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# MERRY MERRY MERRY Christmas



*From the Staff of The Weekly Challenger*

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# First Annual Women Of Valor Prayer Conference

TAMPA— Last week the Mary E. May Intercessory Prayer line Ministry held their first Annual Women of Valor Prayer Conference and 6th Annual Joy To The World Prayer Brunch.

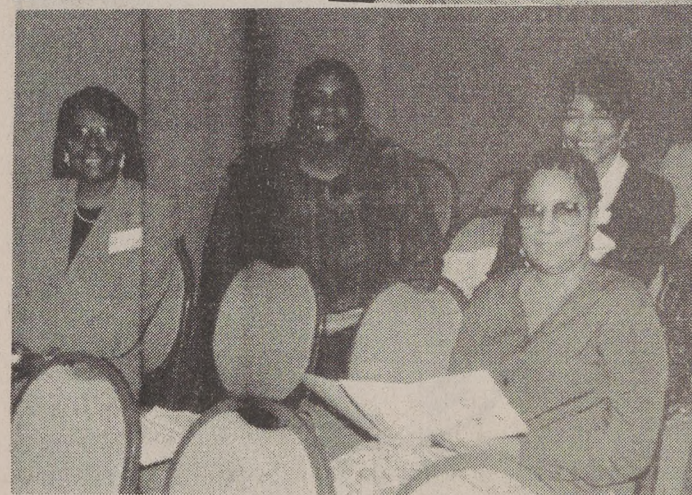
The conference was held at the Tampa Airport Hilton at Metro Center, 2225, North Lois Avenue.

Prayer, praise and worship service was led by Joye Mott and Sylvia Leonard. Other speakers for the morning session were Mary L. Thompson and Paula White. Afternoon and evening speakers were: Marzaretta Howell, Delores Ross, Sharon Smith and Gaile Howell.

Other participants on the program included: Rev. Miriam Rosa, Min. Marie Yates, Anna Gibson, Dr. Thelma Daniels, the Cathedral of Faith Praise Team, Min. Molly D'Andrea, Dr. Janet Bassett, Mary L. Thompson, Dr. Henrietta Gray, Pauline Jennings, Fellowship and Body Ministry Praise Dancing and Min. Carole Novak.



John and Ernestine Glean



NEWS DEADLINE IS 12 NOON SATURDAY

**F.Y.I.**

by  
Nancy L.  
Whitman



The holidays are always a great time to do things and go places that we generally don't do any other time of the year.

The Tampa Bay area is great because our choices for entertainment and activities increases because of our winter tourists. If your pocket book allows, you can find just about anything that suits your fancy. Like the rest of you I have my pet interests and I was royally treated to one of them this past Sunday. The Lakeland Civic Center hosted the Honda Elite

4 Holiday Classic women's basketball doubleheader featuring No. 3 Connecticut vs. No. 12 Stanford and No. 8 Vanderbilt vs. Iowa. ESPN broadcast the games live with their star cast of commentators Ann Meyers-Drysdale, Robin Roberts and Mimi Griffin.

If you are a sports fan but a basketball fan in particular then you would have loved watching the game between Stanford and Connecticut. Senior, 6'0 forward Nykesha Sales scored a career high 46 points to lead

the Huskies to a 94 to 78 victory over the Stanford Cardinals. Her performance was nothing short of amazing. Stanford coach Tara VanDerveer stated after the game that "you would have thought Sales was trying out for the circus" with some of the moves she exhibited.

The entire game showcased today's women basketball players. They are quick, fast, big and very talented. The level and quality of play at this level is only topped by the new ABL and WNBA women's leagues which were started two years ago. The women's game has become very exciting. I mean, how many more adjectives can I use to describe my enthusiasm for the game. Yet, the women's game does have a problem in Florida. The problem is best described by the answer Tara VanDerveer gave to my question about how she

felt about playing in central Florida. She said that Stanford and Connecticut are used to playing in front of crowds numbering 16,000 plus. She felt that for a game of that magnitude and quality and one that was being nationally televised, it should have been played in front of a similar sized crowd. The attendance at the game in Lakeland was 3,800. A poor showing indeed.

Women's basketball is still growing in popularity in our state. We have the Lady Gators who are ranked 15th in the country and locally we have the University of South Florida, the University of Tampa and Eckerd College who play great basketball. Also, Boca Ciega High School girls basketball team has won the 5A state tournament in

recent years. The point is this. Those of us who claim to enjoy and like and support female sports should show that support by our attendance. Go to the games people! We may have lost a return visit by some of the premier women's collegiate basketball teams because, in general, the press, the fans and our communities seem apathetic to women's sport's contests. So the next time you are making an entertainment choice, think about attending a women's game.



Coach Tara VanDerveer and players Heather Owen and Vanessa Nygaard answer questions from the press after their loss to Connecticut.

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## Your Marvelous Mind

by Al G. Ahmed

Lets listen to our internal conversation. Become aware of the dialogue that goes on non-stop inside your own head. If you pay close attention, you will be able to identify your mood every time.

Have you been focusing a log of your thoughts on how you may feel taken advantage of? Do you sometimes feel that your efforts are all in vain? That life does not hold all that you wanted? or that your health always interferes with daily living?

Have you observed that when you are feeling unappreciated or unloved by your spouse, you are probably also finding fault with your job, your friendship and your immediate prospects for improving your financial status?

It is nothing but a mood. Moods come and they go. They are an inescapable feature of the human predicament. They cloud our view of reality. They determine whether we are satisfied or discontent with those important aspects of our lives. But our moods change so fast that a morning's glowing description of one's love mate can by evening deteriorate into a litany of accusations and misunderstandings.

If our heads are filled with negative, reactive, exaggerated, "making-the-world-a-nightmare" thoughts, our moods will reflect our self-defeating evaluation. If on the other hand, we decide to ignore a barrage of hypercritical, judgmental, and anger-provoking thoughts, replacing them with more truthful or hopeful ones, we will notice an elevation in our moods.

For example, in our very materialistic culture, no matter how much we acquire, we are never satisfied. Like hungry ghosts, we are haunted by an obsessive need to always want something other than what our present reality is offering us. We tell ourselves that we will be happy when we get another job, earn more money, work less for more or lose 10 lbs., be

more involved with family, buy a new car, or move into a different house or apartment, and we go on and on and on.

If we would silence those noisy, troublesome, hungry ghosts inside our heads, we would soon discover (as one brilliant mind once wrote) that happy people are not those who get everything they want, they are those who want what they have got. You can always add other things later. The secret, however, is to stop and genuinely focus with an attitude of gratitude on that which we already have. An attitude of gratitude guarantees an elevation of your mood.

Here's another proven point to lift your mood. Just reflect for a moment, allow yourself to focus on LOVE. Love of God, love of your mate, love of your family, love of your friends, co-workers and strangers too; love of life, love of maybe even those who don't think too highly of you. *Focus on love.*

Visualize yourself receiving the love and concern of others. Remember all emotions are rooted in either love or fear. When love dominates our thoughts and subsequently our feelings, our moods are buoyed effortlessly. We return to that state of emotional equilibrium called happiness. You will know when your mood has changed because you focus less on what's wrong in your life and more on what is right in it.

The final and most powerful strategy for lifting oneself out of an ill-tempered mood is found in this simple admission: Whatever I am going through at this moment in my immediate life, with my finances, with my health or with my attitude about life in general, God will help me to go through it.

Remember too the Serenity Prayer and thank God for those individuals and things we can or cannot change, those who are very close to us in life, those who are very understanding and patient and willing to.

## Where Was The Amistad Story Before Spielberg?

by Earl Ofari Hutchinson

Steven Spielberg recently told an interviewer that he wouldn't have made the film Amistad, if he couldn't tell it as the story of Joseph Cinque, the reputed leader of the shipboard slave revolt. He felt that the story would only make sense if moviegoers had someone they could identify with.

This approach points to a sad, but painful truth about African-American history. While there are scores of heroes and heroic acts in Black history, many African Americans don't know about them. I don't exclude myself. I have written and researched numerous articles and several books on the Black experience, yet I was only faintly familiar with the Amistad story.

I remember that during the early 1970s, San Quentin prison activist, Ruchell Magee, and Black ex-convict, Donald DeFreeze, the leader of ill-fated the Symbionese Liberation

Army, styled themselves rebels and adopted the name of Cinque. Beyond that distant recollection the Amistad story seemed to me to be lost in the shadows of history.

This is inexcusable. The story is straightforward enough. In 1839, 53 Black slaves were transported illegally from West Africa on a Spanish schooner from one Cuban port to another. Led by Cinque, the slaves revolted at mid-sea, commandeered the ship, and attempted to sail it back to Africa. They never made it. The ship floundered for two months at sea, was captured by a U.S. navy cruiser and towed to Connecticut. In a bitter two-year court battle, the case became a cause celebre for abolitionists, drew much national and international attention and stirred political intrigue and controversy. Eventually the Amistad captives were freed in a landmark Supreme Court decision, and repatriated back to their African

homeland.

But why did it take top gun Hollywood filmmaker Spielberg to make millions of Americans aware of this magnificent tale of triumph and heroism. One answer is that Spielberg has the money and the muscle of Hollywood behind him. The other is that many Black scholars, activists, writers, filmmakers didn't do their job. They failed to chronicle the events of the Amistad for generations of African-American students. Even many Afrocentrists, who have turned the study of Africa and Egypt into a political fashion statement, have mostly ignored the Amistad story.

Despite the current hoopla over the film, there are still only three books on the Amistad saga, "Black Mutiny" by Williams Puffins, "Black Odyssey" by Mary Cables, and "Mutiny on the Amistad" by Howard Jones. Although these books have been hastily reissued to

capitalize on the film, they were out of print for nearly a decade. The public ignorance about the Amistad story tells just how much of African-American history has been lost, stolen, ignored and deliberately distorted. In the study guide for students accompanying the film Amistad producer, Debbie Allen got it right, "Whether you're talking about art, or literature, or music, the real story has just been castrated-left out."

The Amistad story, of course, is only the tip of the rich Black historical iceberg in America. Black inventors, explorers, scientists, architects, and trade unionists helped construct the foundation of American industry. Black abolitionists, religious and civil rights leaders helped shape law, politics, and ethics in America. Black artists, writers, and musicians gave America its most distinctive cultural art forms. This should be a point of pride and self-

esteem for young African Americans, and Americans of all colors. Instead much of this is barely known by them.

My great fear is that the Amistad story again may be lost in the "tie-in" stampede to cash in on the heightened public interest and curiosity that the film has stimulated. This happened with Spike Lee's film on Malcolm X. Hordes of fast-buck artists blitzed the market with paraphernalia, t-shirts, caps and poorly researched books. They turned Malcolm, the man, into a franchise. When the buzz died, so did public interest in Malcolm.

If the Amistad saga is reduced to loads of caps, t-shirts, and images of super action heroes, it will do nothing to promote and everything to discourage serious on-going study of the case's importance to American history and the Black struggle. Ignoring African-American history is bad enough, but commer-

cializing or romanticizing it is even worse. Let's hope that Amistad story won't suffer that fate.



## Time to Learn a New Alphabet for 21st Century

by John W. Templeton

Two thirds of African-American young males and a growing number of young Black women are thinking that the NFL, NBA, WNBA and even the PGA, are the way to get some O.P.M. (other people's money.)

The \$125 million contract recently awarded Kevin Garnett to play basketball for the next six years, without having attended college, is likely to make the situation worse.

In reality, the 1,200 African-American professional athletes only make a days worth of income compared to the total \$400 billion African-American national earnings.

VRML means 3-dimensional objects can

initials for the other 10 million African-American youth to learn--VRML and XML. Don't worry if you don't recognize these sets of letters. They are not athletic leagues, but they will be the biggest game in town for anyone who wants to make a good living for the next few decades.

The two terms describe Virtual Reality Modeling Language and Extensible Markup Language. What they mean is what Microsoft founder Bill Gates called during a San Francisco speech, the dawning of the "web lifestyle." For young people, they mean as good a chance to reach Gates' \$40 billion as Garnett's \$125 million.

