Principal Dies After Lengthy Illness

8 New Recruits Join Tampa Police

Historic Building To Be Demolished

Police Search For Armed Robber

TAMPA MOTHER IS BIRTHDAY HONOREE

The children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, other family, friends, and church members recently participated in an elegant dinner party for Mrs. Beatrice Austin-Sims. Mrs. Austin-Sims was the guest of honor at her 93rd birthday celebration. The event was held at the home of the host and hostess, John and Joyce Austin. Mrs. Austin-Sims greeted her guests with a warm smile as they arrived for the party. Mrs. Austin-Sims, (seated), is shown with her children, from left to right: Ms. Inez Sims, Ms. Shirley Austin, John Austin, and Ms. Rhudine Curry. (Photograph by Lomax McIntyre).
Slain Deputy Left A Legacy Of Caring

“I think my father was a very special, loyal man. He was loyal to his family, his friends, his job, and his community. He was the best father a person could have. He was a great role model and was always there to support me in everything I did. I’m glad I was able to tell him how much I appreciated everything he had done for me and for the rest of his family,” Reginald Drummond said of his father, slain Hillsborough County Sgt. Ronald Harrison.

Sgt. Harrison died early Wednesday morning in what appears to be a random killing while patrolling the streets of Brandon. As news of the death of Sgt. Ronald Harrison circulated, it was met with sadness in the department and within the community. Sgt. Harrison was the first deputy killed in the line of duty at the department since the murder of Deputy Lemon Hamm in 1961.

Drummond continued to say, “My father was a role model and mentor for my friends and others as well. He put all of us through college. He was a great man and I’ll miss him.”

His daughter, Ms. Tanisha Drummond said, “My father was a wonderful father. He always made sure we were taken care of and he was a wonderful father and grandfather and I loved him and I’ll miss him a lot.”

“He enjoyed being with his family and he was a season ticket holder for the Bucs games,” she said.

Mrs. Renee Harrison, a 21-year veteran and Software Specialist at the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office said they were married for 10 years.

“He was a caring and compassionate man. He mentored and guided all of his children and their friends. He coached Little League football for at least 5 years. He really mentored his own kids and those on the team. Everyone loved him and we’re going to miss him terribly.”

His role as a law enforcement officer, Mrs. Harrison said, “He was a wonderful police officer because he was a wonderful man. He made the uniform, it didn’t make him.”

Sgt. Harrison was also married to former Hillsborough County Deputy and current FBI Agent, MyLinda Harrison, who is the mother of Ms. Nitika Jennings and Ms. Ronnee Harrison. Ms. Jennings is currently the Special Agent in Charge for the FBI Office in Memphis, Tennessee. Ms. Ronnee Harrison, a Hillsborough County Detention Deputy said of her father, “He was just so awesome. He was an honorable man. I loved him so much. He was very funny and I loved to be around him.”

“I work as a Detention Deputy (at Sheriff’s Office) and he was always there to give me advice. He gave me the best advice about my job and work.”

“When my husband died a few months ago, he was there for me and my son. He helped us get through it. He was a great mentor and motivator. I can’t imagine going through the rest of my life without him there to inspire me,” Ms. Jennings said.

Sgt. Harrison’s youngest daughter, Ms. Ronnee Harrison is majoring in Criminology at Bethune-Cookman University.

“My daddy was one in a million father. The hardest part of accepting his death is not being able to go to him and ask him how to get through this. I was a daddy’s girl. I went to him for everything. Now, I don’t have my daddy to go to for this, and I’m going to miss him tremendously.”

“He was a very blunt man and he didn’t sugar coat anything, but when he told me something, eventually it sunk in. He gave me that much of himself.”

“I am a criminology major and my father told me he didn’t want me to become a police officer. He said he didn’t know what he would do if I left him and he didn’t want to bury me, parents aren’t supposed to bury their children.”

“He didn’t want me to become a police officer because it was so dangerous and his death was his final way of proving that to me,” she said.

Ms. Harrison also stated that they would have father-daughter dates. Her father would take her to dinner and to the movies and he always treated her like a lady. “He set the standards so high that it will be hard for any other man in my life.”

Ms. Harrison further stated that she is appreciative of the manner in which the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office has handled the tragedy and been there for the family. She stated that they have eliminated a lot of the stress that would be associated with this tragedy.

She also said she is thankful that the media gave the news such coverage because they have a large family that lives throughout the country and the news coverage kept them informed about the events surrounding the shooting.

His Career

Sgt. Harrison worked as the head of the County-wide DUI Squad for more than seven years, supervising a squad of 12 deputies. He possessed a strong passion as a DUI investigator and was considered an expert in his field.

His supervisor, Major Bill Davis said, “He was loved by his family, friends, co-workers and it was truly a pleasure to work with him. I have received numerous accolades about his demeanor and performance from his peers as well as those involved in the organizations he worked with.”

A native of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Sgt. Harrison graduated from Reynolds High School in 1969. He continued his education at North Carolina Central University, where he earned his bachelor’s degree in 1985.

Sgt. Harrison launched a career in law enforcement that spanned more than 30 years. He relocated from Durham, North Carolina and joined the Tampa Police Department in 1975. In 1979, Sgt. Harrison was hired by the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office.

His career took him out of state, but he returned to Hillsborough County and the Sheriff’s Office in 1986.

A member of NOBLE (National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Officers), Sgt. Harrison held membership in several organizations.

In addition to his children, Sgt. Harrison is also survived by 3 grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services for Sgt. Harrison will be held on Tuesday, August 21st, at 1 p.m. at Idlewild Baptist Church. Aikens Funeral Home is in charge of handling arrangements. (See Funeral Notice Page).

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Deputy's Murder:

Another Hate-Crime In Hillsborough County

It's always the good guy who gets killed for no reason. And it's always a kid who commits the murder. No, this was not in Baghdad. This was Brandon. And the murder victim was not an American soldier. He was a Hillsborough County Deputy Sergeant. But the differences are negligible. His family still mourns.

Last Wednesday, Hillsborough County Deputy Sergeant Ronald Harrison, was gunned down by Michael Allen Phillips. Harrison was 55. Phillips, who lived with his mother, was 24. The rest reads like the beginning of a Truman Capote novel.

A poster-child for juvenile delinquency, young Michael Phillips was a train-wreck waiting to happen. He knew it. His mother knew it. Anyone who knew him expected it. From the day he was twelve and got into trouble, to the day he pumped bullets into a deputy's upper body, on an early morning, on a deserted road, to the day he barricaded himself in his mother's house, and met his doom at the kiss of a sniper's bullet. People would tell you who's seen him only once or twice.

When Phillips was a bad seed, a child only his mother and one other person could love. That other person was Adolf Hitler, the last person Phillips seemed to refer to, before Phillips died.

As for the man Phillips killed, to hear people talk about Ronald Harrison, he could have been a saint. He was a husband, father, coach, aerobics instructor and caring neighbor. According to a close friend and fellow coach, "Ronald Harrison cared more about everybody else than he did himself." The fact that Harrison had been a Hillsborough County Sheriff for more than 27 years and that he was currently head of the office's DUI unit seemed only to add to his legend, this good-natured man with boundless energy. But he knew he was a cop. He was well aware that anything could happen, at any time. And on Wednesday morning, three hours before the sun woke, the worst things in the world happened.

He was told to "be careful!" No doubt, that should be emblazoned on every deputy's shirt collar, or emblazoned on the back of every police officer's business card. Like everything else, it was routine. But these words were more than prophetic. Tattooed body, waiting to go back to jail, for having assaulted a man with a hard-toothed rake, "Crazy Mike," a.k.a., "The Lost Little Boy," had a rendezvous with destiny. He, his love for Adolf Hitler, his no-doubt hatred for women and for anything darker than sunburn, compounded by his deep self-hatred and attitude about the world that was as twisted as a plate of spaghetti piled into a car and went hunting for death.

Say Sheriff's records, Phillips found it when he "ambushed Sgt. Harrison at an east Hillsborough County intersection, drilling several bullets into the deputy's torso. How he caught the deputy unaware will be conjectures for the next generations. The fact that Harrison died of his wounds and was later avenged by the shooting of Phillips, who also died of his wounds, seems Biblical justice. But he had won.

So, two men woke up Tuesday morning. No doubt, each had breakfast, then went out into the world. And neither one of them came back. The older man was Black. The younger man was white. But that doesn't matter. If you think it matters, ask their loved-ones... ask their children, ask if they're enough to answer. Better still, ask a society who seems to have everything in the world, except common sense. 

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Features:

High School Principal Dies After Lengthy Illness

BY IRIS B. HOLTON
Sentinel Staff Writer

A Tampa native who dedicated more than half of his life to educating children in Hillsborough County died on Tuesday morning. His death is attributed to complications from previous illnesses, his wife said.

Mervin Gatlin attended the public schools of Hillsborough County and graduated from Middleton High School in 1957. He continued his education at Florida A & M University, where he earned his Bachelor's Degree in Education. Mr. Gatlin was presented a Master's Degree in Education from Tuskegee Institute. He also earned his Administration Certificate from the University of South Florida.

In 1963, Mr. Gatlin was hired as an Agriculture teacher at Bethune School and worked in that capacity at both Young Junior High School and Middleton Junior High Schools. In 1972, he was appointed to the position of Dean of Students and relocated to Buchanan Junior High School. Six years later, he was appointed as principal of the school.

Mr. Gatlin remained at Buchanan until 1984, when he was transferred to Chamberlain High School as its principal. After serving as principal of the school for 10 years, Mr. Gatlin was promoted to General Director of Vocational and Career Education. In 1997, he was named as General Area Director of Area II Schools. He served in that position until he retired in 2003.

Mr. Gatlin was approached by then Hillsborough County School District Superintendent and asked to assume the role of Assistant Principal of Meacham Alternative School. He served as principal of the school for a brief period.

However, after Henry "Shake" Washington was promoted to Area Director, Mr. Gatlin was appointed to fill the vacancy and serve as principal of Middleton High School in August 2005. Mr. Gatlin continued to serve in that capacity until earlier this year when he was assigned to a special community project working with Washington. Carl Green replaced him in June.

In addition to his wife, Mrs. Gatlin is survived by three sons, his mother, Mrs. Easter Mae Gatlin, grandchildren, siblings, other family members and friends.

Funeral services for Mr. Gatlin will be held on Saturday, August 18th, at 11 a.m., at First Baptist Church of College Hill. McKee Funeral Home of St. Petersburg is in charge of handling arrangements. (See Funeral Notice).
Black American History

By RUDOLPH HARRIS

Elected Black Officials Have Unique Responsibility

(Series)

It will certainly become apparent that as legal gains made by Blacks continue to become relics of the past, the elected Black officials may well become encumbered to protect the gains of yesterday.

Perhaps the most pronounced comes in the area of school desegregation as the Supreme Court in a 5-4 vote has reversed its decision on Brown vs. Board of Education, 1954. Race no longer, can be used as a factor in school attendance. In other words, school systems may no longer be required to keep race statistics where the education of Black and white students are concerned.

A lot of pressure could be put on that lone Black-elected school board member who sits as the “odd-ball” on those 6-1 boards, especially all over the South.

The same can be said, as well, where “affirmative action” is concerned. The various “set-aside” programs where local governments have provided opportunities for Black merchants to do business with local government agencies may no longer be within the law.

When it is considered that even the various laws, civil rights laws, passed by Congress have to be revisited at various intervals, legislation passed in the behalf of African-Americans can always expire. Why is such thought by the community and his peers. His popularity and reputation for being a dedicated officer stretched throughout the state and beyond.

It’s a tragedy any time an officer is killed in the line of duty. But the death of Sgt. Harrison is even more devastating because it was senseless. It was in that location coincidentally and that was enough for the person who pulled the trigger.

By all accounts, Sgt. Harrison made a lasting impact on his co-workers and the community he served. He will be deeply missed.

Although they are gone, the impressions these two men left on the community

Henry Bohler Makes Final Solo Flight!

One of Tampa’s icons, Henry Bohler, fighter pilot with the famed Tuskegee Airmen, made his final solo flight a week ago. We were saddened to learn of his death and offer our deepest sympathy to his family and close friends. He will be remembered as a trailblazer, devoted family man, entrepreneur, mentor, role model and a warrior.

Bohler will live on in the lives of the thousands of children he touched through his motivational volunteer speech to children over the past 40 years about his career as an electrician and as a Tuskegee airman. We will remember him for all that he did in his own quiet way, to inspire Black children and shape the history of this nation, Hillsborough County and the City of Tampa.

James Gatlin: A Legacy For Our Children!

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family of James Gatlin, Jr., noted Hillsborough County educator who died earlier this week. No one ever doubted the sincerity, passion, compassion and commitment that Gatlin (called simply “Gatlin” by close friends) displayed for all children. Everyone knew about Gatlin’s hopes, dreams and dedication for the education success and achievement of Black children, especially Black males.

Over his 45-year teaching career, Gatlin endeared himself to both parents and students because of his dedication and caring, sensitive and gentle-yet-firm demeanor.

For thousands of Black children, Gatlin served as a role model, mentor, father-figure and inspiration that caused many Black youth to turn his or her life around. He leaves a legacy to remember and footprints that will be hard to match. We honor his memory and miss his smile.

Deadly Toys Recalled Again: Mandatory Lead Testing By Toymakers!

As we speculated in a previous editorial, consumer advocates now are expressing concern over toys made in China, before 2007. This week, the US Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) announced that we must now add four Batman action figures, Polly Pockets play sets, Barbie and Tanner play sets, “Sarge” toy ears and Triple Slash Zolo Ronomas figures to the growing list of recalled Mattel toys because of lead paint and choking hazards.

A complete list of the recalled toys may be found in toy store, on Mattel’s website or on local television station website links. 

Because there are no early symptoms of lead exposure and any amount of lead in a child’s body can have a toxic effect, the U.S. Center For Disease Control recommends testing children at ages one and two for a precautionary measure. Moreover, because children tend to chew and lick on toys, health experts also advise testing children who have played with the toys for a month or more. Infants and toddlers are most at risk because their bodies absorb lead more easily than adults.

Mr. Gatlin was very sincere in wanting our children to be on a level educational playing field when they went out into the world to seek their fortunes. He also believed that the community had a responsibility to help the children to succeed.

Mr. Gatlin touched the lives of so many people during his 45-year career as an educator. And, he will be missed.

The community is also mourning the loss of Hillsborough County Sgt. Ronald Harrison. Sgt. Harrison was killed in what seems like a random murder early Wednesday morning. I never had the opportunity to meet Sgt. Harrison, but he was a popular law enforcement officer and highly thought by the community and his peers. His popularity and reputation for being a dedicated officer stretched throughout the state and beyond.

