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BIBLICAL LUNCHEON

The West Coast Conference Women's Missionary Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Church of the 11th Episcopal District hosted a Biblical Luncheon featuring the 66 books of the Bible. The event was held at the Hilton Hotel Bayfront in St. Petersburg. The featured speaker was Attorney Patricia Russell-McCloud, center, Ecumenical Supervisor of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. She is flanked by Coreatha Larkins, left, President, West Coast Conference Women's Missionary Society and Valarie Lee, Program Chairperson. Bishop McKinley Young is the Resident Bishop of the 11th Episcopal District. (Photograph by Lomax McIntyre)
Party To Help 40 Local Students Attend College Tour

People in the Tampa Bay area looking to “party for a purpose” will have a great opportunity next weekend. The Tampa Bay Academy of Hope, Inc. is sponsoring an Exclusive Benefit Party for The Making Of A College Student on Sunday, July 22nd. Proceeds for the event will benefit the Tampa Bay Academy of Hope’s Inner-City College Tour.

The tour will take place from July 25-28th, and aims to take 40 middle school and high school students on a tour of several colleges throughout Florida. Currently, 20 students still need sponsors for the college tour. The tour will include Florida State University, the University of Florida, Florida A&M University, the University of Central Florida, and the University of Tampa among others. Well-known local TV news anchors like Reginald Roundtree, Denise White and Kathy Fountain will be in attendance, as well as local businessmen Kenny Rushing and Son Davis.

“This tour would be an opportunity for my son, as well as 39 other students, to be surrounded by positive people at the Tampa Bay Academy of Hope,” said Christina Barrington, mother of Johnathan Mingo, one of the students who will be attending the college tour. “I want to help my son reduce the barriers that would hinder him from attending the Florida college of his choice.”

“We’re exposing some of our best and brightest kids to college with this tour,” said James Evans, Executive Director of the Tampa Bay Academy of Hope, Inc. “These are students who have the knowledge and the skills to succeed, but maybe not the resources. We want to do what we can to help them strive and achieve their potential.”

The Exclusive Benefit Party will be held from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Jerk Hut Island Grille and Mojito Bar located at 2101 E. Fowler Avenue. RSVPs are mandatory. For more information, please call (813) 277-0464, or go to www.tampahope.com.

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Model Is One Of Youngest To Wear Popular Designer's Fashions

Twelve-year-old Nekairah Parker is one of the youngest models to wear the edgy fashions of New York designer, Indashio. Last month, Ms. Parker wore some of the famed designer's fashions for his Fall Collection during a show in Tampa at the Centro Asturiano. The theme for the fashion show was “To Die For” and the models' outfits and makeup reflected the theme.

Nekairah is a former student of John Casablancas Modeling and Career Center. She stands 5'9" inches tall and launched her career as a model four years ago. Nekairah is the daughter of Ms. Staci Parker, owner of Visionary Marketing Company. Her mom serves as her publicist and booking agent as well.

Ms. Parker said Nekairah is very serious about a career in modeling. But she is also serious about her education. Nekairah still maintains a 4.0 grade point average at one of Hillsborough County's Magnet Schools where she is a gifted student. Her dream is to design her own line of clothing after becoming a supermodel. "She expects to do well in the industry because she knows what she wants," Ms. Parker said. Nekairah will participate in a benefit fundraiser later this month.


Unique Boutique Opens At International Flea Market

This Saturday, Lily's Boutique will hold its grand opening. The boutique is owned and operated by Lily Benitez, will feature the latest in men's and women's designer apparel, complete with all the accessories. The boutique is the first business venture for Ms. Benitez, and came about as a result of her own method of shopping.

"I envisioned something like what I have set up in my house. I have furnishings set up specifically for shopping, and other things that make me comfortable. I want to offer those same things to customers," Ms. Benitez said her shop will have chairs for the kids as well as snacks so they can be out of the way as mom shops. The shop will also have handmade jewelry and accessories, designed exactly the way the customer wants.

"I will have name brand clothing and my selection will expand later to include footwear and other accessories. I will also have church wear available around the winter time. "My prices will be low, because I want the single mothers and those on low incomes to be able to afford my clothing. Everything will be from $9.99 and up, and I will also have plus-sizes for men and women." For the older patrons, Ms. Benitez will have fresh coffee, and she promises your shopping experience at her boutique will be one you will share with others.

The boutique is located at the International Flea Market, 13900 North Nebraska Avenue, and will be open Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. You can call the boutique to get an idea of what it has to offer at (813) 248-0974 or e-mailed at lily@flsentinel.com.
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EDITORIALS / COLUMNS

Black American History
By RUDOLPH HARRIS

Tampa Has Old Civil Rights Cold Case

(Series)

Last month the House of Representatives passed a bill giving the Justice Department over $100 million for new prosecutors, FBI agents and other resources to revisit unsolved murders of the Civil Rights era. The bill, according to news sources by the Associated Press, would authorize $10 million a year over the next decade to build on the Justice Department's recent successes in re-opening racially motivated crimes that have sat closed for decades. It also would earmark $2 million a year in grants for state and local enforcement agencies to investigate cases if federal prosecution is not practical, and an additional $1.5 million to improve coordination among investigating agencies. This entire package, which will be passed by the Senate as well, is expected to become law, signed by the President this session. The Chambers Case in Tampa is expected to be resurrected early on this year.

Let it be understood that there is a pointed history that uniquely identifies these cold cases. Because southern states have a poor track record of prosecuting cases involving the murder of African-Americans by whites, in order to get some form or semblance of justice, the law just charges such murders as violations of the civil rights of the victims. A fine of $10,000 and 10 years is affixed. Ironically, in those cities where such Justice Department investigations have not been held, racial killings tend to remain a continuous occurrence.

In Tampa, we must overcome this stigma of Black murders by white police, especially since the 1967 incident which led to nights of rioting on Central Avenue and across Tampa. It is the duty of local government, especially those elected on the Tampa City Council to carry such Civil Rights motions when they are formally presented.

A Good Turn For A Good Friend!

Who says every editorial must be full of doom or gloom? This editorial is about what many a Black Floridian has seen through the years, not only as a good friend, but as a welcomed addition on the dinner table. At last, State lawmakers have come to their senses, where this lowly individual is concerned. And we want to take time to talk about it.

Perhaps you missed it, but just recently, the board of the State of Florida's Wildlife Agency, decided unanimously to stop a practice, which animal rights advocates had long labeled inhumane and immoral. For the past 16 years, the same wildlife agency had routinely granted permits that allowed local developers to pave over and build over gopher tortoises' burrows, thereby "burying them alive as well as all the other animals that used their burrows as a home." To date, 54,000 gopher tortoises had been killed this way.

Without tongue-in-check, we at the Sentinel congratulate members of the State's wildlife agency for a change of heart that's been long overdue. As for those of you who wonder why this paper or any other paper that caters to a predominantly Black readership should care about gophers at all, we respectfully reply, "Ask your mama." Pass it on.

No Better Than Slavery!

If it is true that the progress of a society must be measured not simply by the best of us, but also by the worst of us, then what can be said about certain people and about some of the horrible things they do? Take for instance the following story.

Her name shall remain anonymous. But what she has done, though none but she and God were witnesses to her deed - will remain as fresh and as ugly as the first day it was discovered. In an alley, she recounts how her water broke... how she staggered over to the side of the street, among the garbage cans and trash bags... how there, in the midst of rats and filth, she brought forth a blameless little baby, then cut the umbilical cord, perhaps with her teeth, and left her little one in the gutter to die.

Was she Black... the woman who did this reprehensible thing against God and humanity? Does it matter? Perhaps it does not matter to say that the woman who had her child, just inches away from a dumpster was Black. But she was Black. Not only was she Black, she is Black, she always has been Black, the sum-total of all that was fought for and died for during a war that was waged to grant humanity to people who had been raped of the right to call themselves human. And here, one of their offspring had just dropped a baby like a cat guts-kitten.

Indeed, we human beings are too complex a people. Consequently, no one can speak for everyone. Nevertheless, when we see our own wallowing in the filth and confusion that so many lives have been sacrificed to overcome, it pains us. We want to go outside, roll up our sleeves and become better keepers of our brothers and sisters. We become ashamed that we have not evolved beyond ourselves. A Black woman had a baby and abandoned it in an alley. She could have been anyone. But she was one of our own. Brothers and sisters, as we seek to progress, perhaps you would agree that we must do better, at least for our own. Pass it on!
**The Sole-Man Speaks**

**A Universal Secret Of Human Nature!**

"NOBODY WANTS TO BE WRONG!" There! I've said it. It looms in our minds and in our lives like a mountain, higher than Mt. Everest! It is a truth in every facet of our existence. And it has become even more so now, than it has been in the past two hundred years.

Think about it. America has forgotten how to say, "I'm sorry," and mean it. Instead what most of us say is, "If I have done anything to make you angry (which I know I have), then I apologize." Either that or, "Mistakes were made... but not by me!" I wish I had come up with that one. "Mistakes were made... but not by me!" But I can't claim credit. Instead, credit goes to authors Carol Tavris and Elliot Aronson, who co-wrote the book "Mistakes Were Made (but not by me): Why We Justify Foolish Beliefs, Bad Decisions and Hurtful Acts!"

According to Tavris and Aronson, "As fallible human beings, all of us share the impulse to justify our actions and to avoid taking responsibility for any actions that turn out to be harmful, immoral or stupid." I wonder. Would that justify the actions of an Adolf Hitler, a Sadaam Hussein or a George W. Bush? Would such a statement on the universality of self-justification successfully explain the actions of millions of Americans who've ended up in jails and prisons because they had refused to take responsibility for their villainous actions or inactions? Indeed, shall the human race become extinct because it will have doggedly refused to accept its own wretched responsibility?

And what about Black folks? What's the story of our collective unwillingness to let slavery go... to forgive and forget, yet retain the fact that the destiny of our people is written in the destiny of our nation? For we too need to say, "I'm sorry," if to no one else but ourselves.

As I said at the beginning of our conversation, I have discovered one of the greatest secrets of human nature! It is called, "The Ability To Take Responsibility." And unless I miss my guess, it contains enough truth and power to set us all free! Come closer. Let's open it up!

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**Don't Get Mad At 'Scooter'**

When President Bush commuted Lewis "Scooter" Libby's sentence last week, a large portion of the nation was outraged. To them, it was another example of the "good ole' boys network in action.

On the surface, that's what it appeared to be. A high-ranking U.S. official, convicted of lying to a grand jury, essentially being relieved of serving time by his former boss, the President of the United States.

Of course, they knew that the average citizen would think the move was motivated by cronyism and they're perfectly correct in believing that. For the administration, that's a highly acceptable alternative to what they may have transpired had they not allowed Libby an escape route from prison.

You see, the individuals who run this country are masters of gauging fallouts, assessing damages and estimating casualties. They are well aware of any potential outcome long before any determination is made. The decision to exonerate Libby was done more out of a need for the White House to save face rather than Libby's F.O.P.- (Friend Of the President) status. This is a man who worked as Chief of Staff for Vice President Dick Cheney. That position alone allowed him access to presidential secrets that would make the mishandling of Iraq appear as a minor faux pas in comparison.

We are talking about a Republican administration already being suspected of allowing oil companies to spike gas prices, falsifying intelligence reports to justify an invasion, mysteriously misplacing $12 billion in cash allocated towards restructuring Iraq, and lest we forget, ignoring critical information of that could have prevented the 9-11 terrorist attacks. These elected officials are urging other legislators and I quote, "Not to be persuaded by public opinion" and set a timetable for the withdrawal of our troops. I would repeat that, but you read it right the first time. Can you imagine elected officials telling other elected officials to ignore what citizens are saying or asking them to do? These are the same people who promised to get the people elected. The same people who claim to be public servants and the voice of the people. These are the people who said, "I will be your voice and represent your interests and concerns."

Now we are telling them something and they are asking each other not to be persuaded by our opinions. We need to remember every last one of the moral ethics that said that the next time they run for office.

America is a country wherein the majority is supposed to rule. The majority of Americans are tired of so much of their tax dollars being spent on the Iraq war. The majority is tired of American soldiers getting maimed and killed in what many believe is a senseless war.

Don't these things matter to our elected officials? I am sure they know by now what the majority opinion is. Americans should be outraged and even angry over this blatant disrespect for our opinions and wishes.

Elected officials don't respect our opinions and do our will, then they don't deserve our vote. I don't care who they are or what color they are. If our elected officials won't represent us, then who will?

Legislators are showing their true colors on the Iraq war. They are saying we got your vote, and the heck with what you want and think. Don't be persuaded by public opinion, and we won't be persuaded by your campaign rhetoric come election time. And please don't think we will forget!

The last thing they needed was the ingratiating "fall guy" featuring in prison and threatening to blow the lid off of their entire operation. They'd come too far, gotten away with too much dirt and placed too many plans in motion to allow one man to ruin their scheme. In the political game of Congress, Libby's inside knowledge made him a valuable piece they couldn't afford to have sacked.

What Bush did was nothing new. Presidents have been pardoning corrupted officials for decades. In almost every instance, their actions were induced more by the possibility of muffling a potential whistle blower than by some sentimental display of quasi loyalty.

For those screaming, "where is the justice?!... that's what we already have... "Just Us." In the perfect world, the world they sold us on, we would have loved to have seen Libby suffer like any other powerless pawn victimized by the system. But realistically, people like Libby benefit from mastery of the matrix. It's a skill we shouldn't keep hating on, but one we should learn how to use in a game we're forced to play.

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Mother Of Child Killed In Accident Starts New Life

BY LEON B. CREWS
Sentinel Staff Writer

On July 7, 2003, 5 family members, mostly teenagers, were involved in an accident that left one dead and two with permanent injuries.

Killed in accident was 11-year-old Angela Saffold, the only daughter of Angela Saffold-McNair.

"I pretty much died when my daughter died," said Ms. McNair.

"It took a year for me to surrender everything to God and start over."

Part of starting over was her marriage to Tony McNair and their birth of their daughter, Predestined Angel McNair, now 2.

"I met my husband a year after the accident. We were both attending Christlike Ministries.

"It was tough getting over the death of my daughter, but I’ve always had faith. God had brought me through obstacles before, and I knew He’d bring me through this. I became a creature of Christ, and I feel blessed to still be here today."

Ms. McNair said a couple of days after the accident, her daughter revealed herself in a dream and she had a baby on her hip.

"A week before I gave birth to Predestined, she visited me again in my sleep and had her arm around me as we stood in front of a school. I think it was her way of saying God had sent me another angel."