VRML means 3-dimensional objects can

now be transmitted over the World Wide Web at sizes small enough to load almost instantaneously. Instead of static text and pictures, the Web now becomes a place to tell a story complete with characters and appropriate body language--a universal form of communication and expression. It means creating a music video and distributing it electronically by combining videotape, animation and sound from a personal computer. It means creating one's own video game and distributing it worldwide without a store.

XML means taking any existing document and transmitting an exact duplicate over the Internet that anyone else can read. These new languages

will create millions of jobs worldwide in writing programs, drawing animation, creating content and preserving existing information. A recent California survey showed that the average salary in the multimedia industry is more than \$60,000. In addition, someone will have to lay the connections to every school in the country and eventually every home, that will provide the band width to receive this brand new form of communication.

Cisco Systems, the company that makes Internet routers, has decided to get busy with creating the skilled workforce. It has announced the formation of Cisco Networking Academies, a new program to teach and certify high school and

college students to design, build and maintain computer networks capable of supporting national and global organizations. Upon completing the program, graduates will have the skills necessary to design and manage networks."

"In this Information Age, network administrators are essential to the success of almost all businesses," he said, "yet most companies are shaking the bushes to find enough people with the right skills to address the demand."

To kick-start the program, Cisco Systems will contribute approximately \$18 million in curriculum, equipment and resources to help bridge the gap. The investment has already started in 57 high

schools, colleges and technical schools in seven states throughout the country. Arizona, California, Florida, Minnesota, Missouri, New York and North Carolina.

In the first full year of the program, more than 1,000 students will gain the school-to-career experience they need to take immediate positions in the networking industry. That's already more jobs than all the athletic leagues combined.

Already, the companies that make electronic sports games are bigger than athlete's contract. An adolescence spent preparing for the world computer league is a much better bet than becoming the next Tiger Woods.

## The Gantt Report

by Lucius Gantt

Thoughts At Large:

Want to run for the state House of Representatives. If you're Black. The Republican House leadership says they will help you. The legislator from the Republican Party seeking to become Speaker said it would be impossible or almost impossible for him to assist legislators who constantly attacked him and his legislative suggestions but he is, he proclaims and I have no reason not to believe him,

genuinely interested in the plight of Blacks and Black communities in the State of Florida. Without calling his name, I worked with this guy addressing medical issues for a large state association and don't believe the election hype, he is a good person who will allow access by African-Americans in the political process.

Now let me say something good about the Democrats. A Democratic candidate for Governor is finally beginning to meet with Black political

experts to chart a course to maintain the Governor's office. This is significant because other candidates have been meeting with Blacks for months. I think everybody should meet with and hire Black political consultants because we can play all of the "Party" games we want, the truth of the matter is that white voters are divided, some liberal, some conservative. Whoever gets the ethnic vote in Florida wins!

Speaking of Democrats, who will be

the Black candidate who is designated to run statewide in Florida so as to bring out Black voters in counties where there may be no local Black candidates? Well, we thought it would be Daryl Jones but that is out. Maybe Doug Jamerson?

Possibly, but I think not.

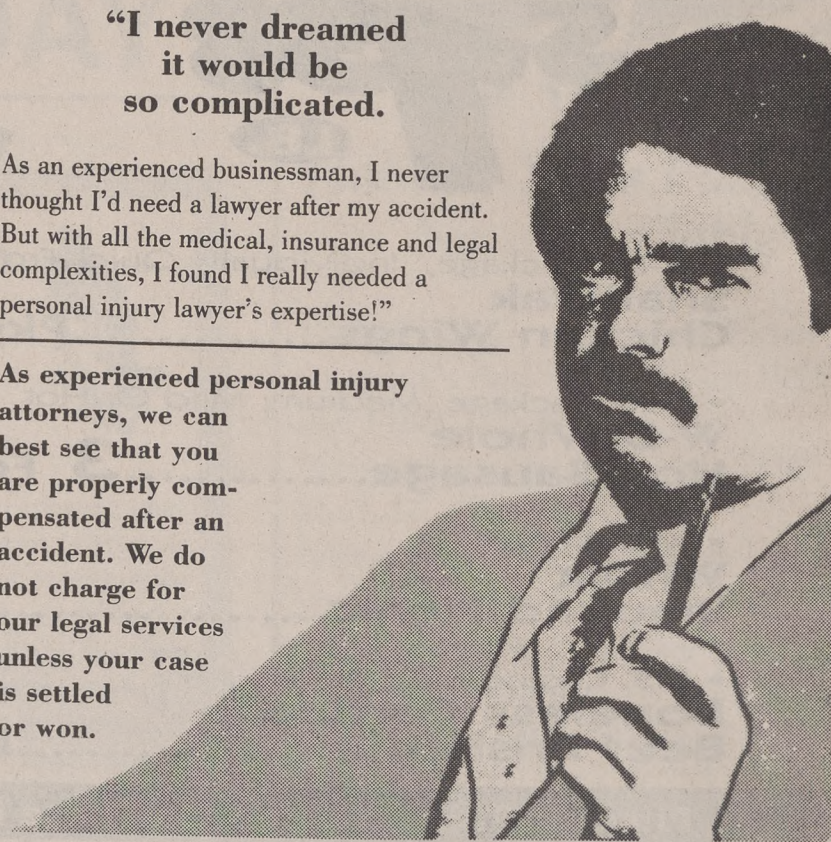
Finally, speaking about the upcoming 1998 elections, I wonder if politicians will still want to dump a lot of money into the hands of Black religious leaders? The practice of paying off Black preachers, includ-

ing but not limited to Jesse Jackson, putting fliers on cars in the church parking lots and doing one or two radio and the week before the votes are cast is not going to work. You'd better find an influence the registered Black voters!

**"I never dreamed it would be so complicated."**

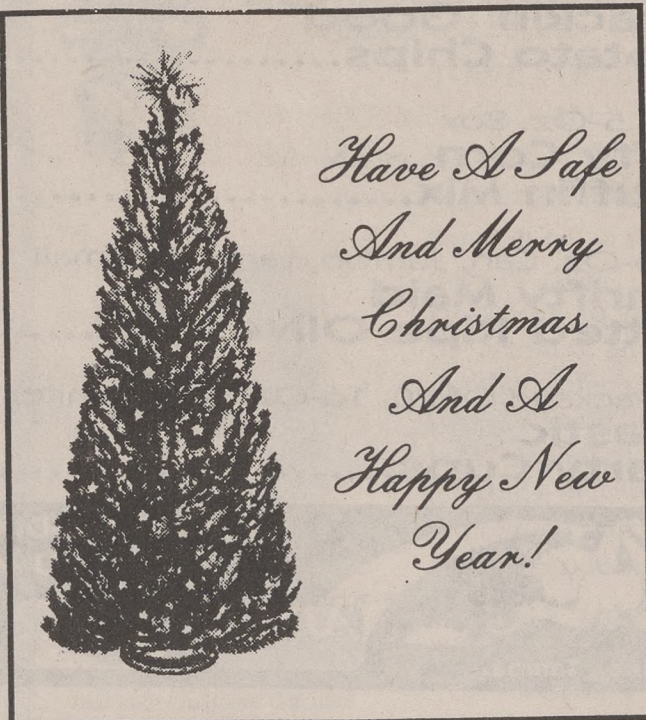
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# Zetas Present Annual Breakfast And Fashion Show

Zeta Gamma Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority presented another exciting Champagne Breakfast and Fashion Show for the St. Petersburg communities. Whether you needed fashions for the holidays, your career, a formal activity, or comfortable garb for leisure, you could find just what you needed at this gala event. You could even find a new hat to spice up a previously owned outfit for a new and different look. The affair took place at the St. Petersburg Hilton and Towers on Saturday, December 6, 1997 at 9:00 a.m.

The Zetas took the time to honor retiring member, Helen Shaw. Shaw has been an educator in the Pinellas County Schools for more than thirty-three years. She recently packed up and said good-bye to the children at Rawlings Elementary School. A plaque was presented by Eloise Thompson, chapter president and sister of the honoree. Others who received recognition were J.C. Penny at Tyrone Square Mall, Mr. Jerry Scott, manager, and the Hilton, represented by Diane Biallet. Margaret Redvick, chapter vice president, made the presentations. The toast was then offered by Daphne Lampley. Kay Mullen gave the invocation and grace before breakfast was served.

After a scrumptious breakfast served with coffee, juice,



and a flute of champagne, patrons sat back and enjoyed the various fashions. An added feature of this year's show was a mini seminar given by Jackie Walker of Option Dressing. While models strutted down the run-way, Mrs. Walker chatted with the audience about alternate ways to extend the life

and wear of each outfit. Models for the fashions from J.C. Penny included professional model Natalie Hayden, Brenda Burgess, and Alvina Walcott. Male models included Attorney Ronald Nelson and Will Rodgers. Teen models were Janeen Wallace and Torrin Purnell.

Following the garment fashion segment were models from Teemer's LaBoutique, with hats for all occasions. Although the hats left the audience breathless, one could not miss the synchronization as the models took the run-way in fours. Hat models included Erica Davis, Adelle Hughes,

Desiree Humbert, Jenee Isaac, Pat McGhee, Ann White, and Amanda Hamilton. LaBoutique's owner is Janet Teemer. Eloise Thompson, chapter president, saw this event as another successful way to begin the holiday celebrations. Proceeds from the breakfast will benefit community pro-

jects and charities. Thelma Kendrick and Benita Swanson were event chairpersons.

Zeta Phi Beta Sorority is a community-conscious, action-oriented organization.

For more information contact Emma C. Cavin 867-7857. Bill Thomas Photographer.



**UPPER PINELLAS HEADLINES**



by Marilyn Buckner

**CLEARWATER—** Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and Happy Kwanzaa! To all the avid readers and supporters of my column's return to the *Challenger*. I can't think of a better time than now, to wish all of you the best holiday season ever! Your letters and calls are appreciated.

By the time you read this column, many of you will begin celebrating Kwanzaa (12/26 - 1/1). We, as a people, have a rich, soul stirring saga and culture. One that not too long ago, we were made to feel ashamed of. Our so-called idioms or dialects have been the butt of many jokes, but it wasn't a joking matter for our ancestors, who had no choice but to learn and speak this new language, called English-to-forget their "savageness" or "heathen" ways (culture). Yet, syllable by syllable, they learned this country's language, and spoke it in our own unique rhythm and volume. Our ancestors knew their culture and customs were based upon how and what they thought—which is what defies a culture. This generation of African-Americans know our rich history and historical linguistics and accomplishments, accurately. For a long time our culture was defined for us, labeled for us and we, as a people, accepted this learned behavior and practice because we didn't have a choice in the matter, actually, now we do and our

indivertible spirit will not go backwards. WE can now set aside a time to embrace, savor and taste our culture, by celebrating Kwanzaa, which is a seven day celebration of principles, practices, parenting and a sense of community.

Day One-(Umoja), Unity. Stress unity in the family by emphasizing harmony in the family, community, nation and the world.

Day Two-(Kujichagulia), Self-Determination. Define ourselves, name ourselves, create and speak for ourselves, instead of being created and defined by others.

Day Three-(Ujima), Collective Work and Responsibility. Build and maintain our community together; make our brothers and sisters problems our problems, and solve them together.

Day Four-(Ujamaa), Cooperative Economics. Build our own businesses and control the economics of our community, in order to restore our people to their traditional greatness.

Day Five-(Nia), Purpose. Make our collectable vocations the building and developing of our community, in order to restore our people to their traditional greatness.

Day Six-(Kuumba), Creativity. Always do as much as we can, in the way that we can, in order to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than we inherited it.

## Coalition Stands With Uhurus

ST. PETERSBURG— The Coalition of African American Leadership, Inc. held a press conference on Monday, December 22, 1997 at the Uhuru House on 18th Avenue South to denounce recent statements made by Pinellas County Sheriff Everett Rice regarding Omali Yeshitela's and the Uhuru Movement's rejection of the Weed and Seed Program. Also to clarify some matters about the African-American community's position on the program.

