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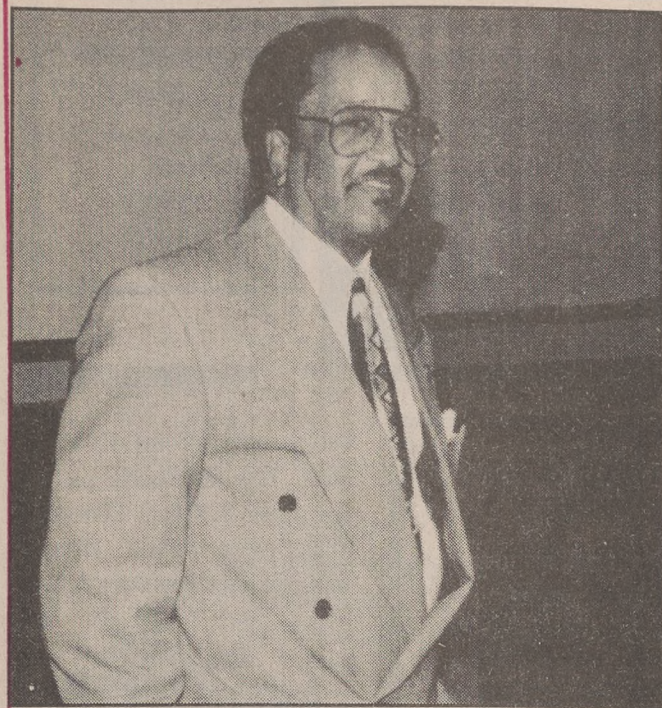
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Urban League Holds Annual Meeting



James Simmons

ST. PETERSBURG—The Pinellas County Urban League's Annual Meeting was held in the auditorium at the Florida Power Corporation's headquarters on 34th Street South, Thursday, November 20, 1997. The function attracted PCUL board members, administration, staff, funders, other agency directors, citizen activists and many constituents who had personally benefitted from the Urban League's diverse program offerings. Ms. Melanie Adams-Miller, Board Chairperson, presided over the meeting, bringing information regarding the League's mission and financial status to the assembled audience. Mr. James

O. Simmons, President and CEO, provided a comprehensive synopsis of the League's programs, services and accomplishments during the year, stressing the impact of the grant and agency funded programs on the low income elderly and disabled of Pinellas County. This year's meeting adopted an innovative format which featured clients whose lives had been impacted by the various services offered by the Urban League. Among the client presenters were a nine-year old girl who had received educational and cultural support during the summer months through Operation SMART, a teenager who

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Solid Waste Celebrates Holiday Season

TAMPA—The City of Tampa Solid Waste Department Annual Christmas Gala and Employee Awards Program was held at the Orange Blossom Cosmetology Hall Friday, December 11th. The evening began with a savory full course meal of smoked turkey, ham, roast pork and beef, candied yams, corn, green beans and peas, yellow and wild brown rice and gizzards with an assortment of desserts. The meal was planned and prepared by the department's own chef, Robert Warren and Melvin Hardrick.

Later in the evening many of the employees were recognized for their outstanding job

performance during the year. Employee of the Year Awards were presented by the Director Wayne Brookins to: Claudette Carr-Administration, Lorenzo "Pee Wee" Calhoun-Commercial Services, Melany Jackson-Recycling Services, Horace Lee-Residential Services and Willie Baker-Support Services. Some of the other awards presented included Safe Driver(s), Outstanding Attitude, Public Courtesy and Director's Award.

Most of the employees donated gifts that will be given to several deserving families with children.

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Stop Misrepresenting Chief Davis

People and institutions who know better or should know better are playing politics with not only drug enforcement, but the still precarious civil stability of St. Petersburg, by promoting self-serving misinformation about the Mayor and Police Chief's decision on the future of the Weed and Seed program.

In particular, Sheriff Everett Rice and State's Attorney Bernie McCabe are playing—perhaps literally—with fire when they knowingly misrepresent and distort the words of Police Chief Goliath Davis.

Contrary to the pronouncements of Rice and McCabe, Chief Davis at no time has said he wants to pull the city out of the federally-funded Weed and Seed initiative. Neither did the Mayor. What both men wisely determined is that in St. Petersburg, the \$100,000 keyed to the "weed" component would be better spent on drug intervention and treatment programs in the inner city, for two sound reasons.

First, the Chief points out, the Police Department has vigorous and effective enforcement of drug laws already under way. Since the disturbances of late 1996, crime is down 12% citywide and down 21% in the area of South St. Petersburg rocked by those disturbances—all without the help of Weed and Seed. Secondly, persistent black community reservations about "police state" tactics associated with the "weed" component of Weed and Seed have been clearly counterproductive, tying up community policing personnel in endless community forums dealing with heartfelt fear and loathing of a perceived "war against the black community".

Rather, the Mayor and Police Chief determined, that same \$100,000 could better be used to fund the other two legs supporting true reduction in drug use, prevention and treatment, to

reduce demand for illegal substances. Experts nationally have long held that only with such a balanced approach can real inroads be made against the scourge of drugs.

Sheriff Rice and State's Attorney McCabe immediately rushed into the situation with cynically distorted, rabble-rousing misrepresentations of Chief Davis' position. Rice trying to grab the funds to usurp the St. Petersburg Police Department's role in our inner city, McCabe with contemptible insinuations that St. Petersburg's black Police Chief is soft on drug enforcement.

Informed citizens will remember that Rice was impotent to prevent his own son from becoming a drug dealer, and that McCabe engineered the Grand Jury which exonerated Police Officer James Knight in the killing of black teenager Tyron Lewis. One is forced to ask: Would either man have behaved so unprofessionally and disrespectfully if Daryl Stephens was still Police Chief?

The situation is not helped by the uninformed meddling of relative newcomers to the community like **Lonnie Carpenter**, a self-styled instant leader of the pro-Weed cause. Carpenter and the community he has decided he represents would be well served by a period of apprenticeship.

Nor is a constructive role played by the daily newspaper when it gives uncritical, tabloid-like coverage to highly sensitive matters.

Those who would selfishly exploit potentially explosive situations for political purposes should be closely re-examined when they next submit themselves to the voters. And all of us should carefully review what Police Chief Goliath Davis actually said before we accept the conclusions of others.

Miss Fashionetta Candidate-Tequila Davis



Tequila Davis

Tequila is an 11th grader at Lakewood High School. She is a member of Future Business Leaders of America, Students Targeted for Educational Performance and a writer on the yearbook staff. Her future goals are to attend Florida State or the University of Florida to study to become a magazine editor. She is a member of Mt. Zion Progressive Baptist Church.

Her parents are Carol Ann Davis and Albert Thompson

Sapphire group members are: Lena Brown, Sherry Cummings, Joyce Gist, Lenora Burnett, Delphina Davis, LaQuenda Fuller, Lisa Holt, Thelbert Bing and Kathleen Hammonds.

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Seventh Annual Black History Month Essay Contest

ST. PETERSBURG—The Pinellas County Urban League's Seventh Annual Black History Month Essay Contest began on December 15 and ends February 20, 1998. The theme: "Should the

Government Apologize for Slavery?"

The Essay Contest has three divisions: High School 250-300 words; Middle School, 200-250 words; Elementary School 150-200

words.

Any student attending a school located in Pinellas County, public or private is eligible to participate.

Students are asked to submit your completed essay and

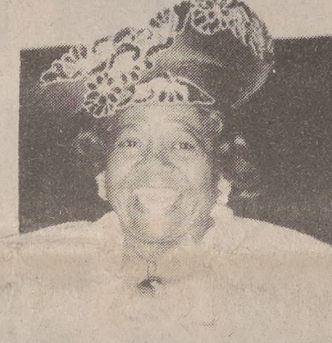
cover sheet through your school's Multicultural Committee or the Pinellas County Urban League.

Trophies and prizes will be awarded to the top three winners in each division. An

awards ceremony will be held on February 28, 1998 1:00 p.m. in the St. Petersburg Times' auditorium, 490 1st Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL.

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Orange Blossom Cosmetology President Dies



ORLANDO—Dr. Ruby Louise Bassey, President of the Orange Blossom Cosmetology Association, Inc. for eleven years dies.

Dr. Bassey died on Sunday, December 11, 1997. Funeral services were held at New Covenant Baptist Church in Orlando, Florida.



UPS/100 Black Men

UPS Foundation Awards \$1 Million To 100 Black Men Of America

ATLANTA—The UPS Foundation, the philanthropic arm of United Parcel Service, has awarded a \$1 million grant to the 100 Black Men of America to bridge together the organization's mentoring and scholarship programs.

The announcement was made by Cal Tyler, senior vice president of United Parcel Service, following the general session of the 100 Black Men of America President's Summit held recently in Atlanta. Tyler, a member of the Metropolitan Atlanta Chapter of 100 Black Men, is also serving as honorary chair of the President's Summit.

"The 100 Black Men of America and its various chapters are nationally and internationally renowned for their commitment to educational, mentoring and empowerment programs which benefit African-American youth," said Tyler. He added, "UPS hopes that this grant will help to play a key role in linking the vital components of mentoring and scholarships that the 100 Black Men have implemented so successfully over the years."

In accepting the grant, Thomas W. Dortch, national president and chairman of the board of 100 Black Men of America, said the organization is extremely excited about the potential and promise of the UPS Foundation grant.

"The UPS Foundation has provided us with the first corporate gift that has the vision to bring the necessary tools of mentoring and providing scholarships together for a value-added benefit to our youth," said Dortch. "We believe this grant will greatly assist our efforts to ensure that we reach these young minds in their formative years and help nurture them into reaching their maximum potential."

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Black Mayors Challenge Clinton On African Foreign Policy

ATLANTA—The National Conference of Black Mayors, Inc. (NCBM) representing 422 African-American mayors and a constituency of more than twenty million people from across the United States, makes an aggressive and significant challenge to President Bill Clinton and the 105th Session of Congress. The nation's black mayors want Africa elevated to a position of priority in the foreign policy agenda of the United States in order to promote economic growth and development in Africa.

The President of NCBM, Mayor Emanuel Cleaver of Kansas City, Missouri, and Mayor Wellington Webb of Denver, Colorado, who chairs NCBM's Committee on Africa, are asking President Clinton and members of the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives to place African nations and the issues that plague the people of these countries at the top of the foreign policy agenda when Con-

gress reconvenes in January. "We are asking President Clinton, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Secretary of Commerce to take a more visible role in the stimulation of trade with African nations," says Mayor Webb.

Since 1995, approximately \$90 billion in foreign direct investment (FDI) has gone to developing countries such as China, Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Brazil, and Argentina. Thus 52% of all FDI has gone to East Asia; 29% to Latin America; 9% to Eastern Europe; and only 4% to Sub-Saharan Africa. "This trend must be reversed," says Mayor Webb.

The National Conference of Black Mayors supports the recommendations of the G-8 Summit, a meeting of industrialized nations recently hosted by Mayor Wellington Webb in Denver. At the G-8 Summit, which was attended by Presi-

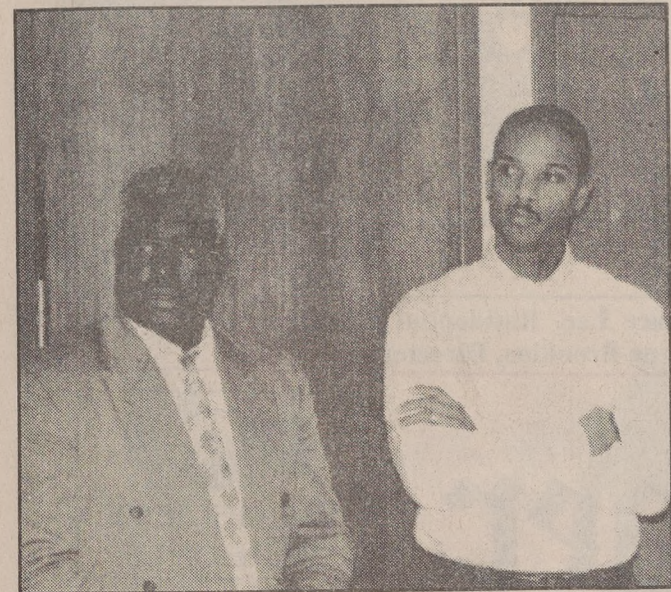
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Weed & Seed Meeting

St. Petersburg— On Tuesday, December 16th, the Seed Component of the Weed And Seed held its monthly steering committee meeting at the Enoch Davis Center.

More than 200 people from the community were in attendance.

