INVESTITURE CEREMONY HELD FOR U. S. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

Family members, friends, and associates were on hand for the Investiture Ceremony for the Honorable Mary Stenson Scriven for the lifetime appointment as United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida. The ceremony was held at the Stetson University, College of Law, and the Honorable Anne C. Conway, Chief Judge presided. Judge Scriven was sworn in as the first African American woman to serve in this capacity. She is shown with her family from left to right: son, Tyler Scriven, daughter, Sarah Scriven, her husband, Attorney Lansing Scriven, and youngest son Charles, after the ceremony. (PHOTOGRAPH BY JERRY BRUNSON).
Longshoremen Local 1402 Elects New President

On Tuesday night, members of the International Longshoremen's Association, Local 1402 elected new officers. The election is for a term of three years.

James Harrell and William Forde challenged incumbent president, Perry Harvey, Jr., for the position of president. Harrell won 180 votes, Forde captured 158 votes, and Harvey won 12 votes.

In a bid for Vice President, Wardell Norman defeated Ernest Richards, Jr., (69) and Alvin Lynch (56) with 79 votes. Ms. Sharon Wright defeated Gregory Westen, 101 votes to 94 for the position of Recording Secretary.

Paul Hayes won 103 votes to beat out Charles Johnson, Jr., with 96 votes for the office of Treasurer. The office of Chairman of the Board of Trustees went to Theodore Donaldson with 88 votes. Malcolm Black, Sr., won 72 votes, Frank Scott Williams, won 30 votes, and William Standberry captured 12 votes in the race.

Four trustee positions were also filled. Trustee Seat #1 went to Billy Helms with 121 votes. He beat out Wayne Blaine, 101, Jackie Casillas (19) and Stephen Hall, (43). Alphonse Clardy won trustee Seat #2 with 105 votes. Isaac Canty (72) and Clifford Roberts (36) were also competing for the seat.

Pelham Golden won Trustee Seat #3 with 126 votes. He defeated Cedric Bellamy (23) and Hercules Gilmore (52). The fourth Trustee Seat went to Roger R. Johnson with 121 votes. His challengers were Malcolm Black, Jr., and Benito Torres who both tied with 40 votes.

Long History As President

This election ended a period of 35 years in which Harvey had served as president of the union. Prior to his being named president in 1973, his father, the late Mr. Perry Harvey, Sr., founded the union in 1935 and served as its president until his death in 1973.

In addition to being an established business owner, Harvey became the first Black elected in a citywide campaign to the City Council in 1983.

Thomas Scott later defeated Harvey in his bid for District 3 of the Hillsborough County Board of Commissioners. City Editor Iris B. Holton can be contacted at (813) 248-1921 or by e-mail holton@flsentinel.com

James Harrell...Newly Elected President of ILA Local 1402

Perry Harvey, Jr. ...Losses Election after 35 Years as President of ILA Local 1402

JAMES HARRELL

PEYR HAYRE, JR.

Man Described As ‘Gentle Giant’ Dies Of Cancer

BY LEON B. CREWS
Sentinel Staff Writer

In September 2008, Andre Talley was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. On December 6th, he passed away at a hospital in Raleigh, North Carolina. He was 39.

Talley was the nephew of Ms. Annie Talley, who passed away unexpectedly 18 months ago.

Talley was born in Tampa and raised in Tampa Heights. He loved sports and was an exceptional athlete. Although he stood 6’6” tall and looked very intimidating, family members said he was known as the “Gentle Giant.”

“When he was diagnosed, we tried to bring him back to Tampa, but weren’t successful,” said his sister, Rhonda Jackson.

“He had a big heart for everyone, and really loved to garden and cook.”

Ms. Jackson and another sister, Bridgette, because he was such a big man.

“People who didn’t know Andre, before transferring to Tennessee State. An injury during his junior year ended his football career, but he remained active and never gave up his dream of being a professional football player.

A lot of people in the area may remember Talley as a bouncer at several clubs in the area.

Family and friends will hold a private memorial service at a later date, and say they appreciate the calls they’ve received.

ANDRE TALLEY

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7 A.M. TO 12 P.M. AND NEW YEAR’S EVE UNTIL 12 P.M.
Two Victims Of House Fire Die

BY IRIS B. HOLTON
Sentinel City Editor

An early morning house fire has claimed the lives of two family members who were injured. The third victim remains in serious condition. The fire occurred around 6:30 a.m., Monday at 2905 E. Chipco Street.

According to Tampa Fire Department Captain Bill Wade, the fire was caused by a space heater too close to a sofa in the house. Mrs. Mary Jones Bynes, 73, Mr. Willie Bynes, 68, and their 26-year-old granddaughter, Ms. Michelle Williams, who was unconscious when located, and their 26-year-old daughter, Ms. Mary's house was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital, where she is listed in serious condition. It appeared that all three of the victims were up and trying to get out, but were unsuccessful, Captain Wade said.

Neighbors Tried To Help
Julius Henderson attempted to help rescue his neighbors. "I was asleep when I heard my father and sister screaming to call the fire department, Ms. Mary's house was on fire. Ms. Mary, Mr. Willie and LaToya were in the house and couldn't get out because of the burglar bars. I took a brick and broke the window."

Tampa Police Officer Susan Bowers, Officer Lee McGruder, and Officer Mike Collins were also on the scene trying to help the family escape, but were unable to gain entry.

Damage to the one-story concrete block home is estimated in excess of $100,000. A smoke alarm was found in the home, but it was not equipped with a battery.

The deaths of Ms. Williams and Mr. Bynes are the 5th and 6th deaths attributed to fires this year, Captain Wade said.

Funeral arrangements for Mr. Bynes are pending. Funeral services for Ms. Williams are scheduled for Tuesday. Aikens Funeral Home is in charge of handling arrangements. (See funeral page).

Man Chokes Roommate To Death Over Cigarettes

RICK MING...was choked to death by his roommate.

After an investigation, Tampa Police have charged a man's roommate with murder.

On Tuesday morning, Tampa Police Dispatch received a 9-1-1 call from Billy Locke, 50, who thought his roommate was dead. When officers arrived, they found Rick Ming, 43, struggling to death and immediate­ly started questioning Locke.

Two hours before the fatal 9-1-1 call, police responded to Locke and Ming's apartment on West Cass Street to settle a verbal dispute. Police said one roommate wanted the other to leave. But because both names were on the lease, no one could be forced out. No one was arrested because there was no evidence of any physical injuries. Both men denied any physical altercation had taken place and police left only to return 3 hours later. At press time police had not determined which roommate called in the first disturbance.

When the second 9-1-1 call was made, Locke reportedly told police he and Ming were arguing over cigarettes. He allegedly told police he had Ming in a choke hold and thought he was dead. Police have charged Locke with second-degree murder.

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This year, most Americans are concerned about the economy. Many of those individuals who planned to retire in the near future have come to realize that they must change their plans. Additionally, many of those who have already retired find themselves combing through the wants ads looking for part-time jobs to make ends meet.

So, someone please tell me why journalists interviewing President-Elect Barack Obama want to know if he is going to smoke in the White House? It seems that there are just so many other pressing problems that we, as individuals, and as Americans collectively are facing.

I was simply blown away when the NBC journalist asked the question. I was really impressed with the manner in which President-Elect Obama answered.

"There are times where I've fallen off the wagon... I've done a terrible job, under the circumstances, of making myself much healthier. ...And I think that you will not see me violate these rules in the White House," he said.

Which brings to mind, the real question. Are you going to violate the law and smoke in a smoke-free environment?

As a nation, we have banks folding right and left, unemployment is higher than it has been in more than a decade, companies that have been part of our fabric for decades, such as Circuit City, are filing for bankruptcy, people are losing their homes, and until just recently, gasoline and milk were in a race to see which one would reach the $5 a gallon mark.

Yet, the question of the week that apparently was on the mind of nearly every American was whether or not the President would light a cigarette in the White House.

Based on the things that have taken place since the building was constructed, smoking should be way down on the list of priorities.

Fasten your seatbelts, the madness and knick picking have already begun.

Civit Rights Groups Attack Recent Hate Crimes

It least seven civil rights groups have called for U. S. Justice Department intervention into a rash of hate crimes that have occurred throughout America since Barack Obama’s election. According to the Southern Poverty Law Center, hundreds of bias attacks and incidents of intimidation have take place since Election Day; including the murder of Marcel Lucero, a man of Ecuadorian descent in New York, representatives of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), National Council of La Raza (NCLR), the Asian American Justice Center, the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (LCCR), the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), the National Urban League (NUL) and the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund (MALDEF) have all called for law enforcement to monitor incidents. And to urge Congress to pass the Local Enforcement Hate Crime Prevention Act.

Targeting media outlets has become a priority of the targets. In an attempt to encourage the media to stop promoting bias and bigotry and to begin promoting news and programs that promote tolerance and understanding among communities.

In spite of President-Elect Obama’s election, Americans must remain aware and vigilant of hateful acts by the small number of racists and prejudiced citizens who would seek to sow hatred, discord, death and destruction within our society. During 2007, the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) received reports of 7,624 hate crimes involving 9,006 offenses. Indeed, Florida reported 164 incidents with nearly ten percent of the incidents occurring in the Hillsborough County area. But this is a new day. Be aware.

Stimulus Packages And Bailouts Meet Trickle-Down

Perhaps, you’ve heard the statement, “When America catches a cold, Black folks get pneumonia.” Others may have heard the comment, “If America goes into a recession, that means Black America is already in a depression.” Well, both statements are true. It is hard to imagine considering unemployment among Black people at twice the national rate. Moreover, the fact that most layoffs are based on seniority, that means large numbers of minorities and women will be impacted.

The racial role in calling for Operation PUSH, “unemployment among workers without a high school diploma has already soared to more than 10 percent.” This means the unemployment figures for Blacks without high school diplomas probably stands above 20 percent. Further, many of the support programs for families in need no longer exist, or have undergone debilitating reductions. Thus, many unemployed workers and impoverished families are not receiving cash assistance, food stamps or unemployment benefits. To put a ray of hope America’s bail-out plan has yet to trickle-down to the cash-starved and homeless.

Therefore, we urge our Congressional and Legislative representatives to work together to provide a bailout measure for poor folks. After all they pay taxes and they need investment, too.
E NOCRE! The touted rebirth of Tampa's Central Park Village is once again in the news. Called "Encore," as opposed to being named "Central Park Village Two," "Central Park Estates," or something like that, this once vibrant neighborhood is once again in the news.

At UCLA, a bust located in Bunche Hall in memory will live on because of agreements in the Congo, United Nations. Bunche's Undersecretary-General of the United Nations, Ryans, gives us an insight into just how much Bunche's labored to make real; only to be told, thanks to a mini Spots song, "I don't want to set the world on Fazackerley fire." Said Mr. Moore, "We just want to document and illustrate that there are projects in our state in which are specifically, that are ready to go.

Meanwhile, Bill Nelson's office has given wind of the revised momentum. Kathy Castor's office has given wind of it, too. Neither representative has made any specific statement as to what they intend to do.

But perhaps, that, too, will come, in the end. All for the glory of the estimated $425 million, 28-acre Encore project that would boost Tampa's sagging political outlook, which for many, has really just started and will require us to work harder and longer than we ever have before.

Unfortunately, many people regardless of their race, see the election of Barack Obama to the presidency as an indication that we have already got there and that everything in America is now here. Nothing could be further from the truth. Obama, the new president of the United States, not the second coming of Jesus Christ.

There is still so much work to be done. I believe that it is safe to say that as long as we live, there will be racism and segregation in the world. But, as we as people, must work untringly and with much determination, to minimize the effects of these two hindrances to obtain true world peace and brotherly love.

We need to move our polities from the bar and into the legislative chambers and into the offices of our governmental people. We must demand that our voices be heard, that our rights be equal and protected, that we be treated as first class citizens, and that we have a seat at the table where decisions are made that affect our lives.

We are happy and even elated that Barack Obama has got elected President of the United States. But, I reiterate that this does not mean that all is well.

I do believe that it is an indication that yes, we can improve our lot and make life better for our race, as well as other races, if we get on the ball. In addition to working hard and in unison, we must take up residency in the watch tower. The watch tower is a place where we can be vigilant and kept aware of what is going on in the United States and in our own neighborhoods.

Not only must we know what we are doing, we must know what they are talking and thinking about doing. Roll up your sleeves brothers and sisters. It is time to go to work. The doors are now cracked open.

Mixed-Use, Mixed-Income, Mixed Emotions!

Barack Obama, an African American, has just been elected to the most powerful position in the United States. He is now the most powerful man in the free world, if not the entire world. This history making event has set the world on fire. Let us pray for peace throughout the world.

In Washington, D.C.


Given the present-day state of Palestine-Israel relations, we now have a 2nd century Ralph J. Bunche. Let us pray for peace throughout the world.

Black American Insight

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Hood Times

By Leon Crews

Remember When A Little Meant A Lot?

Growing up in the 1950s and 1960s, our demands were small. When Christmas rolled around, making fact may ahead of the family was the order of the day, not unwrapping Christmas gifts.

I can't remember any homes we didn't have for Christmas trees or lights adorning their homes. It just wasn't the order of the day, and we didn't care.

How did things get so bad? How did we get out of control? Since when did we decide we could afford whatever our children desired? I understand how some parents will do whatever it takes to make their children happy on Christmas. But it appears those parents have forgotten what it took to make them happy. It didn't take much, because what you got or didn't get wasn't important.

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Happy birthday to Kamiyah.
From mom, Alexis Harrison, and grandmother, Rosemary Buchanan.
She was 3 on December 11, 2008.

**Look Who's Turning 3**

KAMIIYAH DA'NAE HARRISON

**Celebration**

DR. HENRY J. LYONS And
ACTOR JET SET HUDSON

The 1st Sunday, December 7th, members of the New Salem Missionary Baptist Church in Hyde Park invited actor Jet Set Hudson to attend service, celebrating God our Father and the election of Barack Obama.

Jet Set was received warmly by the congregation. Jet Set Hudson presented Dr. Henry J. Lyons, Servant-Teacher, with a t-shirt of President-Elect Barack Obama to show his appreciation.

Everyone in church Sunday had on Barack Obama t-shirts. What a wonderful time it was. "Change did come, so we must keep coming," Jet Set Hudson.

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**KENNETHIA**

This week's very beautiful Spotlight feature is Kennethia. The 18-year-old calls Tampa home and is a part time student and works at Verizon. Kennethia loves to go to the beach, watch movies and talk on the phone. She also loves to model and she hopes her goals of becoming an actress and runway model can come true. For this holiday season, Kennethia wishes everyone a safe time and yuletide greeting. Congratulations to Kennethia as this week's holiday Spotlight feature.
Local

Young Man Creates Unique Car Detailing Service

PATRICK DAVIS

For more than a decade, Patrick Davis has worked hard to become a big name in the entertainment industry. He's worked as a writer, producer and artist over the years, and although he did enjoy some success, he grew tired of the ugly side of the industry and decided to look elsewhere for opportunities.