The driver of the car in the accident was Ms. McNair’s nephew, LaBrawn. The accident left him paralyzed from the waist down.

Ms. McNair said her nephew has always been her special person in her life.

"He felt more like a son than a nephew, and he was always there for me. He’s always been someone you could count on."

"Before the accident, he was playing football, but stopped because he wanted to be a computer engineer. Then the accident occurred, and it appears his decision was one sent by God."

Ms. McNair said she’s been blessed to have family members who have supported her since the accident, and gives all the credit to God for giving her the strength to survive that ordeal, and putting her on the path of a new life.

Central Park Village: Original Resident Feels ‘It’s Time To Move On’

When Central Park Village first opened its doors in 1964, the Hudson family was among the first to move in. Jessie "Jet Set" Hudson was the last of 12 children in the Hudson household, and has fond memories of Central Park Village.

"During the 1960s and until we moved out in 1976, Central Park was a great place to live. As a child, I remember playing in the sand, playing marbles, and just growing up and having fun."

Jet Set recalls the journey that brought his family to Central Park.

"My mother came to Florida in the 1930s from Georgia, seeking a better life. She wound up in Clewiston, working in a cane field."

"They moved to Tampa in the 1940s and lived in East Tampa, We moved into Central Park when I was only a few months old."

Jet Set said he has good memories of Central Park Village. But, when his family moved out, he was happy.

"Central Park Village had served its purpose for my family. It was never meant to be the final stop for Black families. I want all the people of Central Park to understand that nothing lasts forever. It’s time for it to go."

Jet Set said he remembers the riots in the late 1960s and how scary it was.

"That was the worst time. We had strangers walking around, and men who looked like soldiers running us off our streets and telling us to stay inside our homes."

Jet Set said it was always the wish of his mother to want something bigger and better.

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Three New Members Selected To FAMU’s Board Of Trustees

BY ANTOINE DAVIS
Sentinel Staff Writer

The Florida Board of Governors has appointed three new people to FAMU's Board of Trustees.

Robert Brown, CEO of B&C Associates, Inc., Richard Dent III, vice-president with Victoria Secret's parent company and Karl White, chief investment officer for Fletcher Asset Management, Inc. of Boston, will fill the three vacant spots on Florida A&M University's Board of Trustees. The selections would bring FAMU's board to full capacity pending Florida Senate confirmation.

"These three individuals have the experience and skills needed to provide sure and strong leadership for Florida A&M University," said Carolyn King Roberts, chair of the Board of Governors. "Their different areas of expertise will not only help FAMU's present condition, but help re-solidify the university's future as one of the best in the nation."

Four trustees have resigned from the board in the past few months. The 13-member board consists of six members appointed by the Florida Governor, five appointed by the Board of Governors, one member from FAMU's faculty senate and FAMU's student government president.

Governor Charlie Crist filled his last trustee vacancy last month with Samuel Badger. "I'm very pleased with the selections that have been made for the Board of Trustees. I'm especially happy to have members with a financial background because that's what we need, especially now," said FAMU President James Ammons. "Improving finances and school resources are two areas that I think should stand out, and they have with the new selections."

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Woman Celebrates 100th Birthday With Church Family

On Sunday, July 8th, members of Greater New Salem Primitive Baptist Church held a birthday celebration for one of their most honored members. Mother Fannie S. Holloway holds the distinction of being both the oldest member of the church in time of service as well as being its eldest member.

Mother Holloway celebrated her 100th birthday on July 4th. Her church family paid tribute to Mother Holloway with a celebration dinner held at the church.

A capacity crowd was on hand for the celebration, which opened with Elder T. Lane, pastor of the church, as the Master of Ceremony. The program began with an opening prayer, followed by special presentations. Mother Holloway addressed those in attendance and a dinner blessing took place before the closing prayer. Mrs. Ann Porter served as the Program Coordinator.

The theme for the event was “Faith, Hope, Love, — The Greatest of These Is Love.”

Mother Holloway also received special recognition in the form of plaques and certificates from various organizations. She was the recipient of congratulatory certificates from various organizations.

She was very active in the church and remained so until her health failed.

“When my mother became ill, she and others on the Usher Board would walk to the North Blvd. Homes, where we lived to see about my mother. And when my mother passed, she was there for me. She is the last of the old guard.

“She was good to the children of the neighborhood. She has touched the lives of so many people that there were four and five generations at her birthday celebration.”

Mother Porter stated that although Mother Holloway had no birth children of her own, she adopted several children during her lifetime.

Mother Holloway first lived in an area known as the Sluggos for many years and eventually moved to a home in the Palm River area. She currently resides in her home with her adopted daughter, Linda, and a caretaker.

Mother Holloway spends her days listening to her gospel music, watching gospel programs on television, and just enjoying life.

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Behind The Pulpit:

North Bay Missionary Baptist Church
3711 E. North Bay Street
Rev. Thomas Weeks / Pastor

If a welcoming atmosphere is something people look for when visiting a local church, North Bay Missionary Baptist Church just may be the prototype.

North Bay Missionary Baptist Church is located at 3711 E. North Bay Street in East Tampa. Rev. Thomas Weeks is the pastor, and has been since the church’s inception in 1997. The Lake Butler, Florida native is the founder of North Bay M.B. Church, and says the church held their first service in August of 1997.

“When a person comes to worship with us, we want them to feel free to worship in any way the Lord leads them,” said Rev. Weeks. “We have people who are constantly coming to visit because they feel comfortable there, and they feel welcome. I believe that should be one of the most important characteristics in the house of God.”

Rev. Weeks says that a significant part of the church’s ministry focuses on love and respect for self and one another. He also says that a powerful Bible study class has helped to strengthen and empower the members at North Bay M.B. Church.

“People have said that they feel welcomed and loved when they come through our doors, and that is a great testament to our members,” said Rev. Weeks. “We have a lot of love at North Bay, and I don’t think that will ever change.”

Rev. Weeks is married to Minnie Pearl Weeks, and they have two children, Thomas, Jr. and Yvette Walker.

Reporting by Antione Tyson.

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“A CHURCH WHERE YOU CAN FEEL THE HOLY SPIRIT”
Woman Fears Something May Have Happened To Close Friend

For the past two months, LaRhonda James, 21, has been living with her best friend, Wondra Grooms. The two shared an apartment at Park View Apartments on Florida and 109th Street, and were closer than sisters.

Grooms fears something may have happened to her friend as she hasn’t heard from her in 3 days.

“The last time I saw her was at 12:31 a.m. Saturday morning. She told me she was going to visit a friend across Fletcher Avenue.

“We were walking to the front of the complex, when she got into a vehicle with a man I’d never seen before. She was trying to get me to come with her, but I didn’t feel comfortable with it. She kept asking me to go with her, and I kept asking where.”

LaRhonda James...missing since Saturday morning.
they were going. She was never clear about that.”

Grooms said she watched her friend get into the vehicle with the man, and that was the last time she saw her.

Grooms said LaRhonda told her she knew the man, and had asked him to give her a ride.

“LaRhonda has a son, and I know she wouldn’t just leave him alone.”

“I began to realize something was wrong when I didn’t get any calls from her and we have a very close bond. No one has heard from her, including her family and other close friends. This is very strange.”

Grooms described the man her friend got into the car with as a white male, and she described the vehicle as a 4-door blue Nissan Sentra with a spoiler on the trunk.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of LaRhonda James is asked to contact the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office at 247-8200 or Ms. Grooms at (813) 446-1111.

Grandmother Of Slain Teenager Issues Challenge

Ms. Lucy Mills said the only thing more painful to accept than the death of her grandson, Cedric, is the fact that no one has stepped forward to say who shot him.

First, give all praise to God. Without the support of every opportunity to accomplish them. Cedric had goals for his life. He started when he was 7 years old, and he never stopped working toward his goals. He never gave up.”

Ms. Mills said her grandson deserves justice and challenges everyone to show their love for him by taking advantage of every opportunity to improve themselves.

“When you do that, you will improve your community, your family, your city and your state.

“Young people, please set goals for your life and strive everyday to accomplish them. Cedric had goals for his life. He started when he was 7 years old, and he never stopped working toward his goals. He never gave up.”

Ms. Mills said she’s sure her grandson wants all young people to work hard and never give up.

“I want them to change their attitudes, morality and the way they think. That’s what Cedric would want for them to do. When you do this, your community will become a place of love and respect. Don’t wait for someone else to do it for you. Do it for yourself.”

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**LOCAL**

**Boys & Girls Club To Host Annual Talent Show**

**BY ANTOINE DAVIS**
Sentinel Staff Writer

Tampa’s best young talent will be on display later this month at an annual talent show. The Wilbert Davis Boys & Girls Club will be hosting their 9th Annual Talent Showcase on July 26th at 2 p.m.

Rappers, singers, step teams and dancers from throughout the city are scheduled to perform.

“This is something that we do every year to bring the kids out so that they can display their talents and have a good time. We usually always have a great turnout, and we’re hoping for the same thing this year,” said Barbara Norton, the Event Coordinator with the Boys & Girls Club.

There will be guest judges from 95.7 FM and 88.5 FM. Rock-It-Rod DJ Services will provide music for the event, and there will be performances by Bishop Wayne T.Town, Second Chaynse, Dirty Game Entertainment and Steppers of a Unique Legacy. Markus “MVP” Vance will be hosting the event.

Norton says that 25 local acts have already agreed to participate. She says that she credits the 23 Tampa Bay area Boys & Girls Clubs and the parents for helping to organize the event.

“We have received a lot of input and support from all the local clubs. This event would be what we expect it to be without their help,” said Norton.

The Wilbert Davis Boys & Girls Club is located at 3515 Sarah Street. For more information, please call the club at (813) 248-9233.

Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis (Ifraj) El-Amin

**Couple Encourages Community To Participate In Fundraiser**

**BY GWENDOLYN HAYES**
Sentinel Editor

The Tampa Bay Area Muslim Association is hosting its biggest event of the year – a fundraiser and comedy extravaganza. The event will be held Saturday, August 25, 2007, 6-10 p.m. at the Wyndham Hotel, corner of Kennedy Blvd and Westshore.

It is hoped that proceeds from the event will help establish a Community Mentoring Center in the Tampa/St. Petersburg area. “The entire community can benefit from this complex and can experience peace of mind knowing there is a safe environment, which has supportive social assistance and does not tax their dignity with superimposed judgments,” states Jarvis El-Amin, a local businessman.

El-Amin and his wife, Iraq Quiyim El-Amin, believe that the complex will be a welcomed site to the community. “The main goal is to support families. Family members can rely on this needed outlet, outside of the home during stressful times,” she said. “Family unity can also rest assured that they can vent and discuss confidential matters with professionals who are trained and prepared to assist in personal crises.” To build excitement and build community interest, Jarvis El-Amin, who is chairman of the fundraising committee, said the Tampa Bay Area Muslim Association, a faith-based 501(c)(3) organization, will be giving out the “Marcus Garvey economic Achievement Award” and the "Najiyah Shaheed Community Service Award.”

The community’s involvement starts with sending in essay nominations for the Marcus Garvey Award. The essay should be no more than 100 words for any deserving person in the Tampa/St. Petersburg area. The nominee with the most nominations will be winner of this prestigious award. (See advertisement in this issue with more details.)

The deadline for the essay is August 1, 2007. Others in the community can support the event as sponsors. There are several sponsorship levels. For more information on these, contact El-Amin at (813) 297-6692.

Entertainment at the banquet will be provided by saxophonist extraordinary, Bernard “BK” Jackson and comedians “Sensational LC” and CAIR’s own Ramzy Killie. The keynote speaker will be Imam Parvez Muhammad of Atlanta. He’ll be sharing his views on “The Value of Mentoring.” The master and mistress of ceremony will be Brother El-Amin and Chloe Coney.

Tickets are $50 per person.

**Community Mentoring Center**

The Wilbert Davis Boys & Girls Club will be hosting the event.

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Contact info: (813) 546-2754

The public is invited.

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**Sunday, July 15th - Thursday, July 19th**

**Theme: Game Day Central – Where Heroes Are Made**

Hebrews 12:1-2 (New International Version)

Therefore, we since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off every weight and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

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In The Spotlight

Elsie

Elsie is looking absolutely beautiful, and we are pleased to have her as this week's Spotlight Unlimited Feature. This gorgeous young lady is sure to have our phones ringing off the hook this week. Elsie says that she loves dancing, modeling and spending time with her family. She also says that she likes a man who is considerate, good-looking, has a great sense of humor and knows how to have fun. Congratulations to Elsie on being this week's Spotlight Unlimited Feature.

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LOCAL

Boutique Features Authentic African Collectibles

There is now a place within the African American community where you can find authentic African wear and products.

Georgia Egun's African Boutique and Collectibles has been in business since 1986, first operating out of Ybor Square. She left there in the late 1990s, and now has opened at 1022 East Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, just west of 12th Street.

Every item in the boutique is imported from West Africa. The shop features traditional African wear for adults and children, as well as contemporary wear.

"We also have fashion shoes and matching handbags, and we're looking into carrying church wear in the future for African American women," said Georgia Egun.

Nowhere else in the city will you find authentic African items from Nigeria, Ghana, Kenya, and even a few from South Africa. Ms. Egun said every item in her shop has a history.

"All of the wood items are hand carved, some from ebony wood, soap stone, and other precious items, some typical of East African countries.

"We have books, musical tapes, instruments, and DVD movies, all of African culture, history and music."

As an added feature, a specialty bakery has been added adjacent to the boutique, Ms. Gina's Specialty Bakery.

The bakery features African snacks and bread, chin chin, meat pies and sausage rolls, just to name a few.

The public is encouraged to stop by the boutique and be amazed at the huge selection of authentic African items available.

The boutique and bakery are open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

To find out more about the shop, call (813) 234-2940.

Georgia Egun's motto is "our quality is our pride and your patronage is our strength."

Reporter Leon B. Crews can be reached at (813) 248-0724, or e-mailed at leon@flsentinel.com.

These are just some of the items featured in the boutique.

Helen Soule (left), and Georgia Egun.
BY IRIS B. HOLTON
Sentinel Staff Writer

Last week, young men from throughout the southeastern United States converged on Orlando, Florida. But the visit wasn’t a summer vacation.

The young men were at the Disney Sports Complex to participate in the AAU National Track and Field Championship Competition. Among those taking part in the weekend event was a group of young men from Tampa who represented the Christian Cruisers. This marks the 21st year that Christian Cruisers Ministries, owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Nate (Carmen) Johnson, has helped neighborhood children train and participate in track and field events.

