxes and monetary donations to many needy families and individuals. We thank God for the love and support you have shown.

All participants involved in the Christmas program are encouraged to attend all meetings and rehearsals. Patricia Jones, program coordinator.

All Nations Church

The church will present a night of Holy entertainment with choral selections by All Nations youth choirs, a pantomime "I Believe I Can Fly" and a play entitled "A Stairway to Heaven."

The evening is sponsored by the Sunbeam Choir (ages 2-

11) with directors Gloria Butts and Tashia Wainwright.

Activities will take place at All Nations Church of God by Faith, 300 4th Street South on Saturday, December 13 at 7:30 p.m. Pastor James and Johnnie Lee Williams.

All Nations Church of God By Faith

3000 - 4th Avenue S. • St. Petersburg, FL

327-5926 • 327-2656

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Night Worship 7 p.m.
Tuesday Bible Class 8 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 8 p.m.
Friday Tarry Service 8 p.m.
Saturday Sabbath School 11 a.m.

Rev. Johnnie Lee Williams, Pastor

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First. Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church

1121 22nd Street So., St. Petersburg, FL

Rev. Wallace Elliott, Pastor

Church Services

8:00 a.m. Morning Service

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

5:00 p.m. B.T.U.

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Sunday School 9:30 AM

Baptist Training Union 4:30 PM

Prayer Meeting Thursday 7:30 PM

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4601 34th Street South

(Howard Johnson's)

Rev. Michael A. Hawkins, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00 AM

Morning Worship 11:00 AM

Prayer Meeting/Bible Study

..... Tuesday 7:30 PM

Church Theme: "Rise Up And Walk"

Faith Memorial Missionary Baptist Church

1800 18th Avenue S., St. Petersburg, FL

Reg. Bragg L. Turner, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship 11 a.m.

Membership Training 5 p.m.

Bible Study & Prayer

Meeting Tuesday 7 p.m.

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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

M.A., M.D.V., D. Min.

Pastor-Counselor



ELIM Junior Academy & Day Care Center

20th Street Church Of Christ

820 20th Street South

St. Pete, FL

Home: 896-8006

Minister Robert Clemons

Sunday Morning Bible Class 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Ladies Bible Class Monday 7:00 p.m.

Sunday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.

Monday Evening Bible Class 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Evening Bible Class 7:00 p.m.



TRAVELERS REST MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

2183 22nd Avenue South, St. Pete, FL 33712

Church Phone: 822-4869

Residence: 894-5094

Mid-Morning Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Prayer/Praise Service (Wednesday) 7:00 p.m.

Bible Study (Every 2nd & 4th Sunday) 6:00 p.m.

Rev. Larry Lewis, Assistant Pastor



Rev. Donald F. Browne



Good Samaritan Baptist Fellowship

Meeting at Covenant Presbyterian Church

4201 6th Street South, St. Petersburg, Florida

Sunday Worship Service: 8:45 A.M.

Wednesday Bible Study: 7:30 P.M.

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• Bible Based Fellowship Considering the Biblical Commands in Light of Contemporary Problems

• Promoting the Self-Worth and Equality of All Persons

• Non-Sexist Participation • Youth Ministry

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TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2830 - 22nd Avenue South • St. Petersburg, Florida 33712

(813) 327-8560

9:00 AM Prayer Time

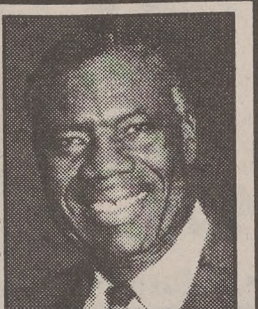
9:30 AM Sunday School

11:00 AM Worship

12:30 PM After Service Fellowship

Wednesday 6:30 PM Prayer Meeting and Bible Study

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



Dr. Frederick D. Terry

St. John Missionary Baptist

3200 5th Avenue S., St. Petersburg, FL

Rev. Steve Thomas, Pastor

EARLY MORNING WORSHIP 8 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

LATE MORNING WORSHIP 11 A.M.

BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER MEETING WED. 7 P.M.

Come join us each Sunday for any or all of these services.

You are welcome.



10th Street Church Of God

207 10th Street North, St. Petersburg, FL

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

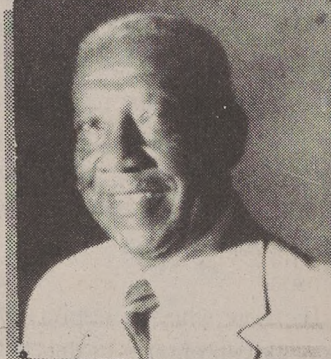
Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting/

Bible Study 7:15 p.m.

Evening Worship (1st & 3rd Sunday) 6:00 p.m.

Rev. Chester L. James, Jr. - Pastor

International Headquarters, Anderson, Indiana



New Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church

3001 18th Avenue South St. Petersburg, FL 33712

Church: (813) 327-9904 Office: (813) 321-3898

Elder Carl Rhodes, Jr., Pastor

Early Morning Worship 8 a.m. (2nd thru 5th Sundays)

Church School 9:30 a.m. • Mid-Morning Worship 11 a.m.

Communion Service 5 p.m. (1st Sundays)

Prayer Meeting 7 p.m. (Tuesdays)

Christian Education School 7 p.m. (Wednesdays)

"Oh, Come Let Us Praise The Lord!"



ST. MARK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Schedule of Services

Church School 9:30 a.m.

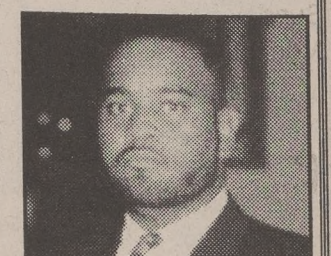
Morning Worship 11 a.m.

Baptist Training Union 5 p.m.

Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.

Prayer Meeting

Thursday 7 p.m.



Rev. Brian K. Brown

"One week from church makes one weak."



CHURCH NEWS



Traveler's Rest

Rev. Browne and the Traveler's Rest Missionary Baptist Church family would like to invite everyone to come out and worship with them on Communion Sunday. The Mass Choir will be rendering the song service under the direction of Steve Wilson, musician.