Five years ago, Davis got an idea, stuck with it, and now he owns a unique auto mobile detailing service as well as a residential and commercial pressure washing business.

"When I started, I joined with a pressure washing company, Real Pressure Washers, Incorporated, and that turned out to be a great partnership. I have a live commercial with Nissan/Altima on YouTube, and things are starting to happen for me."

Davis's company is called Zanquist Automotive Car And Truck Care, and what makes it unique is there's no water involved in his car or truck detailing service.

"If you want soap and water, we can do that, but I use the Magic Washing Wax that does a much better job."

Through it all, Davis said he continues to write music, and still would like to see that become reality.

"Music has always been my true passion, and I've started working with some local artists and I still spend a lot of time in the studio.

"As far as my pressure washing business is concerned, we work on residences and have a lot of work in area subdivisions. We also wash churches, parking lots, hotels, and just about anything that needs to be cleaned."

You can reach Davis or his partner, Bruce Boston, at (813) 270-4478, or (813) 270-4478. You can also visit their website, www.youtube.com/hush films.

Reporter Leon B. Crews can be reached at (813) 249-0724, or e-mailed at crews@flsentinel.com.
MRS. CHRISTELLA DUPREE “CHRIS”

Homemaking services for Mrs. Christella Dupree “Chris” of 2917 Angola Court, who passed away Monday, December 8, 2008, will be held Saturday, December 13, 2008, at 11 a.m. at Tyer Temple United Methodist Church, 3305 N. 15th Street, Rev. Geraldine Bridges, pastor, will officiate. Interment will be in Garden of Memories Cemetery.

Christella was the daughter of the late, James and Mozella Sneed of Tampa.

She was born on January 1, 1923, and was the third of five children. She graduated from Middleton Senior High School, class of 1940.

In June 1945, she was united in Holy Matrimony to the late Theodore Dupree and they enjoyed 57 years together. She lived in Tampa all her life, you could not get her away from the church. She surprised us and decided to visit the church on June 20, 2007, in New Jersey in 2006 and 2007. She was a kind and loving person and especially looked out for the seniors. She made many friends and was known to all as “Miss Chris.” She was a long time member of Tyer Temple United Methodist Church, where she was an active member in the choir. Christella loved to sing gospel music, and she enjoyed her career, shaping the minds of young children and retired in 1988. She joined the Jesus Christ at an early age at Greater Bethel M. B. Church under the leadership of the late Rev. Hubert B. Rhodes. She affiliated with the Interdenominational and Beauty Ministries, G. T. Robinson, pastor, and the Sedom Ministry. She was a lifetime member of the National Council of Negro Women. She was an active member in the Cupedita, and Hillsborough County Retirees. She was also a part of the Tyer Temple Women’s Guild.

Mrs. Walker was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Walker, Jr., mother, Ethel Bridges; father, Richard Ellis; sister, Carrie Perkins and William Hill; brother, William; uncles, Carrie Perkins and Willie Hill; nieces, GWendolyn Johnson and William Hill; and a cousin, Nathaniel Tunsward.

She leaves to mourn her loving and devoted children, Carolyn Barton, Andre M. Wilkins, Dr. Teresa Walker (Carl), Kim Walker (Lee), and Byron Walker (Abby); grand-children, Shee Daves (Doug), Andre Young, Joi Matchett, Kadi and Selena Walker, Jayla, Jerica and Jillian Peep; great-grandchildren, Maysha Hunter, Jenae Dawes, Shalay Hines, and Godfrey; Andres Young, and Aaliyah Young; great, great-grandchildren, Niyah and Shanai Hunter; sister-in-law, Mrs. Bobbie Mae Kendrick and family; nieces, Wanda Payne; Leta Johnson; Nicole Reed; Sawn Lawson; Tammy Robinson, Kenya Young, Ashley Johnson, Audrey Johnson, Lakesia Haley and family, Aloma Robinson, all of Tampa; nephews, Robert Johnson, Aaliyah Johnson, Jeffrey Johnson, Rodrick Walker, Charlie Johnson, Dantanna Johnson, Adrian Johnson, James Smith and family, Andra Pomeroy; cousins, Linda Wayne Evans (Anthony); Linda Watters, Evie, CT, Alfonso Shepherd (Gloria and family), GWendolyn Williams and family; devoted friends, Elder Charles (Delores) Davis, Bishop James (Mattice) Howell, Alfonso (Lenora) Thornton and family, Marian Jones, Dorothy Williams and family, Willie Lee Brown, Flossie Woods, James and Delores Tynes, Greater Bethel M. B. Church.

The remains will be repose at Aikens Funeral Home on Friday, December 12, 2008, from 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. The family will receive friends from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The funeral service will commence on Saturday, December 13, 2008, at 11 a.m. at Aikens Funeral Home. Burial will be at Greater Bethel M. B. Church. The viewing will be held at Aikens Funeral Home from 11 a.m. until the time of the service, at the church, the former Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, 3111 E. Wilder Ave. The family will leave from 8:30 a.m. at Rev. Weeks, Nadine Burney and the family. The remains will be arrange from 8430 Quarter Horse Drive, Rev. Lynda Weeks, Nadine Burney and the family. The viewing will be held on Monday, December 15, 2008, at noon. Services will be held at Aikens Funeral Home.
Funerals

FRIDAY, DEC 12, 2008

Jackson

Mr. GAINES DANCIL, JR.
Homegoing services for Mr. Gaines Dancil, Jr., 62, a native of Mississippi, and a life-long resident of Tampa, will be held Saturday, December 13, at 11 a.m., at Heart Song Missionary Baptist Church, 4203 N. Florida Avenue, Rev. Jesse Washington, pastor, with Rev. Fred Gilmore officiating. Interment will be at Florida Memorial Gardens, Seffner. Services entrusted to MORNING GLORY FUNERAL CHAPEL.

Morning Glory

Mr. CALVIN JAMES WILSON, SR. (COWBOY)
A homegoing celebration service for Mr. Calvin James Wilson, Sr., a.k.a., Cowboy, of 1328 N. 23rd Street, will be held Tuesday, December 16, at 11 a.m., at Tampa East Missionary Baptist Church, 2301 N. 40th Street, Tampa, with Rev. J. S. Seantling, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Rest Haven Cemetery.

Mrs. ROBERTA BROOKS
Funeral service for Mrs. Roberta Brooks will be held privately.

Mr. BOYD OTIS JOHNSON
Funeral service for Mr. Boyd Otis Johnson will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, December 13, at Spring Hill M.B. Church, 1401 Momont Drive, Largo. Interment will follow at Orange Hill Cemetery.

Mr. TAFT RICHARDSON, JR. "SHUG"
Funeral service for Mr. Taft Richardson, Jr. will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, December 13, at Spring Hill M.B. Church, 1401 Momont Drive, Largo. Interment will follow at Rest Haven Cemetery.

Rick Lamar Ming
Funeral services for Rick Lamar Ming, who passed away on December 9, 2008, will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, December 13, 2008, at Non- Denominational Church, 3001 N. 20th Street, Tampa. Interment will be at Rest Haven Cemetery.

RICK LAMAR MING
Funeral services for Rick Lamar Ming, a native of Homestead, will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, December 13, 2008, at Non-Denominational Church, 3001 N. 20th Street, Tampa. Interment will be at Rest Haven Cemetery.

Morning Glory

Mrs. ANNIE THOMAS
Funeral services for Mrs. Annie Thomas, who passed away on December 9, 2008, will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, December 13, 2008, at Non-Denominational Church, 3001 N. 20th Street, Tampa. Interment will be at Rest Haven Cemetery.

MORNING GLORY FUNERAL CHAPEL.

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MRS. GRACIE LEE WASHINGTON

Mrs. Gracie Lee Washington of Live Oak, Florida, was born on July 8, 1921, and passed away in the early morning on December 13, 2008. She was the third child of the late Mark and Eliza Gibson. Mother Gracie, as she was affectionately called, attended the public schools of Suwannee County. She was converted as a Christian at an early age and was a member of the Bethel Fire Baptized Holiness Church of God of the Americas, Tampa, where she remained a faithful member until her demise.

Services and repast will be at the Bethel Fire Baptized Holiness Church of God of the Americas, 2902 N. Albany Avenue, West, Tampa, at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, December 13, 2008, Reverend LuDell Taylor, pastor.

Sermons entrusted to
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MRS. ALTHLEAN CLARK MARION

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Mrs. Althlean Clark Marion of Tampa, transitioned into a new life after a long illness, on Sunday, December 7, 2008.

A celebration service will be held Saturday, December 13, 2008, at 11:00 a.m. at Beulah Baptist Institutional Church, 1001 S. Cypress Street, with Reverend W. James Favorite, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow in Rest Haven Memorial Park.

Mrs. Marion was born January 2, 1926 in Tampa and she received her educational training in the schools of Hillsborough County. Her spiritual training began at Beulah Baptist Institutional Church for much of her young life; however, in her later years, she joined Florida A&M University and graduated from the University of Southern Florida. She was an elementary school teacher for the Hillsborough County Public Schools for 35 years, before retiring in June 2008.

She leaves to cherish her memories: a dear husband of 42 years, Arnett; brother, Carlos McFarland (Hattie); brother-in-law, Herb Hines (Katherine); sisters-in-law, Gladys Haynes, Marie Canan and Dessie Honeywell; stepson, Herbert Honeywell (Clarice); special nieces and nephews, Lauren Mobley, Karen Vanessa Brown, Morris Mobley (Rochelle), and Gerald Honeywell (Charlene); and a host of other relatives and devoted friends.

The family received friends at a wake service held on Thursday, December 11, 2008, at Ray Williams Funeral Home. Arrangements entrusted to
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MR. HARVEY “YANCY” HANES, SR.

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Mr. Harvey "Yancy" Hanes, Sr., of 2117 E. 18th Avenue, passed away Saturday, December 6, 2008, at 1 p.m. at Mount Zion A. M. E. Church, Cherney Lake, Florida, with Reverend Eastin Berkley, presiding. The interment will follow in High Anchor Cemetery in Madison, Florida.

Mr. Hanes was a native of Madison, and a resident of Tampa for 43 years. She attended Florida A&M University and graduated from the University of Southern Florida. She was an elementary school teacher for the Hillsborough County Public Schools for 35 years, before retiring in June 2008.

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Mrs. Clora M. Honeywell, 68, of Thornton, passed away on Saturday, December 6, 2008. Funeral services will be held Saturday, December 13, 2008, at 1 p.m. at Mount Zion A. M. E. Church, Cherry Lake, Florida, with Reverend Eastin Berkley, presiding. The interment will follow in High Anchor Cemetery in Madison, Florida.

Mrs. Honeywell was a native of Madison, and a resident of Tampa for 43 years. She attended Florida A&M University and graduated from the University of Southern Florida. She was an elementary school teacher for the Hillsborough County Public Schools for 35 years, before retiring in June 2008.

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Mrs. Marion received a firm foundation of family care and sharing from her parents who preceded her in death, Mr. John Clark and Mrs. Gusie Watson. She was also preceded in death by her husband, Earmar Marion.

Mrs. Marion leaves fond memories in the hearts of her children and grandchildren, daughters, Irma Marion and Sylvia Marion Carley, Ph.D. (Henry); son, Tony Edward Marion (Rochelle); sisters, Ava Lee Jones (Equilla); and Jimmy Lee Hill of Ohio, and Jobetha E. Williams (Bam); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other sorrowing relatives and friends.

The remains will repose after 5 p.m. today, December 12, 2008, at Ray Williams Funeral Home. Arrangements entrusted to
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Funerals

MR. MONROE MARSHALL, III

Mr. Monroe Marshall, III of 111 S. Newport Avenue, passed away Sunday, December 7, 2008. Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, December 13, 2008, at 11 a.m. at Ray Williams Memorial Chapel, 301 N. Howard Avenue, with Pastor Antoine T. Hawkins, officiating. Interment will follow in Rest Haven Memorial Park.

Mr. Marshall was a lifelong resident of Tampa, and was educated in the public schools of Hillsborough County.

He leaves to cherish his memory: a loving mother, Eva Baxter; father, Monroe Marshall, Jr.; daughter, Latisha Albury; sisters, Loretta, Jimmy Jr., Shaheed and Williams and Minnie Monroe; uncles, Arthur Brown, Willie Lashantate Marshall and Lakcsha Baxter; brothers, Jere Jackson, D'angela Howard and Antionette Devard-Dixon; and a host of other family members and friends.

The remains will repose from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. on Friday, December 12, 2008, and from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 13, 2008 at Ray Williams Funeral Home. The funeral service will begin at the church on Saturday, December 13, 2008, at 11 a.m. at St. John Cathedral, 3401 E. 28th Avenue, with Pastor, Bishop Eddie Newkirk, officiating. Interment will follow in Garden of Memories Cemetery.

Mrs. Lucille Hill

Mrs. Lucille Hill departed this life on Sunday, November 30, 2008, into the arms of God. Funeral services will be held Saturday, December 6, 2008, at 2 p.m. at St. John Cathedral, 3401 E. 28th Avenue, with the pastor, Bishop Eddie Newkirk, officiating. Interment will follow in Garden of Memories Cemetery.

She leaves to cherish memories: a devoted son, Robert Bradley; grandchildren, Danielle and Brandy; 2 nephews, Matthew and Brandon; 2 nieces, Jennifer and Brandi; and a host of other family members and friends.

A native of Quitman, Georgia, Mrs. Hill relocated from St. Petersburg, to Tampa 22 years ago. She was a member of Bible Based Fellowship of Temple Terrace.

The remains will repose from 5 p.m. Friday, December 12, 2008, at Wilson Funeral Home, and will be placed in the church on Saturday, December 13, 2008, prior to the service. The service will begin at 10 a.m. with Rev. W. Sims officiating. Interment will follow at St. John Cathedral, 3401 E. 28th Avenue, with Pastor, Bishop Eddie Newkirk, officiating. Interment will follow in Garden of Memories Cemetery.

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MS. LOVEVIONA MOORE

The funeral for Ms. Loveviona Moore will be held Saturday, December 13, 2008, at 11 a.m. at Maple Leaf Baptist Church, 1312 E. 19th Street, Tampa, FL 33605, with Pastor Dr. Marion Howard, officiating. She was preceded in death by: her parents, Alphonso and Zepheia Moore, Jr.; her brother, Robert Moore; her sisters, Murielle, Louis Moore, and Myra Moore; and her niece, Yolanda Jones. She leaves to cherish her memories: her 4 children, Daniel Moore, Vicki (Mary) Moore, Debra Anthony, and Jackie Moore, of Los Angeles, CA; her 8 grandchildren; and a host of other family members and friends.

