GOD IS GOOD!
President Barack Obama
January 20, 2009
New Sulphur Springs Initiative Focuses On The People

BY IRIS B. HOLTSON
Sentinel City Editor

For the past 6 months, the Tampa Police Department's Uniform District Two has had a new commander. His name is Major John Bennett and his goal is to strengthen the bond between police officers and its citizens, especially in the Sulphur Springs area.

Major Bennett said that in 2008, part of the city's crime rate dropped. However, certain areas in District II said a slight increase in crime. After assuming command of the area, Major Bennett said he observed an increase of 1.4% in crime in the area known as the "Spine." It consists of 10 areas between Fowler Avenue to the Hillsborough River and Nebraska Avenue to N. 22nd Street. The area has several vacant lots and a higher crime rate, with the number one problem being burglaries.

Major Bennett said he met with Joseph Robinson, President of the Sulphur Springs Neighborhood Association and came to realize that a new initiative was needed in the area.

"I met with the police union and told them I want officers in that area who want to work in the area and be a part of a new C.O.P. (Community Oriented Policing) deployment."

"If we can work with the community and control crime in some areas, it will have a large impact on crime throughout the city. I want to make people feel that they can trust the police department and we have to earn the trust of the community. We are going to deal with the known offenders and really have a presence in the community. We are really trying to have holistic healing in the areas where they say nothing can be done."

The initiative is an in-house venture that came about with Mayor Pam Iorio's Neighborhood Stabilization Program. Joseph Robinson and his wife, Mrs. Norma Robinson, retired and moved to Tampa from New York in 1996. They were drawn to the Sulphur Springs area because of its closeness to the water and its picturesque scenery. Rather than complain about what was going on in the area, the Robinsons decided to get involved. They began helping to improve the neighborhood.

"The Robinsons welcome the new efforts. "After speaking with Major Bennett I felt this is an excellent way to inject change. They plans to meet with the residents and the teens to relieve fears and build bridges that will inspire involvement."

He also said the new focus would allow the seniors to come out, get involved and share their wisdom and experience.

Both men agree that the police must develop a relationship of trust with the teenagers that will allow them to lose their fear of being harassed or abused.

"J. Robinson said he feels the new initiative will open doors to a healthy dialogue between the police and the residents. This would then inspire others to take an active role in the neighborhood watch programs and an active role in their community."

Major Bennett said the residents of Sulphur Springs can expect to see a new type of policing in their area this year.

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East Tampa Group Gets Approval To Name Mini Lakes, Wall Of Fame

Denise Meteye-James, Chairperson of the Aesthetics and Beautification Sub-Committee of the East Tampa Community Revitalization Partnership, has announced they've gotten approval to go ahead with naming the mini-lakes (34th Street and Elliott, MLK and 19th Street, and 22nd Street and Chelsea), as well as the Wall of Fame adjacent to the Tampa Police Department's District III Command Center.

"The city and county's department heads gave us the go ahead and we'll be discussing how to proceed with the projects," said Ms. James.

"We must first find a way to get the word out to the public as far as suggestions for names is concerned."

The Aesthetics and Beautification Sub-Committee will be meeting January 27th at the Tampa Police Department's Conference Room to discuss that process and the success of the first tree lighting ceremony conducted by the Partnership and the A&B Committee.

"We will also review our goals for the year and discuss whether we'll be holding public meetings in the future after we've outlined our strategy."

Reporter Leon B. Cross can be reached at (813) 248-0724, or e-mailed at lcross@sentinel.com.

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Sickle Cell Support Group

The Sickle Cell Support Group meets the first Tuesday every other month. The next meeting is February 3, 5:30 p.m., at 2123 W. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Suite 102. Dinner will be provided.

For more information, contact (813) 910-8700 or 431-7977.

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Promoter Credits Success To His ‘Ten Commandments’

On Saturday, January 24th, hundreds of patrons will gather outside the Palladium in St. Petersburg to see a play directed by Donald Gray called, "When Loving You Is Hurting Me." The doors will open at 7:30 p.m.

As patrons sit and enjoy the production, few will know that behind the scene is a quiet, unassuming young man who made it all possible.

Coming from a family of 12, Too Smooth learned early in life what sacrifice meant. He said it was his late grandmother, Eunice Golden, who inspired him and raised him to be the man he is today.

“She lived to be 99 years old, and was full of wisdom. She really gave me the blueprint to follow to be successful. She was living proof that where there’s a will, there’s a way. She was living proof that behind the scene people will support it. I've always felt the Bay area is ripe for a change.

Too Smooth said through years of promoting, he knows there's plenty to do in the Tampa area, if the general public will support it.

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Too Smooth said as part of his business strategy, he developed his own 10 commandments for success. He said you also have to want for each other as much as you want for yourself.

"My 10 commandments for success are prayer, patience, persistence, focus, success, success, success, success, success, success, success, success."

Too Smooth wants to thank the Black Heritage Festival for allowing him to be a part of their celebration, and anyone seeking more information about the play Saturday or any of his upcoming events can reach him at (813) 248-0724.

West Tampa Group To Meet On Main Street Initiative

The Main Street Business Association will meet with department heads from the City of Tampa, reps from TECO and Verizon on Tuesday, February 3rd, 10 a.m. on the 5th floor of the City Administration Building.

Dwight Bolden, spokesperson for the group, said the meeting has been a long time coming and the main topic will be the Main Street Beautification Project.

"Too Smooth said the group wants government and community leaders to set the example for West Tampa.

"We feel we've been left out of the city's redevelopment plans for more years than we can count. We need this now more than ever before.

"The Main Street Business Association has four areas they will be focusing on: Economic and Business Development, the replacement of sidewalks and structure designs for existing buildings, lighting on Main Street and side streets, and landscape development."

The group met Wednesday and discussed a plan that will help to promote the existing businesses along Main Street.

"We want to provide incentives for new businesses to come to this area," said Bolden. "We also want to provide jobs for people in the area as well as tax incentives for the businesses. Education and job skill training are also a part of our plan. We want to have a strong and prosperous community."
Mr. President

The entire world stood up and took notice on Tuesday, January 20, 2009, the reason that drew such attention was that for the first time in American history, a man of African ancestry was sworn into the Office of the President of the United States.

The name of the 44th U.S. President as it will be recorded in history books, is President Barack Hussein Obama. His father was an African and his mother was from Kansas. He was born in Hawaii.

His inauguration set records in terms of the media coverage and the number of people from throughout the world that decided to visit Washington, D.C., during the week of festivities.

Most knew that they would not be able to attend the actual inauguration. However, they just wanted to experience the magic of being in the city when a dream became a reality and took its place in history. It has been estimated that more than 2 million people converged on the Capitol. Although President Obama was unaware of things happening around him, it has been reported that not one person was arrested. That is an amazing feat in itself. However, the peace surrounding the event can only be a reflection of the people.

President Obama carries himself in such a way that delivers the message of peace and unity. He is intelligent and educated, youthful and inspiring, open and determined to make the lives of the people of this country financially, mentally, physically, and emotionally.

President Obama knew that his struggle to accomplish his goals would not be easy. He knew and continues to know that everyone will not agree with his decisions. Yet, he knows that the only way to conquer the problems of this country is to be open to all suggestions. So, his actions demonstrate that his words were not just something he felt the people wanted to hear. His goals are to make his words become a reality to improve the lives of many.

President Obama won the election by 52% of the popular vote, so it is obvious that all of those who voted felt he was the best candidate. But, it really doesn’t matter what his detractors may say or may do. The bottom line is, when he is through, if Hussein Obama, it will be as — Mr. President!
Barack Obama, At The Tampa Theater!

You haven’t lived until you’ve sat in the balcony, at the Tampa Theater. It’s like sitting on the tongue of a diving-board, staring down at stage as if you were in a house, we saw a Black man, tall like Lincoln, with a Wilt Chamberlain gait and a Denzel Washington voice, and he and his wife who resembled a six-foot tall, high-fashion model did what no Black American couple had ever done, in the history of our nation. And we dared to sit in the nose-bleed section of the Tampa Theater balcony, and saw it all!

Believe it or not, I got there early. Sitting in the balcony was my idea. And it caused me momentarily to butt heads with several friends who announced that they had lived all these years and come all this way to see a Black man made President of America, and to witness it all, while sitting in someone’s movie theater balcony. So, we split up. The program began, fifteen minutes before the satellite hook-up kicked in, at eleven, in the morning. And one of the first to speak was Tampa’s poet laureate, James E. Tolley, Sr., who read a presidential inaugural poem, “T’S Now, that we are the Age,” though his poem wasn’t selected to be read nationally, the poet received a standing ovation. Three celebrities would have stood, too. But I was simply afraid that doing so might have landed me fifty feet down, in the orchestra pit. So, I wished the poet well, and waited.

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Another View

By Randy Kinsey

Critics, Get Over It

"I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the office of the President of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."

Last Tuesday, Barack H. Obama uttered those words and officially became the President of the United States. He became the first African American to hold that position. It was a red-letter date for African Americans and a great day in the history of America.

While President Obama was campaigning for this position, there were some real Obama critics around the country whose mission was to stop Mr. Obama from becoming President of the United States. The election is over, the voters have spoken and Mr. Obama has been elected President and legally sworn in.

So, these people like Sean Hannity, Bill O’Reilly, Lou Dobbs, Tucker Carlson, Pat Buchanan and Joe Scarborough, among others can and need to get over it. Like it or not, Barack Obama is your President, as well as all America.

Barack Obama is not President of white America. He is not the President of Black America or any other single race. Instead, he is the President of everybody, regardless of age, sex, religious affiliation, political party affiliation or economic status.

Let it be told that Barack Obama is a man and not God. He is smart, articulate and dedicated, but he is no miracle worker. President Obama has no quick fix solution for our depressed economy and neither does any other person on the face of this earth.

Instead of criticizing the new President, he should be encouraged to work hard with the most serious economic depression in decades.

Let us remember that President Obama did not create the many problems that this country faces. He inherited them. Millions of people poured into Washington to be on hand for the inauguration of Barack Obama. It is my understanding that not a single arrest was made that related to any aspect of the inauguration. People were elated, relaxed, and they proved that we can all get along.

From here I can go into a long discussion of what President Obama needs to do in order to bring about the change he talked about and the change that America needs. There is no need for that. The President has surrounded himself with some of the brightest minds America has to offer.

But I do want to say to the Obama critics, get over it and recognize your President. Give him a chance and be patient. Give him a chance and above all remove yourselves from the holier than thou who know all and see all.

So critics, get out of the way, President Barack Obama has some important work to do.

Hood Times

By Leon Crews

Witnessing History

Each generation witness an event that will forever be recorded in history. Historical accomplishments by African Americans in this country have been either taken away or the credit given to a person of lighter complexion.

But there have been some historic events that can’t be shoved in racism.

People like Guion Bluford, Mae Jamison, Doug Williams, and Tony Dungy represent the latest generation of children, they can now be proud that there is no ceiling on their achievements. They are no longer restricted to being doctors or lawyers. Now, they can envision becoming President of the United States. Along with that distinction comes a lot of baggage, including having to deal with a bigoted media and racist society that wanted John McCain elected, not because he was the better candidate, but because he was white.

It’s a shame that a country with so much pride continues to dwell in the ignorant politics of slavery owners and hooded racists. Armed with the torch of history, the American Indians, and although their numbers are few, they’re still here and prospering. Let us just embrace this piece of history, but understand its significance and learn from it.

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Rehearsal For Super Bowl Choir

The first rehearsal for the 100-voice gospel choir for the Super Bowl will be held Saturday, January 24, 2009, promptly at 3 p.m. The rehearsal will be at the Potter's House (formerly Mt. Calvary SDA Church), 3111 E. Wilder Ave. Carlton Burgess is coordinator of the choir.

For more information, call (813) 242-5383.

Blake Class Of 1964

The Blake High School Class of 1964 will meet on Saturday, January 24, 2009, 2 p.m. at 4116 W. Laurel St. to discuss plans for the 2009 Reunion. All classmates are asked to attend.

Contact Jackie Chester Lewis at (813) 662-2073 for further information.

Free FCAT Tutoring

Bles'd Productions presents FREE FCAT tutoring reading and writing for grades 3 and up. Parents are welcome. Classes will be held January 24 and February 7th and 8th, 5-6:30 p.m. The classes will be held at Miracle Temple Church of God in Christ, Elder Clethen Sutton, pastor. Class instructors are Drs. P. Tucker-Wicks and P. Tucker-Johnson, the Tucker twins.

Residents Of Short Main St.

If you were a resident of Short Main St. in West Tampa during the '50s and early '60s, please contact Benny Sheehy at (916) 785-5788 or www.K.Crr.com.

All Class Reunion

The 70s and 80s All Class Reunion meeting will be held on February 6, 2009, 6:30 p.m. at the HipHopSodaShop, 1201 E. Fowler Ave.

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Couple Displaced By Fire

Firefighters are on the roof of a home on 56th Street after a Tuesday afternoon fire displaced the homeowners.

On Tuesday at 1:23 p.m., Tampa Fire Rescue units responded to a house fire at 2904 North 56th Street in East Tampa. Units who arrived on the scene reported smoke coming from a single story house. The fire was eventually extinguished, and no one was injured.

The investigation revealed that Lewis Watson, 72, has owned the house for about 50 years. He was burning wood in the fireplace and said the fire was big and hot. He said smoke started coming from the attic area. He opened up the attic area and said the fire was heat from the fireplace chimney getting into the attic and causing the fire.

Investigators estimated the damage to the house to be at least $25,000. The American Red Cross helped the Watsons with temporary shelter.

Red Cross spokesperson, Abbie Weaver, said the home was insured, and the couple was able to salvage all of their personal belongings.

"The living room and attic/roof area sustained most of the damage. We will house them for an undetermined length of time depending on what their needs are."

New Affordable Housing Director Looks Forward

Two years ago, Ms. Valmarie Turner joined Hillsborough County government as the Manager of the Contracted Unit in Affordable Housing. Last month, Ms. Turner accepted the role of Director for the Affordable Housing Department.

By accepting the position, she inherited ongoing investigations by both the FBI and the Department of Housing and Urban Development. But, Ms. Turner said while both are still lingering, "I have a good group of people in the office and we are going to move forward instead of backwards."

Collectively, she oversees millions of dollars a year in federal, state, and local funding. Her goal is to simply adhere to the new mission statement, which reads in part, to, "Stimulate neighborhood revitalization efforts by increasing affordable housing opportunities as well as community and economic development initiatives for eligible residents of Hillsborough County."

She intends to implement the mission statement by providing funding for low to medium income families the opportunity to become homeowners as well as helping with development of the community through the use of block grants and other financial sources.