In a prepared statement, read by Lou Brown, the co-chairman of the organization, it was made clear and precise that the Coalition takes a firm position with chairman, Omali, St. Petersburg Police Chief, Goliath Davis and Mayor David Fisher.



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# Top Achieving Kids In Public Housing Earn Kmart Christmas Spree



KMart Christmas Spree

ST. PETERSBURG—The Housing Authority of the City of St. Petersburg and the K-MART store in south St. Petersburg recently hosted a free breakfast and shopping spree to reward high achieving children.

The K-MART store at 3951 34th Street South annual sponsors the event to reward children attending the Computer Learning Center, the author-

ity's successful Public Housing Drug Elimination and Youth Initiatives Program. The children selected, who were the top achievers this year at the Computer Learning Center based in Jordan Park, live in Clearview Park, James Park and Jordan Park. They arrived at the store just after 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 6th. After a free breakfast, K-MART provided each child

with a \$5 gift-wrapped present and \$20 worth of merchandise of the child's choosing at no charge.

The high achievers work under the guidance and supervision of Carolyn Hooker at The Computer Center, along with assistance from staffers Yolanda Anderson and Vincent Latimore of Residential Services.

The children rewarded for

their great grades, good attitudes and strong potential, are: Douglas Baker, Gerrell Bowens, James Hubbard, Willie Hubbard, Brittany Johnson, Mario McGriff, Rayvard McLaurin, Ramone Mooror, Tatiana Newton, Fallon M. Reavill, Keosha Scott, Sade Smith, Tina Ward, Demetrius Warthen and Maretha Williams. The children are shown with Vince Latimore and Yolanda Anderson along with K-MART staffers.

John Jantschek, K-MART's store manager, says the event is one way for this major retailer to express "our appreciation for and involvement in the community we serve."

"For many of these children, this event may have been the highest of their Christmas holiday," adds Mack S. Home, the authority's director of family housing and residential services. "With K-MART's generosity, we were able to provide kids with rewards for the hard work and achievements they have accomplished during the year. This is another way to provide positive reinforcement for their learning efforts. We can't thank K-MART enough!

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Day Seven (Imani), Faith. To believe with all our heart in our creator, our people, our parents, our teachers, our leaders and the righteousness and victory of our struggle.

African-American issues on civil rights, affirmative action and race relations are on the front burner in this country today. (We must never forget that every right and comfort that we enjoy today, were legislated). There's a sentiment of "last chance" to stand together in unity for these hard won victories. The census numbers and societal mores, strongly suggest that the 21st century will no longer be focused on black/white issues, because other minorities are trailblazing their rights as citizens to have a voice, and to be heard and rightfully so. Politically, we could end up back at the bottom of the totem pole.

Here's hoping that Santa was good to one and all, and self-knowledge of our culture, through Kwanzaa principles will enrich your life, those you love, and those who will come after you.

Send your community news and events to me at P.O. Box 6941 Clearwater, FL 33758 or call 561-5629.

# 1997 National Cover Girl Crowned



ST. PETERSBURG—Nine year old child author, Sochitl S. Cotman, of the Luxury Paradise Serial has been crowned 1997 National Cover Girl by the Miss American Coed Pageants Sweetheart Division during festivities at the Disney Plaza Hilton November 23rd

through December 1st. Her photograph will be featured on approximately 80,000 souvenir covers of pamphlets and books relating to the state and national pageants.

Sochitl is the state finalist of during festivities at the Disney Plaza Hilton November 23rd

newly created Sweetheart Division in August in Tampa. She became the only finalist from Florida to win a title at the nationals.

Her competitive speech included excerpts from the poem "Spirit Brothers." Sochitl's volunteer service of readings at 1996 and 1997 festivals sponsored by Hillsborough County Schools at the Lowry Park Zoo, New College in Sarasota and Eckerd College in St. Petersburg in association with daily newspapers. *Luxury Paradise*, her first book has been endorsed by the New York Board of Education and will be used in their elementary schools. The largest school district in the United States of America. The other two books, *Snow How* and *Brazil Our Love* are being featured constantly at Book Fairs throughout the world. During this holiday season, she will again (for the third year) present copies of her latest book to branch libraries.

Sochitl is a fourth grader at Shorecrest Preparatory School and is the daughter of Jacqueline and H. Earl Cotman of St. Petersburg.

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## Black Archives Center Added To Funding Bill

TALLAHASSEE—Florida members of Congress have taken the first step toward securing up to \$3.8 million for expansion, repair and renovation of the Black Archives and Research Center at Florida A&M University.

U.S. Rep. Allen Boyd, D-Monticello, and U.S. Sens. Bob Graham, D-Miami Lakes and Connie Mack, R-Cape Coral, succeeded in adding authorization of the project to an Interior Department funding bill Thursday night. Actual appropriation of money for up to half the cost of design, construction and equipping of a museum will be done next year.

## Omegas-Barnett Bank Help To Spread Christmas Cheer

ST. PETERSBURG—The ETA-RHO Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity joined in partnership with Barnett Bank to support the Adopt-A-Family Program. A deserving family on 12-20-97 received several large boxes of wrapped gifts. The fraternity will continue to support a broad range of community activities through donations and service to it's fellow citizens.

## Military News

Charles Williams, Jr.  
Army Pvt. Charles Williams, Jr. has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Knox, KY.

During the training, trainees received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Williams is the sons of Charles and Dorothy Williams of 3816 Queensboro Avenue South, St. Petersburg.

Buffie C. Turner  
Army Pvt. Buffie C. Turner has graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, MO.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Turner is the daughter of Phyllis Turner of 4810 Ninth Avenue South, St. Petersburg.

The private is a 1993 graduate of Boca Ciega High School, St. Petersburg, FL.

## CORRECTION

### Wedding Announcement

Rev. Charles Jenkins of Mt. Zion Progressive Baptist Church will be married on February 14 1998 in Jackson Tennessee. A bus has been chartered for family and friends to

attend this ceremony.

Deposits of \$50.00 dollars per person is required.

For more information contact Betty Beeler, 895-3993 or Mary Dudley, 867-4144.

## Join The Fun

The St. Petersburg Pan Hellenic Council cordially invites all Greeks to a Holiday Treat.

Come and party the night away on Saturday, December 27, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. at the

Lynn Lake Arms Clubhouse #2, 5800 Lynn Lake Drive South.

For more information contact Ella M. Morehead, President at 864-3081.

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# Green And Adams Crowned Miss Nzingha And Mr. Shaka

ST. PETERSBURG—In an African village setting at Bethel Community Baptist Church, two contestants in the Miss Nzingha and Mr. Shaka contest were honored and crowned in the annual fund raiser for the Black History Pageant. Danielle Green, daughter of Felicia Johnson and Dan Green was crowned Miss Nzingha and Edgar Adams 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Adams, Jr., was crowned Mr. Shaka.

Other contestants included Ainess Rembert, daughter of Rhonda Rembert and Anthony Rembert, and Andria Young, daughter of Ms. Phyllis Young. Participants in the Black History Pageant marched into the sanctuary singing their African theme song and reciting their acknowledgement that they are the descendants of great ancient Africans which was written by the late Dr. Barbara Jackson.

Tiffany Hodges led the contestants into the village as the fruit bearer. The keynote speaker for the occasion was Dr. Athena Richardson, a Tampa Bay area pediatrician. Sharon Forrester, an alumnus of the pageant, sang; and a liturgical dance was performed by Felicia Watkins, Celicia Watkins, Lenay Watkins, Terrence Jamison and Anastasia Jamison. Minister John Peterman presided and Rev. Manuel L. Sykes, pastor of the sponsoring church, Bethel Community, gave remarks. Teresa Riggs one of the drama coaches for the pageant, designed the African village setting. This year's fund raiser is part of the 20th Anniversary celebration of the Black History Pageant. The 20th production of the Black History Pageant will be held 6 p.m. Sunday, February 8, 1998 at Bayfront Center's Mahaffey Theater.

Some 57 young people between the ages of 10 to 21 will be performing their history through drama, dance and song. This year's theme is: Up Ye Mighty People; African Americans Restoring the Faith. Peggy Peterman is the pageant director Rhonda Rembert is the coordinator. Interested persons who wish to be a part of the 20th Anniversary souvenir booklet and all alumni of the pageant are asked to call 822-7674 or 327-9869.



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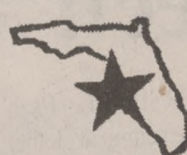
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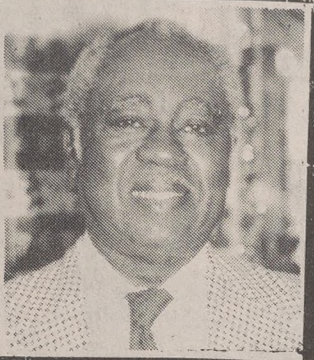


# North Central Florida



## Ocala News

by James Thorpe



### Watch Night Service

**\*Shady Grove Baptist Church** will hold service at New St. John Baptist Church. Service will begin at 10 p.m.

**\*Greater Hopewell Baptist Church** will hold service with St. Paul A.M.E. Methodist Church. Service will begin at 9:00 p.m.

**\*Hopewell Baptist Church**, Lowell, FL will hold service with United Baptist Church in Reddick, FL.

**Home For Christmas**  
Kathy Lowe and Mimi Gunter are home from Maryland to be with their parents, L.K. and Evelyn Lowe.

Diane is home to visit her parents Henry and Willie Mae Lewis. Diane lives in New Jersey.

Johnnie and Florence Drummer's children and grandchildren are home for Christmas. Sylvia and children from Tallahassee, FL. Sandra from Pensacola, grandson, Amonda and his friend from Japan.

Janis is home to spend Christmas with her parents, Clarence and Ernestine Coleman. She lives in Ft. Miramar FL.

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Commission**  
The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Commission has met and are making plans for the 1998 Celebration. This year, there will be an entire weekend of events.

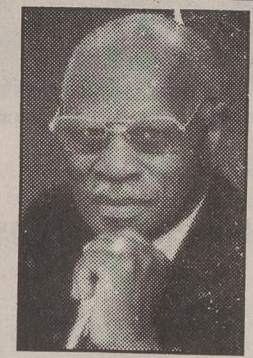
\*January 17th: Prayer Breakfast, New St. John Baptist Church, Rev. T.L. Brooks, Pastor at 9:00 a.m.

\*January 18th: Church Program, New St. John Baptist Church at 7:00 p.m.

\*January 19th: All day celebration

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## Healthy Tips From American Institute For Cancer Research

### Classic Art Promotes

#### Healthful Cuisine In 1998

The American Institute for Cancer Research wondered what some famous works of art might look like with a few alterations made for the sake of good health. The result is a clever and informative 1998 wall calendar, "The Art of Healthy Eating."

The calendar features the work of artist Chris Stephens and his adaptations of well-known paintings to include healthful foods. In addition to these colorful masterpieces, the calendar provides tips on improving health and cancer prevention. Each month highlights simple recipes and a health goal which ties into the subject of the month's "nutritionally-correct" painting.

February features Stephens' rendition of *Whistler's Mother* with tips to make the traditional comfort foods that mon used to

make more nutritious. Seuraat's depiction of a beautiful walk in the park, *Un Dimanche A La Grande Jatte*, is July's subject, and focuses on smart summer food preparation and minimizing cancer risk. Matisse's *Large Composition with Masks* adorns December, with creative ideas for healthful holiday gift baskets.

### AICR's Nutrition Hotline Turns Ten This Year

Answering questions that have ranged from which foods are best for people fighting cancer to what is the nutritional value of moose meat, the American Institute for Cancer Research's Nutrition Hotline has responded to thousands of consumer queries throughout the past decade.

Most of us don't walk around all day with complex nutrition questions bouncing around in our heads. But many of us have wondered at one time or another about things like what "phytochemicals" and "antioxidants" are supposed to do for us, or whether that leftover roast beef that's been in the fridge since last week is still safe to eat. One of the best things about AICR's free Nutrition Hotline is that it offers answers to questions like these, in addition to those related to more serious health issues.