This year, ten young men returned home with medals. “Our athletes turned in some tremendous performances during the competition. Two of them set national meet records in their respective age groups,” Johnson said. Those two individuals were Jamari Johnson, who set a national record in the Boys Bantam group shot put competition with a score of 31’00” and Leria Jenrette, who set a national discus record of 122’5” in the Girls Intermediate Division. Leria also placed second in the shot put and 5th place in the javelin competitions.

Several young athletes recently participated in the AAU Club National Championships held this past weekend at the Disney Sports Complex in Orlando. Among those who captured medals shown in the photograph are: Lamecia McDuffie, Jamari Johnson, Jonathan Governor, Reginald Harper, Vincent Governor, Leria Jenrette, Debra Perry, Erianna Mitchell, Myekayla Jenrette, and Daniedria Perry. Ashley Smith and Keyon Jones are not shown in the photograph.

On Saturday, July 14th, those who like to laugh will have an opportunity to witness a comedian “coming out.” The comedian is Tampa’s Own Goldiee and his premiere show is entitled, “Holla At Me, Just Don’t Yell.”

The show will be held at the Good Luck Café, 1910 E. 7th Avenue. Joining Goldiee to make the event unforgettable is another Tampa native, Roman Murray. Like many others, Goldiee discovered he could make people laugh while in school. But it was not until after he graduated from Chamberlain High School and attended Bethune-Cookman College that he realized he possessed a talent for putting a smile on the face of others.

Goldiee attended a comedy show while in college and took to the stage for the first time. From that point on, he knew that he wanted to become a comedian. He knew that with the right attitude and the right material, the sky was the limit for him.

He left Bethune-Cookman with a degree in Business Administration/Marketing Management to seek his future. And he also left with the desire to become a professional comedian.

The young husband and father said he started out with a mixture of material, but now it strictly a clean show. “It wasn’t always clean, but I’ve got some people up in heaven watching over me.”

Goldiee has performed at Without Walls International Church in front of more than 1,000 people and he has also performed with and is touring with the Soul Funny Comedy Troupe.

“My dream is to advance in career as a comedian. I want to be in a Tyler Perry play and on the big screen.” He draws his inspiration from favorites such as the late Robin Harris and the late Redd Foxx.

He believes that staying focused on your goals is important for anyone to succeed. He advises, “Remember in life that there are no failures, just quitters. You control your own destiny because if you don’t someone else will.”

Reporter Iris B. Holton can be contacted at (813) 248-1921 or by e-mail at iris@jlsentinel.com.

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He believes that staying focused on your goals is important for anyone to succeed. He advises, “Remember in life that there are no failures, just quitters. You control your own destiny because if you don’t someone else will.”

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From left to right: Planting trees during the event were Tyrone Keys, Chad Jones, Alrit Williams, Jeremy Hills, Jardin Fermer, Vittorio Ottanelli, J. T. Thomas, Thomas McDaniel, and Laquan Robinson. Front row is LaBrawn Saffold.

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**Drunken Driving**

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Dungy, who began a 10-day national tour Monday to promote the book, said he wanted to share the 300-page memoir after initial reluctance once he realized it was a chance for him to let others know how his faith has helped him overcome personal tragedy and career setbacks.

He said initial response to the memoir has been positive, but he expects it holds more about his life off the field and his religious beliefs than some people might have expected.

"Maybe they thought it was just going to be a book recounting the football story, and that's it. And I think people do want to know what Peyton Manning's like and what Terry Bradshaw was like, but they're going to be surprised to see some of the things that went into making me the person I am," he said.

Dungy, the first black head coach to win a Super Bowl, began a book tour with an appearance at the International Christian Retail Show in Atlanta. He's scheduled to appear Tuesday.

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Chargers Rookie Allegedly Hit Man Who Threw Rock

Myrtle Beach, SC — San Diego Chargers rookie Anthony Waters was charged with hitting a man who threw a rock at his car on a highway.

The 22-year-old linebacker was arrested last week on a simple assault and battery charge and released on $1,000 bail, Horry County spokeswoman Lisa Boureier said Monday. No trial date has been set.

Waters, a former Clemson star, was traveling on Nichols Highway last week when a passenger in a vehicle in front of him threw a rock and broke Waters’ windshield, causing about $350 in damage, according to arrest warrants.

It’s unclear what happened next, but at some point Waters and another man struck Colby Sarvis, 18, and threatened to kill him, according to warrants. Bourcier said she did not know if the men had lawyers.

Brian Rogers, 23, also was charged with hitting Sarvis. He and Waters were released from jail Friday, Bourcier said. Sarvis was charged with malicious injury to personal property under $1,000.

Waters was selected in the third round of the NFL draft. He tore a knee ligament in Clemson’s 54-6 opening win over Florida Atlantic in September and did not play the rest of the season.

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SPORTS

Rashard Lewis To Earn $110M After Sign-And-Trade

Orlando — A few minutes before Rashard Lewis was formally announced as the newest member of the Orlando Magic, the high-scoring forward donned his white-and-blue uniform and made his way through the team’s practice facility.

“Feeling good,” Lewis said, stopping to shake hands with well-wishers. “Feeling good.”

That’s no surprise, considering he’d just received a six-year contract worth more than $110 million with the Magic and an opportunity he coveted to play with All-Star center Dwight Howard on a team Lewis believes could quickly become a major factor in the Eastern Conference.

Lewis formally joined the Magic on Wednesday, leaving the Seattle SuperSonics after nine seasons when the teams completed a sign-and-trade deal. The Magic sent Seattle a conditional second-round pick, while the SuperSonics earned a trade exception believed to be in the $9 million range.

Trail Blazers Buy Out Francis’ Deal

Portland, Ore. — The Portland Trail Blazers have agreed on a buyout with guard Steve Francis, who was due $34 million over the final two years of his contract, was expected to clear waivers and become an unrestricted free agent.

The terms of the buyout with the Trail Blazers were not released. The deal was confirmed Wednesday by the Washington office of Francis’ longtime agent, Jeff Fried.

The Blazers acquired Francis and Channing Frye from the Knicks in exchange for Zach Randolph, Dan Dickau and Randolph, Dan Dickau and exchange for Zach Randolph, Dan Dickau and

Pistons Guard Billups Signs 5-Year, $60M Pact

Detroit — The Detroit Pistons retained the face and point guard of their franchise, one year after losing a leader in free agency.

Chauncey Billups signed a $60 million, five-year contract Wednesday with the Pistons, returning to the team he helped reach five straight conference finals. The contract is worth $44 million guaranteed over four years and includes a team option for the fifth year.

Pistons president of basketball operations Joe Dumars said he was “very pleased” to have Billups back.

Oden To Miss Rest Of Summer League

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Portland, Ore. — Top draft pick Greg Oden needs to have his tonsils removed and is expected to miss the rest of the Portland Trail Blazers’ summer league games.

After he taps the ESPY awards in Los Angeles, he will undergo a tonsillectomy Saturday, at the Vancouver Clinic in nearby Vancouver, Wash., the team said.

Recovery time is expected to be two to three weeks.

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Fred Jones on June 28. Francis averaged a career-low 11.3 points for the Knicks last season.

“This move will provide us greater financial flexibility as we continue to build a successful team for years to come,” Blazers general manager Kevin Pritchard said.

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Funerals

Mrs. Thelma B. Porter

Homegoing services for Mrs. Thelma B. Porter, 813 East Columbus Drive, who departed this life, Thursday, July 13, 2007, at 11 a.m. at Greater Mt. Moriah Primitive Baptist Church. Mrs. Porter enjoyed working in her flower garden.

She was preceded in death by: her son, Willie Mann Porter; and her father, Jessie Brown.

She leaves to mourn her passing: her husband, Herbert Porter, and Marlene Reese and husband, Avery; grandchildren, Tymol Porter, Keesha Porter, Robert Porter, Donetsk Porter, Demetrius Porter, Dion Porter, Danielle Porter, Melvin Porter, Michael Porter, Tina Porter, Donvisha Porter, Dante Porter, and Ivan Porter; great-grandchildren, Darrell Johnson, Mischelle Turner, Samuel Turner, Mosley and Miyani Mosley; and a host of other great grandchildren; mother, Annie L. Barron; brothers, Vater, Thelma B. Porter, wife, Carolyn, and Willie Neal and wife, Mary; sisters, Eunice Young and husband, Stanley Young, Linda (Pastor Arthur) Mitchell, Isabel Jones, and Patricia Walton; step-father, Roosevelt Youngblood; and a host of other sorrowing family and friends.

The remains will repose at Aikens Funeral Home on Friday evening (today) from 6-8 p.m. Family and friends are asked to assemble at the chapel approximately 10-11 a.m. Saturday for the service.

Aikens Funeral Home

Mr. Aaron Glasgow Higginbotham, Jr.

The celebration of life service for Mr. Aaron Glasgow Higginbotham, Jr., of 5021 85th Street, who was called home to be with his beloved Father on Friday, June 29, 2007, will be held Saturday, July 14, 2007, at 11 a.m. at Aikens Funeral Home, 2708 E. Dr. M.L.K. Jr. Blvd., with Rev. Anthony Greene, officiating. Interment will follow in Orange Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Higginbotham was born June 29, 1960, to the late Aaron Higginbotham, Sr., and the late Dolores Campbell. He graduated from Chamberlin High School and was a member of First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens.

Mr. Higginbotham found self-employment in Landscaping and was a long time lover of football.

Preceding him in death were: both of his parents; and a host of other sorrowing family and friends.

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Mr. Sammy Lee Mitchell

Homegoing services for Mr. Sammy Lee Mitchell, who passed away on Wednesday, July 4, 2007, will be held on Saturday, July 14, 2007, 2 p.m. at Life in Christ Community Church, 2103 E. Osborn Avenue, Tampa, with Pastor Arthur Randall, officiating. Minister Carl Grant, eulogist. Interment will follow in Rest Haven Cemetery.

Mr. Mitchell was born on October 10, 1928, in Fernandina Beach, to Raymond Mitchell and Viola Conway.

Mr. Sammy Lee Mitchell leaves to mourn his passing: a loving and devoted wife of 63 years, Mrs. Mary Mitchell; 3 nieces, Mildred (Paul) Grant; Brenda (Herman) Walker, and Rev. Linda (Pastor Arthur) Randall; 1 nephew, Robert (June) McClenond of Jacksonville, Tyrone (Sharon) Grant, Carl (Gloria) Grant of Rivardale, GA, and Anthony Hall of Chicago IL; cousins, Juana Hunker and Frans of Fernandina Beach; friends, Matthew Mill and Evelyn Lois Williams, Albertha Green and family of Fernandina Beach; and a host of other sorrowing family and friends.

Visitation (viewing) for Mr. Sammy Lee Mitchell will take place between 6-8 p.m. on this Friday evening ONLY at Harmon Funeral Home, 5000 N. 40th Street for the service.

There will be no viewing at the church.

Mr. Samuel “Pa” Bing

Homegoing services for Mr. Samuel Bing will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 7, 2007, at First Prospect Missionary Baptist Church. 5012 Edina Drive, Wimauma, Rev. Philip Harris, pastor, Curtis Jones, Pastor, Living Gospel Christian Church, officiating, and Rev. James W. Berrien, officiant. Interment will follow at Wimauma Cemetery.

Mr. Samuel “Pa” Bing was born February 26, 1923, in Plant City. He met and married Lula Mae Walton and was blessed with three grand children. He became a member of Living Gospel Christian Center where he served faithfully until his illness.

He was preceded in death by: his parents, Johnny and Mary Bing; brothers, Charles Bing, Johnny Bing and Henry Wright; sisters, Israel Jones, Kosa Bruton, Elora Bing, Nettie Pierson and Mary Bing.

On Thursday, July 5, 2007, at 8:45 p.m., God departed his angel to release “Pa” Bing from his earthly labors to his heavenly reward.

He leaves to cherish his memories: a loving and devoted wife, Lula M. Bing; children, Samuel Bing, Tony Bing, Michael Bing, Tony Bing, Jr., and Erika Alana Palmore; son, Brandon Jerome Sheppard; grandchildren, Terri Carlos, Tonyi Fernessa Palmore; companions, (San) Winnie Bradshaw, (San) Samuel “Pa” Bing; grandchildren, Dorothy Youngblood and Frank Ford; aunt, Pearl Jackson; cousins, Robert Youngblood and Anthony “Big Swang” Youngblood, Walter Reed, Jr. and Apheres Baker.

She leaves cherished memories with: her daughter, Deborah Peterson and husband, Charles Peterson; 2 grandsons, Charles Youngblood and Marcus Truly; 2 great-grandsons, Charles Youngblood and Marcus Truly; 3 nieces, Kevida, Ciera, Brittany and Bruchelle; 2 aunts, Winnie Bradshaw, and Saundra (Keith); 2 grandchildren, Rahmad Youngblood and Rose; nephew; Marcus; nieces, Kevida, Clera, Brittany and Bruchelle; devoted wife, Lula M. Bing; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and church members of Living Gospel Christian Center.

Visitation for Mr. Bing will be held from 6-8 p.m., Friday, July 13, 2007, at Faith Institutional Church, 4705 W. 50th Street. Memorial Services entrusted to MORNINGS GLORY FUNERAL CHAPEL.

Jackson

Ms. Toni Fernessa Reed

Funeral services for Ms. Toni Fernessa Reed, who passed away on June 28, 2007, at a local hospital will be held on Saturday, July 14, 2007, at 11 a.m. at New Beginning Masonic/Apostle Baptist Church, 310 E. Lake Avenue, Rev. David P. Carson, pastor, Rev. Donald White, Pastor of Mt. Carmel M.B. Church, Plant City, eulogist.

On August 25, 1961, Toni was born to the proud parents, Jimmy and Dorothy Reed at Saint Joseph Hospital.

She attended the public schools of Hillsborough County and was a graduate of King High School, class of 1979. After graduation, she was gainfully employed. She served as a caretaker until her demise.

Toni was preceded in death by: her grandparents, Abraham, Paul and Amanda Youngblood; uncles, Olin and Jerman Youngblood and Frank Ford; aunt, Pearl Jackson; cousins, Robert Youngblood and Anthony “Big Swang” Youngblood, Walter Reed, Jr. and Apheres Baker.

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MRS. FANNIE MAE EDWARDS  
“FANNIE BROWN”

Funeral service for Fannie Edwards who departed this life July 4, 2007, will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, July 7, 2007, at New Bethel MB Church, 3005 E. Keltic Street, Tallahassee. T. W. Jenkins, pastor, and Bishop A. J. Williams, eulogist. Interment will follow at Rest Haven Cemetery.