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My Point of View

MS. IRIS HOLTON

Community Mourns Two Losses
**The Sole-Man Speaks**

**Farewell, Black Eagle!**

To look into Henry Bohler's eyes was to peer into a far, far away place, where you most likely had never been and would never get to go... unless you were invited! It was a place where eagles nest... where hawks with fire-red tails split the sky looking for hapless pigeons, and where P-50 Mustangs tore through a merciless sky at breakneck speeds, during any German who was brave enough to put his flight jacket on, to come out and fight and be shot down! That's the place you'd peer into when you looked into Bohler's eyes!

That's "MISTER Bohler," to you! "MISTER Cabot Lodge Bohler." He was no doubt, named after Henry Cabot Lodge - diplomate and author who was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate from Massachusetts, and who was the great grandson of George Cabot, and the grandfather of another Henry Cabot Lodge, who was a congressman during the years of the Vietnam War. Neither of the Lodges were Black. But Henry Bohler was Black and exceedingly proud of it!

Yet, his compound middle name was not necessarily what you'd look into when you stand out in a crowd. No doubt, people thought he was strange. You might be considered strange, too, if you had done half the things Henry Cabot Lodge Bohler did. Had you, as a Tuskegee Airman, defied the gravity of both racism and the stratosphere to do what both said Black person could do and live, you would no doubt, be considered strange! Had you come home to one of the most racist cities this side of the solar system and set your self to become Tampa's first certified Black electrician, commensurate with all the headaches and heartaches that go along with being someone whom few people believe has a right to what he's doing, at all, you would no doubt be considered strange, if not certifi-able!

And if you, for whatever reason, decided that you would be damned and die the death of a dog before you would play the part of a Black Eagle, you'd have nothing to do but sally around the backstreets of Tampa in order to be accepted by a society that was never set up to accept you anyway, and that you would teach your children to be men and women, not boys and girls, and that you and your wife would succeed despite public and private guffaws to the contrary (many of them from your own people), then more than likely, you would be con sidered exceedingly strange! And I say to all the strange people in this racist, upside down world TO YAH!! And many people swear, Henry Bohler was "UNIQUE," just that way.

What was wrong with the man? Well, he owned an airplane, for one thing! Some people say, something had to be wrong with the Black man who owned AND FLEW his own airplane! Secondly, as anyone who's ever met Henry Bohler will attest to, if he knew something and you didn't, he wouldn't mind taking the time out to educate you. And as far as flying was concerned, to talk with Henry Bohler was to fly with Henry Bohler! What Bohler was, was Bohler Renaissance Man whose humanity was too big to fit inside a racist, backwoods matchbox. Yet, and still, he stayed in Tampa.... And enjoyed it, too!

Just recently, Henry Cabot Lodge Bohler (that's "MISTER Bohler," to you!) took his final flight on this earthly plane... put on his youthful leather pilot's jacket, climbed into the cockpit of a lightning-fast P-50 Mustang with a red-rooster tail, gave out a whoop and WHOOSH... RAAAAAAAARRRR!!! He was gone, over that last mountain! We'll gonna miss you, Mr. Bohler... President Bohler... Doctor Bohler! But you taught those man pilots to treat you good... because as far as Tampa is concerned, we just sent the best we had! Over! Out!

Many of them had been raised in the South, and quickly discovered that racist whites cared less about their service to their country or their uniforms. Those soldiers were still denied access to "white only" establishments, were still treated like second-class citizens, and still humiliated and lynched by mobs.

These men who, thought, wearing their uniforms when they returned home would guarantee them respect and admiration by all of America, quickly discovered that the country they had sacrificed their lives for, still looked upon them as being less than a German or Japanese. But, it didn't start at home. Don't use the question of Barack Obama's race as your excuse not to support him.
A few weeks ago, I was asked by a higher up at the Sentinel to do a piece on Barry Bonds and the controversy surrounding his pursuit of the home run record. At the time I really didn’t see any significance in doing a story on a topic that appeared to generate little interest outside of the San Francisco Bay area or to people who didn’t cover sports on a daily basis.

I came to that conclusion after noticing the apathy of the inmates around me. For the most part, they seemed to care less about Bonds, home runs, steroids, records broken, or baseball in general. There just didn’t seem to be a level of concern or an angle original enough to warrant significant discussion. That all changed the day after Bonds hit 756.

It wasn’t the swing, the contact or the distance the ball traveled that made the difference. As a matter of fact, it has nothing to do with the hit at all. It was the catch that received my attention.

Then again, it wasn’t even the catch that intrigued me as much as the person who caught the ball. At first glance, he appeared to be your typical baseball fan who happened to be in the right place at the right time. A “Johnny on the spot” who ended up with a piece of sports memorabilia that could easily place him in the millionaire’s bracket overnight. But even the notion of his instant wealth didn’t appear to be as impressive as the idea of him being in the stands at that particular moment in time.

According to media reports, the guy wasn’t even from San Francisco. He was a 22-year-old Queen, New York native who, on his way to Australia, decided to take in a Giants game with one of his traveling buddies.

The key element that immediately stood out in this story included him being 22 and traveling to Australia. That tid-bit of information fascinated me because when I was his age, it took my friends and I four months to prepare a successful trip to Daytona Beach. In contrast, this kid finds the time to forever link himself with baseball history while headed on a vacation halfway across the planet.

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There is probably not a person reading this who hasn’t dreamed about globetrotting to some remote part of the world to see how the people live or to just have bragging rights to say, “Bora Bora? Oh yeah, I’ve been there.” Visiting new places, meeting different people, those are some of the spices of life. Unfortunately, many of our minds are so compartmentalized inside a box that we can’t think beyond the boundaries we set for ourselves. We drive to Miami, fly to Atlanta or cruise to the Bahamas and we’ve been somewhere.

Forget about going abroad. It’s a struggle for some people to visualize themselves west of the Mississippi.

There are those who may use the excuse of not having the finances to partake in such an adventure. But just like a person can save up to purchase a house or a car, they can do the same to treat themselves to a vacation. It’s the least you can do in a life you only live once and have no regrets about how you lived it.

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Grandmother Of Slain Teenager Patiently Waits For Justice To Come

BY LEON B. CREWS
Sentinel Staff Writer

Since April, Lucy Mills has prayed that someone would step forward and reveal who killed her grandson, Cedric. Ms. Mills has asked all she can to make the process simple, even raising funds for a reward and joining an advocacy group of mothers who’ve also had sons murdered and the suspects remain free.

“My family and I have remained strong throughout the process, but it’s not easy. We keep hoping that this will end and the people out there who know something will speak. Their silence is painful to all of us."

One of Cedric’s siblings wrote a song about her brother. There are just some of the verses.

State Official Disputes Information Circulated In Hoax E-mails

Several days ago, what has been determined to be hoax e-mails began, circulating throughout the state. The e-mail states a list of new state of Florida laws that reportedly went into effect on August 1st.

The e-mail states that all cell phones must be “hands free” and drivers caught holding cell phones could receive a $285 citation. It also states that cell phones used in construction zones could cause the fees to double.

It also lists the costs of other violations such as making an improper lane change, ($500); crossing solid lines or intersections being blocked ($450); driving 10 miles over the speed limit, ($450); and other violations.

However, Ms. Ann H. Nucatola, Public Information Director for the Florida Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles, commented about the e-mails. “We have received numerous calls about the e-mails and the e-mail is not true. We encourage anyone with any questions to contact our office.”

Ms. Nucatola further stated that the inquiries have prompted her department to place the disclaimer on their website at www.hsmv.state.fl.us.

The notice states that the department is aware of the e-mail about new traffic laws. "The e-mail implies eight areas have law changes, including cell phone usage, carpool lanes, lane changes, driving on the shoulder, seat belt usage, speeding, and driving under the influence. Please disregard this e-mail and do not forward to others.

The information contained in the e-mails is not correct," the web page states.

In the State of Florida new laws go into effect January 1st, July 1st, or October 1st. Anyone wishing to learn about the summary of 2007 legislation pertaining to driving and motor vehicle laws can visit the website at www.hsmv.state.fl.us and click on "Laws" located on the left side of the page.

Anyone wishing to obtain additional information may contact the Florida Department of Highway Safety & Motor Vehicles at (850) 617-2000.

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Loss Of Educator Felt By His Peers

Mr. James S. Gatlin was well known and well liked within the community and among his peers. The news of his death was met with sadness by his supervisors, peers, other educators, and those who worked for him.

"Jim was truly committed to children, and I think everyone had a sense of that. He could be tough and serious if necessary, but he could also be silly and show his sense of humor, and I know the kids respected that.

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Mary Ellen Elia said, "This is a great loss to the school district, the community, and the children of Hillsborough County. Jim was a teacher and an administrator who was dedicated to the community and to the students."

In many ways the careers of Mr. Gatlin and Henry Washington mirrored each other. Washington said that Mr. Gatlin was his boss when he served as Director of Area II and he became Mr. Gatlin's boss after Mr. Gatlin came out of retirement and became the principal of Middleton High School.

Both men graduated from Middleton High School, both served as principal of Chamberlain and Middleton High Schools, and both were Area II Directors.

"Jim was a man of wisdom. He was a great motivator and maintained dignity at all times. He had a great sense of humor and the kids knew that and respected him when I worked for him."

"He always said that you should treat people right because you never knew who would be your boss one day. He was a teacher and an administrator who was very dedicated to the community and to the students," Washington said.

Mrs. Verna Warren is the Principal's Secretary at Middleton High School. On Wednesday morning, a memorial service was held in the courtyard around the Tiger at the school.

"Mrs. Warren stated, "At the memorial service I told the staff and faculty that one of Mr. Gatlin's wishes, his greatest goal, was to make Middleton High School the best in the county. If we can achieve that goal for him it would be the greatest thing in the world."

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BY BILLY WHEELER

Dr. C. T. Kirkland has been pastor of Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church in the West Tampa community for 24 years. Through his vision, God has given the membership many ministries and activities as he encourages, teaches and trains them to become better servants of God. Although his home and ministry are based in Tampa, he has become a shining beacon and an active participant in state, regional and national organizations as well. At Mt. Pleasant, he has implemented an Educational Ministry, which promotes youth academic excellence and appointed a Youth Ministry Director who aids them in developing their social, physical, emotional and spiritual needs. He is especially excited about the New Converts Ministry, a six week course which instructs individuals who join the church in the Church Covenant program, a plan of church membership, Christian growth. God’s plan for church finances and a brief history of the Baptist faith. Being aware of the many homeless and disenfranchised people in the surrounding neighborhood, Dr. Kirkland founded and organized the Mt. Pleasant Kitchen of Mercy, which sponsors a feeding program as well as a clothes closet. The Drug Ministry aids in the rehabilitation of those who are dependent on drugs, teaching them that “with Christ, men and women can do all things.” His focus is on God as “the only One who can heal the body, mind and spirit.

Pastor Kirkland is founder of The Mt. Pleasant Standard Based Middle School, a tuition-free, Charter middle school for 6th through 8th grade students. The school has an open enrollment and is designed to educate all students while they also provide special consideration for those who may be at risk of less than maximum achievement in the regular classroom setting. In a larger capacity, Reverend Kirkland also is serving his fourth year as Moderator of the South Florida Progressive Baptist Association, a group of over 46 pastors, churches, ministers and auxiliaries united to educate, promote and engage members in meaningful ministry both within and without the church wall.

According to Dr. Kirkland, “We are dependent on each other regardless of our color, creed, origin or language. As we reach for a greater good, we have the opportunity each day to become servants who encourage others, develop and are productive in all areas of our lives. So let us keep our eyes upon the Lord; may we learn to love each other as it states in John 3:18, ‘For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him shall have everlasting life.’"

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When Black on Black Rhyme was born in Tallahassee, it was intended to create a forum where young people could come and be exposed to their culture and a new way of thinking. That was the hopes and wishes of a group of students at the campus of Florida A&M University.

On September 18, 2001, that same group brought their idea to Tampa and Black on Black Rhyme Tampa, Inc. was formed.

One of the first to accept the new concept was Spoken Word poet, Life. He had already started performing around the area, and was honored when he was asked to join the two FAMU alumni in starting it up in Tampa.

"They left and I'm running it by myself now. I think this is too important not to be a part of Tampa's culture," Life said.

As far as Black people are concerned, Life says Black on Black Rhyme is the premiere number one event.

"This form of Black entertainment has sustained itself longer than anything else in Tampa, and it must be preserved."

In order for us to be the next great city, we need to get together, and Black on Black Rhyme needs more recognition for helping bring the people together.

Life makes a living from his art, and he wants everyone else to be as passionate about it as he is.

"I get a lot of positive feedback on what we do, and I know we're offering something positive that can help everyone, especially our young brothers. I wish the media would embrace it more and spread the word. That's the venue we need to get our message out.

Life is the only full-time Spoken Word artist in Tampa, and he feels young people need to hear something positive instead of constantly degrading each other in music and in life.

"If we sit and listen to each other, we'll find out we all have so much in common and want the same things. This is the kind of atmosphere to find that place (you want to be) and reach the people you thought couldn't be reached before."

Life will have the pleasure of joining nationally known poet, Taalam Acey at an event on August 26th called 'Black on Black Rhyme Tampa's 6th Annual Pajama Poetry Night.'

The event is being held at the Sheraton Riverwalk Hotel, 200 North Ashley Drive.

You can also visit the Cotton Club, 2502 North Albany Avenue, every Tuesday night to hear Life and other poets in the area.

For more information about Life or the Pajama Poetry Night, call (813) 810-3662.

Reporter Leon B. Crews can be reached at (813) 248-0724, or e-mailed at Leon@flsentinel.com.
8 New Recruits Become Tampa Police Officers

Recently, the Tampa Police Department held a swearing in ceremony for eight new recruits. Having completed one phase of training, the officers will now undergo another 16 weeks of training with the department before being assigned to patrol duties.

The official swearing in ceremony was held on August 13th and was attended by Mayor Pam Iorio and Tampa Police Chief Stephen Hogue. These officers were members of the department's scholarship program. The program was designed to provide assistance to those individuals wanting to become Tampa Police officers but who were having difficulties paying for the training. Due to recent budget cuts, this class may possibly be the only Scholarship Class sponsored by the department this year.

The class consists of four men and four women.

Officer April Levine is a native of Lake Wales. The 24-year-old attended the University of South Florida. Officer Dennis C. Cooper, Jr., is a native of Columbia, South Carolina. Prior to relocating and joining the Tampa Police Department, Officer Cooper, 28, attended Tidewater Community College and served in the U.S. Navy.

Officer Amy Hess is a native of Spencer, West Virginia. The 24-year-old attended Mountain State University to meet her educational requirements.

A Tampa native, Officer Tommie Tolbert, 32, served in the U.S. Marine Corps and the Florida National Guard before joining the Tampa Police Department. He met his educational requirements at the Florida State University.