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Mrs. Bessie Mae Gunn

Service for Mrs. Bessie Mae Gunn

Memorial service for Mrs. Bessie Mae Gunn of Tampa who passed away Monday, December 5, 2008, at Melech Hospice House, 7806 N. 29th Street, will be held on Saturday, December 13, 2008, at 11 a.m. at Maple Leaf Baptist Church, 3002 N. 29th Street, with Apostle Cynthia Ford, officiating. Interment will follow in Rest Haven Memorial Park.

Mrs. Dixon-Mack's father, Mr. Bennie Thornton, predeceased her in death.

She left behind many fond memories: her sister, Gladys Stephens (Albert) of Alhambra, CA; her 3 sisters, Alberta Mann and Lucille Ragan, all of Cleveland, OH; her son, T. W. Allen (Inez); her 2 nieces, Mary Jones (Walton); her 2 nieces, Yolanda Jones and Areona Jallbro; sister-in-law, Birdie Simpson; her son, Delroy Jones; special friends, Michael Hamilton; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relations and friends.

Mrs. Gunn was born on May 22, 1931, in Milledgeville, Georgia, and was educated in the public schools of Thomas County. She had resided in Tampa for over 50 years. She was employed for many years by Schiro Brothers and Del Monte Foods prior to retiring. She was a member of Jehovah's Witnesses in 1972.

Mrs. Gunn attended two congregations in Tampa. As a follower of Christ, she spent many hours of volunteering her time in sharing Bible Truths with others. After which she was unable to attend her Christian meetings, she began listening to them over the telephone. She was inspired by her Bible based hope to be faithful to the end of her life.

There will be no public viewing.

Family and friends are asked to assemble at the Kingdom Hall at approximately 12:45 p.m. on Saturday.

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MS. ANNIE MAE LANE

Homegoing services for Ms. Annie Mae Lane, who passed away Sunday, November 30, 2008, will be held Saturday, December 6, 2008, at Wilson Funeral Home, 3000 N. 29th Street. The time of the service will be announced.

The remains will repose from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 6, 2008 at Wilson Funeral Home, and will be placed in the church on Saturday, December 6, 2008, prior to the service. The service will begin at 11 a.m. with Rev. W. Sims officiating. Interment will follow at St. John Cathedral, 3401 E. 28th Avenue, with Pastor, Bishop Eddie Newkirk, officiating. Interment will follow in Garden of Memories Cemetery.

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IN MEMORIAM

WILSON

MRS. ANNIE MAE LANE
CONTINUED

Mr. Steven Lane, Mr. Rivers Watson, III, Mr. Robert Lewis, Jr., Mr. Marco Gandy, Mr. Junior Lane, Mr. Eric Gandy and Mr. Willie Fennell, Jr., all of Tampa and other relatives and friends.

Mrs. Lane was born in Albany, Georgia, on January 6, 1936. She relocated from Albany, Georgia to Tampa in 1956.

The remains will repose from 5-9 p.m., Friday, December 12, 2008, at Wilson Memorial Home. Family and friends are asked to assemble at the chapel at approximately 9:30 a.m. Saturday.

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FAMILY

MRS. BARBARA SMITH-WATSON

Homegoing services for Mrs. Barbara Jean Smith-Watson, who passed away November 30, 2008, at University Community Hospital, were held December 8, 2008 at Coney's Funeral Home, Lakeland.

Mrs. Watson was ill for a short time, but appeared to be doing well.

Mrs. Watson was from Ocilla, GA, but lived and worked in Tampa for many years. She was a member of St. John Progressive M. B. Church, Tampa.

Mrs. Watson leaves to cherish her memories: 3 sons, Roger Watson (Hope), Patrick Watson and Tyrone Watson of Lakeland; 3 sisters, Cecelia Barnes (Nathaniel) of Ocilla, GA, and Mary Pringle of Savannah, GA; brother, Billy Smith of Ocilla, GA; and family members in Tampa, Lewis Watson (Mildred), and the Watsons, Judge, Wynn and Glymph families.

IN MEMORIAM

MRS. BIRDIE M. NELSON

Homegoing celebration for Mrs. Birdie M. Nelson of 1027 N. 34th Street, who passed away Sunday, November 30, 2008, in Newport News, VA, will be held Saturday, December 13, 2008, at 5 p.m. at Wilson Funeral Home Chapel, 3000 N. 29th Street, with the Reverend Terry Vest officiating. Internment will follow in Rest Haven Memorial Park Cemetery.

She was preceded in death by: her father, David Hampton; mother, Josephine Sampson; and brother, Rufus Hampton.

She leaves to mourn her demise: former husband, James Nelson, son, Regional Nelson and family, Larry Nelson and family, Raymond Nelson and family, Eric Nelson and family, James Nelson, Jr. and family, and David Nelson and family; daughters, Shirley Williams and family, Diane Nelson and family and Laula Nelson and family; son-in-law, Billy Smith of Ocilla, GA; and family members in Tampa, Lewis Watson (Mildred), and the Watsons, Judge, Wynn and Glymph families.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

VERA M. HICKS
March 16, 1943 -
December 10, 2007

The Lord called you home so quickly. We are so thankful to have all of our happy memories together to hold on to. All of those great times helps get me through the extremely difficult and lonely times without you.

I really miss you! Christine.

IN MEMORY OF

EVERTT ANDREWS

Merry Christmas Dad even though you are not here you are in our heart and souls.

Love, your wife, kids and grandkids.

IN MEMORY OF

SHARON SLAYMON DIGGS
Sunset 6 Years Ago
Dec. 11, 2002

Our hearts hold a hurricane of grief. God holds within his mighty hand a new and brighter day. Miss and love you.

Mother, Geneva Slaymon and entire family and friends.

IN MEMORIAM

EDDIE THOMPSON, JR.
December 10, 1993

"A special person remembered and a beautiful life honored. We love and miss you very much.

Love always, mother, Martha Thompson and family.

STILL MISSING YOU

OCTAVIUS (FOOKIE)

Happy birthday Brus. I miss you so much.

Love, your sis, Miss 3Pea.
IN MEMORIAM

SHARON TOLLIVER
RAFORD
9/6/58 - 12/14/2005

It's been 3 years since you've been gone. You have gone to be with the Lord at a young age. You will always remain in our hearts. We miss you dearly and we love you forever.
The Tolliver family.

IN MEMORIAM

ALICE L. GRIER

It's been 18 years since the Lord called you home. That day was December 12, 1990. We miss you and always will.

We love you but God loved you the best.

IN MEMORIAM

MRS. EVA J. COOKIE RHYMES ANDERSON

Farewell 'Cookie'
The family of the late Mrs. Eva F. "Cookie" Rhymes Anderson would like to express our heartfelt gratitude and acknowledge those who offered their love and sympathy during the loss of our loved one.

A very special thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Maurice (Cassandra) Tucker. Also, thank you to New Salem Missionary Baptist Church, Elder Benjamin Adams, II, Ms. Janice Sturbs, Mrs. Betty Denson, Ms. Joyce Anderson, Deacon Albert Wilson, New Salem Primitive Baptist Church and family, Mr. and Mrs. Donald (Betty) White, and Mrs. Yolanda Best and family.

IN MEMORIAM

FAYE ANNER MITCHELL
1950 - 2007

It's been a year since God called one of His angels home. Gone but not forgotten. We will all miss your beautiful smile and encouragement. You were the best mother and grandmother.

Thanks to Morning Glory and family and friends. Love, the Austin family.

BIRTHDAY MEMORIAM

YOLANDA Y. MORROW
December 12, 1964

Love, your children, grandson, mother, sisters, brothers, and the Meteeye and Morrow families.

CARD OF THANKS

DOROTHY B. COOLIDGE

The Coolidge family would like to thank everyone for their prayers during our time of grief.

CARD OF THANKS

MS. VALARIE GAIL JOHNSON

FROM THE FAMILY OF

The family is extremely grateful to everyone for your prayers, visits, flowers, calls and other sympathetic gestures of love shown with the demise of our mother and loved one.

Your acts of kindness have been so comforting and have given us strength. May God abundantly bless you.

Special thanks to our family and friends, Life In Christ Church family, Pastor, Arthur Randall, Rev. T. D. Leonard and the Ray Williams Funeral Home staff.

We thank you. From, Virgil Janice, Olivia, LaShawna, Lil Virgil and Victoria.

Memoriams/Cards Of Thanks

Death Still Unsolved

Alling Mother Wants Closure In Son's Murder

BY LEON B. CREWS
Sentinel Staff Writer

It's been nine years since the murder of Leroy "Whoppo" Chestnut. The young man was found murdered in a burning car after he left the Manilla Lounge.

Since then, Chestnut's case has wound up among the other unsolved murders in the area, and although detectives have gotten leads in the case, no arrests have been made.

Chestnut's mother, Annie Etti, has been quiet sometimes and feel there's the pain just won't go away.

"I'd like to see my son's killer in jail before I leave this world. I get so depressed and feel there's nothing here for me. I think about my son all the time, and the pain just won't go away. The only thing that's kept me going is prayer and my faith in God."

Ms. Etti said because of her health, she hasn't been as active as before and hasn't been able to get out and attend a lot of the functions held for other unsolved murders.

"I will get my children involved with those groups, and whatever it takes, I want to keep Whoppo's face out there. I want whoever did this to know we haven't forgotten, and neither have the police."
WASHINGTON - The House ethics committee is expanding an investigation of Rep. Charles Rangel, chairman of the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee. The ethics panel issued a statement saying it had voted to expand an already far-ranging probe into the New York Democrat to examine whether he protected an oil drilling company from a big tax bill when the head of that company pledged a $1 million donation to a college center named after the congressman.

The move means the Rangel inquiry will likely stretch well past early January, when House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) had previously said she expected the matter to be resolved.

Republicans have called for Rangel to step down from his chairmanship of the powerful Ways and Means panel during the investigation.

Rangel, 78, reportedly helped preserve a tax loophole that saved the company tens of millions of dollars a year.

Losing Seat May Also Have Cost Jefferson His Bargaining Chip

NEW ORLEANS - Indicted U.S. Rep. William Jefferson's election loss may have cost him more than just his congressional seat.

Jefferson, a Louisiana Democrat who likely faces a trial next year on bribery and money laundering charges, can no longer offer his resignation as part of a plea deal with prosecutors.

Jefferson has pleaded not guilty in the case, which started in 2005 when federal agents found $90,000 in alleged bribe money stashed in the freezer of his Washington home. That led to last year's indictment on charges that he took bribes, laundered money and misused his congressional office for business dealings in Africa.

Jefferson has promised there is an "honorable explanation" for the money in the freezer, although he has yet to make it public.

Army Asked To Review Cause Of Two Soldiers' Deaths In Iraq

WASHINGTON - After Roger Suarez's eldest son died in Iraq two years ago, the grieving father buried him in his homeland of Nicaragua and tried to move on.

A video was posted online of a chaotic fire fight that involved his 21-year-old son, Pfc. Roger Suarez-Gonzalez. Taken from a camera mounted on a soldier's helmet, it raised the possibility that his son and another soldier, Pfc. Albert Nelson, 31, died not by enemy fire as their families were told, but by U.S. tank rounds in a "friendly fire" incident.

Suarez is not the only one questioning the Army's conclusion.

Two House members are from his chairmanship of the powerful Ways and Means panel during the investigation.
Teenager Wounded In Apartment Complex Shooting

Tampa Police were called to the scene of a shooting Wednesday night at the Jackson Heights Apartments on 34th Street and East Lake Avenue.

When police arrived, they reported that a 17-year-old male had been shot in the upper left thigh.

Police said about 11 p.m., the victim was outside the apartments at 3644 Lindell Street when a group of teenagers approached him.

One of the teenagers shot the victim and the group ran to a 1990s model blue Mercury Sabal and drove away. The victim was transported to a local hospital and is reported to be in stable condition.

Police described the shooter as 5'6" tall, weighing about 140 pounds and appearing to be between 15 and 18 years old. He was accompanied by three other teenagers at the time of the shooting.

Bank Robbery Suspect Charged

MELISSA NICOLAU FREEMAN

On Wednesday, Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office detectives arrested Johnnie Freeman and Melissa Nicolau in connection with the bank robbery that occurred on November 19th, at Momentum Bank, 15150 North Florida Avenue.

Nicolau was charged with robbery, but Freeman has been charged with 4 counts of armed robbery, two counts of being a felon in possession of a firearm, grand theft, attempted robbery, and robbery.

Temple Terrace K-Mart Robbed

At 9:34 a.m. Wednesday, Temple Terrace Police were called to the K-Mart Store at 5400 East Busch Boulevard.

When police arrived, they were told that a Black male had entered the store, approached the Customer Service Desk, and displayed a handgun demanding money.

The officers did everything he could to save the puppy. He contacted Animal Services and through persistence, they were able to get Animal Services to agree to pay for the puppy's treatment.

The bullet was extracted from the puppy and turned over to police.

The suspects in the shooting are described as appearing to be in their late teens with two wearing baseball caps and another wearing a red and black jacket. All were wearing dark shorts.

Teenagers Charged With Auto Burglary

LEWIS MURRAY

At 11 p.m. Monday night, Tampa Police said officers spotted three Black juveniles looking into parked cars near West Columbus Drive and North Oakdale Avenue.

Police set up surveillance on the trio and followed them to the area of North Rome and West Columbus Drive.

The officers were in an unmarked unit and parked in the parking lot of the Columbus Court Apartments where they maintained their surveillance.

The officers reported that the trio started looking into vehicle at that location and were allegedly holding flat tip screwdrivers, a flashlight and a piece of concrete as they approached the vehicle, the officers were sitting in.

The officers said one of the juveniles shined the flashlight in the unmarked car and were preparing to smash out the right rear passenger window when the officers jumped out, identifying themselves as police officers.

All three juveniles ran away, but two were caught.

Police charged Lewis Murray, 17, and Herbert Ford, 15, with auto burglary, possession of burglary tools and resisting arrest without violence. The third juvenile suspect could be located.

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Date: 5th day of December, 2008.

