MERRY MERRY MERRY Christmas

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First Annual Women Of Valor Prayer Conference

The conference was held at the Tampa Airport Hilton at Lois Avenue. Prayers, praise and worshipping service was led by Joyce Motz and Sylvia Leonard. Other speakers for the morning session were Mary L. Thompson and Paula White. Afternoon and evening speakers were Mammarti Howard, Dolores Bass, Sharron Smith and Gallie Hovis.

Other participants on the program included Rev. Mertil Ross, Mrs. Marie Yune, Arja Gibson, Dr. Thelma Davis, the Cathedral of Faith Praise Team, Min. Molly D'Andrea, Dr. Stan Brown, Mary L. Thompson, Dr. Bernita Gray, Pauline Jennings, Fellowship and Body Ministry Praise Dancing and Mrs. Caroline Novak.

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Time to Learn a New Alphabet for 21st Century

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Prices In This Ad Good On These Days Only:

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Coalition Stands With Uhurums

The Coalition of African-American Community's position on 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, made by Lois Bass, the chairwoman of the organization, it made clear that it is for the Coalition takes this position with chairman, Omar, St. Petersburg Police Chief, Goliath Davis and Mayor David Fisher.

Zetas Present Annual Breakfast And Fashion Show

ST. PETERSBURG—The Coalition of African-American Leadership, Inc. held a press conference on Monday, December 22, 1997 at Cha's House on 11th Avenue in St. Petersburg, Fla. to announce the fashion show to be held on Saturday, January 23rd at 11:00 a.m. Proceeds from the breakfast will benefit community projects and charities. Theresa KenKwich and Wendy Smalls were event chairpersons.

Zeta Gamma Zeta Chapter of Omicron Zeta Gamma Omega Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. presented the Fashion Show as a fundraiser for the local community. Zeta will be accepting donations for the organization.

The Zeta's are planning to host the fashion show every year as a fundraiser for the local community.

The theme of the show was "African American History and Culture: Past, Present, Future." The show featured various African American designers and models, including Denice Fordham, Jeanne Lass, and LaFaye Hamilton.

The Zetas also presented a slide show of African American history and culture.

The show featured a variety of clothing and accessories, including dresses, suits, and jewelry.

The show was held at Cha's House on 11th Avenue in St. Petersburg, Fla. Proceeds from the show will benefit community projects and charities.
Black Archives Center Added To Funding Bill

Tallahassee—Florida lawmakers are considering a bill that adds $2 million in funding to the Black Archives Center.

"This is an important step towards the preservation of African-American history," said Rep. Mark Harrell, sponsor of the bill. "We need to ensure that our state's history is not lost to time.

The funding would support the center's ongoing efforts to collect and preserve historical artifacts and documents, and to increase public access to these materials.

Florida Governor Rick Scott has not yet announced his position on the bill, but supporters hope it will receive strong support in both houses of the legislature.

Osceola-Barnett Bank Help To Spread Christmas Cheer

STPETERSBURG—The Osceola-Barnett Bank has announced plans to distribute toys to children in need as part of its annual Christmas toy drive.

Bank officials said they expect to distribute over 2000 toys this year, with the goal of brightening the holidays for local families.

The bank has also partnered with local community organizations to ensure that toys are distributed fairly and equitably.

Military News

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

During the training, soldiers received instruction in drill and ceremony, weapons, map reading, tactical skills, and military courtesy, among other things.

Williams is the son of Charles and Dorothy Williams of 3612 Chesterman Avenue, South, St. Petersburg.

Buffy C. Turner

A U.S. Army Pvt. Buffy C. Turner is the daughter of Mario McGriff, Overseas.

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Christmas for Kids


The Plaza Hilton will host a special holiday event for children on December 23rd.

Jr's successful Public Housing Drug Elimination and Youth Prevention Program.

The children selected, who will be represented by the City of St. Petersburg Community Crime Prevention Council, will receive a $25 gift card and a special Christmas gift.

The event is open to children ages 6-12 and will take place from Noon to 4:00 PM.

For more information, call 813-228-7500.

Top Achieving Kids In Public Housing Earn Kmart Christmas Spree

ST PETERSBURG-The Kmart of St. Petersburg recently hosted a holiday event for children, providing them with a special Christmas experience.

The children, who were selected based on their academic performance and participation in the City of St. Petersburg's Community Crime Prevention Council, were invited to participate in a special Christmas shopping event at the Kmart.

The event included a free breakfast, a special Christmas gift, and a tour of the store.

The children were able to select a gift for themselves and a gift for a family member, with assistance from Kmart employees.

Following the event, the children were provided with a special Christmas gift and a special Christmas experience at the Kmart.