Also among the new recruits preparing to serve and protect the citizens of Tampa is Officer Nick Kulwa. Officer Kulwa, a native of Kenya.

Officer Kulwa, 29, completed his educational requirements at Kansas State University.

Of the recently graduated recruits, Chief Hogue said, "I'm glad to welcome this group of officers to the department and I believe they will serve the community well."

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

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Historic School Building To Be Demolished

BY LEON B. CREWS
Sentinel Staff Writer

As the wrecking ball continues to tear down Central Park Village, a school that stood in the area long before the housing project is also preparing to meet its fate.

Meacham, now an alternative center, will be dismissing its staff members and closing its doors for the last time as it will meet the same fate as the buildings that surround it.

Meacham, named in honor of Christine Meacham, was erected in 1926. In the 1940s and 1950s, it became a primary Black elementary school. Ms. Meacham, one of the first Black teachers in the 1880’s, served as principal of the Harlem Academy. She died in 1927.

In 1954, the same year Central Park Village was born, a second two-story building was added to Meacham with 24 classrooms, making it one of the largest Black elementary schools in the district. The school, in 1971, became an integrated 6th grade center as part of the desegregation plan. During the late 1970s, the school was transformed into an early childhood center, and later into an alternative school.

This Friday, Principal Theophilus Hill and his staff will bid farewell to Meacham and move into their new building on Armenia Avenue near Busch Boulevard.

Hill will take his staff and most of his teachers with him to the new building.

In the Spotlight

CONEATHIA

Congratulations to this week’s Spotlight feature, Coneathia, Standing 5’6”, this young lady enjoys shopping, bowling and playing basketball. Her philosophy of life is: “Although I may not know what my next journey entails, I know that I will be able to succeed with God guiding my path.” Coneathia says her favorite star is Kobe Bryant, and the man in her life must be understanding, church going, very supportive, and one who will love her for her. Congratulations to Coneathia as this week’s very special Spotlight feature.
Sharing The Political Process Is Passion For Dentist

Left to right: Dr. H. Bruce Miles, President, Hillsborough County Democratic Black Caucus; State Representative Betty Reed, guest speaker; Vice President Diane Hart; Robin Lockett and Terrance LeNoir.

BY GWENDOLYN HAYES
Sentinel Editor

The Hillsborough County Democratic Black Caucus held its 3rd annual banquet last weekend. The organization’s president, Dr. H. Bruce Miles gave leadership to that event. The theme was “Democrats Attaining Self Empowerment.”

The reception and dinner was held Saturday, August 11, 2007, at Latam the Centro Restaurant.

The Honorable Betty Reed, State House of Representatives (District 59) was the guest speaker. “Representative Reed is a grassroots person who we saw come through the ranks. She was the Political Action Chair for the NAACP and came on board with us in the same position. We applaud her effort to run for public office and then to go on and win,” he said.

The first year the Democratic Black Caucus held the banquet, (former) State Senator Les Miller was the guest speaker; (former) State Representative now State Senator Arthenia Joyner was last year’s speaker.

The purpose of the banquet is to raise funds for democratic candidates running for office, for the get-out-the-vote campaign and to fund musical selections were by Bernard “B. K.” Jackson, II. African-American candidates running forpolitical office.

“We’d like to stress to Blacks who aspire to run for political office that we’re here to advise and help in their campaign,” Dr. Miles stated.

When asked about his passion for the political process, Dr. Miles said he just wants the public to know that “voting is power. And, yes, your one vote does count,” he said.

“So many of our ancestors died for the right to vote and as African-Americans we take that for granted . . .

‘But on the other hand, the political process is more than just voting. For instance, the way streetlights, drainage systems and crime is handled is determined by votes. If there are 5,000 people registered to vote in a district and only 400 go to the polls, who’s going to get service first,” he continued.

In between patient visits and even with some patients, Dr. Miles is talking politics.

“Some people don’t realize that it’s important to attend City Council and County Commission meetings. Some are quick to say, ‘they’re going to do what they want to.’ And yes they will, if no one is there to protest.”

Other officers of the HCDBC are: Ms. Diane Hart, Vice President; Ms. Emily Echols, CPA; Ms. Lonnie Carson, Secretary; and Monroe Mack, Parliamentarian. (Photos by Sylvester Harris and Jerry Brunson)
Defying The Odds:
Children With A Vision, Inc. Reaches Out To Community

BY DAWN GARDENER
Sentinel Freelance Writer

How do you defy these odds? On average, 40% of African American children will not graduate high school. Our young men outnumber any other race in our prison systems; teen pregnancy remains high; drug use continues to be rampant; AIDS remains an epidemic; and our homicide rate can be heard in the wailings of parents who mourn the loss of young people everyday. But there's a community in Tampa who took the time on Sunday to collectively state, "it's time for a change."

The 7th Annual Back to School Event championed by Tonya Lewis was a phenomenal success. This was a joint effort of community volunteers and businesses striving to defy the odds at a most important juncture — education. By giving out hundreds of backpacks filled with the tools needed for academic success, the community put its money where its mouth is. Despite the sweltering heat, the anticipation and excitement was seen and felt everywhere — catered meals, an array of sounds (music, laughter, and screaming children), not to mention sponsors galore.

But the message of the day, "equipping our children for scholastic success," was never lost. This was no more evident than through the eyes of the parents and children. One notable attendee, Ms. Alberta Jackson, a 64-year-old grandmother, came with the hope of getting a backpack for each of her five grandchildren. In her matronly voice she stated, "This is my first year attending and I'm glad I came. It's good to see our community contributing to our children's learning. I thank God."

Her sentiments are further endorsed and echoed by several sponsors of the event to include Jen Ramirez representing AmeriGroup Florida, Inc., who simply says, "If it's about giving back you can bet AmeriGroup will be there."

Another enthusiastic contributor for a third year was Bank of America, represented by Darlene Johnson. Bank of America provided additional counseling to high school students about the importance of establishing a savings account and the need for financial discipline.

On the lighter side of life, the Ruff Ryders, with more than 15 riders, made their mission known: "We're here because it's the place to be, period. When Tonya Lewis calls, we answer; we were there for her Toy Drive and we will be out here for every event she hosts because we want to be a part of our children having choices and not being limited," said Audra "XXXTC" Cole.

The effort and involvement of her committed sponsors did not go unnoticed, with several awards being handed out by Ms. Lewis as a small token of appreciation for their involvement. One such recipient was Walied McFarland of Mack's Barber Shop, a veteran supporter for the last five years. Walied noted the major difference in this year's event versus the last two he's attended: "the turnout this year is the largest yet. I hope it continues to grow because, in many cases, we're the only hope these children have."

Taking care of her community is the one constant in everything Ms. Lewis accomplishes and it is primarily evident in her organization, Children With A Vision, Inc. To watch her move through the many roles of the day, chef, M.C., set-up crew, distributing backpacks, presenting certificates and gift baskets with a fervor and energy that says, "anything for my people," is mind-boggling.

What's her drive? In her own words, "My drive is my past. I've walked the same path as these boys and girls. I'm a product of a single parent household who struggled to make ends meet. I learned some valuable lessons through those difficulties, the most significant being never to forget where I came from."

"It may sound like a cliche, but it's so important. When I reached out to garner support from my many corporate sponsors, it was an easy sell because they saw a successful businesswoman before them who was once considered an underprivileged child. I made sure they understood it would take education to defy the odds stacked against these young children and we have to do everything in our power to get them on the right path to success."

Additional information about Children With A Vision, Inc. can be obtained by calling (813) 235-5566.
SPORTS

SPORTSIDE

WITH RANDY

Bucs To Take Their Show On The Road

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers, fresh off of a home victory over the New England Patriots, take their show on the road this weekend. The Bucs will visit the Jacksonville Jaguars this Saturday night. The team will be looking for an improvement over last Fridays’ very good performance.

The Jaguars feel that the Bucs will be a good test for a slim-downed quarterback, Byron Leftwich. The Bucs believe the Jags will be a good test for their reconstructed defense. The question for the Bucs is will Chris Simms play? And if so, how much?

Jamarcus Russell

Holding Out

Jamarcus Russell, the first overall pick of the Oakland Raiders and the draft's first pick, is holding out. The question for the Bucs is will Chris Simms play? And if so, how much?

Tiger To Build First Course In NC Mountains

TRAVELERS REST, SC — Tiger Woods has no plans to break this Jack Nicklaus record.

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Star QB Reportedly Would Get At Least 12 Months If He Accepts Plea Deal

RICHMOND, Va. — Star NFL quarterback Michael Vick would serve one year or more in prison if he accepts a plea deal offered by federal prosecutors in his dogfighting case, sources told the Richmond Times-Dispatch on Wednesday.

Under the agreement, Vick would plead guilty felony conspiracy to travel in interstate commerce in aid of dogfighting and related gambling.

He would face a maximum prison sentence of five years and a fine of $200,000, the Times-Dispatch said.

The sources also told the newspaper that the plea deal would call for sentencing guidelines of 12 to 18 months in prison. But it would be ultimately up to U.S. District Judge Henry E. Hudson.

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution on Wednesday reported that Vick is leaning toward the plea deal.

Citing sources, the newspaper reported that Vick likely will agree to a plea deal by the end of the week.

Vick reportedly does not want to agree to the deal until he can find out what effect it would have on his NFL career.

The embattled quarterback has been ordered by NFL commissioner Roger Goodell to stay away from training camp pending a full investigation.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

FISCAL YEAR 2008 PROGRAM OF PROJECTS

The Hillsborough Regional Transit Authority (HART) will hold a Public Hearing on:

Monday, August 27, 2007, 4 - 6 p.m.
Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority
201 E. Kennedy Boulevard, Suite 900
tampa downtown

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 application for federal transit urbanized area formula funds.

The Public Hearing is wheelchair accessible. Please contact HART if you require the information in an accessible format or other special accommodations.

The amount of funding that HART will receive will be dependent upon the funding levels that are approved in the federal fiscal year 2008 budget. The local match for the capital projects is provided by the State of Florida toll credits and the planning projects are matched with HART funds.

The following are the projects that HART proposes to undertake with the funding. The specific allocation to the various projects will be determined following confirmation of the federal funding in this program and other funding programs.

If no changes are made, this will be the final Program of Projects for fiscal year 2008.

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HART welcomes all comments on or before Friday, September 7. Comments may be mailed to: Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority, Attr: Planning Dept., 4305 E. 21st Avenue, Tampa, FL 33605 or via fax. You may also call the Planning Department with your comments at (813) 223-6831.

Pursuant to Florida Statutes, if any person decides to appeal any decision made by the 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.

HARTInfo Line: (813) 254-4278 / TDD: (813) 626-9158 Fax: (813) 223-7976
Dungy Can Add Presidential Appointment To List Of Achievements

TERRA HAUTE, Ind. — Tony Dungy has a Super Bowl title, a bestselling book and now a presidential appointment.

On Tuesday, President Bush announced his intention to appoint the Indianapolis Colts coach to the President’s Council on Service and Civic Participation. The term runs for two years.

After the announcement in Washington, Dungy told reporters at training camp he was first asked about taking the position when the Colts visited the White House in April, a traditional honor for Super Bowl champions. Indianapolis beat Carolina 31-17 in February, winning its first title since moving from Baltimore in 1984.

“You have to fill out a lot of paperwork, and they have to do some checking, that sort of thing. That came through OK,” Dungy said. “It’s a great honor, and it’s something we always talk about with our team — how to serve your community and make your community better.”

Dungy, a devout Christian, has said most of the proceeds from his No.1 selling book “Quiet Strength: The Principles, Practices, and Priorities of a Winning Life,” will go to charitable organisations. He has not, however, identified which charities would receive money.

Chambers To Plead Not Guilty To DWI

CHARLOTTE, NC — Miami Dolphins receiver Chris Chambers will plead not guilty to driving while impaired, his lawyer said Wednesday.

George Laughrun said Chambers will fight the charge stemming from an arrest July 14, when he was pulled over several miles south of downtown Charlotte.

Chambers was also charged with reckless driving and speeding. A hearing on the case scheduled for Wednesday was postponed until Sept. 26.

Laughrun said Chambers was charged with DWI despite a blood-alcohol level of .06, below the legal limit of .08. However, under stricter drunk driving laws in North Carolina, Chambers could still be convicted.

Chambers, Miami’s top receiver, made the Pro Bowl in 2005. He had 59 catches for 677 yards and four touchdowns last season.

Springs, Walls Will Be Honorary Cowboys Captains For Season Opener

IRVING, Texas — Ron Springs and Everson Walls will be together again on the field at Texas Stadium, this time for something more important than a game.

Only six months after the successful transplant of a kidney donated by Walls for Springs, the former Dallas Cowboys teammates will serve as honorary captains for the Sept. 9 season opener. It’s a chance to raise awareness about their new gift for Life Foundation.

“We’ve using you to help a lot of people,” Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said Tuesday. “Yall will never come close to making a play on the field that could come even close to what this is all about.”

Springs suffered from Type 2 diabetes for 16 years and had been on the transplant waiting list since 2004. The Feb. 28 transplant was the first between two former U.S. professional athletes.

The former Cowboys want their story to be much more than that.

Chris Chambers

TONY DUNGY

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QB Apologizes For Missing Curfew, Being Bench

VINCE YOUNG

SPARTANBURG, SC — The Carolina Panthers signed former Tampa Bay tackle Kenyatta Walker to a one-year contract on Monday, making him teammates with two players with whom he sparred in the past: Kris Jenkins and Julius Peppers.

The 6-foot-6, 302-pound Walker, who spent his first six seasons with the Buccaneers, started 78 of 75 games at right and left tackle. He hurt his knee early last season and missed the final 13 games. The Buccaneers released Walker on Wednesday.

Walker was on the field for

Kenyatta Walker

the Panthers’ Monday evening practice but didn’t take part in team drills.

“We thought it was an opportunity to get an experienced veteran in here to com­pete and add depth,” general manager Marty Hurney said.
Barry Bonds Connects For 759th Homer

ATLANTA — Barry Bonds added to his home run record not far from where Hank Aaron broke the previous mark, hitting No. 759 off Atlanta's Tim Hudson in the sixth inning Wednesday night.

The San Francisco slugger drove the first pitch of the sixth inning over the center-field wall at Turner Field, tying the game at 2-2. Andruw Jones leaped for the 403-foot drive and hung on top of the wall, but the Braves' Gold Glove winner had no chance of catching Bonds' 25th homer of the season.

No. 759 came across the street from the former site of Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, where Aaron broke Babe Ruth's home run record in April 1974 with the 715th of his career. The ball that broke Babe Ruth's homer record last week in San Francisco was torn down after the 1996 season and replaced by a parking lot. There is a marker at the spot of Aaron's landmark homer.