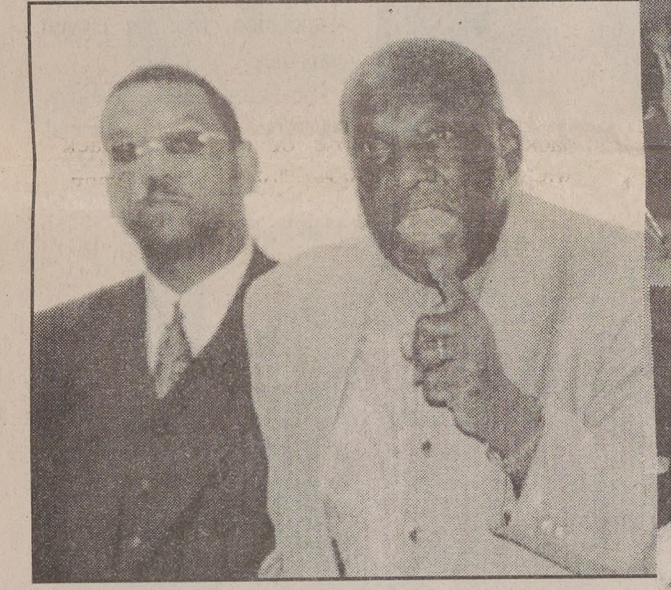
Several voiced their opinions regarding the Weeding section of the program and how they felt about St. Petersburg Police Chief, Goliath Davis's and St. Petersburg Mayor, David Fisher's recent comments concerning the program.



Ray Tampa, Ken Jones, Weed And Seed Coordinator



St. Pete Mayor, David Fisher



(R): Chester James, Jr.



Lonnie Carpenter, Co-Chair Weed & Seed Steering Committee



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Happy Birthday

December 18th: Helen Henry Joe Holmes, Jr., Jovan Holmes, Sharon E. Knight, Christine Moss. The 19th -24th: Dr. Annette Shakir, Virginia Tyner, Lula Waddell, Charlie Barron, Ester Miller, Richard Woods, Jenea' Isaac, Dharvette Reid, Aslana S. McClendon, Leroy R. Washington, Gina Sims, and John Taylor.

Sunshine City residents are in a joyous mood as they busy themselves attending various events, which we will share with you.

Christmas Party

The Mattie Adams Charity Chapter #240 held their Christmas Party last Saturday night at the Campbell Park Recreation Center. Mattie's Chapter is

O.E.S. order of the Eastern Stars. This fashionable party lasted from 8:30 until. Refreshments were served. Disco music furnished by Dirty Red.

Sing Along

Was what it was all about at the Pinellas Park home of John and Ann Taylor where the Taylors, Thompsons, Coys, Taliferros, Wynns and other family members also good friends sing Xmas carols, ate good food and enjoyed each other for hours at the sing along. A great time was had by all.

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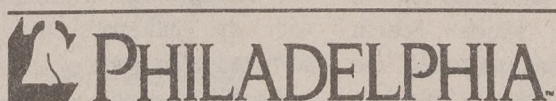
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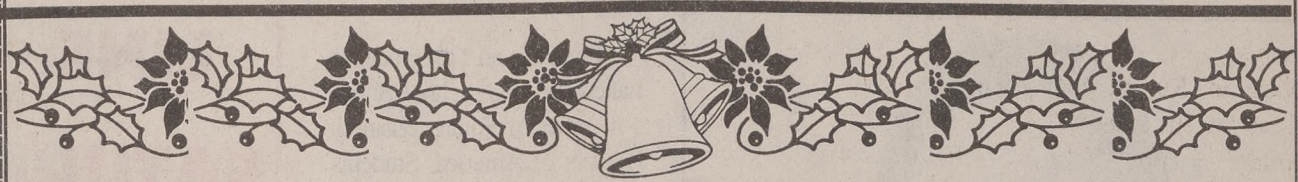
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Our goal for the coming year is to maintain and strengthen our relationship throughout the community.

May you have a wonderful holiday season filled with happiness and the love of family and friends. May the New Year bring you and yours peace and prosperity.

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Army Pathologist: Ron Brown May Have Suffered Gunshot Wound

After the sudden death in April 1996 of US Commerce Secretary Ron Brown, some in the African-American community said the crash of his plane in Bosnia reeked of conspiracy. Now, more than 18 months later, a Pittsburgh Tribune Review expose, while not clearly substantive, points to tragic circumstances.

A hole in Brown's skull could have been a gunshot wound, wrote reporter Christopher Ruddy. Ruddy interviewed several major players in the ensuing plane crash investigation, which didn't prompt an autopsy of Brown's corpse.

One reason that an autopsy wasn't performed is because White House officials were pressured to speed up the return of Brown's body to the United States for his funeral, Ruddy wrote.

According to Ruddy, Lt. Col. Steve Cogswell, a doctor and deputy medical examiner with the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, said that evidence that Brown may have been murdered has been ignored. A 22-volume report issued by the Air Force said the crash, which killed Brown and 34 business executives and others, resulted from pilot error and faulty navigation equipment.

Cogswell said an X-ray showed small metal fragments inside Brown's head and he claims, according to Ruddy, that this X-ray has disappeared.

Ruddy wrote: "The pathologist said the fragments could be what pathologists sometimes call a 'lead snowstorm' pattern from a disintegrating bullet."

And while Cogswell

didn't examine Brown's corpse, Ruddy wrote, he (Cogswell) did interview colleagues who were part of the examination team. Cogswell also reviewed reports, records and photographs of the crash scene and victims.

Other Cogswell findings include the Air Force ignoring a two-step investigation process that calls for a safety board, in which all crashes are treated as suspect. Instead, Ruddy wrote, the Air Force went immediately into an accident investigation of the crash. Shortly after the crash, the Bosnian airport maintenance chief was found dead, reportedly a suicide victim, the expose said.

Ruddy also wrote that investigators report the hole in Brown's head could have been caused by a piece of the plane, such as a rod, bolt or seat bracket.

With these and other findings Cogswell said suspicion should have been aroused because of Brown's position, Ruddy wrote. Just weeks before Brown's death, an investigation was underway to determine whether he had been involved in illegal financial transactions and possible illegal fund raising activities for the Democratic National Committee and a DNC-affiliate, the Asian Pacific Advisory Council. This investigation terminated upon his death, but a subsequent investigation of his son, Michael, was handled by the US Justice Department.

Brown was in Bosnia to bolster support for trade and economic assistance by helping US companies develop closer ties with Bosnia.

The GOP Elephant Blinks . . .

by George Wilson

When the words 'affirmative action' are muttered on Capitol Hill, the result is a bitter partisan battle. On one side there are some Democrats who like to portray themselves as the guardians of equality and fairness. These are lofty ideals even if they don't accurately capture their true feelings. Most Republicans say that they are opposed to affirmative action because it promotes quotas and preferential treatment.

With both sides locked into their positions, the House of Representatives

began consideration of a bill that would permanently affect equality for those seeking an even playing field.

Congressman Charles Cannady (R-FL) introduced a bill sarcastically named "The Civil Rights Act of 1997". The intention of the legislation was to permanently abolish affirmative action in all federal programs. Cannady's proposed legislation had been languishing in the House Judiciary Committee, because the House Republican leadership knew what the reaction would be from

those in support of affirmative action and, in this case, they were 'on the money'.

The Congressional Black Caucus joined hands with the Hispanic Caucus and a coalition of civil rights organizations to alert their constituents to 'prepare for battle over the Cannady Bill'. However, Wade Henderson, executive director of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, agreed that Republicans had the numbers to get the ill-conceived bill out of the Judiciary Committee.

"It appears that they

have the votes. However, we want to make the political cost high for support of the Bill," he said.

Henderson and the coalition opposed the Bill, have their hands on the political pulse of the nation and identified those moderate Republicans who represent districts that have fairly large groups of women, Hispanics, Asians and African Americans. The intent was to put political pressure on GOP members and make sure they had a difficult time explaining their vote when they returned to their home districts.

With the stage then set for a real political battle over affirmative action, the House decided to set a vote on the controversial issue. Members of the CBC were in place, and the heads of the nation's major civil rights organizations were joined in the hearing room by scores of supporters, indicating that the sometime slumbering civil rights establishment had come alive.

I don't know if it was the sight of this packed hearing room or pre-election year common sense, but when the 'moment of

truth' arrived, the Republicans decided to table the Cannady Bill. After all the blustering and posturing, the Republicans accepted the fact that pursuing the abolition of affirmative action would be a political 'poison pill'.

By tabling the bill, it simply means that the legislation can be brought back at any time for consideration. However, the chances are slim that the Republicans will want to push an issue like affirmative action anytime soon with major elections scheduled for 1998.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

re: Rep. Bradley letter of support

I am not sure where to begin with your article. It contained so many falsehoods and mistakes that picking a starting spot is difficult.

1) I have not hand picked an opponent for Rep. Bradley. I have not escorted any potential

candidate for Rep. Bradley's House seat to any fundraiser with lobbyists. Any claims to the contrary are false.

2) The letter that you mention from the Florida Conference of Black Legislators supporting Rep. Bradley is a fraud. When that letter was sent to our party's leadership, several people whose "signatures" appear have called and/or written to

angrily deny involvement.

• Rep. Eggelston "considers the preparation and distribution of this letter...to be not only egregious but pure and simple fraud perpetrated upon the members of the legislature."

• Rep. Bullard adds that she "had no previous knowledge of either the issue or the correspondence."

One has to begin to question who wrote the letter? Who would benefit from the letter? I believe that the answers to these questions would be most illuminating.

3) Another event you mention was the election of Willie Logan (a black Democrat) to be our party's speaker designate. I was there. I voted for Rep. Logan. Rep. Bradley did not vote for Rep.

Logan, he was noticably absent.

It is true that Rep. Bradley and I have had our disagreements over the years. My only concern is that he has not been a good democratic member of the House, he has voted in ways that makes many wonder who he represents. He voted against tax incentives for companies providing child care for their work-

ers, yet voted for a \$60-million tax break for Wayne Huizenga. That is just one example of his contradictory reputation.

I would be happy to discuss this matter with any member of your staff that would like to contact me. (None have so far.)

Lars A. Hafner
State Representative
District 53

Is Sprewell A Victim Of The Racial Double Standard?

by Earl Otari Hutchinson

For nearly an hour I listened to a sports talk jock calling Latrell Sprewell every vile name in the book. Finally near the end of the hour, one caller asked him why he didn't blast San Francisco

49ers owner, Eddie DeBartolo, with the same vehemence for sullyng the sport for an alleged bribery attempt and associating with gamblers. The jock lamely croaked that it wasn't the same thing, and cut to a commercial. When he came back on-air he instantly went back on the attack against Sprewell.

But the caller asked a fair question. One week I counted 57 Associated Press wires stories on Sprewell, and exactly 11 on DeBartolo. There were dozens of irate letters in the New York Times, Washington Post and the L.A. Times on Sprewell, but

only a handful of letter writers made mention of DeBartolo. There's only one reason. One is white, rich and a well-connected team owner. The other is black, for the moment poor and one of many NBA players.

While no sane person would condone Sprewell's behavior, or suggest he shouldn't be stiffly punished, Sprewell is hardly the only 'bad citizen' in sport to act up, many whites such as DeBartolo do too. But when they do, the double standard quickly kicks in. It goes like this: When black athletes are accused of, or are guilty of wrongdoing, their punishment is swift and harsh. The public is merciless, they are pounded pitilessly by the media and they become the eternal poster boys for deviancy. When whites admit to or are accused of wrongdoing,

there is much hand-wringing, apologetics and kid glove rationalizations to explain their behavior, and their names quickly disappear from the headlines.

Sprewell, however, isn't the first black athlete to get a hard lesson in this racial double-standard. Pete Rose bet on his team, the Cincinnati Reds, consorted with known gamblers and loan sharks and evaded federal taxes. He finally admitted that he had a gambling problem, got a five-year federal prison sentence and was banned from baseball.

Yet, when he was disqualified from baseball's Hall of Fame in 1991, baseball fans and sportswriters were enraged. "The Rose case," New York Times sports columnist Ira Berkow wrote, "has touched the emotions of a surprisingly large number of people." Berkow, fans

and sportswriters roundly criticized Commissioner Fay Vincent and the judges who voted to disqualify him.

By contrast, Michael Jordan didn't bet on his team. But following an orgy of media speculation that Jordan was involved with gamblers, NBA commissioner David Stern quickly investigated. He found out that Jordan was not guilty of anything illegal and had committed no rule violations. It did not stop the rumors, innuendoes and accusations. When Jordan refused to respond to the allegations in the press many sportswriters pounced.

One sports columnist in a major daily twisted Jordan's silence to imply that he was guilty of wrongdoing. Another columnist in the same paper lectured him on his responsibility to uphold a

public image. The pressure of the gambling controversy and the murder of his father probably briefly forced Jordan out of the game at the height of his career. A less airborne Mike came back. The fans and the sports establishment cheered again. But Mike probably knows that if he ever slips again, those cheers could just as easily turn to jeers.

Although ex-Nebraska and St. Louis Ram's running back Lawrence Phillips admitted guilt and was sentenced for assaulting his girlfriend, the media and sportswriters did not forgive or forget. There were endless stories on the "troubled" Phillips. Any time his name crops up, sports writers run through the whole litany of Phillips off-field troubles. Meanwhile his white Nebraska teammate Christian Peter was accused of multiple

counts of assault and rape. Yet there was bare media attention of it.

It's probably no consolation to Sprewell, but he now travels in select company. His misdeeds like those of disgraced black sports "ols" Mike Tyson, Michael Irvin, Daryl Strawberry, O.J. Simpson and Dennis Rodman almost certainly will be beaten to death, resuscitated and beaten to death again by the media and the public into perpetuity. This while the misdeeds of white sports notables are buried or they become objects of pity. It's not fair, but who said racial double standards are.