"We're very excited about our new position and I think our office is going to do really good work in the community. Because of the number of foreclosures the allocation of neighborhood stabilization funds have increased."

The department is also offering the Home Savers Program for people who are facing foreclosure. For those who qualify, Ms. Turner said the program brings the homeowner current with his or her payments. However, they must be able to maintain them from that point forward.

A native of Daytona, Ms. Turner is a graduate of Florida A & M University, with a B. S. degree in Business Economics. She also has a Master's degree in Public Administration from Walden University.

She is a Licensed Real Estate salesperson in the State of Florida and Georgia. She is a Certified Housing Counselor, Certified HOME Program Specialist, and Certified Housing Development Finance Professional.

Ms. Turner is family-oriented and enjoys spending time with her daughter, Kendra, and other family members. She is also very active in the community and a 2008 graduate of Leadership Hillsborough. She is a member of Faith Christian Center and lists singing among her hobbies.

Harlem Academy Alumni

Historic Harlem Academy Alumni will have an important meeting Sunday, January 25, 2009, 5 p.m., at 1002 W. LaSalle St. The Historic Harlem Alumni Committee invites all alumni and friends of Harlem to attend. The business meeting will last one hour.

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Amari Has Exciting Trip To Washington

Amari Bennett is still beaming about her trip to Washington, D. C. for the inauguration of President Barack Obama.

Having come out of a very cold climate, she was surprised at how cold Tampa was when she returned on Wednesday night, but still glad to be back home.

Amari was one of five students that went to Washington from the Interbay (Jim Walter) Boys and Girls Club to represent youth from around the country. She attends Jefferson High School.

Of the trip, she says, “it was a life-altering experience that I will never forget - being a part of history.” She had the opportunity to attend many events that were sponsored by the Strafford Foundation and other foundations. She went to the MLK Breakfast and took photos with LL Cool J and T.I. at the airport.

Amari poses with a life size cutout of President Barack Obama at one of the Inauguration Balls.

Inauguration Trip

This group traveled with Road Ready Tours to Washington, D. C. for the inauguration of Barack Obama as President of the United States.

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Rev. Jeremiah Robinson, Sr.
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New Salem M.B. Church
Rev. Dr. Henry J. Lyons
President of the General Baptist State Convention of Florida, Inc.
at the 3:30 p.m. Service

Pastor Elice O’Baner and Deacon Willie George
Chairpersons
Danny Green is shown standing in front of the Capitol during his visit to Washington, D.C.

First Lady Michelle Obama in attendance at the Children's Ball.

Mrs. Jill Biden, wife of Vice President Joe Biden, in attendance at the Children's Ball.

Danny Green is shown with DJ Tom Joyner of the Tom Joyner Morning Show in the crowd in Washington, D.C., during the Presidential Inauguration.

**Local**

**Tampa Model Mingles With Millions During Inauguration**

Tampa model, Danny Green said he stepped out on faith when he purchased the package to attend the Presidential Inauguration. Green said at the time, no one knew whether the next president of the United States would be Senator Barack Obama or Senator John McCain.

But, after then Senator Barack Obama won the General Election on November 4, 2008, he was glad that he had purchased the pack. He said he watched the prices skyrocket after the election.

Green was among the thousands of people who converged on the Capitol to participate in the Presidential Inauguration. The package he purchased afforded him transportation by limousine and tickets to all of the events. "I probably didn't get three hours of sleep per night, but it was great. I really had a great time," Green said.

In addition to attending the balls, Green attended the concert and had an opportunity to be photographed with the numerous stars that attended the functions as well. A military retiree, Green is a professional model who works with an agent. He spends much of his spare time attending various concerts, awards shows, and has modeled on the Fantastic Voyage cruise sponsored by the Tom Joyner Morning Show Foundation for the past three years. He has been in attendance at the Stellar Awards Show, the BET Awards Show, and numerous other events worthy of mentioning.

Green said he enjoys traveling, modeling, and attending the many functions that have become part of his life. He has also made friends with many of the stars he's met in the past.

However, his attendance at the Presidential Inauguration ranks among his most treasured memories, Green said.

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Quincy's owner, Nettie Henderson is shown with Danny Glover, Bertha Wells, and Catherine Murphy. (Photo by Ersula Knox Odom).

BY ERSULA KNOX ODOM

They could not believe their good fortune and saw it as a blessing for the long hours they have been working to feed the homeless. That evening they were opened late preparing for their Martin Luther King Day mission.


This week, the Center For Urban Programs and Services teamed up with James Lee of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers to speak with a group of students at James Elementary and Middleton High School.

Lee met the Director and Co-founder of the Center For Urban Programs and Services, Romney Battle, while Lee was playing football at South Carolina State, where he majored in Early Childhood.

James Lee said he never imagined that he would have an impact on youth so early after graduating from college. He spoke with a group of 5th grade students through the Choices Program about being raised by a single parent and the importance of an education.

The program mentors at-risk students on making the right choices today that will shape their future.

The youth are a part of After 21st Century, a grant federally funded program. The program’s Executive Director and co-founder, Michael Brown, believes the youth of today have a lot to say and should be heard.

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ROSICA

This week’s Spotlight feature is the lovely 20-year-old Scorpio, Rosica. This 5’4” beauty says her favorite stars are Denzel Washington and Terrence Howard. Rosica’s hobbies are working on computers, hanging with friends and watching movies. In the future, Rosica wants to open a daycare center or an after school care program. Her philosophy of life is: “Be happy in all you do.” When it comes to the man in her life, Rosica said he must be intelligent and cultured. Congratulations to Rosica as this week’s Spotlight feature.

Looking For A Pen Pal

RUSSELL GOLDEN
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Sergio Robinson, a senior at Spoto High School, is the first scholarship athlete in the school's three-year history. He has committed to play at Charleston Southern, a Division I-AA school.

Robinson, 6'3" tall and 250 pounds, chose Charleston Southern over Florida Atlantic University, Tulane, and Florida International University.

Robinson, who visited the Charleston Southern campus, said it felt like a home away from home to him.

"I didn't think it was too big or too small. It felt like a perfect fit for me."

Robinson's stepfather and mother, Jeff and Mentoria Robinson-Gordon, said they always knew he was an exceptional athlete.

"I felt it was only appropriate to scream from the rooftops that my son has become my shining star," said Ms. Robinson-Gordon.

Robinson started playing football at the age of 8 for the Brandon Steelers, then later for the Progress Village Panthers. He made the varsity team his first year at Spoto and worked hard to stay in shape and improve his game.

Jeff Gordon said he and Sergio's mother told him in the beginning that he needed an education more than a football career.

"If Sergio hadn't been an athlete, he'd be more involved in forensic science. That's what he's going to study in school. He got interested in that from watching the television show, "48 Hours."

Sergio Robinson is an only child, and his parents said they've never had a problem keeping him focused.

"Although he's only 17, he's very mature for his age," said Jeff Gordon.

"Right now, his plans are to graduate from college, get into the forensic science field, and if football is to be a part of his future, he'll deal with it. We encouraged him to not get distracted by what's going on with his peers and make sure he's able to establish a means where he'll be self-sufficient in the future."

"This July, I will wave goodbye to my baby, and send off a man to pursue his dreams of becoming a forensic scientist," said Ms. Robinson-Gordon.

"I'm very proud of my son and I want him to remember to keep God first and know that he has a village back home to help him on his journey."

Robinson was a member of the Under Armour All-American team as a defensive lineman, and the Tampa Tribune All-Hillsborough County second team after recording 87 tackles and nine sacks for the Spoto Spartans, helping them secure their first state playoff berth.

Reporter Leon B. Crews can be reached at (813) 248-0724, or e-mailed at lcrews@flsunrise.com.
Solid Waste's Float Carried Special Message

BY LEON B. CREWS
Sentinel Staff Writer

During the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "March On Memphis" in 1968, striking sanitation workers wore and carried signs that read, "I Am A Man."

The City of Tampa's Solid Waste Department decided to carry that theme in this year's MLK Parade.

Solid Waste Director, Tonja Brickhouse, said the idea came last year when they started preparing for the parade.

"Myself along with Tara Smith, Tracy Freeman and a few others met and talked about what we were going to do. This is the first time a gifted person like Tara has done something like this, and she just took the lead."

As it turned out, Smith and Freeman started working on the department's float for the parade, and all agreed the theme would be the same as the striking sanitation workers in 1968, "I Am A Man, with "I Am A Woman" added.

Brickhouse said she watched the entire project from the beginning, and she's very proud of it.

"I think the float represented our city well, and focused on why Dr. King was in Memphis in 1968."

Smith said last year, they just threw something together, and she wanted this year to be different.

"I wanted the kids to get a positive message from this. That's why I put so much into it.

"I did some research and found a way to do something that would tell them what a group of men from Memphis experienced."

Smith said she's always felt what they do for a living doesn't get them a lot of respect. Brickhouse said she makes a point of telling her employees that they are professionals that happen to be in the solid waste industry.

"It's my job to make sure they know they provide a viable service and they are professionals."

This is the float that represented the Solid Waste Department in this year's MLK Parade. It's theme is "I Am A Man, I Am A Woman."

These Memphis sanitation workers march past armed guardsmen during their strike in 1968.

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Young Man's Dream Will Stay Alive Through His Cousin

Donnie Lattimore is no different than a lot of young Black men these days. He's made some decisions that turned out to be, not in his best interest, and due in part to his association with people he trusted.

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"Being a father himself and the oldest of two, he understands how important it is to stay positive and focused," said Boone.

G-Style started his music career at 10th Street and Linebaugh with a group of guys who started Drak Boy Records. He immediately became the CEO and got a record deal with Warner Brothers. Boone said he was looking forward to a long career in the industry.

"G-Style inspired me to pursue a career in entertainment."

About 7 years ago, he started recruiting local artists to get something started. He performed with Blood Raw and other artists, and developed his own style. He was the first to do a mixed tape for Bigga Rankin in the area.

Boone said as G-Style's first cousin, he'll always be here for him.

When his mother passed in 2006, he promised her he'd look after him. I plan to keep that promise.

"I have a couple of movie deals coming and I'll use the proceeds to keep Drak Boy Records going. Just hold on. G-Style's message to everyone is to keep it real no matter what, and he will be back. He wants to make sure no one forgets him and to reach out and give him the same support he's given others."

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Super Bowl Gospel Celebration Brings Stars Of Gospel And The NFL To Tampa

Grammy award-winning gospel superstars including Donnie McClurkin, Marvin Sapp, Mary Mary and Hezekiah Walker will headline the 10th Anniversary Super Bowl Gospel Celebration on Friday, January 30, 2009 at the University of South Florida’s SunDome.

For the past decade, the Super Bowl Gospel Celebration has become a unique concert, showcasing the best in gospel on one stage with NFL stars for one night only. Sanctioned by the National Football League (NFL), the concert has emerged as the premiere, family event where the fans can experience their favorite NFL players - out-of-the-helmets for an inspirational evening marked by the rich heritage of gospel music during Super Bowl weekend.

The Sun Dome is located at 4202 East Fowler Avenue in Tampa, Florida.

Through our longstanding partnership with the NFL, the Super Bowl Gospel Celebration has become a highly anticipated entertainment event and has drawn crowds in the thousands with sellouts of venues located in Super Bowl host cities around the nation," said the show’s producer, Melanie Few, founder and president of Atlanta-based Results, Inc. She is the only African American woman to hold NFL sanctioning for a gospel concert.

NFL stars and longtime event supporters such as Michael Gaines (Bills), Ovie Mughelli (Falcons), Richard Seymour (Patriots), Troy Vincent (Redskins/Retired), and Pro Bowlers Tommie Harris (Bears) and Ray Lewis (Ravens) were among the more than 40 players that participated in last year’s debut performance of the NFL Players All-Star Choir.

“The unveiling of the players’ choir as part of the ninth Super Bowl Gospel Celebration staged in Phoenix generated overwhelming excitement and we are planning for an encore performance in Tampa that will be equally as memorable,” said Few.

Produced in commemoration of the show’s decade of success, the 10th anniversary presentation of the Super Bowl Gospel Celebration will be marked by the blending of faith and football.

Sponsors of the 10th Anniversary Super Bowl Gospel Celebration include NFL PLAYERS and the Tampa Tribune. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the NFL YET Centers.


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These three young, aspiring recording artists are students at Jefferson High School. This trio of talent has a unique sound and incomparable charisma. They will be debuting a new song exclusively for Gridiron XI.

Gospel Celebration Launches Super Bowl Ticket Challenge

Results, Inc., producers of the NFL sanctioned 10th Anniversary Super Bowl Gospel Celebration & the Tampa Bay NFL Youth Education Towns (YETs) have launched a special promotion targeting Greater Tampa & Central Florida area churches. Commencing Sunday, January 18, 2009 at 12:00 p.m. EST, the "Faith and Football Super Bowl Ticket Challenge" will be a 30-day ticket sales promotion designed to give a local church the opportunity to win tickets to Super Bowl XLIII. A total of two (2) tickets will be presented to the winning congregation in the name of the church's Pastor. In addition to the Super Bowl tickets, members of the winning church will win twenty (20) all-access passes for their selected members or church leadership to meet the gospel stars and NFL players participating in the 10th Anniversary Super Bowl Gospel Celebration, which will take place on Friday, January 30, at the University of South Florida Sun Dome located at 4202 East Fowler Avenue in Tampa.

Churches participating in the "Faith and Football Super Bowl Ticket Challenge" will lead a ticket sales effort with their respective congregations in support of the 10th Anniversary Super Bowl Gospel Celebration. The minimum number of Gospel Celebration ticket sales required to qualify for the free Super Bowl tickets is 250. The participating church that purchases the largest total amount of Gospel Celebration tickets during the 30-day promotion period, which exceed the required sales minimum, will send their Pastor to Super Bowl XLIII. All ticket sales attributed to each participating church will be tallied at the conclusion of the promotion period, which is Wednesday, January 28 at 5 p.m. EST. The winning church will be announced via the official website of the 10th Anniversary Gospel Celebration, www.superbowlgospelcelebration.com.

Gridiron Celebrity Hoops XI will take place at 6:30 p.m. Doors to the Thomas Jefferson High School Basketball arena, located at 4401 W. Cypress Street, Tampa, will open at 5:30 p.m. The Pre-Game with Tampa natives, London Games, Lorenzo Marchman, and Kevin Buckwith, who make up the hip-hop group, Sodja Boys, will also headline the Pre-Game entertainment.

Saturday, January 31, 2009, bigger and better than ever. Now independently produced exclusively by Jam Sports & Entertainment, LLC, this star-studded event offers a chance for NFL athletes to turn their attention off the football field and onto the basketball courts.