Bonds broke Aaron's record last week in San Francisco. While Aaron made a videotape offering his congratulations to the new home run king, there's no indication the two have met in person.

The Braves said Aaron was traveling this week and wouldn't return until after the Giants left Atlanta.

Wade Says Heat Decision To Sign Hardaway Is A Win-Win Scenario

MIAMI — Dwyane Wade is excited about seeing Shaquille O'Neal and Penny Hardaway together again.

And if it improves the Miami Heat, even better.

"What's there to lose? It's simple," Wade said Friday. "I think both sides win."

The Heat truly have nothing to lose because the deal for the career 15.4-point scorer doesn't include any guaranteed money. It just gives Wade a 36-year-old who hasn't played in the NBA since November 2005 because of knee problems an opportunity to compete in training camp for minutes with the team.

And since Miami is at the luxury-tax threshold already for next season, getting Hardaway on the Heat without any financial commitment before the season may eventually make the move a steal.

"I know I still have a lot of work ahead of me," Hardaway told Houston television station KRIV on Friday. "It feels great to play with a team that is a contender for a championship. This is an opportunity to

Men Charged In Antoine Walker Robbery

CHICAGO — Four men were charged in last month's robbery of Miami Heat forward Antoine Walker at his Chicago town house.

The four are charged with home invasion, armed robbery and aggravated kidnapping, Cook County state's attorney spokeswoman Tandra Simonton said Friday.

She identified the suspects as Phillip Allison, 28; Antoine Larkins, 28; Donagh Y. Davis, 23; and Gregory Reedfield, 23.

Walker, a Chicago native, was home with a relative July 9 when masked robbers bound the two with duct tape and held them at gunpoint.

They made off, with Walker's Mercedes, cash and jewelry.

Prince Fielder claims he never made contact with plate umpire Wally Bell.

MILWAUKEE — Prince Fielder is appealing the three-game suspension that was handed down by the commissioner's office Wednesday, allowing him to remain in the Milwaukee Brewers' lineup until his appeal is heard.

Fielder was suspended and fined an undisclosed amount for "inappropriate and aggressive conduct" during a confrontation with plate umpire Wally Bell on Sunday, when the Brewers lost 6-4 at Houston. The first baseman was ejected after arguing a called third strike and had to be restrained by bench coach Dale Sveum.

Fielder said he didn't think he made contact with Bell during the confrontation.

"We're both over 250 pounds, so if our stomachs touch, that's going to happen," Fielder said.

Fleder Appealing 3-Game Suspension

Authorities: Former Ref Bet On NBA Games Since '03, Took Payoffs

NEW YORK — How much Tim Donaghy profited from his betting scheme, and how far he went to do it, still isn't known.

This much is certain: Donaghy wagered on games the 36-year-old who did it longer than previously thought.

The disgraced former referee was banned from betting on NBA games in 2003, long before he began tipping off high-stakes gamblers with inside information, and recommending which teams to bet on — with a reward of $5,000 if his picks hit.

The stunning allegations emerged Wednesday as Donaghy pleaded guilty to two felony charges in a scandal that rocked the league and tarnished the integrity of the sport.

"By having this nonpublic information, I was in a unique position to predict the outcome of NBA games," Donaghy, standing ramrod-straight with his hands clasped in front of him, told the judge in a Brooklyn courtroom.

Donaghy, who was released on $200,000 bond, faces a maximum of 25 years in prison when he is sentenced Nov. 9 for conspiring to engage in wire fraud and transmitting betting information through interstate commerce. He also must pay a $50,000 fine and at least $30,000 in restitution to the government.

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Funeral services for Mrs. Evelyn Chalkey who passed away on Wednesday, August 8, 2007, will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, August 11, 2007, at First Baptist Church of Progress, 8461 Franklin St., South Tampa, with Pastor Samuel Maxwell officiating. Interment will follow in Rest Haven Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Evelyn Chalkey was a native of Blytheville, Arkansas, and was raised in East St. Louis, Illinois. She was a graduate of Lincoln Senior High School. She was a resident of Tampa for 26 years. Mrs. Chalkey was a member of First Baptist Church of Progress Village and was employed as a Certified Nursing Assistant at Sun City Towers.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Maude Bobo, her sister, Lonnie Bobo, Jr.; brother, Lonnie Bobo, Sr.; and niece, Marquess ‘Ke Ke’ Sanders.

She leaves to cherish her memory: sons, Donald Allen Bobo (Dids) of St. Louis; Michael Bobo (Sanchel) of Brandon, and Theron Turnbough of Tampa; daughter, Michelle Bobo and Nichelle Bobo (Charles) of Brandon; grandchildren, Elijah Bobo, Jr., and his wife, Cherish Bobo; great-grandson, Elijah Gray; mother, Easter Mae Gatlin of Tampa; brother, Lonnie Bobo of St. Louis; brother, Lonnie Bobo of St. Louis; brother, Lespy Nelson, Sr.; and niece, Marquess “Ke Ke” Sanders.

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Service will be held Wednesday, August 15, 2007, at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Progress.
Mrs. Georgia A. Carter of Bosm/A J St. Clair Street, passed away Monday, August 13, 2007. Funeral services will be conducted at Sunset Cemetery, 1 p.m., Tuesday, August 14, 2007. The family will receive friends in the church at 11 a.m.

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Your smile and warmth gave us so many memories to hold on to. So we pledge to faithfully live with grateful and loving thoughts of you. Missing you are: your parents, George and Jacqueline Wilds; brother, Garnell; sister, Tammi; nephew, Garnell, Jr; and family.

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Your wife, Earnestine; children, grandchildren and great grands.

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August 19, 1914 - January 3, 2007

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Although you are gone from this life, you will always live in our hearts. We miss you dearly and we will never stop loving you. Rest in peace.

Love, the Trotman-DeBose family and your loving wife, Mozelle.

THOMAS BENJAMIN LANGSTON, III

The family of the late Thomas Benjamin Langston, III, would like to extend heartfelt and deepest appreciation for your acts of kindness during our time of bereavement. Your prayers, visits, food, flowers, and other expressions of caring brought us great comfort. May God keep and bless each of you.


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JAMES AYDELLOTT (Son)
11/30/54 - 8/15/78

MS. LOUHELL BLUE HICKS

The family of Louella Blue Hicks cannot express the gratitude to all of you. We sincerely feel that your presence, prayers, words of consolation, and the many kind acts, both seen and unseen on our behalf, have been the very things needed to sustain us.

We are grateful knowing that so many of our friends shared and cared during the illness of our loved one and the bereavement of our loss.

A special thanks to the staff of Palm Garden of Tampa and a special tribute to Vanisice Bradford, Christina Butler, Cynthia Cheri, Paulette Grant and Mary Harris. May God bless and keep each of you. The family.

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**CRIME NEWS**

**Killer’s Past Filled With Red Flags**

![Michael Phillips](image)

Michael Phillips poses with tattoos covering his body.

At the age of 12, Michael-Alien Phillips was arrested. He was known to fire handguns into the air and loudly proclaim his hate of law enforcement officers.

Phillips' troubled life ended 3:46 a.m. Wednesday when a pair of Hillsborough County Sheriff's snipers fired the fatal shots that ended his life.

Phillips' end came 2 hours after he murdered 30-year law enforcement veteran, Sgt. Ron Harrison on Kings Avenue in Brandon.

Harrison had stopped at a traffic light on Lumsden Road and Kings Avenue after closing a DUI checkpoint nearby. When the light changed, Harrison's gray unmarked Crown Victoria and a truck turned north on Kings Avenue. That's when a victim reported hearing shots.

Sheriff David Gee on Kings Avenue. That's when a victim reported hearing shots.

A negotiator attempted to persuade Phillips to surrender when he went to an upstairs window and fired shots at deputies outside, striking a deputy's vehicle and a civilian vehicle.

**Suspected Prostitute Tests Positive For HIV**

On Tuesday during a prostitution sweep by the Tampa Police Department, one of the women arrested is known to be HIV positive, according to police.

For the second time this year, Cherry Howard, 54, has been charged with criminal transmission of HIV. She was arrested in June on the same charge, and that case is pending trial.

According to the report, Howard and another woman were arrested on prostitution charges at Broadway Avenue and 69th Street, North. Police said Howard offered sex for $25 and some alcohol.

**Search On For Armed Robber**

ST. PETERSBURG - St. Petersburg Police are searching for a man they suspect of forcing a clerk inside a store to rob it on Tuesday.

Police said the clerk had been standing outside Suncoast Exxon Station, 3555 9th Avenue, North, when he was approached by a man with a handgun.

Police said the suspect held the gun to the clerk's back and ordered him inside the store. Once inside, police said the suspect filled up the man's bag with cash from the register. The man fled in a dark-colored sedan.

A surveillance camera inside the store captured images of the suspect, and police ask anyone with information to call (727) 893-7780.

**Hit-And-Run Drivers Sought**

BRADENTON - Police in Bradenton are looking for hit-and-run drivers they believe were involved in a fatal hit-and-run accident Monday morning.

According to reports, Bruce Mitchell, 52, was struck on 4th Street, West. He died later at a local hospital.

Witnesses described the suspect vehicle as a dark-colored deep Wrangler with nice rims and a ragtop. It was also reported a second vehicle may have also left the scene. It was described as a turquoise Nissan Altima.

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"It's been a long time coming; but I know a change is gonna come." — Sam Cooke

Those are the words the Tampa Housing Authority used recently when the Central Park Village Demolition Ceremony was held. The event that will forever change the face of downtown Tampa was held on Tuesday, July 31st, in front of the Armwood Court Building on Scott and Governor Streets. (Photos by Jerry Brunson)

Mary Williams, former President of the Central Park Village Residents' Council, gets a first-hand look at the demolition crane.

Clarence Jones, a recent graduate and former Blake High School columnist for the Sentinel, helps the driver direct the crane into the building.

Those who participated in the Demolition Ceremony were: from left to right: City Councilman Thomas Scott, Leroy Moore, Senior Vice President/CEO, Tampa Housing Authority (THA); Roxanne Amoroso, Senior Vice President, Bank of America; Dr. Hazel Harvey, Chairman, Tampa Housing Authority Board; Jerome Ryan, President/CEO, Tampa Housing Authority; Karen Jackson Sims, Director, HUD Office, Tampa; Victor Rocher, HUD Office, Miami; Mary Williams, former Central Park Village Resident Council President; State Representative Betty Reed; Ruth Dewberry, former Vice President, Central Park Village Residents' Council; and Manny Alvarez, THA Board member.

The demolition crane is in the background.

Mrs. Martha Hepburn Cail and her husband (the late Frank Cail), and family were the first family to move into Central Park Village. He was employed there for more than 30 years and was an overseer of the property while under construction.

Staci Parker, THA resident.

Manny Rivero, Jim Walter Partnership; Bob Stroh, Shimberg Center, Karen Jackson Sims, HUD, Tampa; and Dino Zappa.

Irene Womack, Tina Washington and Sam Harris at the Demolition Ceremony.

State Representative Betty Reed, Dr. Hazel Harvey, Chairman, THA Board, and Chloe Coney, representing the office of Congresswoman Kathy Castor.
Thanx God for another year. "Value all things in life. Happy birthday. I wish you many more.

Happy belated birthday Leos. Ms. Monica on July 29th, Ms. Joanna on August 14th, and our dad, Joe on August 7th!

Birthday wishes are being sent out to Mr. Tyson on August 19th.
From his wife and kids. We love you Bae, enjoy your big day to the fullest.

Happy birthday shouts to - our little man Rylan Isaiah Williams, who will be turning 2 tomorrow. He will be celebrating his special day at Lowry Park.
Love, mommy and daddy, Antania and Lil Rod.

Happy birthday to my baby girl, B. J., who turned 10 years old on August 16th. She will celebrate with a skating party on Saturday, August 18th, with family and friends.
Love you always, mama, Renee, grandma, Joyce, and the family.

Life is too short for drama and stress! Your fans tried to simmer you down, but you went for the highest! Keep them jocking Ma!

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ROBERT LYONS

To the short and lil mama that's out of Tampa and the surrounding counties in the Tampa Bay area. It's Reese again looking to find a pen­pal or a soul mate that doesn't mind keeping it real.

I also want to send a shot out to all the lovely Leos like myself. On August 20th, I will be blessed to see another year. So to all the female Leos across the state, party like a rock star and keep the brothers on lockdown alive.


CELESTE

Happy birthday Celeste, August 14th is your day. Love, Zylon and Darrel.

Wedding Announcement

I would like to wish my wife, Mrs. Favors a happy 31st birthday. Coming from your husband, Mr. Favors. Bae, I just want you to know I will always put you 1st, until death do us part. Love, your husband, Jeno.

JAMARIUS GALLON

He will celebrate #4 on August 20, 2007, with family. Congrats to big brothers, Lyndrick and Roshea, who will be attending PAMU in the Fall.

Patrice Brown is the mother of all young men. Big sister, Zarelle sends a special shout out!

JANICE STURKS

Happy 50th birthday Janice.

From your father, Willie Maxwell, Sr, your brothers, Fred, Andre, Willie and Connell and sisters, Cynthia, Michelle, Ruby, Angela and Oteller Maxwell.

FAULETTE GREEN

and MICHAEL REED

August 25, 2007

Now and forever, partners in life, in the City of Tampa we will become husband and wife.

The Class of 1960 meeting will be held at Betty's Corner, 3501 26th St., on August 18, 2007 at 7 p.m.

Final plans will be made for the 47th-year reunion. Please bring a covered dish of your choice.

The class will celebrate their 47th-year reunion August 31-August 3, 2007. The Clarion Hotel and Conference Center will be the host site.

For additional information, please contact Betty D. White at (813) 383-8532, 241-0706 or Gerard Williams at (813) 655-2689.

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New Mt. Silla M.B. Church Celebrates Pastor's First Anniversary

New Mount Silla Missionary Baptist Church celebrated the first anniversary of their pastor, Reverend Felix Walters. The guest church for the afternoon service was Heritage Christian Community Church, Reverend Delores Cain, pastor. (Photos by Julia Jackson)

Reverend and Mrs. Felix Walters, right, with guest minister, Rev. Delores Cain, left.

Members of Heritage Christian Community Church with their pastor, center.

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God's Slide Progressive M.B. Church, Tampa, FL

THEME: Standing on The Solid Rock for 55 Years Matthew 16:18
And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
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Rev. Milton Biggham
Return Home To God

Have you ever had something to do with your life that caused you to leave home? Perhaps you had to go away on a business trip, took a vacation, or an extended get away. Maybe the reason you left home was because you didn’t like the way you were treated or felt like you needed to get away.

Regardless of the reason you left, one thing was made evident after a few days, you wanted to be back home. No matter how home is, you begin to miss it. You don’t miss the events and the actions of what is taking place but you do miss the notion of being at your place.