Many callers want to know what they can do to provide the best nutrition for a loved one diagnosed with cancer. "Certain foods are not as good for people undergoing chemotherapy or radiation, and it's important to know which foods those are," says Clara Schneider, one of the Hotline's registered dietitians. Schneider says she's especially pleased to get calls from cancer survivors who want to make sure they're eating the most nutritious foods to help stay cancer-free.

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So the next time you have questions related to nutrition, but think it's too silly to ask, just remember the woman who called the Hotline last year asking for a recipe for edible bubbles (we don't know of one, by the way), and dial toll free, 1-800-843-8114.

### Sober is Smarter This Holiday Season

Your holiday guests may be more likely to skip the alcohol if they're offered a creative and appealing non-alcoholic drink, aside from the typical soda or seltzer. Try serving these easy-to-make, non-alcoholic drinks at your next holiday party:

#### Sparkling Mock Red Wine

Choose stemmed wine glasses or tall slender glasses. Pour each glass half full of very cold diet lemon-lime carbonated beverage or similar beverage. Fill the glass with very cold cranapple juice. Serve at once while the bubbles are still rising.

#### Smart Champagne

Choose stemmed champagne glasses. Pour each glass half full with very cold diet gin-

ger ale. Fill the glass with very cold apple cider. Serve at once while the bubbles are still rising.

#### Holiday Punch

Combine unsweetened apple, pineapple, and cranberry juices, orange slices, and seltzer or ginger ale; to serve hot, omit the seltzer or ginger ale and add a dash of cinnamon, nutmeg or cloves.

By keeping your alcohol intake to a minimum this holiday season and all year round, you and your loved ones can toast to good health this year with a better chance at having it.

#### Be a Health-Conscious Cook This Holiday Season

Many of us think of the holidays as a time when, as far as our diets are concerned, all is forgiven; our sins of the palate are overlooked. But if we take a little time to plan our holiday foods wisely, we can end up with great-tasting, nutritious meals that leave us with nothing to feel sorry or guilty about.

The American Institute for Cancer Research recently published a new study emphasizing the need for plenty of vegetables, fruits and grains in our diets, along with physical activity and weight control, for cancer prevention and overall good health. While many of us already serve vegetables at our holiday meals, we often prepare them with much more calories and fat than is needed. Drowning vegetables in heavy cream sauces or serving potatoes dripping with butter adds unnecessary, unhealthy fat to our holiday table.

Calories that can easily be skipped without being missed.

Try this creamy corn casserole. Each of the 4 servings has only 2 grams of fat; Melt 2 teaspoons of margarine in a nine-inch glass pie plate and blend in 1 1/2 tablespoons of flour. Stir in 8 ounces of evaporated skim milk, 2 cups of cooked corn, and salt and pepper to taste. Bake at 350 degrees F. until creamy and thick, stirring occasionally, about 25 to 30 minutes. Serve immediately.

Instead of preparing deep-fried appetizers for this year's holiday guests, try serving fresh colorful vegetables, like sliced red and green bell peppers, with a low fat dip made with non-fat yogurt and light sour cream.

As an alternate to baked potatoes, to which we're usually tempted to add high-fat toppings like butter, sour cream or cheese, try serving wild rice with raisins and mushrooms. Boil 1 cup of water with 2 cups of chicken broth in a covered saucepan. Then add 1 cup of wild rice, 1/2 cup seedless raisins, and 4 ounces of canned mushrooms. Reduce heat to a simmer and cook until tender, about 1 hour.

It's easy to incorporate more healthful foods in your holiday meal while preparing the stuffing for your turkey. Try adding raisins or diced apples for something different, and season with onion, garlic, chives or scallions. Sweet potatoes also taste great with raisins, dates or chopped

apricots mixed in.

When it comes to dessert, give family and friends the option of a rich dessert or a platter of fresh, seasonal sliced fruits like oranges, grapefruit, tangerines and pears. You may be surprised at how many people opt for the healthier, lighter meal finale.

By incorporating these simple changes into your cooking, not only will your holiday foods taste delicious, they'll be packed with nutritious ingredients that you can feel good about serving to the whole family.

#### Holiday Pounds:

##### Easy Come...Not So Easy Go

The average person puts on an extra 5 to 11 pounds between Thanksgiving and New Year's, according to several sources. That's enough to make even Santa blush! It's no wonder the first thing we want to do on January 2nd is rid ourselves of the excess fat and the guilt. But instead of dealing with holiday weight gain after New Year's, the smarter, less frustrating time to handle those extra pounds is before they even appear.

Losing weight during the holiday season is unrealistic for most people and often just sets them up for failure. It's usually wiser to focus on maintaining your weight or limiting weight gain to just one or two pounds during these palate-tempting weeks. The American Institute for Cancer Research has some helpful hints for avoiding the notorious "winter waistline."

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# North Central Florida



## Society In Ocala

by  
Florence Williams Ray

### Merry Christmas

I would like to take a moment to say "Merry Christmas" to all my readers out there. I am forever grateful for your support.

May your day begin with peace and end with peace.

May The Blessings of The Lord Never Cease!

### Williams Turns 92



Dora Williams

Birthday greetings go out to Dora Lee Williams who turns 92 on December 31, 1997. Williams is known as "Aunt Dora" to many. She is the cousin of Mrs. Vivian D. Lee of Ocala, FL.

### Hart Turns 91

Lillie Mae Hart turned 91 years old on November 23, 1997. She is the mother of 5 children, 30 grands, 15 great grands and 9 great, great grands. She recently spent a weeks vacation with her sons in Punta Gorda, Florida and Port Charlotte, FL.

Mrs. Hart resides in Ocala with her daughter Clara Howard.

### Pritchard Turns 92



Andrew Pritchard

Deacon Andrew Pritchard turned 92 on December 19, 1997.

Happy Birthday greetings also go out to:

\*Lillian Pierson and James Porter, December 24th,

\*Alicia Pierson, December 27th.

\*David Williams and Elaine Reynolds, December 30th.

### Arts and Crafts Program

The Senior/Adult Arts and Crafts program is back in full effect. This year the program is located at War Memorial on the 1st of every month and the 3rd Tuesday at the Lillian Bryant Center. This year there is a cost of \$3 per student, per class.

### Gospel Choir Seeks Members

If you are interested in participating in the Weed & Seed Gospel Group, please call Tina Green at 620-7600 or stop by the Weed & Seed office or get in touch with Mr. Robert Williams at War Memorial. Their new piano instructor is Tim Ivory. This choir will begin in January, 1998.

seeking mentors to meet weekly with students at school.

Training sessions for prospective mentors will be January 15 and February 12, 1998. All training sessions are conducted in the school board meeting room.

For more information, contact Gail Akin or Mary Fred Clemmons at 620-1130 between 8:30 and 5 p.m.

Qualified applicants must be at least 19, have a high school diploma, believe in the importance of education, have an interest in helping children and be able to volunteer one hour per week during school hours.

Take Stock In Children is a non-profit program which provides college tuition and mentoring for low-income students and is administered by the Marion County Public Schools Foundation.

Mentors help students remain focused on their long-term goal of a college education. Mentors must complete an application and undergo Florida Department of Law Enforcement screening.

## Faith Is A Star

by Minister Robin Williams

Faith is a star shining above incredibly bright; A prayerful song sweetened with love, for seasons spaciouly white.

Faith is a city beyond a hill kneeling in fay; a sodden stable patiently still, hiding away.

Faith is men, humble and wise, bearing gifts of joy; a night all filled with holy eyes, comforting an infant boy.

Faith is a star guiding light into the heart of men; A miracle of God's undying plight, Faith is a star over Bethlehem!

### Child Mentors Sought

The Marion County Takes Stock in Children Programs, is

### SEND US NEWS!

If you have information that might make a good article for this paper, send it in, and we'll try to use it in an upcoming issue.



## LIGHT OF THE WORLD

By DANIEL BANKS

### For A Useful, Noble Life

"Eternal God, who commits to us the swift and solemn trust of life; since we know not what a day may bring forth, but only that the hour for serving You is always present, may we wake to the instant claim of Your Holy will. Lay to rest, by the persuasion of Your Spirit, the resistance of our passion, indolence or fear.

Consecrate with Your presence the way our feet may go; that the humblest work may shine and the roughest places, be made plain. Lift us above unrighteous anger and mistrust into faith and hope and charity by a simple and steadfast reliance on Your sure will. In all things draw us to the mind of Christ, that Your lost image may be traced again in us, and that You may own us as one with Him and You, to the glory of Your Holy name. Amen." - James Martineau.

Christmas to me, this year, has been more than merely giving gifts. I've given an awful lot of my time to the Ocala community, for the cause of Christmas.

On December 6, 1997, I coordinated Childhood Development Services, Inc's first-

ever entry into the 1997 Chamber of Commerce/Marion County Christmas Parade. It was a motorized entry consisting of three vehicles (two Head Start buses and a van), decorated with giant multi-cultural hats on top and children's art work along the sides. It was exhilarating to walk before the vehicles and greet the crowd of 50,000 + people along the parade route. Our theme was "The Joys of Christmas Around The World." Mexico, Africa, and Holland were represented.

I also gave a solo recital on December 20, 1997 at St. Paul A.M.E. Church in Ocala. The result was "stupendous," without a doubt! The Lord met us there in a great way! Despite last minute shopping demands, vacation plans and visiting relatives, we had a nice crowd. The Lord answered every one of my prayers concerning this event and blessed me, personally, above my expectations!

I sang through 14 songs, without missing a note or forgetting a single line. I received 4 standing ovations and the pastor, as a result has asked me to give a recital for Easter! Praise Be To God!

Professional videotapes with editing and graphics will be available after the new year

## Alcohol Doesn't Have To Be Guest Of Honor

TAMPA- As the holidays nears, it is essential to remember that alcohol and party-goers are a deadly combination. "Serving non-alcoholic drinks can save someone's life this year" according to Michael Hicks, Program Director, of Turning Point of Tampa.

Keep the following facts in mind when planning your party: It takes one (1) hour for a drink to leave your body and seven (7) hours for five drinks to process themselves through your system. The liver can only handle once ounce of alcohol per hour. Coffee, colds showers or exercise won't sober you up, only time will.

"As the host of a party this holiday season, remember if you insist on serving alcohol, don't just pour it in the glass, use a jigger. You're not doing your friends a favor by loading them up on alcohol", Mr. Hicks adds.

Mr. Hicks also suggests that about an hour before you want the party to end, put away the alcohol and serve hot coffee and a rich dessert. Neither will sober anyone up, but they're better

for the nominal price of \$12.00.

If you're interested in purchasing a video of the recital "Daniel Sings for Christmas," you may call me at (352) 622-2679 or contact Pastor Sykes at (352) 622-8921.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

than one for the road. In addition, Mr. Hicks adds, if your guests has had too much alcohol get someone to take him or her home, or let the person stay overnight at your house". If the drunk guest insists on driving, take away the keys. You'd rather have an irritated friend than a dead one.

Holiday parties are an especially difficult time for recovering alcoholics who are trying to stay sober and must constantly combat drink inducing lines such as, "have just one," or "it won't hurt you," or "you deserve it". If you're hosting a party, don't pressure anyone to take a drink. Respect your guests and their choices. Also, encourage games and dancing, long conversations and sitting cause more drinking.

For those party givers who'd like to plan their holiday parties and events without alcohol, a recipe book of non-alcoholic drinks is available at the Turning Point of Tampa. For your free recipe book send a self addressed stamped envelope, or stop by at Turning Point of Tampa, 5439 Beaumont Center Blvd., Suite 1010, Tampa, Florida 33634, (813) 882-3003.

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# CHURCH NEWS



## My Testimony

by  
Ronald Mathis Sr.

