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LEADERSHIP AWARD RECIPIENT
Victor Young, General Manager of Lokey Motor Company of Clearwater, was one of the many recipients honored last Saturday evening when the Tampa Bay Academy of Hope held its annual fundraiser. Young was the recipient of the Harvest of Hope Leadership Award. Lokey Motors was one of the sponsors of the 11th Annual Harvest of Hope Awards Banquet and Black-Tie Fundraiser. (Photograph by Lomax McIntyre)
Tampa Housing Moves Toward Central Park Demolition

During the monthly meeting on Tuesday, the Tampa Housing Authority Board of Commissioners were given an update on the resident relocation status of Central Park Village. Demolition plans for the public housing complex are slated to begin in July.

Central Park Village was the home of 483 families. But according to the status report, only 170 of those families remain.

Leroy Moore, Vice Senior President and Chief Operating Officer said a small portion of those remaining families have not found housing. The report stated that 122 families have been given Section 8 vouchers, and 64 of those have located new places and are in the final stages of moving, and 28 families will remain in public housing. Three of those will relocate to Osborne Landings.

Wence Cunningham said he's hopeful that all families will have been relocated by June 29th. He further stated that 119 families have expressed an interest in returning once the new structures are completed.

Resident Presented Award

For the 3rd consecutive month, the Tampa Housing Authority has presented an award to residents who are making efforts to improve their lives. The award is named in honor of the late Mrs. Geraldine Barnes, who lived in public housing for several years and served on the Board of Commissioners for more than a decade. This month, the award was presented to Ms. Tiffany Conway.

Jerome Ryans, President and CEO of the Tampa Housing Authority said, "This award is presented to residents who are making efforts to improve their lives. The award is in honor of the late Mrs. Geraldine Barnes, who served on our Board of Commissioners for more than a decade. This month, the award was presented to Ms. Tiffany Conway.

"We are going to use the HARTline bus system for those individuals who want to evacuate and go to a shelter. The residents will simply walk to the bus stops they normally take to catch a bus. HARTline has also agreed to send buses into the community at the request of the Tampa Housing Authority," Harris said.

Reporter Iris B. Holton can be contacted at (813) 248-1921 or by e-mail at iris@senitinel.com.
Phyllis Dukes said she had no idea domestic problems between her son, Elijah and his wife, Nishea, would escalate into what has been occurring over the past few weeks. "I can't believe how a domestic situation has been blown out of proportion by the media looking for a villain and a story."

"I think we have been exploited and slandered, and Nishea has lashed out at everyone she can think of and used everyone to paint a picture of my son and our family as being abnormal."

Ms. Dukes said she just wants it all to stop. She's not been able to sleep, is experiencing health problems, and hasn't been able to eat since the ordeal began. "I'm going through all of this because I love my son. He's in pain. He's hurting. Why can't she see that? When he went on the radio Saturday, it was to protect us. He had to say something to defend his family."

"The first time he found out about this was when Carl Crawford and some of his other teammates approached him and mentioned it. That's when he felt he had to go on the air and say something."

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This writer briefly spoke to Elijah on the phone, and he said he's tired of talking about this and had nothing else to say. He said he just wants peace for himself and his family. Minister Michelle B. Patty has spoken with Ms. Dukes and offered to act as counsel to the family.

"I'm sorry things didn't work out with her and Elijah, but she needs to accept that and move on. Right now, I think she's biting off her nose to spite her face, and she'll lose in the end. "I just want it all to stop, I can't take it anymore. Everything Nishea has said is taken as truth without anyone looking for the real truth. I don't know what she wants from all this. I don't know where she's going with all this."

Ms. Dukes said she knows other professional athletes have had more serious domestic problems, and none have gotten the attention her son has. "I think a lot of the allegations Nishea have made need to be investigated. She claims Elijah threatened her over the phone and sent her a frightening text message. I don't doubt those things happened, but she can't say for sure Elijah did it. No one has bothered to check to see if that was his voice on the phone making that call."

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We hope Gov. Charlie Crist decides to veto a bill unfortunately championed by business interests, and which essentially reduces citizens' rights to participate in constitutional amendments on the ballot for voter ratifications. No doubt, our readers will remember how our previous editorials have opposed another legislative measure that now requires a 60% majority vote in order to amend the State's constitution. Both measures make it almost impossible for citizens to gather voter signatures for ballot initiatives.

Reportedly, Gov. Crist has voiced concerns about Senate Bill 900, which requires petitions signed by voters to be turned into election supervisors within 30 days. The current time limit is four years.

To no one's great surprise, the Florida Chamber of Commerce, which has a history of opposing voter-initiated petition drives, has supported all of the bills that place new limits on groups that solicit voter signatures for ballot initiatives. This is in spite of the fact that over the past 30 years, 22 of 27 citizen-sponsored ballot initiatives have been approved by voters.

Nevertheless, without the voter ballot initiatives, Florida citizens would not have had pre-kindergarten education for our children, an indoors clean air act, small class sizes, minimum wage increases nor the protection of Florida's most famous eco system, the Everglades.

So, Gov. Crist, we urge you to veto any bill that places limits on the citizens' ballot initiative process. For we are absolutely convinced Bill 900 is not in the voters' best interest!

A Youth Center Addressing Police-Community Issues

On June 13th, at a Perry Harvey Park Committee meeting, a timely suggestion was made to include a youth center named in recognition of Martin Chambers in the final design of the $3.5 million Revamp Plan. Unfortunately, the police killing of Chambers, 40 years ago has never been investigated by the Department of Justice. However, one of the Chambers family heirs took a giant step to overcome such a tragedy. Martin's sister, Sabrina King challenged the Harvey Park Committee, and the motion was later initiated by member James Tokley. The committee agreed to address Ms. King's recommendation. No final vote has been taken. The Harvey Park Committee is made up of 13 members, 11 Blacks and two whites.

Unfortunately, since the 1967 killing of young Chambers to now, killings of Black males by the police have continued. No mayor since has been able to escape such a track record. According to Sabrina, a youth center could be a centerpiece of justice. Let us give Martin's death meaning: that we all can be proud of. We as a community must work to make sure such killings happen no more.

The Chambers Youth Center can orchestrate a curriculum that offers corrective measures for meaningful training, and input, as well as activities for wholesome youth development.

During the City Council tenure of Perry Harvey, Jr., a measure was introduced calling for a study of the Chambers killing by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. That component fell short of satisfying federal standards. Of course, the City Council effort back then did not have strong cooperation and endorsement.

A Majority Of One

If you think one vote doesn't count, just ask County Commissioner Rose Perlita. Then if you think one person can't change things, just ask James Evans, Executive Director of the Tampa Bay Academy of Hope. Commissioner Rose Perlita reportedly won her city council seat in 1999 by one vote. Meanwhile, James Evans reportedly wrote a letter that started the ball rolling in a move to oust the Bay County medical examiner, Charles Siebert.

We hope our readers remember that Charles Siebert was the medical examiner who issued an autopsy report that stated Martin Anderson died of complications from the sickle cell trait. Indeed, in spite of a well-publicized videotape of Anderson's beatings at the hands of boot camp guards, Siebert still blamed Martin's death on a sickle cell ailment.

Well, James Evans' letter sparked an inquiry, and subsequent vote to remove Siebert from his job. The Florida Medical Examiners Commission found Siebert's autopsy report to include misrepresentation, and claims to have examined organs that in fact had not been examined. Had Evans not written his letter, one of only two written to the Commission from the entire State of Florida, who knows what might have happened. In fact, Siebert may have gone unchallenged once again.

Therefore, we salute James Evans for being a "Majority of One" and for putting pen to paper as his way of trying to change a world that sorely needs changing. It worked, and we urge more of our readers to write letters, make telephone calls or cast that one ballot that could change history and make society a brighter democracy. As a popular television coach loves to say, "YOU CAN DO IT!"
**COLUMNS**

**Another View**

By RANDOLPH KINSEY

**You've Got To Respect Yourself**

Talk show host Don Imus was wrong for degrading women, disrespecting them and calling them more names than Imus can think of. The shame of all of this is that this younger typifies so many other young women's fondness for this kind of, excuse me please, music.

In the ghetto, people would say it was a case of a brother putting down sisters, and apparently this young lady was not aware that she was being degraded. It was that, or either she did not think that she was being disrespect and put down. Maybe she thought the rapper was talking about other women, not her. How can any lady enjoy this kind of stuff? How can they even listen to it? I wonder do women want to be respected today? If they do, they have got to demonstrate that desire by first respecting themselves. They must carry themselves and conduct themselves in such a manner that they will command respect. Real women must step up to the plate and teach young girls how to be ladies.

Women must learn to dissociate themselves with anybody, man, woman, entertainer, music, books and movies that disrespects women. Women should never use degrading terms when referring or talking to another woman.

The disrespect has gotten so bad, until it is common for women to degrade themselves and other women. The concept from now on for women to live by from people who demand that others respect you too.

Women, stop listening, watching, reading the filth. It will make you a better woman at the end of the day.

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**Tampa - New Orleans: The Real Deal**

It's happening in New Orleans today, but it'll be happening in Tampa tomorrow! Conclusion: It'll be happening in West Tampa this afternoon!

What's happening in New Orleans? The Landmarks Commission, but most people call it the "Landsharks Commission!"

It only goes by one name: "Landmarks!" It only needs one name that's printable, based on the catastrophe and confusion it has brought to poor people returning to what was once their homes throughout the washed-out streets of New Orleans. The New Orleans Historic Districts Landmarks Commission is the body developed, supposedly by the City of New Orleans, to make certain rehabilitated homes are constructed within proper codes, and qualifications that bespeak the tradition of that ancient city. What's that you say? "BALONEY?"

Well, let the Landmarks people explain it to you then. They say, "Everything in a designated historic district has to undergo an extra layer of scrutiny, discussion and review." Why? Replies a recent news article, "In New Orleans, many of the most heavily damaged buildings were Creole cottages and shotgun homes (we know about them, don't we?) which could be found in historically working-class homes. "Therefore," said Landmarks commission chairman Jesse "By-the-Book" LeBlanc, "we will not change our guidelines, but we will work with the homeowners!"

And what does that mean? Well, take into consideration the Landmarks Commission's rules and regulations is a book of more than 20,000 words spelling out such arcane wisdom as, "Shutters shall be hung on hinges of the proper type and design. Once this requirement has been satisfied, shutters may be fixed in the closed position or held in open position with appropriate hardware." And should any "New Orleanian" be tempted to go to Home Depot or a local Wal-Mart to buy hinges, Landmarks commission warns, "Many modern reproduction hinges do not accurately reproduce the types that they attempt to imitate."

... and do you understand?

But let's say you DON'T understand, and you backslide regarding certain regulations, which no doubt are to be worshipped to the letter! Then THIS is what will happen to YOU as residents who've seen it happen, "If folks get caught, they face fines of up to $500 a day!" And still, people who can hardly afford gas money, journey back to places like the predominantly Black and historical 4th Ward to start their lives anew! Like lemmings, they return. In truth, they have no choice. Home is in their blood! But the question remains, "Is blood thicker than money?"

And what about Tampa? What about people whose families have lived in Tampa for generations? How thick is their blood? When City-borne commissioners and manicured corporations follow behind land-grabbing realtors and Ivy-League house redevelopers, and with seemingly well-meaning zeal and zest begin to lay down laws to people who have lived in Tampa all of their lives. Laws like what color their homes should be painted, whether their roofs should be pitched or flat, how close their front lawns and backyards should be cut. When property taxes become impossible to bear and home insurance becomes impossible to get, then we begin to wonder whether there is indeed, a Landmarks Commission lurking somewhere in Tampa! But we don't have to wonder. Just like New Orleans, we know ethnic atmosphere by which we all have the same goals and the same plan of achieving those goals. There's no reason why our children and communities can't be the same as others all over the city that enjoy the best the city has to offer.

As long as our communities are classified as blighted, the inner-city, ghettos, or areas where illegal dumping prevails, we will continue to be pulled up the rear. But if we can combine our strengths and help those who are weak, we can prevail. Acts of violence will have no place in our community if we take a stand and do something about it. We can no longer bury our heads in the sand and pretend it will miss us or just go away. No longer is quality education a roadblock. No longer are inferior schools a roadblock. The only roadblocks we have are the ones we've imposed on ourselves by accepting the tags placed upon us.

It's easy to get past any roadblock if you first identify what it is, then attack it at the source. No one can stop you from being whatever you want to be. No one can stop you from living in a mansion, driving an expensive car, or owning a successful business.

Those are ideals we all once had, but they were taken away with distractions of easy living and free handouts. They were also taken away by standards set for us by those who don't share our history or culture.

Raise your children the way you know they should be raised.
When ‘Bebe’s Kids’ Attack

We are all guilty. We saw it coming years ago and we did nothing to stop it. Then again, what could we do? It’s not like we could have raised them. They weren’t even our children. As much as we would have liked to step in, we couldn’t. It just wasn’t our business.

Besides, how do you tell a woman how to raise her child? Nobody wants to get caught up in a verbal altercation with a young lady who feels insulted because somebody tried to tell her how to be a mother. So what did we do? We just sat back and watched. Sometimes we laughed. Other times we left out of frustration. Most of the time, we just shook our heads and felt sorry for the little one.

We could have stood up to her. We could have told her that swearing at and punching three-year-olds was not a good idea. We could have at least informed her about the hazards that come with allowing children to consume baby sips of alcohol and the effect marijuana smoke has on their mental development, but we didn’t.

I know we wanted to say something, but we just didn’t know her that well. She didn’t run in our circles. She wasn’t one of our friends. She was just some “chick” that lived down the street, the cousin of a friend or the girl who had all of those kids with no father to speak of. I mean, we all remember her. Some of us just don’t want to be reminded.

We never thought that our complacency would come back to haunt us. For all we knew, she was just “Bebe” in the flesh. The embodiment of a comedic character we thought we’d never see. We never imagined that the kids, the ones we knew she was unfit to raise, would grow up to be our biggest nightmare.

Fifteen years have passed since then and we have the nerve to wonder, “what’s going on.” We must have thought that those children left in her care would overcome their environment, that somehow their spirit would rise above the value of right from wrong on their own. That marijuana smoke, it must have affected our brains, too.

Now we are paying the price. Her children are preying on our children. The little three-year-old who told us to kiss his behind way back when, now he’s shooting up high schools, robbing blind people, and murdering teenagers in their front yard. We always knew he’d go for bad. We just didn’t realize it would be to this extent.