There is a place in God that many people once lived. For whatever the reason they left that place. Many have been carried away by other temptations or they are being carried away against their will. Some have even just walked off and left all that God had for them. For those who are not in the place of God that they know they should be in or have strayed away, Zechariah 1:7-14 has a message for them. God wants them to return home. God wants them to turn around and come back to Him.

In 1:7, Zechariah records that the Lord was angry with the forefathers. There are many reasons God could be angry. The Lord gets angry when people turn their back on Him and stop following His commandments. He was angry because they would not hear His words or heed His warnings (vs. 4).

One would think that people would want to be with the Lord after He has saved them, picked them up, and turned them around. God has fought for His people and provided for them. Yet, they still walked off and left Him.

It is important to know that God did not just get angry at them for being at home. God has fought for His people and provided for them. The good news for everyone is that God extends to His people an opportunity to return to Him. God always gives an invitation to return. This is a bold move. Can you imagine what your mother would want to be with you if you left home against her will? You obey Him; He will bless you.

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August Celebrants
Happy birthday to the August celebrants: Amanda Albertson, Sarah Bagley, Joshua Howard, James Hall and Terrell Sallye.

Belated Birthday
Happy belated birthday wish goes out to Linda Parker Lee, who celebrated with her family and friends a beautiful cake given to her by her baby brother, Tony Parker and Tondra.

Kalani Turns ‘t’
Happy birthday to Kalani Leonard, on her first birthday. Kalani celebrated her special day at Meadow Point Clubhouse and also welcomed all for choosing Tampa Bay as their host city.

Family Celebrations
We wish the wishy couple the very best.

It’s A Family Reunion!
The siblings of the late Mr. and Mrs. Clayton (Carrie Mae) Anderson, which includes Clayton, Jr., Thelma, Tavares (deceased), Synovra (deceased), Marjorie, Carl, James, and offsprings Serita, Kervyn, Dwight and Reginald were host to family members from Arizona, Chicago, Florida, Mississippi, Park Forrest, IL, Tennessee and Washington, DC.

On Sunday, worship was enjoyed at the family church, First Baptist Church of Progress Village, with Pastor Samuel Maxwell and the church family. Sunday afternoon a great Buffet Banquet was enjoyed at the Dr. B. J. Alfano Conference Center.

Thought For Today
“Don’t dwell on the past, think of your future.”

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After a spirit-filled week of prayer, New Hope Missionary Baptist Church held a spirit-filled week of revival services. The Reverend Edward McCree was the guest evangelist. His messages drew worshippers night after night. (Photos by Julia Jackson)

Host pastor, Reverend Dr. T. W. Jenkins, is shown with the revival evangelist, Reverend Edward McCree.

The guest evangelist, Rev. Edward McCree is shown with a guest worshipper, Mrs. Essie Griffith.

Reverend and Mrs. Sammie (Josephine) McQueen in conversation with the guest evangelist.

Pat Miles attended the revival services.

Reverend Dexter McCree and Ms. Ovette Williams.

Annie Mae Blake and Linda Mungin attended the revival.

Reverend and Mrs. Sammie (Josephine) McQueen in conversation with the guest evangelist.
Masonic Lodge Distributes Back To School Supplies

Members of Masonic Lodge #13 gathered at the Wilbert Davis Boys and Girls Club to distribute back to school supplies on Saturday, August 4, 2007. The members gave out back packs filled with necessary school supplies. (Photos by Jerry Brunson)

Helping to distribute refreshments were Sharon Crear-Bryant and Barbara Norton, in front; and Lester A. McCoy, II and Aweon Atkinson in the rear.

Also assisting with supplies are Alexandria Bryant and Cordrie Davis.

Jeremiah, Jabari, Nyan, Willie and Elise immediately put on the back packs that were distributed.

Lil Darrious Bryant and Corey Bryant enjoy some of the refreshments.

Tiayonna Pringle is waiting to get school supplies.

Leon Gallon, Darrious Bryant and Chris Frulson were among the members distributing school supplies.

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Miami Artist Hired To Do Wall At 22nd Street Police Sub-Station

BY BILLY WHEELER
Sentinel Feature Writer

If you have passed the site of the new Tampa Police Sub-station on 22nd Street, you may have seen a tall, slender gentleman meticulously placing tiles one-by-one onto seven wall segments. Artist, Charles E. Humes, Jr., arrived in Tampa from Miami on July 16th. The Florida State University Fine Arts graduate with a major in Fine Arts and minor in Art History, has studied all types of art. Even so, Humes says, he "long ago stopped minoring in Art/History and began majoring in life." An educator and family man, Humes says, he "knew exactly what I wanted to do since I was a child of 6 or 7; the Lord has blessed me as I've grown and grown."

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Recent government legislation requires 1% of the construction budget for new public buildings to be set aside and spent on Fine Art visuals and aesthetics. Humes was selected by the City Public Arts Division and began his work with research and visits to Tampa's library, police, newspaper offices, and in conversations with citizens. According to the artist, Tampa's good people knew the importance of tearing down the old to make room for rebirth and revitalization.

Twenty-year TPD veteran, Lieutenant Diane Hobley-Burney said of Humes' work, "It's watching history in the making. I appreciate the heartfelt passion he shows in his art and the contribution it makes to this community."

Humes describes himself as a colorist. His mosaic is a multi-faceted, multi-dimensional work, originally designed and produced from over 100 drawings. Close to one-million imported Italian and Spanish tiles called Smalti were cut and broken for the project. Speaking of the natural, marble-like ceramic, he states, "It's not just tile, there's a different play of light. You will see color and light in broken facets. Auto headlights at night and sunlight in the day will give different effects. He expects the artwork will last as long as the walls stand.

Community and family depicted in 7 Stages of Life, is the underlying theme of the imagery. Seven separate scenes show Community, Education & Scholarship, Fitness, Law & Order (denoting the location of the work and showing TPD officers in uniforms from past decades), Sports, Family and Faith. Illustrations at the bottom portion of each segment display facets of our city combined with African symbolism for bravery, honor and courage.

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Plies Makes Visit To Area Record Shop

In town last week for his album release party, hip-hop artist Plies made a stop at the FYE Record Shop at Westshore Mall and signed a few autographs. (Photos By Jerry Brunson)

Recording artist Plies makes appearance at FYE Record Shop.

Mia Michelle posed for this photo at the FYE Westshore Mall.

DJ Chase and Doduhz.

Making sure they saw Plies were Yaya (left), and Dione.

Shareese Lewis holds a Plies tee shirt.

At the record shop to see Plies were Angel, Precious, Alyana, Paulethia, and Hood Heffner.
Back-To-School Fun Fest And Health Fair

Lola Simon Chapter #162, OES; PHA, Harram Court #96, Daughters of Isis, Mt. Pleasant Lodge #13 and Landmark Lodge No. 93 held their 3rd annual Back to School Fun Fest and Community Health Fair on July 28th. The exciting and educational event was held at Landmark Lodge in West Tampa. The students received book bags filled with goodies to go back to school. There were free health screenings, educational materials and a host of other service-oriented activities.

Plashetta Jones and Bertha Baker, were chairperson and co-chairperson, respectively, of this event. (Photos by Jerry Brunson)

Lodge members: Althea Harris, Illustrious Commandress; Larry Daniels, Rudy Jones, Jarvis Bunts, Vickie Pittman, Dolan Yates, Tyree Tucker, Jaden and Jacquelyn Reese.

Shriners clowns: Robert Johnson, Maurice Cheatham, Keith Smith, Johnny Banks, Byron Johnson, Taron Marshall, and Jacques Bolden.

Lashanda Mattear, Jazzmine Troupe and D'Narijo Troupe took advantage of the fun activities.

Alton, Daren and Willie at the back-to-school event.

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**Secrets To A Good Summer**

**Allergy Relief:** Your grass and weed pollen allergies shouldn’t preclude you from having a great backyard picnic. Seek out a natural antihistamine such as Quercetin, a type of antioxidant found in onions and citrus fruits. Available in supplement form, 1,000 mg of quercetin taken three times daily throughout the season should help you stay symptom-free, according to naturopath and Prescription for Natural Review, researchers found that quercetin was even more effective against allergies when paired with melatonin (enzymes found in pineapples). Other ideas: Pack a thermos of nettle tea (another natural anti-histamine) says ethnobotanist Chris Kilham. Cutting back on diary may also help reduce congestion and sinus pressure headaches, he says.

**Anti-Woozy Wonders:** For those prone to motion sickness, traveling can feel more like torture than leisure. But ‘Ginger’, shown to ease nausea in a number of studies on pregnant women, can keep you from turning green while on the road or the high seas. Mark Stengler, N.D., recommends sipping ginger that throughout your trip; herbalist Chris Kilham noted that ginger candies work too. And for a quick aromatherapy treatment, Constance Hart suggests rubbing pure ginger oil on your scalp.

**Summer Sniffles:** Eucalyptus is “all powerful” in breaking up the congestion that accompanies summer colds, says essential oil educator Andrea Butje. Three times a day, fill a bowl with steam-hot water and add one drop of essential oil of Eucalyptus globules. Cover your head with a towel, lean in, and breathe deeply for one minute. Keep your eyes closed for the whole treatment, says Butje. For cold relief, herbalist Chris Kilham recommends the immune-boosting herb andrographis. “A few 300 mg capsules at the first sign of a cold usually knock it out.”

**Herbal First-Aid:** Keep a Calendula - based salve or cream in your backpack to prevent infection of cuts and scrapes suffered out on the trails. Antibacterial and anti-inflammatory, Bee Propolis spray or tincture also staves off infection when applied four times daily, says Mark Stengler, N.D.

**Health Hydration:** Eating juicy foods like mango and watermelon can “give you a great, big, betty full of water” and up your dehydration defense, says herbalist Chris Kilham. Aim to down eight glasses of H2O daily, especially if you’re active. And if you’re on a major hiking trek or biking excursion, Kilham cautions relying on the urinary system alone. Sweating can disturb your sodium-water balance, replenish by snacking on salty foods, like Tamaari Almonds. To speed recovery if you do feel dehydrated, Mark Stengler, N.D. recommends taking two pellets of homopathic China Officinalis (at 30c strength).

**Life Lessons From the Farm**

Here a few lessons that can and should be learned from those currently on a farm.

**Get Your Hands Dirty** – With one and one of our lives lived virtually, we have precious few opportunities to connect with what’s right in front of us. Take a moment to stop and smell the flowers in the natural world around you. Inspiration won’t be far behind.

**Discover The Joy Of Sweat Effort** – Real work, the kind that makes you move and sweat and your body feel like tortur e than leisure. But ‘Ginger’, shown to ease nausea in a number of studies on pregnant women, can keep you from turning green while on the road or the high seas.

**What Not To Feed Your Pets**

Most people consider their pets a part of the family, but that doesn’t mean you can let them eat from the table. Here are some human foods to avoid feeding your pet.

- **Onions:** In any form, onions are toxic to pets. They can cause a condition in which red blood cells burst in the process of circulation, causing a reddish tint to the urine.

- **Grapes:** Studies have shown them to be highly toxic – even fatal – to animals, causing kidney damage and renal failure.

- **Macadamia Nuts**: Eating these nuts results in short-term locomotion problems, tremors and weakness or paralysis of the hindquarters and pain in the limbs.

- **Chocolate**: Cocoa powder and chocolate (dark, rich, dark variety) contains theobromine, a diuretic and cardiac stimulant that is extremely toxic to animals and can stricken or even kill them.
**MAKE IT THROUGH MENOPAUSE NATURALLY**

**PART II**

In Germany, **black cohosh** is approved to treat menopausal symptoms related to decreasing estrogen. Studies suggest this herb helps improve many symptoms of menopause, including hot flashes, anxiety and depression. Currently NCCAM (National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine), a part of the NIH, is funding a rigorous scientific study to determine its effect on the symptoms of menopause.

Progestrone is often the first hormone to decline, and many of the initial symptoms of menopause are related to this drop. Look for natural progesterone creams that have been USP (United States Pharmacopeia) certified. This means the natural progesterone in the cream has been made into a form that your body can use. Creams containing wild yam extract that have not gone through this process will not provide symptom relief. Dr. John R. Lee, a pioneer in the field of natural hormone replacement therapy, recommends looking for a cream that contains at least 450-500 mg USP natural progesterone per ounce.

**Dong quai** is a popular herb in the Far East that has been used for thousands of years in traditional Chinese medicine for menopause and other female health conditions. Although some women report improvement, Western science has found little evidence to support its use in easing symptoms.

Red clover, licorice and alfalfa have traditionally been used in menopause support. These herbs provide weak estrogen-like effects, much like soy.

**Chaste Tree** (or Vitex) is primarily used to help relieve symptoms of PMS, but it can be used during menopause as well. This supplement helps boost natural progesterone synthesis, which also drops during menopause. Women with a history of breast or ovarian cancer should consult with a healthcare professional before taking any supplements that may alter hormone levels.

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The A-B-C's Of Healthy Lunchboxes

From Tonia Turner

With kids heading back to school, many parents are looking for healthy but fun lunch options. Experienced lunch packing parents know that creativity within a lunchbox goes a long way towards ensuring a healthy and nutritious lunch that is actually eaten, not tossed. One trick to getting children to eat a healthy lunch is to involve them in their own lunch preparation. Kids are more likely to enjoy eating their own creations.

A. Add fun shapes! B. Throw in some fruit! C. Don’t forget a "real" dessert!

**Bologna Puzzle-Wich**
- 2 slices whole wheat bread
- 1 Tbsp. Miracle Whip
- 1 slice Beef Bologna
- 1 Cheese Slice

**Monkey Face Sandwich**
- 16 slices whole wheat bread
- 1 pkg. Boiled Ham
- 8 cheese slices
- 3 Tbsp. Miracle Whip Dressing
- 1/4 cup raisins

**Crunchy Cupcakes**
- 2 cups peanut butter
- 1 cup sifted powdered sugar
- 36 chocolate chip cookies, crushed, divided

**DIRECTIONS:***
- **Bologna Puzzle-Wich:**
  - Take 1 bread slice and spread with dressing. Top with bologna, Singles and second bread slice.
  - Cut sandwich into desired shape, using a 2- to 3-inch cookie cutter. Use a small knife to cut the sandwich trimmings into assorted shapes for the remaining "puzzle pieces."

- **Monkey Face Sandwich:**
  - Place bread slices on cutting board. Cut into 3-inch circles using cookie cutter or sharp knife. Repeat with ham and Singles. Reserve scraps.
  - Spread 8 of the bread circles with dressing. Top each with ham, Singles and second bread circle.
  - Decorate with additional dressing and raisins to resemble monkey faces. Use the reserved scraps for the "monkeys' ears."