The event was sponsored by the City of St. Petersburg Community Crime Prevention Council and the Kmart of St. Petersburg.

For more information, call 813-228-7500.
**Green And Adams Crowned Miss Nzingha And Mr. Shaka**

ST. PETERSBURG—Jrue African village setting of Bethel Community Baptist Church, two contestants in the Mr. Nzingha and Miss Shaka contest were honored and crowned at the annual fund raiser for the Black History Pageant.

Felicia Johnson and Dan Green were crowned Miss Nzingha and Mr. Shaka. The theme song and reciting their African heritage that they are the descendants of great ancient Africans which was written by the late Dr. Barbara Jackson.

Tillery Hodges led the contestants into the village at the drill team. The keynote speaker for the occasion was Dr. Athena Richardson, a Tampa Bay area pediatrician. Shawn Foresto, an alumna of the pageant, sang, and a dance was performed by Felicia Watkins, Celeste Watkins, Lynn Watkins, Tamara Jameson and Amanda Jameson. Minister John Penezer presided and Rev. Manuel Jamison. Minister John Peterman gave remarks. Teresa Riggs of the sponsoring church, Bethel Community Baptist Church, 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.

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Ocala News

North Central Florida

Happy Healthy Tips From American Institute For Cancer Research

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Healthy Tips From American Institute For Cancer Research

When it comes to desserts, many families struggle to decide the option of a rich dessert at the dinner table. It can be difficult to choose between healthy and indulgent options. However, there are ways to make healthier choices when it comes to dessert.

Tips for Choosing Healthier Desserts:

1. **Limit Your Portions:** Don't feel like you need to completely avoid dessert, but try to limit your portions. Take a bite or two from a small serving to satisfy your sweet tooth without overindulging.

2. **Choose Lighter Options:** Instead of reaching for a heavy cake or pie, opt for lighter options like a fruit salad, frozen yogurt, or sorbet. These desserts can be just as satisfying while being lower in calories.

3. **Consider the Ingredients:** Look for desserts made with whole food ingredients, such as whole-grain flour and honey, and avoid those that are high in added sugars and artificial sweeteners.

4. **Savor Every Bite:** Take the time to enjoy your dessert, savoring each bite rather than eating quickly. This can help you feel more satisfied with less food.

5. **Plan Ahead:** If you know you're going to be offered a dessert, plan ahead by choosing something healthier beforehand or skipping dessert altogether.

By following these tips, you can enjoy dessert without feeling guilty or compromising on taste. Just remember, it's all about balance and moderation.

Merry Christmas

Johnie & Linda McDuffie

McDuffie's 10th Street Fish & Market

1301 N.W. 10th St. Ocala, FL 34473 (352) 368-6010

Christmas Vacation

The holidays are a time for families and friends to come together and enjoy each other's company. Whether it's spending time with loved ones or hosting a gathering of your own, there are many ways to make the holiday season special.

1. **Create a Tradition:** Establishing a tradition can bring families and friends closer together. It could be something as simple as a holiday cookie exchange or a family photo session. Whatever it is, make sure it's something that everyone looks forward to.

2. **Plan Ahead:** Make a list of the people you want to invite to your holiday gathering, and plan the menu and decorations accordingly. This will help ensure a smooth and enjoyable event.

3. **Focus on the Present:** The holidays are a time to enjoy the company of others, so make sure everyone feels included and valued. Avoid getting too caught up in gift-giving or the material aspects of the season.

4. **Give the Gift of Time:** Sometimes, the best gift you can give is your time. Spend quality time with loved ones, whether it's playing games, watching movies, or just enjoying each other's company.

5. **Staycation:** Consider staying at home and enjoying the holidays with your family. This can be a fun and relaxing way to celebrate without all the stress and expense of traveling.

No matter how you choose to celebrate, remember to cherish the relationships you have and the memories you make with the people you love. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

United Methodist Seminary

Bible College

Greater Hopeful Baptist Church

515 N.W. 10th Street, Ocala, FL 34475

1000 N.W. 13th Ave., Ocala, FL 34475

(352) 988-6696

Easter Dinner Menu

Serve tickets are are now available for the Easter Dinner. The dinner will be served on Easter Sunday, April 1st, at the church. The meal will include a variety of dishes, including a roasted ham, mashed potatoes, and a vegetable medley. There will also be a delicious dessert to finish off the meal.

Tickets are available for purchase at the church or online. To make a reservation, please contact the church office at (352) 988-6696. Don’t miss this opportunity to enjoy a delicious meal with family and friends.