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  - HARTLine Terminal (East Lake Area) – 59th Street
  - Orient Jail, Orient Road
  - Falkenburg Jail, Falkenburg Rd.
  - 24 Hour Laundromat, MLK/Florida HA Hospital, 50th St./131st Ave.
  - River Pines Apts., 40th Street
  - Centro Place, 21st Ave./90th St.
  - J.L. Young Apts., Nebraska/Bird St.
  - Ephemery Arms Apts., Hannal/Shed Dr.
  - Univ. Comm. Hosp., 30th/Fletcher
  - St. Joseph Hosp., MLK/Habana
  - Tampa Gen. Hosp., by McDonald's

THE FLORIDA SENTINEL BULLETIN THE VOICE OF OUR COMMUNITY FOR OVER 63 YEARS
The 1st Annual Hip Hop Awards show at the DoubleTree was a successful event. A variety of entertainers were on hand vying for the awards. (Photos by Brunson)

QC Party Starters Big Chous and Owls.
The world famous Peacock was the awards show MC.
Mia Michelle and Iesha.

Gia Simmone and Mys Fox were among the guests at the awards show.
Spoken Word artist, LIFE, Journey and Jen.

Vonnie and Fefe at the Hip Hop Awards.
Old and C-Rena.

Jasmine Holt, Kiara Walker and Georgia at the Hip Hop Awards.

The St. Pete Mafia was one of the groups vying for an award.

Markus "MVP" Vance, Shonobi, Shawn October (from True Life), Ness, and Skillcollins.
Singer, songwriter, and pianist, Derrick Williams, celebrates his one-year anniversary as host of The Gospel Voice, a weekly music show, produced by The Christian Television Network (CTN) studios in Largo. The 30-minute music show premiered December 1, 2007—receiving outstanding reviews for Williams’ captivating performances and distinctive style of Traditional and Contemporary Gospel Music fused with Smooth Jazz, Rock, and Rhythm & Blues. Williams also serves as the show's Creative and Musical Director, as well as, Co-Executive Producer. The Gospel Voice airs nationally every Saturday at 12 a.m. (EST) / 11 PM (CST) / 9 PM (PST) featuring Williams on the grand piano accompanied by The Gospel Voice Band and a live studio audience. Local and national musical guests, radio personalities, pastors, "American Idol" type talent contests, and inspirational and comedic sketches are just some of the creative elements you can expect to see on the show.

The Gospel Voice will celebrate one year on air with a special anniversary show, Saturday, December 13th, featuring a word from Bob D’Andrea, CTN’s President, past guests, and shout outs to viewers around the country! To tune in watch The Christian Television Network (WCLF Channel 22) at 12 a.m. or visit www.ctnonline.com to view live streaming.

Derrick and his wife, Julie, recently started The Gospel Voice Ministries, a non-profit organization, responsible for overseeing the executive producing responsibilities of the show, donations to the music ministry, and management of the Gospel Voice Band. Eventually, the company will expand from a music ministry to include charitable works that will help individuals, families and communities in need.

Williams is CEO and Co-Founder of Derlie Records, Inc. (pronounced “Deer-Lee”), a recording label company specializing in Gospel and Jazz music. He is also a solo recording artist on the label. His music can be purchased on itunes or www.derlie-records.com. When not on tour or recording, he can be found singing the lead role of the “Rabbi” in the musical The Rock and The Rabbi—receiving rave reviews nationwide for his thrilling stage performances.

For more information to appear as a guest on The Gospel Voice Show, please call (813) 741-0827 / 1-866-337-5439 or visit www.derlierecords.com.

Retired Rattlers

The Retired Rattlers of Florida A & M University will hold their 12th-year Anniversary Luncheon today (December 12, 2008), 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Golden Corral on 56th St.

Co-chairs for this monthly event are Mary White Darby and Lucille Miles Franklin.

Charity Clothes Closet

Harram Temple No. 23, Inc., Prine Hall Shriners, will have their 4th Annual Charity Clothes Closet on Saturday, December 20, 2008, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Prince Hall Affiliated Bodies Building, 1708 E. Columbus Dr.

The organization will be giving away new and used clothing for children and adults. For more information or questions, contact Noble Charles, Chairman, (813) 417-0737, Noble Jarvis Bunts, (813) 451-7994, or Noble Byron Johnson, (813) 655-1279.
Meet The Simpsons

BRENDAN
And DADDY

Happy birthday to my husband, Wil, a.k.a., Bae Luv. From your wife and kids. No need for DNA, he's 100% Simpson, a.k.a., Baby Boy Retrn.

Ms. All The Way Live

KRIMORA JANIYA DAILY, a.k.a., POO POO

A very special birthday goes out to my daughter, Kimora Janiya Daley, a.k.a., Poo Poo, who will be turning 1 year old on December 13, 2008. She is the daughter of Taiyith Devine and Thomas Daley. Sending her birthday shout outs are: her brother, Jiarius Simmons, Jr.; grandma, Nana Velecia Wilder; and all of her wonderful uncles and cousins. She will be celebrating this weekend at Chuck E. Cheese with the rest of her family. Happy birthday, Poo Poo, we love you.

HUGGY

TIP And AN'TANISSYA

I would like to wish my little superstar a happy birthday. From, your mom, Tyra sister and brother.

Isn't She Lovely

JASMINE MCGRIFF
At 3 Months

Special birthday wishes to our granddaughter, Jasmine McGriff, December 15th. We are so proud of you; hard to believe you are 18 already, it seems like yesterday you were our beautiful baby. Now you are our gorgeous young lady. Love you so much: the family, grandparents, James and Sandra; parents, Ronald and Traci; uncle, Eric; siblings, Lil Ron, San’Kia, Arkia and Aaron.

Happy Birthday To Us

CED And BRITTINI

We have so many things to be thankful for that God has blessed us with. One of them is that we have the pleasure of sharing the same birthday on December 13th. We give glory to God for the opportunity to enjoy this day, as well as our live together. Love us!

Feel Like A Woman

MS. VESSA

"It's that time" come celebrate with Ms. Vessa at her block party December 14th (today) at Jackson Heights Apartments (Lindell side), from 7 p.m. - until. Come party like a rock star with me at my 24th birthday bash.

Birthday Notices And Other Announcements Deadline: 1 Week In Advance
Call: 248-1921 For More Info
Birthday Greetings

Happy 24th Birthday

BUGGA

Happy birthday to our #1 big dog, Bugga.
From, LD, PIP and Bear.

LD, PIP, BEAR And BUGGA

Our little angel is turning six!! A cancer survivor at age two, you're truly a blessing from God sent here to do great things with your life. You bring so much joy and happiness to our life. We are thankful and cherish each moment with you. Love, mommy, daddy and family.

JA'NYA JONES

Happy Birthday Buddy Rowe

BUDDY And SHANAY

Behind every good man stands a strong woman; we're still standing! Happy birthday! Love, your wife, Shanay.

On December 12, 2003, my life changed and I must say it changed for a good reason, that's you Miss Ze'Riah. That's why mama took the time out to acknowledge you, that this is your day. Mama will always love you princess! Love, your mother, Mrs. Kiwi.

ZE'RIAH

Party Time

RONALD And J'RON

Look who will be showing out on December 13th, with family and friends. Yeah, you see him. Do your thing Mook-Mook. It's your world this month, everybody else is just in it.
Love, mom and dad.

Happy 17th Birthday

ALEXANDRIA L. WILLIAMS

Birthday wishes go out to our girl, "Alex" on December 9th, she celebrated with her family.

We would also like to share that she was invited to attend the "Presidential Youth Inaugural Conference" (PYIC) in Washington, DC, on January 20th. The 5-day conference includes seminars, classes and the "Inauguration." She will also attend the parade and the "Gala Ball."

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She is a junior at Tampa Bay Technical School (TBT) and attends the 34th Street Church of God, Rev. Thomas Scott. We are very proud of her and her accomplishments. Keep up the good work, as you prepare for your future!

We love you. Your parents, Carlos and Edith Williams; grandparents, Marco and Peggie Fredericks, and Ms. Elizabeth Williams.

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Happy birthday Ced, 12/15/2008. We love you. Modda, Auntie Janice and the rest of the family.

Happy birthday Mari. We love you and miss you. From, Momma, Grandma, Frankie, Alisha and Sabrina.

I've had the best of both worlds with my love, “Cool.

Me, personally, I'm disgusted. I've had the best of both worlds. Great minds discuss ideas, average minds discuss events and small minds discuss people.

Oh, how very glad we are that our road will never end!! The miles that we have traveled and the rest of the family.

We love you.

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CHERRYL JENKINS
And COOL AL

We have come a long way and our journey is not at the end. The miles that we have traveled I know our road will never end!! So, I'm standing behind my dreams, our life together has just begun. So I'm holding on to you for eternity.

SHARDAE Q. NEAL

She will be graduating on tomorrow (December 13) from the University of South Florida with a B.A. degree in Criminal Justice.

We're so proud of you on your graduation day. We praise you for your years of dedication, your courage to keep walking on the path, as you continue your education we're always here watching out for you and holding you close in prayer.

This special day, we lift you up once more to go forward in God's care. He has a plan prepared for you, a chosen place for more to know. May His blessings go before you and keep you ever strong.

Oh, how very glad we are that to our family you belong.

Love you, mom and dad,

Drs. Thomas and Claudia Dozier.

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Weekly Wisdom

If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

1 John 1:6-7 NIV

Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall obtain mercy.

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**Middleton Class Of 1971**

The Middleton High School Class of 1971 is 55 years old and they are having a birthday party. They will celebrate in Grand Style on Saturday, December 20 from 8:30 p.m. until 12 midnight at the Hyatt Hotel at Busch Gardens.

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**Blankets For Animals**

Youngsters at Nathan B. Young Middle Magnet School are collecting old sweatshirts from people in the community. Members of the school’s National Junior Honor Society will use the shirts to make blankets for animals.

Anyone wishing to donate the clothing can drop off donations at the school’s Media Center, 1807 E. Dr. M. King Jr. Blvd. For more information call (813) 276-5765, ext 245.
Happy belated November birthday to: Cory Tolbert, (11/3), Reggie Tolbert, (11/11), Michael Pascoe, (11/23), Carlie Jackson, (11/27) and Lakeshia Tolbert (11/28).

Happy birthday to the following December celebrants: Allison O’Neal, Robin Hayes, Margaret Williams, Angela Whitehead, Barbara Wilkens; Lois Williams, Angela Yvonne Johnson-Smith, Aaron C. Jones, Jesse Allison O’Neal, Robin Sanders, Rodney Biggs, Thompson, Edward D. Thompson, George Thompson, Edward D. Johnson, Eddie B. Hayes, · Margaret Hayes, · Margaret Taylor Dixon, Deborah Martin, Gloria S. Martin, Thomas Martin, Ill and Saquan Mosley.

Happy birthday wishes are extended to Mrs. Juanita Banks. She will celebrate another natal day on December 24th. May God continue to bless you with many more birthdays!!

St. James AME Church News
St. James AME Church, Rev. Joe Gay, Pastor and congregation extend birthday greetings to: Troy Thomas, Doris Martin, Willie Mae Wright, 'Treniyah Ware, La Doris Morris, Malcolm Everett Caldwell and Kelby Barrett.

Happy anniversary Anthony and Pam Morgan, Dec. 26th.

Uplifting Prayers
Please uplift the following in your daily prayers: the Tolbert household. Mrs. Marilise Tolbert-Jones, Deborah Burt, Darryl Tolbert, Jr. and Ms. Lakisha Tolbert. Also keep in prayer. Mr. Chester Miles and family. You are never alone, He is always by your side.

Sick And Shut-In
We’ve come this far by faith. Get well wishes are extended to: Henry Sanders, Ralph Williams, Lillie Mae Thomas, Willie Ed Cheney, Yvonne Johnson-Smith, Lauren Jordan, Ray Barone, Jimmie Lee Bradley, Joyce Humphrey and James Akes (Tampa General Hospital).

Sympathy
Our deepest sympathy is conveyed to the Randolph and Law families in the loss of their loved one, Mr. Eddie Louis Randolph, who was funeralized Saturday, December 6, 2008, from Mt. Olive M. B. Church, with Rev. C. P. Epps, officiating.

Our deepest sympathy, along with the Belmont Community is extended to the Brown, Baxter, Monroe and Campbell families in the loss of their loved one, Mrs. Juanita Virginia Wellons Brown, who was funeralized Saturday, December 6, 2008, from Greater Bethel Baptist Church, the Rev. Oscar Johnson, Jr., officiated. Mrs. Brown will be missed by all who knew her.

Congratulations
Congratulations to Demoni Jones and Makayla Burt for recently being on the Honor Roll.

Progress Village Family And Friendr Reunion Cruise
For information about the cruise scheduled for June 11-14, 2009, call Deborah Barr Howard (813) 417-6654.

My Brothers 2 Keep Ministry
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Thought For Today
"An apology is a good way to have the last word."

James 4:7

F. Y. I.
Remember our service men and women who put their lives on the line daily.
Remember the helpers in the kitchen: Thelma, (813) 677-1541 or H. O. P., (813) 677-1541 or H. O. P., (813) 671-3614, Family Deli. (813) 677-6071. Be blessed!

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Give your child the very best!
Almond Crescents
1/3 c. + 1 tsp. all-purpose flour
1/2 c. sliced almonds
1/4 tsp. almond extract
Powdered sugar for dusting
Directions: Mix cookie dough and flour in bowl. Stir almonds and almond extract into dough. Roll dough into 1½" balls; shape each ball into a 1½" crescent. Place 2" apart on ungreased baking sheets. Dust with powdered sugar.

Candy Cane Crisps
1/2 c. crushed candy canes
Directions: Stir crushed candy canes into cookie dough. Refrigerate for 15 min. Roll dough into 1" balls. Place 2" apart on greased baking sheets.

Chocolate Orange Cookies
1/2 c. Semi-Sweet Chocolate Morsels
2 tsp. grated orange zest
1/3 c. + 1 tbsp. all-purpose flour
Powdered sugar for dusting
Directions: Stir morsels and orange zest into cookie dough. Refrigerate for 15 min. Roll dough into 1" balls. Place 2" apart on ungreased baking sheets.

Eggnog Cookies
1/4 tsp. ground cinnamon
1/8 tsp. ground nutmeg
3 tbsp. granulated sugar
Directions: Stir cinnamon and nutmeg into cookie dough. Refrigerate for 15. Roll dough into 1½" balls. Place 2½ inches apart on ungreased baking sheets.

Green and Red Cookies
Cookie Tub Dough
Red and Green food coloring
Holiday decorator sprinkles and colored sugar
Directions: Divide dough in half. Refrigerate 15 min. Divide dough into 36 pieces. Press 2 different colored pieces of dough together; roll into 1½" balls. Place 2" apart on ungreased baking sheets.