Today, Bebe is also afraid of him. The seed she sowed from birth no longer respects her. She holds her head down as she apologizes to victims’ families. The shame she feels comes from the knowledge that she’s partially responsible for every crime her son committed.

For us, the guilt is a little more indirect, but we still share some of the blame. They say it takes a village to raise a child. Saying that we dropped the ball in that department would be an understatement.

It’s because of this that we owe Ma. Lucy Mills an apology. Just like Bebe, our lack of action taken years ago helped to create the heartless soul that killed her son. For that, we should all be sorry. R.L.P. “C.”

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Computer Mentors Group Creates Honor Board

BY ANTIONE DAVIS
Sentinel Staff Writer

A Tampa organization devoted to teaching youth about computer technology has selected a board to work on its behalf.

The Computer Mentors Group (CMG) has chosen five people to work as ambassadors, promoting the organization. This will be the first time the CMG will have a board. Board members include: State Sen. Arthenia Joyner, State Rep. Betty Reed, former Tampa City Councilman Bob Buckhorn, former JPMorganChase executive Gene Marshall, Susanne Kinsella Gill and Shirley Houston.

"The people chosen for our inaugural board bring a lot of different talents that I believe will be extremely beneficial to the organization and to our students," said Ralph Smith, executive director of the Computer Mentors Group. "We have a mix of talented fundraisers, those who are regularly sought to raise money. We also have people who bring credibility, prestige and expertise to our organization."

The Computer Mentors Group is now in its tenth year of operation. They currently provide computer training to children, youth and adults in 11 locations throughout Hillsborough County, including their main office at 2802 E. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. They recently opened a new location in Plant City, and last year, they provided 357 computers to individuals and local non-profit organizations.

"We feel very fortunate to have the involvement and endorsement of these incredible leaders who believe in our mission of bridging the digital divide," Smith said. "We are indebted to their commitment."

Senator Receives Warrior For Women Award

In recognition of her legislative advocacy, Senator Arthenia Joyner (D-Tampa) received the Anne Gannon Warrior for Women Award presented by the Florida Council Against Sexual Violence on Thursday, June 21, 2007. This award is given to those individuals deemed worthy for outstanding effort in the protection of women and children against sexual violence.

Senator Joyner was selected to receive the award due to her advocacy during the 2007 legislative session on behalf of women and children. She offered a budget amendment, which would have provided funding intact for rape crisis centers, and she was also able to get their funding amount increased by $200,000.

YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH THE MESSIAH IS HERE NOW!!

"The idea of a virgin-minded people appears to be appropriate title for the entire world of persons enlightened and dead to the knowledge of the name of the God of the Bible, which is Yahweh, and that these virgin-minded people have divine laws are duty bound to obey

This virgin-minded people have been taught that the name of God is Jehovah and the name of His son is Jesus. According to The Guinness Book of Records, 1991 paperback edition, the letter "J" is a fairly recent addition to the English alphabet and it reads, "Newest letters." The newest letters added to the English alphabet are "J" and "V," which are of post-Shakespearean use c. 1630. Formerly they were only as variants of "I" and "U."

Given these facts, the word Jehovah is actually a false translation of the "true" name of God, Yahweh. This word Jehovah had to have been invented after the year 1630, when the letter "J" was introduced to the English alphabet.

When the King James Version of the Bible was written, the letter "J" had not been placed into the English alphabet, so the Greek word "Iēou" was later translated into Jesus. This information may be shocking to many of you, but it is true nonetheless. Look this information up in as many reference tools as you can and research these facts for yourself. This information causes me to ask another question with the Scripture,

Proverbs 30:4. "Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? Who hath gathereth the wind in his fist? Who hath bound the waters in a garment? Who hath established all the ends of the earth? What is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell?"

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Neighborhood Watch Leader Attends State Conference

BY LEON B. CREWS
Sentinel Staff Writer

From June 14th through the 16th, the 11th annual Florida Neighborhoods Conference was held in Sarasota, Florida.

The conference was held to unite neighborhood association leaders from all over the state to discuss what’s going on in their communities and what are their major concerns.

Sam Mobley, President of the Tampa Neighborhood Watch Association attended the conference.

“There were about 500 people at the conference, and the workshops they held were very beneficial.

“Among the important topics we discussed was affordable rental housing. A suggestion was made to create a system where the government would repair rental properties for no charge providing they be rented to low income families.

“Affordable housing units sell for $150,000 and up, and people on fixed incomes or low income can’t afford the new homes. Their income has to be at least $40,000-a-year to live in those houses.”

Mr. Mobley said it was suggested that developers be given incentives to provide more low-income housing and convince existing properties to make more low-income units available.

“We also talked about property taxes, and how each county sets their own limits. There is a need to keep an eye on property taxes to make sure people aren’t forced from their homes because they can’t afford to pay the increases.”

One major topic of discussion was discrimination in housing. Mr. Mobley said some felt the problem didn’t exist, but it was revealed that it does, especially in low-income communities where properties are owned by outsiders.

Mr. Mobley said he plans to attend more conferences scheduled for later in the year. He also said transportation was provided to and from the conference, meals were provided, and they all were treated to a boat ride where they looked at million-dollar homes along the waterfront.
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4025 W. Palmetto St., Tampa, FL
Rev. A. W. Greene, Pastor

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Theme: Coming Home - Isaiah 60:4

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Theme: Jesus My BFF (Best Friend Forever) Col. 1:3-14
Guest Speaker:
Min. Derrick McRae;
Youth Minister
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Rev. Dr. Thomas Scott, the church’s senior pastor, “When I think about our vision and the potential we have to move to the next level I am elated that God has given me the awesome task of being the leader at this church.”

Rev. Scott has been pastor of 34th Street Church of God for 28 years, and members of his family work in the church with him. His son Marlon Scott teaches a computer training class as part of the King’s Kids Christian Academy and his wife, Marva L. Scott, serves as the Elders Congregational Care.

“When Jesus died for us He was doing God’s business. It’s just my hope that people will come and share the vision and resources to make the spiritual potential a reality,” said Dr. Scott.

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Local Author's Books Catch County Library's Attention

Readers have given Dexter Brockman a lot of positive feedback for the books that he's written, but now the county library system has taken notice.

Brockman's novel "I'm In Love With Not Loving Anyone" has been added to the Tampa-Hillsborough County Public Library System. Currently, the book is housed in the College Hill Library, West Tampa Branch Library, the 78th Street Community Library, and the John F. Germany Library downtown. The 29-year-old author says that his book is also circulating through libraries in his hometown of Belle Glade, Florida. "I'm extremely happy about the reception that the book has been getting. It's been getting a lot of positive support, and I'm really excited that people will have easier access to one of my books," said Brockman. "A lot of people who have read my books have suggested that I put my books into the library system so I feel good that there available now.

County library representatives gained interest in the Tampa-based author after reading an article in the Florida Sentinel Bulletin, and through viewing positive feedback on his website. After reviewing the contents of the book, the Tampa-Hillsborough County Public Library System bought several copies for local libraries. The books became available on June 8th.

BY IRIS B. HOLTON
Sentinel Staff Writer

Several organizations throughout Hillsborough County are making preparations for the hurricane season, which began on June 1st. Hillsborough County officials are taking extra steps to prepare citizens in the event a hurricane strikes Tampa.

A series of hurricane preparedness forums will be conducted throughout Hillsborough County in upcoming weeks. The forums will focus on the importance of early preparation before, during and after the storms. The forums will also provide information on the locations of water, food and ice distribution.

Those in attendance will receive basic preparation items for each household. Residents will also learn the benefits of planning ahead for the safety of their families.

Ms. Antonia Barber, Manager of the Lee Davis Neighborhood Service Center, said, "We are taking extra steps to prepare our community for what may come if a hurricane or storm hits this area. In keeping with our responsibility to the people we serve, the purpose of the forum is to inform individuals what they must do to be safe. It is a personal responsibility to have a plan for survival. The more information you receive the better equipped you are when the time comes.

The forums will be held at the locations listed below:

Tuesday, June 26th, West Tampa Neighborhood Service Center, 2101 14th Avenue, Suite 2, Plant City, (813) 757-3871, ext. 221.

Tuesday, July 17th, at the Ruskin Community Service Center, 201 14th Avenue, S. E. in Ruskin, (813) 671-7647, ext. 231.

Thursday, July 19th, Lee Davis Neighborhood Service Center, 3402 N. 22nd Street, (813) 272-5220, ext. 221.

Hillsborough County will provide information to caregivers during a special Hurricane Preparedness Seminar geared toward caregivers. The seminar will be held on Saturday, July 14th, 10:30 a.m., until 12:30 p.m., Westshore Senior Center, 4102 W. Spruce. Caregivers will be given tips, information, and disaster and caregiver kits. Caregivers should RSVP (813) 319-4115.

Members of the Tampa Housing Authority are also making plans for the hurricane season.
BIRTHDAY GREETING

Party Like A Rock Star

BRITNEY, a.k.a., BABY GIRL

It's that time of year again. I'm turning a year older and much wiser. Come out and share my day with me at 112, where I'll be partying like a rock star.

Wishing my mommy a happy birthday.
Love you, Lil' Ryan.

Happy birthday wishes are sent out to Ms. Monye', who will be 30 on June 23. We hope you enjoy your day.
Love, your kids, family and friends.

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Yes, We Are Rock Stars

DE'ANNA And DEE
6/24/07

Wishing my "man" a happy "28" birthday.
Love, De'Annn.

DEE

I Made it To '21'

MAURICE And AMP

Happy birthday goes out to our son, Maurice Garrett. God bless you and may you have many more.
Love you. Tracee, Amp, Grandma Cleoetta and the rest of the family.

The General Mission Ministry
Victory Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church
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June 24, 2007
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Pastor, Heritage Christian Community Baptist Church

To God Be The Glory!

The Glory Church Of Tampa Bay
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6/25

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Love, momma, Tracie, Celvetta and Jerry

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Local Day School Owner Carrying On Family Tradition

The late Geraldine Hall Streeter owned and operated the Fairy Land Nursery School for over 40 years.

Geraldine Hall-Streeter owned and operated a Tampa daycare for over 40 years before she passed in June of 2006. Now, her granddaughter is continuing the tradition at the same location.

The Purple House Day School will teach local youth (age 3 through kindergarten) at the 4208 N. 31st Street location, the same place where Streeter housed the Fairy Land Nursery School. Dionne McCaskill-Alston will run the school, and says using the house for any other purpose would have gone against her grandmother's wishes.

"This is what she would have wanted for the house. She ran a day care here for so long, it just seems that this is what she would have wanted," said Alston.

Alston says that the current student-to-teacher ratio in Hillsborough County Schools is about 1 teacher to every 30 students. The ratio at The Purple House will be 1 teacher for every five students. The school will also include a gardening program, teaching the kids how to grow sunflowers and other plants. Alston says her past experience as a teacher has helped her learn that students from predominantly Black communities sometimes need something different.

"The kids here will be engaged in activities that will not only occupy their bodies, but their minds as well," said Alston. "We want to prepare our children for the public school system. Our aim here is to make sure they get the attention and education that they need here to do their best when they move on."

Dionne is the daughter of Louis and Janice (Hall) McCaskill, and the niece of Bonnye Hall Taylor, principal of Muller Elementary School. She is married to Major Alston, and has one son, Dylan Alston.

For more information on The Purple House Day School, please call (813) 237-4142.

Reporter/Writer Antiorae Davis can be reached at (813) 248-1921. He can also be reached at adavis@flsun­tinel.com.

In The Spotlight

We are glad to have another young lady who is sure to leave an imprint on the minds of all who see her. Jamarles is this week's Spotlight Unlimited Feature, and we are already anticipating seeing much more from her in the future. This 19-year-old Leo loves dancing and running. She says her ambition is to be a successful female, and her philosophy on life is, "Live life to the fullest." Congratulations to Jamarles on being this week's Spotlight Unlimited Feature.
Meeting Held To Resolve Problems At Belmont Heights Estates

After a meeting last Thursday at Belmont Heights Estates, issues concerning problems with management and the seniors were resolved. Tampa Housing Authority Executive Director Jerome Ryans met with Belmont Heights Estates Manager, Pam Brown and Resident Association President, Al Young.

"I thought the meeting turned out well. There had been a breakdown of communication between management and the residents and I think those issues were straightened out. I told Young as president, he needed to exert more leadership and authority, and if there was a need for us to assist him in providing training for some of his staff, we would do that."

Ryans said there is no rift between management and residents any more. "When I spoke to Brown, I suggested that in the future, any changes be put in writing. That way, people won't feel they are getting information after the fact or not getting it at all. I also suggested she not attend Resident Association meetings unless she's invited."

Ryans said he's very impressed with the job Young is doing and told him to let him know if they can help in any way. "I also don't want to see the programs currently underway for seniors terminated. They are vital, and need to keep going. There are some really great things going on for the seniors. Everyone just needs to make sure all the residents know what's going on at Belmont Heights Estates."

Reporter Leon B. Crews

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Board members in attendance at the 5th Annual Juneteenth Street Corner Story Hour were from left to right; Johnetta Goldsmith, Jody Jenkins, and Grace Miranda, Liaison for the Heart of East Tampa Front Porch.

On Saturday, June 16, 2007 the Heart of East Tampa Front Porch Council and Hillsborough Community College celebrated its 5th Annual Juneteenth Street Corner Story Hour at the Open Air Market, located on East Lake and 29th Street. Parents and children of all ages gathered around the tables of free books to choose from. While snow cones were served, prizes were received by participants holding a winning raffle ticket and "book readers" entertained the crowd with colorful stories of their choosing. The readers included: Margaret Petway, of Hillsborough Community College; Aline Hayes, of Green Tree Financial, read a book by Aamir Lee Bermiss entitled: "I Hate To Be Sick," and Anthony Thomas, Vice President of Solita’s House, sang the book form of the familiar "The Wheels On The Bus" with audience participation.

The purpose of this event was to sign children up for the Front Porch Literacy Program and to demonstrate the fun and enjoyment reading can bring to everyone, both the reader and the listener.

The Juneteenth Street Corner Story Hour was coordinated by Grace Miranda; Liaison for the Heart of East Tampa Front Porch.

For more information regarding the Front Porch Literacy Program contact the Heart of East Tampa Front Porch Council Office. (Photos were provided by Staci Parker of Visionary Marketing Company, LLC).
Siblings Need Help To Attend National Track Championships

For several years, two Tampa siblings have competed in track and field competitions. Since they began competing, the youngsters have had the opportunity to travel to other cities with their team.

And this year will be no different for Marc and Mia McCoy. They are the children of Vince and Sonja McCoy. Mrs. McCoy serves as a track coach and her husband assists with fundraising.