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This program is funded under a grant with the Department of Health and Human Services.
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We believe in helping the homeless as much as you do. That's why, in the last three years, Public Kaye Morton Charities gave 16.7 million to charitable projects in our community through a partnership with the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. We believe in investing in our community for the betterment of all. We hope you'll join us in making a difference.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Ring in Publix Values

For your convenience, all Publix stores will be open on New Year's Eve, December 31 until 9 p.m. and New Year's Day, January 1 until 7 p.m. We wish you and your family a healthy and prosperous 1998.

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SAVE 30¢

Quick Takes
Homestyle Lasagna
Meat or Vegetable, Fully Cooked, Deli Delicious, 24-oz. cont.

From 850 Assorted Party Platters
Include the Publix Bakery in Your New Years Plans, each (Prices Start at $16 to $29.75)

SAVE 20¢

79¢ Publix Sour Cream
Regular or Fat Free, 16-oz. cap.

89¢ Publix Orange or Grapefruit Juice
or Ruby Red Grapefruit, 100% Pure, All Florida, from Concentrate, Chilled, 44-oz. each

Deli

Chicken Strips Platter ........................................ 21.00
Boneless, Skinned Chicken Breast Sliced and Dipped in a Light Batter and Fried Crispy, Perfect with Your Choice of Dijon Mustard, Barbeque or Sweet & Sour Sauce, Small Size, each (Medium ... 33.00) (Large ... 46.00)

Entertainer Platter ........................................ 15.00
A Gourmet Platter, Finger Sandwiches Filled with Our Favorite Salads: Tuna, Chicken, Provolone Cheese, Egg and Ham, on Your Choice of Buttered White or Whole Grain Bread, Small Size, each (Medium ... 24.00) (Large ... 35.00)

Captain’s Choice Platter ........................................ 24.00
A Platter of Perfectly Steamed-Then-Chilled Shrimp, Served with Traditional Lemon Slices and Tangy Cocktail Sauce, Small Size, each (Medium ... 38.00) (Large ... 54.00)

Deli

Publix Tavern Ham ........................................ 4.99
Sliced Fresh in the Publix Deli, Save up to 20¢

Miniature Danish and Rugalach ........................................ 5.99
Butter Raisin

Silver Dollar Rolls ........................................ 1.29
Assorted Varieties, Baked Fresh, 12-ct. 8-oz. pkg.

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Snow Crab Clusters ........................................ 3.99
Heat ‘n Serve

CHeese

Publix Shredded Cheese ........................................ 2.30
Mozzarella, Mild Cheddar, Colby Jack, Sharp Cheddar, Fancy Shredded Sharp Cheddar or Fancy Shredded Fat Free Mozzarella, 8-oz. pkg., Save up to 19¢

Eggo Waffles ........................................ 2.30
Homestyle, Mini’s, Buttermilk, Cinnamon Toast or Buttermilk Pancakes, 12.9 to 16.5-oz. pkg., Save up to .49¢

PRODUCE

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Fresh, Tender, from California, 11-oz. pkg.

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New Crop, Fresh from Florida, Sweet, 1-pint (1 Quart ... 2.98)

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**T-Bone or Porterhouse Steak**

Broil or Barbecue Thickness, Publix Beef, USDA Choice, Beef Loin

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Restaurant Style 100% White Corn or Nacho Cheese, 14.5-oz. bags

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Extra Dry Or Brut, 750-ml. bot.

**899**

**12-Pack Budweiser Beer**

Or Bud Light, Bud Ice or Bud Ice Light, 12-oz. cans

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Bone-in with Tenderloin, Great Family Steak, Publix Beef, USDA Choice, Beef Loin

Save 1.80 lb.

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Publix Beef, USDA Choice, Beef Chuck

Save up to .90 lb.

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**Save 19.99**

**Save 69.99**

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Breast Bone Removed, Smoother Leading Generation, 34% Low Fat Save 70 lb.

**Swift Premium Corned Beef Brisket**

Pate Cut, For Oven Roasting (Pint Cans... 2.29) Save up to 1.00 lb.

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**Smokey Hog Jowls**

Traditional, Pork Save 20 lb.

**Publix Skinless Chicken Breast**

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Sauvignon Blanc, White Zinfandel or Red Zinfandel, 750-ml. bot.

**Vendange Wine**

Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon or Merlot, 750-ml. bot. Save up to .80

**Nabisco Ritz Crackers**

Regular, with Whole Wheat, Low Sodium or Reduced Fat, 14.5 to 16-oz. box

Save up to .70

**Old El Paso Salsa**

Homestyle Chunky Hot, Medium or Mild, 10-oz. jar Save up to .40

**Publix Blackeye Peas**

Or Great Northern Beans, 16-oz. Bags

Save up to .80

**Bush's Best Beans**

Blackeye Peas from Dry Blackeye Peas, Navy Beans or Pinto Beans, 15.8 to 16-oz. cans

Save up to .80

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Original, Light or Free, 32-oz. bot.