NFL legends, Hollywood 'A-listers,' streetballers, NFL mascots, cheerleaders, high school dance teams and marching bands will join professional athletes at Thomas Jefferson High School's Basketball Arena to not only showcase their athletic flair and entertainment talents, but to also help special children across the country who desperately need their support. Gridiron Celebrity Hoops XI brings celebrities and the community together in an effort to help eradicate child abuse and neglect by promoting parent counseling, quality foster care and adoption programs.

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President Obama Re-Takes Oath Of Office

WASHINGTON - After the flub heard around the world, President Barack Obama has taken the oath of office. Again. Chief Justice John Roberts delivered the oath to President Obama on Wednesday night at the White House - a rare do-over.

The surprise moment came in response to Tuesday's much-noticed stumble, when Chief Justice Roberts got the words of the oath a little off, which prompted President Obama to do so, too.

The White House says: President Obama has still been president since noon on Inauguration Day. Nevertheless, President Obama and Justice Roberts went through the drill again out of what White House counsel Greg Craig called "an abundance of caution."

A Quieter Setting

This time, the scene was the White House Map Room in front of a small group of reporters, not the Capitol platform before the whole watching world. Chief Roberts put on his black robe.

"Are you ready to take the oath?" Justice Roberts said.

"Yes, I am," President Obama said. "And we're going to do it very slowly."

Justice Roberts then led President Obama through the oath without any missteps.

The president said he did not have his Bible with him, but that the oath was binding anyway.

The Constitution is clear about the exact wording of the oath and as a result, some constitutional experts have said that a do-over probably wasn't necessary but also couldn't hurt. Two other previous presidents have repeated the oath because of similar issues, Calvin Coolidge and Chester A. Arthur.

President Obama Gets To Keep His BlackBerry

President Barack Obama gets to keep his beloved BlackBerry with him in the White House for personal use, a victory for the man considered the country's first high-tech president.

White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said that a small group of senior advisers - as well as personal friends - would be permitted to have the e-mail address that reaches President Obama's smartphone.

The president has been adamant about continuing to use a BlackBerry, which has Internet and e-mail access, despite concerns that likely have made the National Security Agency as nervous as the Secret Service on Inauguration Day when President Obama left his presidential limo twice to walk and wave to crowds along Pennsylvania Avenue.

Gibbs said President Obama's use of the BlackBerry will be limited and security will be enhanced, most likley with heavy encryption to deter information from winding up in the hands of hackers or others who would want to see harm come to him or to the United States.

President Obama views the connection to the outside world as vital, seeing it as a tool to help him "stay in touch with the flow of everyday life," he said on NBC's "Today" show recently.

Former presidents George W. Bush and Bill Clinton did not use e-mail while in office.
**Funerals**

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**MRS. RUBY GWENDALE YOUNG LAWRENCE**

Funeral services for Mrs. Ruby Gwendale Young Lawrence, who passed away on Sunday, January 18, 2009, will be held at 11 a.m. on January 24, 2009, at 3305 E. Conover Street, Tampa. Friends are asked to meet at the church at 10:45 a.m.

**Harmon**

**MR. SHeldon VONDALE NUNA UNDERWOOD**

Homegoing services for Mr. Sheldon Vondale "Nuna" Underwood, who died on Thursday, January 9, 2009, will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2009, at 1 p.m. from New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 3706 N. 40th Street, with the Rev. Jacob Jordan, pastor, and Rev. Ricardo Robinson, officiating. Interment will follow in Rest Haven Memorial Park Cemetery.

**Mr. Sheldon Vondale "Nuna" Underwood was born on September 23, 1989, in Chicago, Illinois. He attended the public schools of Cook County and Hillsborough County.

Sheldon "Nuna" was preceded in death by: his brother, Angel; grandfather, James Young, Sr.; great-grandmother, Katherine Gee; and aunt, Lisa Gee. Nuna was affectionately called " authorities, because of the lives of those she touched. She leaves to mourn her passing: her parents, William and Virginia Underwood; her husband, Larry Johnson; her children, Felicia and Felicia; her grandchildren, Adarian James and Alexus Callaham; her children, Easton and Locstere Frensa; her brothers, Mark and William Young; her sisters, Marsha Young and Marsha McClendon; her nieces and nephews, LaTanya, Tisha, and James, Jr., and Trina Young; her great-nieces and great-nephews, her sisters, her nieces, and her nephews. She leaves to cherish her memory: her husband, Darryl Johnson; her children, Felicia and Felicia; her grandchildren, Adarian James and Alexus Callaham; her children, Easton and Locstere Frensa; her brothers, Mark and William Young; her sisters, Marsha Young and Marsha McClendon; her nieces and nephews, LaTanya, Tisha, and James, Jr., and Trina Young; her great-nieces and great-nephews.

**MR. JAMES HARDIE HARRIS J.R.**

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**Anthony Gerald Holmes**

Funeral services for Sir Anthony Gerald Holmes, who passed away on January 17, 2009, will be held Saturday, January 24, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Harmon Funeral Home, 2002 N. 40th Street, Tampa, with Pastor Collete E. Murvin, City and Rest Haven Memorial Park Cemetery. The viewing for Sheldon will be held on Friday, January 23, 2009, at 3-8 p.m. at the church, with Rev. James Hannon, LFD. C.

**Anthony Gerald Holmes was born June 19, 1954, to Mr. Theodore Holmes and Sarah Scott. He was educated in Hillsborough County Public Schools. He was a graduate of Northside High School, Syracuse, NY; a graduate of Hillsborough College, Tampa, Florida; and a graduate of Columbia College, Chicago, Illinois. He attended the university in St. Lucie County. He was a resident of Ft. Pierce, FL, where he accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his savior. He developed a love for sports and graduated from high school in St. Lucie County. He served in the U.S. Army until he was medically discharged. Briefly he was a resident of Syracuse, NY. He was a resident of Ft. Pierce until he moved to Tampa.

His occupations included: plumber, custodian, construction, security officer and "Repo Man" for many years for his participation in wrestling, baseball, and softball. J.R. was a father of three children, James, Jr., "Kojoah" with Stephanie at an early age.

He married Mary at an early age and fathered children, Michelle and Karmen. He leaves his mother, Regina Holmes; his sisters, Christian and Alex; his nieces and nephews, Biono Brown, Audrey, J.R.; and his brother, Lamont. He leaves to cherish his memory: his two mothers (one adoptive), Brenda Martin and Carolyn Clemons; grandmother, Laura Chambers; and aunt, Mary Bailey.

He leaves to cherish his memory: son, Terrance A., Jr., a graduate of Hillsboro Community Church, 3910 E. Conover Street, Tampa, 33605, Elder Robert E. Beals, pastor, Elder B. F. Strong, officiating. Interment will be private.

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ELDER CHARLIE PITTMAN ‘BO’

Elder Charlie Pittman passed away on Wednesday, January 14, 2009, at 8 a.m. at Palm A.M. Church, 506 E. Harrison Street, Tampa, after a lengthy illness. Rev. Eugene Garnett, officiating. Interment followed in Southview Evergreen Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida.

Mrs. Willie Mae "Toot" Mack

Mrs. Willie Mae "Toot" Mack of 1129 W. Cypress Street, Tampa, passed away January 15, 2009, at 6 a.m. at Palm A.M. Church, 506 E. Harrison Street, Tampa, Reverend Eugene Garnett, officiating, eulogist. Interment followed in Southview Evergreen Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida.

MRS. JEWEL MCCLAIRN AINES

A homegoing celebration service for Mrs. Jewel McLaughlin Aines of 1129 W. Cypress Street, Tampa, was held Wednesday, January 21, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. at Palm A.M. Church, 506 E. Harrison Street, Tampa, Reverend Eugene Garnett, officiating. Interment followed in Southview Evergreen Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida.

MRS. JEWEL MCCLAIRN AINES

Mrs. Aines, the third of eight children, was born December 29, 1925, in Winter Haven, Florida. She attended a grade school in Winter Haven, Florida and a high school in Lakeland, Florida. She attended great-grandparents, Dorothy Williams and Louis Davis, father, Charles Williams, mother, Eula Aines, and a host of other family members.

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Mrs. Aines devoted her life to the care and education of her children, as well as her extended family. She was a member of the Association of Children Under Six (PACUS), and a Board Member of the Stewardess Board 1111. She was a member of the Harriet Tubman Women’s Board of Directors and a member of the Women and Church Women United. She attended School of Business and was employed at Beddow and Laudromont Company.

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Mr. Frank Williams

Mr. Frank Williams of Tampa passed away on Friday, January 14, 2009. Visitation will be held today, Friday, January 19, 2009, from 2-6 p.m. at Ray Williams Funeral Home, 901 N. Howard Avenue.

Mr. Williams was born November 22, 1929, in Charleston, South Carolina, to Sargent and Susie Williams. He received his education in the Beauford County School System.

Mr. Williams moved to St. Petersburg, and later relocated to Tampa where he resided for many years until his demise. He was employed by Work Force Labor as a driver for individuals needing transportation.

He was preceded in death by: his wife, Clara Williams; his parents; two brothers, James Williams and Johnny Williams; five sisters, Irene Williams, Mary Holmes, Mamie Williams, Bernadeth Williams and Catherine Williams Arnold.

He leaves to cherish his memory: three daughters, Freenda (James) Tootles of Brunswick, GA, and Marline and Darline Tolbert; loving and devoted caregiver and special companion of nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great grandchildren of Palm Bay, FL, and James Jacob of Cocoa, FL, Isaac Williams of South Carolina, Betty Mitchell of Pinehead, South Carolina, Lucille (Rudolph) Bennett of Peak Skill, NY, Theresa Jackson of Apopka, FL, and Jennifer Tolbert of Jacksonville; four brothers, Sargent Williams of Sargent, FL, Beverdez Williams, Jr. of Cocoa, FL, Isaac Williams of Titusville, FL, Leroy Williams of Palm Bay, FL, and James (Bian) of Pinetown, NC; sister-in-law, Annie Williams; several aunts and uncles; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, grand and great grandchildren, and friends; caregiver and special companion of nieces, nephews, children and grandchildren of Tampa; good friends, line friends of Tampa, and Reverend Frederick Brennon of Florida; and other members of Hospice Staff of Sun City and Tampa; and to his niece, Rose Taylor of Apopka, FL.

A professional service of comfort will be held at Ray Williams Funeral Home, 901 N. Howard Avenue, at 11 a.m. today, Friday, January 23, 2009, at Ray Williams Funeral Home, 901 N. Howard Avenue.

Arrangements entrusted to Ray Williams Funeral Home, Rhodes & Northern, Owners.
MEMORIALS/CARDS OF THANKS

TAMEKA M. WALLACE, a.k.a., MEKA FROM DA BLOCK

Because your presence in our lives was so great, it is for this reason we still celebrate. Happy birthday from all of us.

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January 24, 1976 - May 1, 2008

We love and miss you so much. Wishing you were here, but you're in a better place with our father, God in heaven. With love, family and friends.

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Emmanuel Carpenter

The family of Dorsey "Dot" Hunter

The family of Sharon McFarland Honeywell would like to thank everyone who expressed their kindness and love during our greatest time of sorrow.

Thank you and may God bless you.

CLORA MCFARLAND HONEYWELL

The family of the late Clora McFarland Honeywell would like to thank everyone for their prayers, telephone calls, cards, flowers, food and other acts of kindness shown during our time of bereavement.

Special thanks to: the staff of Ray Williams Funeral Home and Gantley Funeral Home.
Thank you. We love you all. The family of Clora McFarland Honeywell.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The family of Dorsey "Dot" Hunter would like to express our sincere appreciation for the comforting words of kind­ness, cards, flowers and other acts of support, during the homegoing of our loved one.

Special thanks to: Pastor Miller and the members of Friendly M.B. Church, Pastor Cook and Allen Temple AME Church, LifePath Hospice and all the caregivers.

Thank you all. The Hunter and Brison family.

SULPHUR SPRINGS RESIDENTS PLAN REUNION VALENTINE'S BALL

Planning Committee members are left to right: Lisa Putts Thomas, Linda Haynes, Sharon "Peaches" Jackson, Henry Fluker, Howard Rich and Ophelia Robinson.

It was the vision of one woman, Sharon (Peaches) Jackson and the mission of several former residents of the Sulphur Springs community who have come together to reflect on the positive experiences growing up in the Black section of Spring Hill.

"So many times we have seen or heard about the negative things of Sulphur Springs, but nothing reflecting the positive. Each of us is a product of good stock that originated from this small community. Although many of us have relocated to different parts of the Tampa Bay area, our roots remain within this community," states Joel Barnum.

"We've had many teachers, mentors and examples of those who have inspired, encouraged as well as impacted our lives to become who we are today," added Lisa Putts Thomas.

Sulphur Springs (Spring Hill) has always been a tight, family-oriented community. As a community, they've had everything they needed: preachers, teachers, church­es, Black-owned/operated businesses, lawyers, singers, musicians and much more.

The group wants to unite and celebrate the good old days, reflecting back to the 50s, 60s, and 70s. A few of the local residents (Joel Barnum, Henry Fluker, Linda Haynes, Sharon Jackson, Howard Rich, Ophelia Marshall Robinson, Lisa Putts Thomas and Alfred Thomas, Sr.) have formed a planning committee.

Several home meetings and planning sessions were held on Sunday evenings at Springhill Park to organize the upcoming event. The committee has gone door-to-door trying to make contact with all the families.

The group has planned a Valentine's Reunion Day Ball. The semi-formal ball will be held Saturday, February 14, 2009, 8 p.m. - 1 a.m. at the Tampa Letter Carriers Hall, 3003 W. Cypress St.

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"Thank you all. The Hunter and Brison family."
City Employee, Passenger Charged With Marijuana Possession

On Wednesday night, Tampa Police charged an employee with the City of Tampa Water Department with possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia.

Chevalier A. Charles, 34, and a passenger in the vehicle, Evelyn Williams, 23, were charged after an officer conducted a traffic stop at Nebraska Avenue and Emily Street after he made an improper turn.

The officer reported that when he made contact with Charles, he smelled marijuana coming from the vehicle. A search of the vehicle revealed marijuana in the center console.

Police said Charles was wearing a City of Tampa Solid Waste uniform, but told them he worked for the water department.

Both Charles and Williams were issued misdemeanor citations and released at the scene.

Drug Dealer Sentenced To 21 Years

On Wednesday, a judge sentenced Durwood Milton Gwyn, 32, to 21 years and 10 months in prison after his conviction on charges of possession and distribution of crack cocaine.

Gwyn was arrested February 22, 2008 and accused of selling crack cocaine to a confidential informant. When police searched him they allegedly found 41 grams of crack.

Officials said Gwyn is considered a career criminal because he was convicted on drug charges before.