Marc became interested in track and field as a younger and has competed for the past 8 years. He is a 5th grade student at Lomax Elementary School.

Marc recently competed in the AAU Southern Indoor Nationals Championships and captured both places in both the Pentathlon and High Jump. He also placed 8th in the 60-meter hurdles.

Following her brother's path, Mia is a young track enthusiast. She has been competing for three years. Mia is a student at Phillip Shore Magnet Elementary School.

Mia participated in the same competition and walked away as a gold medalist in both the high jump and triathlon. Two years earlier, she broke the Club National record in the long jump event.

Now, the siblings need the help of the community to continue competing. They need sponsors in order to attend the 2007 AAU National Club Championships in Orlando and later in Knoxville, Tennessee.

The Orlando competition will take place from July 1st through July 6th. The young athletes will compete in AAU Junior Olympics Games July 28th through August 4th.

Marc and Mia are both members of the Seffner Track Club. Anyone wishing to make donations can contact Vince McCoy at (813) 263-7505 or (813) 681-4308. Reporter Iris B. Holton can be contacted at (813) 248-1921 or by e-mail at iris@flsentinel.com.

Breakout Game By Brandon High Grad Lifts Angels Past Astros

Chone Figgins had arguably the best game of his career earlier this week against the Houston Astros. The Brandon High School graduate finished Monday's game 6-for-6, helping the Los Angeles Angels come back to defeat the Astros 10-9.

Figgins had a double, four singles and a triple during the game, and he drove in the game-winning run in the ninth inning. The 29-year-old had three RBIs for the game. Figgins also tied Garrett Anderson's 1996 franchise record for most hits in a game.

"This is just one of those special games. You can't explain it," said Figgins. "The thing about it was that the game was so close, so it made me concentrate even more to get a hit. I don't think I ever did that in a video game, much less a professional game."

The six hits by the Georgia native bumped his batting average up from .288 to .296. The Angels (45-27) victory helped further solidify the team's grip as the top team in the American League West Division.

Baseball Player With Tampa Ties Drafted By Blue Jays

George Gragg says that Jackson had the option of playing for the University of Tampa or the University of South Florida. But his decision was made easier when the Toronto Blue Jays selected him in the 45th round of the Major League Draft last month.

Jackson also started for the USA Baseball Junior National Team last August, and played in the AFLAC All-American Classic in San Diego this past summer.

"Justin has worked extremely hard all his life to get to this point," Gragg said. "He's earned his success, and we're all very proud of his accomplishments," said Gragg. "He's already accomplished a lot, and we're hoping that he's going to have greater success in his baseball career."

Gragg says Jackson had the option of playing for Arizona State on a full scholarship if he had not been drafted. The newest member of the Toronto Blue Jays was also a finalist for some of the nation's top awards, including Baseball America's Youth Player of the Year and AFLAC's Jackie Robinson Award that was won by Tampa's Michael Burgess.

Getting drafted was just the best feeling in the world. I'm dedicated to working as hard as I can to help the Blue Jays organization," says Jackson. "Toronto is a team that I worked out for recently, and I guess I showed them something special."

Jackson will likely begin his major league career in the Instructional League in Dunedin.
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Nike turns down Vick request

ATLANTA - Former Georgia Tech point guard and NBA All-Star Kenny Anderson was hired as coach of the CBA's Atlanta Krunk on Tuesday.

Anderson averaged 26 points as a sophomore at Georgia Tech and helped lead the Yellow Jackets to the Final Four in 1990 along with Dennis Scott and Brian Oliver - nicknamed "Lethal Weapon 3." Anderson was the second overall pick in the 1990 NBA draft and dealt by the New Jersey Nets and spent 14 seasons with nine franchises, including the Portland Trail Blazers, the Boston Celtics, the Atlanta Hawks, the Indiana Pacers and the Charlotte Hornets.

"I feel that coming back to the city where I was a college star at Georgia Tech to coach is a blessing," Anderson said in a statement. "I look forward to the challenge that lies ahead. I will work hard and will be fully committed to the CBA's Atlanta Krunk being a success."

Pacman Will Face Two Felony Charges

LAS VEGAS - Suspended NFL player Adam "Pacman" Jones must surrender here to face two felony charges in a strip club melee that preceded a triple shooting in February, authorities said Wednesday.

Two other people police identified as part of the troubled Tennessee Titans cornerback's entourage also will face felony charges in the fracas inside the Minxx Club, Las Vegas police said.

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**Sosa Slams Milestone Off Former Team**

**SPORTS**

ARLINGTON, Texas — Sammy Sosa's 600th homer resembled so many that came before it, except this time the Chicago Cubs were on the other side.

Playing for the Texas Rangers after a year out of baseball, Sosa became the fifth member of the 600-homer club Wednesday night when he connected against his former team.

After driving a 1-2 pitch to right-center for a solo shot in the fifth inning of Texas' 7-3 victory, Slammin' Sammy bounced out of the batter's box with his trademark hop and thrust his right fist into the air before reaching first base. He was mobbed at home plate by his teammates while the scoreboard showed pictures of all five members of the elite club: Hank Aaron, Barry Bonds, Babe Ruth, Willie Mays and Sosa.

“It was something that can't be explained,” Sosa said. “Getting my 600th against the Chicago Cubs, and my first team (was) the Texas Rangers. It's like everything clicked. My emotions, I don't know what they are.”

**Greg Oden Works Out For Blazers**

**PORTLAND, Ore. —** Greg Oden admitted he was out of breath after his workout Wednesday for the Portland Trail Blazers. By no means was the 7-foot draft prospect coming in with his reputation.

“Really, I'm trying to sell them on me, not the other way around,” the forward from Ohio State said after a vigorous solo workout.

The Portland Trail Blazers have tested positive for steroids. They are one of the top picks along with Kevin Durant, a forward out of Texas, who is scheduled to visit the Blazers on Thursday.

“All I can do is be me,” Oden said.

A couple dozen fans stood across the street from the Blazers practice facility south of Portland hoping to catch a glimpse of the Big Man. The media turned in out.

**Boxer Toney Tests Positive For Steroids**

**JAMES TONEY**

LOS ANGELES — Three-time champion James Toney tested positive for two types of steroids and could face a one-year suspension from boxing.

Armando Garcia, the California State Athletic Commission's executive officer, said Toney and Danny Batchelder tested positive for boldenone and stanozolol, the same substances detected in the Diego Corrales case.

“Toney tested positive for boldenone and stanozolol, and Batchelder tested positive for boldenone and oxandrolone,” Garcia said.

If they don't appeal, the boxers would be suspended one year from the date of their fight.

“They have a right to appeal,” Garcia said Wednesday. “My recommendation is suspension until the end of the licensing year and $2,500 fine for both. We will give them the 30 days to appeal. If they don't, that's what the suspension will be.”

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**Court Dismisses Sprewell's Libel Case**

**LATREI L SPREWELL**

NEW YORK — A state appeals court in Manhattan has dismissed former basketball star Latrelle Sprewell's libel suit against the New York Post over the newspaper's account of how he broke his finger nearly five years ago.

The 5-0 ruling by the state Supreme Court's Appellate Division reversed a lower court ruling that said Sprewell's case could proceed.

Sprewell, who was with the New York Knicks in 2002, sued the Post and reporter Marc Herman that year over articles published Oct. 4, 7 and 8. The articles suggested the 6-foot-6 guard/forward had broken his right little finger in a fight on his boat in a Milwaukee marina in September 2002.

**Kings Tab Theus As Coach**

**SACRAMENTO, Calif. —** Reggie Theus scored the first basket in the history of the Sacramento Kings nearly 22 years ago — and the club put the ball back in his hands Wednesday.

Kings owners Joe and Gavin Maloof formally introduced Theus as the franchise's 21st head coach at Arco Arena after signing him to a three-year deal. With a natty suit and a TV-star smile, Theus vowed to return excitement and wins to a once-successful team that fell apart last season.

"I've come full circle. This is an amazing dream to be sitting on the sidelines in front of 18,500 fans," Theus said.

"I remember flying in for the first time over the rice fields and the farms, and I was excited. I woke up this morning, and I was excited."
MR. GEORGE DYAL

Graveside services for Mr. Edwin B. Mordica will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 23, 2007, at Orange Hill Cemetery, 4900 Chelsea St., Tampa, by Pastor James Robertson, officiating.

Mr. Mordica was born November 12, 1945, to Alford and Hazel Mordica in Des Moines, Iowa, where he attended school in Leon County.

He was preceded in death by his wife, JoAnne Mordica; father, Alford Mordica; and brother Frank Mordica.

On June 18, 2007, Mr. Mordica was called home to be with the heavenly Father.

He leaves to mourn his memory: devoted daughter, Belinda Wilson (Richard, Jr.), Carolyn Dyal (Ron), Sharon Atherton (John), Rosalind Welden, Monica Jones (Alvin) and Sabrina Wilkerson (Chris); son, Irwin Welden; ex-wife of 40 years, Roberta Johnson; sister, Mary Wilson (Vernon); brothers, Eddie Dyal(Sheila) and Anthony Johnson (Marie); grandchildren, Cathia Dyal, Tiffany Nelson, Anthony Nelson, Trinika Lewis, Shannon Singleton and Sol Singleton; aunts, Grace Rodgers, Estella Brown and Berline Forrest (Melvin); and a host of sorrowing granddaughters, great grandchildren, nephews and nieces.

The family will receive friends from 3-4 p.m. on Saturday, June 23, 2007, at Florida Mortuary, 4001 N. 22nd St., Tampa.

You may view and sign the guest book at www.floridamortuary.net.

MR. EDWIN B. MORDICA

MRS. CATHERINE SEYMOUR

Homegoing services for Mrs. Catherine Seymore, who passed away on Tuesday, June 19, 2007, will be conducted on Saturday, June 23, 2007, at 11 a.m. at First Union Missionary Baptist Church, 1901 Central Avenue, with the Rev. Dr. William Miller, officiating. Interment will be at Rest Haven Memorial Park, Tampa.

She was preceded in death by: her husband, John Banks; loving daughter, Margaret Pearson, Mae London and husband, Richard; son, Howard Seymore and wife, Gwen; daughters, Lassie Darkins, Eta Ward, Annetta Laura and husband, Willie Grace, Irene Novell, Eniece Shoats, Margaret Burke and Annie Frances Wheeler; 7 granddaughters, 7 grandsons, Patrick Collier, Albert Jones, Darrell Seymore, Richard London, Armantine London, Thomas Seymour, Marcus Seymour, and Darrol Seymore; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and devoted friends.

Public visitation for Mrs. Catherine Seymore will be held at the Homegoing service for Mr. Mordica, June 23, 2007, at 2 p.m. The family will receive friends from 3-4 p.m. That evening, John Harmon, LFD, and James Harmon, LFD, will conduct a Homegoing service at the mortuary.

John Harmon, LFD, and James Harmon, LFD
A HARMON BURIAL

MRS. CATHERINE SEYMOUR

Homegoing services for Mr. Richard Allen Hudgins, who passed away on Tuesday, June 19, 2007, will be conducted on Saturday, June 23, 2007, at 11 a.m. at Rest Haven Memorial Park, Tampa. Interment will be at Rest Haven Memorial Park, Tampa.

Funeral services for Mr. Richard Allen Hudgins, who passed away on Tuesday, June 19, 2007, will be conducted on Saturday, June 23, 2007, at 11 a.m. at Rest Haven Memorial Park, Tampa. Interment will be at Rest Haven Memorial Park, Tampa.
MR. JAMES ROGERS, JR.

Funeral services for Mr. James Rogers, Jr. will be held 11 a.m., Saturday, June 23, 2007, at Northside Missionary Baptist Church, 5706 N. 40th Street, Tampa. Rev. Jacob Jordan, pastor.

MR. HOMER ROYAL, JR.

A celebration of life service for Mr. Homer Royal, Jr., who passed away Wednesday, June 13, 2007, will be held on Saturday, June 23, 2007, at College Hill Cemetery, 2729 Florida Avenue, Tampa.

MR. ANDREW JOSEPH WILLIAMS

Funeral service for Andrew Joseph Williams, "Snow," will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, June 23, 2007, at Faith Institutional Church, 2729 Florida Avenue, Tampa.

MR. LOUIS BOSTICK, SR.

Funeral services for Mr. Louis Bostick Sr., "Sweet Lou," will be held Tuesday, June 19, 2007, at Morning Glory Funeral Chapel, 2100 N. Nebraska Avenue, Tampa.

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Lori Cusseaux of Columbus,

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The remains will repose

at 5 p.m. today, June 22,

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Reverend Mr. Thomas will

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Mrs. Sandra Willingham

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County and was a member of

Harvest Time Ministry. She

was employed by the School

District of Hillsborough

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She leaves to cherish her

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Washington-Rhodes,

known affectionately as

"Brodie" of Tampa, passed

away Saturday, June 16,

2007. Funeral services will be

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Progressive Missionary Baptist

Church, 2904 E. Chipco

Avenue, Reister Barbato-

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Rev. Leonard Eric, officiat-

ing. Interment will follow in

Rest Haven Memorial Park.

Debra was a native of

Ft. Myers, and was a resident

of Tampa for over thirty years.

She was educated by the

Public Schools of Hillsborough

County and was a graduate of

Plant High School.

She leaves to cherish her

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Washington of Ft. Myers; father,

Al Pearlsey and wife Doris of

Ft. Myers; siblings, Mollie

Washington, Marla Washington

and Floyd Washington, Ill, all

of Tampa, Pamela Denson,

Shironda Perry, etc. of Ft.

Myers; brothers, Derick Perry,

etc. of Ft. Myers; devoted

sisters, Elaine (Wades);

Daniel (Timmy); crumbs,

Mary Lynn (Derek); and a host

of nieces and nephews.

The remains will repose

after 5 p.m. today, June 22,

2007, at Ray Williams

Funeral Home, 2504 E.

Chipco Avenue, with

Reverend Mr. Thomas

officiating. The funeral

service will be conducted

Saturday, June 23, 2007,

at 11 a.m. at the Ray

Williams Memorial Chapel.

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MRS. MOCE D’RELLE THOMAS

Mr. Ocie D’Relle Thomas

"Peter Pan" of Tampa, passed

away Saturday, June 16,

2007. Funeral services will be

conducted Saturday, June 23,

2007, at 11 a.m. at St. Johns

Progressive Missionary Baptist

Church, 2904 E. Chipco

Avenue, Reister Barbat-

jomew Banks, pastor, with

Rev. Leonard Eric, officiat-

ing. Interment will follow in

Rest Haven Memorial Park.