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UN Plans World Conference On Racism Despite US Objections

by Thalif Deen

Ignoring objections from the United States, the United Nations has decided to convene a world conference on racism, racial discrimination and xenophobia.

The conference, which also may deal with the widespread discrimination against migrant workers in Western Europe and the Middle East, is expected to take place "no later than the year 2001" UN officials said.

The United States pointed out that "under recent restrictions on US funding for UN activities, the US assessments to the United Nations cannot be used to support expenses associated with a UN World

Conference".

But the UN General Assembly is expected to adopt a resolution by mid-December, despite the US reservations, giving its blessings to the proposed conference. The venue, date and agenda are to be discussed next year, officials said.

The Assembly will express 'grave concern' over the fact that despite efforts of the international community, the principal objectives of two previous 'Decades for Action to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination' have not been attained. As a result, millions of individuals have been victimized by varied forms of racism.

The Assembly will spe-

cifically single out recent technological developments in the field of communications, including the Internet, which 'have been used for the dissemination of racist and xenophobic propaganda throughout the world'.

One of the objectives of the proposed conference is to review the progress made in the fight against racism, particularly since the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, whose 50th anniversary will be commemorated in 1998.

Last year the US called for a moratorium on all UN conferences, pointing out that a cash-strapped world body cannot afford to spend money on meetings outside New York.

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by

Nancy L. Whitman





Chris Rokosz, Barbara Grassey and Joe Purcell are the players in their version of 'Not Nearly A Christmas Carol'.



Paul and Helen Umberger of Belleair hosted a holiday party that featured the acting troupe from 'Take It From the Top' Productions.

NEWS DEADLINE IS 12 NOON SATURDAY

Happy Holidays everyone! It's that time of year again when the festive season of Christmas is upon us. We decorate our homes, shop a whole lot more than usual for gifts and cards for our family, friends and business associates. No doubt you also attend parties during this holiday season. Let's face it, it's one of the wonderful things that happen during the holidays. We all get together and share laughter and good times over food and drink whether it be at your home, place of work or banquet hall.

Recently, I attended holiday parties for companies as large as 1700 people who decorated the St. Petersburg Coliseum with multi-colored roving spot lights that pierced a god like mist created by a fog machine. There was a catered buffet and an open bar and a D.J. who played high energy music in between giving out door prizes. Trust me, this group had a great time. Another great party I attended was one with 850 people from a medical company. They held their event at the Florida International Museum. What was unique about this holiday party was that people toured the Titanic exhibit as part of their evening's entertainment.

Now, not everyone attends large company parties. Paul Umberger, Vice President of the Danka Corporation and his wife Helen hosted a small and intimate party that was creative and elegant. About 25 people were present for hors d'oeuvres and cocktails at their Belleair home. What was unique about their party was the acting troupe from "Take It From The Top" Productions performed an interactive play titled "Not Nearly A Christmas Carol". Yes, it was a take off of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" yet a lot funnier and required guests to participate as the ghosts of Christmas past, present, and future. Again, th Umberg's guests enjoyed themselves immensely prior to their going to the Bellevue/Mido for dinner and dancing. Not a bad way to spend an evening with friends and business associates.

Childs Park "Year-End Conference."

Childs Park Neighborhood Family Center, Inc. is pleased to announce our completion of the first year of the first year of "THE RIGHTS OF PASSAGE PROJECT" sponsored by the March of Dimes Foundation.

"Rites of Passage Project" is a co-educational program for youth ages 10-14 and their parents. This initiative began in March/97 and has been engaging in discussions and activities on: Making good choices, Bonding and communication between parents and youth, Relationship building, Acceptance and respect for self and others, while dealing with the total person (mind, body, and spirit).

To commemorate our efforts, we will be hosting a "Year-End Conference" which will be held on December 20, 1997 at Prayer Tower Church of God In Christ, 1137 37th Street South, St. Petersburg, at 7:00 p.m. Our theme will focus on "Teen Pregnancy Prevention". Our speaker for this occasion is the Honorable Judge Myra Scott McNary, County Judge (Sixth Judicial Circuit of Florida) Division for Domestic Violence.

Judge Myra Scott McNary completed her educational training from Alabama State University (1981) and Howard University JD (1984). She has received honors from Florida Metropolitan University (1997)-Honorary Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, Pi Gamma Mu National Social Science Honor Society, Outstanding Young Women of America, National Dean List (1981), and President's Dean List, Alabama State University. Professional and other activities include: Pro Bono Committee Clearwater Bar Association Young Life and Urban Youth Ministry, Career Shadow Program, Youth Builders, Big Brothers and Sisters of Pinellas County, Inc., Juvenile Drug Court Program.

The music will be provided by the bay area's own Mr. Maurice Jackson of Tampa, Florida. Mr. Jackson, who is an accomplished musician, international performer and song writer, will render the music for this occasion along with a tribute to the youth and their parents.

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Holiday Camps For Kids

Schools out for winter recess and what do you do with the children? Tampa Recreation offers *Holiday Camps* at four locations throughout the city as a safe and fun alternative for working parents.

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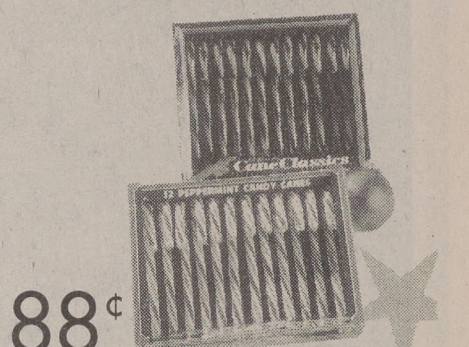
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dent Clinton and leaders from seven other countries, Webb stated, "Africa's new leaders have ushered their countries into various stages of political and economic reforms. To sustain growth beyond the twenty-first century, they must create

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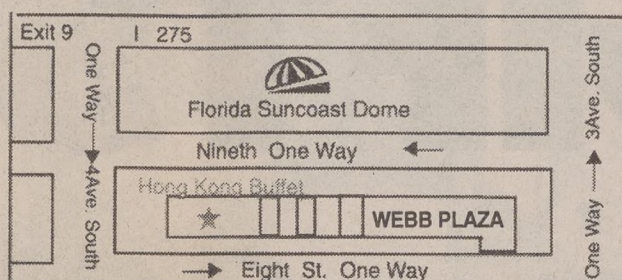
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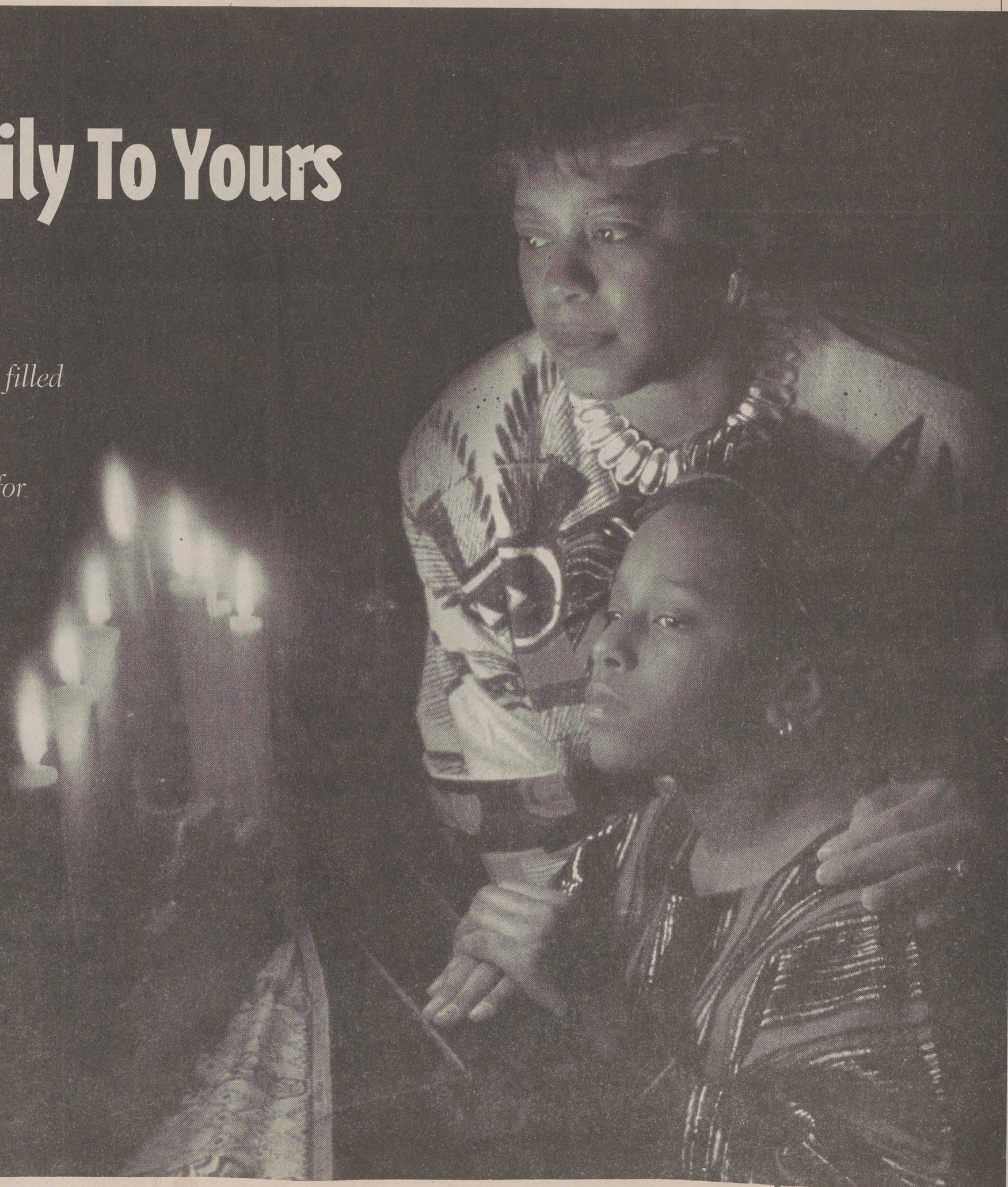
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The 1997 Sun Coast Distributors annual cosmetology affair was held on Saturday, December 6th, at the Radisson Sandpiper Beach Resort in St. Petersburg Beach, Florida. The event was attended by more than 100 people from the Tampa Bay area and other locations.

The evening's special guest was Mr. Cornell McBride, Sr., President and CEO of McBride Research Labs. Mr. McBride's company produces Design Essentials and Wave by Design hair care products. During the evening, several of our Bay

Area cosmetologists received awards and certificates for their contributions to the hair care industry as well as their continued support and use of our products. The awards were presented by Mr. McBride.

Mr. Aaron Williams and Mr. David Keys of Sun Coast, exclusive distributors of Design Essentials and Wave by Design, send a sincere thank you to Tampa Bay area for making this annual event something very special. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!!



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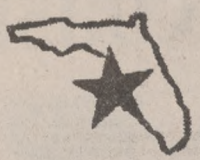
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LIGHT OF THE WORLD

By DANIEL BANKS

Getting a "green light" (of go-ahead) from the Lord is always an exciting experience for me! Just last night, the Spirit of the Lord spoke to me while I was in a dream/semi-conscious state and said, "Ask, and it shall be given to you; seek, and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you."

After I got up this morning, I looked for the scripture in St. Matthew 4:4. It wasn't there! Then I looked for it in St. Matthew 7:7 and found it! Once again, God's written word had confirmed His spoken word to me. (He will never speak contrary to His written word!)

For the past couple of months, I've been meditating and praying over a business venture with a partner of mine. Partnerships of any kind have always been difficult for me because it's hard to trust people.

However, when I get a clear answer to prayer, as I did this morning, I can proceed with the assurance that God will protect me and provide for me! My faith is anchored in Him. He makes everything alright by working it out in the spirit realm before it comes into being in the natural realm!

When He speaks, I'm satisfied. When He says "no" He shows me later on why it was to my advantage. When he says "yes" I forge ahead without doubt because no one can dethrone Him or overrule Him. *Hallelujah!*

Last year, about this same time, I was considering the same sort of venture, but with another partner. I left to go to Dallas Texas on business and Partnerships of any kind have always been difficult for me because it's hard to trust people.

solved my relationship with that partner and that same person developed a life-threatening illness, underwent several emergency surgeries, lost many months of work, and still has more surgery and treatments ahead. I'd prayed for special directives in that situation, too, and God answered me within a few days! His reply was "yes" (another scriptural "green light") to half of the plan and "no" to the other half. Later, everyone affected could see why He said "no" half the plan. The person's health was about to fail and no one saw it coming but God! I love Him because He's an all-seeing God who sees clearly into the future. Our view is dark and clouded, according to Psalm 37:13 and I Corinthians 13:12. This is why He tells us not to lean on our own understanding (Proverbs 3:5) and to commit our ways unto the Lord

(Psalm 37:5) God's word is so rich! "O taste and see that the Lord is good!" (Psalm 34:8) "Blessed is the man that trusteth in Him".