Grace and Peace to you from God the Father and God the Son and God Holy Spirit which is Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He is Lord of Lords and King of Kings of all Kings. This testimony is about how much power there is in the Word of God. Their was a man here named Norman. He was an Atheist. He had a part-time job knitting hats. Norman made a hat for me that had the name "Jesus" in front. The hat was all white the letters were red. This hat was an eyecatcher. Norman had never in his life made a hat with the name Jesus on it. The had made other hats with other names but never Jesus, plus he didn't believe in Jesus. The hat was made for me by a friend of mine. Now I would share with Norman about God and what He could do for him. Norman didn't want to hear anything I had to say about Jesus Christ. I asked Norman to make me a cross to go around my neck. He said he would but he really didn't want to. He would put me off. But I never gave up. Then I needed another hat made. I wanted a red hat made with white letters in front. I wanted the words "The Blood of Jesus". He didn't want to make this hat either, but I didn't give up I kept on him about what I wanted, he told me that I was very persis-

tent and demanding. He said "Man don't you give up". I said, "I want what I want". As I shared with him about my case and why was I trusting in someone I can't see. I shared with him my visions and what God has done for me in the past and how he delivered me from the death penalty. He said I have never seen anything like what you have seen, I said "Jesus is alive and Real" he said "Jesus would have to show himself to me in order for me to become a believer". He shared with me how much he was hurt by the way his family was treating him. He would send money home for the kids and grandkids. They received the money but never wrote back to say "Thank you, Grand Dad". Nor would their mother write him or come to see him. It had been over three years since he had heard from his family. As we spoke, I could see the hurt in his eyes because of the love he had for his family. He wanted nothing more in life than to hear from his family and know what was going on in their lives. I asked him, "if Jesus would show you something in your life about God's power, would you believe?" Norman said, "it would take a miracle". I said "before this week is over you are going to receive a visit or a letter from your family". Our

conversation was on Sunday, a letter from Norman's daughter arrived on Tuesday. Norman was in a state of shock because the letter had been written on Tuesday of the previous week and not mailed for two days. Norman's mind was opened again, he told me about what his brother said. They both thought that I was seeing things in my mind. Alfred wanted to argue some more with me about nothing. I told him that something bad was going to happen to him. He said "Oh-Yeah". He walked out of my room and got into an argument about something he said. A man cut his neck from Ear to Ear, with a razor. He was bleeding heavily. As he passed by me he was in a state of shock. He looked at me, as to say, I should have listened to you. He was in a great deal of pain. His face was cut so bad that he was in a great deal of pain. His face was cut so bad that we could see him in this condition. I was hurting. He received one hundred and twenty seven stitches in his face, he was then moved to another prison. His brother was put in solitary confinement then moved to another prison also. Alfred learned about disobeying God's Word and he learned a lesson about playing church. Jesus tells us in Revelation 3:15-16 about being lukewarm. Not hot for God and the other foot still in the world. I find that a lot of people play church and come to God only when they are in need of some-

thing. They don't have time for God in their daily life. They are to busy with the things of the world. God has showed me so many people that turn back to their old ways after He has healed them once they got what they wanted. Each and everyone of them paid the price, all their hurting or pain returned, because of the sin in their life or because of disobeying God's Word and doing their own thing. In 2 Peter chapter 2:20-22: After all when people have escaped from all the filthy things of the world by the full knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and then later on get all tangled up with and overpowered by these same filthy things of the world by the full knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and then later on get all tangled up with and overpowered by these same filthy things, in the end those people are much worse off then they were at first. You see, it would have been better for them if they had never known about the road that leads to perfect holiness, than to know about it and then turn back and no longer follow God's Holy Commandment that was passed along to them. What that true Proverb says has happened to such people. A dog turns back to what he has vomited up". A pig which has been washed goes back to roll around in the mud. Know one should think that they can fool God nor should anyone play with God's Word. Please be

real in your walk and in your talk and your faith with God. I have seen the end, and it is a horrible sight. God's Word is alive just as He is. God's Word is alive just as He is. He tells us that in Hebrews chapter 4: 12-13 this walk with God is real. It is nothing to play with or to be in part-time. God must be first or not at all. Don't be luke warm like other people because Jesus said he will spit you out of His mouth for good and we all know where we go if that happens, right to Hell. So the choice is yours. Who do you really love the most, Jesus or the world. Choose now it is a matter of life and death, Heaven or Hell. If you play now you will pay later. because he realized that I could not have possibly known about the letter being in the mail at that time and that only God could have led me to tell him. He didn't show me the letter until the next day. He took the letter to work with him and showed the letter to everyone and told them bout the miracle. He couldn't figure out how to tell that he was still shocked about it. He argued to read John chapter 3 and Romans 10: 8-18 and share with me what he discovered about the word of God. He made me two more hats and two more crosses to go with the hats. When I saw the

letter from his daughter, something went through my body. I was happy for him and surprised how quickly God works. In 2 Peter Chapter 1-v-21: for prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. I know that I am nothing, it is Jesus Christ who spoke through me and planted a seed in Norman's mind. Norman is not the same atheists in my other letter from his sister after 3 years. What God did once He will do again. He is making believers out of unbelievers. This is the second time that God has showed someone here that nothing is impossible with God. Both men who needed to hear from their families received mail within 2 to 3 days. This happened at two different times. Norman was arrested and put in the hole on drug charges. But praise God he saw what to him was a miracle and the word was planted in his mind. There was also a African brother here named Alfred. He claimed to be a Christian Because he read the Bible and went to church. Sometimes he would eat with me at night and we would share the word of God. He didn't believe all the Bible. He only believed what he wanted to

believe. I would show him where he was wrong. Whenever I told him about his nasty mouth and his playboy books he would tell me, "a man must do what a man must do". His mind was on money and things of the world, because his brother was rich. He also was in here at Lewisburg Prison. Alfred's bills he got gambling, and he would take care of all Alfred's needs. Alfred depended on his brothers money, not on Jesus. Alfred who was walking trouble wherever he went he would

talk one way and walk another. As I shared with him what the Lord was showing me, he would always want to quarrel about God's Word and what he thought God's Word ment to his. What I said ment nothing. But God would prove him wrong. One night as he was sitting in my room I looked at him and God showed me a dark cloud around his face. I told him about the cloud that I saw around his face. His brother said, "No, I see nothing". Days later Alfred came to my room



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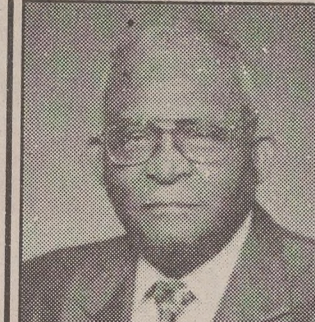


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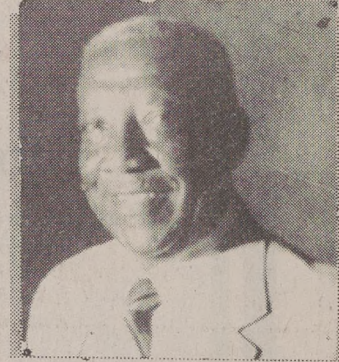
3200 5th Avenue S., St. Petersburg, FL  
Rev. Steve Thomas, Pastor

EARLY MORNING WORSHIP 8 A.M.  
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.  
LATE MORNING WORSHIP 11 A.M.  
BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER MEETING WED. 7 P.M.  
Come join us each Sunday for any or all of these services.  
You are welcome.



## 10th Street Church Of God

207 10th Street North, St. Petersburg, FL  
Sunday School .....9:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship .....11:00 a.m.  
Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting/  
Bible Study .....7:15 p.m.  
Evening Worship (1st & 3rd Sunday) .....6:00 p.m.  
Rev. Chester L. James, Jr. - Pastor  
International Headquarters, Anderson, Indiana



## New Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church

3001 18th Avenue South St. Petersburg, FL 33712  
Church: (813) 327-9904 Office: (813) 321-3898  
Elder Carl Rhodes, Jr., Pastor

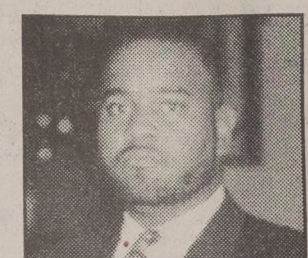
Early Morning Worship 8 a.m. (2nd thru 5th Sundays)  
Church School 9:30 a.m. • Mid-Morning Worship 11 a.m.  
Communion Service 5 p.m. (1st Sundays)  
Prayer Meeting 7 p.m. (Tuesdays)  
Christian Education School 7 p.m. (Wednesdays)  
"Oh, Come Let Us Praise The Lord!"



## ST. MARK MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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

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



Rev. Brian K. Brown

"One week from church makes one weak."

## 20th Street Church Of Christ

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

Minister Robert Clemons

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







# CHURCH NEWS



## Moore's Chapel

Rev. M. Mason Walker and Moore's Chapel family welcome you to their services this 4th Sunday in December (28th). 8:00 a.m. the sermon will be delivered by Sis. Ira Whitson; 11:00 a.m. Rev. Walker will deliver the sermon. Music will be furnished by the Male Chorus, directed and accompanied by Minister of Music, Geraldine Mays. The Stewardship Board and the

Usher Board will serve. Church will begin at 9:30 a.m. with Superintendent Mose Phillip Bell in charge. The lesson entitled "Faith is the Victory", I John, 5th Chapter, verses 1-5, I John Chapter 5, verses 6-12.

For transportation to church school call Fernander Ross at 8964-3428, Saturday evenings by 10:00 p.m. For transportation to church ser-

vice, call Willie F. Bryant at 894-6067 by 10:00 p.m. Saturday evening.

Moore's Chapel Christmas Eve Communion Service was held on December 24th. Evening Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, January 7th. Moore's Chapel Church Anniversary will be held in February. Noon day prayer service will continue on Wednesday at 12:00.

## Traveler's Rest Missionary Baptist Church

ST. PETERSBURG— Rev. Browne and the Traveler's Rest Missionary Baptist Church family would like to invite everyone to come out and worship with them on this Sunday. The C.Y.Y. A. Choir will be rendering the song service under the direction of Bro. Steve Wilson. Musician and Keosha Herring.

Sunday School begins at 9:30, followed with Mid-morning Worship Service at 11:00 a.m. Transportation can be provided for anyone by calling the church at 822-4869.

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

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

**Other activities for the week:** Saturday, December 27, 1997, C.Y.Y.A. Choir Rehearsal at 10:00 a.m.; Tuesday, December 30th, Mass Choir

Rehearsal; Wednesday, December 31st, Praise and Worship Service at 7:00 p.m. conducted by the Membership Committee. All members are encouraged to attend along with those persons born in the month of December.

We will be having Watch Night Service beginning at 11:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 31, 1997.

The first Quarterly Meeting will be held on January 2, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend. Very important business to be discussed.

*Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.*



*Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.*

— Psalms 32:1-2

## Friendship MB

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

This Sunday, the worship day will begin at 8:00 a.m. The youth will lead in the Prayer and Praise Service. The Youth Choir and Youth Ushers will serve in the 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship service. The Church's Sunday School is held at 9:30 a.m.

There will be a special ser-

vice held at 4 p.m. called "Exodus Celebration and Candle Light Prayer Service". The speaker of the hour will be Pastor Evans.

Beginning the first Sunday in January 1998, the temporary worship location for Sunday, Monday and Tuesday nights will be at Elim Seventh Day Adventist Church 801-6th Avenue South, Pastor Frederick Terry.