Man Tased During Arrest For Domestic Violence

Early Wednesday morning, Tampa Police arrested a man on a charge of domestic violence.

Police said Louis Watts, 36, committed domestic violence battery against the victim, Deborah Watts, 36. According to reports, when officers tried to arrest Watts, he pulled away. The officer struggled with Watts and the two of them fell over a table. A second officer tased Watts, striking him in the chest and stomach.

Watts was arrested without further resistance.

Police Have No Video Of Sunday Robbery

ST. PETERSBURG - A convenience store robbery that ended in gunfire Sunday night was not captured on video, St. Petersburg Police said.

Police said they are examining some similarities and dissimilarities between that robber and a robbery last month that ended with clerks being shot.

Police said an old VHS recording system was to blame for not capturing the attack that sent a store clerk to the hospital with a gunshot wound to the left foot. They said all store owners should double-check their equipment to make sure it's working.

Police said the suspects in the robberies are described as Black men in their late teens or early 20s. The gunman was described as standing 6'11" tall with a slender build.

The only description of the robber that was armed with a knife is that he was about 5'11" tall. He walked behind the counter as the robbers forced the clerk to open the register.

Former State Corrections Officer Convicted Of Civil Rights Crime

A federal jury in Jacksonville, Florida found Paul Tillis, a former Florida Department of Corrections officer, guilty on January 18th of a felony federal Civil Rights violation for an August 2005 assault on an inmate.

The evidence at trial showed that on August 14, 2005, Tillis assaulted the victim by pouring a bottle of scalding water onto his chest. Tillis was on duty as a supervisory corrections officer at the Florida State Prison in Raiford. During his shift, one of the inmates in his custody allegedly caused injury by lying on the floor of his cell. In response, the defendant filled a bottle from a nearby dispenser that provided water at near-boiling temperatures, then poured it onto the victim's chest.

Tillis also failed to arrange for medical treatment for the victim, who suffered second-degree burns on his chest as a result of the assault.

Tillis faces a maximum punishment of ten years in prison and a $250,000 fine. A sentencing date has not yet been scheduled by the court.
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Dayle Greene’s family told him they were going to a function. Always one to share in a family outing, the entire family dressed in green and traveled to the Lion’s Eye Institute. Once they were on the 2nd floor, Dayle, the life-long journalist, realized his family had scooped him. “I was totally surprised,” Dayle said.

Dayle’s brothers and sisters, his mother-in-law, his cousin and numerous friends joined his wife, Patsy, daughters, Tammy and Tiffany and niece, Princess to celebrate his 60th birthday on Saturday, January 10th. Dayle made a point to tell his guests that his birthday is actually January 15th, the same day as Dr. Martin Luther King.

A video presentation on Dayle’s life was shared with his guests, followed by a comical thank you by the guest of honor. Dayle and wife, Patsy took to the floor to dance to one of Dayle’s favorite songs, “My Girl.” All guests were treated to a CD of Dayle’s favorite music as a parting gift.

As a tribute to Dayle, in lieu of gifts his friends contributed to the Dayle Greene Scholarship Fund to benefit journalism students at FAMU.

Family members, Elsie Hubbert, Cecelia Hubbert and Princess Ousley.

Donna Russell, Kai Watkins and Anika Coney.

Family friends, Stephanie Sykes and Dot Banks.

Dayle Greene’s sister, Faye Greene Daniels and cousin, Cassandra Greene-Reynolds.

Dayle’s brother and sister-in-law, Arnett and Marilyn Greene.

Moira Powell and Jeneil Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald (Ketty) Dowridge.

Best friends of the family, Frances Sykes and Patricia Miles with Pat’s son, Bruce Miles, Jr.

Family friends, Marsha Lewis-Brown, Joan Dawson, Sandra Davis, Bessie Brown and Evelyn Bethune.
The Garcia Family Hosts An Obama Intern

Ashley Brown, metaphorically, is the "audacity of hope" President Barack Obama speaks of in his highly acclaimed memoir, _The Audacity of Hope: Thoughts on Reclaiming the American Dream_.

As a 20-year-old honor student, popular and vivacious, at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, she had the audacity to believe that there was a role young people could (and should) play in the history that was unfolding a few hundred miles away in Chicago, Illinois. Placing her studies on hold she was selected an Obama Intern to serve at the National Headquarters, and found herself immersed in the invigorating strategies and opportunities to get the Junior Senator from Illinois elected President of the United States. Specifically, she served as a member of the Faith-based team, with a charge, national in scope, to involve faith-based organizations in the campaign.

In October 2008, with the intensity of the campaign escalating, Obama Interns were deployed to "battle-ground" states. Ashley was sent to Florida. Not fazed by the prospect of going to a place where she had only visited Disney World as a child, Ashley sent out an appeal for housing by email. And with no formal introduction, Sonja and Rigo Garcia welcomed her into their home where she became a part of the family for 3-1/2 weeks. Her enthusiasm was infectious as she discussed the President's platforms of change and recounted numerous teaching moments with him and the campaign staff; her attendance at the National Democratic Convention; the visit of the "Secret Lives of Bees" cast to the National Headquarters; and many other experiences to enrich a lifetime. Ashley celebrated President Obama's victory at the Marriot Waterside along with her colleagues on November 4th.

But, the political adventure had taken hold, and Ashley had more in mind. Prior to leaving Tampa, she applied for a coveted White House Internship. Needless to say, she was selected and begins her term this month.

Ashley Brown is a journalism major at the University of Wisconsin and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony (Brenda) Brown of Madison, Wisconsin. She has two brothers, a sister, and a niece and nephew. Ashley has held numerous leadership positions at the University of Wisconsin, and is a member of Epsilon Delta Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. She was welcomed warmly by the members of Sigma Nu Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha at the University of Tampa. When she resumes fulltime study at the university, Ashley Brown's "audacity of hope" will have ushered in change we can all believe in.

(Submitted by Sonja Garcia)
Birthday Greetings

Happy 19th

TONY WALLACE
1-21-90

Look at the fine young man you've become.
Special birthday wishes from your mom, pops, sisters, nieces and girlfriend, Tamia.
We love you.

Happy 19th

MRS. SHAWNTAY ROGERS

Happy birthday, Mrs. Shawntay Rogers. She will celebrate January 24th at the Prince Hall Red Carpet, Hollywood style.

Look Who's Turning 2!

CARIA POLITE, JR.

Happy birthday goes out to my son, Lil Caria, who turned the Big 2 on January 21st. He will be celebrating with family and friends.
Love always, Shandrian, Grandma Treasie and Lymphmob.

Look Who's Turning The Big One

MYA ANKERS

Happy 1st birthday, Mya.
From, Mom, Dad, sister, Aniyah. Special wishes from grandma, granddad, aunts, uncles.
She will be celebrating her big day on Saturday, January 24th.
Happy birthday, Mya. We love you!

1-22-2009
CEDASIA MCMILLIAN
At 2 Years Old

Happy birthday, Princess.
From, mom and grandmom and family.

1-22-2009
CEDASIA MCMILLIAN
Today At 9 Years Old

Happy birthday, Armani, as you celebrate your 9th birthday with a fun-filled weekend and birthday party. May God continue to bless you. I love you.
Mom.

E'KEISYA And ETHAN With Dad, ERIC

Happy birthday to my dad, Eric, 1-21-90, and big brother, Ethan, 1-06-99.
Love, E'Kesyia and family.

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Proverbs 22:6
Reeves Family Given Baby Shower

Recently, family members and friends gathered at McFarlane Center to enjoy a baby shower for Mr. and Mrs. Earl (Nicole) Reeves. Those in attendance enjoyed games, other festivities, and refreshments while the expectant parents enjoy their special day. (Photographs by Brunson).

Nicole and Earl Reese are shown at the baby shower for "King Shariff Reese."

Tom G. and Ciera served as the Host and Hostess for the baby shower.

Enjoying themselves at the baby shower were: Karlissa, Taniqua, Monique, Ms. Vett, Owen, Mariah (standing), and Trilkey, who took a nap.

Among those on hand at the baby shower for "King Shariff Reese," were: Great Grandmother Penix, Grandmother (Pastor) Linda, Grandmother Norma, and Great Grandmother Rosetta.

Zena, Valerie, Diamond, Quintin, Kelvin, and Hellen were on hand to make the day special for the expectant parents.

Earl Reese, left, is shown with his Uncle Kenny at the baby shower.

Nicole took a few moments to pose with Granddaddy Tony.
We are living in a time when a person’s qualifications are always in question. Not that people want to just know if you are qualified, but they also want to know if you are prepared. Many people miss out on blessings because they are not prepared to receive them.

When it comes to some of the things of God, it is not about being qualified, but rather being prepared. There are many people who are qualified for a blessing, but they may not be prepared for it.

A basic definition of both words will help. To be qualified means that a person has the ability or skill that is necessary to perform a task. To be prepared means to be willing to do something or ready to do something that is difficult or hard (Encarta Online Dictionary).

In this week’s lesson in Judges 13:1-13, God prepares the mother and father how to take care of the child once he is born (vs. 5). It is necessary for God to inform and teach those who are birthing His miracles. God desires specific care and instructions for His blessings and manifestations of His miracles.

Take note, because there were two parents it was necessary for both parents to know what was expected. It is extremely difficult to raise a gift from God and the parents are not clear on how to do it according to the will of God.

The father insisted that he know how to care for the baby that God was blessing them with. He was not upset that God sent the angel to the wife. He was insulted because he was not consulted. Upon hearing what his wife learned he said, let the man come again and teach us what we need to do for the child to be born (vs. 8).

Sometimes we all need to be prepared. We all need to be taught how to get ready for the blessings that God is preparing to reveal in our lives. No matter how qualified you think you are still need to be prepared. Preparation must take place mentally, emotionally, physically, and spiritually.
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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 1:5-7 NIV

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Parents’ Dinner At Mt. Pleasant Standard Based Middle School

Mt. Pleasant Standard Based Middle School held its first Annual Parents’ Dinner during the holiday season. More than 80 parents, several board members, faculty and staff attended. A variety of seafood was on the menu and the parents enjoyed the sounds of Christmas music. (Photos by Julia Jackson)
January Birthday
Celebrants
Natasha Williams, Angel McCray, Renee Montgomery, Jasmine Singleton, Delidre Starks, Melissa Barlow, Tina Charles, Ashley Meeks, and Crystal Armstrong will all celebrate birthdays during the month of January.

A Happy Birthday wish is being extended to Mrs. Arlean Evans (Tampa General Hospital), Mrs. Tonya Simmons, (St. Joseph's Hospital), Ms. Helen Mond, (Fairway Nursing Home), Reva Taylor, Rose Lee Marshall, Robert E. Taylor, Aletha James, Tameka Campbell, Lynette McAnuff, Janice Jackson, Ledora Blake, Ellen K. Jenkins, Maisie McKeller, Elder Albert and Barbara Turner, Cynthia Edmond-Niles, Stelle Hunter, James and Ethereda Johnson, Ronald Gillespie, Mark August, Islay Streeter, Alma Fields, and Thomas Lake.

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January 25, is the start of the 15-day Chinese New Year festival and the first day of lunar year 4707, the Year of the Ox. Chinese New Year is all about spectacle, from the fireworks and dancing dragons to the fabulous food. That's why it's a holiday anyone can enjoy ... and a perfect time to host a party.

Sesame-Ginger Noodles
1 pound uncooked rice noodles
1/4 cup soy sauce
2 tablespoons distilled white vinegar
1 tablespoon grated ginger
1 teaspoon cornstarch
1/2 cup water

DIRECTIONS: Cook noodles omit salt; drain, rinse under cold water and drain thoroughly. Mix soy sauce, vinegar, ginger, sugar, cornstarch and water. Heat vegetable oil in hot wok or large skillet over high heat. Add scallions and stir-fry 10 seconds. Add soy sauce mix; stirring until sauce comes to a boil. Add noodles; stir 1 minute until sauce returns to boil and noodles are coated. Remove from heat. Add sesame oil and sesame seeds; toss well to combine.

Steamed Fish
3/4 pound sole fillets
1 tablespoon ginger, sliced
2 green onions, sliced
1 tablespoon soy sauce
1 teaspoon dry sherry
1 teaspoon sesame oil
2 tablespoons vegetable oil

DIRECTIONS: Arrange fish on heat proof plate that fits in bamboo steamer or on wire rack placed in large skillet with cover. Combine soy sauce, sherry, 5-spice, ginger and pepper in large bowl. Add fish; rub with mixture and let stand 30 minutes. Place on rack in shallow roasting pan, skin side up. Roast 1 hour and 10 minutes. Remove from oven; drain off pan drippings. Turn oven temperature to broil and raise oven rack 4 to 5 inches from heat source. Broil fish 2 to 3 minutes or until skin is crisp. If 5-spice powder is not available, mix 1 teaspoon crushed fennel seed, 1/4 teaspoon each crushed anise seed, ground cinnamon, cloves and ginger.

Chinese Roast Duck
1 duckling, quartered
3 tablespoons soy sauce
2 tablespoons dry sherry
1 tablespoon 5-spice powder
1 teaspoon ground pepper

DIRECTIONS: Heat oven to 350°F. Rinse duckling; drain and pat dry. Discard excess fat; pierce skin thoroughly with fork. Combine soy sauce, sherry, 5-spice, ginger and pepper in large bowl. Add duckling; rub with mixture and let stand 30 minutes. Place on rack in shallow roasting pan, skin side up. Roast 1 hour and 10 minutes. Remove from oven; drain off pan drippings. Turn oven temperature to broil and raise oven rack 4 to 5 inches from heat source. Broil duckling 2 to 3 minutes or until skin is crisp. If 5-spice powder is not available, mix 1 teaspoon crushed fennel seed, 1/4 teaspoon each crushed anise seed, ground cinnamon, cloves and ginger.
Recipes

Symbols Made Simple

Steamed Fish - is a centuries-old sign of abundance.

Noodles - in dishes such as Sesame Ginger Noodles - stand for longevity.

Roasted Duck - is a traditional New Year favorite, its golden color symbolizing good fortune for the year ahead.

Round out the Menu

Tangerines or Oranges - their Chinese names sound like the words for "luck" and "wealth".

Fortune Cookies — you can even insert your own customized fortunes for the year ahead.

Fortune Cookies

1 egg white
1 pinch salt
1/4 cup white sugar
1/8 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/4 cup unbleached all-purpose flour

DIRECTIONS: Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Butter a cookie sheet. Write fortunes on strips of paper about 4½ inches wide.

Mix the egg white and vanilla until foamy but not stiff. Sift the flour, salt, and sugar and blend into the egg white mixture. Place teaspoonfuls of the batter at least 4 inches apart on one of the prepared cookie sheets. Tilt the sheet to move the batter into round shapes about 3 inches in diameter. Be careful to make batter as round and even as possible. Do not make too many, because the cookies have to be really hot to form them and once they cool it is too late. Start with 2 or 3 to a sheet and see how many you can do.