Mr. Thomas was a native of

Dothan, Alabama, and a resi-

dent of Tampa since July 1992.

He was the oldest son of Mr.

Milton and Mrs. Thomas and

Mr. Ocie D. Thomas born on

October 26, 1967. He accepted

Christ and joined Greater

Beulah Baptist Church in

Dothan, AL, at an early age,

under the leadership of Dr. K.

Mullins. After relocating to

Tampa, he united with St.

Matthew M. Church under

the leadership of Pastor

Mummard.

He was preceded in death by:
his parents, Mildred R.

Thomas and Mr. Ocie D.

Thomas; uncles, Louise Grace

(Easee); grandmother,

parents, Melissie Rivers and

Steve Randolph; father of

his daughter and her mother,

Mrs. Shelia Calhoun Brown;

brothers, Robert McCloud and

Craig Bryant; and a host of

other relatives and friends.

He leaves to cherish his

memory: his parents, Mildred R.

Thomas and Mr. Ocie D.

Thomas; daugh-

ters, Quandis Thomas and

Shakita Thomas; sister,

Octavia Thomas; children,

Rodney West Canty, Emanuel

McCloud and Craig Bryant;

grandmother, Ruby Thomas;

sister, Melissa Thomas; and a

host of relatives and friends.

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Friday, June 22, 2007

Florida Sentinel-Bulletin published every Tuesday and Friday
**BIRTHDAY MEMORIAM**

**GLADYS M. CREWS**
6/21/18 - 3/3/04

Gladys, behind you are: 3 children, 7 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, and a host of nephews, nieces, and loved ones who cherish what you gave each of us while you were here.

From your children: Hettie, Leon and James, enjoy your rest. You've earned it and God couldn't ask for a better servant.

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**BIRTHDAY MEMORIES**

**REVEREND G. E. EDWARDS**
June 20, 1916

I know you are having one of the largest birthday parties ever in heaven.

Oh what a gala time that must be with your loved ones.

But for those of us that are still down here, we want you to know we miss you and love you very much. One day we will be joining you at one of your special birthday parties.

Your loving wife, Bertha, family, friends and the New Saint Matthew Church.

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**BELATED FATHER'S DAY MEMORIAM**

**LEROY 'WHOPPO' CHESTNUT**
1976 - 1999

Happy belated Father's Day to my dearly beloved son, Leroi "Whoppo" Chestnut. You are gone, but you will never ever be forgotten. Son, I'm still believing in God for a miracle.

Always thinking of you, your mother, Annie Gay Ettie.

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**IN MEMORIAM**

**NETTIE MORRIS**
June 23, 2005

Memories of your sweet smile, loving guidance and precious love are forever with us. We're thinking of you today and always.

"Love and miss you!" Jessica, Charles, Jr., Rawn, Shantelle, Shannon, Greg, Erma, Lene, Jessie and family.

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**IN MEMORIAM**

**NEKEISHA PITTMAN**
Happy birthday Baby Girl, b.f.a., NeKeisha Pittman.

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**IN MEMORIAM**

**VIOLA RUSSELL**
August 24, 1924 - June 24, 1983

"Death leaves a heartache, love leaves a memory no one can steal."

Love, your children, grandchildren, sisters, other relatives and friends.

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**IN MEMORIAM**

**CLIFFORD E. BRADY, SR.**
June 25, 1987

It has been twenty years since you left us. Missed dearly by the Brady-O'Neal family.

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Mr. Aaron Tabor
The family of the late Mr. Aaron Tabor would like to thank everyone for their acts of kindness and sympathy shown to us during the passing of our loved one.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, was greatly appreciated.

Special thanks to the TSA Center, MLK Blvd., Minister Carlos Alfonso, LifePath, Hospice, Palliative Care, and Garden of Memories Staff. God bless each of you.

Mrs. Barbara A. Tabor and family.

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The family of the late Cherry Dean Newcombe would like to thank the Morning Glory Funeral Chapel Staff and all of the wonderful and caring people that came to our aid. We will always remember all of the kindness of our neighbors and friends as well as the love from our family. May God be a blessing to all of you.

Special thanks to: Otella, Frank, Mr. Horace Montgomery, and Pastor Bryant Payne and the St. Paul A.M.E Church.

Thanks also to Mrs. Pearlie Mae and Mrs. Carrie. Your kindness will never be forgotten.

The Newcombe Family.

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Our family would like to convey our appreciation and profound gratitude to everyone who offered their condolences, prayers, cards and all acts of kindness bestowed to us during this period of bereavement.

We give thanks to God for giving us so many dear friends, who so willingly shared our grief at the time when we really needed it the most.

Your calls, prayers, food, visits, flowers, and other kind acts, both seen and unseen gave us so much comfort and solace.

A heartfelt thank you to her friends, community, Middleton High School, class of 1950, and Pilgrim Rest Church.

Thanks to each of you for being there for us. God loves you and so do we.

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Thank you for a very special thank you to Elder Shellee Truex and Sethel Christian Center of Clair Mel, Rev. Linda C. Reese and Pilgrim Rest M. B. C., Rev. Dr. W. P. Leonard and Peace Progressive M. B. Church, Rev. Willie Jackson and Macedonia Baptified Church, Rev. Thomas Scott and 34th Street Church of God, Bishop James Howell and Cathedral of Faith Church, LifePath Hospice and the Indo Church, and St. Joseph's Hospital Staff.

May God richly bless and keep each of you.

The Blount and Cooper Families.

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Bank Robber Arrested

Hillsborough County Sheriff’s deputies arrested a suspected bank robbery suspect.

According to reports, at 3:33 p.m., a man entered the Bank of America, 9810 U.S. Highway 301 South, demanding money.

Deputies said the bank manager followed the suspect’s truck heading south on Highway 301, and called deputies to report the suspect’s location.

Deputies responded and arrested Gerald Bernard Jenkins, 40. He was charged with bank robbery. The investigation is continuing.

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Brothers Charged With Stealing Copper Wiring

The Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office reports that between May 13th and June 10, 2007, Joe Bailey and Howard Bailey committed numerous thefts of rooftop air conditioning units from schools and businesses.

Investigators searched the brothers’ home and discovered numerous units and copper coils.

Investigators learned that on May 13, the brothers dismantled the units to access the aluminum/copper coils to sell to metal scrap dealers.

On May 16th, Joe Bailey allegedly dismantled 18 air conditioning units from the roof of McDonald Elementary School in Seffner.

On May 18th, Joe Bailey allegedly dismantled 14 air conditioning units from the roof of Franklin Middle School and Greco Middle School.

Deputies said there was a loss of $282,000.

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Food To Be Filed In Prison Work Camp Death

A Seminole Heights man said he was standing 4-feet away on Christmas Day when a truck belonging to the River Junction Work Camp in Chattanooga was beaten to death.

On Wednesday, officials decided to charge Curtis Norris with second-degree murder in the death of Billy Russell Williams.

Officials said Williams died as a result of his injuries sustained in a car accident.

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CRIME NEWS

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Police Investigate Shooting At Apartment Complex

Tampa Police are investigating a shooting that occurred at the Kenneth Court Apartments Tuesday night.

Police said a man went to the 4200 block of Kenneth Court to sell drugs to Antron Barfield, 24, and two females.

The man and Barfield went into a bathroom to conduct their business and began fighting behind the closed door. The door opened and the struggle continued into the apartment.

Police said Barfield was shot once in the chest and the suspect fled. Barfield ended up outside the apartment where he died at 10:35 p.m. The suspect in the shooting is described as a Black male in his mid to late 30s, 6’5” tall, weighing 160 pounds.

Hillsborough County Sheriff’s deputies arrested three men for allegedly stealing computers from a high school.

On Tuesday at 9:18 a.m., employees of Leto High School reported seeing three men carrying boxes of laptop computers, a gym bag and a remote control car to a vehicle.

The three men were later seen speeding out of the school’s parking lot.

School Resource Deputy Otila Collado was notified by the employees and he apprehended the suspects.

Charged with stealing computers and other items were Jamal Gilbert, 18, Henry Bridgeman, 19, and Edwin Tineo, 18.

Deputies said the stolen items, six computers and a remote control car used in driver’s education classes, were recovered from Gilbert’s Nissan. All three are recent Leto graduates.

Tampa Police arrested a man Thursday morning for an alleged armed robbery.

Police said a woman was walking to her parked car in the 1800 block of 5th Avenue at 12:05 a.m. when a man approached her.

Police said Elijah Chatman, III, 26, pointed a handgun at the woman and told her to hand over her purse and money.

Police said 5 minutes later Chatman approached a couple in the 1500 block of 4th Avenue and robbed them.

Officers converged on the area, and spotted Chatman running on 4th Avenue, and he was arrested. Police also recovered the stolen property.

Chatman was arrested and charged with armed robbery, although police said he was uncooperative and denied being involved in the incidents.

A woman was arrested early Saturday morning for sexual acts.

James Broughton was arrested by Tampa Police in May 2015 and charged with sexual acts.

However after a thorough investigation by the State Attorney’s Office, the charges against Broughton were dropped and he was cleared of any wrongdoing.

Trio Charged With Stealing Computers From School

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Antron Barfield

with a full bared and wearing a yellow shirt and black pants.

Records indicate Barfield was released from prison February 18, 2007 after serving a 5-year sentence for battery on a law enforcement officer, resisting arrest with violence, grand theft auto, cocaine possession, and battery.

JAMAL GILBERT

HENRY BRIDGEMAN

items, six computers and a remote control car used in driver’s education classes, were recovered from Gilbert’s Nissan. All three are recent Leto graduates who were at the school completing some required testing, deputies said.

All three were charged with burglary and grand theft. The value of the stolen items is $10,450.

Suspect Charged In South Tampa Murder

Tampa Police Homicide Detectives and members of the U.S. Marshal’s Fugitive Task Force arrested Dale Givens Wednesday for the murder of Omar Glover.

Givens was shot to death June 12th while a passenger in a vehicle that was backing out of a parking lot. The shooting followed a verbal dispute between Glover and another man.

Givens was charged with first-degree murder and is being held without bond.

Judge Clears Young Pastor With Committing Sexual Acts

On June 13, 2007, a judge cleared Alonso Broughton of charges he had paid boys for sexual acts.

Broughton was arrested by Tampa Police May 17, 2007 and charged with 11 counts of capital sexual battery on two boys.

However after a thorough investigation by the State Attorney’s Office, the charges against Broughton were dropped and he was cleared of any wrongdoing.

Arrest Made In Motel Shooting

On Tuesday, Tampa Police arrested and charged a man in the shooting death of Dwayne Simms, 24, at a motel.

With help from the U.S. Marshal’s Task Force, Lee Patrick Robinson, Jr., 28, was arrested and charged with first-degree murder and attempted armed robbery.

Robinson is accused of entering a room at the Village Motel, 4100 East Hillsborough Avenue, about 4 a.m. Friday and firing several shots at Simms, killing him.

Investigators continue to search for a man who accompanied Robinson to the motel and describe him as a short Black man with a stocky build and long dreadlocks.

Simms, a friend and two women they met at Club Mirage rented the motel room about 15 minutes before the shooting, police said. Police spokesperson said Simms was cleared of any wrongdoing.

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It's very seldom that a church can hold its dedication service and mortgage ceremony on the same date. Normally, the church is dedicated and several years later the mortgage is burned. Faith Temple Missionary Baptist Church did the unusual when it held its dedication and mortgage ceremony on the same day.

Formerly at 602 E. Palm Ave., the church relocated to 2916 Orient Road several months ago. Because of the extension of I-275, the church was forced to relocate.

The guest speaker for the morning service was Dr. Carl F. Brooks, Pastor, First Macedonia M. B. Church, Punta Gorda and Moderator of the Mt. Pilgrim M. B. Association. The afternoon speaker was Rev. Dr. James Thomas, Pastor, Jefferson Street Baptist Church, Nashville, TN.

(Photographs by Nathan Anderson)

Deacon Curtis Marshall cut the ribbon to enter the church Sunday morning.

Sister Ruby Epps lit the mortgage to start it burning. Dr. Gladney holds the bucket.

The Reverend W. F. Tanner, Sr., founded Faith Temple. His son, Waymond Tanner and family came from Miami to celebrate the dedication of the Tanner Fellowship Hall.

Gloria Castillo presented to a Certificate of Dedicated Service to Sentinel Editor, Gwen Hayes, right.

Special guest, Jetie B. Wilds, Jr.

County Commissioner Kevin White presented a Proclamation.

State President Bonnie Belford attended the Women's Day services.

Larry Brooks is the Minister of Music.


Kappa Alpha Psi Poulmarch, Marcel Lett.

Moderator Dr. Carl F. Brooks and his wife.
Still In Affect

CLINT DANZERY

It's that time again! Happy birthday to our Papi! Love, T-Cake and Lil Clint-Ho.

Party Like A Rock Star

MS. BUGGS

Inquiring minds would like to know, who's that girl?? It's Ms. Nikki, celebrating "go!" Your son, Ms. Kim.

Happy Birthday, 6-23

MR. AND MRS. HARRIS

To a wonderful wife on your special day. Having you to love is reason enough to celebrate everyday. Happy birthday, Michelle Harris, a.k.a., Mrs. Ty.

Wipe Me Down

C-LO

Shoulders, chest, pants, shoes, wipe him down! Yeah, you see him stunting on the '07.

Birthday wishes going out to my cousin, C-Lo, who celebrated his day on 6/19. Cousin, I hope you see many more blessed years to come. Love you, Tasha, a.k.a., Ms. Stone.

Rock Star

BOOITY

Birthday wishes are being sent out to the 2007 rock star of the year, Mr. "Booty," 6/24/07.

Love, Ms. Cindy, kids and family.

Glamorous

MS. VASI AND MS. REVA

Happy birthday to one of the baddest in Tampa. Ms. Vasi will be a year wiser today. So young, yet still running the game. Love always. Your sister, Ms. Reva.

Happy 80th Birthday, Hoppy

BERNICE S. HOPKINS

May June 22nd be a great day. Love, family and friends.

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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Look Who’s Turning 2, On 6-23

BROOKLYNN ANDREA CRAWFORD

We love you, we love you, we love you Brooklynn we do;
God gave you to us, and we will take care of you.
That’s why we feed you, and clothe you, and give you the Love
you need, that’s why we Love you Brooklynn we do.

Brooklynn will celebrate her big day with her mom, Tashyra
Crawford; grammie and granddaddy, Jame's and Toyinetta
Cobb; auntie, Jamesha Cobb (TeTe) and a host of family and
friends.
Happy Birthday!