**ST. JOHN MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
2025 W. Central Blvd.  
Orlando, FL 32805  
**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
Sun. Early Morning Service 7:30 AM  
Sun. Sunday School & Orientation Class 9:30 AM  
Sun. Morning Service 11:00 AM  
Sun. Communion Service (1st Sunday) 1:00 PM  
Sun. B.T.U. 4:45 PM  
Tues. Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 10:00 AM & 7:00 PM  
*I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord. Psalm 122:1*  
**REV. FRED L. MAXWELL, PASTOR**

## Unity Temple Of Truth Church

511 Prescott St. S., St. Petersburg, FL 33712  
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Sunday Morning Service . . . 11:00 a.m.-12 Noon  
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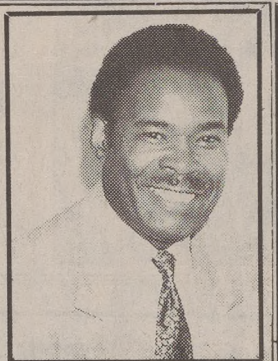
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## Bealsville Church Of God

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

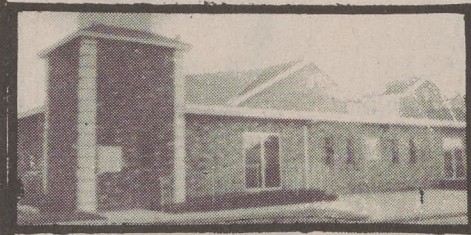


## Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church

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.  
"The Church Where Everybody Is Somebody"

## 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.

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



## St. Joseph Church

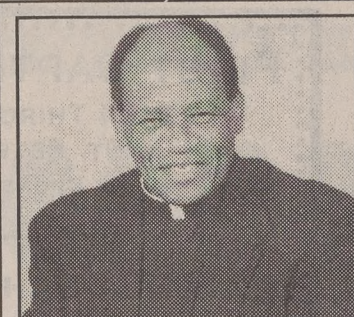
2101 - 22nd Ave. S., St. Petersburg  
Catholic Diocese of St. Petersburg

Sunday Services Are At:

9:00 a.m. Gospel Choir

11:00 a.m. Traditional Choir

Order of Service from the African-American Catholic Hymnal



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## STEWART-ISOM MEMORIAL CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1820 Walton Street S., St. Pete, FL 33712

(813) 327-0593

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

Bible Study: Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.

"To God Be The Glory"



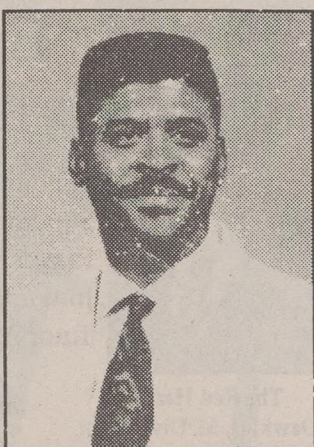
Rev. Calvin Hopkins

## 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"

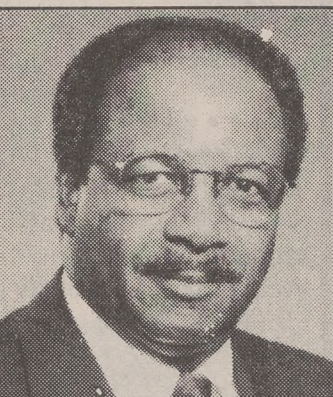
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

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



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Except God build the house they labor in vain that build it. Ps. 127:1

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# CHURCH NEWS



## Third Annual Ramadan Announcement

ST. PETERSBURG—The Islamic Community in the St. Petersburg-Tampa Bay area will publicly announce the celebration of their holy month of prayer and fasting, called **RAMADAN**.

The event will take place in the beautifully remodeled Campbell Park Recreation Center 601-14th Street South, St. Petersburg, Florida, just two blocks south of Tropicana Field, home of the Devil Rays on Saturday, December 27, 1997 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Muslims throughout the world will acknowledge this month which is a time for prayer, fasting, thanksgiving, reaching out to help others, sharing and caring, feasting and a form of self sacrifice and self discipline. Several thousand Muslims are thought to live in the St. Petersburg/Tampa Bay area.

In preparing for the upcoming Ramadan, it is also a time for reflection of the past year and counting the many blessings that God has bestowed upon each of us; the struggles that God has allowed us to make it through and a time to

just reflect on how much we owe to Him for all of His goodness to us.

City Councilman Frank Peterman, Jr. will present the Islamic Community with a Proclamation from the City of St. Petersburg in recognition of this yearly occasion.

The general public and the entire faith community is cordially invited to be a part of the announcement of Ramadan and share in this wonderful experience.

Congregational Prayer (Jumu'ah) is held every Friday at 1:00 p.m.; Talem Service every Sunday at 1:00 p.m. Islamic Studies on Saturday and Qur'anic Studies on Tuesday nights; "My Brother" meeting is every Saturday immediately following Fajr Prayer (6:00 a.m.).

The Believer's Mosque is located at 3762-18th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL. For more information please call 867-7067 or 894-0235 or feel free to visit the Mosque at any time. Imam Hajji Mohammad Gani, Acting Imam and Al-Mumin Abdullah, Chairman of the Board.

## Banqueting With The Master

by Shirley S. Coleman

Members of Elim Seventh Day Adventist Church gathered together on December 21, 1997 to celebrate the birth of Christ. Nearly 200 members and friends of Elim met at Banquet Masters on Park Boulevard to recapture the life of Christ in music, song, and other talented acts.

The evening's four-hour program reflected on the goodness of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Mistress of Ceremonies

share the story of the birth of Jesus throughout the commemorative event. She read Matthew 1:18-25 while soft, seasonal music played in the background. Several members shared seasonal selections on the piano, sang seasonal songs, and shared other gifts from God.

One of the church members expressed that, "This celebration was planned with us in mind. To help us come closer in fellowship one with another.

Our role as a people is to be communal and to know how to relate to one another in various settings." Kudos to Elim's Hospitality Committee!

After the fabulous feast prepared by the chefs of Banquet Masters, the program ended with prayer and encouragement. Many left the banquet hall in hopes of banqueting with the Master in the Holy City.

## Shepherd's Men Basketball Ministry

ST. PETERSBURG—The Shepherd Men Basketball Ministry advisory council will meet Saturday, December 27, 1997, 9:00 a.m. at Greater St. Paul Church. All returning teams and advisory council members are requested to be in attendance because this is a very important meeting. All interested churches are invited

to come out and share with us as we prepare and plan for the 1998 season. The Fees and Rosters are due at this meeting.

Shepherd Men will start off the 1998 Basketball season with Pre-Season Fellowship Service on January 8, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. at Stewart-Isom Memorial CME Church, 1820 Walton Street South.

For additional information, please contact Rev. Clyde Williams, 321-1402. The Shepherd Men Basketball Ministry will begin league play on January 10th - April 18th at Lake Vista Community Recreational Park, 1401 62nd Avenue South.

## New Philadelphia

The origin, concepts, and practices of KWANZAA along with church at Smyrna, will focus on proclamation on Sunday during mid-morning worship. Homage will be given to Dr. Maulana Karenga who founded Kwanzaa in 1966. This celebrated cultural observance has become a nationally, indigenous, non-religious and non-political African-American holiday. The pastor urges full attendance and participation of church family. Wisdom

School commences at 9:50 a.m.

A Kwanzaa Karamu feast will begin New Year's Eve service. Following cultural expressions of our oneness as a people, the dawn of a new year will be observed through prayer, praise, and proclamation. All members are requested to attend.

Men and boys of the church family are reminded of monthly fellowship with Leroy Monroe. A fishing outing will

be held on Saturday, December 27th. A fish fry and fellowship will follow. This activity will culminate in the picnic area of Bay Pines hospital.

The women's ministry is planning their supper and slumber session for the holiday vacation period. Persons interested should contact Wyonna McGee. Participation is encouraged on a sister-to-sister basis. Building the bond of solidarity within christian womanhood is the goal of this activity.

## Bethel Metropolitan Baptist

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

We encourage you to join us for our Annual Watch night Services on Wednesday

December 31 at 8:30 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. The 8:30 p.m. messenger is the Elder Anthony P. Conage of Queen Street Church of God In Christ. The fellowship and Repast will be 9:45-10:45 in the fellowship hall. The 11:00 messenger will be our own Pastor, Dr. Henry J. Lyons.

Bring in the new year in praise and worship.

Meet us for Saturday Mid-day Prayer Hour, 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

December 30th there will be a church business meeting at 7:00 p.m.



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

**"The Lord is great and is to be highly praised; his greatness is beyond understanding."**

— Psalms 145:3

**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.

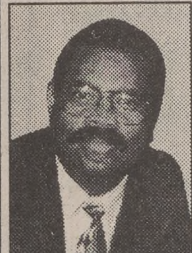
**Prayer Tower Church Of God In Christ**  
1135 37th Street South, St. Pete, FL  
Elder Clarence Welch, Pastor

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

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



Rev. Alvin Moore, Pastor

**FIRST BAPTIST INSTITUTIONAL CHURCH**

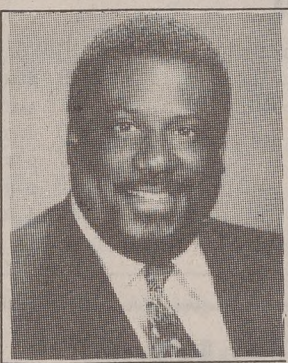
3144 THIRD AVENUE SOUTH  
ST. PETERSBURG, FL  
PHONE: 323-7518

REV. WAYNE G. THOMPSON, PASTOR

SUNDAY SCHOOL - 9:30 A.M.

MORNING WORSHIP - 11:00 A.M.

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THE FIRST BAPTIST FAMILY



**New Philadelphia Community Church**  
The Reverend Don A. Gaskin, Pastor

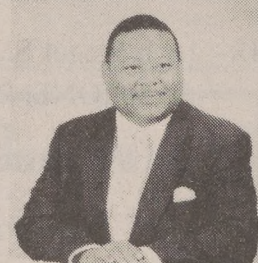
2335 - 22nd Avenue South  
P. O. Box 15935 • St. Petersburg, FL 33733  
Wisdom School 9:50 AM • Morning Worship 10:30 AM  
Bible Study Fellowship 6:30 PM (Wed.)

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

*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

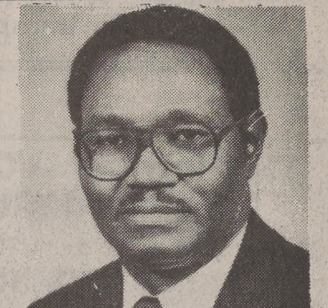
**New Faith Free Methodist Church**

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.  
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Need a tape of a service or transportation - Dial 894-1393  
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**Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church**

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

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

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



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



# NPDUM Community Service Awards Go To Blacks, Whites



(L-R): Fletcher "Juggler" Axon, Kendall Smith, Pop Lancaster, Jan Reiner, Mtunda Diallobe, Dean William Heller, Atty Morris, Bornstein, Carl Dean, Luis Brown Jr, Rep. The Refuge Church, Samuel X, Delores Fletcher, Sheridan, Murphy, Corey Knoetzen, Edna Lee, Shanet Green

by I.B. White

ST. PETERSBURG— On Friday evening, December 19th the National Peoples Democratic Uhuru Movement presented its First Annual Community Service Awards Banquet at the University of South Florida's Bayboro Campus.

It was an unprecedented gathering of the prominent and unknown, black and white, that would have been virtually impossible even two years ago in St. Petersburg. They were brought together by the common bond of community service, in this case service to the courses of justice and economic development in what has come to be called South Central St. Petersburg.

One theme of the event was recognizing meaningful contributions to those causes by people who labor in anonymity, without publicity or recognition, year in and year out. One by one, they were brought to the dias to receive that public recognition to waves of enthusiastic applause (see accompanying photos).

In years past, such a gathering and the list of honorees would have been virtually all-black. But such is the state of social and political activism around the issues highlighted by the leadership of the Uhuru

Movement in the wake of civil disturbances in late 1996 that a significant number of the honorees were European-Americans, said Uhuru Chairman Omali Yeshitela.

Considered particularly significant by many in attendance were the awards given to highly visible whites in St. Petersburg who have responded to calls by the Uhuru Movement for people of conscience of all colors to rally behind the longstanding needs of the black community. Among those so honored were USF Dean William Heller, who pledged the university's continuing support of the black community's legitimate aspirations, and ACLU attorney, Morris Bornstein, recognized for his sense of justice and effective defense of free speech issues.

Chairman Omali Yeshitela, the featured speaker called for support of the decision by Police Chief Goliath Davis and Mayor David Fischer to forego funding the controversial Weed and Seed program, stating "This is an attempt to portray the African community as a criminal and pathological community. That is a lie, and we will not let it stand."

The Community Service Awards Banquet will become an annual event, said organizers.