- **Crunchy Cupcakes:**
  - Mix peanut butter and sugar in bowl. Add 1-1/2 cups of the crushed cookies; stir.
  - Shape peanut butter mixture into 60 balls, using 1 heaping teaspoonful for each ball. Roll in remaining 1-1/2 cups crushed cookies until balls are evenly coated; cover.
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The Big City Tavern

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Underground
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Manilla
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Manilla’s opens at 4 p.m. on Friday and the first 50 people get a free bottle of Gin.
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Cedric Starring In ABC Sitcom Pilot

LOS ANGELES — ABC has ordered a pilot for a sitcom starring Cedric the Entertainer.

The comedian will play a man who has always been the proud breadwinner for his family and has difficulty adjusting when his wife's hobby turns into a multimillion-dollar enterprise.

The deal marks a return to ABC's roots in domestic comedies, with such shows as "Roseanne," "Home Improvement," "My Wife and Kids," and "According to Jim" having worked well for the network over the years.

ABC has opted for an edgier fare in the past two years, but it's 16 comedy pilots this past development season, none was a family show.

On TV, Cedric most recently starred in Fox's sketch comedy series "Cedric the Entertainer Presents." On the big screen, he co-stars in "Talk to Me," a movie producer whose recent credits include "Sisters" and "Thank You For Smoking." Brown also starred in Fox's critically praised sketch comedy series "Cedric the Entertainer Presents." He recently starred in Fox's "Cedric the Entertainer Presents." He recently starred in Fox's "Cedric the Entertainer Presents." He recently starred in Fox's "Cedric the Entertainer Presents." He recently starred in Fox's "Cedric the Entertainer Presents."
50 Cent ‘Erupts’ Over Leaked Video

It has been reported that 50 Cent “erupted” during a meeting at his record label Interscope, after a forthcoming single and video—a collaboration with Robin Thicke—sadly leaked on to the Internet.

Reported by MTV News, the track “Follow My Lead” was due to be released as the third single from the rapper’s forthcoming album Curtis, and after current videos for “I Get Money,” and “Ayo Technology” had dropped from rotation.

According to MTV’s sources, 50 Cent heard about the leak when he reportedly ripped a plasma TV from the wall and threw a window.

The rapper said: “The process has been ill for me this go-around. I usually have to start a project myself, as far as Interscope. I got to lead. On the first album, ‘Wanksta’ just took off before ‘In Da Club’ came about. When we got to The Massacre, I leaked ‘Disco Inferno’ and they caught up with ‘Candy Shop.’

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Clips from “Follow My Lead” have since been removed from YouTube, but have already been posted elsewhere.

Described as a “laid-back, piano-driven” tune, the promo was to assist me with going to the first album, ‘In Da Club’ as far as Interscope. I got to lead. On the first album, ‘Wanksta’ just took off before ‘In Da Club’ came about. When we got to The Massacre, I leaked ‘Disco Inferno’ and they caught up with ‘Candy Shop.’

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50 CENT

Diddy is set to executive produce a film based on the life of rapper Notorious B.I.G.

The film will be made by Fox Searchlight films and directed by George Tillman Jr., who was the man behind the camera for the Barbershop films.

An open audition was called in the U.S. August 12 for anyone resembling the rapper to submit an audition tape, whether an actor or not.

Tillman will direct from a script based on Cheo Hodari Cocker’s book Unbelievable: The Life, Death & Afterlife Of The Notorious B.I.G. It will be co-produced by Biggie’s mother, Voletta Wallace.

The rapper was a major figure on the East Coast rap scene before his death in 1997 in a Los Angeles drive-by shooting. He was signed by Diddy’s label Bad Boy Records.

According to Variety, the film will focus on the side of the rapper “not seen in public life.”

Lopez May Get $545,000 From Ex-Hubby Noa

LOS ANGELES — Jennifer Lopez has been awarded nearly $545,000 in a lawsuit against her first husband, Ojani Noa, over his plans to publish a tell-all book claiming she had several affairs.

A court-ordered arbitrator made the decision in April in Lopez’s breach-of-contract lawsuit against Noa, court papers filed Monday indicated. The figure includes only $200,000 in damages, with the rest going for arbitration costs and attorneys’ fees.

Lopez’s lawsuit alleged that Noa had violated a previous lawsuit settlement preventing him from revealing private information about their relationship.

The arbitrator also decided that a permanent injunction should be awarded against Noa that would bar him from criticizing, denigrating, casting in a negative light or otherwise disparaging or causing disparagement the singer-actress.

Noa also would be directed to give Lopez or her attorney all copies of materials related to the book.

Jennifer Lopez

JENNIFER LOPEZ
Babyface Feels For Tracey And Eddie

“...I feel for Tracey and Eddie because of what they gotta go through. Everybody’s on them and now (that they’re engaged) they’re going to be on them even more. And I wouldn’t want that.”

Kenneth “Babyface” Edmonds has always been looked upon as being a cool and laid back kind of brother even since his entrance into the music industry back in the 80s.

He appears to never be too high or too low, but our Lee Bailey has heard some say he can be a bit of a funny guy. In fact, he asked Edmonds about what it takes for him to let his proverbial hair down.

“When I hang out and am around friends,” Face said. “And it doesn’t have to be prison...”

This idea of Babyface being a funny guy runs contrary to his public image. At times he appears to rarely flash a smile. The crooner says he’s not trying act “funny” that’s just his persona. He doesn’t feel like a star all the time. As a matter of fact he says he prefers it that way.

“I’m not standoffish to the point where it’s ever rude, but at the same time I’m not really in that star mode most of the time,” admitted Edmonds. He went on to say he feels for big time celebrities and what they have to go through with trash journalists that stoop to new lows to gain insight in their lives.

Guilty Plea In Jackson 5 Drummer’s Death

CROWN POINT, Ind. - A woman has pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter in the death of a former drummer for the Jackson 5, authorities said Monday.

Yolanda Davis, 45, will be sentenced to two years in prison if a judge accepts an agreement with prosecutors in Johnny Jackson’s slaying.

Her sentencing is scheduled for Sept. 24, Lake County prosecutors said.

Davis told police she fatally stabbed Jackson with a steak knife when he lunged at her during a fight. Police found Jackson’s body in a Gary home March 1, 2006, after responding to reports of a disturbance.

Jackson, 55, of Gary, replaced the Jackson 5’s original drummer around 1967. He was not related to members of the Jackson family who started the singing group.

D’Angelo 2005 Car Accident Update

Finally some movement on the D’Angelo case stemming from charges filed in a 2005 single-vehicle accident in the Richmond, VA area.

D’Angelo, whose birth name is Michael E. Archer, pleaded guilty to driving with a suspended license and driving under the influence in Powhatan, Virginia General District Court.

Judge Paul Cella fined the Grammy award-winning singer $1,000, with $500 suspended, sentenced him to nine days in jail, all suspended, and revoked his license for 90 days on the suspended license charge.

Cella also fined him $1,500, with $750 suspended, sentenced him to six months in jail, also suspended, and suspended his license for 12 months on the DUI charge. A reckless driving charge was dropped.

Michael Jackson Sued By Former Lawyers

LOS ANGELES - Michael Jackson’s former entertainment lawyers filed a lawsuit Tuesday claiming the singer owes them more than $115,000.

The law firm Lively & Singer of Los Angeles says Jackson agreed in arbitration last year to pay them $180,000 in three installments.

Jackson failed to make the final payment of $113,750 before the July 31, 2007, deadline stipulated in the settlement, the firm alleges in a complaint filed in Los Angeles Superior Court.

A message left for Jackson’s publicist, Raymone Bain, was not immediately returned Tuesday. His lawyer, Christopher Mellott, could not be reached after hours Tuesday.

A judge last month ordered the 48-year-old pop singer to pay more than $356,000 in legal fees to another firm that handled some side issues during his 2005 child molestation trial.

Jackson was acquitted of child molestation charges in the case.

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ALL MY CHILDREN: Ryan crashed Kendall's appointment with Dr. Hilliard and brought Spike back to the hospital. Zach was angry when Kendall wasn't there for lunch, but finally reconciled with her. Coming: Kendall is convinced her own way is best for Spike.

AS THE WORLD TURNS: Rosanna learned she had been in coma for two years, and returned to Oakdale with Paul. As Craig panicked at the news, Paul went to the hospital. Noah was glad he and Luke kissed, but asked him to keep it a secret because of his father, and Luke agreed. Coming: Dusty becomes the number one suspect.

BOLD AND BEAUTIFUL: Brooke felt helpless at being unable to report Andy's attack on her because of his threat to stop her from getting her children back. Kathy demanded that Brooke explain her stressful behavior the previous night. Brooke revealed her anger on Dorothy. Coming: The winner of the singing contest is revealed.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES: Sami convinced EJ to donate part of his liver to save Steve's life, so he can finally end the vendetta. Fed up with Nick putting everyone else ahead of his own happiness, after learning he's stuck with China Lee's kids, Chelsea breaks up with Nick and headed off with Jett. Coming: Belle appears to be taking up with an old flame.

GENERAL HOSPITAL: Sam made a timely appearance when some thugs menaced Elizabeth in the park. As Elizabeth told Jason to stay away from her, Sam paid off the goons, but Jason figured out what Sam did. Sam then got closer to you, which resulted in a kiss. Coming: Jason lets his anger loose on Sam.

SCOPIN' THE SOAPS Toby Goldstein

MYSTIC STARS By Lasha Senyk

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS THIS WEEK ... social loyalty, emotional intimacy and romantic trust are strong concerns. Someone close may demand extra encouragement or support, which may also be an intense wave of new flirtations or social invitations. Loved ones may demand your attention by seeking your help in keeping daily schedules. Remain balanced and avoid detailed discussions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Work routines are not easily clarified. Expect older colleagues or key officials to provide misinformation or faulty instructions. All legal requirements should be carefully documented. Business errors, financial mistakes or failed relations with customers will demand special attention.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Past friends or forgotten work mates may request your help. Expect close cooperation and shared understanding, which may lead to a very successful phase of fitness, health and social involvement. Take time to resolve personal long-term emotional commitments will take precedence. Reap the rewards of yesterday's hard work.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22). Roommates or close relatives are easily iritated by predictable responses. Mandane duties will trigger minor tensions; expect loved ones to push for dramatic home changes, revised social schedules or newly established habits. Go slow or you'll end up in a mess.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21). Love relationships begin a fresh phase of private negotiation and inward thought. Expect romantic partners to be strong in their commitments or revised family promises. Remain patient and wait for a full disclosure of their true intentions. Emotional reactions may be unreliable.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20). Expect extra care to thoughtfully outline new financial plans. Friends and relatives may be easily confused by financial proposals or proposed changes. Recent signs of poorly defined money obligations needs to end. Check facts, documents and written permissions for misinformation: errors will prove costly.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19). Home discussions will work to your advantage. Expect loved ones to defer to your suggestions or accept controversial family improvements. If so, pay special attention to social agreements, planned gatherings or recurring activities. Group habits are open to fast changes or sudden reversals. Stay balanced.

PICTURES (Feb. 20-March 20). Business strategies and long-term career goals need to improve. Expect loved ones to demand close family discussions with key officials. All is well.

ARIES (March 21-April 20). Workplace confidence, romantic intrigue and dramatic changes will increase. Many Aries may begin a powerful phase of fitness, health and social involvement. Take time to plan group activities or foster new friendships: a renewed faith in long-term emotional commitments will take precedence.

TAURUS (April 21-May 20). Romantic partners may reveal new levels of support and understanding. Sudden turnarounds may slow outside influences to affect private decisions. Encourage confidence and independent thought: at present, friends and lovers may need advice or help to make their latest decision. Coming: The King of Hearts.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Relatives and close companions will opt added support to communicate their deepest feelings. Stay alert.

TOP VIDEO RENTALS
1. Premonition, Sony Pictures, PG-13
2. The Number 23, New Line Cinema, R
4. Earth, Sony Pictures, PG-13
5. The Contract, Furla Films, R
6. Shooter, Paramount Pictures, NC-17
7. Slow Burn, Lionsgate, R
8. White Snake Moan, Paramount Vantage, R
10. The Last Mimzy, New Line Cinema, PG

TOP POP ALBUMS
1. Now 25, Various artists, Universal/EMI/Sony BMG/Zomba
2. Hairspray, Soundtrack, New Line
3. Meet Me At The End Of The Street, Prince, NPG/Columbia
5. The Dead Meat, Darius, Atlantic/Atlantic
6. Underclass Hero, Cam, Interscope
7. Minutes to Midnight, Linkin Park, Universal
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9. Every Second Counts, Republic

TOP POP SINGLES
1. Beautiful Girls, Sean Kingston
2. Hey There, Drellah, Plain White T's, Honda
3. Big Girls Don't Cry, Fergie
4. Flawed, Muse/Big Machine
5. Buy U A Drank (Shawty Snortin'), Yung Joc
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SEVENTHS Top 20 Albums
1. Finding Forever, Common
2. T.I., T.I. vs. T.I.P.
3. Sean Kingston
4. Planet Earth, Prince
5. Epiphany, Dessy, I.E.
6. NOW 25
7. Various Artists
8. The Fear Of Real Hip-Hop
9. Kelly Murray
10. Ricky
11. Lil' Kim
12. R. Kelly
13. J. Holiday
14. Robin Thicke
15. UMP
16. Rihanna
17. Robin Thicke
18. London
19. Leona Lewis
20. Fantasia

SEVENTHS Top 20 Singes
1. When I See U, Fantasia
2. I Wish You Would, Music Soulchild
3. Do You, Ne-Yo
4. Make Me Better, Fabolous Featuring Ne-Yo
5. Sheway, Piles Featuring T-Pain
6. Let It Go, Keyshia Cole Featuring Missy Elliott & Lil' Kim
7. Same Girl, R. Kelly Duet With Usher
8. Please Don't Go, 2Pac
9. Cant's Help It (Soulja Boy)
10. Boy/Girl, Kyla
11. Big Things Poppin' (Do It), T.I.
12. Bed, J. Holiday
13. Showcase, Supremes
14. The End, Taylor Swift
15. Get It Booted, Beyonce
16. Umbrella, Rihanna Featuring Ne-Yo
17. Sexy Lady, Young Berg Featuring Junior
18. A Bay Bay, Hurricane Chris
19. Wipe Me Down, Lil' Boosie Featuring Foux & Weezy
20. Can U Believe, Robin Thicke

GENERAL HOSPITAL NIGHT SHIFT: Stuck inside the elevator, Jason performed CPR to get the newborn to breathe, but he couldn't revive Stacey. When the doors were finally opened, the doctors performed a hysterecomy trying to save Stacey's life, only to have her finally unconscious coming. Coming: The hospital culpit faces serious charges.