The Missionary Society would like to take this opportunity to thank Rev. Pennington of First Institutional Baptist Church for bringing the message on last Sunday.

Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. followed with mid-morning worship service at 11:00 a.m. Transportation can be provided for anyone by calling the church at 822-4869 and leaving a message.

Evangelism ministry has studies on the 1st and 3rd Sunday evening every month beginning at 6:00 p.m. Ministry is conducted by Betty Andrews.

Bible Study is conducted every second and fourth Sunday of each month. Bible study will be held on Sunday at 6:00 p.m.

All participants involved in the Christmas play are encouraged to attend all meetings and rehearsals.

All members are encouraged to bring a perishable item to praise and worship services and Sunday morning worship service. These items will be donated to those persons in need of food for the holidays.

Everyone is encouraged to pick a child from the angel tree. The children have been identified and have stated the gift that they would like to receive. We

are asking that each child receive a toy, inspirational gift and a clothing item. The deadline for the gifts will be December 19, 1997. The party to distribute the gifts to the children will be held on Saturday, December 20, 1997 at 7:00 p.m.

The American Baptist Women Fellowship will have a "Cookie Exchange" on Saturday, December 6th at 12:30 p.m.. If you would like to attend the fellowship, please see Laura Anderson or Anne Killens. The cost for the luncheon is \$4.00. Please respond as soon as possible.

Deadline for all budget proposals are asked to be in no later than December 20, 1997 for the upcoming year.

The Social's Group of Traveler's Rest Missionary Baptist Church will be hosting their end of the year meeting on December 13th. All members and visitors ages 22-42 are cordially invited to attend. The time and place will become available as the time draws near.

Other activities this week include:

Thursday, December 4th at 11:00 a.m., Mid day Bible Study; Saturday, December 6th, Deaconess meeting at 10:00 a.m.; Tuesday, December 9th at 7:00 p.m. Mass Choir Rehearsal; Wednesday, December 10th at 7:00 p.m. Praise and Worship service conducted by the Usher Board #1 ministry. All members are encouraged to attend along with those persons born in the month of December.

The Imani Project at Its Best



IMANI PROJECT

In recent years, Gospel music has given birth to a number of 'young lions' that have assisted in catapulting the medium to new heights. Included in the mix are names such as Hezekiah Walker, Kirk Franklin, God's Property and group that will definitely join that group of names, The Imani Project.

The Choir came into being during the Summer of 1993 through the idea of a group of singers, musicians and songwriters from Toledo who had a genuine purpose in mind. "The whole thing started from a youth explosion held at a church here in town," says Still.

A guy by the name of Craig Johnson had pretty much toyed with the idea to forming

a choir. Craig felt that all of the young singers and musicians of the city needed to come together as a collective musical body. At that point Dave Young pulled everything together. We gave him the names of the individuals we felt should be involved. Those original board members included myself, Dave Young, Brian Cook, Eric Smith, Kerwin Manning, Mark Williams and Craig Johnson.

This dream became a vivid reality on November 6, 1993 with the choir's first recording, which took place at Toledo's Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church. "We had a young lady handling our public relations who happened to have worked at one of the radio stations in the city," says Still. "People ended up

attending the session out of sheer curiosity because they didn't have any idea as to what the Imani Project was."

Still adds, "The church holds about 1200 people and I guess we had around 1400 to 1500 come out. I think that the hype and the excitement that was generated that night will be something that people around here will never forget."

After shopping the project off and on for two to three years without landing a deal, the choir finally got that break they had been praying for. "We knew a guy named Jason Rome at CGI Records," Still recalls. "After sending him a package, Jason turned me over to a gentleman named Philip White. Jason came back to

Toledo to hang out with us. Brian Cook, who is the leader of the choir, along with myself, had a gut feeling that when Jason returned home, everything was going to jump off. Later on that evening, I received a call from Jason stating that CGI was ready to sign us. We went to our attorney's office where CGI had faxed us a copy of the contract. After we hooked up on a conference call and negotiated a bit, we ended up signing the contract."

Musically, the choir defies categorization. "I would say that our music has different fla-

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Friendship MB

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The day of worship began at 8:00 a.m. and the second service at 11:00 a.m. Come and enjoy Pastor Evans as he brings the written word under the divine leadership of the Holy Spirit.

The Senior Choir will render songs of praise. The num-

ber one Usher Board ministry will welcome and seat you. Our Deason's ministry will render opening praise and prayer service.

The Lord's supper will be observed in both services. Sunday School is held at 9:30 a.m. and Baptist Training Union is held at 4:30 p.m.

Calendar: Monday night at 7:00 p.m. we will have prayer and teacher's meeting as well as Bible Study.

to go, we're ready. We're Imani. We have the faith to believe that in whatever we set out to do for Him, we'll be victorious, "says Still. People helped us and we want to return the favor.

The choir has received accolades from some of the top producers in gospel music, namely Fred Hammond, Chris Byrd and Patrick Henderson.

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Weds.-Family Worship 7:00pm

Sunday School 10:00am

Sunday Morning Worship 11:15am

Sunday Evening Worship 7:00pm

Pastor: Elder B.O. Walker



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

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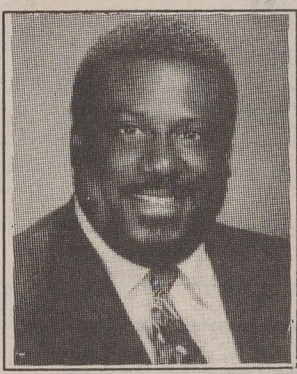
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SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:30 A.M.

MORNING WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

COME WORSHIP WITH
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New Faith Free Methodist Church

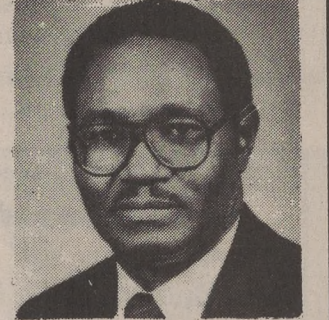
2427 Irving Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL

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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

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919 - 20th Street S., St. Petersburg, FL 33712

Rev. Charles Robinson, Pastor

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Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. • All Male Bible Study Weds. 6:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting Weds. 7:30 p.m.
Bible Study Mon. 6:00 p.m.
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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.
Tuesday Services 7:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday 7:30 p.m.
Bible Band, Thursday 7:30 p.m.