To The Love Of My Life,
Keomauri Stephens,
a.k.a., Wank Wank

KEOMAURI
STEPHENS
1 Day Old

Son, you have forever changed my life. Seeing your smile, hear­
ing your laugh, brings so much joy to my heart. There is no
greater gift God could have given on June 18, 2006. I am truly
blessed! Happy birthday, son.
Love, Mom.

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JAZARIA GILMORE

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Happy 1st birthday Toona,
a.k.a., Punkin.

MiMi, 6-23

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JADEN ELIJAH And JUSTIN ISIAH 5 Months Old
Birthday wishes going out to my babies, Pip Squeak and Big Daddy, who turned “5,” June 21. They celebrated Spiderman style with family and friends. May God bless you with many more.
Love, your mommy, Roberta Peoples.

Happy Birthday

JADEN ELIJAH And JUSTIN ISIAH 5 Years Old

Look Who’s Turning 15, June 25th

CIERA And KIERA WILLIS

From: Vivian, Shameka, Thameka, Jammall, Garshika, Darmecia, Cedric, Dangail, Calvin, Jr., Francedia, Ne-Ne, niece, Iniya, and Billy and Gloria Flournoy, grandparents.

Fly Then

ARMONE - 11 Months Old

And Fly Then!

ARMONE - 3 Years Old

Look who turned the big 4 on Tuesday, June 19th. Yes, it’s the one and only Armonc Harris.
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Your loving wife, Angie.

Our 1 Year Anniversary

When I first met you on August 8, 2003, my mouth dropped to the floor, you were and still are the most beautiful person I've ever seen. Then, finally on Saturday, June 24, 2006, I married my best friend, my lover, and soul mate. You know I love you and will always love you.

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Teaka is the daughter of Samuel L. Muldrow, Sr. (deceased) and Erma Muldrow. Sam is the son of Sandy Barton and Curtistine Knight (deceased).

Tierra Bentley and Sonya Gillis, best friends of the bride, were the matron and maid of honor. Tarnisha Cliatt, the bride’s niece and Tonia Patterson, the bride’s sister, were the bridesmaids.

Willie Walker, the groom’s brother and Wallace Johnson, the bride’s brother, were the best men. Vince Walker, the bride’s brother and Kareem Gordon, the groom’s nephew were the groomsmen.

Zaria Walker, daughter of the bride and groom, was the flower girl and Jordan Heard, the groom’s nephew, was the ring bearer.

The reception was held at the Comfort Inn Conference Center. The newlyweds honeymooned in Key West and currently reside in Tampa.

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The more they look for nutrition the more time and energy they burn. Some are so famished that they are seeing mirages in the middle of nowhere and are wandering further away from their source of help.

But God sees, knows, and is concerned. Therefore, God makes this invitation to His people as read in this week’s lesson. “Come everyone who thirsts... he who has no money... Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price” (Isa. 55:1).

This water, milk, and wine represent the blessed nutrients of God. They also signify the blessings God has for His people. Make no mistake; these are not the things that lead to destruction. This is not to take the verse to justify buying liquor!

God invites those who are spiritually famished to come to Him. He is saying to the world those of you that are in need of nutrition, come to Me. It does not matter what your financial situation. It does not matter if you have good credit or bad credit.

The church must understand that God is calling everyone! God is calling those who can sing and those who cannot. It should not matter if the person graduated from Harvard, Yale, or was a third-grade dropout, God says come.

We must not make people feel bad because they can’t pay all those unnecessary church dues, and special financial obligations on men’s day, women’s day, and the church anniversary. God says if you have money or not, come; and He will give you what you need.

This leads to the second verse; “Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and labor for that which does not satisfy?” (Verse 2)?

God is cautioning the people about doing things that are profitable to them. There is already famine and lack of blessings in their life, so why go out and spend your money and waste your time on things that will still leave you hungry and unsatisfied?

God wants them to know that they can come to Him. Coming to Him is not a waste of time, effort or energy. If you have a little, come to God. You do not have to waste what you have.

God caution the people on wasting their energy to do things that will not bring the Spiritual satisfaction they need. Isn’t it amazing how people will invest forty hours of labor (going to the market, cleaning the meat, seasoning the meat, cooking the meat, wrapping the meat) to sell a $5 fish or chicken sandwich? When it is all over they still didn’t reach their goal.

God is saying to the people, if you come to Me, I will give you good food to eat that will satisfy your soul. If you are in need of a blessing, come to God. If you are looking for answers, seek the Lord while He may be found (Verse 6).

When you come to Him, He will speak His word and His word shall go out and do what He says and it shall not return unto you void (Verse 11).

WHICH OF YOU IS THIRSTY, COME TO ME AND DRINK. THE FOUNTAIN OF LIVING WATER IS OPEN FOR ALL. MAY GOD BLESS YOU.
The Crusade For Christ was started in 1979, and for the first time, will be in Tampa, June 24-28, 2007, at the Tampa Convention Center in downtown Tampa, 7:30 nightly.

The purpose of the Crusade For Christ is to evangelize and spread the good news of salvation to as many individuals as possible. To this end, this crusade is held in various parts of the country every two years with thousands of saints spreading the gospel via the mediums of daily Bible teaching and nightly preaching of the gospel of Christ. All questions are always answered, according to the scripture.

For four days the communities of Tampa, the shops, the malls, and the restaurants will be inundated with crusade workers illustrating their love for the Lord and for you. The green and yellow shirts will make all workers easy to recognize.

The Crusade For Christ was started in Chicago, Illinois, when a group of concerned ministers met to discuss techniques that would consolidate and strengthen the effort of the local congregations. To this end the group decided that a major evangelistic campaign would meet their objective. The evangelist Daniel Harrison was chosen to orchestrate and lead this movement, thus, the Crusade For Christ was born.

In 1979 the onset of the dream came to fruition as three thousand people came together on the beautiful Lakefront of Chicago, Illinois, at the McCormick Place Convention Center, whereas 150 souls were saved. From 1979 to date, more than 2,600 individuals have obeyed the Gospel of Christ.

From coast-to-coast the crusade has produced some extraordinary results evidenced by the past crusades in: Chicago, Illinois, Houston, Texas, Orlando, Florida, San Francisco, California, New Orleans, Louisiana, Detroit, Michigan, Los Angeles, California, Atlanta, Georgia, Indianapolis, Indiana, Houston, Texas, Chicago, Illinois, Birmingham, Alabama, Dallas, Texas, and now June 24-28 in Tampa.

For more information, please contact Harold Rodriguez at (813) 541-6523, Glen Burgess at (727) 726-8321 or Eric Does at (813) 841-3977.

The 2007 Crusade For Christ is June 24-28, 2007.

By Leon B. Crews
Sentinel Staff Writer

Matthew Thornton tries to stay focused on making his life mean something.

Over the past 10 years, Thornton has lost his mother and brother, and has an aunt that's terminally ill. He's been alone most of his life, and has seen his share of troubles.

"I'm not a bad person. I've made some bad decisions, but I've always known right from wrong. Most of my bad decisions were made because I was just trying to stay alive," Thornton said. 

Thornton has always had a message to deliver, and because of his personal tragedies and what he sees happening to young people today, he feels the ears of children would best receive his message.

"I've been blessed with an opportunity to talk to children, so I'll Knowles, the City of Tampa Parks and Recreation Department, and the Tampa Housing Authority.

"They've allowed me to mentor kids and develop my musical interests."

Thornton was discouraged and almost quit a few times, especially after the tragic death of his brother, Nathaniel.

Matthew Thornton, also known as Tupac, was shot and left to die on a street in Tampa Heights about 6 years ago. His killer has never been caught.

"I think that, along with health problems to start with, caused my mother, Mae Lizzie, to leave sooner than we expected.

"I want to take all of the things she instilled in me and share them with others. I want to reach out and try to help as many people as I can, especially the kids."

In 2004, Thornton felt he had finally reached his goal when he signed a recording deal with Capitol Records. However, he later discovered it was a bad experience that cost him money and set him back in the development of his other project, a magazine called "Inner-City Kids."

"I was bitter for a long time, but instead of allowing that to stop me, I used it to make me stronger and keep going. Now, I have a DVD on my magazine due to be released, and I'm setting up a website."

Thornton said he decided to pursue his musical career as an independent artist.

"I will launch my career a second time in a couple of weeks."

"For too long I've felt isolated because I'm mostly on my own. I made a promise to my dying mother and my brother to make something of my life. I have support from so many people and there's no reason I will fail this time."
Freshman Lawmaker Betty Reed Pleased With First Legislative Session

Betty Reed, Freshman Lawmaker, agrees well with her accomplishments so far as a first year member of the Florida House of Representatives. As a "Freshman Legislator," Reed was lauded as a "productive" member of the legislature, selected to serve as the Ranking Democrat on the Committee on Economic Development, appointed as an Economic Expansion and Infrastructure Budget Conference and had the Legislature unanimously send two of her six bills to the Governor to become law.

"Obstacles are not the main inhibitors, I am greatly disappointed with the lack of funding for the KidCare program, skyrocketing property taxes and the fact that the insurance market is still in a crisis and Floridians are continuing to pay obscene insurance premiums," said Rep. Reed.

"However, I am very proud of the teamwork and bipartisan efforts made by the members of the Hillsborough County Delegation to secure millions of dollars for Hillsborough County."

As a member of the Florida House of Representatives, Rep. Reed was only allowed to sponsor six bills. Rep. Reed's sponsored bills include HB1369, Infant Mortality and HB403, Minority Student Achievement Act, which have been sent to the Governor to become law. Other bills sponsored by Rep. Reed include HB1459/Hiring of Ex-Offenders, HB664/Electronic Monitoring/Tracking Lost Persons, HB659/Food Service Establishment and HB735/Intimidation Services.

Immediately upon returning from the 2007 Session, Rep. Reed hit the ground running by hosting District 59's First Annual Academic Letter of Intent Signing Day Dinner which celebrated and recognized District 59's 2007 Ron Brown Scholar, four Valedictorians and students from the 2007 Senior Class that graduated with four or more Advance Placement (AP) courses.

Reed ended by extending a special thanks to her constituents for supporting her and to the members of the Hillsborough County Delegation.

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Obama's Grassroots Take To The Streets: Volunteers Canvass Democrats In Tampa Bay Area

The Tampa Bay O-Train, a grassroots organization to elect Senator Barack Obama (D-IL) as the next President of the United States, participated in the national presidential campaign's "Walk for Change on Saturday, June 9. Walk for Change was a nationwide political canvassing event. Volunteers across the country went door-to-door in their communities to generate support for Senator Obama's campaign.

"Walk for Change has given us an opportunity to practice what Senator Obama preaches. Ordinary people can come together around our shared values to do extraordinary things. That is what we showed Tampa Bay today," said Walk for Change Co-Chair Patrick Cannon.

The Tampa Bay O-Train organized and sponsored "Walk for Change" canvasses in Hillsborough, Pinellas, Pasco, and Sarasota Counties.

"The positive responses canvassers got from average citizens during the walk mirror Barack Obama's message of a new beginning and a better future for America," said O-Train Campaign Chair, Juan Caplin. "Our numbers prove it. Support for Senator Obama was very strong in every area we visited. In fact, commitments to host Obama yard signs out numbered the support for all of the other candidates combined.

Teams of volunteers in Hillsborough County visited West Tampa neighborhoods and sponsored events in Carrollwood and Heritage Harbor which is a neighborhood just south of the Pasco County line. Sheila Reed-Palmore was County Coordinator for the various Hillsborough County Walks for Change.

The Tampa Bay O-Train organized 65 volunteers who visited 4,800 Democratic homes during this 6-hour event, passing out over 4,000 pieces of campaign literature, and asking for campaign contributions. The Obama campaign depends on individual contributions from everyday people because Senator Obama has refused to accept donations from special interest groups, corporations and lobbyists.

Walk for Change was Tampa Bay O-Train's largest organized event since April 15, when it hosted Senator Obama for a fundraising brunch at the home of Norma Gene Rykes and a political rally at the Cuban Club in Ybor City. Over 2,000 people came to see Obama that day, and the Tampa Bay O-Train raised $250,000 in individual campaign contributions.

Tampa Bay O-Train's website can be found at: http://www.barackobama.com/pa_0_2007/TampaBayO-Train.

For more information, please contact Patrick Cannon at cannon@tampabayrr.com.
TECO Employee Honored With Retirement Party

Family members and friends gathered at the Lion Eye Institute in Ybor City for the retirement celebration of Sam Hunter. Approximately 60 people were in attendance for the grand send off on May 11th. Hunter's son and daughter-in-law, Darin and LaWanda Hunter, of Atlanta, GA, hosted the event. Hunter ended a 17-year career with TECO. He worked in the Maintenance and Environmental Department of the energy company. Hunter, the father of 4 sons, plans to spend his leisure days playing golf and bid whiskey with family members and friends.

Retirement honoree Sam Hunter, center, is shown with his sons, (from left to right), Devin Hunter, Charles Darby, Derek Hunter, and Darin Hunter.

Tampa native Darin Hunter served as host and Master of Ceremony at the party for his father. Darin now lives in Atlanta with his wife, LaWanda, and two children.

Toslin Martin, good friend and golfing partner of the honoree, was in attendance at the party. Andre Hunter, grandson of the honoree, extended the welcome for the retirement party.

Co-workers from TECO who were in attendance at the retirement party were from left to right, Carl Webb, retired supervisor; Greg Benton, retired Environmental Sr. Technician and Sam's supervisor; and Johnny Hughes, current Central Material Specialist at TECO.

Grace Mary Celebrates Pastor's Anniversary

Grace Mary Missionary Baptist Church celebrated the anniversary of its pastor recently. Reverend and Mrs. Thomas J. (Mary) Reed have been at Grace Mary for 32 years. (Photos by Julia Jackson)

In the ministry: from left, Elder James Cobb, Minister Marilyn Reed, Minister Beverly Parham, Reverend Fred Gilbert, Minister Colette Avant and Elder Randolph Smith.

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5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Carrollwood/Lutz/Keystone Area

Thursday, July 12
HCC Brandon Campus
10414 E. Columbus Drive
Tampa, FL 33619
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Brandon/Military/Thonotosassa Area

Thursday, July 19
South Shore
Regional Library
15816 Beth Shields Way
Ruskin, FL 33573
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
South County Area

Thursday, July 26
Alonso High School
8402 Montague Street
Tampa, FL 33635
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
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For more information regarding the Comprehensive Plan Update Open House, please contact the Planning Commission at 813-247-8460 or localcode@planning.com.