Bake for 5 minutes until cookie has turned a golden color. The center will remain pale.

Remove from oven and quickly move cookies with a wide spatula and place upside down on a wooden board. Quickly place the fortune on the cookie, close to the middle and fold the cookie in half. Place the folded edge across the rim of a measuring cup and pull the pointed edges down, one on the inside of the cup and one on the outside. Place folded cookies into the cups of a muffin tin or egg carton to hold their shape until firm.
Computers Key To The Success Of African-American Children

Do you expect your child to perform better in school? If your answer is yes then providing a computer for your child could be the first big step in their educational advancement. The British Department for Education and Schools found students who used computers for their school work scored higher in examinations than those without access to computers at home.

The average African-American household with multiple children have only one computer at their disposal. Since, children have to limit their computer usage so their older brother or younger sister can have equal access children are not able to maximize their computer skills. Some of the most successful African-Americans embraced technology at an early age including President Barack Obama and Mark Dean, a computer scientist who holds more than twenty U. S. patents including three of IBM’s original nine patents upon which the IBM PC were based. At an early age Mr. Dean built his own computer from scratch.

Many parents have personally expressed how much more involved their children have become in school since purchasing a computer. In fact over the last decade or so black entrepreneurs have created more jobs and have made more of an impact of the Black community economically that black pastors or politicians. Teaching your kids to maneuver the mouse and understand basic computer terminology is essential tools for your children to understand how a computer works.

A Information Technology Instructor at Indian River State College not too long ago expressed to me personally how much more involved his own computer from home.

Many prominent African-Americans are slowly seeing the need for African-American children being involved with technology. Magic Johnson along with HP Company opened their fifteenth “Inventor Center,” a few years ago in Washington to bring technology training centers to impoverished minority communities. There are hundreds of exciting computer programs that have been developed by educators that should be taken advantage by young students. Many of these programs have proven successful in training children to perform higher in reading and improve math skills. “I love Phonics, Curious George, Yukon Trail,” are all proven programs for beginners. Invest in your children’s future and buy a computer.

Eric Hall is a ComptIA and Microsoft certified technician with over ten years of experience and can be reached at comptechonline.us for any questions pertaining to this article.
Social Event

East Tampa Holiday Gathering

The East Tampa Community Revitalization Partnership gathered at the East Tampa Police Sector office on 22nd Street for a holiday gathering. In addition to lighting the Christmas tree, there were lots of gifts presented and lots of information to share. (Photos by Brunson)

More than 100 bicycles loaded with gifts were presented to youngsters sponsored by companies CH2MHi, Garney, Greeley and Hansen and Bradshaw.

Lerone Benjamin and Ronald Brookins.

Tampa Police Department, Capt. Roosevelt "Rocky" Radcliffe of the Tampa Police Dept., and Carl Green, Principal, Middleton High School.

Charlene Nathan, mother, with Silica Bryant and Jaemya Lynch.

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Health News

Living With Bipolar Depression

Unlike ordinary sadness or loss, bipolar depression is persistent and can significantly interfere with thoughts, activity and physical health. Overall, most people with the disorder experience depressive episodes three times more often than manic episodes.

If not controlled, bipolar depression can affect a person’s ability to do normal, day-to-day activities. Therefore, it’s important to talk to your health care provider to develop a treatment plan that is appropriate for you. This may include medication, counseling and exercise.

If you think you are experiencing these symptoms, or are currently on treatment for bipolar disorder, it’s important to keep a few things in mind:
- Talk to family and friends.
- Maintain healthy habits.
- Plan “me” time.
- Talk to your doctor.

For more info on bipolar depression, talk to your doctor, and visit wwwFacingbipolar.com.

Convenient Quick Fixes When You Aren’t Feeling 100 Percent

There are a number of quick fixes that could help keep you going when a cold’s got you feeling less than your best.

So what’s the best way to deal with the sniffles, aches, sore throats and other symptoms associated with the common cold?

Sore Throat. If you’ve got an itchy sore throat, try combining a cup of warm water with a quarter of a teaspoon of salt and gargling with the mix. Gargle as often as needed, but try not to swallow the liquid because it’s high in sodium.

Stuffy Nose. Saline rinses can help put sniffsies and nasal congestion to bed. The rinses moisturize your nasal cavity and loosen mucus.

Steam Showers or Humidifiers. To soothe sore throat, try a misty shower, and use a cough syrup with a decongestant to help relieve chest congestion or headaches, try taking a steam shower and using a humidifier while you are sleeping. Both help keep your airways moisturized during the dry months of winter.

Cough/Throat Irritation. To find on-the-go, quick relief to get you through the day, use a cough drop.

Colon Cancer in African American Women

African American women have a higher risk of dying from colon cancer than any other women from any race or ethnicity. Although it is third most common cancer among all African Americans it is also the least discussed.

Special Colon Cancer Screening Guidelines For African Americans

Available

The American College of Gastroenterology is now recommending that doctors screen African American patients for colon cancer beginning at age 45, which is five years earlier than the recommended age for screening white patients.

Natural Ways To Lower Your Risk Of Getting Colon Cancer

- Eat diet rich in fiber.
- Load up on healthy portions of fiber, tomato products, cruciferous vegetables (broccoli, kale, cabbage, Brussels sprouts), garlic, and onions, and eat less meat.
- Work in a workout.
- Maintain a regular exercise routine throughout your life.
- Try selenium supplements.
- Taking 200 mcg a day of this essential trace mineral can offer protection against a variety of cancers.
- Go for green tea.
- Drink several cups of green tea a day to benefit from the protective polyphenols found in tea leaves.
- Try vitamin C.
- If you have colon cancer, take a glass per day of vitamin C to possibly slow disease progression. Mix in melatonin 20 mg at night under medical supervision.

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Computer Mentors Group To Host 1st Annual Golf Tournament

BY IRIS B. HOLTON
Sentinel City Editor

Two organizations have joined forces to host its first Youth fundraiser Golf Tournament. The event will take place at Bay Palms Golf Course on Mac Dill Air Force Base, on March 19th.

Ralph Smith, founder and Executive Director of Computer Mentors Group, Inc., said, “We are working with the Tampa Chapter of Black Data Processing Associates (BDPA) to host this event.

“The idea of having a golf tournament came about during our board meeting and we have joined BDPA to make this happen. We are very non-traditional and this is our first fundraising effort.

“We are recruiting players and sponsors for the event and every level of sponsorship is open. Anyone who wishes to participate in this event is welcome to come out and play to support the program.”

Smith said the funds will be used to send 5 students and 2 adults to compete in a national competition for high school students. A total of fifteen youngsters will be trained for the competition.

The youth will compete in the BDPA National Conference that will be held in Charlotte, North Carolina in August. “This is an excellent opportunity to assist in the training of these youngsters who will become tomorrow’s technologists. These kids will compete by writing computer programs and developing web content, which will put them heads and shoulders above their peers.”

Any extra funds raised will be used for the Summer Internship Program. The program offers internships to students who have successfully completed the Computer Mentors Group program and who has earned his or her IC3 Certification. The certification also counts as a college credit, Smith said.

He further stated that those participating in the summer program earn $11.50 per hour. “We want the kids to know that even in these difficult economic times, there is still skills in demand that won’t be impacted as severely as the general economy.”

Both Computer Mentors Group and the Tampa Chapter of Black Data Processing Associates are 501c3 organizations who are committed to training the next generation of professionals and giving back to the community.

For additional information contact Computer Mentors at (813) 236-1191 or visit the website at www.tournevent.com/cmg 2009.

Ralph Smith
Executive Director

Bucs Release 6 Gruden Assistants

TAMPA — The Tampa Bay Buccaneers fired six members of former coach Jon Gruden’s staff Sunday.

Gruden and general manager Bruce Allen were fired Friday, three weeks after the Bucs completed one of the biggest collapses in NFL history by losing four straight to miss the playoffs following a 9-3 start.

The team promoted Raheem Morris to head coach and appointed Mark Dominik the new GM on Saturday.

The fired assistants were offensive coordinator/offensive line coach Bill Muir, defensive quality control coaches Johnny Cox and Ejio Evero, offensive assistant Jay Gruden, strength and conditioning coach Mike Morris and assistant offensive line coach George Yarno.
Steelers Not Counting Ward Out Despite Injury

PITTSBURGH — Hines Ward needs extensive work to rehabilitate his sprained right knee for the Super Bowl, but Pittsburgh Steelers coach Mike Tomlin still expects the wide receiver to play. Ward, the Steelers' career receiving leader, sprained a medial collateral ligament while making a catch in the first quarter of the AFC championship game against Baltimore on Sunday night. If the Steelers played this week, he may not have been ready. Tuesday was the players' scheduled day off, yet Tomlin observed Ward doing extensive rehabilitation work in the team's practice complex. The Steelers leave Monday for Tampa and the Feb. 1 game against Arizona, but only after they go through a regular week of practice. The schedule will be the same as for any other week, Tomlin said, and the Steelers will draw up a game plan as if they were playing this Sunday. A game plan that is likely to include Ward.

Ward played in every Steelers game from 2001-04, and he has missed only six games the last four seasons - none this season. He led the team with 81 catches for 1,043 yards, his fifth career 1,000-yard season and his first since 2004.

McGahee Released From Hospital, Returns Home

OWINGS MILLS, Md. — Ravens running back Willis McGahee returned to his Baltimore home Monday after spending the night in a Pittsburgh hospital recovering from a helmet-to-helmet hit in the AFC championship game against the Steelers.

McGahee was carted from the field on a stretcher Sunday after colliding with Steelers safety Ryan Clark. The play occurred in the fourth quarter of Pittsburgh's 23-14 victory.

Although he had significant neck pain, McGahee had movement in his arms and legs after the hit. He was taken to UPMC Presbyterian Hospital in Pittsburgh and held overnight for observation.

McGahee was released early Monday morning and back in Baltimore home by early afternoon.

"It is expected that Willis will have a complete recovery from the head and neck injuries he suffered last night," Ravens spokesman Kevin Byrne said.

Cardinals Play Down Boldin's Late-Game Behavior Against Eagles

TEMPE, Ariz. — The Arizona Cardinals called receiver Anquan Boldin's sideline shouting match with the offensive coordinator a "normal thing," and coach Ken Whisenhunt insisted the outburst would in no way disrupt the team.

Boldin and Todd Haley were seen arguing on television during the Cardinals' late touchdown drive in a 32-25 win over Philadelphia in the NFC championship game Sunday.

Boldin, going to his fourth Pro Bowl this season, did not participate in the postgame celebration on the field with his teammates.

Whisenhunt expects Boldin's behavior to have no effect on the team.

NBA Players Pay Tribute To Obama

An impressive roll of NBA players — including Ray Allen, Carmelo Anthony, Chauncey Billups, Carson Butler, Stephen Jackson, Antawn Jamison, Rashard Lewis, Chris Paul, Amare Stoudemire and Mo Williams, among others — paid tribute to Barack Obama in a video clip. As America paused to watch the inauguration of our 44th president, this was an earnest and heartfelt tribute from a group often criticized as apolitical.

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Tiger Woods Pays Tribute To Military In Speech At Obama Celebration

In an inaugural celebration at the Lincoln Memorial today, Tiger Woods paid tribute to the men and women in uniform who serve our country and protect our freedom.

Woods was one of many prominent figures at Saturday's celebration, which was broadcast on HBO and featured a star-studded lineup of movie stars and musical acts. Woods has attended to stay away from political issues throughout his career, but he used his moment on stage Sunday to speak about his father, Earl Woods. "I grew up in a military family, and my role models in life were my mom and dad, Lt. Colonel Earl Woods. My dad was a special forces operator and many nights friends would visit our home. They represented every branch of the service, and every rank. In my Dad, and in those guests, I saw firsthand the dedication and commitment of those who served. They come from every walk of life, from every part of our country. Time and again, across generations, they have defended our safety in the dark of night and far from home.

Each day, and particularly on this historic day, we honor the men and women in uniform who serve our country and protect our freedom. They travel to the dangerous corners of the world, and we must remember that for every person who is in uniform, there are families who wait for them to come home safely.

I am honored that the military is such an important part of my personal life, but of my professional one as well. The golf tournament we do each year here in Washington is a testament to those unsung heroes. I am the son of a man who dedicated his life to his country, family and the military, and I am a better person for it.

In the summer of 1864, Abraham Lincoln, the man at whose memorial we stand, spoke to the 164th Ohio Regiment and said: 'I am greatly obliged to you, and to all who have come forward at the call of their country.' Just as they have stood tall for our country, we must always stand by and support the men and women in uniform and their families. Thank you."

Pistons Shift Hamilton To Reserve Role

Pistons coach Michael Curry announced that Richard Hamilton will lose his place in the starting lineup as the team tries to overcome its recent struggles.

Power forward Amir Johnson will replace him in the starting lineup most nights. Center Kwame Brown will start against especially big teams. Either switch would give the Pistons a more traditional lineup of two guards and three bigger players, as opposed to the three-guard lineup they've been using since Hamilton returned from an injury this month.

Curry said Hamilton will average about 30 minutes of playing time per game off the bench. He will decide his late-game substitution pattern on the fly. The move means Allen Iverson will remain in the starting lineup alongside point guard Rodney Stuckey. Hamilton has started all 48 regular-season games he's played with the Pistons over six-and-a-half seasons.
Mariah Carey And Nick Cannon's Baby-Making Plans

LOS ANGELES — Mariah Carey and Nick Cannon may not be poppin' out babies right now, but it's gonna happen. "We're definitely into planning a family and stuff but when everything calms down and we get the time," Cannon told me earlier today after finishing up a workout at Gatorade's G Gym at Village at the Yard Sun. "We're just running and gunning now and enjoying being newlyweds."

Also on the couple's agenda? Working together! But not on a musical collaboration. So what gives? "It'll be something more out of fun than serious," Cannon said. "We're going to do some comedy stuff together. You'll see us this year doing some really funny stuff."

Rapper 50 Cent Expands Empire To Filmmaking

50 Cent performs during the 2008 Sundance Film Festival in Park City, January 19, 2008.

PARK CITY, Utah — Bullet-scarred rapper 50 Cent owns a record label and clothing line, acts and writes books, and now he is adding film production to his multimedia empire — promoting his new venture this week at the Sundance Film Festival.

50 Cent, whose real name is Curtis Jackson, has launched Cheetah Vision, and he told Reuters at Sundance, the top U.S. independent film festival, that he was not concerned about starting a new business during the global financial crisis.

"I don't think it will affect me as much 'as it will the other people that are out there because I'm not afraid to finance some of these things myself if I have to," he said.