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." Romans 1:16.

This holiday season, we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who came unto the world to redeem the world from all unrighteousness. Please join me, on the altar of your heart, in thanking the Lord for bearing the sin of the world on His shoulders and for being the sacrificial Lamb of God who gave His life that you and I might have a right to the tree of life.

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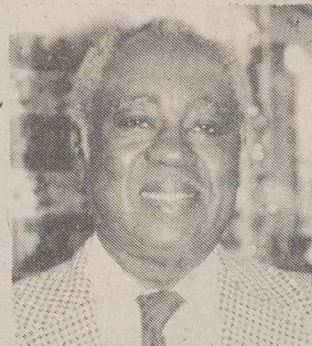
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Ocala News

by James Thorpe



Greater Hopewell Missionary Society Christmas Program

The Christmas Program, "Tell Me About Jesus" was presented by the Missionary Society on Sunday, December 7th.

The play was directed by Lois Lilley, Mission President. All circles took part in the play.

Welcome was given by the Sunshine Band, Mrs. V. Flowers. The Red Circle Girls, Mrs. G. Jackson and Mrs. D. Shelton. YWA's and Matrons, Mrs. Reva

Green President. The Brotherhood, Deacon James Thorpe, President. The Crusaders, Deacon Willie McCraw, Director. Remarks, Blessings and Benediction, Pastor George W. Lee.

Brotherhood's Annual Program

On the 2nd Sunday, our Brotherhood observed their Annual Day beginning with a hot and tasty breakfast which they helped to prepare. Many came and enjoyed a very tasty

breakfast. During the morning service, the Brotherhood presented certificated of appreciation to Rev. G.W. Lee, Rev. Richard Howard, Minister Raymond Green, Deacon James Thorpe, Cranford Coleman, Grace Huffman, Evelyn Kimble and Linda Luckey.

For the Brotherhood afternoon's program, Brother John W. Woodberry, served as Master of Ceremony. The speaker was Minister Keith Blunt of Jerusalem Baptist Church. He was spirit-filled and was enjoyed by many.

The YWAS/Matrons Annual Praise Program.

On the third Sunday in November, the Matrons and YWAS presented their Annual Praise Program. There were various denominations participating. Their theme was "The Joy of Praise and Worship." Serving as Mistress of Ceremony was Ms Eva Davis. Musical selections were rendered by the G.W. Lee Ensemble, West Marion Baptist Church, Heart-To-Hand and New Zion Baptist Church. The speaker, Mrs. Sharon

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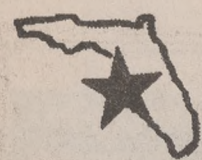
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OCALA—Central Florida Community College is urging all students whose parents are eligible for the Hope Scholarship not to pay for their classes before January 2, 1998.

Students normally are required to pay for classes two weeks after registration, which began November 1, 1997 but the scholarship, actually a tax credit for up to \$1,500 paid tuition and fees during the first two years of college, only applies to tuition paid during 1998.

Normally the college uses the registration figures to decide if it should open up new sections. Many of those decisions will be crammed into the time frame between January 2nd and 7th when classes resume.

Students who aren't eligible for the credit are still being urged to pay as soon as possible.

To qualify for the tax credit, the combined income for a two-parent family can't be more than \$80,000 according to federal guidelines. For a single-parent family, that figure is \$40,000. Classes at CFCC cost \$4376 per credit hour, plus any lab fees.

Brother Pullings To Have Trial Sermon



Bro. Jamie Pullings

On Sunday at 4:00 p.m. at Welcome Stranger Missionary Baptist Church in Ocala, Brother Jamie Pullings will present his trial sermon to the public. The date is December 21, 1997. The location is 906 NW 9th Avenue. The pastor is Rev. George Grimsley. The theme for the occasion is "I'm Still Holding On."

Brother Pullings is a native Ocalan and is the son of Joyce and Elijah Pullings. He is the husband of Beverly and the father of Tiara. He is employed by Skyline of Ocala and is a member of Welcome Stranger Missionary Baptist Church. Brother Pullings professes he is a born again believer.

The public is invited to come help lift up the name of Jesus and witness as God uses him through His word.

Mt. Moriah Mass Choir Presents Xmas Musical

The Mass Choir of Mt. Moriah Missionary Baptist Church will present a Christmas Musical on Sunday December 21, 1997 at 7 p.m. The title is "King Jesus Is His Name" by Joseph Linn.

It is narrative in songs that depicts His Coming and His Mission. This is the season when Christmas music is sung all around to pay tribute to the Holy Birth of Jesus Christ.

The choir is practicing diligently to bring to the community a presentation that will enhance ones enjoyment of the Yule Tide Season. The public is invited. Thomas Washington is President, Rev. Dr. Lorenzo Edwards is Pastor.

Leadership Award



Ella David

The Leadership Award was given to Ella Davis for the Fall quarter at Munroe Regional Medical Center. She is considered the model of professionalism for food and nutritional services.

The Munroe Echo noted that Ella has provided a caring, quality focused attitude towards patients for 34 years at MRMC. Davis is self motivated and is a responsible employee. She is also a mentor to the staff that works beside her.

Ella is a model leader and employee with a customer focus. She is quality oriented which makes her a great benefit to the hospital and her customers.

Kwanzaa Kick Off

T'esha J at (352) 506-4064 or Mrs. Davis (352) 687-3619, welcome the participation of your organization in the celebration, upliftment and promotion of the African tradition and cultural diversity of Kwanzaa. Please call them for further information or to discuss visiting your institutions.

Kwanzaa is a traditional African holiday which is celebrated every year from December 26-January 1st by African Americans and is based on the Nguzo Saba, "Seven Principles." This holiday is widely spreading throughout the world.

Marion County has a large concentration of African American families who celebrate this festive holiday.

This is an ideal opportunity to share information about this holiday, which celebrates and honors African ancestors and traditions and offer families an opportunity to participate in an educational, entertaining and motivating activity during the holiday season.

This presentation includes arts and crafts, African drumming, fashion shows, music, poetry and more. You are invited to take part in Kwanzaa, "Let Your Voice Be Heard."



Shirley Hampton and Jim Ruth Food Director

During Food and Nutrition Employee of the Year. The award was presented to Shirley Hampton recognizing Ruth Director of Food and her as the Food Service Nutritional Services at Munroe.

NEWS DEADLINE IS SATURDAY AT NOON

Plans For Martin Luther King Celebration

The committee for the planning of the Martin Luther King Celebration has planned a weekend of events. On Saturday morning, January 17, 1998, there will be a Prayer Breakfast at New St. John Missionary Baptist Church in Ocala. The breakfast will begin at 8:30 a.m. ticket cost is \$5.00 per person. On Sunday afternoon, at the same location, there will be a program beginning at 6:30 p.m.

For the celebration on the 19th, the parade will line up at Southwest 7th Street, next to Martin Luther King Park. Anyone interested in being on the program, please contact Tina Green at 620-7600. For those who are interested in participating in the march, please contact Wayne Little at 622-5471 or

Vickye Vaughns at 732-4592.

If you are interested in setting up a vendor booth, contact James Thorpe at 629-2948.

Heaven Vision Federation

The Heavenly Vision Federation of Choirs (Marion and Citrus Counties) will be in concert at Progressive Union Baptist Church on Saturday, December 20, 1997 at 7:30 p.m.

The public is invited to join the celebration. Deacon Doug Smith is President. Rev. Boone is pastor at Progressive Union.

Citizens Police Academy

The next Citizens Police Academy is scheduled for February 1998. If you are interested in participating, please contact Lynn Cyprian at 629-8540.

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Ocala News

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Chauncey of Living Waters Worship Center was introduced by Ms. Joyce Sanders. Words of Thanks were given by Lois Lilley and Katrina Smith.

Happy Birthday To Members Born in December

Ernestine Coleman, Sonya Seay, Kynnis Shelton, Vivian Flowers, Jeremiah Jenkins, Tijuanna Woods, Cranford Coleman, Martin McCants III, Michael Green, James Jones, Billie Merkison, Dedra Richardson, Emma Culpepper, Pearl Smith, JaiCetta Pullings, Grace Huffman, Emily Robertson, Norman Render, Beatrice Young, Lula Bethea, Darryl Franklin, Ike Butgess, Pauline Johnson, Debra Howard, Gregory Bernard, Eliza L. Coy and Jeremy Jenkins.

Daniel Sings For Christmas

There was so much Joy To The World as "Daniel Sang For Christmas". The recitals rendered by Daniel Banks.

The Recital took place at the Saint Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church at 822 NW Seventh St., Ocala, Florida Saturday, December 20, 1997 at 7 p.m.

There was a mixture of sacred, secular and spiritual songs performed.

"King Jesus Is His Name"

The Mount Moriah Baptist Church Mass Choir cordially invites you to their Christmas musical "King Jesus Is His Name" on December 21, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. at the Mount Moriah Baptist Church.

The admission is free; however a love offering will be received.

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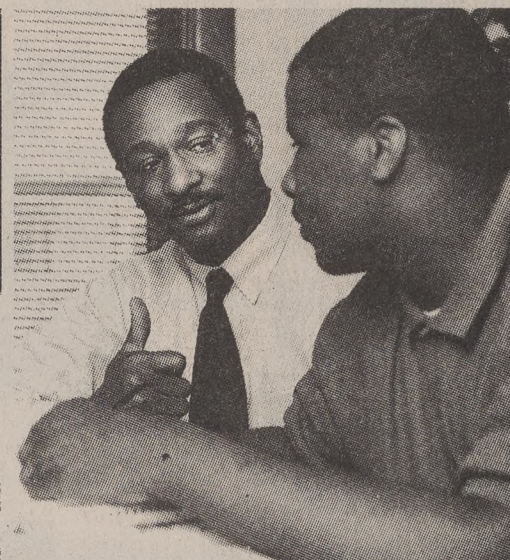
COMMUNITY



Saturday mornings, Mary Hopkins-Navies lets local students transform her three McDonald's parking lots into car washes. Last year alone, the Clinton, Maryland teens raised over \$8,000 for groups like the Boys and Girls Club. Mary also donates 10 yearly PSAT scholarships, offers weekly senior citizen bingo games, tutors math, and has helped raise over \$22,000 in the last two years for neighborhood causes.



As founder of the Jackson, Mississippi chapter of "100 Black Men," LeRoy Walker, Jr. serves as a role model by mentoring to disadvantaged black teens. As owner of 10 McDonald's and Chairman Elect of the Jackson Chamber of Commerce, LeRoy is dedicated to the economic development of his community and to improving local education and race relations. This former high school teacher and football coach is a true community activist, leader and visionary.



Louis C. Henry, Jr. is about "getting kids productive and giving them a chance." Louis meets with local police, clergy and schools to identify needy "at risk" teens in St. Paul, Minnesota, and helps teach them work and life skills at his four inner-city McDonald's. He's also Vice-Chairman of the Mayor's Workforce Development Council, supporting student programs which provide tutoring and jobs. Last summer alone, Louis' dedication and commitment helped find 1,000 jobs for the youth in his community.

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The children and families of Happy Workers Day Nursery, and the staff celebrated the Seventh Annual Giving Thanks program at the center on Thursday, December 4th, at 6:30 p.m. In a candlelighting ceremony, everyone gave thanks together for seven blessings: God, earth, heritage, people who care, church, children, and life. Each family listed their own special blessings for the year and reaffirmed their commitment to their children and each other. Reverend John Copeland and Reverend Austin Peterson provided prayers for the family. The children performed and each presented their parents with a special handmade gift in a gift-giving ceremony. Parents presented their children with a special gift, as well. Dr. Virginia B. Irving, the Center's director, maintains that "traditions such as these are needed to help families pause for a few minutes in the midst of chaos and stress to allow a time to express gratitude for the gift of their children."