Mrs. Edwards was born on October 28, 1931, in Grangeville, Alabama, to the late U. L. and Bell Reynolds. One of four siblings, R. L., Mrs. G. E. B. Reynolds of Dothan, Al., R. J. Reynolds of Bainbridge, GA, and Willie B. Reynolds of Monticello, NY, she was educated in the Houston County School System. During her younger years she sharrecropped and broke horses and worked in the family business. She was employed in various positions throughout her life; in the nursery, nursing, and several factories in Tampa and was a civil rights activist.

She birthed nine children with her husband, Emma Turner and husband, Stanley Smith, Julius C. Williams, Arthur Myers, Sr., and husband, Regina Myers, Sr.; and husband, Doris Williams. They were members of LEADS and brother, S. L. Reynolds.

She leaves to cherish her memory: four daughters, Emma Turner and husband, Ulysses, Jr., of Ft. Lauderdale, Mary Ann Helms and husband, Billy Dean, Gloria J. Edwards, and Phyllis R. Pore and husband, Allan Pore, all of Tallahassee, four sons, Stanley, Smith, Julius C. Howard, and wife, Florence, Clarence Edwards, and fiancéeDarlene Bradley, Roosevelt Hills, Hi, and wife, Gloria, all of Tampa; three sisters, Mrs. Dora Reynolds of Tampa, Dora Reynolds of Monticello, NY, and Ola Mae Hardy of St. Petersburg; a very devoted goddaughter, Betty Burk; two godsons, Leon Devon, and Thomas Calhoun; and a host of other family members and friends, too numerous to mention.

Visitation for Mrs. Edwards will be held from 6-8 p.m., Saturday, July 7, 2007, at Faith Institutional Church, 2725 N. Florida Avenue, Tampa. Services entrusted to MORNIGN GLORY FUNERAL CHAPEL.

MRS. ARTHUR MYERS, JR.

Homegoing services for Arthur Myers, Jr., will be held Saturday, July 14, 2007, at Zion Temple Holiness Church, 821 Florida Street, Tampa. Bishops Lucius McRae, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell.

Mr. Myers was born December 15, 1947, to the late Arthur Myers, Sr. and Norris Myers and graduated from Middleton High School. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army and worked for W. T. Edwards Juvenile Departure and the county hospital.

He leaves to cherish his memories: a loving wife, Sister Ethel Myers; a loving daughter, Shenita Brown and husband; two sisters, Francs Nappier and Ethel Sam; brother, David L. Myers; other sister, Sister Betty Myers and wife, Regina Myers, and husband, Andrew Holder; stepchildren: Andrew Reynolds, Newland, Brandon Myers; first cousin, Betty Mae Williams; aunts and uncles, Ethel Lee Tampley, Doris Tuner, Cleo Davis, Earnest Tarpley, Alton Tarpley, Mildred Davis and Robert Brown; and a host of cousins and friends. He has six stepchildren: Gladys Holder, James Holder, Andrew Holder, Loretta Gallon, Calvin Holder, and wife, Thelma; and wife, Ethel Holder. He also has sixteen grandchildren; a great grand, Elayjah Chatman; Stepchildren: Chantay, China, and Diana, and Tyron, brothers, Hanzel (Champ) Jermaine and Tony; sisters, Missy, Francis, and A. B. Sharpe, Central Superior Engraving Done By Superior Quality Products At Great Prices

MRS. EDWARD J. WILLIAMS

Homegoing services for Edward Jerome Williams, who departed this life Wednesday, July 4, 2007, will be held on Saturday, July 14, 2007, at 11 a.m. at True Holiness Church, 3800 N. Nebraska Ave., Bishop A. B. Sharpe, pastor, and Dr. A. A. Shapere, officiating. There will be no graveside service.

Mr. Jerome Edward Williams was a native of Florida and attended the local schools of Hillsborough County.

Jerome was preceded in death by his step-grandmother, Dorothy Williams.

Jerome leaves to cherish his memories: his mother, Mrs. Lavette Williams (Calvin); father, Mr. Jerome Smith (Charlene); a loving fiancée, Miss Alicia Coleman and children, whose names will be withheld; and other children and their mothers, Mrs. Laqueta, Mrs. June, Mrs. Jeanne, Mr. A. J. Williams, and Mrs. Vanessa, Ashley; stepchildren, Chenay, Diana and Tyron; brothers, Hanzel (Champ) Jermaine and Tony; sisters, Missy, Francis, and A. B. Sharpe, Central Superior Engraving Done By Superior Quality Products At Great Prices

Funeral services for Shirley Williams will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 14, 2007, at Faith Institutional Church, 2725 N. Florida Avenue, Tampa, Pastor Antonio Hawkins, officiating. Interment will follow at Rest Haven Cemetery.

She departed this life July 9, 2007, at University Hospital of Tampa, and was a long time resident of Cordele, GA, before relocating to Tampa.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Johnny and Sallie Mae Christopher; sister, Jewel Wilson; and brother, Clint Christopher.

She leaves cherished memories with: daughter, Tomeka Williams of Jacksonville; son, Sabbris Juwana Vann of Melbourne; four grandchildren; brothers, John Christopher, Herbert Christopher, Sr., and Leon Christopher, Sr., all of Florida; sisters, Mother Eddie Mae Gooden of Cordele, GA, Selena Christopher of Georgia, Ethel Christopher of Fayetteville, NC, and Nepal Sallers of Alabama; special friends, Judy Williams and Mr. Bruce Hunter, GA, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives throughout the United States.

Visitation for the Shirley Pearl Christopher Williams will be held from 6-8 p.m. at Faith Institutional Church, 2725 N. Florida Avenue, Tampa. Services entrusted to MORNIGN GLORY FUNERAL CHAPEL.

MRS. SHIRLEY PEARL CHRISTOPHER WILLIAMS

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Ms. Charlye Mae Peterson-Eady of Tampa, passed away Monday, July 9, 2007. Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, July 14, 2007, at 11 a.m. in the Edward Wilson Memorial Chapel, 3000 N. 29th Street, Tampa. Elder Willie J. Williams, D. D. pastor, officiating. Interment will follow in Rest Haven Memorial Park Cemetery.

Rev. MRS. GEORGIA ELLA TUFF WALKER

Mrs. Georgia Ella Tuff Walker, age 101, of 1806 Medford Lane, Brandon, passed away Monday, July 9, 2007. Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, July 14, 2007, at 2 p.m. at Ray Williams Memorial Chapel, 301 N. Howard Avenue, with Elder Martin E. Cooper of Emmanuel Cathedral Church of God in Christ, officiating. Interment will follow in Rest Haven Memorial Park Cemetery.

Rev. MRS. FREDERICA Y. BREWER-ARMWOOD

Funeral services for Mrs. Frederica Y. Brewer of 1234 East 111th Avenue, Tampa, who passed away Saturday, July 7, 2007, will be held on Saturday, July 14, 2007, at 1 p.m. at Greater Mount Moriah Primitive Baptist Church, 1225 North Nebraska Avenue, Tampa, Elder Willie J. Williams, D. D. pastor, officiating. Interment will follow in Rest Haven Memorial Park Cemetery, 301 N. Howard Avenue.

Mrs. Frederica Y. Brewer was born on January 13, 1906, in Coleman, to the late John Thomas Lucas and Gladys Young Lucas. At the age of 9, her family moved to South Bay. She attended Palm Beach County public schools, Rosalind Elementary in South Bay, and Glades Central High of Belle Glade. Ms. Young moved to Ocala in 1990, where she was employed as a certificed child care teacher at Happy Life Child Care Center. She retired in 1995, where she was employed with Child Care of Broward County. Ms. Young (Freddie) was summoned to celebrate her homegoing on April 23, 1924, in Seffner, to the late Jesse Armstrong and Emma Peters. She graduated from Middle High School and received her formal education a B. S. in Education from Tuskegee Institute in 1951 and her Masters+ from the University of Iowa in 1961. Catherine was a Special Education Teacher and retired from Central Regional High School in New Jersey.

Mrs. RUBY JOHNSON HOPKINS

Homegoing services for Ruby Johnson Hopkins, who passed away Sunday, July 8, 2007, will be held Wednesday, July 18, 2007, at 11 a.m. at Holsey Temple CME Church, 3729 N. 15th Street, Tampa. The interment will be in Rest Haven Memorial Park Cemetery.

Ruby was a devoted and dedicated Hillsborough County employee, serving several years with the Parks & Recreation Department and over 30 years as a teacher in the public school system.

Ruby, born January 31, 1924, was preceded in death by: her husband, Alfonso Hopkins; and son, John Hopkins.

Ruby leaves to cherish her memories with devoted ones: 3 sons, Calvin Hopkins (Jackie), Michael Hopkins (Darlene), and Alfred Hopkins (Glady); 6 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren; 2 nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

Catherine G. Armwood-Brewer was a devoted and dedicated member of the International Education Teacher and retired from Freehold Regional High School in New Jersey.

Friends are asked to assemble at the funeral home at approximately 11:45 a.m., Saturday. "A WILSON SERVICE"
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MS. PHYLLIS ROSE PRATT

Funeral services for Ms. Phyllis Rose Pratt of 691 N. Karen Ct., will be held Saturday, July 14, 2007, at 11 a.m. at Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church, 2040 West Seventh, Rev. Linda Reese, pastor, with Reverend Utah Floyd, Associate Minister of Bible-Based Fellowship Church of Carrollwood, officiating. Interment will follow at Rest Haven Memorial Park Cemetery.

She leaves to cherish memories of her: a devoted son and daughter, Marvin and Diane, her sisters, Rosie Brewster, and his father, Marvin Youngblood, Sr., and Lashon and her father, Willie C. Butts; God blessed Phyllis with a grandson, Freddie and and personal friend, Benjamin Agur; as well as Marcellus Royal, Lisa Patton, Ms. Daisy Carter, the Royal family, Carlos Braxton and Freddie G. Joining in sorrow are a great host of great nieces and nephews and cousins; as well as the McCall, Jackson, Johnson, Highsmith, Lockley, Wright, Shane, and Pittman Families; and other relatives and friends.

Phyllis Rose Pratt was born on July 28, 1946, to Tina Marie Pratt and Leroy Green, Sr. A native of Tampa, she attended the Hillsborough County Public Schools. Past employers included: Royal Servicemaster, the David Corporation, where she worked for many years until her health began to fail. Phyllis accepted Christ as her personal Savior at an early age and held fast to the end, loved by her family and adored by many, she fought a valiant fight against cancer until God rescued her from this battlefield of life on Monday morning, July 9, 2007.

She joins brothers, Donald Pratt and Leroy Green, Jr.; and sister, Renee Green Davis; who preceded her in death.

The remains will repose on Friday evening, July 13, 2007, from 5-8 p.m. at Peace Progressive Missionary Baptist Church, 2607 E. 24th Ave., Tampa, where the Reverend W. F. Leonard, pastor, Reverend Terry Slayton, officiating, and the Reverend Wendell Pope, Sr., eulogist. Interment will follow in Rest Haven Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Pamela J. Harris Kendrick of 3302 E. Osborne Ave., #214, who passed away on June 24, 2007, will be held Saturday, July 14, 2007, at 11 a.m. at Peace Progressive Missionary Baptist Church, 2607 E. 24th Avenue, with the Reverend W. F. Leonard, pastor, Reverend Terry Slayton, officiating, and the Reverend Wendell Pope, Sr., eulogist. Interment will follow in Rest Haven Memorial Park Cemetery.

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Memorial Celebration for Mrs. Marilyn Smith

Happy birthday to someone who brightened up a lot of lives. I miss you, but Momma you will not be forgotten. A birthday celebration will be Saturday. Come party for Mrs. Grant Park.

Love always, Ms. Ebony and family.

Birthday Memoriam

Ms. Marilyn Smith, a.k.a., Mrs. Grant Park

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Love always, Ms. Ebony and family.

Birthday Memoriam

Sharon D. Allen

July 12, 1951 - March 26, 2007

Thinking of you on your birthday, sis. We love and miss you.

Love: Jonie, Lavelle, Billy, Tony, Mike, Resha, Tishauna, Mom and Dad.

Happy Birthday

Mark T. Franklin, Sr.

It's been 2 years and we still can't believe you're gone. We love you and miss you. We know your spirit is always with us, today and always, on your 35th birthday.

Love always: your mother, Joyce; son: Mark, Jr.; brothers: Donald and Russell; grandmas: Bertha; aunts: Delores and Alberta; cousins: Ronnie and Anthony; and best friend, LJ.

We love you Baby, may you rest in peace.

Birthday Memoriam

Dondi M. King

9/20/76 - 7/13/06

Missed every moment of every day. But my loving memories last forever. Too well loved to be forgotten, you are always in my heart.

Love: Jennifer Arnao.

Memorial Celebration

Michael Ashley

Family and friends, a memorial celebration for Michael Ashley will be held July 28, 2007, from 1 p.m. until at Riverview Terrace Park.

Sponsored by Claudette and Lynch Mobs.

For more information, please contact Geraldine Ashley at (813) 600-0758.

In Loving Memory of

Michael Reed

June 19, 1958 - July 9, 2002

It's been 5 years since you left us, but it seems like only yesterday.


We will miss you forever and we miss you, but we thank our Almighty God for the time He let us enjoy and love you.

Your mom, Louise; sisters, brother, daughter, grandson, niece, nephew and family.

In Loving Memory of

Elois Warren

Mom, July 12th is five years since you left me (Iris). Mom, the pain in my heart is like a dead end road that goes nowhere. My eyes are like a stream that doesn't dry up. Mom, without you my life is empty like a river that dries up. I love and miss you, Mom.

Willie Warren, Jr., Willie Jr., Sharitha, Donald, Annette and Darryl; grand-children, family members and friends, love and miss you, too.

To God be the Glory. Love you, Iris Nelson.

In Loving Memory of

Big Dan, b.k.a., Daniel Demetric Smith

It's been a year since you have been gone.

To Have You Here

I can't begin to explain how much it meant to just have you around to be with, to talk with us, and to make new memories with. Always caring, always interested, always everything a husband could be. I can't begin to say just how important you were to me.

You Are My Husband.

You were my blessing for 21 years. Your name, Big Dan, is the first thing I mention every time I count my blessings, for that's what you were to me - a blessing that filled my days with happiness, my dreams with joy and my heart with love.

We Miss You Big Dan

Tears sometimes clear our vision so we can see things clearly. Daily wisdom is knowing what to do and what to leave undone. Because God doesn't make any mistakes.

Johnny W. Murray, Jr. 'W'

We miss and love you very much.

Forever and always, Selena, Cecelia, sisters and brothers.