The rapper, who takes his name from a "stickup kid from Brooklyn," was ranked No. 26 on Forbes 2008 list of top 100 richest celebrities with estimated earnings of about $150 million between June 2007 and June 2008.

50-Cent had a stake in Glaceau, which makes VitaminWater, and the bulk of his earnings came from the sale of the company to Coca-Cola Co. Forbes estimates the rapper banked about $100 million after taxes from the deal.

He said Cheetah Vision had already bought eight scripts and among the first to be produced would be "The Dance," starring himself and Nicolas Cage.

(This script) was previously passed around a little bit but both me and Nicolas Cage had an interest in the film so it will still happen. He plays the founder of a boxing program, and I play a fighter who goes to state prison," 50 Cent said. "They put all the different types of movies that I bought the rights to, and we're developing projects. You will see different things from me in the future," he said.

4 Stabbed During Club's Party For 'Notorious' Film

NEW YORK — Police say four men were stabbed at a New York City night-club advertising an after-party for the film premiere of "Notorious" about rapper Biggie Smalls.

Police said Saturday a 21-year-old victim stabbed numerous times was in critical condition at Brookdale Hospital. Three others were stable.

The Djumbala club is in the Canarsie section of Brooklyn. Police did not immediately release further information.

While the party had been promoted as the "official" after-party, "Notorious" distributor, Fox Searchlight, said it was not related.

Smalls was born Christopher Wallace and also used the stage name "Notorious B.I.G.".

His debut CD, 1994's "Ready to Die," helped re-energize East Coast rap.

He was killed in Los Angeles in 1997.

Much Change In Biggie Smalls' Neighborhood

NEW YORK — In rapper Biggie Smalls' old Brooklyn neighborhood, the building that once housed a coin laundry is now a plastic surgeon's office. A block away, a wine bar sells "artisan" cheeses and meats.

Much has changed where the late superstar spent all but a few years of his life and sometimes sold crack cocaine before spinning vivid tales of his street exploits into millions of record sales.

"It's completely different," said Voletta Wallace, Smalls' mother, who moved into the area in 1989 and left after her son was killed, at age 24, in a 1997 drive-by shooting in Los Angeles. "It's a place for the better."

Wallace is a producer of "Notorious," the Smalls movie biography that hits theaters on Friday, and was on the set during filming in the area.

In interviews, she and other longtime residents and business owners reminisced about Smalls and reflected on the neighborhood's changes, which have occasionally sparked tension.

"Much has changed but much remains the same," said City Councilwoman Letitia James, whose district includes the neighborhood.

"In the movie the drug trade was a predominant feature," she said. "Crack was at its height. Some of what happened and occurred and existed during Biggie's time is still on Fulton Street, and we're trying to address that."

"But we've come a very long way," James added.

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Michelle Obama, Miley Cyrus: Favorites At Concert

Jill Biden, wife of Vice President-elect Joe Biden, left, and her grandchildren give Michelle Obama, wife of President-elect Barack Obama, during the Kids Inaugural: We Are The Future Concert in Washington, Monday, Jan. 19, 2009.

WASHINGTON — Michelle Obama challenged the audience on Monday night that surpassed even the appearance of teen star Miley Cyrus:

"You kids are the future of this great nation," Obama said to the crowd largely made up of military families and their charged-up children. "We need every American to serve their community, including our young people.

What can kids do? she wondered aloud: Volunteer in a homeless shelter, visit an elderly person or write letters to U.S. troops.

"For many of you, they're your moms and dads, right?" Obama said. "Barack, Malia, Sasha and I are so grateful for the service and sacrifice all our military families make to help keep this nation safe.

Usher On Obama Inauguration: 'The Mission's Not Over'

More often than not, after a long journey, folks realize that the ending is, in fact, just the beginning.

This sentiment is particularly true when it comes to freshman U.S. Sen. Barack Obama, who has won a hard-fought battle against Hillary Clinton for the Democratic party's nomination, his election-night speech on Tuesday.

But just as Obama is about to bask in the glow of his history-making achievement, his election-night speech continues to reverberate. Even though his win is a breakthrough for the nation, he said, "It is only the chance for us to make that change."

Usher, for one, agrees.

"If a dream is all about sight or hope, those words that Barack Obama gave us at the beginning of his campaign were all about the dream, this reality," the singer told MTV News on Sunday after the star-studded We Are One concert. "It only starts here. The mission's not over. Barack Obama's put the ball back in our court."

The entertainer said he thinks the country should become more service-minded as a way of fulfilling Obama's promise for change. Relying on government, he said, "we don't have to be the only option. The community at large can chip in and hopefully match Obama's efforts.

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Obamas, Bidens Enjoy Lincoln Memorial Concert

WASHINGTON — Under the gaze of Abraham Lincoln's statue, Bruce Springsteen and a red-robed gospel choir kicked off a spirited preinaugural concert Sunday before tens of thousands on the National Mall.

The crowd erupted in cheers when Barack and Michelle Obama and his wife, Michelle, arrived, walking down the steps of the memorial, and kept applauding for the high-energy Springsteen act and the performances that followed.

There was no red carpet, but the event had the feel of a Hollywood awards ceremony, with stars taking the stage to praise, serenade, and even impersonate the next president.

Performers including Bonobo, Beyoncé and James Taylor were on the bill.

A crowd expected to reach up to a half-million was stretched past the reflecting pool separating the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument.

Obama and his wife, Michelle and Vice President-elect Joe Biden and his wife, Jill, sat behind bullet-proof glass near the stage erected on the steps of the memorial.

The concert began with Springsteen, dressed in black, singing "The Rising," with the help of the choir, taking a song best known as a call to action following the 2001 terror attacks and unsurprisingly revisited in a new era in American politics.

Denzel Washington was the first celebrity to speak, telling the crowd, "we are all in this together."

Another speaker was actor Tom Hanks, who as Forrest Gump famously gave a speech at the monument steps and jumped into the reflecting pool. This time, he appeared in a dark suit and read a somber tribute to Abraham Lincoln.

Jamie Foxx brought many in the crowd - and the Obamas - to their feet by repeatedly urging those from Chicago to make some noise: "Chi-town, stand up!"

He demanded.

Foxx then launched into a quick impersonation of the president-elect.

Joe Biden told the crowd: "Look around you. Look at the grace and grandeur that surrounds us and you'll see the work of American hands."

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Oprah 'Disappointed' By Debunked Holocaust Story

Oprah Winfrey broke her silence Friday about former guest Herman Rosenblat, saying she's "very disappointed" in his now discredited story about meeting his wife in a Nazi concentration camp.

"That's what happens when you have a lot of money with lawyers," Winfrey said on an episode of "The Oprah Winfrey Show." "Somebody else came along, sold the story short. A lot of money."

Rosenblat, a 78-year-old resident of North Miami Beach, and his wife Roma have appeared twice on Winfrey's show. Winfrey said he had planned to appear again to "explain himself," but the man's lawyers scuttled that.

Rosenblat's tale of a little girl throwing apples over a barbed-wire fence to him every day at a sub-camp of Buchenwald in the 1940s was endearing, Winfrey said.

"And he told me that story and I was crying, everybody was crying," Winfrey said. "I believed the story."

Berkeley Books, an imprint of Penguin Group (USA), had planned to release Rosenblat's memoir "Angel at the Fence" in February.

But after "60 Minutes," friends and family members challenged him, Rosenblat acknowledged the story was untrue and Berkeley pulled the book.

Auímed feature film about Rosenblat's story still is scheduled to begin production this year, with producer Harris Salomon saying the script may note the "fabricated elements of their wartime love story."

"It's just the progression. You set, you walked, you ran, you ran to fly," Jay said MTV News on Monday night (1/19) before his show at Warner Theatre, explaining his lyrics. "You see the progression and how far we've come as a nation. I feel good to say that's the journey I have taken that I never had that type of feeling to say as a nation, like I was part of the American process for so long."

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T.I. gives Thanks for His Tumultuous Year At Hip-Hop Inaugural Ball

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Patting his pants pockets, T.I. claimed he couldn’t accept the acceptance speech he had prepared for the Hip-Hop Inaugural Ball at the Harman Center for the Arts on Monday (1/19). So he went off the top of his head with an ode to all the things he’s thankful for; the speech left the crowdmembers stunned and on their feet.

"I want to thank God for giving me the strength, the wisdom, the patience, the perseverance to make it through one of the toughest times of my life," he said. The rapper’s past few years have included the murder of his best friend and assistant, Ph lilant Johnson, his arrest on weapons charges and a one-year prison sentence he’s slated to begin in March.

He improbably thanked the U.S. government, "the U.S. attorney who prosecuted me in my case for giving me the opportunity to make the change once and for all," he said, as an audience member shouted out "I agree with you." He took a stab at real talk, "I want to thank God for somehow ... I know he perfected. So I wanna thank him for everything. I'mma thank him for making me drop out of school. I'mma thank him for making me run the streets. I'mma thank him for making me sell crack. I'mma thank him for making me shoot-out. I'mma thank him for allowing me to watch my partners die in my arms," he said, his voice rising and quickening and taking on the cadence of a fire-and-brimstone preacher. "So I'd be fearful enough for my life and paranoid enough to go out and catch machine guns and silencers so I catch a fed case and I have to put up $3 million in a bond so I have to spend seven months of my life in my house."

Jay-Z And JEEZY

Jay-Z obviously has a way with words. But when the legendary MC put his verse together for Young Jeezy’s "My President Remix," he borrowed heartily from a message about Barack Obama that had been circulating on e-mail chains for some time. Jay, of course, managed to make the saying all his own.

"Room Parks sat so Martin Luther King Jr. and Ralph Abernathy drenched the rain to lead a march down the street. They got on the train, they got on the plane, they got on the boat, they got on the bus," he raps on the track, which he debuted Sunday at Love nightclub in Washington, D.C. "So I'mma spread my wings! You could meet me in the sky."

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Today's Birthday - You're going to get the chance to prove that dreams really can come true. Don't wait around for anyone else to do it for you. Can't change the past, but your dreams are too personal. It's up to you.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Thoughtful and sensible, you know which way you fight, the better you understand where that other character is coming from. Sort of. Well, that's a clean, group-therapy sort of fight. Do the best you can.

Places (Feb. 19-March 20) - The job is not going as planned. There are very good reasons for that. Some of the people involved are upset. When you change, the change is not your fault. Adapt. Do not resist.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - You'll have to pick and choose. You might not be able to have everything you want, but not all at once. Set priorities and don't get all ruffled if they come up one at a time.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Discuss your next big decision with your family before you act. They're interested too, and it'll be easier if they're on your side. Give something up to make that happen.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Continue to act as translator. This isn't an easy job. But you have natural talent. You're good at helping others resolve their conflicts. You teach objectivity.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Should you save or should you spend? That's the big dilemma.

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Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Communication is starting to flow more easily, and that's surely a blessing. Other things are breaking down, though. Schedule your personal break for later tomorrow.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Stay out of a fight you can't win. If asked, you might help medi- Wait until they ask you, either. Otherwise, stay out of their way. Stop eating their cookies, instead. Or go buy some.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - The others may still be obsti- tell the combatants; they aren't listening yet.

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The Lakeland Mirror Center, Lakeland, was the site of the class of 1978 reunion. The theme was: "The Best Is Yet To Come."


Will Brown was the photographer.

Zion Hill Primitive Baptist Church recently held an Installation Celebration for Pastor-Elect, Elder Christopher D. O'Bryant.

Elder O'Bryant was born on July 23, 1981, in Americus, GA. He is the son of Ms. Teresa O'Bryant and Mr. Dirk A. Engram and has two siblings, Carla and Carlos.

He is a 1999 graduate of Sumter County High School and a 2002 graduate of Emmanuel Bible College in Macon, GA. In June 2008, he graduated from Emmanuel Bible College with a Master of Arts in Divinity.

He is the loving husband of Mrs. Lestine O'Bryant and the proud father of Kyra, Zavonica, LaDerricka and Derrick.

In the summer of 2008, O'Bryant accepted the call to pastor of Zion Hill Primitive Baptist Church in Lakeland. He was ordained as a Primitive Baptist Elder on September 13th by the South Florida Progressive Primitive Baptist District Association, Inc.

Pastor O'Bryant lives by the motto: Obedience to the omnipotent, preaching the practical word, teaching the truth and faithful to the family.

The Morning Worship Experience participants were: the Deacons, the Choir, the Ushers, Pastor O'Bryant and Dr. Joseph Howard, Speaker.

The Evening Worship Experience participants were: City-Wide Combined Choir, Elder Anthony J. Brown, Dr. Joseph Howard, III, Mother Helen Mallard, Sis. Selena Gant, Moderator Dr. Willie J. Williams, Presiding, South Florida Progressive Primitive Baptist Association, Zion Hill Church Family, Deacon

Dr. Joseph Howard, Guest Messenger from Albany, GA, and his godson, Elder O'Bryant.

William Mills, Chairman, Pastor Christopher D. O'Bryant, Closing Remarks and Benediction.

Official Greetings from: Commissioner Justin Trolly, City, Chief Roger Boatner, Lakeland Police Dept; Pastor E. T. Pickett, III, Ministerial Alliance; Bro. Silas Green, P.E.A.C.E. Ministry; and Don Brown, NAACP.
Rhema Family Fellowship News

Rhema Family members will be celebrating the 2nd anniversary of Pastor/Teacher H. B. Holmes and Evangelist Prophetess Wanda Holmes at the Rhema Family Fellowship Center, 2935 U. S. 92 East.

The following Appreciation Events at the center are as listed: January 30, 2009, February 7, 11, 13, 17, 18, 19 and 22, 2009.

Come join in having a spiritually uplifting time praising the Lord and showing appreciation for this great duo.

Hello!

A sincere hello to the following subscribers of the Florida Sentinel Bulletin via Gloria L. Jennings; Shalon Blakes; Lauraline King, Beverly Boatwright, Gertrude Williams, Dorothy Robinson, Ashley Truex, Leola Ford, Mrs. Williams, 829 Texas Ave., Gussie Johnson, Harold Silas, Dea. and Mrs. Willard Scott, Geneva Ware, Stanley and Wendy Glover, Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Williams (Leslie), Lakeland/Bartow, Ab dissolved M. Church, Pat Nelson, Nadine McFarland, Florida Mai Griffin, Mrs. Freddie Mae Woodard-Burnett, Mrs. Jeanette Davis, Vera Owens, Betty Porter, Mr. George Cox, Jr., Mary Robinson, Glenda Charlene-Baker, Elizabeth Rhodes, Charles and Mary Shaw, Van and Mildred Alexander, Gladys Leggett, Mr. and Mrs. Winfred and Bernice Smith-Smith, who celebrated 54 years of wedded bliss on January 14, 2009; Debra O'Steen, Hattie Willis-Geter, Florida M. Hinson, Sadie Birt, Sonny and Peaches Lewis, Joyce Clayton, Vanessa Gallman-Williams, Rev. and Mrs. John G. Hooks (Denise), Rev. and Mrs. Pearce Ewing and family, Henry Rodmon, Jr., Carrie Spencer, George and Gertrude Figgis, Gloria Moore, Annette Dunn, Elizabeth (Liz) Rosier, Mary Nance, Quartemaster at Lakeland Police Department, Stacie Williams, Rev. Henry Simmons, Plant City, Theretha E. White, R. N., Jeanette Chmmons, Mary Crawford, Latha Murphy-Speed and Stephanie Franklin.