LOCAL
News From Progress Village
BY IRADEAN LONDON-BIGGS

June Celebrants
Folks celebrating their natal days this month are: Linda Whitehead, Sandra Cox, Sarah Armstrong, Jason Miller, Barbara Goff, Linda B. Wright, Isabell Glenn, Stephanie Spencer, Maggie Hankerson, Vanessa Jackson, Nikki Edwards, Earnestine Morris, Pamela Young, An Master, Marjorie Burns, Joann Taylor, Saraye Williams, Jonathan Butler, Janet Adams, Bryan Davis, Karen Murray, Linda Strong, Kenneth Sheats (at Morehouse in Atlanta, GA), and Alvin Hayes. Former Villager, Mr. Kevin “Bert” Anderson will celebrate his special day on 6/23.
Happy belated birthday to Mrs. Jennifer Byrd of Midway. This warm wish is sent from the Washington and White families.

Twins Vonnalynn and Ronnalynn recently celebrated their natal day. Their parents are former Villagers, Ernest and Marjorie (Anderson) Stephens.

Sick List
With God all things are possible. Get well wishes are sent to: Chester and Selena Miles, Sarah Jackson, Barbara Daniels, Clara Sheffield, Jerry Stokes, Moezzel Debose, James Miller, James Murphy, Lula Mae Parker, Francis Johnson and Georgia Johnson.
The Collins, Pritchard and Philpott families are in need of prayer that they may get stronger. Get well wishes also go out to Mrs. Mary Hickmon-Ford, who was recently in Brandon Hospital. Your family and friends wish you a speedy recovery.

Prayers of get well wishes are going to: Mrs. Anna Philpot.
Let us pray for a speedy recovery for our neighbor, Mrs. Imogene Richardson.

Sympathy
Deepest sympathy is sent to Mrs. Ida Mae Sanders, Mrs. Edith Copeland, Mrs. Thelma Jean Williams, and the entire Cuylar and Daniels families, in the passing of their loved one, Ms. Sylvia Ann Martin.

Sympathy is also extended to Mrs. Ellawese Brock and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dexter (Sonya) Brock, and Mrs. Janice Sapp and family in the loss of their son and grandson, Mr. Dontrell Brock.

Our sincere regrets are sent to Juanita Banks and family due to the loss of their aunt. Our condolences are sent to Mrs. Louise Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Jones, Ms. Annette Jackson and families, in the loss of their aunt.

Neighbors and friends send a heartfelt sympathy to the family of the late, Ms. Delouris “Pumpkin” Streeter.

Belated Father’s Day
Happy belated Father’s Day wishes go out to my dad, Mr. Johnnie E. Richmond.
From your daughter, Alice Richmond-Temple in Madison, Miss. I miss and love you!

Relocating
Mrs. Jeanette Welch is in the process of relocating. We wish her all the best in her new home.

My Brothers 2 Keep Ministry Inmates requesting free Bibles and cards, write: My Brothers 2 Keep, P. O. Box 4618, Tampa, 33677-4618.

For Family trips to Florida Prisons call Abe Brown Ministries at (813) 247-3285 or Family Ties at (813) 476-2964.

Thought For Today
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F. Y. I.

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Lil Wayne Concert Was Sold Out!

The Fireman, a.k.a., Lil Wayne from Cash Money Records, blazed through the Bay setting Janus Landings on Fire at his sold out concert on 6/16/07. This was a JahFari Promo event. Coming soon, K.C. and JoJo. (Photos by FLAVA)
As a part of the needs assessment to determine whether or not East Tampa communities will receive Weed and Seed funding, a survey will be provided.

The purpose of the survey is to determine what each community's priorities are as it pertains to their specific needs.

Tampa Police Lt. Craig Roberts, the Shift Commander for the Weed and Seed areas, along with Maj. Bob Guidara, who heads the Weed and Seed initiative, said as part of the weed requirement, crime statistics as well as unemployment rates and other factors will help establish the needs of each community.

“We want each community to respond through the surveys as to what they want done in their community,” said Lt. Roberts.

“The surveys will be distributed to each neighborhood association and they in turn will decide how to get them to the residents.”

The survey addresses areas such as illegal drug activity, gang activity, violent crimes, property crimes, juvenile crimes, quality of life issues, traffic issues, and how well police and the community work together.

The surveys will be collected and presented to Lt. Roberts and Maj. Guidara July 2nd and from that process, steering committees will be formed for the Weed and Seed components.

The steering committee will consist of 25 people, with at least 25% represented by people from each neighborhood association.

It was also determined that an area can have more than one area designated as a Safe Haven, and the federal dollars to fund the Weed and Seed initiative will represent only a portion of the total funds needed to operate it over a 5-year period. Applicants for the funds must be able to demonstrate an ability to initiate activities without Weed and Seed funds. Funds should fill gaps in services.

A grant made under this program may not cover more than 75% of the total costs of the project being funded. The applicant must identify the source of 25% of the non-federal portion of the budget and detail how match funds will be used.

The total Weed and Seed funding will be $1 million. The designated areas are bounded by 30th Street east to the city limits, and East Hillsborough Avenue south to Interstate 4.

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Great Flavor & Fiber

From Tonia Turner

One of the easiest ways to take care of the body is to pay attention to what we eat — but this does not mean sacrificing delicious meals and snacks. It means choosing foods that are not only packed with nutrients, but also enjoying foods that taste great.

Grilled Chicken Breast with Dried Plums & Chipotle Mole

**Smoky California Dried Plum & Chipotle Mole:**
- 1½ cups low-sodium chicken broth
- ½ cup pitted dried plums
- 4 canned chipotles in adobo, rinsed and seeded*
- ½ cup toasted slivered almonds
- 1 ounce bittersweet chocolate

**Chicken:**
- 6 skinless, boneless chicken breasts
- 2 tablespoons chili powder
- 1/4 cup chopped cilantro
- 1/4 cup chopped cilantro

**DIRECTIONS:** To make mole, in saucepan, bring broth and dried plums to a boil. Remove from heat, cover and let sit 5 minutes. With slotted spoon, remove half of dried plums, reserve for garnish. In blender, puree remaining dried plums, broth, chipotles and 1/4 cup of almonds. Return mixture to saucepan, add chocolate. Stir over low heat until chocolate is melted. Season with salt. Sprinkle chicken with chili powder; season with salt. On gas or charcoal grill, or in heated grill pan, grill chicken about 4 minutes on each side or until cooked through. Grill tortillas, or heat in oven or steamer. Slice chicken; divide among 6 plates. Spoon mole over chicken. Garnish with dried plums, almonds and cilantro.

*For spicier mole, do not rinse or seed chipotles.

Endive and Chicken Salad with Dried Plums and Blue Cheese

**Vinaigrette:**
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 4 teaspoons balsamic vinegar
- 2 teaspoons chopped shallot
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- Pinch black pepper

**Salad:**
- 4 cups endive leaves
- 4 cups watercress leaves
- 2 cups shredded roasted chicken breast
- 1 cup pitted dried plums
- 1/4 cup crumbled blue cheese

**DIRECTIONS:** To make vinaigrette, in bowl, whisk together oil, vinegar, shallot, salt and pepper. To make salad, in large bowl, toss endive and watercress with 1/4 cup vinaigrette. Mound in salad bowl or on 6 salad plates. In same bowl, toss chicken and dried plums with 2 tablespoons vinaigrette. Sprinkle with cheese.

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Publix joins you in celebrating Black Music Month.
Dried Plums Steeped in Jasmine Tea with Yogurt

2 tablespoons jasmine tea leaves
¼ cup sugar
1 (1/2-inch) slice fresh ginger
1½ cups pitted Dried Plums
1½ tablespoons honey
1½ cups drained non-fat yogurt*
1 cup fresh raspberries
1 tablespoon chopped crystallized ginger

DIRECTIONS: In saucepan, bring 2 cups water to simmer. Remove from heat; add tea. Steep 5 minutes. Strain, discard leaves and pour tea back into rinsed saucepan. Add sugar and ginger; simmer about 10 minutes or until reduced to 1/2 cup. Remove ginger, add dried plums. Cover and let sit at least 15 minutes. Stir honey into yogurt. Divide yogurt among 6 bowls; top with dried plums and steaming liquid. Garnish with raspberries and crystallized ginger.

Tip: *To make 1 1/2 cups drained yogurt, line strainer with paper coffee filter; set over bowl. Place 3 cups non-fat yogurt in filter, cover with plastic wrap and place in refrigerator at least 4 hours. Discard liquid that drains from yogurt.

Sensational Strawberry Banana Smoothie

16 ounces Strawberry Banana flavored soymilk
½ cup Silken Tofu
1 ripe, medium-sized banana
¼ cup fresh or frozen strawberries

DIRECTIONS: Place ingredients in blender and mix until smooth. If desired, add honey or sweetener to taste.

Warm Peach Bread Pudding

Vegetable oil spray
4 slices day-old whole-wheat or multigrain bread, crust discarded, bread diced into 1/2-inch cubes
2/3 cup fresh or frozen peaches, partially thawed, peeled, cut into bite-size pieces
Whites of 2 large eggs or 1 large egg
2 to 3 tablespoons firmly packed light brown sugar
12 ounces fat-free evaporated milk
½ ounce maple syrup
¼ ounce dark rum, light rum or bourbon
¼ teaspoon vanilla extract
¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon
¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg
1/8 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon ground ginger
6 cups water

DIRECTIONS: Heat oven to 325°F. Lightly spray four 5-ounce porcelain ramekins or glass custard cups with vegetable oil spray. In medium bowl, stir together bread cubes and fruit; spoon into ramekins. In small bowl, gently whisk together egg whites and brown sugar until well blended. Gently whisk in evaporated milk, maple syrup, rum, vanilla, cinnamon nutmeg, salt and ginger. Pour as much of mixture as possible into ramekins, making sure the bread cubes are soaked. Refrigerate 10 minutes so bread absorbs liquid.

Meanwhile, pour water into medium saucepan; bring to boil over high heat. Arrange ramekins in large rectangular pan, such as 13×9×2-inch baking dish, evenly spaced, leaving at least one inch between ramekins. Place pan in oven. Slowly pour hot water into pan until about one-third up sides of ramekins, being careful to keep water out of ramekins.

Bake about 35 minutes, until tip of knife inserted in center comes out almost clean and custard is almost set (it should jiggle slightly in center when gently shaken). Carefully remove ramekins from water bath and wipe dry. Cool on cooling rack 5 minutes. Garnish with fresh fruit or whipped topping.

Oat Cranachan with Raspberries

1 cup heavy cream, chilled
2 tablespoon sugar
1 tablespoon Scotch whiskey
½ cup toasted walnuts
Scottish Oats (see below), at room temperature
1 cup fresh raspberries

DIRECTIONS: Whip the cream with an electric mixer on medium-high speed until it thickens. Add the sugar, 1 tablespoon at a time, continuing to beat until the cream is stiff but not dry looking. Using a rubber spatula, mix in the whiskey, then the walnuts and Scotch Oats. This can be done up to 24 hours ahead, and the mixture refrigerated, tightly covered. To serve, place a few raspberries in the bottom of 4 footed dessert dishes or small clear glass bowls. Top with the oatmeal cream mixture. Sprinkle a few more berries on top and serve chilled.

SCOTTISH OATS

¼ teaspoon salt and ½ cup steel-cut oats

DIRECTIONS: Bring 2 cups cold water to a boil in a medium saucepan. Add the salt. While stirring, slowly sprinkle in the oats so the water continues to boil. Cook uncovered until the oats are tender, 30 minutes, reducing the heat if necessary to maintain a steady, gentle boil.

Outrageous Chocolate Banana Smoothie

16 ounces Chocolate Banana flavored soymilk
½ cup Silken Tofu
1 ripe, medium-sized banana
1 tablespoon, cocoa powder

DIRECTIONS: Place ingredients in a blender and mix until smooth. If desired, add honey or sweetener to taste.

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June 27th Is National HIV Testing Day

Black communities are being ravaged and attacked by an epidemic of AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections (STIs). Today Black women make up more than half of all women who have died of AIDS. Although a number of AIDS cases can be attributed to Injection Drug Use (IDU), too many of us — whether gay, straight, male or female — continue to have unprotected sex with multiple partners or people we barely know. The rate of HIV/AIDS among Black women is 3 times as high as that among Latinas and 18 times as high as that among white women.

While the vast majority of new infections still occur among men — both in America at large and in Black America — the racial gap in infection rates among women is astounding. For women overall, the epidemic is a sexual one. According to the data the CDC released in November 2005, 78% of Black women with HIV contracted it through unprotected sex, while 15% contracted it through injecting drugs with contaminated needles. But it is also important to note how the sex partners of those women contracted the virus. There remain a large percentage of women who report that they don’t know what the “risk factor” for their partners had been.

For information, contact: Tampa Bay AIDS Network, North Tampa Office, 7402 N 56th Street, Suite 101, Tampa, 33617-7735, phone number 813-769-5180, fax number 813-983-3344 or visit their website www.tampabayaidsnetwork.org/evacaidnetwork.htm.

10 Symptoms Not To Ignore

PART 1 OF 2

ROCHESTER, Minn. — Chest pain, abdominal pain and unexplained bleeding are good reasons to seek immediate medical care. Other reasons to seek immediate medical care are less well known. The June issue of Mayo Clinic Health Letter covers 10 symptoms not to ignore:

1. Unexplained weight loss — Experiencing a 5% weight loss in a month or a 10% weight loss within 6-12 months could signal a number of different conditions such as an overweight thyroid, depression, liver disease, cancer or other noncancerous disorders that interfere with how well your body absorbs nutrients.

2. Persistent fever — A persistent low-grade fever over 100.4°F should be evaluated if it lasts for a week or more. Fever can signal underlying infections. Some underlying cancers and other medical conditions can cause prolonged, persistent fever. A fever accompanied by violent chills or greater than 103°F should be evaluated right away.

3. Shortness of breath — Gasping for air or wheezing are medical emergencies. Causes vary widely and can include asthma, heart problems, anxiety, panic attacks, or a blood clot in the lungs.

4. Unexplained changes in bowel habits — Bowel habit changes may signal a bacterial infection, a viral infection, inflammatory bowel disease or colon cancer. Seek care for any of the following:

   • Severe diarrhea lasting more than two days,
   • Mild diarrhea lasting a week,
   • Constipation that lasts for more than two weeks,
   • Unexplained urges to have a bowel movement,
   • Bloody diarrhea, or
   • Black or tarry-colored stools.