Greater St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church

532 33rd Street S. • St. Petersburg, FL
Rev. Dr. J.L. Holloway

Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship.....10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6 p.m.
Baptist Training Union 5 p.m.
Tuesday Night
General Bible Study
Thursday Night Prayer
Meeting & Teachers Meeting
We welcome you at all times.

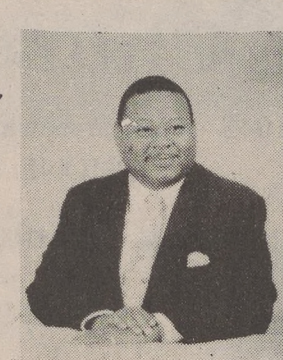


Mt. Zion Progressive Missionary Baptist Church

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CHURCH NEWS



Bethel Metropolitan Baptist Church

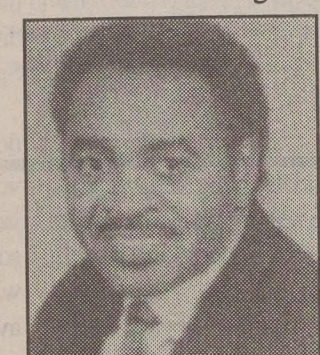


Six years ago the Holy Spirit led pastor Henry J. Lyons in the idea of a service that would enhance family involvement and participation during the serving of Holy Communion. Thus the Holy Family Communion Service was born. The emphasis of the ordinance of Holy Communion is reiterated, i.e. Christ' death, burial and resurrection for the purpose of redemption for sinner man to right relationship with our forgiving father.

The service involves the membership being divided into categories of jumbo, large, medium and small. A patriarch or matriarch is assigned to each family and that person is

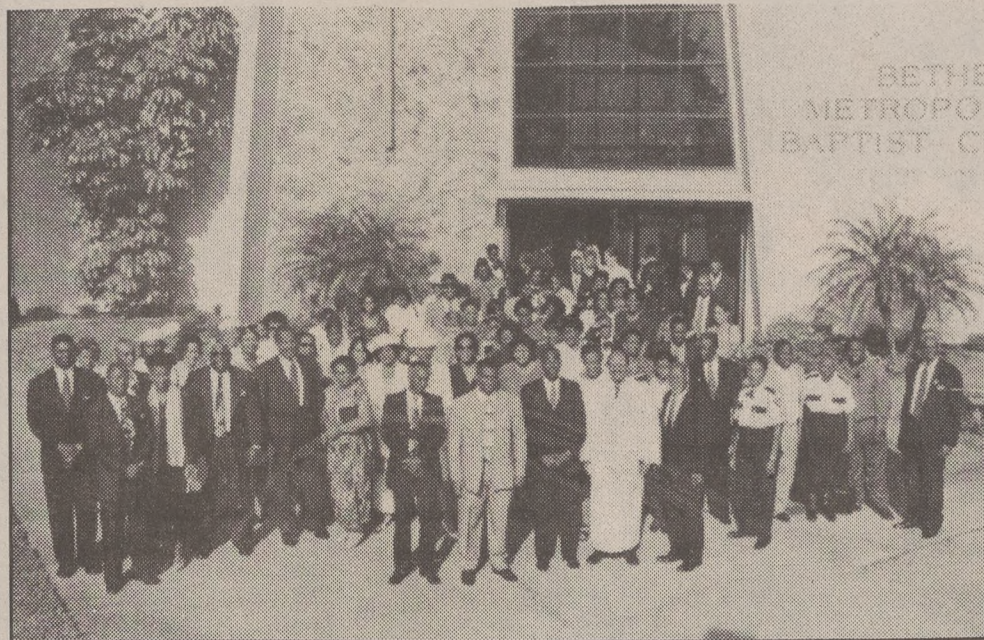
responsible for the gathering of all family members within a fifty (50) mile radius to commune and worship together during the evening of Holy Family Communion Service. This service has proven to be outstanding in bringing families together and should be saved and in restoring fellowship. Family bibles are given to the families with the largest family in attendance in each of the four categories. The 1997 service is again being chaired by Rev. John and Effie Etheridge. The theme from Ephesians 4:3, "Reclaiming, Rebuilding, and Restoring unity in our church through Jesus Christ," clarifies our vic-

torious commitment to remain steadfast and unmovable in our work of the Lord. The Etheridges' and the committee has worked untiringly to assure a sacred service. Sharing in this



Rev. Alvin Moore

service will be the Reverend Dr. Alvin Moore and the New Hope Missionary Baptist



Church family.

Pastor Lyons and the church family invite you to share with us during the 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship services. During the 11:00 a.m. hour, the memorial services will be observed. The twelve members of this christian family who have had their home-going will be memorialized. Family members of the deceased are encouraged to be in attendance. Auxiliaries serving this week are the Praise Team, Concord Choir and No 1

Usher Board.

Minister of music, Frederick D. Black, the music department and combined choirs are busier than ever preparing for this years Christmas musical concert to be held Sunday, December 14th at 5:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. We encourage you to don your formal attire along with the choir and join us in celebrating in song "Jesus, The Reason for the Season."

Latoy Black, Gayle Arrington, Deborah Blake and Jackie Swanson are actively preparing

the children and youth for the Annual Christmas program, Sunday, December 21st during the Sunday Church School hour. Parents are encouraged to get their children involved.

Our 7:00 p.m. Wednesday night NBC and AWANA is a blessing to both the student and teacher. The adults are studying the church covenant under the tutelage of Rev. Joseph Harvey; while the children and youth adhere to the AWANA curriculum. Transportation is provided.

Join us for noon day Bible Study on Thursdays 12 noon to 1:00 p.m. for mid day prayer hour. This Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon is Prayer and Praise Service.

DECEMBER CALENDAR: December 7th, Memorial Ser-

vice, 11:00 a.m. worship service. Holy Family Communion at 6:00 p.m.; December 13, Boy Scouts Yard Sale and Fish Fry; December 14, Christmas Musical at 5:00 p.m.; December 21st Children/Youth

Christmas Program during Sunday Church School hour.