GUIDING LIGHT: Despite Reva's efforts to stall them, Cassie and Josh made plans for their marriage on New Year's Eve. When Reva was unable to accept Gus' declaration that she is the only one for him, they decided to take a break from each other. Suspicious about the night she passed out in Dylan's bed, Harley had a drug test performed on Reva and showed Valem in her blood. Coming: Alan won't forget Lizzie's business betrayal.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE: Miles made a surprise confession, pleading guilty to theft. Following another memory flash, Marty helped John discover who killed Spencer, as the killer closed in on their suspect. Michael panicked seeing the officers, fearing they are pursuing Morris. Coming: Spencer's killer is arrested.

PASSIONS: Still intending to reveal the truth, Theresa left with Ethan on their honeymoon, but a vengeful Alistair sent them a wedding gift that could prove fatal. Luis finally learned that Fancie was responsible for Pretty's scars, causing Fancie to wonder how he could possibly love her now. Coming: Alisair is back pulling strings.

YOUNG AND RESTLESS: Colleen lashed out at Brad after finding out he faked Adrian's chance at the museum job. Jana told Adrian about Brad's true identity, which Colleen confirmed, and Adrian decided to include it in the book he's writing. Coming: Phyllis learns if remorse will be enough.

FORTUNE'S FLICKER: The book of St. Mary's Child/The Little Match Girl/Getting Away With Murderer/Planes Trains & Automobiles/Cinema, PG

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Father Of Five Walks The Talk

BY KEIL MOORE
Sentinel Freelance Writer

Talking the talk is one thing, but walking the talk is a completely different animal. When it comes to practicing what you preach, Otis Wilson is the perfect example. A father of five boys and the Director of both Dining Services and Housekeeper at Hanna Oaks, an Assisted Living Facility, Wilson is also able to take time to be a dedicated member of his church, Mt. Olive M. B. Church, Rev. Dr. C. P. Epps, pastor.

Wilson who was born and raised in South Carolina considers his Christian-based upbringing one of the greatest gifts that his grandmother ever gave him. During church, Wilson was able to develop a strong sense of faith and a dedication to the lord and his plan. But, the church was not only the force in the development of Wilson. Since the age of 12, he has always appreciated the importance of a hard day’s work.

Working in a lot of jobs, including picking cotton in the South Carolina fields, Wilson learned the importance of earning a living is one of the most important things that a man must do in the world. He has been at Hanna Oaks for the past 7 years.

When asked about his approach as a father, Wilson is humbled by the successes of his children. “I am proud of my boys,” he says with a smile. “I know that God is watching over them.” In choosing to parent by example, Wilson was able to guide his children towards the right path, calling on his relationship with God to lead them all through life.

Ironically, all 5 boys have the same initials (DVNW) and the same parents. They are: Delvecchio, Dellig, Delvon, Delyn, and Delmtrice. He and his wife, Mrs. Shirley Wilson, are the grandparents of 4.

Christian Book Store Opens On 22nd Street

OTIS WILSON
(Photo by Jerry Brunson)

HAROLD JONES
BY LEON B. CREWS
Sentinel Staff Writer

In an area of 22nd Street that has seen its share of bad times, the sign of change is coming.

First, with the closing of Gene’s Bar and an effort by Tampa Police to rid the area of drug dealers and prostitutes, the area is returning to a safe and marketable neighborhood.

This Friday as an example of the resurgence and rebirth of the area, the Grace Gospel Bible Book Store and Christian Supplies will have a grand opening celebration.

The store will be located at 3010 North 22nd Street, and will offer Bibles, a complete line of Christian supplies, African and American prayer clothes and other artifacts, and prayer candles.

The store also will specialize in “Old School Gospel” that will go back at least 60 years. Favorites like Mahalia Jackson and Sam Cooke will be available, as well as gospel CDs, DVDs, VHs tapes, and anything else you can think of in gospel.

Among the special guests will be Mr. Harold Jones, who is owner and operator of the bookstore, Minister Michelle B. Patty, and Randall C.

All guests will be invited to free seafood and other treats, and the grand opening celebration will begin at 5 p.m.

Group To Open New Computer Lab

In 1997, a group of people introduced a program designed to bridge the “digital divide” in the community. Having achieved its goal with measurable success, the organization now plans to open another center for residents of another bay area community.

Ralph Smith, founder of Computer Mentors, said, the term “digital divide” describes the socio-economic, racial, or geographical differences in technology access.

The new computer will open on Monday, August 20th, at 1125 22nd Street, South, in St. Petersburg. The new center was made possible by a $25,000 grant from the Verizon Foundation, an organization that has supported the program since its inception.

Ms. Camille Williams, who is a manager at Verizon, will serve as the Volunteer Site Director of the office. The classes will be held on Monday evenings and is targeting students between the ages of 14 and 18.

As a youth growing up in Pinellas County in the 1980s, there was limited opportunity for inner city youth to attend programs similar to Computer Mentors. This program will provide youth and adults with an outlet to gain skills that will assist them in gaining successful future educational and career endeavors and help to bridge the digital divide,” Ms. Williams said.

The organization will provide computer training, information access and skills development for inner city youth affected by the digital divide. In an effort to narrow the gap, Computer Mentors implemented the Internet and Computing Core Certification for teenagers. Completion of the program ensures that the students have the knowledge, skills, and basic use of computer hardware, software, networks, and the Internet. Students completing the course can also earn their own computer.

This marks the third center being operated in the bay area. The first is located in East Tampa and the second is located in Plant City.

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SECTION C
Young Vocalist Ready To Become A Star  

BY LEON B. CREWS  
Sentinel Staff Writer  

Xandria DeAbre Young (known as Zandy) is as beautiful as her name. This vibrant 17-year-old singer is equally as talented, and knows she’s destined to be a star.  

Zandy discovered at the age of 4 as a member of God Penecostal Church that she could sing.  

“I was inspired by Michael Jackson, the Isley Brothers, Temptations, B2K, Mary J. Blige, and Beyonce. I listened to their music all the time, and dreamed of one day standing under the spotlight and singing to a packed house.”  

At the age of 12, Zandy started thinking about what she wanted to do with her life.  

She knew she wanted to be a star when they sang at their music all the time, and I know that means I want to be an entertainer. Singing will be a part of that, but I’m versatile enough to do it all.”  

All of Zandy’s shows were at church and at family gatherings. A senior at Wharton High School, Zandy admits that singing is her first love, but she excels as a model and as actor. She plans to attend college and study performing arts after graduation.  

“My goal is to become a complete professional. I want to be good in all facets of entertainment, and I know that means studying and working hard. I know none of it will come easy, but I think my college experience will give me some tools I’ll need to take that next step.”  

Zandy said it’s her dream to one day pick up a magazine or have someone turn on a television and see her face.  

Sarasota Group Buys Milner Hotel  

Kalu Watanabe and other developers with the Rand Development Group have announced the purchase of the Milner Hotel site on 5th Street near 1st.  

The Rand Group, in a presentation to the East Tampa Revitalization Partnership, plans to renovate the hotel and build a gateway into East Tampa and put an gateway to the East Tampa Hotel site on 5th Street near 1st.  

The Revitalization Group said the hotel will be the second hotel under the East Tampa Development Manager, Ed Johnson.  

Johnson said everyone felt it was a viable project with legs.  

“When the MacDill Federal Credit Union stepped in to finance the purchasing of the property, we felt good about the project. The gateway was an excellent point to the partnership, as well as the potential the banner of another chain.”  

Rand Development had requested $1 million from the TIF to cover infrastructure improvements for both phases of the project. However, Johnson said the partnership agreed to provide $600,000 to create the gateway and look at the actual land acquisition later.  

Architect and urban designer John Tower created the presentation with artwork showing what the gate would look like, and partnership Chairman Sam Kinsey requested that the presentation be made at a future meeting for the entire board to view.  

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National Baptist Convention President Is Speaker For Revival

Dr. Steven J. Thurston, President, National Baptist Convention of America, Inc. and pastor of the New Covenant Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois, will be returning to the Lakeland area as speaker of the soul-saving revival hosted by New Mt. Zion M. B. Church, 1321 N. Webster Avenue on Wednesday, August 22 through Friday, August 24, at 7 p.m. nightly.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Rev. Stephen John Thurston was elected the 14th President of the National Baptist Convention of America, Inc. on September 4, 2003. He served as the 3rd Vice-President of the National Baptist Convention of America, Inc. (NBCA) from 1989-2003. Under the stewardship of President E. Edward Jones, Rev. Thurston was elected the youngest (age 37) 3rd Vice President in the history of the Convention. Prior to serving as 3rd Vice-President, Rev. Thurston served for 3 years as Corresponding Secretary of the NBCA.

Rev. Thurston is active in many religious and civic organizations. He was born on July 29, 1952, in Chicago, IL, the second child to the late Rev. John Lee and Ruth Hall Thurston. Rev. Thurston has been married for over 25 years to the former Joyce D. Hand. The Thurstons are the proud parents of four children: Stephen II, Nicole D’Vaughn, Teniece Rae’l and Christon Avery Elijah.

Pastor Handy says, “We’re looking forward to seeing friends from the Tampa Bay area, Pinellas and Plant City. Come and be fed by the Messenger.”

Cornerstone True Fellowship Celebrates Cecilia Crawford Travis’ 102nd Birthday

Pastors Thomas and Katrina Lunsford and the Cornerstone True Fellowship Family of Lake Wales, are blessed to have Cecilia Travis celebrate her 102nd birthday.

Mrs. Travis was born on July 25, 1905, in Paducah, Kentucky. She has 7 children and over 70 combined grandchildren, great grandchildren and great, great grandchildren. This lovely little lady played the piano at her church for years. She’s still going to church and doing well and she is as stylish and elegant as ever!

New Grandparents

Proud grandparents, Mary and William Poiidexteber with granda, Myles and Bryce, and their mom, Latasha.

The Poiidextebers - William and Mary of Lakeland are the proud grandparents of the newest heir to the Poiidexteber throne via Lakeland and Atlanta, Georgia.

Mr. Hilary and Latasha Poiidexteber of Atlanta, GA present their brand new heir, namely, Master Bryce H. Poiidexteber, born on July 19, 2007, weighing in at 7 pounds and 1 ounce. Master Myles Poiidexteber who’s 3 years old, is already protective of his little brother.

Grandma Mary remained in Atlanta while Latasha is on the recovery mode. Grandpa William remains in Lakeland to keep Poiidexteber’s Arts/Prints and Barber shop up and running.
Gabbing with Gloria
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By Gloria Jennings

August Birthday

Happy birthday to the following August celebrants: Mrs. Doris McKnight, longtime Sentinel reader, whose natal day was August 15th. Doris resides in Zephyrhills and is a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Polk County. She is employed by the State of Florida, Lakeland Division of the Child Support System. She and family are members of First Missionary Baptist Church in Winter Haven. Happy birthday to you.

Angela Lisbon-Mc Cormick, Director at the Child Development Center, Inc., will enjoy her 29th birthday on August 30th. Her mom, Lena Lisbon, owner of the Center, has shown great improvement in her health. She is a faithful member at New Mt. Zion M. B. Church where her pastor is Dr. J. S. Hardie. Also celebrating their natal days this month are: Jan McDougal, Polk Community College and member of Bethel AME Church, Lakeland; and Annette Long-Holmes, Zion Hill Primitive Baptist Church.

Happy belated 49th birthday, Ms. Carrie Spencer, popular Sand Shaw. Get well wishes are also extended to members of New Mt. Zion: Mrs. Rose Taylor and Dorothy "Dot" Sanders of Groover Village Senior Complex.

Carrie Spencer, popular young mother who resides on Lincoln Ave., is currently caring for her parents during their illnesses. Her mom, Ms. Willie Mae Spencer was recently confined to Lakeland Regional Medical Center and her dad, Mr. W. Spencer remains confined at home on Lincoln Ave.

On the Mend
Mr. Sebring Flemming, known as "Mr. Sonny Boy, The King Of The Roasted Peanuts and Crabs on Lincoln Avenue and 5th Street," is loved by everyone including by his beloved customers. He is currently recovering from hip surgery at his home. He is currently a patient at Lakeland Regional Medical Center.

His wife, Mrs. Geneva Flemming is also on the mend and is being provided special care from her grandchild.

Rhema Family Worship
...And He gave us some Apostles, and some prophets, and some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints for the edifying of the body of Christ. Ephesians 4:12

To Pastor H. B. Holmes, on Sunday, August 5th, 2007, at 4 p.m. at First Baptist Institutional Church, Rev. Alex Harper, Sr., Pastor.

The Guest Speaker will be the Rev. B. D. Dinkins, St. Benedict McLeod is President, St. Shirley Simon is Chairperson. The Mistress of Ceremony, Sister "Pat" Neloms. The members of First Baptist Church and your pastor, Luther King Blvd., and Rev. Harper, Sr. hope to see you all there.

Gabbing with Gloria received a special invitation to attend and am also looking forward to seeing you there.

Gloria's Things & Things Upcoming events:
• The First Family and Friends Day event on the 1st day of the month.
• The Eleventh Annual Family Reunion event is held a.m. at First Baptist Institutional Church, Rev. Alex Harper, Sr., Pastor.

Reunion Plans Being Made The Polk County Community Reunion will be held October 21-27, 2007. The Planning Committee is hard to make this celebration a memorable and fun-filled reunion final. This is a projected reunion committee member (all former family and friends are welcome to attend).

For further information call waking up of the children, and to provide a Spiritual Retreat that will encourage Christian women to look to Christ who is able to meet their needs. The event was held at the Sand Key Resort in beautiful Clearwater Beach.

The relaxation "For Women Only" activities included a Welcome to Our Island Reception, Keynoter: Women, Annual Picnic at Sand Key Island Park, A Scenic Morning Tour, Encouraged in White Banquet, Good Morning Lord!

The Amenities of Prayer and Meditation and Reflections On The Gulf Women's Retreat Reflections on the Gulf hosted its Thirteenth Annual Christian Women's Retreat on July 18 - 21, 2007. The purpose of this annual event is to provide a Spiritual Retreat that will encourage Christian women to look to Christ who is able to meet their needs. The event was held at the Sand Key Resort in beautiful Clearwater Beach.

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Club Kathleen’s Birthday Bash

As always, the Birthday Bash for the July celebrants held at Club Kathleen’s was a fun-filled event.

Gloria Jennings and her godbrother, Arthur Johnson at the huge surprise birthday bash at the Elks. Gloria’s turned 71 on July 26th and Arthur turned 63 on July 16th.

Timothy Randolph, Gloria Jennings and Harold Silas enjoyed the 4th Sunday Dinner, as well as the gifts presented.

Mr. Flo Bonds is the caterer at Club Kathleen. Guests attended the birthday bash were Yvonne Green and Barbara Polite-Davis.