Card of Thanks

Mrs. Sandra Willingham Solomon

We, the family of Mrs. Sandra Willingham Solomon, would like to thank everyone for their acts of kindness, during her illness and passing.

A special thanks to her pastors, Dr. David Boyd and Dr. Harriet Boyd, and the Harvest Time family, and the Hospice Team. May God continue to bless each one of you.

The Solomon Family and the Willingham Family.

In Memoriam

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**Child Killed In Hit-And-Run**

**Detroit** — Police are searching for the driver responsible for a hit-and-run in Detroit.

Shy'Quan White, 9, was killed while crossing the street around 9 p.m. Monday outside a party store at Joy Road and Ohio Road on the city's west side.

"They say they seen him in the street, and they speed up, hit my baby and kept going," said Coletha White, the victim's mother. "What was the point to that?"

Police said White was with his older brother and two other boys at the time. They were not injured.

White's family has hung stuffed animals to mark the spot of his death.

"So whoever it is, I want you just to turn yourself in. Won't nobody be mad at you. We lost a life in our family," said Tamika Sandifrer. "He ain't nothing but a baby."

Witnesses said the car was a dark minivan with front-end damage.

Detroit police are looking for help with this case. If you have any information call Crime Stoppers at 800-SPEAK-UP.

**Police: Family Friend Molestes Girl At Park**

**Miami** — Police said a 40-year-old man who took four girls to a city park Tuesday morning took advantage of his status as a family friend to fondle and molest one of them while the others looked on.

According to Miami police, Joel Pierre took four girls between the ages of 6 and 9 to Morningside Park, located at 5500 N. Bayshore Drive.

Witnesses told police that Pierre was seen zipping up his pants immediately after bouncing a little girl up and down on his lap. Police also said Pierre placed his hand under one of the girl's panties, touching her vagina.

The victim told police that Pierre had placed his penis on her buttocks while the other three children watched.

Pierre is charged with sexual battery and lewd and lascivious molestation.

**Gun Theft Suspect Thought To Be In South Florida**

**Miami** — Federal agents and authorities in Vidalia, Ga., said they are searching for a fugitive believed to be in the Fort Lauderdale area and wanted in connection with the thefts of more than three dozen guns from a federal firearms licensee in May.

According to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Eddie Lee Scott Jr., 18, might have fled Georgia for South Florida, where he is thought to be working construction jobs near Fort Lauderdale.

The charges stem from Scott's alleged participation in two back-to-back burglaries of the same retail gun dealer in Vidalia. Federal authorities said 38 firearms were stolen during the burglaries, which occurred within a week of each other.

Scott is 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighs about 150 pounds. Anyone with information is asked to call 1-888-ATF-TIPS.
Police Said Man Attacked Same Victim Twice

On June 30, 2007, James William Harris, 45, was arrested by Tampa Police and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

In that offense, Harris was accused of pulling a knife on 36-year-old Charles Livingston.

Harris was released on bail and is facing charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Police said Harris told them he was trying to use a stick to defend himself. Livingston was treated at the scene and released.

Michael Watts

Tampa Police arrested and charged Michael Watts, 16, in the May 25 attack of Kris Scheppe, who is blind.

Watts, 27, was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Police said Scheppe was hit twice in the head and several times in the arm.

Watts was charged with aggravating assault with a deadly weapon.

Police are still investigating the incident.

AMUELMURPH

At 5 a.m. Thursday morning, Amuel Murph, 68, was shot dead in the driveway of his home.

St. Petersburg detectives are investigating an early morning shooting that left a man dead in the driveway of his home.

Murph was shot in the chest and died at the scene.

Police said Murph was voting in the early morning.

St. Petersburg Police said an early morning shooting took a man's life in the driveway of his home.

At 5 a.m. Thursday morning, Amuel Murph, 68, was shot dead in the driveway of his home.

Police are searching for one or two vehicles, one described as a dark colored Jeep Grand Cherokee.

Police are still searching for a possible suspect.

Some attorneys have said White's freedom of speech may have been violated in the arrest, and they are debating whether he should remain in jail or not.

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Leisa Green and Robert Everett exchanged wedding vows on Saturday, June 23, 2007. Their wedding was at the Omar Lightfoot Recreation Center in Temple Terrace.

The couple will reside in Tampa. (Photographs by Jerry Brunson)

Members of the bride’s wedding party included from left, Alfredia Williams, groom’s sister; Stephanie Williams, groom’s niece; Tiffany Higgins, groom’s sister; Wayneisha Green, junior bridesmaid, daughter of the bride; Re-Re Parish and Aria McQueen, flower girls; Denise Green, matron of honor; Carlett Parish, bride’s sister-in-law; Karen Parish, bride’s sister, and Von White.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Everett lighting the Unity Candle.

The groom, Robert Everett, center, with his groomsmen: from left, Marvin Hood, Tyrone Miller, Stacey Miller, Travis Williams, Tyreka Miller and Remel Miller, Jr., ring bearers; Robert Everett, Jr., groom’s son; James Everett, best man; Cleavon Parish, groom’s brother-in-law; and Steven Higgins, groom’s brother.

Robert Everett, center, is shown with his godparents: siblings S. Kay Andrews and C. Blythe Andrews, III.

Groom Robert Everett is shown with the officiating minister, Reverend Antonio Hawkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Everett with her mother, Ms. Paula Davis.

The mother of the bride, Paula Davis, right, and Ms. Talesia, Mrs. Hires and Ms. 

These wedding guests include Ms. Talesia, Mrs. Hires and Ms.
Happy Belated Birthday, Tony

TONY

Happy belated birthday to my husband, Tony Smith. Love, Carnisha and kids. Also, happy belated birthday to his brother, Robert, and he can’t forget Fatdaddy. From his wifey, Lil Sandra.

Looking 20, But 30+

DERRAKA

Derraka, if your love is all I have in this life, then that will be enough until the end of time. Maurice.

Under My Umbrella

COUSIN A. J. And RYAN

Happy birthday Ryan Williams. This year is your year to shine. I love you with all my heart, Boo Boo. To the realist that ever walked the earth, happy 21st birthday. Party like a rock star. Love, Ashley, the Queen.

MAE JONES

Happy birthday, Ma. We love you. From, your kids and husband.

Happy Birthday

AARIAN ‘AJ’ JOHNSON

Happy birthday to Aarian “AJ” Johnson on July 10th. He is a senior at Tampa Catholic High School. AJ participated in the Spanish State Competition and accompanied by his teacher, Mrs. Carmen Ajo in April at the Orlando Resort in Orlando, FL, and had a wonderful experience and time while winning first place trophies for the following: Skit, Poem Declamation and Impromptu. AJ is the son of Erle and Kimberly Kelsey Johnson; sister, Laarian Reed; grandparents, Hercules and Eula Johnson. He spent his 17th birthday with family and friends.

(L-R) MRS. CARMEN AJO, AARIAN JOHNSON and classmate.

Keyiara Thomas

BIRTHDAY WISHES ARE SENT OUT TO

Birthday wishes are sent out to Keyiara Thomas, who turned 14 on July 12th. Keyiara and her cousin, Rod’Neka took their first Greyhound Bus ride to Ocala alone. Her cousin, Brittany joined them the next day. Keyiara will celebrate in the country away from home. I would also like to congratulate Keyiara’s first year in Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.’s Dr. Betty Sharraz Delta Academy. Keyiara received a “Certificate of Participation,” and Certificate of Achievement trophies for: Perfect Attendance, Participation, Career Poster, Best All Around and Scholarship. Good Job Keyiara. Love, your grandmother, Geraldine.

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Your mom, Ms. Frances.

LAZARO RODRIGUEZ, III

Birthday wishes go out to Lazaro Rodriguez, III, “Papo.”
From mommy, Carla and daddy, Larry.
1st birthday party is going to be held July 29th. Please contact parents for more information.
Best wishes for those whom share my birthday. (Tamika Mathis).

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Love, mommy and daddy.

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Joe Stephens, Jr. is a 2001 graduate of Armwood High School, he earned a BA in Social Science from The University of Pittsburgh. Kimberly Lyles earned a Master's Degree in Social Work from The University of Pittsburgh, PA, in 2006. A fall 2008 wedding is planned in Charlotte, NC.

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Habakkuk was a prophet of few words; however his few words were powerful and provide modern day revelation and encouragement for the people of God. The church today needs more people like Habakkuk. Habakkuk was a man in his ministry where there were some things that he did not understand.

If he were in charge and in control he would have done some things differently. Since he was not in charge and in control he began to have a dialogue with God about what was going on. The church may be able to grow more and come to a better understanding of God if the people would have more honest talks with God. God can handle our questions and lack of clarity about what He is doing.

Habakkuk makes a powerful statement in his talk with God and waiting for God’s response. Observe the conversation recorded in Habakkuk 2:1-14. While Habakkuk did not understand why God was doing things the way He was doing them, Habakkuk did maintain his faith, hope, and confidence in God.

Habakkuk demonstrated his confidence that God would reply and answer Him by carrying on with his work. He was a prophet and a watchman over the people. While he was waiting on God without working.

While you are waiting to hear from God remain focused and committed to the task that you have been assigned. You must remain watchful and vigilant in your ministry while you are waiting to hear from God.

Habakkuk’s next statement brings greater revelation. He says he will watch to see what God is going to say (vs. 2). It would appear that Habakkuk had his senses twisted. If he was waiting to hear God speak, why would he be watching?

Habakkuk knew and understood that God was not just an audible God. God does not just speak into your ears. God speaks through His actions. While he was waiting to hear from God, he was well aware that God might speak through His actions.

Many people in the church today are praying and listening for an answer with their ears. They think because they never hear anything they believe God is not listening. Well, God is listening and He is answering. His answer just is not something that you see. You have to see what God is saying.

HE is showing that He is for you. He shows you that He loves you. HE shows you that you are blessed. God’s reply to Habakkuk required him to write a journal. God said to him, “Write the vision” (vs. 2). What God was going to reveal to Habakkuk required him to write it so that he and others could read it.

Oftentimes in your life you might need to write down the things that God is revealing to you. By writing it you can always go back and read it and be constantly reminded of what God said He would do.

God assures Habakkuk that it was going to happen. The important statement by God is, “For the vision is for an appointed time” (vs. 3). What God reveals and speaks is for an appointed or set time. He might speak it today, but the appointed time may be in the future.

The day for your promise to come to pass is for an appointed time according to God’s calendar.

Until it comes to pass you have to wait. You have the assurance of knowing that it will happen because it cannot lie (vs. 3). As you live, know that sometimes it is good to have a question and answer session with God. He will come to you when you talk to Him. No matter what happens in life, keep your trust in God. Know that His word will not lie!

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Early Morning Worship • 8 a.m.
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Florida State Association Of The Church Of God Holds 60th Convention

The 34th Street Church of God, under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Thomas Scott, hosted the 60th Annual Convention of the Florida State Association of the Church of God. The convention was held July 4-8. The convention theme was "Understanding The Times...Positioned For Cutting Edge Ministry." All workshops were held at the Crown Plaza Hotel at Sabal Park.

The opening night service was Wednesday, July 4th, with a praise service. Bishop T. J. Clarke ministered nightly. (Photographs by Julia Jackson)

Mother and daughter working with the Cafe Ministry: Rujel and Zuri Brooks.

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Guest speakers for the luncheon were Robert Blount, Florence Gainer and Estella Reeves.

Also on the program were Conway W. Jensen, President, America's Second Harvest of Tampa Bay; Ashley Chancey, Carolyn Riggins, Agency Relations Coordinator, and Pastor Jarvis Hall, of The Covenant of God Ministries.

(Photographs by James McAllister)

Carolyn Moore Riggins, Agency Relations Coordinator, presented a certificate of appreciation to photographer James McAllister.

Cleo Thomas, Camden Barmum and Ulyah Briggs at the Agency Appreciation Luncheon.

Nancy Fitzgerald received a certificate of appreciation.

Matt Romeo and Nichole Creadon.

The Appreciation Luncheon was attended by George Gillyard, Robert B. Garrett and Pastor Wayne R. Tiggett.

America's Second Harvest of Tampa Bay staff members: from left, Bishop Jimmie Moore, Carolyn Moore Riggins, Estella Reeves, Ashley Chancey, Conway Jensen, President, and Robert Blount of Abe Brown Ministries.
July Birthday Celebrants

Happy birthday to all of you!

Carolyn Thomas, Louise Henry, Jacqueline Nelson, Sharon Dennis, Wanda Taylor, Delores Whitehead, Josephine Royal, Victoria Brown, Marjorie Campbell, Adrian Morgan, Carlos Watson, Carl Heym, Marcus Colon, Kenneth Mills, Clarence Jones, Ill., Yolanda Johnson, Joyce McCloud, Eric Wilson, Jerome Thomas, Sharron Potts, Ashley Biggs, Lester Holloway, Jeffrey Sullivan, Jasmine Jackson and Kellie Harvey.

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Sick List

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Deepest sympathy to Burnice L. Carter, Benny L. Carter and Regina R. Carter-Nelson in the loss of their wife and mother, Mrs. Lillie Mae Carter, who was funeralized on Saturday, July 6th, 2007, Reverend Gregory Robinson was the officiating eulogist.

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Top Ladies Of Distinction Officers Installed

Presiding over the last meeting of the fiscal year and completing her term as President of Top Ladies of Distinction, Incorporated, Tampa Bay West Central Florida Chapter, Lady Naomi Nesbitt, gavelled for the formal opening ceremony to come to order, Saturday, June 23, 2007 at the Hospice of Florida, 3050 First Avenue South, St. Petersburg. To initiate the order, a ray of sunlight was focused on Lady Jean Miller, Chaplain, as she imparted words of inspiration.

A new chapter, St. Petersburg Chapter, was chartered on May 5, 2007, symbolizing the growth of the national professional humanitarian organization. For at least a decade, Tampa Bay West Central Florida Chapter comprised professional ladies from Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties.

Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. is pursuing its board objectives through its five major thrusts: sponsoring Top Teens of America, enhancing the Status of Women, enriching the lives of Senior Citizens, promoting Community Beautification, and seeking through Community Partnerships mutually collaborative arrangements between community, business, educational and governmental entities to meet self-interest while solving common problems and attaining TLOD goals.

Embracing the challenge presented to the Tampa Bay West Central Florida Chapter, plans were immediately focused on increasing the membership of the organization. National President, Peggy Lewis LeCompte and Area IV Director, Ernestine Kelly performed an induction ceremony on May 5, 2007 for four ladies who accepted the challenge of preparing themselves to provide "TOP SERVICE" for the TLOD mission.