5. Mental status changes — Changes in behavior or thinking may be due to infection, head injury, stroke, low blood sugar or medications. Immediate medical care is warranted for any of the following:

   • Sudden or gradual confused thinking,
   • Disorientation,
   • Sudden aggressive behavior, or
   • Hallucinations in someone who has never had them.

Flood In Your Community

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s (NOAA) National Weather Service, when you hear hurricane, you should think about inland flooding. Learn your vulnerability to flooding by determining the elevation of your property. Evaluate your insurance coverage. If you are in a flood area, consider what you can do in advance. Flood damage is not usually covered by homeowners insurance. And, you must have flood insurance for at least 30 days prior to making a claim.

In highly flood-prone areas, keep materials such as sandbags, plywood, plastic sheeting, plastic garbage bags, lumber, shovels, work boots and gloves. If you are advised to evacuate, do so immediately. Move to a safe area before access is cut off by floodwaters.

Keep abreast of road conditions by listening to the radio.

As you travel, be aware of streams, drainage channels and areas known to flood. Do not attempt to drive through flowing water. As little as six (6) inches of water may be cause you to lose control of your car. Moving water can also sweep your car away. Stay away from downed power lines.

Once you return home, do not use any fresh food or water that has come in contact with floodwater.

Wash canned goods with soap and hot water. Then throw away the labels and mark the cans with a maker for identification.

Do not drink tap water or well water until it is safe to do so.

Do not allow children to play in flooded areas.

You can also contact your emergency management agency to learn how to protect your home.

Flood In Your Community

Flooding In Your Community

NATIONAL HIV Testing Day

June 27

Want to know your HIV Status in 20 minutes?

Come to the Tampa Hillsborough Action Plan, Inc. (THAP) on Wednesday, June 27th from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm and learn your status.

There will be health screenings and information for people of all ages. We want to see you there, so Take the Test and Take Control!

Free food and gently used clothing will also be available. Please bring non-perishable food items to help support THAP’s supplemental food pantry.

Location: Tampa Hillsborough Action Plan, Inc.
Address: 712 West Ross Ave
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Contact: 813-226-2141

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Start The New Year With a NEW You!
More and more people these days are opting for organic versions of their favorite foods and hair products. So why not allergy medications? In many cases, natural alternatives to over the counter medications can work just as well.

Feeling Congested?

Of course during allergy season the best way to avoid congestion is to simply avoid the things that make your allergies flare up, like pet dander, dust and pollen. But there are other congestion culprits you want to look out for.

Wheat, milk products and sugar increase your body's mucus production and nasal irritation. Excess mucus makes your nose feel stuffy and your chest feel tight. Avoiding these products will help lessen your allergic reactions and make you feel better.

Eating spicy foods is a great way to open blocked nasal passages. Your favorite spicy foods like andouille sausage or curried chicken will help increase your blood flow bringing oxygen to your nasal passages. The extra oxygen helps thin your blood and eliminate mucus blockages. Drinking fluids like clear broth or water will also clear congestion. They hydrate mucus membranes, helping nasal passages and lungs drain more easily.

If that doesn't work, try using a combination of aloe and saline solution. When sprayed into your nasal passages, it helps dry mucus and make them less irritated. When your membranes are less irritated, you're less likely to have sneezing fits.

Boost Your Immune System!

Eating dark colored fruits and vegetables, like red grapes, berries, and dark leafy greens can help build a strong immune system to fight the effects of allergies. They are full of antioxidants that boost cell strength by fighting off free radicals, which cause cell damage.

Remember the old advice of drinking orange juice when you are sick. It is true! Oranges are high in vitamin C which help decrease swelling and inflammation, making breathing easier.

Keep Up Your Body Health

Exercising can boost your immune system and open airways. When your immune system is functioning well, it's more able to fight off the histamine that causes allergy attacks.

Try doing 30 minutes of exercise daily. This will stimulate your immune system and help your symptoms fade. Make sure you exercise indoors to avoid allergens while you work out.

Taking yoga classes can have a similar effect. The deep breathing workouts help relax chest muscles and open airways. Yoga is also a great way to get some exercise into your day.

By following these simple practices you can avoid the heavy drug of feeling that comes from taking over the counter medications. You will improve your overall body health and begin to feel better in no time.

Tips To Bounce Back Better After Exercise

ROCHESTER, Minn. The June issue of Mayo Clinic Health Letter offers tips to bounce back better after exercise.

Cooling Down — A few minutes of mild activity after an exercise session allows the heart rate and breathing to slow down gradually and aids recovery of muscle tissue and the cardiovascular system.

Stretching — Gently stretching muscles that were particularly active during exercise helps them relax. Stretching helps athletes of all ability levels maintain and improve flexibility. It's particularly effective after exercise when muscles and other tissues are warm and flexible.

Drinking Adequate Fluid — It's recommended that people weigh themselves before and after vigorous or prolonged exercise. The weight loss is the amount of water lost through perspiration. For each pound lost, drink about two cups of water or a sports drink.

Refueling The muscles and liver are most ready for replenishment immediately after exercise. Within 30 minutes of exercise, consume some form of carbohydrates, such as a glass of juice or a piece of fruit, as well as a moderate amount of protein. These help jump-start the replenishment of energy stores and the building and repair of muscle tissue. Replenishment doesn't have to be in the form of energy drinks. A recent study found that low-fat chocolate milk which contains carbohydrates and proteins — works just as well or better.

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Ex-Spice Girl: Murphy Takes DNA Test

LOS ANGELES — Eddie Murphy has taken a DNA test to determine if he's the father of Melanie Brown's 2-month-old daughter, the former Spice Girls' spokeswoman said Friday.

The 46-year-old actor "did indeed take a paternity test," Natalie Whorsms said.

Murphy's spokesman, Arnold Robinson, has declined to comment about Brown's claims. On Friday, he said he would not confirm the paternity test. "We do not comment on Mr. Murphy's personal life."

Brown, who was known as "Scary Spice" when she performed with the '90s pop group Spice Girls, dated Murphy last year and has maintained that the child is his.

The 53-year-old singer gave birth to Angel Iris Murphy Brown on April 3. The listed Murphy as the father on the birth certificate.

Rapper The Game Rejects Plea Offer

NEW YORK — West Coast rapper The Game, who was arrested on charges of impersonating a police officer last year, rejected a Manhattan prosecutor's offer Wednesday of a guilty plea for a sentence of time already served.

A guilty plea to the misdemeanor charge in exchange for the time he spent waiting to go to court would have sealed the case against The Game, whose real name is Jaceyon Taylor, his lawyer, Jeffrey Lichtman, said.

"Why should he plead guilty to bogus charges for a non-jail sentence if he's innocent," Lichtman said outside court. "And he is innocent. It's rare that I have a 100 percent innocent defendant, but this is one."

The 27-year-old rapper, who refused to speak about the case, was arrested in November 2006 after he told a cab driver that he was an undercover police officer and persuaded him to run a series of red lights, police said after his arrest.

Taylor, of Glendale, Calif., allegedly picked up a livery cab the night of Nov. 16, 2006, shortly after he appeared on CBS' "Late Show With David Letterman." The cab driver drove about 13 blocks before he was pulled over, police said at the time.

Judge Restores Foxy Brown's Probation

NEW YORK — Foxy Brown, threatened with jail after being accused of violating probation that stemmed from an assault case, was restored to probation in good standing Thursday by a Manhattan judge.

I'm going to restore her to probation," Criminal Court Judge Melissa Jackson said over objections by a Probation Department lawyer. "There's no necessity for the court to monitor her."

Over the past two months, the 27-year-old rapper has kept appointments with her probation officer, gotten permission before leaving the state, passed her drug tests and attended required anger management classes, Jackson said.

"I see a positive probation report here," Jackson told Brown. "It was a real struggle to get you onboard. I want to see you finish this sentence and go on to a happy life."

Brown, in a brown-and-turquoise sundress and taffeta stilletto heels, smiled and thanked the judge.

Brown was arrested on an off-duty police officer last year. She was charged with battery and resisting an officer with violence, Brown was released after posting a $1,500 bond. The case is pending.

FOXY BROWN

plea deal included a requirement that she get permission from her probation officer before leaving the state.

Brown was arrested of violating probation when she went to Florida where she was arrested Feb. 16 for allegedly throwing hair glue at a beauty shop employee when he asked her to leave because the shop was closing. She later struggled with an officer, police said. The judge could have jilted her for up to a year for violating probation by going to Florida.

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Michael Jackson Settles $48 Million Lawsuit

Michael Jackson's legal team settled a lawsuit filed by a New Jersey financial company that claimed the singer owed them $48 million. Jury selection for the case was about to get underway Monday when the settlement between Jackson and Prescient Acquisition of Hackensack, N.J., was announced by the judge. Terms were not disclosed.

Steven Allen, a lawyer for Prescient owner Darien Dash, said his client was owed the money for helping Jackson refinance a $272 million bank loan and secure $573 million in financing to buy Sony Corp's half of the Beatles song catalog that Sony co-owned with the King of Pop.

He claimed he never heard of Dash and didn't remember signing an agreement.

D.L. Hughley Protested In Fort Worth

He didn't agree that they were "hose," but comedian D.L. Hughley said to Jay Leno during a recent "Tonight Show," there were some nappy headed women on that [Rutgers women's basketball] team.

"It's not only that comment, he has a history of demeaning our community in such a way that it's not funny anymore," said Pastor Kyev Tatum of Servant House Baptist Church, accordin to Fort Worth's CBS 11 News.

Tatum joined a number of local Black leaders in Texas to protest his recent stand-up gig in Fort Worth.

"We are not above the law," Fox said about celebrity VIVICA A. FOX

The black blogosphere was abuzz over the weekend with reports that Young Buck disses G-Unit founding member 50 Cent during a performance in Atlanta. But apparently, the whole thing is one big thug misunderstanding.

Witnesses at the Twelfth Annual Birthday Bash hosted by Radio One affiliate Hot 107.9 have come forward to call the rumor bogus. Hot 97's Miss Info even said on her blog: "Eyewitnesses at the 107.9 Atlanta radio station bash say that he talked about his new label Cashville Records...but he never dissed 50 and G-Unit."

Buck's manager Sisx said the comment in question came after informing the crowd that his Cashville Records label had just signed former Tupac protege The Outlawz.

"All (Buck) said when he got on stage was that he was trying to make Cashville Records the next G-Unit cause 50 didn't share (those millions)," Sixx told Allhiphop. "He was joking, talking about the Vitamin Water deal. I guess I can see how they might have misunderstood, but he definitely wasn't dissing. There's no beef.

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**Fired Isaiah No Longer Fired Up**

LOS ANGELES — Isaiah Washington has gone from "mad as hell" to just plain "saddened." Just five days after ABC made the surprise announcement for no one more so than Washington himself—that it would not be renewing the Grey's Anatomy star's contract, and five days after Washington responded in kind with his mysterious Network-inspired statement, the star told Dr. Preston Burke is speaking out again, but this time in a way slightly more befitting someone who has been through anger management.

"I'm saddened by the outcome," Washington told Entertainment Weekly of his ouster. "I did everything that the producers and the network asked me to do. I came back under great duress and stress, and thought I was doing the job I was hired to do.

**Lil Wayne Blames Nelly For Tha Carter, Vol. 3's Delay**

If you believe Universal Records' latest schedule, then you'll believe that Lil Wayne's Tha Carter, Vol. 3 is coming out sometime in October or November.

"November 2008? Weesy asked with a grin last week in Miami when asked if his reprise for his release date matched his own timetable. Even though he was joking about the disc coming out at the end of next year, he was serious about maintaining that he'll be given advice when he'll be doing the job I was hired to do.

"A lot of things are coming out this year," Weesy explained. "My artist Currency, I don't wanna drown him. Then I'm on a lot of people's stuff. A lot of people want to use the songs I'm on as singles. That would be a quick, 'No, reject,' if my album was out. I don't like that. I want all that to be when I come out. ... Plus I was given advice by my big brother Nelly about how to do that. He said, 'You gotta make them wait you.'

**Barack Obama Is The 'Renegade'**

In case you're around a Secret Service agent barking the word "renegade" into his or her wrist, it's safe to assume that Sen. Barack Obama is somewhere close by.

On Sunday, the agency revealed to the Washington Post a list of code names it has given to its high-profile clients. Obama was christened "Renegade," while his Democratic rival, Hillary Clinton, is known as "Everygreen," her husband Bill Clinton's tag is "Eagle," and Eagle's former vice-president, Al Gore, is named "Sawhorse.

Secret service agents bestow nicknames as a way to communicate with each other without having to utter the person's name as he or she "Turnaround." He received a lifetime achievement award at this year's Grammy Awards.

Conditions at the Bonnaroo festival, about 60 miles southeast of Nashville, were hot and dusty. One fan died and officials were investigating whether drugs or heat played a role.

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All these Scratch-Off Games officially end June 29, 2007. So play these great games now while there are still prizes to win. But remember, any winning tickets must be redeemed by Tuesday, August 28, 2007. Prize less than $500 may be redeemed at any Florida Lottery retailer. Prizes $500 and over must be claimed at a Florida Lottery office. (For the office nearest you call 850-467-7777) Thanks for playing these and the many other games of the Florida Lottery.
ALL MY CHILDREN: Greenlee attempted to stir up discord between Ryan and Anna by suggesting Ryan's time in prison could delay the signing of the divorce papers. After Adam revealed his plot with Zach to steal Chandler Enterprises away from JR, JR realized that Zach is ripping off the family. Coming: The trace is over between Greenlee and Anna.

AS THE WORLD TURNS: Paul was grazed by Craig's bull and tried pulling Craig off the cliff with him but instead plummeted down, presumably to his death. To Lucka's relief, Mog tore up the contract that would turn over the company. Craig and Jack shared a parental bond with J.J. and Sage. Later, Carly agreed to go to a party with Brad when she found out Katie and Jack would be there. Coming: Mog has to accept Paul's ghost.

BOLD AND BEAUTIFUL: Carl tells Bridget that Taylor was fertilized with the donor eggs, then realized he might have been wrong. Dr. Mills stopped Bridget from saying anything to Nick and Taylor because of when the eggs had been logged out, and Bridget was not happy to see her son wearing Forrester Originals, wanting her to stay away from Ridge. Coming: Rick needs to decide what he wants.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES: Kate blackmailed Nick with the hairbrush, resulting in him going to see his dad and telling him the DNA shows E.J. as the father of Sami's twins. However, Nick then decided to actually perform the DNA test to know for himself. The fireworks didn't go off for Chelsea during her night with Nick, and Stephanie suspected she's not for Jett. Coming: Lucas remains loyal to Sami.