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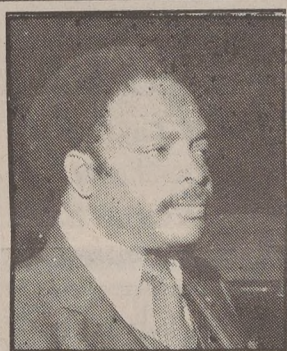
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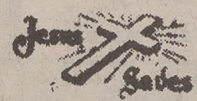
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Morning Worship 8:00 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Mid-Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
Baptist Training Union 5:00 p.m.
Bible Study/Prayer Service Thursday 7:30 p.m.
Couples Ministry (3rd Sunday) 6:00 p.m.

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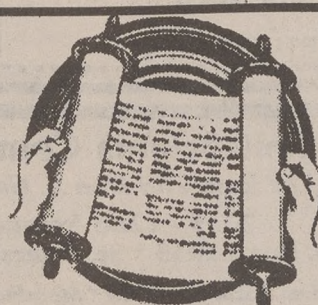
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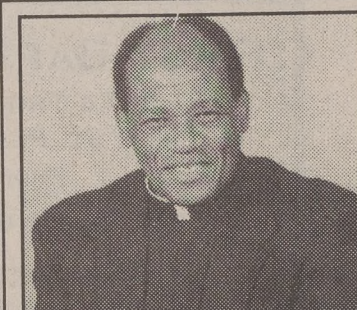
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Prayer Services . . . Wed., 6:30 p.m.

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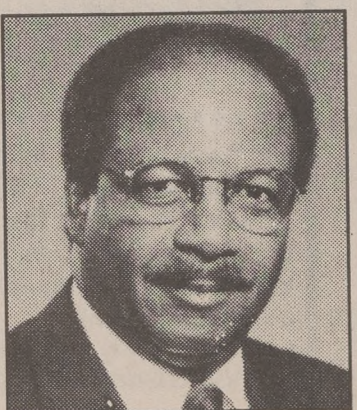
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Rev. Charles Jenkins

Wedding Announcement

ST. PETERSBURG—The Rev. Charles Jenkins of Mt. Zion Progressive Baptist Church will be married on February 14, 1998 in Jackson Tennessee. A bus has been char-

tered for family and friends to attend this ceremony.

A deposit will be required and is due by December 20, 1997. All interested persons may contact Mary Dudley at 8678-4144.

Department of Labor Celebrates Successes

TALLAHASSEE - Doug Jamerson, Secretary, Department of Labor and Employment Security, hosted a statewide celebration and training session today focusing on quality and excellence. Jamerson recognized the top nine teams in the agency and shared the keys to their success.

The centerpiece of the celebration included a one hour satellite downlink program to each of the sites allowing department employees to hear presentations by the nine teams chosen as the agency's best. In addition, employees had the department.

"Each year, we take time out to congratulate our associates for the fine work they have achieved during the past year and to share their successes. For the first time, we put together a program to celebrate quality not just in Tallahassee but throughout the state," said Jamerson. "We hope that all of our associates will find in these successes something to replicate in their local communities for serving customers better."

The nine that were honored by the department include the following:

CMOS Acquisition Team, Tallahassee Team Leader: Tom Vason, Information Management Center

Certificate of Eligibility Team, Tampa Team Leader: Lee Ann Brumble, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

Employer Education Planning Team, Tallahassee Team Leader: Sissy Nogar, Division of Workers' Compensation

ILAP, Tallahassee Team Leader: Mondie Azpetia, Division of Blind Services

The Informers, Jacksonville Team Leader: Shirley Girard, Division of Workers' Compensation

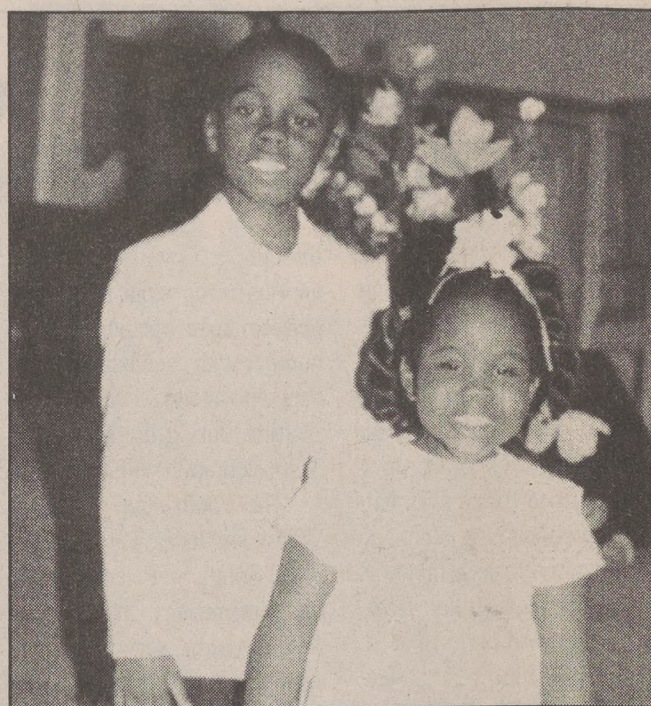
Marketing Team, Tallahassee Team Leader: Tom Miller, Division of Safety

New Claims TQM Team, Miami Team Leader: Arturo Vega, Division of Jobs and Benefits

The Rainbow Express Team, Tallahassee Team Leader: Rose Marie Campbell, Division of Unemployment Compensation

Training Tracking System Taskforce, Tallahassee Team Leader: Charlie Chester, Division of Administrative Services

Miss Nzingha and Mr. Shaka Crowning at Bethel



Danielle J. Green and Eric H. Holloway, Jr.

ST. PETERSBURG—The Black History Pageant Committee of Bethel Community Baptist Church is expecting an overflow audience for its annual Miss Nzingha and Mr. Shaka crowning on Sunday, December 7th at 4:30 p.m. The program will be held at Bethel Community Baptist Church, 1045 16th Street South. The speaker for the occasion will be Dr. Athena Richardson, a St. Petersburg pediatrician.

Miss Nzingha and Mr. Shaka contest is one of several programs and fund raisers being held by the Black History Pageant Committee in celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the Black History Pageant for its 1997-1998 season. This year's contestants include Edgar Adams III, Danielle J. Green, and Eric H. Holloway, Jr. and Aislee Rembert. Two of these contestants will be crowned.