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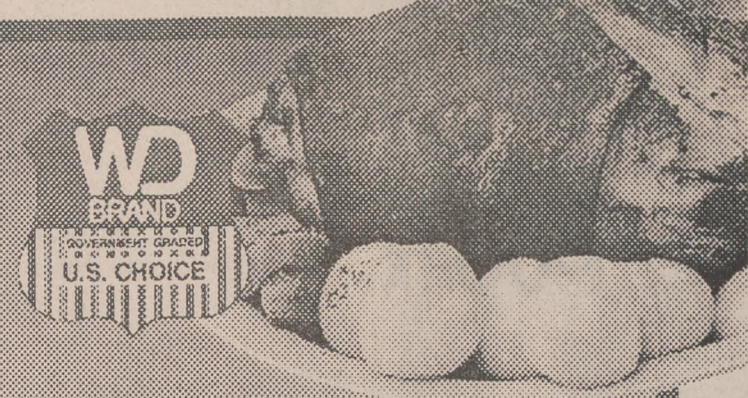
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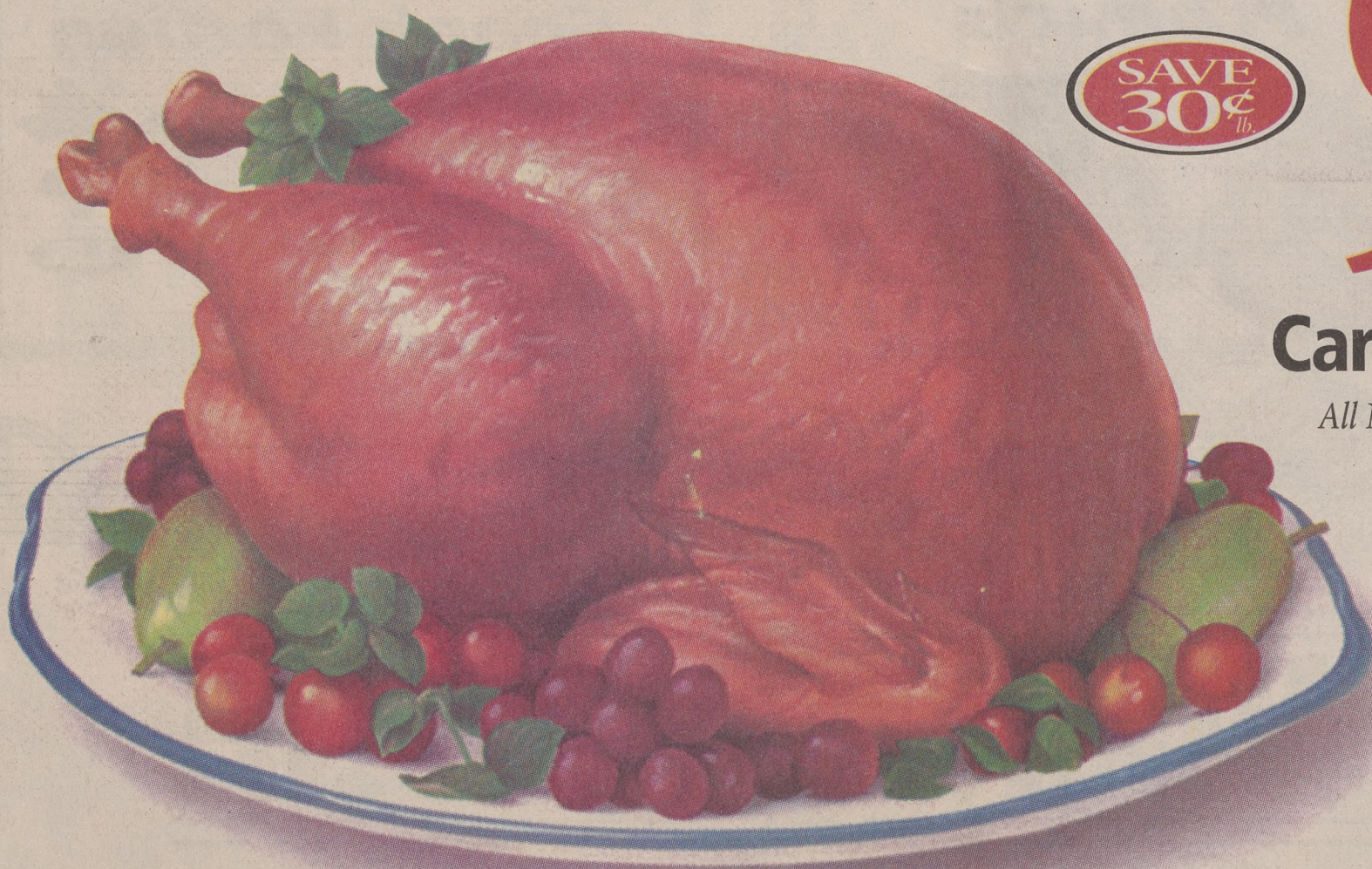
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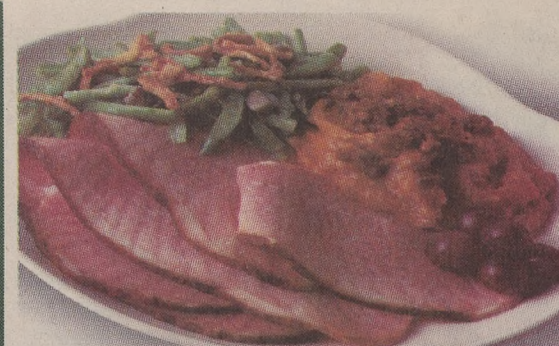
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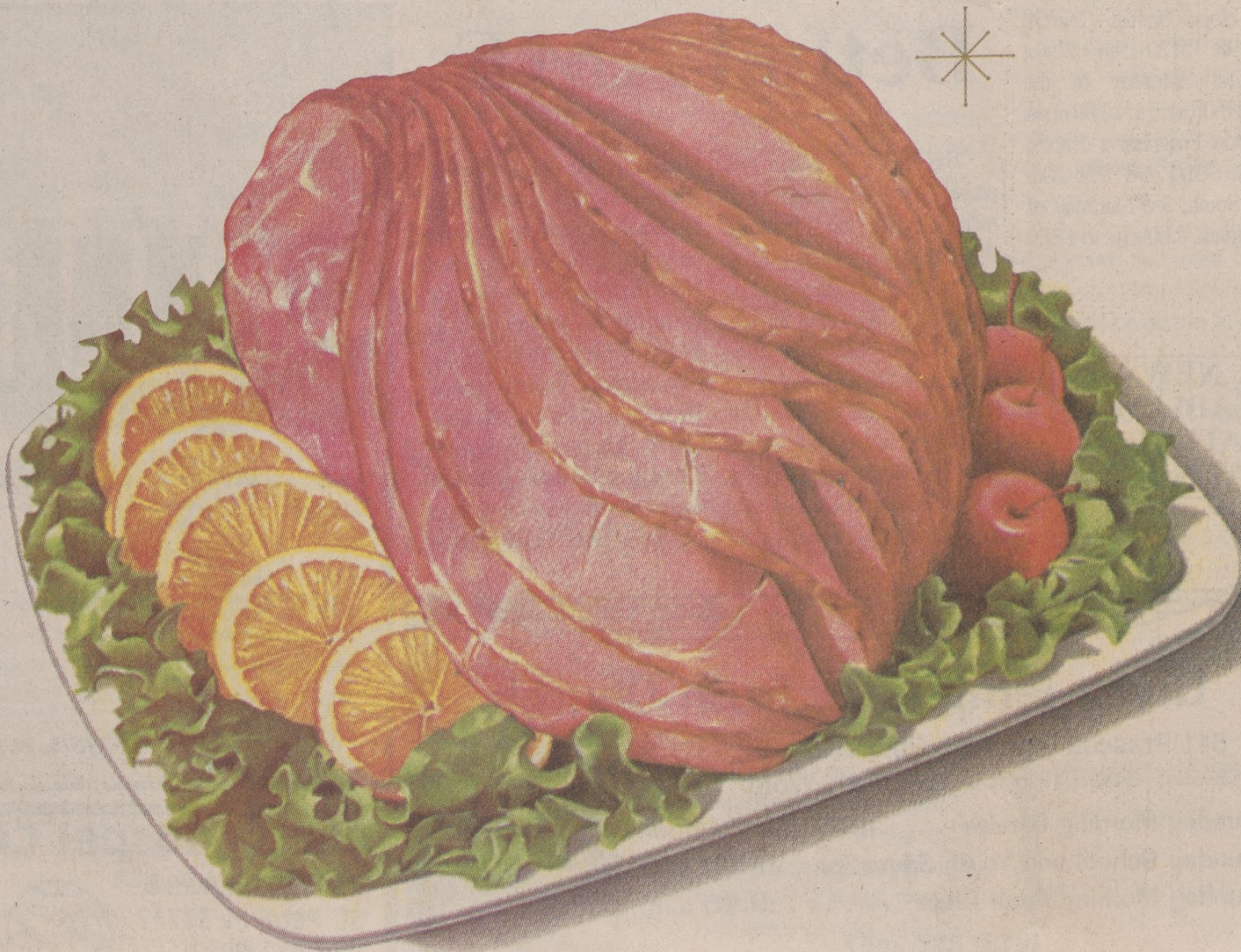
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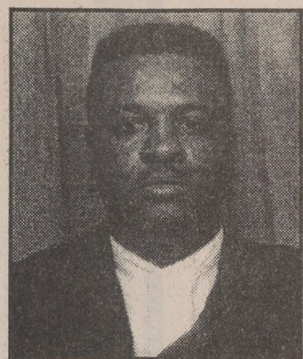
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CHURCH NEWS



Bethel Metropolitan Baptist



Corey Waters

Pastor Lyons and the church family invite you to invite you to join us for worship services at 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. The Praise Team, Concord Choir and Male Ministry Usher Board will serve.

The annual Christmas Program begins at 9:30 a.m. Program coordinators, Latoy Black, Jacquelyn Swanson and Gayle Arrington have worked diligently preparing our children for this years production. We request your presence in order to encourage the children.

The Lord continues to bless our church through His preach-

ing ministry. Corey Waters will give his initial sermon on Sunday, December 21st at 6:00 p.m. Brother Waters is the son of Joe and Ethel Waters, Jr., the grandson of Ethel Richardson and the late James Richardson. A native of this city, he is a 1988 graduate of Osceola High School and is attending St. Petersburg Junior College. He served four years in the United States Navy and is currently a member of the Naval Reserve. He is employed as an Account Receivable Coordinator with Film Technology International of St. Petersburg. He is married to Desiree R. Pressley and they have one son, Corey Jr. The Concord Choir and Male Ministry Ushers will serve. All Deacons and Deaconess are expected to be in their respective places. We invite you to be in attendance to witness this occasion.

The Wednesday night Nurture for Baptist churches

(NBC) continues to be enlightening and informative. The December study emphasis is on "Church Covenant". Reverend Joseph Harvey, is the facilitator. The AWANA staff stands ready each week to provide bible-based learning activities for our youth. Transportation is provided. You are welcome to attend our Thursday Noon Day Bible Study 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., bring your Bible and writing tools. Meet us for Saturday Midday Prayer Hour, 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

Mark your calendar for Watch Night Services, December 31st at 8:30 and 11:00 p.m. The 8:30 service messenger will be Elder Anthony P. Conage of Queen Street COGIC. At 11:00 Pastor Lyons will deliver the message. Calendar: December 21 Christmas Program 10:00 a.m.; December 31 Watchnight Services 8:30/11:00 p.m.

Attention—St. Mark Recipients

The food distribution for January, has been changed to January 24th. This date change will only occur this month. We will continue to distribute commodities at St. Marks on the 2nd Saturday of the Month. If you need your commodities before the 24th of January, you may pick up one of the two distribution sites listed below, if you have your small blue card. New Hope Baptist Church: 01/03/98 2120-19th Street South, 1st Saturday of the month, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Mt. Zion Progressive Baptist Church: 01/17/98 958-20th Street South, 3rd Saturday of each month, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

NEWS DEADLINE IS SATURDAY AT NOON

Christian Generation Of H.O.P.E. Inc.

The Christian Generation Center of H.O.P.E. INC., is sponsoring a "SEASON OF JOY" at 1434 Prescott St. So. on Saturday, Dec. 20, 1997 from 12:30-3:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend, this outreach ministry will be distributing free CHRISTMAS BASKETS and CLOTHING.

Friendship MB Church

Pastor Evans and members invite you to worship with them on Sunday and the upcoming week.

This Sunday, The Deacons will be in charge of Prayer/Praise Service. The Fellowship Choir and Ushers will serve both in 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. worship.

Pastor Evans will deliver the divine word from God.

The church's Sunday School is held at 9:30, Christmas Program will be held at 4:00 p.m.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Wednesday, 12:00 noon Bible Study.
Monday, 7:00 p.m. Prayer, Teachers Meeting and Bible Study.

Pastor Evans is the teacher.

Bethel AME

The Youth of Bethel will present several plays and recitations for the Christmas Program Sunday at the 10:30 Morning Service. There will be a visit from Santa after the service to pass out gifts. Rev. Dawkins is asking members to lead a lost soul to Christ for Christmas instead of giving gifts. The Missionaries will distribute baskets to the sick and shut in Saturday December 20.

Sunday is the last Sunday of advent before Christmas and the Youth is planning a special program. Each Sunday there has been a special observance for advent. Sis. Emma Slade is asking all members to join our very exciting church school. There is a class for all ages. Church School is each Sunday Morning at 9:00 a.m. come and learn. Each Wednesday at noon join us for Bible Study or each

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Rev. Melvera Hinton Brown

Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church

2550 9th Avenue S.

St. Petersburg, FL

Rev. Joseph Gordon, Pastor

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

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Christ Gospel Church

2512 22nd Ave. S.

St. Pete, FL 33712

327-0997

Rev. P.D.H. Leonard

Pastor

SUNDAY

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Morning Worship 11:45 a.m.

Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Evangelical Service 7:30 p.m.

PRAYER TIMES

Tuesdays, Fridays & Sundays - half an hour

before service.

Mondays & Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.

Friday nights at midnight.

RADIO BROADCAST

Sundays 7:45 a.m.

If you would like to come to church and do not have a way,

call 327-0997.