Global's Things

History Making

Hoping you enjoyed the history-making celebration on Tuesday, January 20, 2009 — the Inauguration of the 44th President of the United States, President Barack Obama. Wasn’t it awesome?

Family And Friends Day

Sunday, February 15th at 11 a.m., New Mt. Zion will host their Annual Family And Friends Day.

Each member is asked to invite their family and friends to come out and worship with them.

Sister Beverly Boatwright is Chairperson.

Gloria’s Things

Trust thyself; every heart has its own music and you hear it in the stillness of the soul. — refusal Sophocles

Inauguration Buzz

Until 2008, I never imagined an African American serving as President of the United States of America. But the time has come. And the buzz is in the air! Not just in major cities, but in small ones, too. On Sunday afternoon, I learned that Mother Ruby Axson, who has been a resident of Polk City, Florida for fifty plus years, traveled to Washington, D.C. with her daughter, Evelyn Murphy. And she was just among hundreds of Polk County residents who made the journey to D.C., to witness President-Elect Barack Obama being sworn-in as the 44th President of the United States of America. To many residents age, race, nor religion seem to matter much; at this time ... they were just excited about the transition! God bless America!

Bailey’s 13th

On Saturday, January 17th, the cafeteria of Berkeley Charter School was transformed into a celebration zone for former student, Bailey Davis. Bailey and her friends enjoyed lots of music and fun, as they celebrated her 13th birthday.

Sponsor her guests: Hunter Grant, Chandler Middlebrook, Devon Young, Delony Young, Desha C. Young, Morgan Hampton, Hannah Duling, Sydney Bailey, Kara Quinnales, Logan Brown, Nathan Byrd, Braden Ortz, Austin Ledford, Jonathan Holland, Will Davis and Michael Shaw II. Music was provided by a local DJ. On the menu was assorted candies, cookies, chips & dip, nachos & salsa and soda. Happy Birthday, Bailey! You are officially a Teenager!

Polt County School Counselor is National Mentor of the Year

Donna Cross, a Guidance Counselor at Kathleen High School in Lakeland, was recently named 2009 Mentor of the Year by the Virginia-based Ron Brown Scholar Program. Nominated by Deseree Montgomery who served as the 2008 Kathleen High Salutatorian, Cross was selected from among more than 5,000 high school counselors nominated nationally.

Cross was involved with Kathleen High’s guidance department securing approximately $7.5 million in scholarship funds for Kathleen High students in a recent year. Montgomery was one of twenty students to be awarded a Ron Brown Scholar Program scholarship and one of approximately 1,000 students to win a scholarship (Gates Millennium Scholarship) from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Cross was involved in assisting Montgomery to earn both prominent scholarships. Montgomery is currently a student at Southeastern University in Lakeland.

Congratulations, Donna Cross on being the first recipient of the Ron Brown Scholar Program’s 2008 Mentor of the Year award.

Congratulations, JoMama!

Congratulations to native Polk County gentleman Ron Shepard d/b/a Jordanama Johnson on being chosen as a recipient of the 2009 24th annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Drum Major for Justice Award. Thank you for doing your part for the community! Servicehood ... a great reason for being!

Birthday Greetings

Shaw-Nuf Talk extends wishes for a very Happy Belated Birthday wishes to Belinda Byrd of Winter Haven, who celebrated another natal day on January 6th. Happy birthday wishes are extend­ed to Master Lorenzo Byrd, Jr., the son of Elder Lorenzo Byrd and his Holinda; and to Lakeland Lady Judith Haggings who celebrated her natal day on January 23rd. May the Lord bless each of you with many more birthdays!

Shaw-Nuf Shout-out

This week’s Shaw-Nuf Shout-out is extended to Pastor Michael J. Toby and First Lady Vanessa Thomas of The Pentecostal Church of Tampa. May the blessings of the Lord continue to be upon you and your family!

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, promotions, etc., with the readership of the Florida Sentinel Bulletin and Shaw-Nuf Talk by sending an e-mail to: shawnuftalk@yahoo.com or calling (863) 513-8437.

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Polk County News

Young, Chosen And On The Move

BY CYNTHIA E. ZORN-SHAW
Polk County Columnist

As a youth, he began to serve as a drummer at a church where his father was Pastor. As a teen, he began to worship the Lord through song. As a young adult, he is CEO of his own company, one that encourages youth and young adults to live a lifestyle of holiness and use their gift of song to praise and worship the Lord.

A native of St. Petersburg, Florida, Dexter Phillips, 21, founder and Chief Executive Officer of Trendsetters, Inc., is moving forward by faith. Trendsetters, Inc. is being built on the message of gospel music and film production. The company was launched in June 2008.

Phillips shares that the vision of Trendsetters has been given to him by the Lord, for Kingdom building while sending the message to all that it is a trend to be saved and live a lifestyle of holiness.

Phillips is no stranger to what it takes to live a lifestyle of holiness. From birth, he was reared in the Church of God by Faith (COGBF) where he serves as Director of the Tampa West Coast District COGBF’s Youth and Young Adult Choir. His parents, Elder Neal Phillips and R. Regina Phillips serve as Pastor and First Lady of Victory Temple COGBF in Lakeland, Florida, where Phillips is a faithful member.

“My parents are my major advisors and greatest influences in this endeavor. God has put me around the right people for the foundation and continued growth of this company,” stated Phillips.

Though his family has a history of longevity in the COGBF, Phillips believes that Trendsetters is not about denomination, but is about bringing others into the Kingdom of God.

Trendsetter’s first major production was a Summer Gospel Jam Session, during the summer of 2008 that featured numerous local gospel singers. On October 17th and 18th, 2008, the company hosted its first Ministry of Music Conference.

Trendsetters is currently working on a promotion for two local Christian artists. And this is just the beginning. Phillips is very optimistic about the future growth of Trendsetters, because he believes that this business has been ordained by God for this time. He and his staff members, Joseph Leath, Executive Vice President and Courtney Phillips, Secretary have a great work before them. But Phillips is confident that they are ready for the task. “We can do ALL things through Christ Jesus who strengthens us,” stated Phillips.

Gober Villa resident Nan Campbell is shown with Ms. Alzatine Brown.

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In Baltimore, more than 40,000 supporters greeted the President-elect.

The Stars Came Out for the “We The People” Concert at the Lincoln Memorial

Hundreds of thousands bundle up in the cold around the Washington Monument on the Mall for the celebration concert for President-elect Barack Obama in Washington on January 18. Here the Obamas wave to the very large crowd.

The Minutes Before THE HOUR

As I prepare to leave for Washington on a trip that you made possible, I know that I will not be traveling alone. I'll be taking you with me,” he told the enthusiastic crowd.

The Final Walk

The Obamas and Bidens then had coffee at the White House with President Bush, Vice President Richard Cheney and their wives. President Bush, right, walks out with President-elect Barack Obama, on the North Portico of the White House before sharing the presidential limousine enroute to Capitol Hill for the inauguration.

The Obama and Michelle Obama wave to bystanders, then entered the church to applause from about 200 people.

The Rev. Luis Leon welcomed the Obamas and said every president since James Madison has worshiped at the church at least once, "some of them kicking and screaming," Bishop Charles E. Blake Sr., of Los Angeles, drew chuckles when he blessed the Obamas and asked that "they may finish these two terms in office" stronger than they are now.

Another clergyman, Jofl Hunter, offered a blessing to "Barack Hussein Obama."
Barack Hussein Obama, the 44th President of the United States approaches the stage as millions awaited his arrival to take the oath of office.

The beautiful Mrs. Obama beams before her husband took the oath of office.

The first daughters await their dad's entrance.

Over 2 million braved the 15 degree weather to witness history.

Aretha Franklin sings "My Country Tis of Thee" at the inauguration.

Millions in D.C., and more millions at home watched and wept.

President Obama takes the oath of office, while his wife, Michelle held the bible that President Abraham Lincoln used during his inauguration. The first children, Malia and Sasha stand proudly with their parents.

Tender Moments And Kisses

The new First Family share special moments during the inauguration.
Minutes Before The Hour

The Inaugural Address Of President Barack Obama

We come to reaffirm our enduring spirit; to choose our better selves; to repair the world; to ensure that government is of the people, by the people, for the people; to summon to our common purpose a new spirit of unity and common effort.

What the cynics fail to understand is that the ground has shifted beneath them - that the stale political arguments that have consumed us for so long no longer apply. The question we ask today is not whether our government is too big or too small, but whether it works - whether it helps families find at a decent wage, care they can afford, a retirement that is secure and dignified, the means to get through a difficult time and know that if we get sick, we will be taken care of.

For we are one people, and sharing a common endeavor, capable of much, capable of great things.
Yes We Did!

President Barack Obama gives his First Speech

President Barack Obama gives the Hawaiian “shaka” or “hang loose” gesture during the inaugural parade when his high school band passed.

The world-renown Florida A&M Marching 100 get waves and smiles from the President and First Lady.

The President and First Lady exit their car to walk before the parade.

More kisses for the First Lady at a luncheon immediately after the swearing in.

President Obama gazes out of the window of his new car, labeled “The Beast” enroute to the parade.

Our newly elected President and First Lady kicked off the night with an appearance at the first-ever Neighborhood Ball, attended by everyday Americans. The gala was the first of ten balls the Obamas attended on Inauguration Night.

Their Legacy Begins

The First Couple’s first dance was to the tune “At Last” sung by Beyoncé. “This man was born to lead us. At last he is here. He makes me want to be more involved,” says Beyoncé, after an emotional performance of “At Last,” the Ella James classic, for the first dance of President Obama and the nation’s First Lady.

The Obamas danced the night away with soldiers and guests.

INAUGURATION of BARACK OBAMA
The official portrait of President Barack Hussein Obama, 44th President of the United States.

BY IRIS B. HOLTON
Sentinel City Editor

Members of the Southeastern Region Greater Tampa Chapter of Jack & Jill of America, Inc., were among the thousands of people from Florida who attended the Inauguration of President Barack Obama. A total of 102 family members attended the historic event.

For the past three years, the organization has planned regional trips for its members. Ms. Tangela D. DuPree is president of the Tampa Chapter. This year, Ms. Jill Cooper-Nelson, one of the Chapter’s mothers, suggested the group attend the Presidential Inauguration.

Months before it was determined who the 44th President of the United States would be, the organization began making plans. Some of the organization’s members served as the planners of the event to make it real. After their plans were completed, the members decided that they would serve as the catalyst of making a dream come true for two deserving young girls to make the trip as well.

The two girls chosen were Oluwatomi Adegbola and Martina Marshall, both 8th grade students at Sligh Middle School.

Both young ladies are in the magnet program at Sligh Middle School, both are Office Assistants, and members of the Magnet Program (GEMS) since its inception at the school last year. Additionally, the young ladies are members of the Student Area Council (SAC), members of Health Occupations Students of America, and both plan to become physicians.

In addition to providing airline and hotel accommodations to the inauguration, the Greater Tampa Chapter provided them with gifts, such as gowns for the ball, winter coats, earmuffs, gloves, and other items needed for the frigid weather.

The girls were told of their gift at school on Friday, January 9th. Among those in attendance were Ms. Copathia Parrott, GEMS 8th Grade Sponsor, and Ms. Sheila Padgett, overall administrator of the program, and Jack & Jill member who accompanied them on the trip.

The group was housed at the Ritz Carlton. Among their many activities, the group attended the Pink, White, and Blue Jack & Jill Children’s Ball on January 3oth and a host of activities being sponsored by Jack & Jill Southeastern Region.

The young ladies were chosen because of their academic performance and positive attitudes. They have great faith, are both Christians and feel overjoyed, honored, and truly blessed to be selected from 40 other young ladies. Both will be on program to share their experience at the Second Annual GEMS Luncheon in May 2009 that was previously co-sponsored by the Greater Tampa Chapter of Jack & Jill and The Perfect Touch Accessories, Incorporated.

Some of the mothers attending the Inauguration were: Ms. Tangela D. DuPree, Dr. Valerie Cherry, Ms. Jill Cooper-Nelson, Ms. Tonya Crawley, Ms. Tamara Estrill-Lott, Ms. Sheila Padgett, Ms. Joyce Lyn Henderson, Ms. Tanaya Hamilton, Ms. Brunetta Thurston, Ms. Betoria Watson, Ms. Lisa Pointer-Holmes, Ms. Elaine Saffold, Ms. Cheryl Wright-Jones, Ms. Chira Wright-Holloman, Judge Charlene Honeywell, Ma. Fran Sterling, Ms. Vanessa Brown-Bennett, Ms. Kim Brown-Blount, Ms. Sophia Cherry, Ms. Marcia McQuay, Ms. Kay Smith, and their families.

Shown in this photograph from left to right (front row): Copathia Parrott (Sligh Middle School Educator), Sheila Padgett (Sligh Middle School Educator and member of Jack & Jill Greater Tampa), Yetunde Adegbola, mother of recipient, Oluwatomi Adegbola, recipient, Martina Marshall, recipient, Martine Whyte (mother of recipient), and Tangela DuPree (President of Jack & Jill Greater Tampa Chapter). Shown on the back row from left to right: Abidran Adegbola (father of recipient) and Lynda Blair, ESQ (member of Jack & Jill Greater Tampa Chapter).