GENERAL HOSPITAL: Sam found Amelia's file on her solicited past and finally learned who Amelia is. With Jason convinced that Sam is somehow tied to Jake's abduction, she had a disturbing memory of the day Jake disappeared. Carly was shocked to find out, too. They are both happy with Michael and Morgan, him having a wild goose chase in order to spend time alone with Carly. Coming: Tightening the screws on Sam to get answers.

GUIDING LIGHT: Jeffrey lashed out at Reva for kidnapping Lizzie to get bone marrow from Sarah. To avoid being seen by Jeffrey and Lulu, Sam could be seen wearing a hood when she was heard talking to Reva. Coming: Reva also needs saying he can't risk contacting her again.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE: Hearty and her commitment of being blackmailed into marriage, John was determined to prove she didn't know anyone. Miles kept Marty tied to his bedside because he believed that he might kill her if she leaves. Kirk read Reva to hear Tate issue a racist rant to justify the violent acts he committed. Coming: Adriana is used as a pawn in Tate's plan.

PASSIONS: Sheridan, possessed by the doll evil, agreed to kill Theresa in return for the blackmailer getting rid of her. Nancy returns with Pretty. But then the spell was broken, she changed her mind, infuriating the blackmailer. Learning that Eve allowed Christmas cakes to be made, Sheridan is asked for kidnapping. Coming: Sheridan is still tempted to do bad things to get what she wants.

YOUNG AND RESTLESS: Lost in the woods, Nick and Logan were rescued by a ranger. After Sharon was taken aback when Nick kissed her and asked to see Cassie, her friends and family realize that Nick had no memory of the past two years. Nick was surprised to see Victor at the hospital and to learn that he saw her kiss with David on the Internet. Coming: William's recovery raises Gloria's panic level.

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BY LASHA SENKUK

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Her husband, Howard is the Northwest Community City Commissioner in Lakeland and an avid Sentinel reader.

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The Educational Assistants include: Kharon Campbell, Ida Paige, Duane Holliday and John Ware.

(L-R) Curtis Thomas, Administrator, Alisha Rivera, Valedictorian and Ilene Maultsby, Asst. Admin.

(L-R) Viesta Skipper, Regional Dir., Linda Bagley-Wiggs, Commencement Speaker and Paul Jungkonz, Florida Dir.

(L-R) Chanoah Bennett, Student Usher, Employability Specialists, Christie Floyd and Janette Colon.

(L-R) Proud graduates Jennifer Scarborough, is joined by Deontrae Polite and his mother.
New Elders

Beating the Florida Sentinel Bulletin train is Ms. LaDwan Strong, Fiscal Manager. Division employee with the Lakeland Police Department. Her husband is Officer LaRon Simms Jr., of the APD. Welcome aboard folks, hope you enjoy your ride.

June Celebrants

Birthday happy to the following June celebrants.

Christ Community

Christian Center Church
Pastor Walter R. Lady, Jr., Founder, and members send birthday wishes to:

Murray, Donna Day and Yvonne Graham, extending birthday greetings to:

Gorda, at Bethel A.M.E. LaDier, Ellison J. & Charity S. Sentii & Sentinel Bulletin celebrating their natal June 2nd. Birthday to:

Chaalji = Megaben M.B.C. church, a lavish wedding ceremony to:

Pastor Walter R. Jenkins of City of Refuge C.O.G.I.C.

The Society For Cultural Enrichment, Inc. —

Celebration next year!

The Keynote Speaker for the banquet was Pastor Walter R. Jenkins, Jr. of City of Refuge C.O.G.I.C.

New Jerseyans

Dr. J. D. Downing, Sr., Pastor and congregations extended birthday greetings to:


The News From

The City of Refuge

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First Class Petty Officer Jimmy James Hunter, an '88 graduate of Kathleen Senior High School and his very beautiful Chimmorrian (Guam) wife, Michelle, hosted the party.

Officer Jimmy James Hunter will be retiring in 2008 after 20 years of service in the Navy and settling down in Lakeland, Germany or Guam.

June 2nd Nuptials

Julia Victoria Davis and Christopher George Jenkins were married on Saturday, June 2, 2007, at Imperial Lakes. The officiating the service was Pastor Walter R. Jenkins of City of Refuge C.O.G.I.C.

With the daughter of Peggy Davis of Kinston, North Carolina. The groom is the son of Vincent Soudien.

Some of the tasty foods served were: birthday cake (of course!), red velvet cake, lemon pound cake, ice cream, chips, hotdogs, burgers, fried chicken, barbequed chicken drummettes, salad and more. Tiffany received numerous beautiful birthday gifts. And she's looking forward to a greater celebration next year!

And Two Shall Become One

Congratulations to Charles and Brenda of Lakeland who will be joined in Holy Matrimony on Saturday, July 7, 2007.

Community Buzzfest Weekend Planned

Auburndale's own Chauncy Davis will return home to be a part of the Community Buzzfest Weekend on Saturday, June 30th and Sunday, July 1st, 2007. The buzzfest will begin Saturday at 8:00 a.m. at Westwood Park, 1145-36th Street Northwest in Winter Haven.

There will be lots of food, drinks, prizes, music and games. Special guests will include Atlanta Falcons players: John Abraham, Jerious Norwood, Tommy Davis, Stoneham, Jonathan Babineaux, Darrell Shropshire, Quinn Ojinnaka; Cincinnati Bengals' Ronnie Ghent and St. Louis Rams Eric Moore. There will also be a Football & Cheerleaders Explosion Camp 2007 from 7 a.m. until 12 p.m. on Saturday. All little leagues are invited to join in the fun with special guests, giveaways, fastest kid competition and much more. FREE CAMP T-SHIRTS will be given to the first 200 children. A championship game will be played on Saturday. For further information about camp registration, please call (863) 412-9775 or visit the website: www.thecountybuzz.com.
Three Strong, Smart and Bold Women Receive Honors

BY CYNTHIA E. ZORN-SHAW

"It doesn't matter where a girl comes from, just as long as She Knows Where She's Going" is the on-going theme of an annual fundraising event for Girls Inc. of Lakeland. On May 15, 2007 at The Lakeland Centers-Hollingsworth Room, the agency hosted its 18th annual "She Knows Where She's Going" awards luncheon. This event has a dual purpose - it serves as an annual fundraiser for Girls Inc. and offers an opportunity for recognition of women who have excelled in life, against the odds. "We're here to celebrate twenty women who have succeeded in reaching both personal and professional goals, stated Chandra Foreman, Mistress of Ceremony.

The 2007 nominees were: Katina Lewis, Lakeland Police Department; Kimberly Marcum, Polk County Sheriff's Office; Maurice Nelson, Fort Meade City Council; Sue Percell, State Farm Insurance; Ashley Provenza, Polk County Sheriff's Office; Dell Quary, Polk County School Board; Bea Reid-Dickey, Polk County Sheriff's Office; Darlene Rivas, Polk County Sheriff's Office; Sue Percell, State Farm Insurance; Ashley Provenza, Polk County Sheriff's Office; Polly Stokes, Summit Consulting; Peggy Wells, Lakeland Regional Cancer Center and Margaret Anne Wheeler, Polk County Public Schools. Each honoree received a Certificate of Recognition during the luncheon.

Girls Inc. of Lakeland is one of the Polk County chapters of a national non-profit organization that is dedicated to emotionally strengthening and educating young ladies in low-income communities.

"We don't do this by ourselves, stated Kay Fields, Executive Director, we're all in this together." During the luncheon, on behalf of the Junior League of Lakeland, Stephanie McClain and Helena Gonzalez presented a $7,500 check to Fields to support the programs of Girls Inc. of Lakeland.

The three women who received the '2007 She Knows' awards were: Kathy Haley, Probation Officer; Polly Stokes, Claims Supervisor and Margaret Anne Wheeler, Senior Coordinator.

Models by Stan and the Girls Inc. of Lakeland Choir provided entertainment for the event.

Polk County News
Friday, June 22, 2007

All In The Family

First year Cornell University student James Idieburg is shown with his family: (L-R) Nicholas Lewis, Al Campbell, Taylor (little girl), Tara Campbell, James Idieburg, Veronda Coleman (Jame's mother), Vershundra Day (Jame's sister), and Veronica Rucker (Jame's grandmother).
LEGAL NOTICE

HILLSBOROUGH AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY
HART RFQ Q07028

Backup Generator for Administration Building and three temporary modular building units at 4305 East 21st Avenue.

The Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority (HART) will be accepting proposals until 5:00 P.M. eastern time, June 29, 2007 on behalf of the Administration Building and three temporary modular building units at 4305 East 21st Avenue.

The RFP documents will be available for download from HART’s website at www.hartline.org after 11:00 AM, on Monday, June 25, 2007. The documents can be located under the Purchasing Section. All inquiries pertaining to the specifications or any questions in reference to the quote must be directed to: Damaris Cordova, Purchasing Agent, Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority, 4305 East 21st Avenue, Tampa, Florida 33605 with e-mail at cordovad@hartline.org.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES
REQUESTS FOR BIDS AND/or PROPOSALS

Hillsborough County will receive sealed bids and/or proposals for the following, until the stated date and time when they will be publicly opened.

JULY 10, 2007 - 2:00 P.M.T-0301-07 (BG) GUARD RAIL AND RELATED HARDWARE

Please Note: The above bid is a Hillsborough County Governmental Purchasing Council Bid.

All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or objections to the decedent’s estate are notified that a petition for the revision of the will and the intestate’s estate was filed on June 1, 2007 in the Probate Division of the Hillsborough County, Florida Courthouse located at 1170 North Nebraska Avenue, Tampa, Florida 33602.

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JULY 06, 2007 - 2:00 P.M.T-0306-07 (JM) PIPELINE CAMERA PARTS AND REPAIR

JULY 06, 2007 - 2:00 P.M.
T-0311-07 (JM) FUEL SYSTEM TESTING MAINTENANCE, & REPAIR

In accordance with Chapter 65-448, Laws of Florida, the Tampa Port Authority (TPA) hereby gives notice of its intent to dispose of the following equipment to the highest bidder.

1. TAMPA RO-RO Barge 1 (official number 176550): This is a ramp used for RO-Ro cargo discharge off a stern ramp vessel comprised of welding two product barges permanently together and installing a cargo ramp on the top.

BID CONDITIONS:

1. Minimum bid is set at $450,000. Item 1 is to be awarded to the highest bidder and the item is without guarantee.
2. Purchase subject to Florida Sales Tax unless buyer shows proof of exemption. Payment must be made by certified check, money order, or wire transfer prior to taking possession.
3. Equipment is to be sold "as is, where is." TPA does not guarantee the operation, specification, or condition of the equipment.
4. Successful bidder must take possession within thirty (30) days of the award.
5. TPA reserves the right to cancel this bid at any time.
6. All bids are due by 12:00 noon, July 6, 2007 as per the process outlined below.

The barge may be viewed at the Port’s Berth 21 in Port Sutton during business hours by appointment only. Please contact Bob Callahan at 813-241-1805 or at bcallahan@tampaport.com to schedule the appointment. Pictures will be emailed upon request. Bids may be faxed to 813-905-5050 or emailed to Larry Strain, Senior Director of Procurement at lstrain@tampaport.com.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF GEORGIA L. PREVATT
Deceased

PROBATE FILE NO.: 97-1244

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The administration of the estate of GEORGIA L. PREVATT, Deceased, whose death was February 18, 2006. File Number W 57064, is pending in the Circuit Court of Hillsborough, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Post Office Box 1110, Tampa, Florida 33601. The name and address of the Personal Representative and the Personal representative’s attorney are set forth below. The Estate is Intestate.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE NOTIFIED THAT:

All persons on whom this notice is served who have objections that challenge the validity of the Will, the qualifications of the Personal representative, venue or jurisdiction of this Court are required to file their objections with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent’s estate on whom a copy of this notice is served within three months after the first publication of this notice must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.

All other creditors of the decedent and persons having claims or demands against the decedent’s estate must file their claims with this Court WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.

ALL OTHER CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND OBJECTIONS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED. The date of the first publication of this Notice is June 22, 2007, in accordance with Chapter 95-488, Laws of Florida.

William A. Sweat, Jr.
Attorney for the Estate
P.O. Box 2886
2012 South Florida Ave.
Lakeland, FL 33803
(863) 960-2222

Florida Bar No. 010389

K. D. Prevatt
Personal Representative
4511 Nesmith Rd.
Plant City, FL 33567

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Pursuant to Chapter 69.1119, Special Acts, Laws of Florida, sealed Request for Proposals for the furnishing of the following will be received by the Director of Purchasing, City of Tampa, in his office until:

2:30 PM ON 7/11/07 FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNTS (FSA’s)
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES PRE-BID MEETING TO BE HELD
AT 9:30 AM ON 6/28/07

2:30 PM ON 7/11/07 DENTAL INSURANCE BENEFITS PRE-BID MEETING TO BE HELD
AT 9:30 AM ON 6/28/07

Then and thereafter to be publicly opened and read. Request for Proposal are available at the Purchasing Department (Phone No. 813-274-3351).

Dated: 6/22/07
Gregory K. Speerman, CPPD
Director of Purchasing
City of Tampa, FL
300 E. Jackson Street
Tampa, FL 33602

INVIATION TO BID

Pursuant to Chapter 69.1119, Special Acts, Laws of Florida, sealed Bids will be received by the Director of Purchasing, City of Tampa, in his office until:

3:00 PM ON 6/29/07 FLOW KINETIC DEODORANT DEGREASER
IN VESTIGATION DEPARTMENT
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Then and thereafter to be publicly opened and read. Bid documents are available at the Purchasing Department (Phone No. 813-274-3351).

It is hereby made a part of this Invitation for Bid that the submission of any Bid in response to this advertised request shall constitute a bid made under the same conditions for the same contract price and for the same effective period as this Bid to all public entities in Hillsborough County.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Hillsborough County Aviation Authority (Authority) is hosting a community meeting to inform the local business community of the following topics:

- Revised Disparity Study Results
- Corridor Contracting Opportunities
- Purchasing Opportunities (Goods & Services)
- Small Projects Group
- DBE Certification – Unified Certification Program (UCP)
- On-Line Business / Supplier Registration
- Airport Concession DBE Program

All businesses are encouraged to attend this meeting. The community meeting is scheduled for:

Date: July 12, 2007
Place: Tampa International Airport
3rd Level, Blue Side – Authority Board Room
Time: 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Refreshments will be served
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Please RSVP no later than Monday, July 2, 2007 to Jackie Smith, (813) 870-7861.

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