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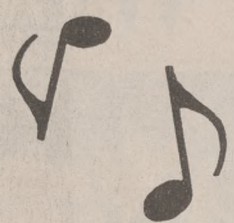
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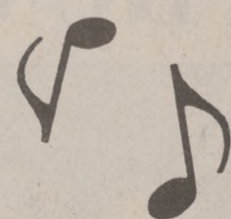
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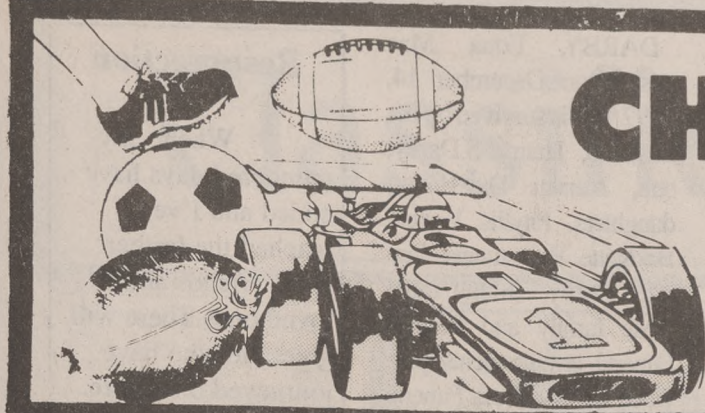
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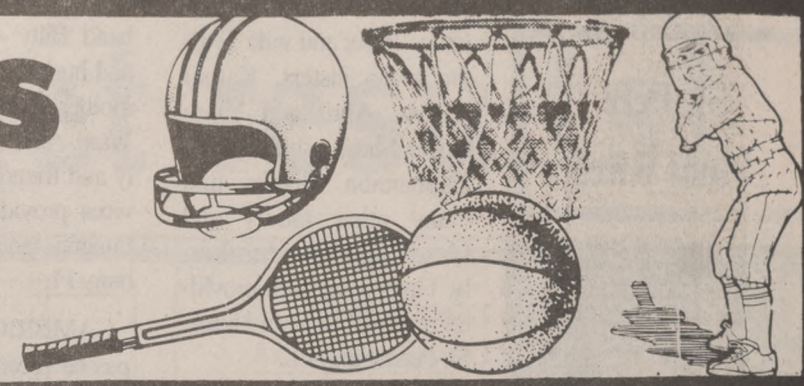
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# CHALLENGER SPORTS



## World Championship Boxing Doubleheader

Four of boxing's fastest-rising young stars will take the HBO spotlight when World Championship Boxing Doubleheader Arturo Gatti Vs. Angel Manfredy and Michael Grant vs. David Izon is presented live Saturday, January 17th 9:45 p.m. from the Convention Center in Atlantic City. The HBO Sports broadcast team of Jim Lampley, Larry Merchant and analyst George Foreman will be at ringside to call the action, which will be closed-captioned for the hearing-impaired and presented in Spanish on HBO.

Arturo "Thunder" Gatti (29-1, 24 KOs) of Jersey City, has been hailed by The New York Post as perhaps the sport's most exciting performer and fighter of limitless guts and indomitable will-to-win." In the junior lightweight division

he scored a series of unforgettable triumphs during the past two years, including a knockout victory over Gabriel Ruelas on Oct. 4th that is a candidate for fight of the year. Moving up to the 135 pound lightweight division, Gatti, 25, will face the colorful and resourceful Angel "El Diablo" Manfredy of Gary, IN. Manfredy, 23, who saw his stock rise considerably with HBO-telecast victories over Wilson Rodriguez and Jorge Paez in 1997, carries a 22-2-1, 18 KOs, career mark into the 12 round tilt. Known for his eye-catching devil-red ring apparel, Manfredy has been gunning for a meeting with Gatti for the last year, and the showdown should prove explosive.

The opening bout features hot young heavyweights Michael Grant (26-0, 18 KOs)

of Norristown, PA, and David Izon (20-1, 18 KOs, Nigeria's 1992 Olympic silver medalist, who now resides in Pensacola, FL in a 12 round battle. The 6 foot, 7 inch Grant, 24, 2 on all four of his previous 1997 fights, including an impressive first round KO of Jorge Luis Gonzalez on Nov. 7. Izon, 29, appeared on two terrific "HBO Boxing After Dark" cards in the last 23 months, losing a 12 round decision to hard-hitting David Tua in December 1996, and posting a surprising but convincing 5th round knockout over Lou Savarese recently at the Apollo Theater. Both fighters are looking to move up the ladder in the heavyweight ranks to an eventual world title shot.

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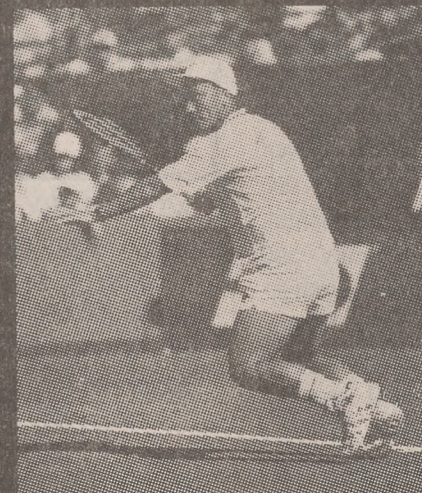
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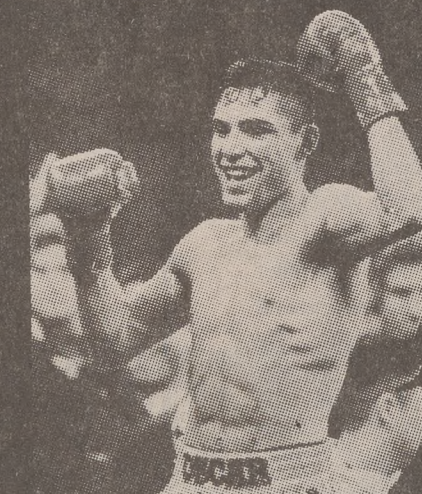
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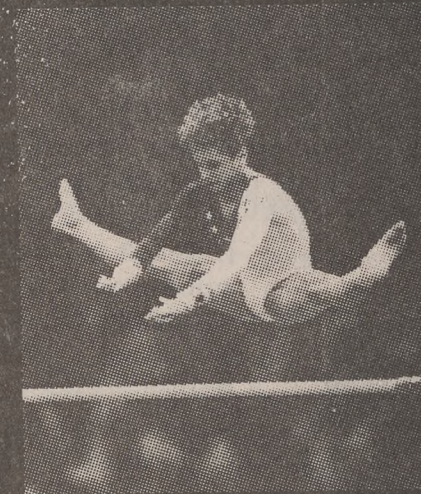
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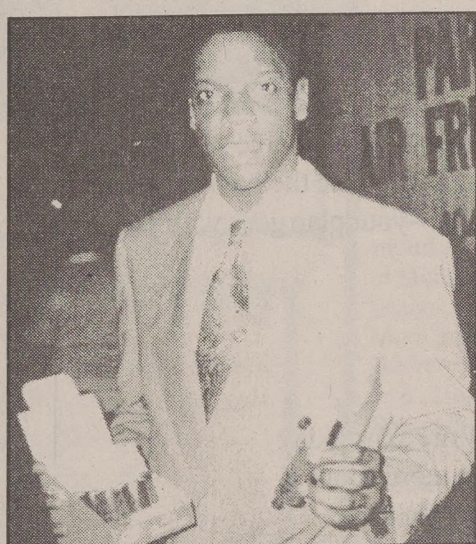
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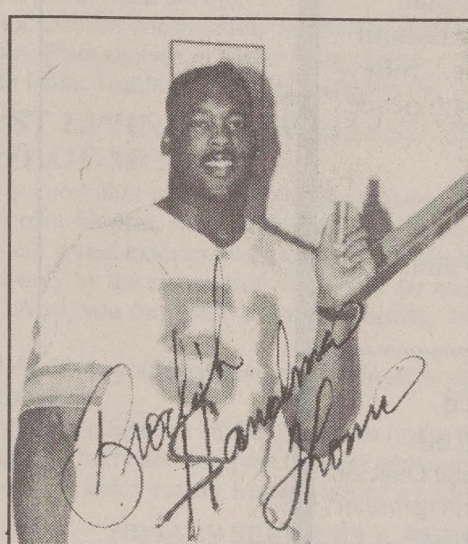
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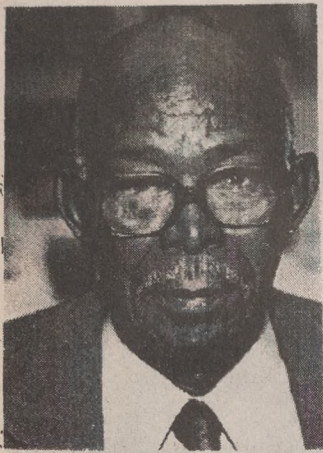
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BROWN, J.C. passed on December 12, 1997. Mr. Brown leaves behind his devoted wife, Wilhelmina Brown; two sons, Reedie and James Calvin Brown; one daughter, Debra Ann Brown; One brother, Jim Brown and one sister, Mary Chance. A host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends. Funeral services provided by Creal Funeral Home, St. Petersburg, FL.



DRAYTON, ELLIS departed his life suddenly on December 9, 1997. Left to cherish his memories were his wife Marie Drayton, his mother, Sadie Drayton; four sons, Ellis, Jr., Paul, Marvette and Gerald; four daughters, Rhonda, Rene Sonia and Marie; eight sisters, six brothers and many other loved ones and friends. Funeral services provided by Creal Funeral Home, St. Petersburg, FL.



GIVENS, Trelisia Shanta went to a glorious place recently, never to weep any more. Trelisia was loved and still loved by all who met her. Today she leaves to cherish the precious moments and smiles her mother, Susie Givens and father, James and wife Janice; two brothers, Terry and

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HALL, Roosevelt passed on December 13, 1997. He leaves to cherish his memories his wife, Viola Hall; four sons, Johnnie Lee, Roosevelt, Jr. Ozell Hall and Terry Brinson. Five daughters, Gloria, Earlene, Dorothy, Patricia and Claretia Hall. His mother, Louvenia Grace; two sisters, one brother, four step-sisters and many other family members and friends. Funeral services provided by Creal Funeral Home, St. Petersburg, FL.

HARRIS, Ruby Lee passed recently. She is survived by one son, Johnny Lee Walker, a daughter-in-law, Barbara Walker; two sisters, Rosa Lee Walker and Marie Wade; one brother, George Walker. Nine grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. Funeral services provided by Creal Funeral Home, St. Petersburg, FL.

HOWARD, Gena Michelle left all of her loved ones behind on December 14, 1997 to be with the Lord. Left to cherish her memories are one daughter, Jasmine Hampton; her parents, Norman and Gloria Howard; step-sisters, Mitzi Howard, Yolanda and Teresa Howard; her grandmother Alma Peoples. Many aunts, uncles and other family members and friends. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Creal Funeral Home, St. Petersburg, FL.

## Clearwater Final Rites

BUTLER-WARD, Julie Denise died on December 10, 1997. Julie is loved and greatly missed by her husband, Arthur; her brothers, Moses Simmons and wife Ethel; Willie Butler, Simmie Butler and wife, Betty, Sylvester Butler and Darrell Butler and wife, Gloria. Her sisters: Ruby Martin, Martha Peoples and husband Billy and Tiny Neal

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CAMBRIC, Hannah Lee passed recently. She was a member of Galilee Missionary Church. She leaves to cherish her memories one son, Mack Cambric; eight grandchildren, Janice Newton, Samuel Reece, Jr., Anita L. Reece, David Makena Cambric, Latel Cambric, Mack Cambric II and Lakia Cambric. Seven great grandchildren and one great great grandchild. Many other family and friends. Funeral arrangements by McRae Funeral Home, St. Petersburg, FL friends. Funeral arrangement handled by Woody's Funeral Home, Clearwater, FL.