The Church Where Everyone Is Welcome

Bealsville Church Of God

2006 Hollomon Road, Plant City, FL (So. of Hwy. 60)

Between Smith Ryals and Holloman Roads

Elder Martin Rainey, Pastor

1-737-1746

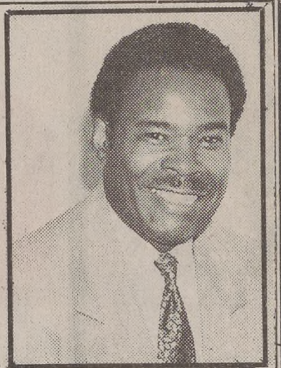
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.

Morning Service: 11:30 a.m.

Mid-Week Tues. Night: 7:30 p.m.

Counseling and Bible Teaching

For transportation: Call 866-2589



Rev. Earnest Jones, Pastor

Galilee Missionary Baptist Church

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

Morning Worship 8:00 a.m.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Mid-Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

Baptist Training Union 5:00 p.m.

Bible Study/Prayer Service Thursday 7:30 p.m.

Couples Ministry (3rd Sunday) 6:00 p.m.

Come join us at the Church where everyone is Welcome!



Rev. Earnest Jones, Pastor

Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church

3700 22nd Avenue S. • 321-0020

Elder Clarence L. Warren, Pastor

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

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2901 Fifth Avenue S. St. Petersburg, FL 33712

Bishop W.D. Holcy, Pastor

SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

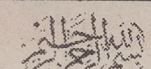
Morning Worship 11:30 a.m.

YPWW 6:00 p.m.

Evening Worship 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Bible Band 7:30 p.m.

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



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Ps. 127:1

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Morning Worship 10:30

Evening Worship 6:30

Wed. - Pray 7:00

Bible Study 7:30

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CHURCH

AVAILABLE

Pastor Leonard Wilson • Phone: 536-1890

Bethel Community Baptist Church

1045 - 16th Street S., St. Pete, FL 33712

PHONE: 896-6722

Rev. Manuel L. Sykes

Services

Sunday School 8:45 a.m.

Worship Service 10 a.m.

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

Bible Study Wed., 7:30 p.m.



Bethel Metropolitan Baptist Church

3455 - 26th Avenue South • St. Petersburg, FL

33711

(813) 327-0554

"Church of The Open Door"

Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

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

Wed. NBC/AWANA/Bible Study/Praise & Prayer

7:00 p.m.

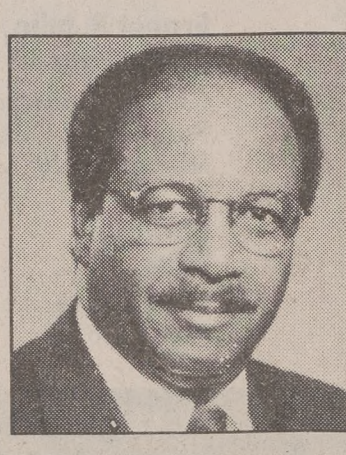
Thurs. Midday Bible Study 12:00 noon - 1:00

p.m.

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

p.m.

DR. HENRY J. LYONS, PASTOR





CHURCH NEWS



Galilee

Pastor Earnest Jones and the Galilee Church family extend Holiday Wishes to everyone and cordially welcome all to come out and join us for Sunday Worship Services. This 3rd Sunday in December, the Galilee Youth Choir and Youth Usher Board is charge of Both the 8:00am and 11:00am Worship Services. Church School is 9:30am with New Members class convening at this hour.

All participants involved in the Christmas Program are asked to please attend the final dress rehearsal this Friday at 7:15pm. The Annual Christmas Program will take place, December 21st immediately following the Mid-Morning Worship Service. Dinner and gift exchange will follow the Christmas Program. Sis. Jones is asking all members to

please get your Christmas cards to Sis. Philpott or to any of the helpers no later than Sunday morning before the 11:00am Worship Service. Any members wishing help with their Christmas cards in any way are asked to please Sis. Jones or Sis. Philpott.

Pastor Jones continues to ask and encourage all members to please turn in all church announcements and articles for the January Calendar in to Sis. Daniels or Sis. Woods no later than the 4th Sunday in December.

Members please remember to support all weekly church activities:

Wednesday: Mid-Week Worship Service at 7:30pm
Thursday: BTU at 6:30pm followed by Prayer meeting and Bible Study at 7:30pm

New Philadelphia

Children and youth will lead church family in worship for fourth Sunday of Advent season. The meaning and message of Christmas will be focus of mid-morning worship. All parents and grandparents are urged to accompany children and grandchildren to church on Sunday. The Christ candle will be celebrated on this final Sunday of Advent. Children/Youth Choir will offer music ministry for yuletide season.

The church's ministry to women will meet to address their strengths and weaknesses as it relates to outreach mission. Setting for this meeting will be a weekend "slumber" gathering to give each other greater

Christian support. For additional information, contact Wyonna McGee.

Men will meet to plan Christmas with Leroy Monroe. This activity will include sharing a repast and giving of gifts. Persons interested in participating in this holiday outing should contact Pastor Gaskin. All men and boys will meet briefly with Pastor at conclusion of morning worship.

KWANZA will be observed on fourth Sunday. Plans are being made for this week-long observance. Persons interested in participating should contact Pastor on Sunday.

Moore's Chapel African Methodist Episcopal

Rev. M. Mason Walker, Moores Chapels' Steward Board and Moores Chapels Church Family appreciate every one to include Evangelist Vivian Powell, that help to make their festival of advent service a success both spiritually and financially.

Rev. M. Mason Walker and Moores Chapels Church Family welcome you to their services this third Sunday in December, the 21st 8:00 a.m. The sermon will be delivered by Pastor Walker, music will be provided by the African Freedom Singers directed and accompanied by Musician Michael Melvin the Steward Board will serve and the Usher Board will serve.

Church School will begin at 9:30am. Mose Phillip Bell Superintendent in charge, Celestine Stephens, Assistant Superintendent.

Moores Chapels Noon Day Prayer Service, Wednesdays 12:00 Evening Prayer Service/Bible Study Wednesdays 7:00 p.m. Moores Chapels Christmas Eve/ Communion Service will be held December 24, 7:00p.m.

Moores Church School Christmas Candelight Service will be held Saturday December 21st 6:00 p.m.

Moores Chapels Church Anniversary will be held in February the Chairpersons are Patricia Scott, Beverly Jackson, and Willie Frank Bryant.

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 Sunday. The Mass Choir will be rendering the song service under the direction Bro. Steve Wilson, musician and Sis. Alyce Majors.

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 Sis. 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.

Monthly Business Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 18, 1997 at 7:00 p.m.

All members are encouraged to bring a perishable item to praise and worship services and Sunday Morning Worship Services. These items will be donate to those persons in need

of food for the holidays.

The deadline for the gifts will be December 17, 1997. The party to distribute the gifts to the children will be held on Saturday, December 20, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. Some of the Children that will not be able to attend the party their gifts will be delivered on Saturday Morning at 9:00 a.m. Volunteers are needed.

Deadline for all Budget Proposal are ask to be in no later than December 20, 1997 for the up coming year. No budget proposal, no funds for 1998.

The Christmas Program "A Virgin is Born" will be presented on Sunday, December 21, 1997 at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. Other Activities for the week: Thursday, December 18, 1997; Mid-Day Bible Study beginning at 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, December 20, 1997; Christian Education Meeting at 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, December 24, 1997; Praise and Worship Service at 7:00 p.m.

Conducted by the Youth Ministry. All members encouraged to attend along with those persons born in the month of December.

Greater Mt. Zion

Pastor Charles Robinson and the Mt. Zion family invites you to worship with them this Sunday, December 21, 1997. The Male Chorus will provide the music for the 7:30 a.m. worship hour and the Sounds of Zion will furnish the music for the 11:00 a.m. worship hour. Rev. Charles Robinson will deliver the messages at both services. On last Sunday Pastor Robinson appointed these persons to Steward Board #2; Terry Bradley, Cansandra Williams, Rodney Davis, Mike Manigult, and Dwight Eva. The Sunday School will present it's Christmas Program, Sunday December 21, 1997 at 5:00 p.m. The Women's Bible Ministry of Mt. Zion AME will have their Christmas fellowship dinner Sunday, December 21, 1997 at Ryan Steak House located in the Bay area Outlet Mall at 2:30. The Women's Bible Ministry of Mt. Zion AME will sponsor a Renewal Marriage Vows on Valentine's Day, Saturday February 14, 1998 at

5:00 p.m. the Deadline for registration is January 31, 1998. The Mt. Zion AME church family, and all who attended were truly revived at last week's Revival. The presence of God and his Anointing was truly manifested. We the members of Mt. Zion AME thank God for giving our Pastor, Rev. Charles Robinson the Revelation of Revival Disciples. These persons prayed thirty-three (33) days before the actual Revival. Minds were renewed; Hearts were purged; Bodies were cleansed; and Spirits were Empowered. The Evangelist for the week was the former Pastor of Mt. Zion AME, Rev. Sam Green. Please join us for our weekly activities; Monday-Bible Study at 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday - Vintage & Bible Study at 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Under the Leadership of out Pastor Rev. Charles Robinson, wonderful things are happening at Mt. Zion AME.

NEWS DEADLINE IS 12 NOON SATURDAY

Dear Father,
You have
given so much;
give one thing
more - a
grateful heart.
Amen.

Shepherd's Men Basketball Ministry

ST. PETERSBURG- The Shepherd Men Basketball Ministry Advisory Council will meet on Saturday, December 20, 1997 at 9:00 a.m. at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 2840 22nd Avenue South. This is an important meeting, we will discuss new rules and recommended changes to rules. All teams and advisory council members are asked to attend or please send a representative.

The Shepherd Men Basketball Ministry tip-off is scheduled to begin on January 10,

1998 and will run through April 18, 1998. The games are scheduled to be played at the Lake Vista Community Recreation Center in St. Petersburg. New date for fees and rosters have been changed to December 26, 1997, however, if you have your fees or rosters you may turn them in at this meeting. Any questions or for additional information please call Rev. Clyde Williams at 321-1402.

This will be the last announcement before the meeting.

Bible Holiness Church of God in Christ
419 - 5th Street S., St. Petersburg, FL 33701
Phone: 898-3838

The members would like to invite you and your family to worship with us. Our services are:

Tuesday Morning Prayer 9:00am
Weds.-Family Worship 7:00pm
Sunday School 10:00am
Sunday Morning Worship 11:15am
Sunday Evening Worship 7:00pm

Pastor: Elder B.O. Walker



Moore's Chapel AME Church
Rev. M. Mason Walker, Pastor
321-3545

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

Prayer Tower Church Of God In Christ
1135 37th Street South, St. Pete, FL
Elder Clarence Welch, Pastor

Sunday School 10 a.m.
Morning Service 11:30 a.m.
YPMW 5:30 p.m. Sunday
Church Service 6:30 p.m. Sunday
Night Services 7:30 p.m.
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.



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

10:30 AM PRAISE & WORSHIP SERVICES SUNDAY
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
Join us for any of our services where you will always find "JESUS BEING PREACHED AND TAUGHT"



Rev. Alvin Moore, Pastor

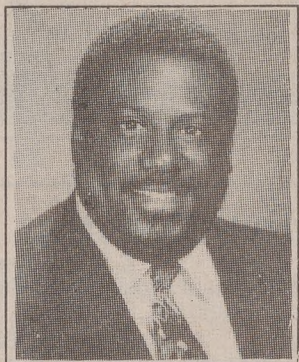
FIRST BAPTIST INSTITUTIONAL CHURCH
3144 THIRD AVENUE SOUTH
ST. PETERSBURG, FL
PHONE: 323-7518

REV. WAYNE G. THOMPSON, PASTOR

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:30 A.M.

MORNING WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

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

Deacon Ministry Deacon Edward Nesbitt
Finance Ministry James Robinson
Children & Youth Ministry Joyce Robinson
Clerk Ministry Wyonna McGee
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Mt. Zion Progressive Missionary Baptist Church
955 20th Street South, St. Petersburg, FL 33712
Phone: 894-4311

Sunday School: 8:00 a.m.
Worship Service: 7:00 a.m. * 9:00 a.m. * 11:15 a.m.
New Membership Class: Sunday, 8:00 a.m.;
Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.
(Adult and Youth)

Also offering tutoring, free lunch, mentoring, day care, after school care, boy scouts, private school.

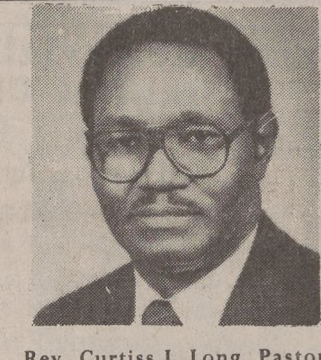


Rev. Wilkins Garrett, Jr., Pastor

New Faith Free Methodist Church
2427 Irving Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL
Phone: 824-2814, Pastor • 323-1290, Church

THEME: Looking Upward, Searching Inward, Striving Onward
SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 AM
MORNING WORSHIP 11:00 AM
YOUTH BIBLE STUDY WED. 6:30 PM
ADULT BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER SERVICE WED. 7:00 PM



Rev. Curtiss L. Long, Pastor

GREATER MT. ZION AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
919 - 20th Street S., St. Petersburg, FL 33712
Rev. Charles Robinson, Pastor



Early Morning Worship 7:30 a.m. • Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. • All Male Bible Study Weds. 6:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting Weds. 7:30 p.m.
Bible Study Mon. 6:00 p.m.
Co-ed and Adult Bible Study Thurs. 6:30 p.m.
Support Group Every Sunday 6:00 p.m.
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Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church
912 - 3rd Avenue North • Phone: 822-2089



The Rev. Harry L. Dawkins, M. Div., Pastor

Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Prayer Service/Bible Study Tues. 7:00 p.m.
Junior Church Fellowship Thurs. 6:00 p.m.
Tutoring Mon. & Thurs. 5:30-6:30 p.m.