Holiday Sparkle Cookies
Cookie Tub Dough
Holiday decorator sprinkles and colored sugar
Directions: Roll dough into 1½" balls; roll in colored sugar or sprinkles. Place 2½ inches apart on ungreased baking sheets.

Snowball Cookies
1/3 c. + 1 tsp. all-purpose flour
1/2 c. Semi-Sweet Chocolate Morsels
1/2 c. chopped pecans
Powdered sugar for dusting
Directions: Combine cookie dough and flour in bowl. Stir morsels and pecans into dough. Roll dough into 1" balls. Place 2½ inches apart on ungreased baking sheets. Dust powdered sugar over hot cookies on baking sheets.

Jam Thumbprints
1/3 c. + 1 tsp. all-purpose flour
2 tbsp. jam (your choice)
Powdered sugar for dusting
Directions: Make deep depression. Place 2½ inches apart on ungreased baking sheets. Press dough into tops to make deep depression. Place 2½ inches apart on ungreased baking sheets. Fill depression with jam.

Black Tie Cookie Tartlets
1/3 c. + 1 tsp. all-purpose flour
1/2 c. Semi-Sweet & Premier White Morsels
2/3 c. + 1 tbsp. all-purpose flour
Directions: Combine cookie dough into mini-muffin cups. *BAKE for 10 min. or until golden brown around edges and puffy. Remove tartlets from oven and immediately fill with morsels. Cool for 10 min. in muffin cups.

Peanut Butter Snowball Cookies
1 c. Semi-Sweet Chocolate Morsels
1/4 tsp. ground cinnamon
1/4 tsp. ground nutmeg
Directions: Stir morsels and flavorings into cookie dough. Roll dough into 1½" balls. Place 2½ inches apart on ungreased baking sheets.

Cranberry Orange Cookies
2 1/3 c. + 1 tbsp. all-purpose flour
1/3 c. chopped cranberries
1/8 tsp. grated orange zest
1/2 c. chopped pecans
Powdered sugar for dusting
Directions: Stir morsels and cranberries into cookie dough. Roll dough into 1½" balls. Place 2½ inches apart on ungreased baking sheets.

Holiday Decorator Sprinkles
Sprinkles of your choice
Directions: Use sprinkles and colored sugar..
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Or Coors Original, 12-oz can or bot.
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(12-Pack Bud Light Lime Beer, 12-oz bot ... 10.99)

Prices effective Thursday, December 11 through Wednesday, December 17, 2008.
Only in Lake, Sumter, Polk and Osceola Counties. Prices not effective at Publix Sabor. Quantity rights reserved.
Health News

Embarrassing Female Health Issues

PART III

Could there be a serious underlying cause for excess facial hair?

- If you fight your follicles on a daily basis or sprout lots of hairs on your chin, see your doctor. Polycystic ovarian syndrome (a disorder characterized by high levels of male hormones) or an adrenal gland problem could be to blame. If you're moderately hairy (you tidy up your brows or upper-lip area once a month), you've probably just got your genes to thank.

**The Fix:** Vaniqua - a new, odorless prescription cream - has recently been approved by the FDA to decrease light to heavy hair growth anywhere on the face. Though it doesn't yield immediate results, the cream blocks one of the enzymes responsible for hair growth, gradually slowing it down as long as you continue to use it. Other options are laser hair treatments or electrolysis.

- If you are also losing hair and have stopped getting your period, a hormonal imbalance could be the culprit, and you should see your doctor. If not, your skin is just oversensitive to your male hormones (we blame our genes). A harsh cleansing routine.

**The Fix:** With a clean nail file, gently slough off the top layers of your warts daily to remove dead skin. (Do not use this nail file for anything but wart removal.) Then rub on O.T.C. Occlusal HP - its highly concentrated salicylic acid dissolves warts. If warts remain after several months, consult your dermatologist about other remedies, including laser therapy and liquid nitrogen treatments. Despite treatment, however, warts can come back. A warning: Be careful when engaging in sexual activity - though it's unlikely, hand warts can spread to your (or your partner's) genitals.

- These are symptoms of Periapical Disease (an infection of the gums and surrounding tissue affecting the "silent" infection). Heart Disease, Stroke, Diabetes, Pancreatic Cancer, Low Birth-Weight Babies. The Good News is that periodontal disease can be prevented.

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Sports

First Annual Youth Football Tournament A Success

For four months, members of the Together We Can Foundation sat down and discussed a plan to bring together all of the area's youth football programs into one enormous event.

That event, the Tampa Bay Classic Bowl Championship Series, became reality. Over a three-day period from November 28th through November 30th, teams from Hillsborough County, Pinellas County, North Miami, and North Carolina competed against each other.

Organizers Ross Fabian, Ramon Robertson, and Paul Neglio developed the plan, and with help from the City of Tampa, the Boys and Girls Club, the North Tampa Tar Heels and Fair Oaks Rattlers, everyone got together and enjoyed what turned out to be a family event.

The Nuccio Jaguars team won three championships, the North Tampa Tar Heels picked up a junior varsity championship, and the Robles Park Wildcats and North Miami Seminoles got one each.

"Our foundation seeks to improve the community through its services and programs for youth," said Fabian.

The Together We Can Foundation intends to coordinate, plan, and implement positive programs to address the problems of our youth today. This organization will provide the opportunity for more than 500 children to participate in many different programs, such as gang prevention, mentoring, after-school tutoring, athletics, at-risk programs, social services, and FCAT training. All of our programs are geared toward teaching our kids the importance of working together as a team and creating leaders in our community."

Hillsborough County teams that participated in the tournament were the West Tampa Spartans, North Tampa Tar Heels, Fair Oaks Rattlers, Robles Park Wildcats, Nuccio Jaguars and New Tampa Wildcats. From Pinellas County were the St. Petersburg Silver Raiders, and Dixie Hollins Rebels. From Manatee County were the Manatee Panthers and Azalea Bulldogs. The out-of-town teams were the North Miami Seminoles and North Carolina Jaguars.

All of the games were played at the NFL Yet Center on 34th Street and Lake Avenue and the North Tampa Boys and Girls Club.

"Together We Can" provided transportation for all of the participants, and the Robles Park Wildcats and North Tampa Tar Heels won the championship. The tournament was a huge success, and the community is already looking forward to next year.

New Mexico Picks Locksley As Head Coach

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. - In a move that has been in the making for several months, New Mexico has hired Mike Locksley to be the university's head football coach.

Locksley, who has spent the past four seasons as the offensive coordinator at Illinois, was announced as the new head coach on Tuesday. He replaces2 Paul Krebs, who was fired last week.

"This is an opportunity to work with a great group of people and build a winning program," Locksley said. "I'm excited about the challenge and looking forward to getting started."
Lions Release CB Brian Kelly

BRIAN KELLY

DETROIT — The Detroit Lions released Brian Kelly on Tuesday, after the veteran cornerback had complained recently about his lack of playing time.

The 32-year-old Kelly suited up Sunday against Minnesota but did not play. He also did not play in Week 5 against Chicago.

Bucs Regroup For Stretch Run In NFC South

TAMPA — Defenseless, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers literally were run out of first place.

That was the cold reality lingering Tuesday from a 38-23 loss to Carolina in which one of the NFL’s top defenses yielded 299 yards rushing and permitted the Panthers to convert eight of 10 third-down situations.

The Bucs (4-4) allowed one rushing touchdown, as well as a lone 100-yard rusher, all season before Monday night, when DeAngelo Williams and Jonathan Stewart both topped the century mark and each scored twice against them.

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“The loss dropped Tampa Bay a game behind Carolina (10-3) in the NFC South with three games to play. The Bucs travel to Atlanta (8-5) for another important, divisional matchup on Sunday, then finish the regular season at home against San Diego and Oakland.

Players were at a loss to explain what happened against the Panthers, who had TD drives of 75, 73, 72 and 90 yards - all entirely on the ground - after failing to score a touchdown in the 47-7 loss to the Bucs on Oct. 12.

Poor tackling was a problem as Williams averaged 8.6 yards per carry on his way to a career-best 186 yards on 19 attempts. Stewart had eye-popping numbers, too, gaining 7.7 per carry and finishing with 115 yards on 10 attempts.

“They didn’t take their foot off the accelerator. They just kept doing what they were doing and really gave it to us,” cornerback Ronde Barber said.

Tarvaris Time: Jackson’s Back In Action

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. — During their first in-depth talk about his demotion, just last week, Minnesota Vikings coach Brad Childress told quarterback Tarvaris Jackson his time to play would come soon enough.

The opportunity eerily arose three days later, when Gus Frerotte’s twisted lower back forced him out of the game and returned the reins to Jackson. He shined in the suddenness, completing eight of 10 passes for 105 yards, the go-ahead touchdown and a career-best 143.8 rating while rallying the Vikings to a 20-16 victory on Sunday over the winless Detroit Lions.

“He did a great job stepping in,” running back Adrian Peterson said. “I wasn’t surprised. I see him time after time in practice making big plays and making good throws and things like that.”

Childress issued rare praise for the project he helped pick in second round of the 2006 draft and has developed at a so-far unsatisfying rate.

“Tarvaris did a great job. A great, great job,” the coach said.

After going 8-4 as the starter last season, a record boosted by a stout defense and Peterson’s emergence, Jackson lost the job to Frerotte in September after two shaky games left the Vikings at 0-2.

Cowboys Jones Says Barber Could Have Played

DALLAS — From Detroit on Tuesday that McDyess was back for the rest of the season, but did not disclose financial terms of the deal.

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The 34-year-old Mississippi native signed with the Pistons after they won the 2004 NBA title and helped them reach the Finals in his first season and conference finals in the next three.

McDyess Re-Signs With Pistons

AUBURN HILLS, Michigan — Antonio McDyess has re-signed with the Detroit Pistons a month after being dealt to Denver as part of the Allen Iverson trade.

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Marion Barber’s tough-ness when he said after Sunday’s loss to Pittsburgh that Barber could have played with his dislocated pinkie toe. “We all know how tough Marion Barber is, but when he had his injury I felt, look, you’d have to shoot him to keep him off the football field,” Jones said. “So I was surprised that we didn’t have him. That’s not meant to be critical of his toughness. It did come out that way, but fundamentally it was because he is so tough that you would have thought that he could play.”

Marcos Antonio McDyess

The team’s athletic and medical staffs determined that Barber could not play and needed to stay in Dallas for treatment. Barber also has a sore right calf that stemmed from running he while rehabilitating the toe injury. After the 20-13 loss to the Steelers, Jones said it was Barber’s decision to sit out.

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**Sports**

**Union Appeals Suspension, Fine Of Burress**

EAST RUTHERFORD, NJ — The NFL Players Association filed a grievance on Tuesday challenging the suspension and fine given to Plaxico Burress by the New York Giants after the receiver accidentally shot himself in a nightclub more than a week ago. The union said that the team violated the collective bargaining agreement last week when it placed Burress on the reserve-non football injury list, suspended him for the final four games of the regular season and fined him an additional week's salary for conduct detrimental to the team.

Placing Burress on the non-football injury list also will keep him out of the playoffs. The Giants (11-2) won the NFC East title on Sunday.

Union spokesman Carl Francis said the grievance will be heard by an arbitrator after the season ends. Under the contract that Burress signed in September, the Giants owe the Super Bowl star $1 million of his signing bonus on Wednesday. Team spokesman Pat Hanlon had no comment on either the grievance and whether the team would pay the signing bonus.

**Rahman Vows To Beat Klitschko**

A bleary-eyed Hasim Rahman arrived in Germany on Monday for Saturday’s fight.

OGGERSHEIM, Germany — Hasim Rahman looked bemused by the setting: rows of washing machines stacked upon refrigerators. Was he really needed, though, was a bed.

The jet-legged American fighter could barely keep his eyes open during Monday’s news conference ahead of his heavyweight title bout against IBF champion Wladimir Klitschko. Come Saturday, Rahman said, he would be ready to end the fight early.

“I am a little sleepy right now, but I am looking forward to putting on a good performance,” he said. “It will be a great fight.”

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Bucs [30] vs. [27] Chiefs
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Club Scenes

Tampa Live On Monday Nights

Tampa Live is the popular night spot for Monday night fun. Friends who want to enjoy a quiet evening gather at Tampa Live. (Photos by Julia Jackson)

Raquel Richardson was one of those enjoying the evening at Tampa Live.

CYNTHIA FREEMAN
PRINCETON-TITAN THOMAS

After Party At Club 112

Club 112 was the gathering spot after the Hip Hop awards program recently at the DoubleTree. (Photos by Julia Jackson)

Danny Roberts and Trish Cutler at the after party.

The flower lady, Ms. T.

Kim Little and Masha Hasley at Club 112.

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Entertainment

Oprah Winfrey Says She Weighs 200 Pounds

"I'm mad at myself," she writes. "I can't believe that after all these years, all the things I know how to do, I'm still talking about my weight. I look at my thinner self and think, 'How did I let this happen again?'"

In the piece, Winfrey, 54, details her recent struggles with an out-of-balance thyroid and how the condition made her develop "a fear of working out." She says she's added 40 pounds to her frame since she weighed 160 pounds in 2006.

"Yes, you're adding correctly, that means the dreaded 5-0-0," Winfrey writes. "I was so frustrated I started eating whatever I wanted - and that's never good."

Winfrey also writes that her goal is no longer to be thin; instead, she wants to be strong, healthy and fit. She hopes to get started with an episode of "The Oprah Winfrey Show" during which she is expected to talk candidly about her weight.

Paula Abdul

NEW YORK — They might not go home with a recording contract, but Paula Abdul doesn't let any "American Idol" contestants leave empty-handed. Each season she designs and distributes jewelry for the aspiring singers as a keepsake of their experience.

Beginning this month, Abdul's fans will be able to buy similar items on HSN. "I pretty much wear my jewelry all the time now, but I end up giving it away," she says. "I'll take it off my wrist or neck and give it to someone who likes it."

Abdul has made jewelry since the first season of "Idol" in 2002.

Diddy Says 'Notorious,' Biggie Biopic, 'Messed Me Up'

Big Poppa and Lil' Biggie - what a combination.

Diddy said the combination of the Notorious B.I.G. and his son, Christopher Wallace Jr., took his breath away. The two appear on a remake of the classic "One More Chance," a highlight from the "Notorious" soundtrack.

"We did the Nat King Cole / Natalie Cole thing," Diddy said last week in New York while promoting his new cologne, I Am King. "Lil' CJ and his father is rapping. It's beautiful. Lil' CJ - Big's son - is actually in the movie, and it's just a beautiful thing when you hear both of them on 'One More Chance.'"

The soundtrack comes out January 13, right before the film hits theaters January 16. Diddy recently saw the finished movie, and said the portrayals of himself and his company are spot on.