Dr. Richardson is a graduate of Tougaloo College, and a Magna Cum Laude graduate of Boston University School of Medicine, with post graduate training at the University of South Florida College of Medicine.

FAMU IN FIRST ROUND

STATESBORO, GA—Florida A&M lost to Georgia Southern in the Division I-AA in the opening round by a score of 52-37.

FAMU finished the season with a record of (9-3) and the Georgia Southern Eagles with a (10-2) record advances onto the next level and will play Delaware in round 2.

Many fans from the Tampa Bay area made the trip only to see their favorite team lose for the second season in the first round. The Rattlers deserve continued support for their effort and representing the state in its playoff bowl bid.

Lowe's Announces Safety at Brandon Superstore

BRANDON—Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse will continue its grand opening celebration for a second weekend with special events focusing on home safety and security. The new Brandon superstore is located at 11401 Causeway Boulevard. This weekend's activities celebrate Lowe's commitment to saving lives in American homes, just one of the community programs in which Lowe's Home Safety Council is involved.

Lowe's Home Safety Council (LHSC) is a non profit organization founded in 1993, underscoring Lowe's long-standing commitment to consumer safety at home. LHSC sponsors safety-related community outreach, school programs, and television specials, as well as high profile home safety makeovers. Now, a second weekend at each new Lowe's store is officially devoted to safety-related events.

Here are some highlights of special safety-smart activities, along with other events, to be held at Lowe's new superstore in Brandon on Friday, December 5 through Sunday, December 7: The Hillsboro County Fire and Rescue Department will have fire safety literature available throughout the week-

end. Free home security videotapes from Weiser will be given to the first 100 customers, Saturday, courtesy of Weiser Lock (who will have a representative on hand to offer valuable home security tips and to answer do-it-yourself questions). One hundred customers will receive "SafetyScope Yard and Garden Tips" booklets courtesy of Homelite.

The information just mentioned is just a sample of the promotions and educational activities scheduled at the new Lowe's. Please check with the store for specific times and safety weekend details.

Every Lowe's store is also a home safety center, where consumers can find the information and products they need to make their homes into safe havens for their families. Safety Watch kiosks, sponsored by the LHSC and prominently located in every store, featured interactive videos on safety-related subjects, as well as racks of free brochures and safety checklists. For a copy of the "Top 20 for Home Safety" checklist, visit the store or the Lowe's Web site. Lowe's Home Safety Council, in partnership with Lowe's stores, is committed to help families reduce injuries and save lives.

FACTS ABOUT LOWE'S HOME SAFETY COUNCIL

The mission statement is to enhance the quality of home life in America by helping families improve the comfort and security of their homes through better knowledge and practice of home safety. Rationale: The seven million disabling injuries 26,000+deaths and \$21.8 billion health care price tag associated with preventable injuries at home led Lowe's Companies, Inc. to make a national commitment to home safety by establishing the Lowe's Home Safety Council, a non-profit charitable organization, in August 1993. The Objectives are consumer education: empower individuals, families and communities to make their homes safe havens; Consumer motivation: encourage consumers to act on their safety knowledge and practice better safety habits.

Council Partners: Directors and Charter members: Dr. Louis Sullivan, former U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services; Ron Hazelton of ABC's Good Morning America and HGTV's House Doctor, Lamar Alexander, former U.S. Secretary of Education; AARP, American Red Cross, Consumer Federation of America, National Asso-

ciation of Pediatric Nurse Associates and Practitioners, National Association of Chiefs of Police, National Association for Search and Rescue, National Fire Protection Association and the National Safety Council.

Major Programs: Sponsoring community safety, fire education and related projects: supporting "Home Watch", a Home & Garden Television home safety special; Undertaking corporate and chair-wide safety initiatives; Performing high profile safety makeovers to educate consumers, e.g. home of sextuplets, the Dilleys and Maintaining interactive, multimedia kiosks with consumer safety information tips in all Lowe's stores.

Business Showcase

ST. PETERSBURG— On Saturday, December 6m 1997 from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. the Readers Choice Book Fair and De'Noelynn Art and Framing entrepreneurs are asking the public to join them for their Holiday Business Showcase at Lynn Lake Arms main clubhouse. Limited space is available for displays. For more information call 864-0637 or 866-0633.

NEWS DEADLINE IS 4 P.M. MONDAY

Steve Restaurant Feeds The Needy

TAMPA—On Thanksgiving day, if you missed it, you missed a wonderful experience and a wonderful treat.

Owner, manager and staff of Steve's Restaurant, 730 East Henderson Avenue in Tampa Florida prepared and served residents who may have been homeless, didn't have any loved ones or those who may not have been able to afford it, a nutritious Thanksgiving dinner with lots of food, drinks, pastries and the company of others. See photo highlights