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

TRANSPORTATION IS AVAILABLE



CHURCH NEWS



St. Joseph's Catholic Church

Father Callist Nyambo was officially installed as pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church during a mass on Sunday December 14, 1997, making him the first person of African descent to lead the culturally diverse parish. The mass was celebrated Most Reverend Robert N. Lynch and concelebrated by Msgr. Laurence Higgins, Msgr. John McNulty, Very Rev. Ralph Argentino, and priests from different parishes around the diocese. The day also marked the twenty-eighth anniversary of Fr. Nyambo's ordination. Visitors from many parishes were also present for the gala occasion.

Highlights included the signing of the certificate of canonical possession of the parish by Bishop Lynch and Fr. Nyambo. The signing was witnessed by Msgr. Higgins and Fr. Argentino. The parish's mass choir provided uplifting music, and the choir from the Martyrs of Vietnam also sang at the mass.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church continued. Fr. Nyambo was officially introduced to his staff and the parish council. Keith Woods, president of the parish council extended a warm official welcome from the parish. He emphasized that Fr. Nyambo and other members of the parish have different accents but their love for Christ makes them all brothers. A reception was held at Immaculate Conception following the mass.



Mt. Zion PB Church

Mount Zion Progressive Baptist Church's youth and choir will be hosting the Christmas play "There's No Christmas Without You" on Saturday December 20, 1997 @ 6:00 p.m. and Sunday December 21, 1997 @ 6:00 p.m. and Sunday December 21, 1997 @ 6:30 p.m. Please come and help

us "Praise the Lord" and celebrate the real meaning of Christmas. All are invited!!! The Church's address is 955 20th Street South. Director: Mrs. Kamara Cooper, Director of Choir: Mr. Derrick Isham, Director of Mime: Ms. Maugy Isreal.

Bealsville

ST. PETERSBURG-Elder Martin Rainey, Pastor, Bealsville Church of God, was one of 100 clergy invited by President Clinton, to the White House for breakfast dealing with Race Relations in America. Pastor Rainey was joined by Dr. Roy Kaplan, Executive Director, Nation Conference.

The purpose of the Breakfast was to encourage the Religious/Faith Community to expand its dialogue on Race Relations in the local community.

President Clinton's year-long effort is designed to engage the nation in moving toward a stronger, more just, and, more united America, offering opportunity and fairness for all Americans.

Elder Rainey, was moved by the sincere and deep com-

passion demonstrated by the President as he shared the need for constructive dialogue, study and action toward eliminating this very divisive issue.

President called on the clergy to take immediate action at the local level that call attention to policies that can and will make a difference and solutions that can be implemented by individuals, community groups, business, state and local governments.

Pastor Rainey alluded to the President's remarks "This nation has made real progress, but we know that there is more that must be done", saying, dialogue is a good strategy but must include much prayer, with Jesus Christ, the King of peace as the foundation and cornerstone of all we say and do is the only solution!

NEWS DEADLINE IS 12:00 PM SATURDAY

Antioch Church • Ph # 866-3842
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.

"The Church That's Moving Forward Together"

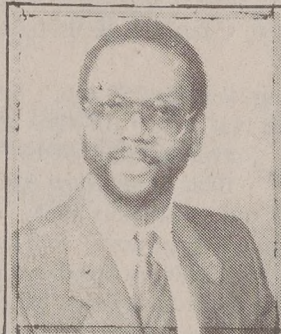


ELIM Seventh-Day Adventist Church

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.IV, D. Min.
Pastor-Counselor



ELIM Junior Academy & Day Care Center

20th Street Church Of Christ

820 20th Street South
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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 7:00 p.m.
Monday Evening Bible Class 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Bible Class 7:00 p.m.



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

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.

"THE LITTLE CHURCH WHERE EVERYBODY IS SOMEBODY"

TRAVELERS REST

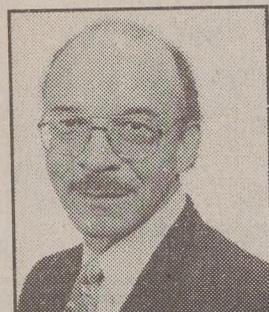
MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
2183 22nd Avenue South, St. Pete, FL 33712

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

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Good Samaritan Baptist Fellowship

Meeting at Covenant Presbyterian Church
4201 6th Street South, St. Petersburg, Florida

Sunday Worship Service: 8:45 A.M. Wednesday Bible Study: 7:30 P.M.

• Wholistic Ministry (Physical, Mental, and Emotional)
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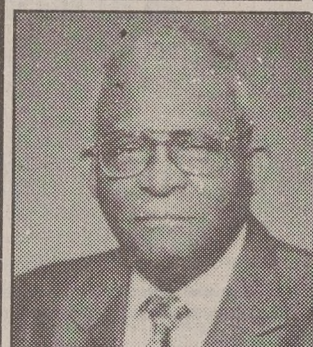
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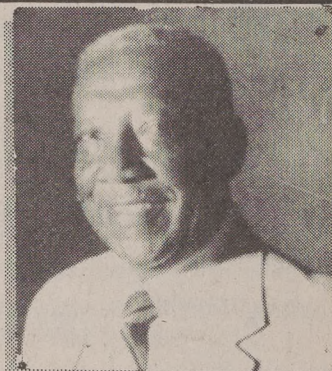
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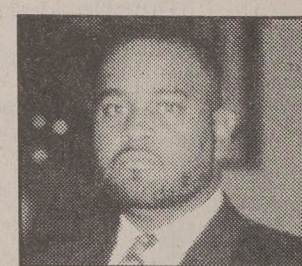
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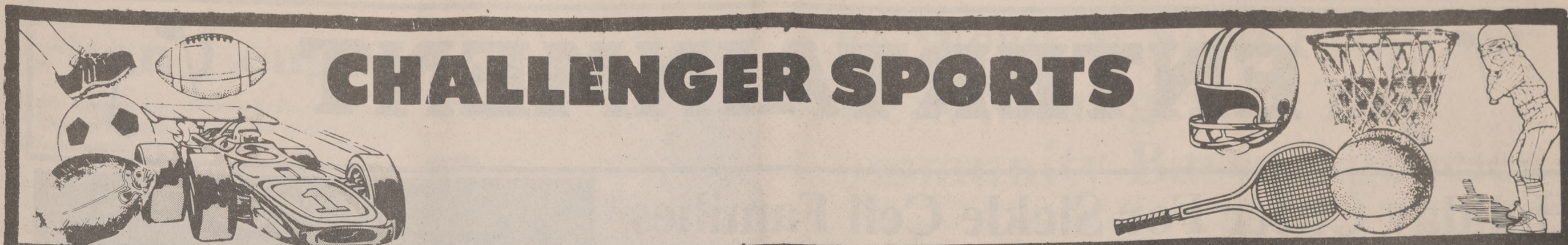
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1997 PAL Eagles Appreciation Banquet

TAMPA— The 1997 PAL Eagles Football Team and Cheerleaders held their Appreciation banquet at the Holiday Inn Express in Tampa, Florida.

Wonderfully, tasty food was prepared and catered by Sam Seltzer's Restaurant by manager, Michael Diaz.

The Eagles won three Superbowls and three Cheer-Offs championships. The Eagles are under the direction of Officer Melanee Holder right, Walter Monroe center and Carol Brevi, left.



Sprewell Gives Public Apology



(L-R): Latrell Sprewell, Arn Tellern and Johnnie Cochran

OAKLAND, Calif.— Latrell Sprewell a 27 year old guard for the Warriors was all that you could see on television and read about in the newspapers the past 48 hours.

Would you believe this top paying player lost his temper and as a result, lost his job.

Latrell Sprewell and his attorney infamous Johnny Cochran went public to extend an apology to his coach P.J. Carlesimo after a recent physical attack and unsportsman-like

attitude.

Sprewell stated that he had worked very hard to get where he is today and that his career didn't just happen overnight and he didn't expect it to just end that same way, overnight.

"I realize that my conduct was not acceptable in the public eye and as an athlete. I accept total responsibility for what I've done".

Sprewell was fined a whopping \$25 million dollars for just a few moments of temper

tantrums and threatening remarks.

Most of his proteges this that the punishment is far too harsh for the infraction and may plan to boycott the World Championship games in Greece if the league refuses to reduce the punishment.

With Attorney Johnny Cochran on the case, we'll continue to listen to the latest breaking new in this case, hopefully within the next week or so.

All-American Shared By Three African-Americans

NEW YORK— Three African-Americans were recently selected to the Associated Press All-American team.

FSU's Sam Cowart, UF's Jacques Green and FSU's Andre Wadsworth are first teamers for the All-Americans.

Jaquez Green caught 61 passes for 1,024 yards and nine touchdowns.

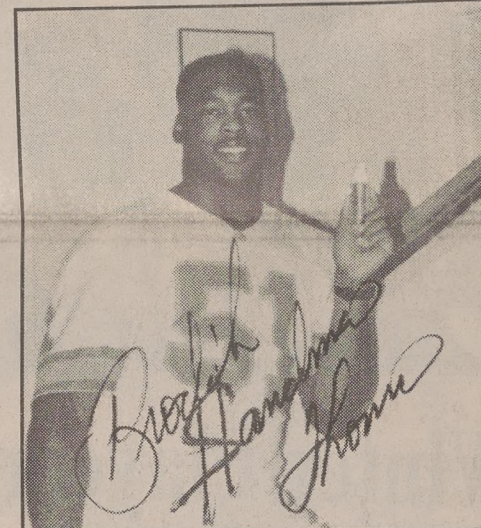
Andre Wadsworth, the ACC player of the year led nationally with 19 sacks.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Holiday Cheer For Sickle Cell Families



'Tis the season to be jolly! More than 100 sickle cell clients and family members attended the festive Christmas Luncheon sponsored by Sickle Cell Disease Association of America, St. Petersburg Chapter, Inc. (SCDAA) on December 5, 1997 at Enoch Davis Center.

A sumptuous meal was served and excellent entertainment included a medley of Christmas carols led by Ingrid Ryan and accompanied by Franklin Gray; Readings and Poems were done by Rhonda Ryan. A skit entitled "Moving and Grooving with Sickle Cell Disease" was performed by SCDAA Board Members Charles Fountain, Bessie Kimes (MC) Rhonda Ryan and Murph, President.

A visit from cheerful Santa brought each client a monetary gift and Holiday cheer. The Sickle Cell Poster Child Jaykala Hudson and her two sisters who also have sickle cell

were in the audience. These beautiful girls adorned in Holiday attire brought the Spirit of the Season as they smiled and waved to everyone. The sickle cell activity is an annual event that clients look forward to attending. Louise Davis served as chairperson.

SCDAA is a non profit organization which provided the following services in 1997: Scholarships, Wishing Fund, Sickle Cell Educational Presentations, Trait Counseling, Trip to Disney World, Family Picnic, Support Groups and limited Family Assistance.

The Sickle Cell Disease Association of St. Petersburg wish to thank the community for their charitable donations in 1997 and we welcome your tax deductible contributions in 1998. SCDAA is totally supported by community dollars. It is through public donations that help us to maintain a standard of excellence in service for persons suffering with sickle cell disease.



Standing L-R: Joe Johnson and Melvin Smith.
Sitting L-R: Freda Davis, Sylvia Moore and Keshandra Tyson.

Gibbs Class Of '68 Prepares For Big Holiday Extravaganza

ST. PETERSBURG— The Gibbs High School class of 1968 finalizes plans for their 1997 Christmas Holiday Extravaganza, which will be held at the St. Petersburg Coliseum, 535 4th Avenue North Friday evening, December 26th from 8:00 to 1:00 a.m.

Lady D.J. Connie Maultsby of Kapp Productions, Sarasota Florida will provide music from the 60's to the top 40's.

Holiday attire, B.Y.O.B. and Hors'd'oeuvres are welcome. Plan to invite your family and friends to this spectacular affair.

For ticket information contact James Hawkins at 866-2393, Mel Smith 864-4145 or Sylvia Wells-Moore at 866-9009.

Pictured is the Planning Committee from the class of 1968 for this great Christmas event.