Save up to .60

**Publix 100% Colombian Coffee**

Automatic Drip or Regular Perk Grind, 13-oz. bag Save up to .60

**Hefty Foam Plates or Bowls**

Assorted Varieties and Sizes, 25 to 60-ct. pkgs. Save up to 1.12

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Another hat made. I wanted a hat to wear anywhere I would share with Norman on it. The had made other hats which was all white the letters were Jesus. The hat was made for me by the way his family was treated with me how much he was hurt. He received one hundred dollars. I was going on in their lives. I life about God's power, would first You see, it would have been washed goes back to roll as God nor should anyone play with the hats. When I saw the letter from your family”. Our letter to work with him and showed the letter to everyone and told them the truth. He didn't show me the letter in his face, he was then moved by the full knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and later on got all on angled with and corresponded by those some things of the world by the full knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He didn't show me the letter in this condition. I was watered wherever he went he would tell me, “a man must have warm like other people because Jesus Christ who spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. I know that I am nothing, it is nothing to play with or to be played. As I shared with him what the problem was in my room I looked at him and said, “I would show you something to light your about God's power, would show a picture of him. I told him that if I could see you when you were in God's word. Please be
Traveler’s Rest Missionary Baptist Church

ST. PETERSBURG- Rev. Walker will deliver the sermon. Whitson; 11:00 a.m. Rev. Manuel L. Sykes will serve. Church will begin at 9:30 a.m with Superintendent Brown Phillip Boll in charge. The choic- ens entitled “Faith is the Victo.

Blessed is he whose transgression is for- given, whose sin is covered.

St. Joseph Church

2101 -22nd Ave., S., St. Petersburg, Catholic Diocese of St. Petersburg. Catholic School; 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church

3700 22nd Avenue S. • 221-0620
Elder Clarence L. Warren, Pastor

Sunday School . . . . . . . . . . . .9:30 a.m.

Baptist Church

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

Rev. Manuel L. Sykes

Service

Sunday School . . . . . . . . . . . .8:45 a.m.

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

Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church

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

Rev. Joseph Gordon, Pastor

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

Children’s Choir and Praise Service. The Youth Choir and Youth Ushers will go to their services this month evening every second Saturday. The choir will deliver the sermon. Keosha Herring.

Friday evening every month transportation will be provided for anyone by calling the

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Third Annual Ramadan Announcement

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

The event will take place in the beautifully remodeled Campbell Park Restaurant at 661-1666 South St. Petersburg, Florida, just two blocks south of Tropical Park. Some of the Devel Rays on Saturday, December 27, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Muslims throughout the world will acknowledge this month which is a time for prayer, fasting, thinking, pening out to help others, showing forgiveness and giving of a self sacrifice and self discipline. Several thousand Muslims are thought to live in the St. Petersburg/Tampa Bay area.

In preparing for the upcoming announcement of Ramadan, it is also a time to reflect on how much we can holiday. The pastor urges interested churches are invited to be a part of the announcement of Ramadan and share in the wonderful experience.

Congregational Prayer Ministry is held every third 10:00 a.m., Tasures Services at one 1:00 p.m. by Marita Slidmark on Saturday, Our Mission is to follow the good-ness of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Men of Community

Banqueting With The Master

By Shirley S. Coleman

Members of Elms Seventh Advent Church in St. Petersburg gathered for the final meeting of the Springwater Project on March 30th. The first meeting was held in the fall of 1995, and the project is set to begin in the fall of 1996.

The project is focused on providing food, clothing, and shelter for the homeless in St. Petersburg. The meeting included a potluck meal, with members bringing food to share with one another.

The project is being led by Pastor Robert Green, who has been working with the homeless community for many years. The group is looking for additional volunteers to help with the project.

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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 causes 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.
Miss Fashionetta Candidate: Fatoumoto Bakayoko

ST. PETERSBURG-High School Senior "Fatou" Bakayoko is hoping that she will wear the crown of Miss Fashionetta Candidate in the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Fatou would like to become a mechanical or architectural engineer. Her parents are Mrs. Minnie Bakayoko and Juanita Fountain. Brown, Yolanda Fintak, Loretta Gilstrap, Tia Love, Mary Franklin, Teiri Murph, Besselli.

Student Government and the Ruby group members are: Tomeia Overstreet and Pauline=

Memorial Church and her hobbies include reading, tennis and shopping. She belongs to many organizations such as National Student Government and the National Council of Negro Women.

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