"At the end of the movie, it messed me up," Bad Boy's CEO said. "I was messed up for two weeks. It made you miss him in the right way. It made you count your blessings. It's definitely a tear jerker. It's definitely a movie you're gonna be dancing in, crying in, you're gonna love it. You're gonna wanna see it again."

Aside from the Wallace family, Jay-Z, Jadakiss and Santogold also appear on the soundtrack with new music.

Belafonte To Auction Unknown Papers Of MLK

NEW YORK — An original handwritten outline for Martin Luther King Jr.'s first speech condemning the Vietnam War owned by his friend Harry Belafonte is going on the auction block this week.

Sotheby's will offer the document for sale Thursday along with two others: the scribbled notes for a speech King planned to deliver in Memphis, Tenn., three days after he was assassinated and a letter of condolence from President Lyndon B. Johnson to King's widow.

The auction house put the overall pre-sale estimate for the three documents at $750,000 to $1.13 million, with the Vietnam speech valued at $500,000 to $800,000.

Gordy Guiding Motown's 50th Anniversary

DETROIT — With archival releases, documentaries and even a Broadway musical on tap, Berry Gordy, Jr., says there will be nowhere to run and nowhere to hide from the celebration of Motown's 50th anniversary during the coming two years.

Gordy, who founded the Motown empire after securing an $800 loan from his family on January 12, 1959, tells Billboard.com that "I've been fighting to protect the legacy for 50 years, and now it seems that after 50 years we can go and talk about the real deal, what really happened and how it happened, my story and everything that goes with it. And I'm just thrilled that I'm here to enjoy now what I couldn't enjoy while I was doing it."
At 50, What's Left For Michael Jackson?

MICHAEL JACKSON

Michael Jackson turns 50 on Friday. What do you get for the man who has everything, including a killer discography, a couple of sexual assault accusations, at least one white glove, a sprawling ranch teetering on foreclosure, a sprawling ranch... And in show business, either you're embracing your fans or passing them away; there is no middle ground.

Make Some New Music

Michael could also use a new CD, something that embraces his R&B/soul roots but also incorporates the latest in hip-hop/rock. He has the money to hire the best songwriters and the best producers.

Connect With Fans

First step: End the sex scandal. Michael wants to get away from all the prying eyes - especially in the aftermath of his accuittal in his 2005 sexual assault case that threatened to put him in the slammer. What Michael has now is a different kind of profit, one of his own making. Whether he's in a residence 60 miles outside of Las Vegas or at his pad in Bahrain or somewhere else, he's not connecting with his public. And in show business, either you're embracing your fans or passing them away; there is no middle ground.

50 Cent: Eminem Is 'Like My Grandmother'

What is Eminem up to? Some photos from Santa Monica, California, surfaced online over the weekend in which Eminem is wearing all white and appears to be in some type of video set. Could it be for a clip from his forthcoming LP, Relapse? His label has no comment as to where the pictures are from, but Eminem's good friend 50 Cent had plenty to say about his friend/colleague.

Will Smith Rolling Out Low-Profile Oscar Bid

LOS ANGELES — Will Smith's new drama "Seven Pounds" is rolling out to tastemakers ahead of its December 19 release, having largely gone below the radar since early July.

Smith's role in the Sony film, as an Internal Revenue Service functionary who mysteriously drops into the lives of strangers to help them in a movie steeped in melancholy. That makes the drama an anxious one. It features the world's biggest movie star in a film that is also one of the season's most serious. There are grace notes about penance and sacrifice in this idea, but Smith is "Tom Cruise in "Jerry Maguire.""

Since this movie is so much weightier than anything he's done before, the role will be a litmus test of Smith's pre-iously unbreakable box office mystic-"The Pursuit of Happyness" almost looks like a rougher version of "Bel Air" by comparison. (Both "Seven Pounds" and "The Pursuit of Happyness" were directed by Gabriele Muccino.)

DREWW-Z'S MOVIE REVIEW

Four Christmases — Pretty good comedy starring Reese Witherspoon and Vince Vaughn. [**Y2**]

Caddillac Records — A must-see movie about a record label who introduced Etta James, Little Walter and Chuck Berry to the world. [**Y2**]

Transporter 3 — Action-packed starring Jason Statham. Worth seeing! [**Y2**]

Twilight — A vampire film falls in love with the new girl in town. A love story! No. 1 movie at box office - $70.4M. Pretty good movie minus the blood and guts. [**Y2**]

Bolt — An animated movie starring a dog (John Travolta) who thinks he has superpowers. The obsessed hamster (John Walton) saved this movie. The kids loved it! [**Y2**]

Quantum Of Solace — Daniel Craig suffered a broken arm and 26 gunshot wound doing this movie. Enough said! Rollercoaster of action. No. 1 at box office - $70M. [**Y2**]

Role Model — Above-Average comedy with too much profanity. Not for kids under 13. [**Y2**]

Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa — An average animation for kids. I usually like these types of movies, but this one moved too slow. No action! [**Y2**]

Rockies Roll — This crime caper starts out slow but picks up in the end. [**Y2**]

Fireproof — A heroic fireman in a falling marriage takes up his father's challenge to be part of a 40-day commitment to save his marriage. Must see for married couples. [**Y2**]

Max Payne — Mark Wahlberg plays an out-of-control cop looking for the killers who killed his family. You want to pass on this one. [**Y2**]

The Secret Life of Bees — Pretty good, tear-jerker drama set in the 1920s starring Dakota Fanning, Queen Latifah and Alicia Keys. Jada Pinkett Smith executive produced this movie. Must See! [**Y2**]

W — The Life and controversial presidency of George Bush played by Josh Brolin. Director Drew Ziese (who you how President Bush messed up this country. If you feel like getting a headache, this one is for you. Must see for history sake! [**Y2**]

Body Of Lies — Leonardo DiCaprio and Russell Crowe star in this thriller about a CIA operative going undercover to catch a major terrorist leader. Worth Seeing. [**Y2**]

Criminal — A TV reporter and her cameraman are trapped in an apartment until their salaries are paid by an unknown man. Blair Witch style of filming. If you like zombie type movies this is for you. [**Y2**]

Beverly Hills Chihuahua — Pretty good comedy about a talking Chihuahua trying to save a pampered dog in Hollywood. City. Good for kids. [**Y2**]

Appaloosa — Two grooms are hired to clean up a dangerous town. This movie had potential to be good but fell short. Not enough action. [**Y2**]

Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist — Two teenagers come together in an all-night quest to find a legendary band. Wait for video. [**Y2**]

Miracle At St. Anna — A great piece about 4 Black soldiers stationed in Italy during World War II. A Must See! Tear-jerker. [**Y2**]

Eagle Eye — 2 spanish strangers thrown together by a mysterious phone call from a woman threatening their lives and family. Action-packed. Yes! [**Y2**]

Righteous Kill — Two veteran detectives (Robert De Niro and Al Pacino) hunt a vigilante whose crimes resemble those of a serial killer. This movie was very slow. Pass if you can! [**Y2**]

Igor — This movie tells the story of one Igor whose sick of being a laboratory assistant. Great message but very dark for kids. [**Y2**]

Tyler Perry's The Family That Preys — Kathy Bates and Alfre Woodard star in this drama about two friends who have to deal with their adult children's problems. Very good. [**Y2**]

Burn After Reading — Off-beat comedy starring George Clooney and Brad Pitt. This movie starts out slow but ends up being pretty funny, wacky and violent. [**Y2**]

RATINGS

- Very Good
- Good
- Average
- Wait For Video

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ALL MY CHILDREN: Frankie and Randi were terribly embarrassed when Angie walked in as they made love for the first time. Greenlee saw pictures of the past and told Randi who realied Randi can't remain the face of Fusion, while Frankie hid the extent of her upset about Randi's porn photos. Brot admitted to Taylor that her love kept him alive, but wouldn't let it touch him. Tipped by Jake about the military police asking questions, Brot was about to flee but decided to turn himself in. Kristal crashed her car after digging her eggp. Stunned to learn that Reese had been engaged to a man, Bianca questioned her girlfriend. Someone recorded Annie as Aidan told her that Ryan is bad. Coming: Amanda does David's bidding.

AS THE WORLD TURNS: Brad heardabout Craig and Dari taking and was prepared to turn Craig over to Mango, but changed his mind, much to Katie's relief. Under-James' influences, Paul faked a suicide to get Mango. However, Mango went into labor while trying to help an unconscious Paul, and Dudy got her to the hospital, where she gave birth to a baby girl. Paul completely lost his grip on reality and was taken to the psych ward. Hidden curiosity about Dudy that the Snyders will take care of. Finally admitting that he did make a pass at Luke, Brian convinced his girlfriend to leave with Jake in a hurry. When Jake was caught sneaking into Lily's house, Derek agreed to help her, as long as no one found out. Coming: Katie has trouble living with her actions.

BOLD AND BEAUTIFUL: A guilt-ridden Rick vowed to live a decent life from now on, but his presence caused a disruption at Phoebe's memorial service. Ridge was torn between his grief over Phoebe and his love for Brooke, making a decision regarding Rick after hearing Stephanie's reaction to his decision. Grace, who Thorned her to pose as Donna, hit him up for more money. A suspicious Owen held a meeting with Grace and Donna, and eavesdropped as Thorne leveled a threat, then offered a bribe to Grace. Following Owen's revelation, face-off with Eric, Donna was surprised as she flew away from LA. Coming: A fresh start, at last.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES: Devastated when Kelly acknowledged she's not pregnant, Nicole told Brad she knew she couldn't be pregnant. Dr. Baker agreed to lie for Nicole about the pregnancy in return for $750,000, just for Nicole to realize that she can't get the money right away. Suffering a concussion from his fall, Bo began having frightening dreams about his son in danger. Sami and Rafe grew closer as she tended to his wound. Melanie tried to stir up trouble between Rafe and Ava, but Rafe turned up being there for Sami, as he and Stephanie shared their first kiss. Tormented by an erotic dream of Chloe, Daniel went to ecstasy as she opened his door, scrambled dressed, expecting Lucas. Coming: Rafe can't deny his growing feelings for Sami.

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7. Spotlight - Jennifer Hudson
8. Whatever You Like - T.I.
10. Trading Places - Usher

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Simpson's 4 Accomplices Get Probation

LAS VEGAS — The luckiest guys in Las Vegas this week were four O.J. Simpson accomplices who walked out of court with probation while the former football star sits in prison for his role in an armed confrontation over memorabilia from his past exploits.

Sentencing of the man who wielded a gun during the robbery sparked a courtroom outburst Tuesday from one victim of the hotel room heist who said Michael McClinton should have been sent to prison.

“Use a gun, go to jail. That’s my theory,” Fromong said.

“All three spoke of being lured into the plan by Simpson, who asked for help in retrieving his personal items.

“On that day, everybody was a snake. O.J. Simpson was the snake charmer,” said Robert Dennis Rentz, Alexander’s attorney. “The man has charisma. There is something about him that captures individuals and draws them into his circle.”

The judge told McClinton: “You've got to be kidding me!” Fromong exclaimed after Clark County District Judge Jackie Glass sentenced him to seven years.

The judge scheduled a Dec. 19 hearing to discuss restitution for articles taken from the hotel room. Fromong has claimed he lost about $150,000 worth of memorabilia, while others have called that figure inflated.

Simpson has said the items in the room were stolen from him.

Glass acknowledged the issue is complicated and will require testimony.

Democrats, White House Get Auto Deal

White House Deputy Chief of Staff Joel Kaplan briefed reporters, Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2008, at the White House.

Majority Democrats and the Bush White House have finalized a deal to spend $14 billion on emergency loans for struggling U.S. automakers, congressional officials said Wednesday.

Strong opposition lingered among some Republicans.

The White House did not go so far as to say the deal was final, although it did report “very good progress.” The measure could see a House vote later Wednesday and be enacted by week’s end.

It would create a government “car czar” to dole out the loans, with the power to force the carmakers into bankruptcy next spring if they didn’t cut quick deals with labor unions, creditors and others to restructure their businesses and become viable.

Toni Braxton Had Benign Tumor Removed

LOS ANGELES — Toni Braxton had a good reason for not dancing on the finale of “Dancing With the Stars” last month: The 41-year-old singer says she had a benign tumor removed from her breast the week before.

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She scheduled the surgery after being eliminated from the competition on Oct. 20.

She tells Us Weekly magazine in its issue out Friday: "Getting the boot on the show was actually a blessing in disguise for me. My grandmother on my dad's side died of breast cancer,"

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Agency Employee Training and Luncheon Held

After a morning of customer service training, employees of the Lakeland Housing Authority (LHA) enjoyed a pre-Thanksgiving buffet luncheon at Lingh's, a local restaurant in Lakeland. The training was facilitated by a representative of ADP. During the luncheon, Michelle Yawn, Operations Director thanked the employees for their hard work and dedication to the agency and those whom the agency provides services.

Some of the employees and/or trainees who attended were: Willie Gibbs, Nancy Warnke, Kim Bean, Michelle Yawn, Audra Fioritto, Stella Black, Dayen Valentine, Steve Boyer, Cole Dolmseth, Elton Pelt, Lisa Anthony, Simone McFarlane, Ronnie Harris, Rodney Ford, Dewey Pollock, Tom Hornack, Leon Strickland, Eugenia Gainers, Sandra Wilkerson, Rolonda Polk-Sealey, Mike McShane, Winston Hibbert, Leona Hamilton, Burt McFarlane, and Brenda Griffin.

Shown in this photograph are members of the 21st Century Team from left to right: Sandra Wilkerson, Eugenia Gainers, Rolonda Polk-Sealey, and Kim Bean.

Steve Boyer, left, Consultant, is shown with Cole Dolmseth, Network Engineer.

Ms. Lisa Anthony, left, and Ms. Simone McFarlane were in attendance at the luncheon.

Tom Hornack, Special Projects Manager, was in attendance at the luncheon.

Nancy Warnke, LHA Executive Assistant, left, is shown with Michelle Yawn, Operations Director, who enjoyed the luncheon.

Willy and Brenda Griffin and Burt McFarlane are members of the Maintenance Team.

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Polk County News

Learn The Principles Of Kwanzaa
At Polk Museum Of Art

LAKELAND, FL. - Polk Museum of Art will be hosting its annual Kwanzaa Celebration on Saturday, December 20 at 1:00pm. The event is free and open to the public, and will feature an energetic and entertaining presentation by the Kuumba Dancers and Drummers of Tampa.

"Kwanzaa is traditionally observed just after Christmas," said Daniel E. Stetson, Executive Director of Polk Museum of Art. "We wanted to celebrate earlier so that families could come learn the principles of Kwanzaa and then go home and observe the holiday on their own."