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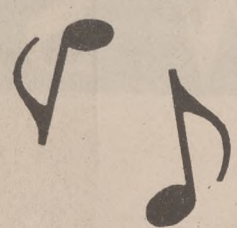
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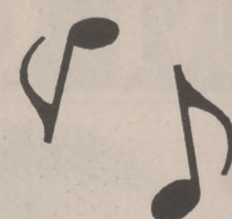
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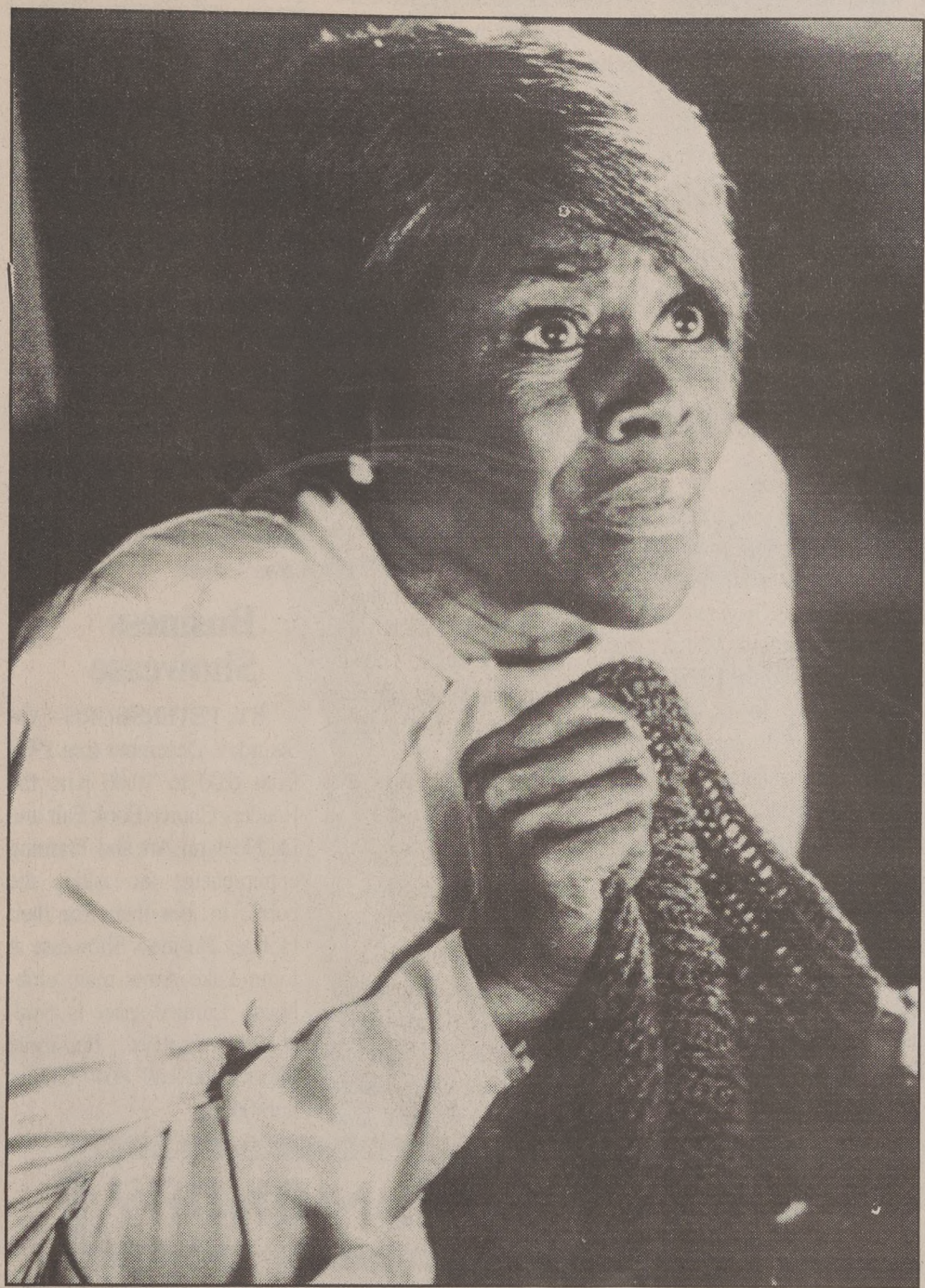
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ENTERTAINMENT



Cicely Tyson Brings 'Ms. Scrooge Alive



Cicely Tyson is 'Ms. Scrooge' in the USA Pictures Original.

other. I think it will be a family favorite!"

Who is Ebinita Scrooge? for Cicely Tyson, it was a wonderful experience to play this character. "As a child, I think I never could understand how somebody could be as mean as Ebenezer Scrooge, never dreaming someday I'd be playing the character myself! Going through Ebenita's life, from beginning to end, and watching the changes that take place and why, attracted me to the idea. But I didn't want her to be an ugly, mean old woman. I wanted her to have, underneath that exterior, some kind of humor. I wanted to play the two sides of this person."

"I read every version of *A Christmas Carol* I could find, and was amazed that there were so many different versions," says Tyson. "I looked at Albert Finney's 'Christmas mask of his face, a youthful mask, so that he could play the young Ebenezer. Then, for the aged one, they just took the mask off."

Filed in the spring, *MS. SCROOGE* had to create snow and Christmas for the movie, and the cast and crew had fun decorating Christmas trees and sets to match the spirit they felt. "There seems to be deluge of other kinds of stories, the violent ones, the cops and robber stories. It's important for a network to be able to find a place for pieces like *MS. SCROOGE* as well. And like *Road to Galveston*. There's no doubt in my mind that there's an audience for this kind of movie," says Tyson. Will she be watching? "No, I don't watch my work, although my family and all my friends always do, and then they'll tell me about it."

MS. SCROOGE will also have encore presentations, on Saturday, December 13 at 10:00 PM and Saturday, December 20 at 4:00 PM ET/PT.

USA Network is cable television's leading provider of original series and feature movies, sports events, off-net television shows and blockbuster theatrical films. USA Network is seen in more than 72 million U.S. homes as well as overseas. The USA Network web site is located at <http://www.usanetwork.com>.

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Youth Art Corp Holds Recruitment at Wildwood

The Youth Arts Corps at Wildwood is recruiting young people between the ages of 13-17 to become members of their *Brazilian Batuçada Band*. Professional percussionist Alvon Griffin will teach prospective band members the art of Brazilian percussion using authentic instruments. No experience is necessary. The *Brazilian Batuçada Band* will perform at St. Petersburg's First Night New Year's Eve celebration, leading celebrants, Carnivale style,

throughout downtown to the various music venue stages and performing an opening musical number with each band. Members who attend rehearsals and perform during the December 31st celebration will be paid.

The Youth Arts Corps at Wildwood, located at 955 26th Street South, St. Petersburg is a free community after-school arts program serving youth ages 13-17. Classes in the performing, visual and literary arts

are offered four days a week. For more information and to join, call 893-2354.

The Youth Arts Corps is funded by the Juvenile Welfare Board of Pinellas County and the Florida Department of State/ Division of Cultural Affairs. The program is a component of the Youth Arts Corps/ Juvenile Justice Arts Program, a collaboration between the Pinellas County Arts Council, the Arts Council of Hillsbor-

ough County and the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice districts 5 & 6.

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Buster Cooper

Buster Cooper Matinee at the Spotlight

ST. PETERSBURG—Buster Cooper is a world-renowned trombonist from the hard-driving swing school. Equally at home in any phase of jazz and possesses a com-

plete command of his instrument. He has been a trombonist for over thirty-five years. He attended the Harnett School of Music in New York City, learning theory, harmony, etc. and

private studying with well-known teachers. Has travelled extensively throughout the United States, Europe, Africa, Middle and Far East.