Winter Playcamp

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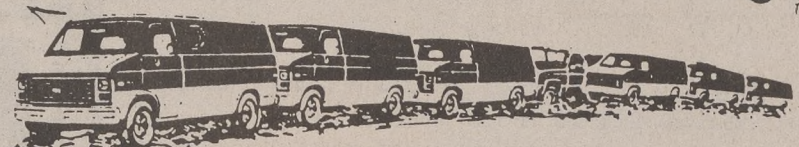
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Urban League

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succeeded in improving both her self image and her grades after participating in the Urban League's alternative school, Project Success, six nursing students who were receiving tutoring assistance through an Urban League program funded by the United Way and a blind man who received support from the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program in the form of a fully paid deposit for electric service. At times the audience was visibly moved by the testimonies of the clients whose lives had been improved through Urban League intervention. In addition to these presentations, a slide display of photographs and associated program data provided visual assistance to the audience regarding program performance and services. With a budget of approximately \$3 million, PCUL administered twelve separate and distinct programs during the year, each providing essential services to meet the identified needs of Pinellas County residents.

The business agenda included the nomination and election of members to the Board of Directors along with a farewell to board members who were leaving the board after a period of dedicated service. Those board members leaving included: Ms. Annie L. Worlds, Executive Assistant to the St. Petersburg Chief of

Police and Mr. Steve Monahan, Regional Vice President, Allstate Insurance Company. Each will leave the Board in December, having ably served the Urban League in the capacity of board membership. Board members completing their first three years term being nominated to serve a second three year term included: Mr. David Linesch, Attorney at Law, the Linesch Firm and Ms. Melanie Adams-Miller, Principle Buyer, Fuels Supply, Florida Power Corporation. Board members completing the terms of other board members who had to resign prior to completing their terms and now being nominated to serve a full three year term in their own right included: Mr. Robert Carter, President, Corporate Communications, Bayfront Health Systems; Mr. David Brumbaugh, Director, Human Resources, Space Systems, Honeywell and Mr. Kevin Rice, General Manager, Video Services, GTE Media Ventures. New electees to the board included: Mr. Kenneth B. Castleberry, Director, Customer Service Center of MCI; Major Luke C. Williams, Jr., Commander, Internal Affairs, St. Petersburg Police Department and Ms. Leslie Waters, Strategic Relations Manager of Allstate Insurance Company.

A period of refreshments and conversations was shared by the crowd in the auditorium lobby following the meeting.



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The Weed & Seed Program has established three areas of

funding (1) Jobs for At-Risk Youth (\$50,000), (2) Community Empowerment (\$50,000), and (3) Mini-grants (\$20,604). There are no matching requirements for these funds. In addition to meeting goals of the Weed & Seed Program, proposals must be for residents of the Weed & Seed Area or conducted within the Weed & Seed Area.

The goal of Weed & Seed is to revitalize the Weed & Seed Area through education, recreational, social and economic development. The grant program is a means for community-based agencies and organizations to show their continued commitment to the citizens of the Weed & Seed Area. These grants will empower residents and organizations to recognize

and take action in shaping their own environment. Programs that any citizen of the Weed & Seed Area feel they should establish is now possible with the "seed" money.

If you are interested in receiving a Weed & Seed grant application or additional information, contact Kenneth Jones at 893-4142.

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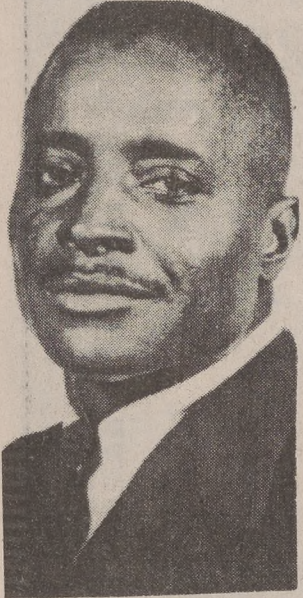
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St. Pete Final Rites

BARBER, SYLVESTER JAMES. The hands of time stopped for Mr. Sylvester James Barber on December 4, 1997 at his home. He leaves to cherish his memories: Two daughters, Rhonda Barber-McMillon and husband Anthony and Mrs. Janice McKay-Thomas and husband James. Two sons, Kenneth Barber and Daryl Barber. His mother, Mrs. Ella Mae Barber. Five sisters, two brothers, two grandchildren and host of nieces and nephews, relatives and friends. Funeral services provided by McRae Funeral Home, St. Petersburg, Florida.



DOWDELL, Rev. Mossdell. Longtime resident Rev. Mossdell Dowdell went to spend time with his maker. Family members left to mourn his passing are: Freddie Crawford and wife Talibah, Arthur L. Crawford and wife Dorothy. Daughters Claudette Duffie Feacher, Verdell Wyman and Shirley Tigges. Many grandchildren, a sister-in-law, son-in-laws and several great grandchildren. Funeral arrangements made by Creal Funeral Home, St. Petersburg FL.

JONES, Eva Mae. Passed on December 10, 1997. Leaving to mourn her was her husband, Bill Jones, sister, Rosa Lee Miller. Funeral Services provided by Creal Funeral Home, St. Petersburg, FL.

SHELLMAN, Fred D. Passed away on December 8, 1997 at V.A. Hospital, Bay Pines Florida. Survivors include a companion Hattie Ruth Johnson; three sons: Johnnie Lee Johnson, Patrick H. Johnson and Williams Todd Johnson. Seven daughters: Hope Y. Shellman, Farrah M. Shellman, Lyndia L. White, Sherris J. Diaz, Ava DeVeaux, Bridgette M. Johnson and Arrinette J. Murph. Ten sisters and five brothers along with many other sorrowing relatives and friends. Funeral arrangements by Creal Funeral Home, St. Petersburg, FL.

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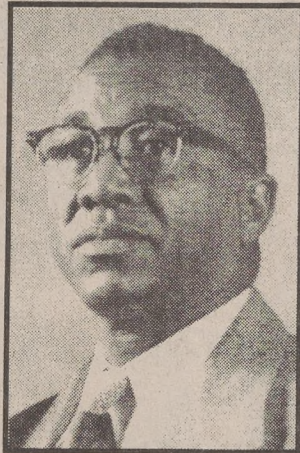
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Gainesville Final Rites



JONES, Allen Quinn, Sr. died on December 2, 1997 at Gainesville Health and Rehabilitation Center. Leaving to rejoice his memories are one son, Dr. Oliver H. Jones; two daughters, Lydia J. Martin and Vera J. Rogers; two sister-in-laws, several grandchildren, great grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, cousins and many friends. Funeral arrangements by Chestnut Funeral Home, Gainesville, FL.

How wonderful are the works of the Lord, especially His creation, mankind. The miracle of birth...the look of awe on a child's face...the beauty of enduring love...these are all revelations of that Spirit which created each and every one of us. How often do you think of thanking God for all that He has given you?

Ocala Final Rights

BAILEY, Mollie Mae passed on December 8, 1997. Those who will miss her memories are three sisters, Mattie Jones, Lizzie Pinckney and Gertrude Reddick. Ten grandchildren, fourteen great grandchildren and other family and friends. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Summers Funeral Home, Ocala Florida.

BENNETT, Frank died December 3, 1997. He leaves to cherish his memory a loving family. His wife, Bertha Lee Bennett; daughters, Gloria B. Jones, Janet B. Joyner, Priscilla B. Mobley, Tara B. Lane, Margaret B. Collins, Dorothy B. Bryant, Tracey Bennett and Stacey Bennett. Son, Walter L. Bennett. Many other family members and friends. Funeral arrangements entrusted to the care of Summers Funeral Home, Ocala, Florida.

BERRIEN, Raymond passed on December 6, 1997 at the Columbia Ocala Regional Medical Hospital. He leaves to mourn his passing and cherish his memories two sons, Ricky and Anadaria Berrien. Four brothers, three sisters and a host of other family members and friends. Funeral services provided by Summers Funeral Home, Ocala Florida.

CHISHOLM, Julia Mae Morris passed on December 6, 1997. She leaves to cherish her memories, two sons, Joseph Chisholm, II and Edward E. Chisholm; three daughters, Olivia Thornton Burke, Rhoda and Ruth. Ten grandchildren and four great grandchildren, three daughters-in-law and one son-in-law; one brother in-law and many other family members and friends. Funeral arrangements provided by Summers Funeral Home, Ocala, Florida.



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CLARK, Bessie passed on December 8, 1997. She leaves to cherish her memories two daughters, Lorine Jackson and Idella Forster. One son, Joseph Lawson; two sisters, Florence Wood and Lillie Riche; one devoted aunt, Roberta James and many other family members and friends. Funeral services arranged by Summers Funeral Home, Ocala, Florida.

DAYMON, Lucille. On the evening of December 8, 1997 our Father in Heaven picked a beautiful rose from the garden. He picked Mrs. Lucille Daymon. She leaves cherishable memories with five daughters, Lillie and her husband Theodore Taylor, Bobbie Goodson, Altamese Grant, Vivian and husband Dennis McFadden and Shirley Vereen. Five sons, Luther Daymon and wife Sheila, Harold Daymon and wife Princella, Alfonso and wife Linda. One sister, Rebecca Gamage; one brother, L. V. Burnes and wife Mildred. Many other family members and friends. A special son, Joe Daymon. Funeral arrangements provided by Cunningham Funeral Home, Ocala, Florida.

DEMPSEY, Eddie Mae passed on December 4, 1997. Those who will miss her and cherish her memories are stepson, Martin Dempsey, Jr.; Sister, Odessa Garner; four grandchildren, ten great grandchildren and a host of other sorrowing friends and family. Funeral services were held at Stanton First Baptist Church in Weirsdale, Florida.

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MCQUEEN, Irene passed on December 5, 1997. Survivors include two sons, Lewis McQueen and Bernard (Butter) McQueen. Four grandchildren, one sister, Hattie Wooden and husband Thomas; one brother, Clarence Woods and wife Louise; one aunt, Mildred Kelly, a special friend, Carla McDonald and other family members and friends. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Summers Funeral Home, Ocala, Florida.

NOBLE, Clordis. On December 3, 1997 he departed this life after a long illness. He leaves to mourn and cherish his memory one son, Alexander Smith, Sr.; three daughters, Inez Smith, Juanita Bynes and Annie Lee Locklair. Other survivors include numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, other sorrowing relatives and friends. Funeral services provided by Cunningham Funeral Home, Ocala, FL.

ORFORD-ASHLEY, Sean Anthony was given rest from the troubles of this world on December 11, 1997. Sean leaves two children, Natallia Orford-Ashley and Shaqwon Orford-Ashley. His mother, Marguerite Denuinkirk; brothers, Chad Denuinkirk and Quincey Denuinkirk. His grandmother, Yvonne Branch; his girlfriend, Sabrina Oliver and a host of other relatives and sorrowing friends. Funeral arrangements provided by Cunningham Funeral Home, Ocala, Florida.

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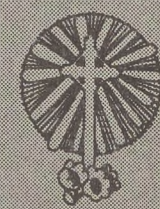
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March 21 to April 19

Good career news could brighten the 12th. When Mars, your planetary ruler, enters Scorpio on the 14th, your energy level will shift into high gear! Use this newfound enthusiasm to propel lagging projects forward.



Taurus

April 20 to May 20

Protecting your interests moves to the top of your list during Mars's opposition—enlist your trademark common sense and all will go well. Net working with co-workers could yield an important tip on the 12th.



Gemini

May 21 to June 21

Feeling a bit scattered? Mercury in Virgo will help you keep an eye on the business at hand—thanks to homey stars, may be a fun redecorating project! On the 11th and 12th, sensational love aspects will make you feel as if you're walking on air.



Cancer

June 22 to July 22

What will Mars in Scorpio's cosmic calling card be? You'll feel more romantically inclined, more creative and you'll take special pleasure in the company of children. A career breakthrough could rock your world on the 12th.



Leo

July 23 to August 22

As your cosmic birthday party continues, a special wish could suddenly come true. Treat yourself to a little present—with Venus and Mercury activating your cash zone, you'll be able to afford it! Hold a yard sale on the 14th.



Virgo

August 23 to September 22

The vacation of your dreams could beckon after the 14th, when Mars favorably aspects Mercury piques your interest in distant horizons. Investing in a painting or handcrafted item now could yield future profits.



Libra

September 23 to October 22

You've been keeping up a hectic work pace lately, but after Mars leaves your sign on the 14th, you'll be able to breathe a sigh of relief! Turn your thoughts to loved ones instead—they'll welcome the attention.



Scorpio

October 23 to November 21

With Mars entering your sign on the 14th, others will look to you for leadership; don't disappoint them! Now is the time to show off your on-the-job savvy—a brand new suit could help you land a promotion.



Sagittarius

November 22 to December 21

Power—personal and professional—is highlighted this week, as Pluto moving direct in your sign, plus Mars entering Scorpio on the 14th, activate your interest in office politics. Look sharp... but save some downtime for fun!



Capricorn

December 22 to January 19

Thanks to Jupiter in your house of finances, you'll be showered with lucrative opportunities. You could grab the reins tight in pursuit of a new goal under empowering aspects on the 12th. Romantic stars suggest a new love could be at hand.



Aquarius

January 20 to February 18

While partnerships are lit by the Sun's warm glow, others will clamor for your time and attention. Enjoy your popularity, but don't let it distract you from completing work or creative projects. Your imaginative powers are reaching an all-time high.



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