The Kuumba Dancers and Drummers of Tampa will entertain the crowd with dancing, a presentation of the elements of a Kwanzaa table, and telling African folk tales. Children will also be given an opportunity to play traditional African musical instruments. Kwanzaa Celebration will begin at 1 p.m. The presentation and entertainment by the Kuumba Dancers and Drummers is free. After the presentation and entertainment, an optional hands-on activity will be offered. There is a $2 per person materials fee for the hands-on activity.

For more information, call 863-688-5423.

A Unique Christmas Gift

While searching for Christmas gifts for the children on your Christmas list, one of the items can include "Color Me Kwanzaa," published by James Vann. The 2008 edition of the book has been updated and even includes photos of President-Elect Barack Obama and his wife, Michelle.

The coloring book contains history on Kwanzaa - founder, meaning of the Swahili words for each day and when to light what color candles.

"Color Me Kwanzaa" is a creation by artist/painter Vann. He will be one of the participants for the Kwanzaa Celebration at the Polk County Museum on December 20th. He will have the coloring books available.

Vann, whose art is currently on display Tampa Artist Emporium, says his goal with the coloring book is an attempt to raise the awareness of the African-American holiday, which begins the day after Christmas.

In this area, Kwanzaa is not as popular as Polk County or Pinellas. And, it's dwindling in those areas," he said. "I believe our children can benefit from it."

For more information on the coloring book or Vann's work as an artist, call (813) 643-0261 or check the email at jazzyvann@aol.com.

Students Participate
In Basketball Free Throw Competition

Michael Shaw, left, and Dustin Hurr, right, represented their school, Berkeley Accelerated Middle School (BAMS) in a Basketball Free-Throw Competition on Saturday, December 6, 2008. The event was held at the Boys & Girls Club in Winter Haven.

There were numerous skilled shooters in the competition. Shaw received a First Place trophy for his performance in the 12-13 age group. Hurr received a Third Place trophy for his performance in the 10-11 age group.

Hurr will represent the school in the next level of the competition in January 2009. That competition will be held in Lake Placid, Florida. Congratulations, Michael and Dustin!
Madi's 13!
Madi Mitchell recently celebrated her 13th birthday with a celebration bash that was held at the home of her parents. On the guest list were some of Madi’s classmates and friends: Shaley Magow, Jarred Ison, Zach Ison, Brett Taylor, Jake Smith, Hunter Dowdy, Kira Vaught, Clair Chambers, Detroit Petuss, Sydney Baily, Kara Quintinella, Will Davis, Luke Snyder, Baylee Thompson, Blake Allen, Nathan Byrd, Michael Shaw II, Taylor Fike and Braden Ortiz.
Madi and her friends enjoyed an evening of music, fun, and participating in limbo and pie-eating contests. Music was provided by a local DJ. Along with a Chocolate Fountain... on the menu was PIZZA, lots of candy, and birthday cake.
Happy Birthday, Madi! You are officially a Teenager!

Employees Recognized
On December 4th, the Heart of Florida Regional Medical Center in Davenport, Florida recognized its Employees of the Quarter. The categories were outstanding employee, manager and nursing excellence. Mona Hughes, a Secretary in Diagnostic Imaging received the Fourth Quarter Outstanding Employee award. Belinda Rieger, Director of Rehabilitative Services received the Fourth Quarter Manager award. Kimberly Moore, a Registered Nurse in the Intensive Care Unit was recognized as Fourth Quarter Nursing Excellence Employee. Congratulations, Ladies! Job well-done! Keep up the great work.

Shaw-Nuf Shout-out
This week’s Shaw-Nuf Shout-out is extended to the new participants of YouthBuild-Lakeland: Tiffany Wilson, Chris Edwards, Dale Flener, Eboni Fitzgerald, Demetrius Battle, Walter Steiger, Jessica Hammond, Jeff Engler and Tomarra Zimmerer. Shaw-Nuf Talk wishes you much success. Stay focused on the future! See it! Believe it! Achieve it! Receive it!

BAMS News
Congratulations are extended to students of Berkley Accelerated Middle School (BAMS) for earning the title of “Knights of the Week”. 6th Grade: Wyatt Waterfield and Kelsey Waggoner; 7th Grade: Daisy Grout and Mason Mills; and 8th Grade: Zane Smith and Katie Widner. Keep up the good work!

Congratulations are extended to BAMS Teacher, David Simmons and his 7th grade homeroom class in their successful effort to bring in 271 canned food items for needy families. The items were denoted to Auburndale Relief. As their reward, the class will enjoy a donut and juice party!

Talk to Shaw-Nuf
Shaw-Nuf Talk wants to hear from you. Share your exciting news and/or photos of your celebrations, special events, birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, family reunions, etc., with the readership of the Florida Sentinel Bulletin and Shaw-Nuf Talk by sending an e-mail to: shawnutfalk@yahoo.com or calling (863) 513-8497.

‘Black Pride’ is Spreading
From corner to corner, block to block, neighborhood to neighborhood, “Black Pride” is spreading throughout Lakeland and Polk County. This spread of “Black Pride” isn’t the result of Barack Obama being named President although an historic event, but the spread of “Black Pride” has come forth through poetry and literature. “Black Pride”, if you don’t have it you need to get it.

The Brown Bear published book Black Pride: A Collection of Poetry and Readings has been gaining momentum throughout the local community. On Friday, September 5, 2008 the Sentinel featured an article in the Polk County news section about a poetry event Brown Bear Publishing held at Polk Community College in Lakeland. The event was a huge success as 150 people attended the book release/signing.

Three of the local poets - Lynne Simpkins, Lena Ford and Ashley C. Troutman - were able to present their work to the attendees. A Voter’s Registration drive was held and conducted that evening by Anthony Troutman and Curtis Cumberbatch. The two gentlemen registered 50 new voters.

The three local poets had their work on display at the Medulla Arts and Poetry Festival earlier this month.

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If you are in your late 40s or older, celebrating Christmas when you were a child was a lot different than it is today.

I-Pods and other electronic gadgets that kids want today hadn't been created. Just getting a pair of skates was enough.

Today, children's expectations have grown and reflect how commercial Christmas has become.

A few people were asked how Christmas has changed since they were children. These are their responses:

**Tampa Housing Authority Director, Jerome Ryan:** "I think we were more appreciative when I was a child, because we didn't expect that much and appreciated whatever we got. Our parents just didn't have the money. The church was the place to be when I was growing up. "Christmas dinner was a big deal, and it was like a family reunion. We were all so thankful for what we had. Today, kids take Christmas for granted. If you got a bicycle, you were fortunate. I think technology has spoiled today's children."

**Queen Miller:** "I was glad to get a piece of fruit when I was a child. You won't see that in Florida. Sometimes, you'd get something and sometimes you wouldn't. It was just important for families to get together. The true meaning of Christmas is gone. Today, people only want to open gifts and eat. When I was a kid, you gave thanks to God first, then our doors would open to everyone. This is my time of year and although I have so little, I will share it with everyone I can. We need to reach out to each other today like we did when I was a kid."

**Diana Webb:** "When I was a kid, we had snow. You won't see that in Florida. Sometimes, you'd get something and sometimes you wouldn't. It was just important for families to get together. The true meaning of Christmas is gone. Today, people only want to open gifts and eat. When I was a kid, kids know there's no Santa Claus. They don't care as long as they get something and it's expensive."

**Connie Burton:** "When I was a child, it was about love, the neighborhood and the community, all expressions of love. I remember an affluent lady would give me Reader's Digest books and I'd catch up on what was happening all over the world. I was very appreciative for that. Now that it's all business, people are just trying to outspend each other. The children are calling the shots now and are demanding what they want so they can fit in with their peers."
True Spirit of Christmas Shown in Helping Others

BY IRIS B. HOLTON
Sentinel City Editor

Although Americans are keeping an eye on the economy, many make an extra effort to get into the spirit of Christmas. Some people decorate their homes while others decorate the hearts of others by extending a helping hand.

Last year, Reverend Karen Jackson Sims decided to adopt the Amen Outreach Center and the Hillsborough House of Hope shelters. The two places provide housing for families who suddenly fall upon misfortune. With the help of others, Reverend Sims collected wish lists and appealed to the community for gifts. "Last year was very successful. We were able to help people living in both of those shelters," she said.

Once again, Reverend Sims, along with her husband, Roy Sims, and mother, Joanne Mumford, along with members of her church, have joined forces and are adopting the shelters again. The drop off location this year is Mount Zion A.M. E. Church, 5920 Robert Toole Drive, Riverview.

Reverend Vincent Lane is the senior pastor...Reverend Sims said, "Rather than having a Christmas Party, we're using those resources to try and help more families. We have not had even one request for toys this year. People are asking for clothes for their children."

Reverend Karen Jackson Sims
Reverend Sims said anyone wishing to make donations to the 2nd Annual Celebration of the Giving Season, can drop off items at the church from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. daily and at any time on Sundays. Donations will be collected between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m., on Saturday, December 20th, and Sunday, December 21st, during the same time period.

Reverend Sims is collecting food items, clothing for women and girls, ages 10 months, 2, 8, 10 (2 girls), and 12. She is collecting for boys ages 2, 3, 8, and 10 years.

Anyone wishing to contact Reverend Sims can reach her telephone at (813) 404-1565 or by e-mail at karen.jackson.sims@verizon.net.

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Will The Economy Affect How You Celebrate Christmas?

BY LEON B. CREWS
Sentinel Staff Writer

Everyone has felt the bite of a sagging economy, and nothing has reflected that more than the number of foreclosed homes in Hillsborough County.

Still, with the Christmas holidays approaching, people still try to not cut back on how they celebrate that day.

A few people were contacted, and this is how they said the economy will impact how they celebrate Christmas this year.

Aja Green: "The economy has had a huge affect, but I'm going to make the most of it. I'm the single mother of three children and a business owner. I'm not getting the volume I used to, and that makes it tough.

"Jobs are down, and the men out there either can't find jobs or they are incarcerated. This year, my money won't stretch as far as it used to, and the bills keep coming regardless of what time of year it is."

Bershawn Howard: "It's going to make it rough for me, but I'll get through it. I'm the single mother of two, and when Christmas comes, the children will understand. We're a praying family, and we keep our faith alive.

"We won't have a tree, but we'll put up some lights. My children already have a lot of things, and they aren't very demanding. God never puts more on us than we can bear. This Christmas will not be like it has been in the past, but thanks to people like Tonya Lewis and David Winston, they will make it better for my family and lots of others."

Michelle Williams: "I don't really celebrate Christmas, but as an activist, I will make sure I can help as many children as I can. I want to be Robin Hood this year, and I'm putting together a toy drive, "Toys For Inner-City Children," to help those in need.

"It's horrible how the economy has affected everyone. Our dollars just don't go as far as they used to. This is the time when we really need to reach out to each other."

Lillian Stringer: "Being the frugal person I am, I take advantage of all the sales. I'm finished shopping, because I shop all year long for Christmas. You get great bargains that way and it makes me feel better to take advantage of those opportunities.

"This formula has worked for me over the past 5 years, because before I was like everyone else and waited to the last minute. When I did that, I always spent too much money. Because of my formula, prices don't impact me like they may other people."

Darla and Elliott Saunders: "We're going to try to maintain as we have in the past. With gas prices going down, that has helped a lot, but the economy has had some affect on all of us. It hasn't been overwhelming for us, and as long as we're together, we have what we need."

Renowned Gospel Singer Releases Christmas Single

From left to right: Teresa Durant, Judy Pettersson (from the Tyler Perry play, Madea Goes To Jail), and Eddie Durant.

BY LEON B. CREWS
Sentinel Staff Writer

The saga of Eddie Durant has been told before. Those close to him know the road he's traveled, and how he saved himself from death and a life in prison by turning to God and the church.

Durant grew up gaining popularity as a top vocalist in the area during the days of the Gay Poppa Miles Teen Dances and area talent shows. Although he was sidetracked for several years, he continued to sing, and now has released his first Christmas single, "Let's Get Closer To God This Christmas."

"I owe so much to so many people, but I have to put God first. When I decided to listen to what He was trying to tell me, that's when positive things started happening in my life."

Durant said his manager, Carlton Burgess, inspired him to work on this project, and once they got started, he really got into it.

"This is truly a blessing," said Durant.

Burgess said of Durant, "this Christmas offering from Eddie will surely bless you as we celebrate the real meaning of the holiday. The song is well written and will inspire you to not only get closer to the Lord, but get closer to your family, friends, and church family."

Burgess said he's proud of Durant and considers him a living testimony that God can turn lives around.

"The man you see before you transitioned from drug addiction, prison and other difficulties transforming into a successful businessman, loving husband, father and minister of the Gospel through song.

"When you support ministries like Eddie's you sow good seeds into fertile ground, creating new and abundant opportunities for his testimony to be heard around the world. I pray that God would continue to increase Eddie's territory and yours."

Durant said to all the guys incarcerated, he wants them to keep their heads up, because God can change their life.

"He did it for me, and I know he can do it for you."
Organization Sponsors Toy Drive

On December 14th at the Hip Hop Soda Shop on Fowler Avenue, Children With A Vision, Incorporated will be holding a toy drive to give to disadvantaged and disabled children. They will be there from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m.

The organizations that will benefit from the donations are BlazeSports of Tampa Bay, Miracles Outreach Community Development, Inc., Jernese Brown (daughter of Ms. Jennifer Johnson who was murdered in November), St. Joseph’s Children’s Hospital, Shriners’ Hospital, and displaced families.

Companies on site will be Amerigroup, Lipps Foundation, Metro PCS, WTMP 1500AM/96.3FM, N-E Where Transport, the Florida Sentinel Bulletin, and a host of many more that will appear as vendors to give away promotional information and provide services for an unwrapped toy.

The mission of Children With A Vision, Inc. is to provide leadership in the pursuit of excellence and to create effective learning opportunities for all.

“We believe education leads to success,” said one of the organization’s founders, Tonya Lewis.

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For more information, contact Mrs. Tonya M. Lewis at (813) 890-4454.

Reporter Leon B.

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December ‘Babies’ Feel Cheated During Holidays

By Iris B. Holton
Sentinel City Editor

One of the many complaints we often hear from people born near Christmas is that their birthdays are merged with the holiday and that they receive less gifts. We, at the Sentinel, would like to wish all December birthday celebrants a Happy Birthday.

This reporter talked to some people born during the month of December and here are their responses to the question: “Do you feel you receive less gifts because your birthday is in December?”

Danny Green said, “I think I get a raw deal because my birthday is in December. I usually get only one gift on my birthday and Christmas together. Most people say they don’t have the money, or it’s too close to Christmas. So, they buy one large gift and that’s just not fair!”