Beginning Sunday, December 7, 1997 there will be a Buster Cooper Quintet Matinee from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. The Spotlight Club is located on 16th Street and 16th Avenue South.

Campus Leaders Makes Annual Who's Who List

FLORIDA—Four of the 61 Xavier students appearing in the 1997 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities, an annual chronicle of the nation's outstanding campus leaders, are from Florida.

The students, selected for the directory on the basis of their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued

success, are listed below by academic departments.

Biology—Oladope Alade, junior (Miami); Christie Gooden, senior (Ft. Walton Beach) Pharmacy (4th Year)—Dwane Steele (Pensacola); Zenita Wade (St. Petersburg).

These students have joined an elite group of students selected from more than 1,900 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

New York Style Buffet Restaurant Opens at Webb's Plaza

by William Blackshear

ST. PETERSBURG—Richard Wang a third generation restaurant professional recently opened a Chinese Restaurant featuring 25 Lunch Specials that has all of St. Pete talking. The buffet style restaurant has all the features and a dash of the Big Apple where Wangs family operates an eatery.

During the Grand Opening, the hours are for lunch 11:00

a.m. - 11:00 p.m. Sunday, noon-10:00 p.m. Fax orders are accepted.

If you like good Chinese food, then Hong Kong Buffet New York Style, 890-3rd Avenue South in Webb's Plaza is for you. Call 898-1388 or fax your order to 898-5280.

If it has to be Moo Shu, Sub Gum Wonton or Mon Golan Beef, it has to be Hong Kong Buffet.

Who Will Be Miss Fashionetta?

Six lovely young ladies are vying for the coveted title of "Miss Fashionetta 1998," a pageant of scholarship and excellence that will commence in February. Who are these hand-picked young teenagers?

and who will wear the crown? The identities of these lovely girls will all be revealed in the coming weeks as the Zeta Upsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority,

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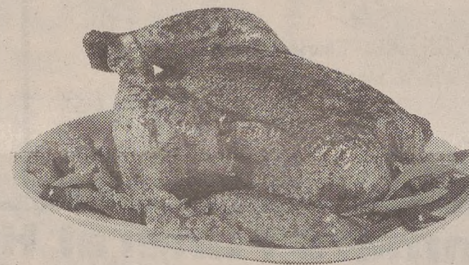


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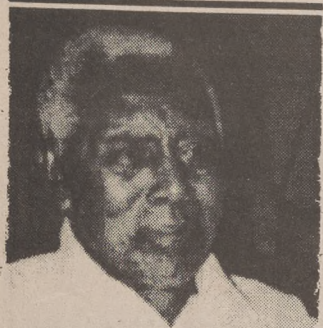
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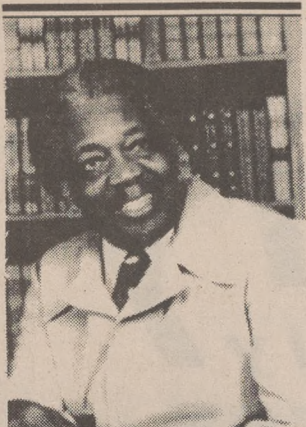
St. Pete Final Rites



BUTLER, Robert passed on November 20, 1997. He leaves to mourn his passing a son, Ray Butler; daughter, Cynthia Butler McNair; one brother, Artis Butler; a sister, Pearl Mae Brimidge and other relatives and friends. Services were held at St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church by Creal Funeral Home, St. Petersburg, FL.



GAINES, Janette. Funeral services were held for Janette Gaines on Saturday, November 29, 1997 at Creal Funeral Home Chapel. Janette Gaines passed on November 25, 1997. Left to loving memories was her daughter, Danita Langhorne and two sons, Freddie and Gary Gaines of



WALTON, Tommy Edward, Sr. departed this life recently. He leaves to cherish his memories is a devoted, loving and caring wife of 23 years Cornelia A. Walton, five loving children, Parko and Pamela Walton, Gregory and JoAnn, Diane Williams. One daughter-in-law, Stacey Walton and one god-daughter, Diane Flemming. Three brothers, Willie and Freddie Walton and Ernest Walton; three sisters, Helen Butler, Mary Page and Thelma Flemming. Many other family and friends. Services by Creal Funeral Home, St.

St. Petersburg; one brother Charlie Chambliss of Gainesville; two sisters, Lousimia Daniels and Lucille Moye; one aunt, Alice Dowell, one uncle, James Daniels and Hughes Bynum, Jr. A host of other friends and relatives. Services by Creal Funeral Home.

Gainesville Final Rites

GODBOLT, Johnnie Mae Weeks died on November 20, 1997. God sent an angel from above and closed her eyes, sealed her lips and whispered, "Come and rest".

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TAYLOR, Oscar C. Jr. died on November 15, 1997 at Shands AGH. A time to mourn: Loving and devoted

children, Kenneth C. and wife, Lois; Keith Taylor, Keila and husband, Ronald Boyce; Cheryl Williams and many other sorrowing family and friends. Services were held at New Hope A.M.E. Church in Bronson, FL. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the care of Chestnut Funeral Home, Gainesville, FL.

Ocala Final Rites

HARRIS, Walter, U. departed this life on November 22, 1997. Family and friends left to cherish his memories are sister, Lauretta A. Harris; daughter, Katheren Katrell. Other family members include Henry and Mildren Pittman, Renee Harris, Anthony Har-

ris and many other sorrowing relatives. Services were held at Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church. Funeral arrangements provided by Cunningham Funeral Home, Ocala, FL.

SPEED, Willie M. passed away on November 23, 1997. She leaves to cherish her memories, Doris Powell, daughter; nine grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren; a Godson, Edward Walker and numerous cousins, in-laws, other relatives and friends. Services were held at Progressive Union Baptist Church, Martin, FL. Funeral arrangements made by Summers Funeral Home, Ocala, FL.