Several ladies attended the Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. 55th Syn-Log (national conference) hosted by the Savannah Chapter at the Savannah Marriott Riverfront, June 25-27, 2007. The national conference purpose and theme was to mobilize youth and adults to provide global service. Enriched by the workshop sessions and other activities with national leaders, Lady Florine Crammond, President-Elect, quickly figured out that her role in office will be initiated by preparing the Tampa Bay West Central Florida Chapter of its designated responsibility for Parliament. (Top which is scheduled for October 2007 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. The Chapter is responsible for hosting a reception for the TLOD Administrative Board, which will afford an opportunity for community involvement. Officers and members of TLOD Tampa Bay West CENTRAL Florida Chapter look forward to rendering programs, projects and services that will benefit the general welfare of the Hillsborough County Community.

Left to right at the chartering/induction ceremony are: Lady Ernestine Butler, Lady Christine Frazer (founder), Lady Ruby French, National President Lady Peggy Lewis LeCompte, Lady Delores Weaver, Lady Carolyn H. Wilson, Area IV Director Lady Ernestine Kelly; and in the background, President, Lady Naomi Nesbitt.

Officers installed: left to right, President Lady Florine Crammond; 1st Vice President, Lady Dawn Frazer-Woods; and Vice President, Lady Jean Miller; Financial Secretary, Lady Elizabeth McQueen; Top Teen Advisor, Lady Christine Frazer; Recording Secretary, Lady Dr. Ferne Moore; Chaplain, Lady Ernestine Butler; Parliamentarian, Lady Carolyn H. Wilson; Chairman, Beautification, Lady Delores Taylor and Historian Lady Ruby French; Corresponding Secretary, Lady Betty Griffin; and Treasurer, Lady Lorretta Cottman.

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Former Tampan, Pastor Marcus Reginald Graddy received his Master of Science Degree in Pastoral Counseling from Loyola College in Maryland on Saturday, May 19, 2007. He celebrated with faculty, family and friends with a pre-graduation dinner on May 11, 2007 at Tuft Valley Resort in Ellicott City, MD.

Also, he, along with his church, Upon This Rock Church Ministries in Upper Marlboro, MD, celebrated their fourth anniversary on Sunday, June 10, 2007. The theme was "The Year of New Beginnings," taken from 2 Corinthians 5:17. The guest preacher was Pastor Keith Thompson of Faith Community Church in Bowie, MD. He preached the sermon "Essential Elements of a New Beginning."

The service was presided by Brother Barton J. Bernales, a founding member of Upon This Rock, a former Tampan and a 35-year-old friend of Pastor Graddy. Deacon Charles T. Brandon, Jr. presented Pastor Graddy with a pen and pencil set and an 18 karat gold and stainless steel anniversary watch on behalf of the Upon This Rock Church Ministries family.

Special music was brought by Minister Jacquelyn Glover, Minister Kendall King, Minister Earnest Pugh and the Assembly and Faith Community Church Mass Choir. Other attendees were Drs. Benjamin and Angela Rucker of Bride of Christ Church Ministries in Largo, MD and Pastor Mary Anyanwu and husband, Valentine of Life in Jesus Ministries in Lanham, MD. The service concluded with thankful remarks from Pastor Graddy and a seated dinner in the fellowship hall.

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BY JULIA JACKSON

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High Blood Pressure And African Americans

Of the 72 million Americans who have high blood pressure, African Americans are the most likely to suffer from it earlier and more severely than any other racial or ethnic group. Compared with about 30% of whites, the overall rate among Black adults is 47% and 44% among Black women.

Unfortunately, only half of African Americans are treated for this condition. To help raise awareness of the risks of high blood pressure, as well as the benefits of proper care, many of the leading medical groups have signed on to a new report that details the seriousness of the condition.

Special concerns are the rising prevalence rates among older women, ethnic minorities and even teens. The latest data include the following:

- More American women have high blood pressure than men: 39 million versus 35 million.
- The condition is 2.3 times more common in women taking oral contraceptives.
- While high blood pressure is a "silent" condition, it causes damage with every beat of the heart.

Coffee lovers may perk right up when they hear the latest research brewing about their favorite bean.

It seems coffee really is good for you. Here are a few surprising facts from the scientific research:

1. Coffee is rich in antioxidants and fiber. The #1 source of antioxidants in the American diet is not blueberries or broccoli. It’s coffee.
2. Coffee drinkers show much less liver damage, even if they’re at high risk due to cirrhosis, hepatitis or alcohol abuse—and that coffee also reduces the risk of liver cancer. Other research indicates that coffee may help prevent Parkinson’s disease, prevent cognitive decline in older men and reduce the risk of Alzheimer’s disease.
3. Coffee is just as hydrating for your body as water. Having trouble drinking those eight glasses of water every day? No problem, if you like coffee.
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2. Coffee has more fiber than orange juice. In a recent study, scientists concluded that brewed coffee contained a significantly higher amount of soluble dietary fiber than other common beverages.
3. Coffee can help you get in shape. Research shows coffee can be especially useful for athletes engaged in sports, such as swimming, running or cycling. Coffee may increase stamina, reduce fatigue and even lessen muscle pain. For many people, experts say that a cup or two of coffee 30 to 60 minutes before a workout may do the trick.
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5. Coffee is just as hydrating for your body as water. Having trouble drinking those eight glasses of water every day? No problem, if you like coffee.
Actress Victoria Rowell Encourages African Americans To Be ‘Healthy To The Bone’

Milk is a key component of a person’s daily diet, delivering important vitamins and nutrients, like calcium and vitamin D, needed for bone health. However, there are few varieties of milk available for the estimated 80 percent of African Americans who are lactose intolerant and experience stomach discomfort after consuming dairy-based products.

Actress, writer and philanthropist Victoria Rowell has joined Lactaid® Milk, the nation’s No. 1 lactose-free milk brand, to educate lactose-intolerant African Americans about the importance of calcium and vitamin D and the products available to help manage symptoms easily and effectively. “I am lactose intolerant and used to avoid dairy because I did not want the stomach discomfort that followed,” said Rowell.

According to the National Institutes of Health, African-American women consume only half of the recommended daily amount of calcium—1,000 mg/day for women between 19 and 50 years, 1,200 mg/day for women over age 50. As a result, these women run a higher risk of nutrient deficiencies that may affect bone health and lead to related conditions later in life.

Rowell continued, “Over the years, I have realized that avoiding dairy puts me at greater risk for osteoporosis. Lactaid® products help me manage my lactose intolerance without eliminating dairy from my diet, putting my mind at ease about my bone health now and in the future. I also love that I can still enjoy my favorite foods with family and friends.”

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- Processed meats and fish.
- Cheese and other dairy products.
- Nuts and nut butters.
- Alcohol (especially red wine).
- Most vinegars.
- Citrus fruits, though even bananas act as triggers for some people.
- Dried fruits with sulfites.
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- Pea pods, lentils and other beans.
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Watermelon is sweet, juicy, versatile, nutritious and of course delicious! Whatever your mood, there’s a watermelon dish to suit it. Remember... any time of day is the right time of day to enjoy watermelon.

**Chicken With Watermelon Salsa**

**Chicken**
- 2 tsp. canola oil
- 1 tsp. fresh lime juice
- 4 boneless skinless chicken breasts

**Watermelon Salsa**
- 2 cups diced watermelon
- 1/2 cup diced yellow bell pepper
- 3 Tbsp. chopped fresh cilantro
- 2 Tbsp. fresh lime juice
- 1 Tbsp. diced red onion

**DIRECTIONS:** To prepare chicken, in cup or small bowl combine oil and lime juice; brush chicken breasts with oil mixture. Grill or broil until cooked through and juices run clear. Meanwhile, in medium bowl combine salsa ingredients, mixing well. Place 1 cooked chicken breast on each of 4 plates; top each with 1/4 of the salsa.

**Grilled Scallop and Watermelon Kebabs**

**12 sea scallops**
- 4 cups boiling vegetable or chicken broth
- 24 1" x 1" watermelon cubes
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon sesame oil
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 1 tablespoon minced ginger

**DIRECTIONS:** Cut the scallops into halves across the diameter to create half-moon shapes. Place them in a heatproof casserole dish in a single layer. Pour the boiling clear broth over the scallops and let them poach for 5 minutes. Drain and cool the scallops. On each skewer alternate 1 half-moon scallop, then 2 watermelon cubes, then another half-moon scallop. Mix together the soy sauce, sesame oil, garlic and ginger and brush the kebabs as they are grilled over a medium hot grill for about 90 seconds per side turning once. Serve warm.

**Pulled Pork And Watermelon BBQ Sauce**

**1 4-to-5 pound pork butt**
- 24 ounces dark beer
- 2 cups BBQ sauce
- 2 cups seedless watermelon

**DIRECTIONS:** Pressure cook or slow cook the pork butt in the beer until the meat is pull-apart tender (in a covered roaster all night in a 275 degree oven, or under pressure about 45-50 minutes or according to manufacturer’s directions). Cool, trim and discard the fat from the meat. Chop the meat and re-heat. Warm the barbecue sauce and just before serving, stir in the watermelon.

**Watermelon With Beef And Tangerine Herb**

**Marinade Sauce**
- 1/2 tbsp. soy sauce (lite)
- 3 tbsp. port wine or red wine
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 1/2 tsp. sesame oil
- 1 tsp. cornstarch

**Sauce For Stir Fry**
- 1/2 cup water or veal stock
- 1/2 tsp. oyster sauce
- 1/2 tsp. lite soy sauce
- 1 tsp. sugar
- 3 tbsp. port wine or red wine
- 1 tbsp. hoisin sauce
- 1/2 tsp. cornstarch – dissolved
- 3 drops sesame oil

**DIRECTIONS:** Mix together marinade ingredients and marinate the beef for at least 30 minutes. Saute beef in non-stick pan over medium-high heat until brown on all sides. Heat up the soybean oil in a wok or large saute pan, add garlic, ginger, tangerine, and watermelon and saute for 30 seconds. Add all vegetables, stirring constantly to sweat the onions, and peppers. Stir in the sauce without cornstarch and bring to a boil. Pour in dissolved cornstarch thickening the sauce, add beef and mix thoroughly. Finish with the drops of sesame oil and decorate on plate.

**Grilled Kielbasa with Watermelon Relish**

**1 cup minced watermelon**
- 3 pounds kielbasa
- 1/4 cup minced onion
- 1/4 red pepper– cubed
- 1/4 yellow pepper- - cubed
- 1/4 red onion -- cubed
- 1 tsp. garlic- minced
- 1 tsp. ginger- minced
- 1 tbsp. soybean oil

**DIRECTIONS:** Mix the watermelon, onion and cabbage in a bowl. In another bowl mix the vinegar and mustard and pour over the watermelon/onion/cabbage mixture and toss. Grill the kielbasa. Remove from grill and cool for 5 minutes before cutting kielbasa. Serve warm with the relish.

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Watermelon Fruit Bowl

1 qt boiling water
2 pkg. or 4 pkg. Gelatin, any flavor
1 qt. cold water
4 cups assorted summer fruits

Watermelon Bowl (See Tip)

DIRECTIONS: Stir boiling water into dry gelatin in large bowl 3 minutes or until gelatin is completely dissolved. Stir in cold water. Refrigerate 1-1/2 hours or until thickened. Add fruits; stir until well blended. Spoon into Watermelon Bowl. Refrigerate 1-1/2 hours or until firm.

Watermelon Bowl - Select a large round watermelon. Cut off a thin slice from bottom of melon. Cut off top 1/3 of melon. Use a sharp knife to scallop edge of larger piece of melon, if desired. Scoop out fruit from both pieces with melon bailer. Invert watermelon shell on paper towels; let stand to drain excess juices before filling with fruit gelatin. Mix desired amount of watermelon with other fruits before adding to gelatin as directed. Reserve remaining watermelon for snacking or another use.

To Prepare in a Large Oblong Watermelon - Prepare Watermelon Bowl as directed. Prepare fruit gelatin as directed, using 3 pkg. or 6 pkg. JELL-O Brand Gelatin and 1-1/2 qt. each boiling water, cold water and assorted fruit.

Watermelon Pie A La Mode

6 pie wedge-shaped slices of pound cake
6 vanilla-flavored frozen yogurt scoops
About 1 cup strawberry syrup
6 wedges of seedless watermelon the same size of the cake slices, drained to remove excess moisture

DIRECTIONS: Place the cake slices on 6 dessert plates. Top each cake slice with a watermelon slice. Place a scoop of the frozen yogurt on top of each "pie" slice and drizzle the syrup over the top.

Fruity Lemonade Cooler

2 cups water & 1 cup watermelon ice cubes
1/2 cup lemonade Flavor Drink Mix & 3 cups chopped seedless watermelon

DIRECTIONS: Place all ingredients and blend on high speed until smooth. Pour into glasses filled with watermelon ice cubes and serve.

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Comedian Tommy Davidson makes visits to the Tampa area several times throughout the year. He was in Tampa just recently for an appearance at the Improv. (Photographs by Julia Jackson)

Comedian Tommy Davidson greets the host of the show, Eric.

In town attending the show were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest (Lisa) Collins, director of music/mistress of ceremonies for the Ebony Fashion Show.

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Justina Allen and Elaine Sledge were among those who attended the Tommy Davidson Show at the Improv.

Blue Shark Celebrates 10 Years

The Blue Shark held a 10th Anniversary Celebration with musician and singer Shawn Brown as the special guest. Brown will be a regular at the nightspot. (Photos by Julia Jackson)

George and Jackie Wilds, owners of the Blue Shark.

Special guest, Shawn Brown entertaining the crowd with blues and jazz.

Joyce Powers, Murrena Liazen and Mary Western at the Shark Bar.

Luren Shriner and Todd Rodrick were among those enjoying the anniversary festivities.

Lynette Murey and Babet Slayer came over from St. Pete to enjoy the festivities.
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NEW YORK — Just months after his longtime girlfriend gave birth to twin girls, Sean “Diddy” Combs announced Tuesday that the pair have split up.

A publicist for the 37-year-old rap mogul confirmed that he and model Kim Porter were no longer together. On Dec. 21, Porter gave birth to daughters D’Lila Star and Jessie James; the couple also have a son together.

The move comes a few months after the two publicly proclaimed their love for one another in a cover story for Essence magazine, which detailed their turbulent history: They already had a son, Christian, when Combs began his high-profile romance with Jennifer Lopez. That romance ended in 2001.

In the December article, Porter said Combs simply fell for a “big booty and a smile” and she knew he would be back. Though she mouthed “I smile” and she knew he fell for a “big booty and a smile.”