Betty Dawkins said, “No, I don’t feel cheated because my birthday is close to Christmas. I am a child of God and He does an excellent job of celebrating me.”

Lacitia Carter said, “This year will be 34 years old, and I have always felt that I get left out on my birthday being that it is only a week before Christmas. I think that I have heard every excuse in the book about why I only will get one gift, which is a combination of my birthday and Christmas all rolled up into one.”

Mrs. Toynetta Cobb said, “I don’t feel cheated anymore. I’ve grown up now and I understand that I’m blessed to just have another birthday.”

Ricky Wade said, “I’m so used to it. Everyone always gives me one present for two events and say, ‘here’s your Christmas and birthday.’ I’ve only had one birthday party in my life and that was when I was about 6 or 7 years old. But, it doesn’t even bother me anymore.”

Ministry Tries To Raise Toys For Needy Kids

The Hope For Life Worth Living Ministry and their holiday initiative, “Bells Will Be Ringing For Christmas For Kids,” will be hosting an event December 13, 208 with hopes of collecting toy donations for needy children.

The event will be held at the new Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market, 1601 West Kennedy Boulevard, from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m.

As part of the event, a “Dunk The DJ” contest will be held with a disc jockey from Wild 98FM. There will also be raffles and giveaways.

Donna Potts, founder of the ministry, is asking everyone to bring a toy donation and get a chance to dunk the DJ.

“We want to make this something for the children and the rest of the family. We want everyone to come out and have a good time while dropping off toys for children who otherwise won’t be getting anything for Christmas.”

On December 14th, the ministry will be holding a toy drive at the Town ‘N Country Wal-Mart from 1 pm. to 5 pm.

For more information, contact Donna Potts at (813) 374-4851. Reporter Leon B. Crews can be reached at (813) 248-0724, or e-mailed at lcrews@flsentinel.com.

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* Bake yummy gifts like cookies or brownies.

Create a personalized coupon book for the recipient.

Restaurant gift cards are always great.

- Everyone loves candles and fragrances.
- Giving and Receiving
- Always show thoughtfulness.

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- Take the time to wrap the gift carefully and beautifully.
- Express gratitude when receiving a gift.
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- Returning Gifts
- If you return the gift, don't tell the giver. Still show your appreciation.
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HOLIDAY STRESS BUSTERS

Check out these few ideas to help ease your holiday stress.

- A little planning can take you a long way while alleviating stress. Preparing a list (including a budget) before you hit the shops, so you don't exceed your own limit of time or money.
- By personalizing gifts, this makes the recipient feel special. Customize gifts with monograms and/or messages.
- If you're computer savvy, download templates to decorate coffee mugs, make magnets, calendars or even mouse pads.

Everyone hates addressing all of those envelopes when sending greeting cards. Try creating a spreadsheet and print the labels out. If that's too much, send postcards with family photos.

- For those family gatherings, create an outdoor activity that everyone can enjoy. Maybe a simple walk around the neighborhood or a football game for the fellows with the girls cheering them on. A little fresh air will do everyone some good!
- Save yourself time, gas and the frustration of dealing with the holiday crowd by buying gifts online. And delivery is just as easy because you can have the gifts delivered directly to your chosen destination.

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On Wednesday afternoon, hundreds of gifts were picked up from Tampa General Hospital as part of the hospital’s Annual Hillsborough County Foster Angel Program. The program benefits the children in Hillsborough County Foster Care Programs. Currently, more than 1,500 children are in foster care. For the past several years, Tampa General Hospital has been one of the largest contributors to the program. This year marks the 19th year the hospital has participated in the program. Although several of the hospital’s employees make donations to the program, one employee goes above and beyond in giving.

Delwyn Collins is a dishwasher at the hospital. Once he became involved, he made it his mission to give to underprivileged children. Although Collins does not have any children of his own, he works to ensure that children in foster care have gifts on Christmas morning.

Throughout the year, Collins works over time and extra jobs to save money. He then takes his earnings and purchase over 300 gifts to be donated to the program. Collins has served as an inspiration to other employees to participate. His generosity has spread to hospital employees, volunteers, and University of South Florida employees who are assigned to the hospital.

Ms. Ellen Fiss, spokesperson for the hospital said.

On Wednesday the cafeteria stage was decorated with a winter wonderland scene and presents were lined along the walls and under the Christmas tree. Throughout the morning, employees, volunteers, and visitors dropped off gifts. Then at 2 p.m., the gifts were officially presented to the Hillsborough County Foster Angel Program at 2 p.m.

Mac MacNeel is the founder and Director of the Hillsborough County Foster Angel Program. Youngsters most in need of contributions are teenagers, who prefer gift cards. Anyone wishing to obtain additional information or make a contribution may contact MacNeel at (813) 677-7376.

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The Mission Society of Macedonia M. B. Church is putting forth an effort to gather items for the homeless and toys for needy children.

Frances Key, a member of the society, is spearheading the effort to help the many homeless people in the area.

"Although we're trying to provide toys for the children for Christmas, our focus is for the homeless.

"Recently we've gone into the downtown area to pass out food, and we found their need is much greater than we thought. What they really need are hygiene products, so we decided to put together an initiative to acquire the products for them."

Ms. Key said in talking to the homeless people, she found out they were going to job interviews in dire need of grooming products and other hygiene items.

"Those items are essential when you're trying impress someone to hire you."

Ms. Key said when she and others went out to serve the homeless she never expected to find so many people.

"We can't judge these people, because a lot of them are homeless because they didn't have a choice."

"My attention was drawn to one man walking with a piece of cardboard. I realized that was his home he was carrying around with him. He asked for a plastic bag so he could cover the cardboard. That really touched my heart, because I realized just how desperate these people are."

"I know people in other countries are suffering, but we need to take care of home first. There is a great need here as well as places like Haiti and Africa."

Ms. Key said they are asking for donations of body soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouth care products, body lotion, men care products, feminine products, deodorant, baby powder, bathroom products, hair care products, disinfecting wipes, baby wipes, Kleenex, and other hygiene products.

"We will accept donations until December 20th when we plan to start passing out the products. This will be a year-round venture, not just for Christmas or other holidays."

For more information, you can contact Frances Key at (813) 495-7904.

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Sincerely Santa visited Desoto Elementary School recently. Desoto was chosen this year because a large number of children attending the school come from families that are economically challenged. The Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office and Fire Rescue, Tampa Police Dept. and Fire Rescue, Temple Terrace Police, Florida Highway Patrol, and Plant City Police are participants in the Sincerely Santa program. Sincerely Santa is a non profit 501 (3) (c) organization that has been providing toys and clothing to needy children during the holiday season for more than 20 years. (Photo by Brunson)

Deputy Diane Miller, of the Hillsborough County Sheriff Office, Dr. Debra Hoffman and Firefighter David Raasch at Desoto Elementary School when Sincerely Santa visited last month.

Gilda Garcia, Desoto Principal, with Shelly Linford, AIS, Cynthia Castillo, Assistant Principal, Patty Ortega, ESOL Resource teacher and Janice Latorre, Guidance Counselor.

Sharon Robinson and Kumyra Collins at Desoto Elementary.

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Parkinson’s Support Group Holiday Dinner

The Tampa area Parkinson’s Support Group will be holding a holiday dinner at 12 o’clock noon on Wednesday, December 17, 2008, at Church of the Nazarene, Himes Avenue (between Sligh and Hillsborough). It will be a fun time for members and caregivers, and the meal will be potluck coordinated by Adele Ida Walter. Those interested in attending should send an RSVP to make note of what you plan to bring to Ms. Walter at (813) 922-6402, or adeleidae42@hotmail.com.

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Bicycle Drive

Businessman Continues Giving Bicycles To Needy Children

Oftentimes, our childhood memories have a profound affect our lives in ways we could never imagine. Alex Cooks knows all too well about childhood memories that linger. Cooking was one of the younger children in a family of ten. Although his parents provided for their needs, he said he never had a new bicycle while growing up.

"There were ten of us, 6 guys and 4 girls and I always wanted a new bicycle," the Mobile, Alabama native said. Those memories stayed in the back of his mind into adulthood. So, Cooking decided to do something about it.

After moving to Tampa, Cooking opened Alex's Southern Style Barbecue at 5362 W. Village Drive in 1994. And the idea of collecting donations from his customers to fund the project took hold. He placed a blue donation box on the counter and his customers started donating.

In 1999, he held his first new bicycle give-away. We gave away 182 new bicycles - 17 days before Christmas. The guidance counselors and principals of the school system selected the recipients.

"Each year, we increased our giveaway by 100 bicycles. This is our 9th year of giving away the bicycles. I feel that 100 bicycles equal 100 happy kids. Last year, we gave away 1,416 bicycles, but because of the economy, our goal this year is 1,450 new bicycles," he said.

Cooks said the economy has had an affect on his collection and donations have been down. He has collected about half of the donations he needs to reach his goal. But, that is not going to stop him.

The driving force behind Cooking giving is that no matter how many bicycles he gives away the need is always greater than the supply.

"I'm going to continue collecting donations right up to Christmas Eve and the day after Christmas, the blue box goes back on the counter and we start all over again," Cooking said.

Cooking is married to Mrs. Aimee Cooking and they are the parents of four sons ranging in ages from 12 to 20 years.

City Editor Iris B. Holton can be contacted at (813) 429-1921 or by e-mail iholton@flcenters.com
State Rep. Betty Reed, host and sponsor of District 59’s Academic Dinner, announces the recipients of District 59’s Florida Conference of Black State Legislators Academic Scholarship Award. The recipients are Sidnie Patterson, Jacquelyn Fuentes, Odaimys Calderine, and Christine Bartholome.

Rep. Reed’s Academic Dinner honored 43 of District 59’s students from the Class of 2008 that graduated from Hillsborough County Public High Schools with four or more college-level Advance Placement (AP) classes.

“Through this grass-roots effort, I wanted to celebrate and promote academic excellence in District 59 and throughout Hillsborough County,” said Rep. Reed. “In recognizing that District 59’s students are among the “best of the brightest” students, I would like to partner with key community leaders, pastors and concerned parents that are eager to meet periodically and address some of the challenges related to public education.”

Rep. Reed extended a special thank you to Mr. Kevin Williams, President of the Florida Black Business Investment Board, Mrs. Frances Wimberly, President of the Tampa Bay Black Investment Corporation, and Mr. Deveron Gibbons, President of AMSCOT Financial Services, for being on hand to award Academic Scholarships on behalf of their organizations.

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Kwanzaa (Quansa) is an African American and Pan African holiday that celebrates family, community and culture. Its name is derived from the phrase “Matunda ya kwanza,” which means “first fruit” in Swahili.

The first fruits celebrations are recorded in African history as far back as ancient Egypt. These celebrations are also found in modern times among many societies.

Dr. Maulana Karenga, a professor at the California State University in Long Beach, introduced Kwanzaa as a ritual to welcome the first harvests to the home in 1966. The holiday was created as a festival for African Americans as a response to the commercialism of Christmas.

The Kwanzaa celebrations begin on December 26th and end on January 1st.

Principles of Kwanzaa
There are seven principles or values of Kwanzaa that are referred to as Nguzo Saba. The principles and their definitions are:

- Umoja (Unity): To strive for and to maintain unity in the family, community, nation and race.
- Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility): To build and maintain our community together and make our brothers’ and sisters’ problems our problems and to solve them together.
- Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics): To build and maintain our own stores, shops and other businesses and to profit from them together.
- Nia (Purpose): To make our collective vocation the building and developing of our community in order to restore our people to their traditional great­ness.
- Kuumbwa (Creativity): To do always as much as we can, in the way we can, in order to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than we inherited it.
- Imani (Faith): To believe with all our heart in our people, our parents, our teachers, our leaders and the righteousness and victory of our struggle.
- Kujichagulia (Self-Determination): To define ourselves, name ourselves, create for ourselves and speak for ourselves.

Symbols of Kwanzaa
Kwanzaa has seven basic symbols and two supplemental ones. Each represents values and concepts reflective of African culture and contribute to community building and reinforcement. The basic symbols in Swahili and in English are:

- Mazao (The Crops).
- Mkeka (The Mat).
- Kinara (The Candle Holder).
- Kikombe cha Umoja (The Unity Cup).
- Zawadi (The Gifts).
- Bendera (The Flag).
- Nguzo Saba Poster.

For example, “Umoja”, on the first day, “Kujichagulia”, on the second day and so on.

Daily Practices
Each evening, the family gathers to light the candle the corresponds to the day. On the first day, the black candle should be lit for unity. The greetings during the first day, “Habari gani?” (What’s up?) should be repeated seven times.

Kujichagulia (Self-Determination)
On the third day, the black and red candles are relit, along with a green candle for Ujima (collective work and responsibility). This practice continues until the seventh day when all of the candles are lit.

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Dr. Bryant brings more than 20 years of expertise in higher education to B-CU, including experience as campus president for several campuses of Miami-Dade College and as interim president of Florida A&M University (FAMU). She is a former member of the FAMU Board of Trustees and the Florida Board of Governors, a panel charged with governing Florida’s university system. Dr. Bryant received her undergraduate degrees from Florida A&M University and her doctorate in education from Nova Southeastern University.

FAMU’s Marching ‘100’ Will Participate In Inaugural Parade

TALLAHASSEE, FL. — Florida A&M University’s (FAMU) Marching “100” has been selected to participate in the President’s Inaugural parade on Tuesday, January 20, 2009, in Washington, D.C.

December 5, was a typical band rehearsal for FAMU Marching “100” as they created unique formations with high-stepping techniques. According to White, he received a telephone call during rehearsal congratulating him that the Marching “100” had been selected to participate in the inaugural parade.

“When I heard that we were selected, I immediately asked them to repeat it again,” said White. “I put them on speakerphone and put the phone to the microphone so that the entire band could hear the invite. As soon as the band members heard the invitation, they went berserk. They were screaming and shouting. They started calling and sending text messages to their family and friends informing them of the wonderful news.”

This is not the first time the Marching “100” has been invited to participate in a Presidential Inaugural Parade. This appearance will be the third time for the Marching “100”. The band participated in both of the inaugural parades for former President William “Bill” Clinton.

“For Florida A&M University to be a part of such a historical occasion is truly an honor,” said James H. Ammons, FAMU’s president. “This nation will have an opportunity to see once again what we all know - the Marching “100” is this nation’s most talented, dynamic and innovative university band.”

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There will also be an opportunity for those in attendance to win a Ginger Bread House that is fully decorated. Those in attendance are asked to bring an unwrapped toy in place of an admission fee. The toys will be donated to needy children. Anyone wishing to obtain additional information can call (813) 300-2891 or (813) 841-2231.

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