CLOUD, Arthur James, Sr. passed on Thursday, December 11, 1997. He leaves to cherished memories with a loving and devoted wife, Trudy; two sons, Arthur James Cloud, Jr. and James M. Redding; eight sisters, Katie Johnson, Fannie Macon, Frances Adams, Jessie Norwood, Lelia Grant, Loretha Williams, Salena Littles, Floretta Mithcell; two brothers, John Henry Cloud and Leamon Cloud. Many other family and friends. Funeral arrangements made by Young's Funeral Home, Clearwater, FL.



DIXON, Eunice B. Childs passed recently. She left to cherish her memories, one son, Carlton Childs of Clearwater, three daughters, Phyllis Dixon, Jacqueline Cole and Wanda Hall. One adopted daughter, Millie Holmes and a host of other family and friends. Funeral arrangements were handled by Woody's Funeral Home, Clearwater, FL.

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## Gainesville Final Rites

MULLBERRY, Minister Andy G., Sr. passed on December 8, 1997 in the comfort of his home. He leaves to mourn his passing and cherish fond memories a devoted wife, Lillie E. Mulberry; one daughter, Patricia Banks and husband, Glen; three sons, Andy and wife Hilda, Albert and wife Effie and Grady Mulberry. Five step-children, four sisters, and a host of other family members and friends. Funeral arrangements provided by Chestnut Funeral Home, Gainesville, FL.

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BLUNT, Drucilla passed on December 16, 1997. She leaves to mourn her passing and cherish her memories one son, Jerome Blunt; two daughters, Dorothy Blunt and Jackie Holmes. His brothers, Curtis, Enoch, Mannie, Paul, William, Matthew and Hulee and their wives. Many other family and friends. Funeral services provided by Cunningham Funeral Home, Ocala, FL.

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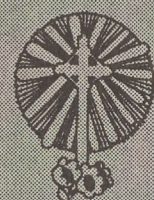
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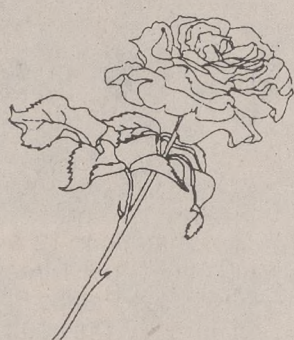
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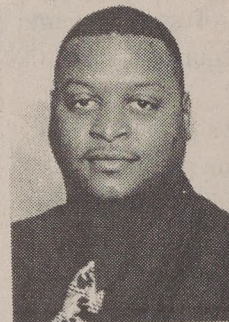
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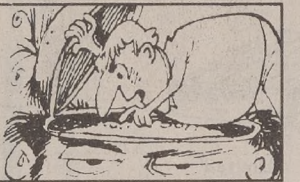
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### ARIES

**March 21 to April 19**  
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travel are right in front of  
you, so don't overlook  
happiness by thinking the  
grass is greener else-  
where. A weekend away  
with your mate will help  
you see things clearly.

### TAURUS

**April 20 to May 20**  
If you want romance, cre-  
ate an atmosphere that  
sets the mood for a sen-  
sual encounter. You'll be  
putting in extra hours on  
the job—delegate some  
work to a helper.

### GEMINI

**May 21 to June 21**  
Focus your energy on what  
you want to accomplish,  
and it will happen. But don't  
become obsessed with your  
goal—your mate wants to  
bask in your glow, not be  
bombarded by shop talk.

### CANCER

**June 22 to July 22**  
Pay attention to your emo-  
tional needs. Spend time  
with people you enjoy—it's  
important to feel you can  
express your feelings with-  
out criticism. The love you  
desire is there for you.

### LEO

**July 23 to August 22**  
You're glad the holidays are  
over so you can return to a  
routine. Work requires a lot

of hours, but you'll be thrilled  
by your accomplishments.  
Luck in romance makes this  
a memorable week.

### VIRGO

**August 23 to September 22**  
The full moon on the 8th  
brings a reunion with a loved  
one who lives far away. A  
new friend introduces you to  
a group you've been want-  
ing to join, and your social  
life continues to be busy.

### LIBRA

**September 23 to October 22**  
Your confidence level is  
soaring, thanks to the favor-  
able impression you're mak-  
ing at work and play. An old  
flame returns to tempt you  
with glamorous promises—  
remember, actions speak  
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### SCORPIO

**October 23 to November 21**  
The intense emotions you've  
kept under control emerge.  
Don't escalate a lover's  
quarrel into something big-  
ger; you'll have a chance to  
reconcile by just letting him  
know you're willing.

### SAGITTARIUS

**November 22 to December 21**  
Diplomacy is needed when  
making a decision with far-  
reaching effects. You'll find  
the right answers by think-  
ing things through. Enjoy a  
relaxing getaway with your  
mate this weekend.

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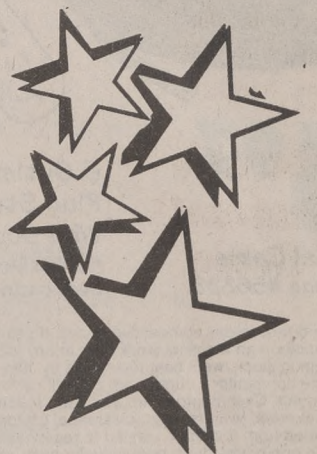
**December 22 to January 19**  
Though you feel stretched  
by demands made on your  
time, you love having oth-  
ers depend on you. Focus  
on one thing at a time—  
you'll get everything done  
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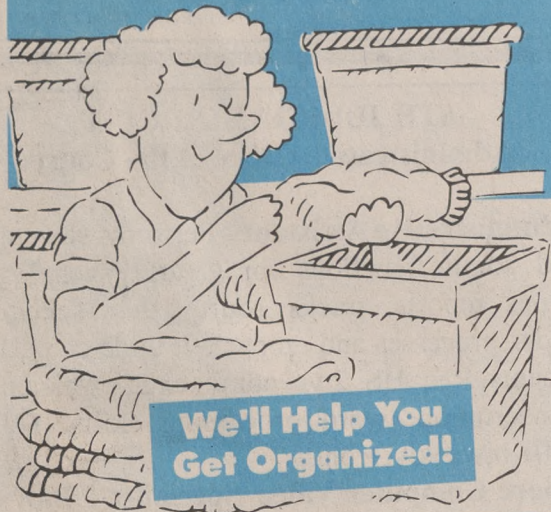
**January 20 to February 18**  
Unaccomplished career  
goals weigh on your mind.  
While you've a long way to  
go before you reach the top,  
don't lose patience. Your  
second wind is coming, and  
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### PISCES

**February 19 to March 20**  
Relax—the frenetic activi-  
ty of the holidays is over!  
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if you try creative visual-  
ization and prayer. Finan-  
cially, the next four weeks  
are fortuitous.

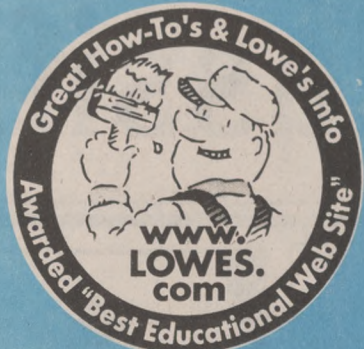




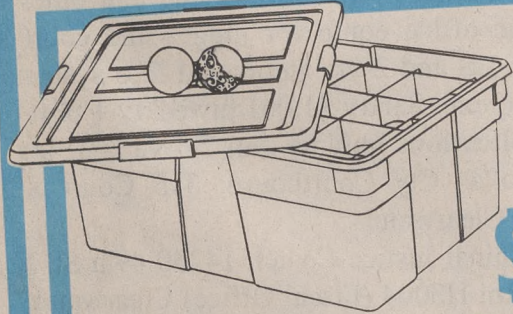


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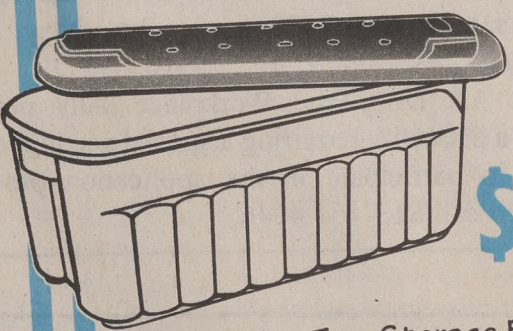


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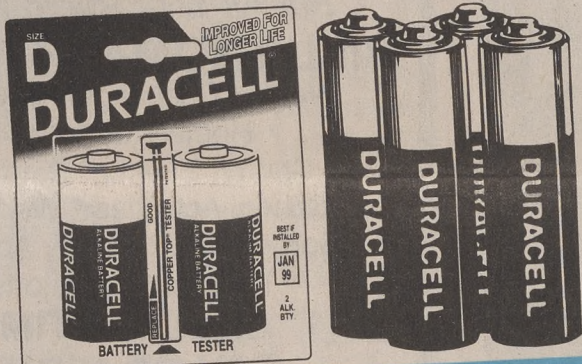
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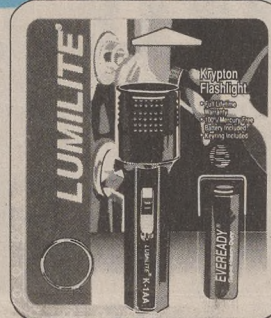
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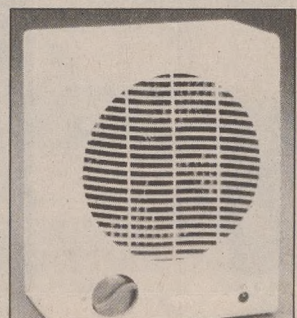
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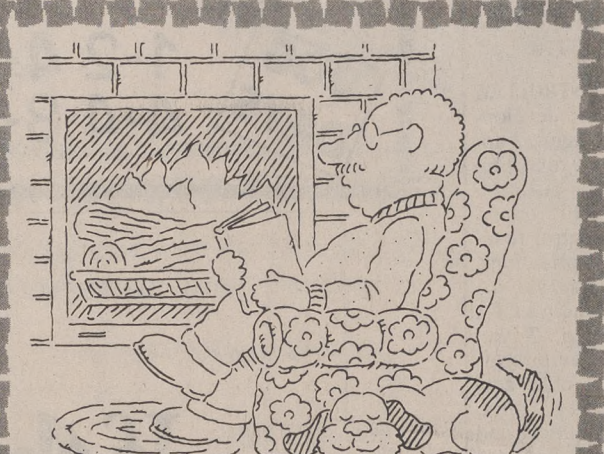
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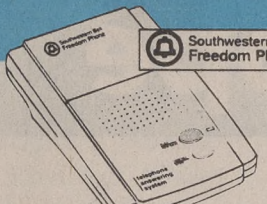


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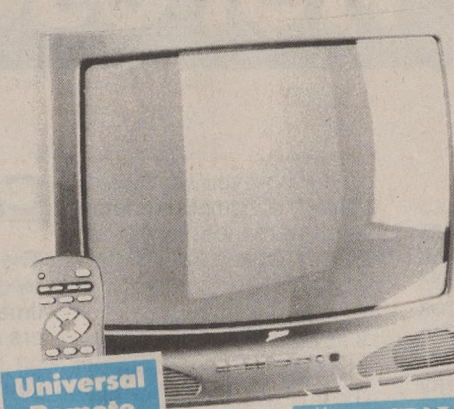
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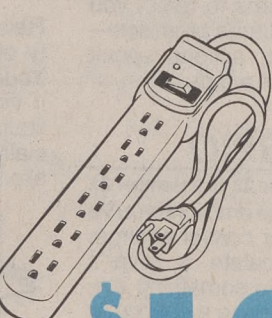
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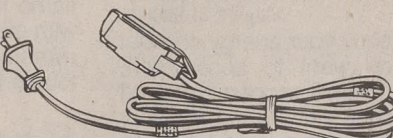
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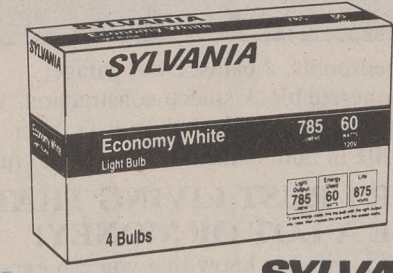
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