Porter and even wondered, “Do you really think that God meant for a man to have just one wife?”

Though Combs said “this is the most monogamous I’ve ever been in my life,” rumors persisted about other women and so much that actress and friend Sienna Miller and friend Sienna Miller recently took pains to deny that they were a couple.

But while Combs told

While Foxy Brown was being reported as missing in action by her publicist, close friends and even her lawyer, the rapper was busy performing at the Urban Music Awards in Manhattan. PerezHilton.com quoted witnesses and provided pictures of the Brooklyn artist working the stage at Saturday’s event. According to the Urban Music Awards website, Brown was set to be a co-host alongside Spragg Banz.

The New York Post had reported that Foxy was last spotted by her inner circle on June 29 boarding a plane to London. Witnesses on the flight also complained that she and her entourage were the cause of a nearly hour-long delay in take off.

NEW YORK — Busta Rhymes, accused of attacking two men, driving drunk and driving with a suspended license, is facing four separate trials.

Manhattan Criminal Court Judge Larry Stephen denied a motion by the prosecution Tuesday to consolidate two assault charges against Rhymes. The 35-year-old rapper is accused of attacking a fan and also of beating and kicking a former employee last year.

“The two assault cases cannot be consolidated,” said Rhymes’ lawyer, Scott Leemon. “The decision today validated Busta’s defenses to the assault cases. We detailed to the court that we have defense to those cases and the court agreed.”

Assistant District Attorney Harrison Schweiloch hadn’t moved to have the drunken driving and suspended license cases consolidated, so the judge allowed them to remain separate.

Rhymer again turned down Schweiloch’s offer of a year in jail to cover all the cases.

“It’s the same offer” the prosecutor made at Rhyme’s last court appearance, Leemon said, “and it’s one which Busta adamantly rejects.”

Rhymes, whose real name is Trevor Smith, was arrested in May—four months less than a year— on a drunken driving charge.

At that time, he had been scheduled to go to trial on the two assault charges.

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**Sly Stone Breaks Silence To Vanity Fair**

After 25 years, Sly Stone speaks. The famously reclusive funkster broke his silence by granting his first interview since the '80s to *Vanity Fair*. In the magazine's August issue, the frontman of Sly and the Family Stone talks about his music, his disappearance from public view and his long-awaited return.

Stone, 64, who made a brief, awkward appearance at the 2006 Grammys replete with a giant mohawk, says he plans to start work on a new album in the fall. But after more than two decades away from the spotlight, why come back now?

"'Cause it's kind of boring at home sometimes," he tells the magazine. "I got a lot of songs I want to record and put out, so I'm gonna try 'em out on the road. That's the way it's always worked the best: Let's try it out and see how the people feel."

Stone says he has "a library, like, a hundred and some songs, or maybe 200" that he's been sitting on at his Napa Valley compound, also home to his two chopper motorcycles and an eclectic collection of cars that includes an old London taxi.

He is humble when asked about his contributions to music and unapologetic when pressed about his reputation for missing gigs. And though he has been isolated, he says he's been enjoying life.

"I do regular things a lot," he says. "But it's probably more of a Sly Stone life. It's probably ... it's probably not very normal."

**'Flavor,' 'Diana' Boost VH1's Ratings**

LOS ANGELES — The finale of VH1's "Flavor of Love Girls: Charm School Featuring Mo'Nique" appealed to 4.1 million total viewers, according to Nielsen Media Research. For the season, the show averaged a 1.8 rating among adults 18-49, making it VH1's third-highest-rated series ever.

Also on Sunday, the music cable network's six-hour coverage of the "Concert for Diana" averaged 1.4 million viewers, almost doubling its 762,000 average for 2005's Live 8 concerts.

Elsewhere Sunday, the Nick at Nite premiere of the classic film musical "Grease" averaged 3.5 million viewers.

**Afroman Working On His First Film**

JACKSON, Miss. — After performing for a dozen years, Afroman got his first hit in 2001 with the marijuana anthem "Because I Got High."
The novelty song appealed both to supporters of marijuana and those who were against its use, Afroman said "from his home in Hattiesburg."

"It was just a song that everybody could relate to," he said.
The record was on a local label, getting some airplay for several years, said Sean Ross, vice president of music and programming at Edison Media Research, which surveys the radio industry. It found its way to mainstream radio after Afroman was signed to Universal Records.

"The right song finds its way and 'Because I Got High' was proof of that," Ross said.
The song was featured in Kevin Smith's movie "Jay and Silent Bob Strike Back" and on the soundtrack of "Disturbia," starring Shia LaBeouf.

It has become a popular cell phone ring tone in recent years.

"I was just telling a story ... kind of like a slap your knee around the campfire having a good time," said Afroman, 32, whose real name is Joseph Foreman.

"I was just having fun. It is a stew. It's like a gumbo."

Foreman said he's working on his first film, a spoof of 1995's "Waiting to Exhale."
Sony Wants To Renegotiate With Michael

Sony is looking to update the terms of its music-publishing joint venture with Michael Jackson so that songwriters may be signed to sister company Sony BMG for the first time, reports the London Times.

A clause in the existing agreement between the two parties prevents Sony from backing a music publisher to rival their Sony/ATV venture, which has the copyrights to all 252 Beatles songs in its catalog.

Jackson's approval of either relaxing or voiding the clause would allow Sony BMG (which covers recorded music) to become a part-competitor.

Sony BMG is anxious to enter the music publishing market as a way to offset the dwindling sales of recorded music. It would also allow the record label to sign up songwriters in tandem with acts.

In other Jackson news, the King of Pop may have already worn out his welcome at one hotel in St. Michaels, MD, where he stayed last week while in town scouting for vacation property.

Staffers at the Inn at Perry Cabin tell the New York Post of Jackson's entourage: "They were on a completely different time zone. We were getting calls at 4 a.m. from Jackson himself asking for all kinds of things, including chicken fingers and other types of kids food."

50 Cent, Ciara And Their Entourages Go On A Date

TMZ.com is reporting that 50 Cent and his rumored girlfriend Ciara were spotted last week on a romantic dinner date at the Brentwood Restaurant and Lounge in West Los Angeles - with their respective posse of ten standing guard at one large table across from them.

According to witnesses, 50 and Ciara were snuggled up in one booth, while the hangers-on stood guard at the restaurant "in a fleet of cars, including a Lamborghini that 50 was driving," reports TMZ.

Rumors of a romance between the two were sparked by their semi-naked scenes in Ciara's video for "Can't Leave Em Alone."
ALL MY CHILDREN: When en route to the Fusion launch in New York City, Kendall experienced contractions and had to return to Pine Valley, leaving Spike in Greenlee’s care. Stuck in NYC traffic with Ryan, Zachspread that something was wrong with Kendall. Ted was unable to get there, but he insisted he wouldn’t lose his kids to Tad. Coming: Greenlee’s decision leads to fear and sorrow.

AS THE WORLD TURNS: Gwen told Will she’s pregnant. Jake apologized to everyone and left to return to her adoptive family. Although Jack went with Carly and Parker to Paul’s memorial service, it was stilled by Jack’s intention to propose to Katie. As Jack arrived to propose, Carly came home and Jack wasn’t there. Coming: Carly and Jack end up together over J.J.

BOLD AND BEAUTIFUL: Taylor was subpoenaed to testify at Brooke’s hearing and stated that Brooke is not capable of caring for her children at present, and should not have the right to see them. Brooke raged at Taylor’s comments, plus Brooke’s outbursts in court, resulted in the judge giving Ridge custodial authority over his children. Ridge will be reunited with Brooke after sharing a clinch with Anna. Coming: Philip intends to learn more about the disturbance.

GENERAL HOSPITAL: Finally admitting to Jason that she saw Maureen kickup and leave being in the room alone, Maxina offered to help. With Jason’s threat to expose her role if she tells Lucky about Jake hanging over her, Sam was questioned by Lucky. Lulu scolded Scott and Tracy and continued to see Logan. Coming: Sam makes a decision and delivers her testimony.

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS THIS WEEK ... expect news from business officials or workplace announcements to be mildly unexpected. Describe your special attention, significant policy changes are accentuated. Several controversial opinion will be made available. Ask your friends to provide tips. Accept carefully and expect authority factors to provide little or no encouragement. Coming: (July 22-23).

Mystic Star

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22). Family participation is essential for healthy home relations. Loved ones may ask for additional attention, special activities or to attend. Areas of focus include any recent business disagreements, workplace disappointment or change of plans. Love and encourage; your suggestions will provide valuable new options.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21). Sensuality and physical vitality are strong. You can enjoy many new romantic attractions or powerful new friendships. If so, expect a renewed faith in long-term commitments to follow. Study financial situations carefully and budgets and spending habits should be underlying themes. Ask family probing questions and expect only partial explanations.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20). Expect a close colleague to provide misinformation or faulty instructions. Important facts, numbers and deadlines may be wrongly calculated. If possible, verify all paperwork before making key decisions, bosses or managers will review your actions. Physical fitness, romance and social optimism are on the near horizon.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Empathy is a prime concern for long-term friends and family. Home routines, financial habits or daily routines will rekindle lost feelings of shared home goals and common activities. Value your close relatives and rekindle old friendships with old and new friends.

TOP VIDEO ALBUMS

1. Lost Highway, Bon Jovi
2. Tangled
3. 2009

TOP POP ALBUMS

1. Debby Boone, A Million Ways To Say I Love You
2. 10,000 Maniacs, If You See It
3. 10,000 Maniacs, If You See

TOP POP SINGLES

1. Umbrella, Rihanna
2. Tangled
3. 2009

Sentinel’s Top 10 Albums

1. For You
2. For You
3. For You
4. For You
5. For You
6. For You
7. For You
8. For You
9. For You
10. For You

Sentinel’s Top 10 Rap Albums

1. Party Like A Rock Star
2. Party Like A Rock Star
3. Party Like A Rock Star
4. Party Like A Rock Star
5. Party Like A Rock Star
6. Party Like A Rock Star
7. Party Like A Rock Star
8. Party Like A Rock Star
9. Party Like A Rock Star
10. Party Like A Rock Star

Score: 7/10

Sentinel’s Top 20 Songs

1. When I See U
2. Teach Me
3. Please Don’t Go
4. Umbrella
5. B’Day
6. Kiss the Rain
7. The Evolution Of Robin Thicke
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9. The Evolution Of Robin Thicke
10. B’Day

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Tampa Native Attends BET Awards Show

BY IRIS B. HOLTON
Sentinel Staff Writer

For more than twenty years, Danny Green led a regimented life as a member of the U.S. Army. But after his retirement, the professional model decided he would enjoy life.

And that is exactly what he is doing. Green continues to broaden his experiences by attending a wide array of entertainment venues.

Green credits his modeling agent, Mike of NSO Entertainment, for opening doors for him that would ordinarily be closed.

His most recent trip was to the BET Awards Show last month. The show was held in Los Angeles on June 26th.

"I went to all of the pre-parties and after-parties. I met a lot of people and everyone was so very nice. This was the first time I attended the BET Awards Show."

"I'm just trying to enjoy my life and be a positive role model for my daughter, niece and nephew. I like to hang around positive people. I know many of the entertain-ers by attending various other events. I met several of them while on the Tom Joyner Foundation's Fantastic Voyage cruise," he said.

He also plans to be in attendance upcoming events such as the Old School Fest, the American Music Festival in November and the Stellar Awards Show in December.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee (Thelma) Green, the Tampa native attended the public schools of Hillsborough County before embarking upon a military career.

He retired in June 1999, and has been employed as an Area Supervisor for the Central Florida District of Brinks for the past 7 years.

The bachelor is the father of one daughter, Dannetta Green. He is also a member of New Salem Primitive Baptist Church.

A Certified Executive Chef, Green enjoys cooking and displaying his antique cars.

Pictured is an array of stars that Danny photographed while at the event.
Local Hip-Hop Artist Salutes The Armed Forces

BY LEON B. CREWS
Sentinel Staff Writer

When Mark Yulee heard about a movie Spike Lee is putting together to depict the African American soldier as an unsung hero, he thought it would be innovative for the hip hop industry to pay some tribute as well. Yulee immediately contacted his nephew, Immanuel (Silva Spoon) and asked him to create something that would pay tribute to military veterans.

"I talked with a military veteran and visited military stores and did a lot of research," said Immanuel.

"When I finished, I was happy with the finished product."

The finished project is a single called "Lock It Up," and he is also close to completing the first hip hop national anthem.

"Lock It Up" is a slang term used by soldiers when they locked their arms in a salute.

"I think this is a first for the hip hop industry, and a way to tell the soldiers thank you for fighting for our freedom and sacrificing their lives," said Immanuel.

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A graduate of Robinson High School, Too Smooth later attended Florida Memorial College where he studied business management.

"My goal was not to get into the corporate world, but to become an entrepreneur."

"Mother Golden raised me, she was a great motivator."

Now entering his 7th successful year, Too Smooth recalls his first production, a show featuring Ricky Smiley.

"Before I got started, I spent a year traveling and doing research to make sure I was ready to promote this event.

"I promote spiritually, using Bible scriptures as my theme. The Bible teaches us the past, present and what will be our future.

Using acronyms, Too Smooth said he thinks B.I.G. (Believe In God).

"I have a few formulas I use to think B.I.G. Two are sacrifice and long suffering. I also have the 3 F's, faith, family, and I step out on faith, I have no fear, and I ask God to give me favor over man. That ordains victory.

"Too Smooth also uses his 3 F's, prayer, patience, and persistence. He said he has to always give God all the praise. Many times, I thought about throwing in the towel, not from a lack of success, but from burnout. I keep telling myself I've come too far to turn back now."

In the future, Too Smooth will present a talent expo, and he said his reason for this is Tampa has a lot of talent that needs to be exposed.

"I want to give the people an opportunity to perform in front of some prominent record label representatives, and have them judge their talent. I also plan to tour the south and take those acts with me."

Too Smooth said he has no boundaries in the kind of productions he presents, as evidenced by his two projects this weekend.

On Friday, he will present the R&B group Silk, who is having a 30th anniversary party at the Double Tree Hotel. Then on Saturday and Sunday at the Performing Arts Center, he will present Donald Gray's play, Lord, There's A Stranger In My House.

"Although my grandmother is no longer with me, I get my energy from her. Her spirit lives within me. I also give a lot of credit to my mother and two daughters, Miyana and Maneisha."

Too Smooth said he considers himself a man of vision, and welcomes you to visit his

immanuel yulee (silva spoon)

African American soldier as an unsung hero, he also recalled his grandfathers were World War II veterans.

"They never talked much about their experiences. They always said that was something they preferred to put behind them.