WRIGHT, Laura (Harshey) died November 23, 1997. Family members remembered during this sunset were her parents, Wesley and Alberta Smith; husband, Rudolph A. Harshey; sister, Mae Evelyn Kinsler and Western Kilpatrick all of whom preceded her in death; Services held at Calvary Baptist Church. Funeral arrangements by Summers Funeral Home, Ocala, FL.

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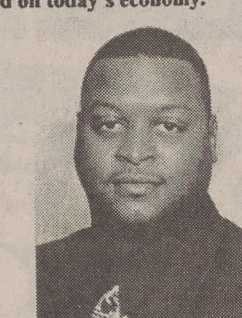
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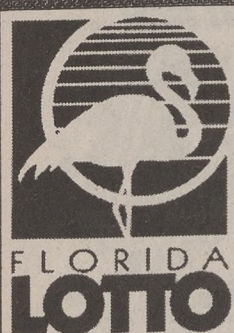


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Your Horoscope



Aries

March 21 to April 19

No-nonsense stars on the 8th and 9th may prompt you to dump dated wardrobe items. And just in time—after the 11th, Venus entering your fun and friendship zone will rev up your social life, making you want to look your very best.



Taurus

April 20 to May 20

An item you'd thought was lost could turn up on the 7th. On the 8th, romantic aspects could lead you to suspect your coffee's been spiked with love potion! On the 11th, Venus could help you stage a career-making coup.



Gemini

May 21 to June 21

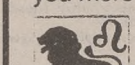
With your personal power plan Mercury moving retrograde for the next three weeks, you'll be able to rest up, kick back and enjoy the holidays. On the 12th, an invitation you've long coveted could arrive; R.S.V.P. tout de suite!



Cancer

June 22 to July 22

After the 11th, Venus gliding into your chart's sector ruling joint income and banking could send amazing financial news your way. Listen to your mate's words carefully right now—he may need you more than you know.



Leo

July 23 to August 22

Thanks to a powerful Sun-Jupiter sextile, extraordinary luck will be yours on the 9th. While charisma-boosting stars polish up your public image, volunteering for a charity event or social club could be a wise idea.



Virgo

August 23 to September 22

When Mercury moves retrograde on the 7th, you might have to rethink a business trip or career transition; thank goodness you're unmatched in the critical-thinking department! Romance could have your heart singing on the 8th.



Libra

September 23 to October 22

You'll positively beam on the 8th, when the Venus-Neptune conjunction proves a hunch true. Over the next three weeks, surprise visitors may drop in unexpectedly, so keep extra munchies and plenty of good cheer on hand.



Scorpio

October 23 to November 21

Staying centered may consume more of your energy while Mercury remains retrograde; keep your eye on the ball. Challenging aspects suggest being extra-nice to even the grumpiest neighbor. Romance glows on the 8th.



Sagittarius

November 22 to December 21

Although your generous nature may be urging you to buy gifts aplenty, resist impulse purchases and stat with-in your budget. When the Moon lights up partnership issues on the 12th, you could rethink an important relationship.



Capricorn

December 22 to January 19

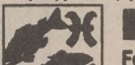
With Mars pressing your career advantage, pay attention to that knocking at your door—it's probably opportunity! On the 8th, love will pervade your every waking moment. Wonderful financial news should arrive after the 11th.



Aquarius

January 20 to February 18

While Mercury retrogrades over the next three weeks, travel plans could become tangled; not to worry! Apply your ingenuity and turn a snag into a delightful surprise. After the 11th, when love puts on a pageant, you'll be sitting front and center!



Pisces

February 19 to March 20

Although you can be self-effacing, under the Venus-Neptune conjunction, you may actually take credit for making everyone happy—because you do! Your kind words addressed to a stranger this week could lead to deeper involvement.

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\$3.98
LB.



WINN DIXIE

America's Supermarket®



W-D® SELECT LEAN
2 To 3-Lb. Average Weight
Loin-End
Pork Loin Roast

\$1.28
LB.

Whole Or Half
Previously Frozen
"Alaskan"
Silverbrite Salmon

\$2.38
LB.

Regular, Light Or Ice
**Budweiser
Beer**
12-Pack, 12-Oz. Bottles

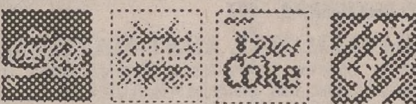
\$6.98
EA.

Salmon Steaks...lb.\$3.38; Salmon Fillets...lb.\$4.38

MANUFACTURER'S COUPON GOOD 12/3-9/97

SAVE \$1.00

When you buy one 24-pack of 12 oz.
cans or two 12-packs of 12 oz. cans
of any Coca-Cola products.



GOOD ONLY AT WINN-DIXIE.

Clip & Redeem For this Great Savings!
All Varieties, 12-Pack, 12-Oz. Cans

**12-Pack
Coca-Cola.....Only \$2.49** With Coupon!



**Save \$1.50 off
DiGorno Pizza!**

\$1.50 off Saving Certificate!
**Digorno Rising
Crust Frozen Pizza**

3-Cheese, Supreme, 4-Cheese or Pepperoni
Regular Price...\$3.38

* Limit 1 per customer with \$20.00 additional purchase

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\$3.88
WITH COUPON

Items below are good Saturday & Sunday Only, December 6 & 7
"Sizzle with Savings!"

Consists Of Sirloin Tip Roast And Steaks
Approximate Weight Of Roast Is 4-Lbs.
Approximate Weight Of Steaks Is 4 To 5-Lbs.

**Combination
Beef Box**

\$1.58
LB.

Consists Of 2-Pork Loin End Roasts and Sirloin Chops
Approximate Weight Of Roast Is 1.5-Lbs.
Approximate Weight Of Chops Is 4-Lbs.

**Combination
Pork Box**

\$1.38
LB.

U.S. Choice, Boneless

**All Beef
Stew Meat**
2-Lb. Packages

\$2.98
EA.

\$2.50 off Saving Certificate!

**Huggies Baby
Diapers**
Convenience Pack, Steps 1-5
Regular Price...\$7.49

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\$4.99
WITH COUPON

\$1.00 off Store Coupon!

**Land O' Lakes
Butter**

Regular Price...\$1.99

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99¢
WITH COUPON

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DECEMBER 3 DECEMBER 4 DECEMBER 5 DECEMBER 6 DECEMBER 7 DECEMBER 8 DECEMBER 9

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