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Internal Evidence of Racial Discrimination

The appeals court for our American females were fired for doing a heavy cleaning, which their white co-workers was not required to do. The Court ruled that discriminatory intent may be inferred from the defendant's conduct. Further, the Court held that Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 does not require the intent to discriminate, but merely the intent to carry out a practice that had a discriminatory effect. Because the principle purpose of Title VII is to root out the discriminatory effect of employment practices.

TIP #67

Unless your supervisor calls you the "N-word" or physically assaults you, you will need to prove that you were discriminated against by presenting "circumstantial" evidence of racial discrimination.

The appeals court for our jurisdiction, the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals which sits in Atlanta, published rulings that establish what victim of workplace discrimination would need to present a "prima facie case of racial discrimination." That four-part test is as follows:

1. he or she is a member of a racial minority;
2. he or she was subjected to an adverse job action;
3. he or she was qualified to do the job; and
4. similarly-situated co-workers are not members of the plaintiff's group received more favorable treatment.

This is called McDonnell Douglas test, because it is based upon a 1973 Supreme Court decision called McDonnell Douglas vs. Green. This test has been modified and applied to other types of discrimination, which will be covered in subsequent "Workplace Survival Tips" articles.

TIP #68

Unless your supervisor calls you the "N-word" or physically assaults you, you will need to prove that you were discriminated against by presenting "circumstantial" evidence of racial discrimination. Often the key question will be whether the supervisor has "discriminatory intent." What is discriminatory intent? In Slack v. Havens (9th Cir. 1975), Ms. Slack and three other African American females were fired when they refused to do heavy cleaning, which their white co-workers was not required to do. The Court ruled that discriminatory intent may be inferred from the defendant's conduct. Further, the Court held that Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 does not require the intent to discriminate, but merely the intent to carry out a practice that had a discriminatory effect. Because the principle purpose of Title VII is to root out the discriminatory effect of employment practices.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of Public Hearing
A public hearing will be held by the Zoning Hearing Master, pursuant to Hillsborough County Ordinance 92-05, beginning at 6:00 p.m., on September 4, 2007, at the Board Room, 2nd floor of the County Center, 601 E. Kennedy Blvd., Tampa, to hear the following requests.

Copies of the applications, department reports and legal descriptions are available for public inspection in a master file maintained by the Planning and Growth Management Department, the Board of County Commissioners and the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners. All interested persons wishing to submit testimony or other evidence in this matter must submit same to the Hearing Master at the public hearing before him/her. The recommendation of the Zoning Hearing Master will be filed with the Clerk within fifteen (15) working days after the conclusion of the public hearing.

The review of the Zoning Hearing Master's recommendation by the Board of County Commissioners of Hillsborough County shall be restricted to the record as defined in Hillsborough County Ordinance 92-05, unless additional evidence and/or oral argument is permitted pursuant to the terms of the ordinance.

ANY PERSON WHO MIGHT WISH TO APPEAL ANY DECISION OR RECOMMENDATION MADE BY THE ZONING HEARING MASTER OR THE GOVERNING BODY REGARDING ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT THE FORTHCOMING PUBLIC HEARING IS HEREBY ADVISED THAT THEY WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS AND FOR SUCH PURPOSE, THEY MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE AS IT WILL INCLUDE THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH SUCH APPEAL IS TO BE BASED.

Additional information concerning these requests may be obtained by calling the Department of Planning and Growth Management at (813) 270-2059.

REZONING REQUESTS
Petition RZ 07-1039-HK, filed on 4/5/2007 by Lakemore Motel, represented by Michael D. Homer, AICP of 14502 N. Dale Mabry Hwy., #200, Tampa, FL 33618, ph 813-982-2395, requesting a zoning change from CG to PD. The property is 0.85 acres ± and is located in all or parts of Section 7 Township 28 Range 17 or N/S of Race Track Rd., 400 NE of McCormick Dr.

Petition RZ 07-1377-LU, filed on 5/21/2007 by Susan Sisk, represented by Engelhardt, Hamm & Assoc., Inc. of 3001 N. Rocky Point Dr. E., #300, Tampa, FL 33607, ph 813-282-3855, requesting a zoning change from ASC-1 to PD. The property is 7.64 acres ± and is located in all or parts of Section 1 Part 2 Township 27 Range 18 or SE corner of Newberger Rd. & US Highway 41.

Petition RZ 07-1659-LU, filed on 7/12/2007 by Barbara J. Graham, represented by Steve Allison of 3001 N. Rocky Point Dr. E., #300, Tampa, FL 33607, ph 813-282-3855, requesting a major modification to allow Big Box Retail and Bank or Restaurant drive-through. The property is 41.7 acres ± and is presently zoned PD-MU (96-360). It is located in all or parts of Section 19, 30 Township 28 Range 17 or SW corner of W. Hillsborough Ave. & Double Branch Rd.

MAJOR MODIFICATION REQUESTS
Petition MM 07-0329-NWH (Remand), filed on 12/7/2006 by Hogan Double Branch Joint Venture, LLC, represented by Engelhardt, Hamm & Assoc., Inc. of 3001 N. Rocky Point Dr. E., #300, Tampa, FL 33607, ph 813-282-3855, requesting a major modification to allow Big Box Retail and Bank or Restaurant drive-through. The property is 41.7 acres ± and is presently zoned PD-MU (96-360). It is located in all or parts of Section 19, 30 Township 28 Range 17 or SW corner of W. Hillsborough Ave. & Double Branch Rd.

Public hearing will be held by the Zoning Hearing Master, pursuant to Hillsborough County Ordinance 92-05, beginning at 6:00 p.m., September 5, 2007, at the Board Room, 2nd floor of the County Center, 601 E. Kennedy Blvd., Tampa, to hear the following requests.

Copies of the applications, department reports and legal descriptions are available for public inspection in a master file maintained by the Planning and Growth Management Department, the Board of County Commissioners and the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners. All interested persons wishing to submit testimony or other evidence in this matter must submit same to the Hearing Master at the public hearing before him/her. The recommendation of the Zoning Hearing Master will be filed with the Clerk within fifteen (15) working days after the conclusion of the public hearing.

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REZONING REQUESTS
Petition RZ 07-0429-NWH, filed on 12/19/2006 by Foley & Lardner, LLP of 100 N. Tampa St., #2700, Tampa, FL 33602, ph 813-229-2300, requesting a change from M & PD to PD. The property is 24.83 acres ± and is located in all or parts of Section 7 Township 28 Range 17 or N/S of Race Track Rd., 400 NE of McCormick Dr.

Petition RZ 07-0430-NWH, filed on 12/19/2006 by Foley & Lardner, LLP of 100 N. Tampa St., #2700, Tampa, FL 33602, ph 813-229-2300, requesting a zoning change from RSC-9 to RSC-3. The property is 144.33 acres ± and is located in all or parts of Section 28 Township 27 Range 17 or NW corner of Race Track Rd. & McCoomick Dr.

Petition RZ 07-0500-BR (Remand), filed on 1/4/2007 by Zons Development, represented by Engelhardt, Hamm & Assoc., Inc. of 3001 N. Rocky Point Dr. E., #300, Tampa, FL 33607, ph 813-282-3855, requesting a zoning change from AR to PD. The property is 25.67 acres ± and is located in all or parts of Section 7 Township 28 Range 22 or N/S of W. Kitley Rd., 200 E/O the Seaboard Coastline Railroad.

Petition RZ 07-1342-RU, filed on 5/18/2007 by Thomas J. Schreiber, represented by Mechanik, Nuccio, Heanne & Webster, P.A. of 305 S. Boulevard, Tampa, FL 33606, ph 813-276-1923, requesting a zoning change from AR to PD. The property is 2.67 acres ± and is located in all or parts of Section 6 Township 19 Range 19 or S/W of 19th Ave. NW, 400 W/O 1st St.

Petition RZ 07-1659-LU, filed on 7/11/2007 by Wade Bader, represented by Engelhardt, Hamm & Assoc., Inc. of 3001 N. Rocky Point Dr. E., #300, Tampa, FL 33607, ph 813-282-3855, requesting a zoning change from RSC-4 to BP-Q. The property is 1.27 acres ± and is located in all or parts of Section 25 Township 27 Range 18 or SE of E. Chapman Rd. & E. Alabama Ave.

Petition RZ 07-1894-BYT, filed on 7/12/2007 by Brickyemley, Smoker & Bokas, P.A., 500 E Kennedy Blvd., #200, Tampa, FL 33602, ph 813-223-3888, requesting a zoning change from PD (96-757) to BP-Q. The property is 0.24 acres ± and is located in all or parts of Section 16 Township 30 Range 21 or northwesterly corner of Lido Spring's & Lido Pinescrest Rd.

Petition RZ 07-1671-TH, filed on 7/12/2007 by Barbara J. Graham, represented by Steve Allison of P.O. Box 6427, Tampa, FL 33664, ph 813-968-9720, requesting a zoning change from AR to PD. The property is 21.72 acres ± and is located in all or parts of Section 1 Township 28 Range 20 or N/S of Knights Griffin Rd., 350 E/O Ed Derison Rd.

MAJOR MODIFICATION REQUESTS
Petition MM 07-0329-NWH (Remand), filed on 12/7/2006 by Hogan Double Branch Joint Venture, LLC, represented by Engelhardt, Hamm & Assoc., Inc. of 3001 N. Rocky Point Dr. E., #300, Tampa, FL 33607, ph 813-282-3855, requesting a major modification to allow Big Box Retail and Bank or Restaurant drive-through. The property is 41.7 acres ± and is presently zoned PD-MU (96-360). It is located in all or parts of Section 19, 30 Township 28 Range 17 or SW corner of W. Hillsborough Ave. & Double Branch Rd.

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The RFP documents will be available for download from HART’s website at www.hartline.org after 11:00 AM, on Monday, August 20, 2007. The documents can be located under the Purchasing Section. All inquiries pertaining to the specifications or any questions in reference to the proposal must be directed to Damaris Cordova, Purchasing Agent, Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority, 4305 East 21st Avenue, Tampa, Florida 33605 (813) 623-5835 ext. 1170 or e-mail at cordova@hartline.org.

HILLSBOROUGH TRANSIT AUTHORITY
HART RFP R07011
VENDING CONCESSIONAIRE

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Notice of Public Hearing

A public hearing will be held by the Board of County Commissioners, pursuant to Hillsborough County Land Development Code, beginning at 1:30 p.m., September 25, 2007, at the Board Room, 2nd floor of the County Center, 601 E. Kennedy Blvd., Tampa, to hear the following requests.

Copies of the applications, department reports and legal descriptions are available for public inspection in a master file maintained by the Planning and Growth Management Department. All interested persons wishing to submit testimony or other evidence in this matter must submit same to the Board of County Commissioners at the public hearing before the Board. The decision regarding the applications will be determined by a vote of the Board of County Commissioners at the public hearing after the Board. The Board of County Commissioners at the public hearing.

Any person who might wish to appeal any decision made by the Board of County Commissioners regarding any matter considered at the forthcoming public hearing or meeting is hereby advised that they will need a record of the proceedings for and for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made as it will include the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

Additional information concerning these requests may be obtained by calling the Department of Planning and Growth Management at (813) 276-2058.

REVOCATION OF ALCOHOL SPECIAL USE PERMIT

The following petitions will be heard beginning at 1:30 p.m.:

Petition PRS 05-2025-EL, filed on 08/23/2005 by Master Sergeant Bruce Woodbury of the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office, 2008 E. 8th Ave., Tampa, FL 33605, p/h 813-247-8000, requesting the revocation of Alcoholic Beverage Permit SU 92-0152-AB utilized by Night Gallery Bottle Club at 10103 Hwy. 92 E. The Club is classified as a bottle club, which is a business establishment where no alcoholic beverages are sold but where patrons may keep or bring their own alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Competitive sealed qualifications will be received by the Southwest Florida Water Management District, Brooksville, Florida, and publicly opened at the specified time for:

RFP 010-07 - EXPANDED DEVELOPMENT OF A WETLAND ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE (WAP) DATABASE. Responses are requested to be submitted by September 18, 2007 at 2:30 p.m.

Specifications may be obtained for a fee from the District’s Internet website at http://www.watermatters.org/procurement or purchased from the Purchasing Office, Southwest Florida Water Management District, 2379 Broad Street, Brooksville, FL 34604-8899, or by calling 352-795-7211, extension 4132, or 1-800-423-1476 (Florida only) or TDD ONLY 1-800-231-6103 (in Florida).

Respondents requesting packages through the District will be charged copying and shipping/handling costs in accordance with District Policy 13-2 Administrative Fees.

The District reserves the right to reject any and all responses received with or without cause.

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CPCM, CPPB
Contracts Administrator

HILLSBOROUGH TRANSIT AUTHORITY
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Call For Artists “HARTart in Motion”

The Hillsborough Transit Authority (HART) announced a public art opportunity for artists to provide public art for the HART West Tampa (TBC) transfer Center project to be constructed in fiscal Year 2007 through 2008. The goal is to select a person or team to work with HART on a project at the transfer center within given exterior wall surfaces of the building which will be placed at the facility.

The RFP documents will be available for download from HART’s website at www.hartline.org after 11:00 AM, on Friday, August 17, 2007. The documents can be located under the Purchasing Section. All inquiries pertaining to the specifications or any questions in reference to the proposal must be directed to Damaris Cordova, Purchasing Agent, Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority, 4305 East 21st Avenue, Tampa, Florida 33605 (813) 623-5835 ext. 1170 or e-mail at cordova@hartline.org.

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Tampa Bay Water is accepting written Statements of Qualifications (SOQ) for the one-year, As-Needed Strategic Communications Contract. Requested consulting services span a broad range of public relations and communications disciplines related to the agency’s daily activities and capital improvement initiatives. General work includes but is not limited to strategic communications planning, crisis communications, public relations initiatives, media relations, emergency response communications, and public involvement program development and implementation.

The mandatory submission requirements are available by calling the Tampa Bay Water Records Department at (727) 796-2355, or via the Internet at www.tampabaywater.org after Aug. 14, 2007. Request “As-Needed Strategic Communications Information Packet, Contract #2008-13.”

Firms will be selected based on qualifications in accordance with the provisions of Tampa Bay Water’s procurement policies.

Interested firms must deliver three copies of Statements of Qualifications to the Records Department, Tampa Bay Water, 2575 Enterprise Road, Clearwater, FL 33763, on or before 3:00 pm EST Sept. 5, 2007, addressed to Michelle Rapp, Public Affairs Officer, Indicate “As-Needed Strategic Communications, Contract #2008-13.”

Tampa Bay Water is accepting written Statements of Qualifications (SOQ) for the one-year, As-Needed Design and Creative Services Contract. General work includes, but is limited to, comprehensive strategic communications planning for communications publications and campaigns; copywriting for various collateral pieces and print and broadcast advertising; art direction and graphic design capabilities; print and broadcast production; and media planning and purchasing expertise.

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