"In creating this song, a new door has opened for me and with all the other things I've done, this will launch me into an entirely new direction.

Immanuel said he wants to clean up the hip hop industry and continue the tradition of having a meaning behind his music.

"We've all seen and heard the songs that leave no message or story. Now, I want to show my patronage to soldiers, past and present."

Immanuel has been in the entertainment business for 10 years and has worked with the popular actor/artist Tango, who he considers a friend from way back.

"In the future, I'd like to create a way for others trying to gain success in this industry. It's tough and you have to want it and have what it takes to not give up.

Immanuel will be recording his first video in two weeks at a location that will be announced later.
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Just In Time For Back-To-School
The Men of Tomorrow Scholarship and Graduation Program

The 2007 $1,000 MOT Scholarship recipient was Elijah Armstrong. He will enter FAMU in the fall.

The 2007 $250 MOT Book Stipend recipients were: Jared Rashad Lee, who will attend Ohio Northern University; and Mario Ahmad Cummings, who will attend South Carolina State University.

Other graduating seniors were: Jerek Graham, who will attend Bethune-Cookman University; Timothy Lovett, who will attend Polk Community College; and Evan Lewis of Winter Haven High School, who was unable to attend the ceremony, but has been accepted at FAMU.

The Speaker at the Program was Charles Williams, III, a native of Ft. Lauderdale. He attended Dillard High School where he was salutatorian and Senior Class President. He received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from The Florida State University, in Math and Economics, respectively.

Charles currently resides in Covington, GA, near Atlanta, with his wife, Kyrene and his two kids, Imani (9) and Charles Williams, IV (16 months). Charles is an Economics Professor at Georgia Perimeter College (GPC), where it's among the nation's fastest-growing metropolitan two-year colleges. With more than 21,000 students, GPC is the 3rd largest institution in the University System of Georgia.

Charles has a passion for the stock market and financial awareness. While living in Ft. Lauderdale, Charles was a Financial Consultant/Stock Broker for 6 years and served as an Economics Professor at Kaiser University.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Polk County members shown here are: Brothers Gow Fields, Harold Silas, Atty. Larry Hardaway, Anthony Broadnax, Anthony Cox, Lynwood Bell, Phillip Walker, Harry Bryant, Randy Barnes, Al Kirkland, Jr., Howard Mathis, Reginald “Reggie” Hutcherson and Charles Williams, III (speaker).

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and Mu Zeta Lambda Educational Foundation, Inc. were host to the Men of Tomorrow Scholarship (MOT) Program on June 3, 2007, at 3 p.m. at First Baptist Institutional Church, Lakeland.

The Men of Tomorrow Program is a youth development and leadership training program administered by The Mu Zeta Lambda Alumni Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and its Educational Foundation.

The Men of Tomorrow Program goal is to strengthen and create an understanding of the skills and behaviors necessary to lead a responsible, productive and successful life. A strong emphasis is placed on self-discipline, social skills, values clarification and goal setting. The program also provides information on the social and legal consequences of peer pressure and substance abuse.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity was founded at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, on December 4, 1906. Seven African-American students who desired to maintain more personal contact, then their classroom study allowed, founded the fraternity.

The major proponents and catalysts of the Mu Zeta Lambda Chapter Movement were Lynwood Bell and Phillip Walker.

The Mu Zeta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. was officially chartered on October 7, 1975, in Polk County. Since then, more than 50 men have joined and been initiated into the chapter.

The Men of Tomorrow program is part of the fraternity’s “Go To High School, Go To College” initiative, where African-American men mentor African-American teenagers.

A $250 Book Stipend Recognition For 2007 went to Jared Rashad Lee who will attend Ohio Northern University.

Timothy Lovett, Plant City High School grad, received a $250 scholarship to Polk Community College.

MOT Dir. Reginald “Reggie” Hutcherson is shown with the program speaker, Charles Williams, III.

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Invited guests (L-R) are: Lakeland Police Department Chief Roger Boatner, Lakeland City Commissioner Gow Fields (Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity member) and Brother Harlem Turner - Rose Heights Elks Lodge #318 Exalted Ruler.
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By Gloria Jennings

July Birthdays

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On July 19th, Deacon Albert Callaway, will celebrate his 75th birthday with family and friends and his co-hosts on the Friendship Band, Carl (Fayetteville, North Carolina); Darleen Conway and husband, Fulton with their children: Jaret and Jenay; Toshiba Tucker and children: Quasha Adams, Nadayah and Zhaovian.

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Appreciation Service
The Tampa West Coast District of the Church of God by Faith recognized 18 years of faithful service its District Superintendent, Albert Landers, Jr., and his wife, Martha Landers. The host-site was the beautiful Ragan Center in Tampa. Elder Neal Phillips served as Master of Ceremonies. Other program participants were: Elder Thomas Faison, Jr., Minister Jerome Fortson, Elder John Johnson, Elder Harvey Lawrence, Elouise Smith, Christine Mack, the Smith Family, Lillie P. Williams, the Gardner grandchildren. The keynote speaker was Elder James Williams. His topic was "Unawakening-Faith of a Blessed Life." The text scripture was Psalms 15v. Some of those in attendance were: Al Smith, Patricia Smith, Ollie Mae Smith, Courtney Phillips, Albert Phillips, Christian Landers, Austin Landers, Anthony Landers, Anthony Landers, Myrtice Landers, Mark Nash, Alberdeen Nash, and Paul Mack.

Belated Birthday Wishes

Special Birthday Greeting
Shea-Nuf Talk sends out a special birthday greeting to Mother Ollie Mae Smith of Lakeland, Florida. Mother Smith will celebrate her 77th birthday on July 13, 2007. Much love to you Mother Smith. May God continue to bless you with many more birthdays!

Talk To Shea-Nuf
Tell Shea-Nuf Talk about your church events, birthday celebrations, weddings, family reunions, baby showers, accomplishments, etc. We want you to share with the readers of the Florida Sentinel Bulletin, and I'll talk about it in Shea-Nuf Talk. You can contact me via e-mail at cornshaw@yahoo.com or by calling (863) 688-2095. I hope to hear from you soon!
The Jewett High School Alumni Association, Inc. of Winter Haven, is pleased to announce its 2007 scholarship winners. These scholarships are in the amount of $1,500 each and cover both Merit and Income Based categories.

This year's winners are: Godfrey Chery, Brandon Davis, Jasmine Frazier, Kenjah Hilson, David Jonas, Neisha Lillard, Willie Nelson, Jr. and Matthew Timmons, all of Winter Haven High School; Brandon Davis of Lake Region High School; and Latiesha Rivera of Bartow High School.

We thank the Scholarship Committee Chairperson, Pat Ammons Salary, whose little brother, Dr. James Ammons is the new Florida A&M University President, as well as Program Chairs, Step Campbell and Jimmie Lee Hudson, who keeps our members motivated to give back from year to year. And most importantly, we thank all of our members, annual Reunion Classes, and the community at large, for sharing the vision of supporting our children in their quest for higher education.

Wolverine Weekend, held every 3rd year, will take place this year from Dec. 21-23. This year's reunion classes will be those whose class years end in 2 and 7. We look forward to once again having a great time while supporting a great cause. So begin now to make plans to have your face in the place.

Donzell "The Chief" Floyd, Jewett Hi Alumni Association Chairman.
Youth Summer Program Hosts First 2007 Graduation

BY CYNTHIA E. ZORN-SHAW

Operation ABOUT FACE! is an activity-based fun program that allows students to relate topics to real life experiences and perform those skills in hands-on activities. By addressing the three major objectives necessary for success in real life, educational preparation, functional life skills, and work experience skills, Operation ABOUT FACE! offers a chance for youth, ages 13-17, to grow, have fun and get paid, all at the same time.

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Students have the opportunity to learn critical thinking skills, smoking awareness, reading and math skills, enhancement, how to use the computer to input grades, create spreadsheets, and other activities. They are also taught life-coping skills including: how to write a check, how to balance your checkbook, how to rent an apartment, how to pay your living expenses, how to complete a lease application and an employment application, how to register to vote, the responsibilities involved in owning a car and what it takes to own a car. 'Critical thinking taught me to make a decision about what I want to do and a plan on how to get there,' stated Welshona Morris, a participating student.

On Friday, June 29, 2007, family members, friends and others attended a graduation ceremony, which was held in honor of the students of the first 2007 summer session. Program participants were Buddy Coleman, Site Manager; Jane Mapstone, Army JACC Attorney; Jamar Bolden, Instructor; Rashada Clark, Lead Instructor; Michael Gallimore, Assistant Instructor; Rashada Clark, and SFC Tom Blasko. The student speakers were: Welshona Morris, an 8th grade student at Crystal Lake Middle School and Niquisha Lawson, an 8th grade student at McKeel Middle School.

The instructors selected the essays written by Morris and Lawson, to be shared during the graduation. The essay topic was 'What About Face Me?' The guest speaker was State of Florida Senator Ronda Storms, who delivered a message of encouragement to the graduates.

After the clean-up residents enjoyed free grilled hotdogs and hamburgers and cold beverages. The youth also played tag-football. "The goal of this effort is to encourage the residents of this community to care about how our yards and roadsides look; and to spend positive time together with each other and our families," stated Michael Shaw, Coordinator. Those who volunteered with the clean-up were: Nately Maignan, Ashley Pierre-Louis, Anthony Thomas, Chris Lewis, Michael Lewis, Jannot Moore, Samuel Hamilton, Cornelius Floyd, Atira Ellison, and Karleen Bailey.

The first clean-up effort was held in October, 2006. "We hope that the participation will improve for our next one," stated Shaw. By Cynthia E. Zorn-Shaw.
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Hillsborough Community College will be accepting sealed bids of the Tampa Port good faith efforts made to include SSE's to the greatest extent possible. The Port's evaluation committee. The TPA will review and evaluate the firms based on the evaluation criteria contained within the RFP Documents. Submittals are due by 2:00 p.m. August 14, 2007.

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RFP Submittals shall include a letter indicating the Firm's interest and completion of the RFP Documents, including a Vendor's Qualification Questionnaire. Firms failing to submit the required RFP Documents, or a letter of non-responsive to the RFP, are available from the TPA's web site (www.tampaport.com) and the DemandStar System.

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The Tampa Port Authority encourages the use of certified Small Business Enterprises (SBE) firms to the greatest extent possible on its Projects. The TPA has a goal of nine percent (9%) SSE participation. Firms must consider this when submitting on this project, as this will be considered by the TPA when receiving and evaluating the submittals. Firms shall submit a completed SBE-1, which will provide the details of the Firms SSE Outreach Action Plan, and if less than the goal, which will substantiate the good faith efforts made to include SBE's to the greatest extent possible. Firms failing to submit a complete Form SBE-1 or document its efforts to meet or exceed the target goal may be cause for determining the Firm non-responsive or non-responsive to the RFP.

Questions concerning this RFP should be directed Donna Casey of the Tampa Port Authority's Procurement Department, at (813) 905-5044, or by e-mail at dcassey@tampaport.com, or faxed to (813) 905-6050.
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)

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RFQ NO. 07-005

Scope of Work - The Tampa Port Authority is soliciting Request for Qualifications (RFQ) from qualified firms/individuals interested in providing comprehensive Governmental Relations and Legislative Services at the Federal level.

All firms interested in becoming qualified to participate in this RFQ shall obtain a copy of the RFQ Instructions and Submittal Documents, and submit a completed response to the Tampa Port Authority, 1101 Channelside Drive, 4th Floor, Tampa, Florida 33602 Submittals are due by 2:00 p.m., Friday, August 10, 2007.

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PROPOSED SERVICE CHANGES

Routes under preliminary consideration for elimination:

- Route 86 & 87 may be replaced by one SouthShore connector route
- Route 98 - In-Town Trolley/Hyde Park
- Route 35LX - Brandon/SouthShore Limited Express
- Route 52LX - UATC/New Tampa/Pasco Limited Express

Partial changes are also being considered for the following routes (may include eliminating trips, route revision, schedule changes and/or frequency changes):

- Route 10 - Cypress Street
- Route 14 - Armonia Avenue
- Route 16 - Waters Avenue
- Route 30 - Town 'N Country
- Route 41 - S 1 g h Avenue
- Route 83 - University Area Connector

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Maps of the proposed changes are available at all HART customer service centers, on the HART website (www.hartline.org) or by mail. The Public Hearing is wheelchair accessible. Please contact HART if you require the information in an accessible format or other special accommodations.

Public participation at this hearing is encouraged. Comments are welcome and will be entered into the record if received by 5:00 p.m. on July 23, 2007. You can send us an e-mail at hartline.org by clicking on “Contact Us”; call us at (813) 223-6831, ext. 2405, or write to: HART Public Relations Division, Attn: Service Proposals, 200 E. Kennedy Blvd., Suite 900, Tampa, FL 33602-5829. Pursuant to Florida Statutes, if anyone decides to appeal any decision made by a local Board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at a meeting or hearing, that person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence on which the appeal is to be based.

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Case No.: 07-10695

George Messer
Petitioner

AND

Sonya D. Messer
Respondent

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

TO: Sonya D. Messer
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YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on George Messer, whose address is 3009 Green Street, Tampa, FL 33607, on or before August 6, 2007, and file the original with the clerk of the circuit court at 800 East Twiggs Street, Room 101, Tampa, FL 33602, before service on petitioner or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED PARATRANsit FARE CHANGES

The Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority (HART) will hold a public hearing to discuss proposed paratransit fare changes. The public hearing will be conducted in an open forum format, and will be held:

Thursday, July 19, 2007, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
County Center, 26th Floor - Room A
601 E. Kennedy Blvd., downtown Tampa

The purpose of the hearing will be to give individuals and/or groups an opportunity to present their views and comments regarding HART's proposed paratransit fare changes. Final recommendations will be on the agenda of the HART Board of Directors at their August 6, 2007 meeting, with an October 2007 implementation proposed.

PROPOSED PARATRANsit FARE CHANGES
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The Early Childhood Council of Hillsborough County, Inc. (ECC), a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit membership organization, is seeking an Administrative Assistant with strong interpersonal and computer skills. Must be able to work independently. Minimum qualification: HS diploma or GED. Prefer AA or other degree, knowledge of early childhood issues and community services.

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DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR #5300, Dean’s Office - Visual & Performing Arts. Reporting jointly to the Dean of the College of Visual & Performing Arts (CVP) and the Associate Vice President for Constituency Development, the Director will be responsible for seeking private gifts for CVPA from all sources (alumni, friends, corporations and foundations), with a focus on major gift fundraising and a facility campaign.

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