Ms. Copathia Parrott, Sligh Middle School 8th Grade Science teacher, left, is shown with Ms. Sheila Padgett, Sligh Reading Resource teacher and member of Greater Tampa Chapter, Jack & Jill of America, Inc.
Presidential Inauguration 2009

Women Named To In Obama Administration

Shortly after President Barack Obama was sworn in as the 44th President of the United States, he began selecting members of his cabinet. Among those chosen so far, are seven African American women who will serve in various capacities. Those women are:

Ms. Valerie Jarrett, 52, was chosen as the Senior Advisor to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs and Public Liaison. Prior to accepting this position, Ms. Jarrett was the Vice Chairperson of the Board of Trustees at the University of Chicago, and Chairperson of the Board of Trustees at the University of Chicago Medical Center. She served as a Senior Advisor to the Obama Campaign and is Co-Chairperson of the Obama-Biden Transition Team. Born in Iran in 1956, while her father operated a hospital as part of a program that brought medical care to developing countries, Ms. Jarrett graduated from Stanford University with a B. A. in Psychology. She earned her Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Michigan Law School in 1981. In 1991, she hired Michelle Robinson Obama as a staff assistant to Mayor Richard M. Daley. Ms. Susan Rice, 44, has been hired to serve as U. N. Ambassador in the Obama Administration. She has spent the majority of her career finding ways to prevent violence by alleviating poverty, curing disease, and addressing climate change. During the Clinton Administration, Ms. Rice worked for the National Security Council and the State Department, primarily on issues related to Africa. Ms. Rice, who is not related to Condoleezza Rice, is a Rhodes Scholar and has earned degrees from Stanford University and Oxford. Ms. Cassandra A. Butts, 43, has been named as the General Counsel, White House Advisor, and Assistant to the President for Personnel. Formerly the Election Observer in the 2000 Zimbabwe Parliamentarian, Ms. Butts has served as Counsel to Senator Harris Wofford, of Pennsylvania. She has served as Ignatian and did political work for the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund. In 2008, seven years working for Rep. Richard Gephardt, of Missouri. Born in 1965, Ms. Butts earned her B. A. Degree in Political Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and her law degree from Harvard Law School in 1991. Ms. Desirée Rogers, 49, was chosen to serve in the White House Social Secretary. She most recently served as the Chief of Online Community Development for Allstate Financial, serving as Director of Social Networking. Ms. Rogers graduated from Wellesley College. Her former husband, John W. Rogers, has also been chosen as the Co-Chairman of the Obama Inauguration. Ms. Melody Barnes has been chosen to fill the position of Director of Domestic Policy Adviser and a former attendee of the Domestic Policy Council, which coordinates the domestic policy making process in the White House. Ms. Barnes received her Bachelor's Degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and received her law degree from the University of Michigan. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the Constitution Project, Emily's List, and The Maya Angelou Public Charter School.

Ms. Mona Sutphen has been chosen as the Deputy Chief of Staff to President Obama. Prior to holding this position, she was a member of the Obama Presidential Transition.

Ms. Sutphen is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the co-author of The Next American Century: How the U.S. Can Rise While Others Thrive. She is a graduate of Mount Holyoke College and received her M.Sc. from the London School of Economics. President Obama has chosen Ms. Lisa P. Jackson as the head of the Environmental Protection Agency. Ms. Jackson earned degrees in Chemical Engineering from Tulane University and Princeton University.

Looking Back At Historical Events

BY IRIS B. HOLTON
Sentinel City Editor

January 20, 2009 will be recorded in history books as the Inauguration of the 44th President of the United States. It is a day that was celebrated by all Americans who believed that President Barack Obama would bring hope and change to our country.

However, for people of African descent, the meaning of the day was much more poignant. The first time a person of African descent has been sworn into the highest office in the land. We will take a few moments to look back over the years of struggle and the events that took place on January 20th.

In 2001, President George W. Bush appointed Colin L. Powell as the first Black Secretary of State. Atty. Cheryl Mills, as the Whites House Deputy Counsel, was the first Black to argue an impeachment hearing before the U.S. Senate, in 1999. She was the Counsel in the Senate Impeachment Hearing in the case of President Bill Clinton.

In 1993, President William Clinton selected poet Maya Angelou as part of his inauguration. Ms. Angelou wrote an original poem for the event, becoming the first poet to serve in that capacity.

Emmett Till

Beginning in 1968 after his assassination, Mrs. Coretta Scott King, widow of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., worked diligently to have a holiday named in his honor. In 1983, President Ronald Reagan signed the legislation making the third Monday in January as the official Dr. King holiday. It took effect three years later on January 20, 1986.

Dr. King patterned his non-violent campaign after India's Pacifist, Mahatma Gandhi. Gandhi was assassinated on January 20, 1948. In 1945, President Franklin D. Roosevelt was inaugurated for his fourth term, becoming the only president to do so. He is credited with introducing the New Deal to help during the Great Depression. President Roosevelt was also the first president to be inaugurated on January 20, 1933. He was the first president, President George Washington, who was inaugurated on April 30, 1789, in New York City. The history pages are also filled with the unpleasant memories of slavery, lynching, and oppression. In 1866, Congressman George H. White, R-North Carolina, proposed an Anti-Lynch-Mob Bill that died in committee. That same year, 105 African Americans were lynched.

On August 28, 1955, a 14-year-old Emmett Louis Till was murdered. The teenager had the audacity to kiss the head, and threw in the Tallahatchie River with a 75-pound cotton gin fan tied to his neck with barbed wire. Fifty-three years later, now the Executive and Chief Operating Officer of the United States, he began serving as the Co-Chairman of the Obama Inauguration.

Paul Sheehy, III Joins 600 Inaugural Scholars For Historic Event

Paul Sheehy, III, a sophomore student at Morehouse College, joined 600 other scholars to attend the inauguration of President Barack Obama.

Paul, III was selected a National Youth Leadership Inaugural Scholar with prestigious Lead America to attend the Presidential Inauguration Conference in Washington, D.C. and the Youth Inaugural Ball in honor of the 44th President of the United States. It was an honor to be selected to attend the Leadership Conference with young scholars from around the country. It was a historical moment which I will never forget," he said.

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Paul bravely braves the cold weather with other Inaugural Scholars in Washington.

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Reform and Budget & Finance Committee.

He volunteers in several charities and is an alumnus of the Greater Tampa Chamber Jack & Jill of America, Inc.

In Atlanta, he attends church on campus. In Tampa, he attends St. Peter Claver and Bethel Baptist Church.

Of his trip to the Inauguration, Paul, III says, "This was the most important event in my lifetime. The overall feeling of hope, enthusiasm and promise for the future was extremely gratifying."
Inauguration Celebration In Tampa

Bible-Based Fellowship Church of Carrollwood and 95.7 The Beat hosted an Inauguration Celebration at the church on Tuesday, January 20, 2009. The theme was "A Moment In Time... A Moment in 'Our' History." Several in the community were there to watch the program.

The Reverend Arthur T. Jones, Pastor, presided over the program, which began at 10 a.m. The colors were posted, invocation given by Rev. Jones, followed by scripture reading and the occasion.

A panel discussion began at 10:30 a.m. with Atty. Delano Stewart, Bob Buckhorn and Pastor Gonzalo Cruz.

A live feed of the official inaugural ceremony from Washington, D.C. began at 11:30 a.m. and followed the national outlined program. (Photos by Lomax Mcintyre)


Rhonda Thomas and Christian James McCrae.

Courtney Davis and TreEsa Lewis attended the inauguration celebration at Bible-Based Fellowship Church.

Attorney Delano Stewart, and Gonzalo Cruz, panelists, and Sarah Perez.

Rev. Janet Lee and E. Carver Lee at the inauguration celebration.

Betty Jackson and Linda Leavell attended the Inauguration.

Rev. Arthur T. Jones, right, is shown with Casey and Antionette, parents of Christian, Casey II, Christopher and Dominique.
A Call To Prayer For The Nation’s ‘Changing Of The Guards’

"This is a clarion call for the intercessors in the area to join us for all night prayer. All are welcome to this service as we must join together to cover our leaders, Republican or Democrat."

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An estimated two million were in attendance at the festivities surrounding the Inauguration of President Barack Obama as the 44th President of the United States. Among those in attendance were numerous stars from the music, television, and motion picture industry. Danny Green, a Tampa resident, shared his photographs with the Sentinel.

Danny Green is shown outside of the Neighborhood Ball. He attended several of the balls that evening.

Actress TERRANCE HOWARD
Host of BET's 106 & Park

MARY J. BLIGE
Singer

GABRIELLE UNION
Actress

ANGELA BASSETT
Actress

MARIAH CAREY
Singer

QUEEN LATIFAH
Actress

TERRANCE HOWARD
Host of BET's 106 & Park

YOLANDA ADAMS
Singer

MAYA ANGELOU
Poet

RUSSELL SIMMONS
Illinois Senator

WYCLEF

DEBRA LEE
BET HOSTESS

ROLAND BURRIS
Illinois Senator

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The Road To The Inauguration

BY GWENDOLYN HAYES
Sentinel Editor

The road to Washington, D.C. was filled with Tampans, many of whom started the trek on Friday. Their mission? To be among the millions to witness the inauguration of the 44th president of the United States.

Several took the quick route of flying, while others thought the trip would be more enjoyable traveling with a group. They were among 1,200 buses to converge on the city, many of them parked at RFK Stadium.

Robert (Bob) and Marian Massey of Road Ready Tours loaded up buses from the parking lot of K-Mart on Busch Blvd. Bennie Small sponsored a trip that left from the parking lot of Nathan B. Young Middle School with 102 passengers.

Both groups made stops along the way to scoop up other riders in Lakeland, Ocala and Jacksonville. The entourage carried by Bennie Small had 2 people who flew in to Tampa on Sunday from Jamaica to make the trip. Road Ready Tours had passengers who came to Tampa from St. Pete, Sarasota, Ft. Myers and other cities.

One group was housed at the Comfort Inn and the other at the Sheraton, both in Richmond, VA.

Road Ready Tours hosted a "meet and greet" for its passengers on January 10th at the Comfort Inn on Busch Blvd. More than 60 of their passengers attended the event, gathered packets of information and received loads of other information from the Massays about their trip on the road and their stay in Richmond and trip to Washington.

Many of those on the road did not have tickets, but wanted to be among the thousands to witness the inauguration. Many of those making the trip were among the earlier backers of the Illinois Senator 2 years ago.

Small started preparing for the trip back in June. He attended the Democratic National Convention in Denver in August that gave him more of a desire to attend the inauguration. "There was so much electricity in the audience, I knew I had to be in Washington for this event."

In the early '60s, Small participated in some marches and sit-ins while a student at Tennessee State. That was the beginning of his involvement in politics.

The trip to Washington for the Tampans was smooth. Riders complimented their coordinators for well-planned trips. The Road Ready Tours group reached Washington at about 1 a.m. Tuesday morning for the inauguration. They were headed back to Tampa Wednesday morning.

First African-American President

Former Tampan Lt. Commander Warren Judge, left, was busy doing his part in Washington, D.C. Judge of the U.S. Coast Guard was the Military Assistant chosen to ‘shadow’ U.S. Trade Representative Designee Ron Kirk (first Black Mayor of Dallas, TX). They were captured Sunday afternoon during the Inauguration Concert at the Lincoln Memorial. On the right is a Secret Service Agent.

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Tampans Comment On Their Inauguration Trip

Frances Jennings left Tampa on a flight Friday afternoon for the inauguration on Tuesday. "I just wanted to be in the city before the throng of people showed up," she smiled and said. Her return trip was Tuesday night. Also flying out were Elder Michelle and Deacon Jesse Patty, Jarvis El-Amin, Senator Anthenia Joyner, Representative Betty Reed, Atty. Warren H. and Joan Dawson, Ruth Bell and her mother, Yvonne Duncan.

Aaron Smith (retired), one of those on the Road Ready Tours bus, "always believed that Senator Obama would be the next president. I'm blessed, at my age, to be able to attend the inauguration area about 1 a.m. She was among those who did not have tickets, but felt it was important that she witness the swearing in. "I live up here and have gotten used to the cold, but it was so awfully cold Tuesday morning, especially the ground. Even at that, the inauguration ceremony was worth bearing the cold." Mia Gifford, a student, says, it feels like you’re watching history being written right in front of you and I'm glad that I had a part in seeing what that feels like."

L. Kinsey never thought she'd witness the inauguration of an African American President. "Now that it has happened, I consider it an honor just to be in the city when it occurs. I want to enjoy the moment and celebrate with millions of others." Another retired educator, Eloise Crump took the trip so that she could be a witness to true American History.

Retired residents, Joe and Cecelia Cambridge wanted to make the trip to Washington to be a part of the election of the first Black President.

Linda Callejas, a researcher at USF, had to support President Obama from the very start, shook his hand here in Tampa and I just had to see him sworn in. I wanted to personally witness this event.

Former Tampa, Karen Hayes, who resides in the D.C. area, made her way to the inauguration area about 1 a.m. She was among those who did not have tickets, but felt it was important that she witness the swearing in. "I live up here and have gotten used to the cold, but it was so awfully cold Tuesday morning, especially the ground. Even at that, the inauguration ceremony was worth bearing the cold."

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Mary Keeton-Flemmings, a retired educator, said she, too, took the bus ride to Washington "to be a part of history and to embrace, with my eyes and heart, a true Black man being held up instead of being held down."

Jean Tim: "I knew that this trip would be the trip in a lifetime. My grandbaby, Erica Linn, will be able to say when she gets older, 'my Nana was at the inauguration, too!'

Ms. Darrell Vinson (Mickey) was born on November 4, 1953, which is my birthday wish that Obama be elected President. "This is a Black man in the White House, but when God is in control, nothing is impossible.

R. Jewell Eddings, who is employed by the State of Florida, said that by being in the crowd she experienced the exuberance that TV cannot deliver. Emma Smith, who is employed by the Board of County Commissioners: 'we have come a long ways to have a Black President. I'm very excited about all of this.'

The photos show some of those who went on the trip with Road Ready Tours. (Photos by Frederick Harris)

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DAVID R. WOLF

Day of February, 2009, at 10:00 A.M.

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File No.: 08-3110 Division: A

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The administration of the estate of JASON ALLEN ROWE, deceased, whose date of death was November 4, 2008, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hillsborough County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P. O. Box 1110, Tampa, Florida 33601. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.

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Duplex
CHA, Utility Room, WDH,
$726.00 Monthly
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Rooms For Rent
Clean And Drug Free
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First Week Rent + Security
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$100.00 Per Week
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Kitchen Privileges
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CHA, Drug Free
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Very Clean Rooms
For Rent
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Large Room With
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Rooms/Apartments
In Quiet Building
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Cable And Personal Fridge
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Move-In Special
Huge Rooms
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Cable, Air Conditioning
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$150.00/Weekly
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Ybor City Area
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For Rent
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West Tampa
Rooms For Rent
Newly Remodeled Full Kitchen, Furnished
$80.00-$100.00 Weekly
+ Deposit
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Clair Mel Area
Room For Rent
Private Bathroom
Shared Kitchen And
Living Room
$120.00 - $180.00 Weekly
Deposit Varies
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Ybor Heights
Large Furnished Rooms,
Utilities/laundry
Facilities Included
Kitchen Use
$110 - $140 Weekly
Deposit +1 Week Rent,
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Ybor City Area
Rooms For Rent
2 Bathrooms
Large Kitchen
Patio/Parking Available
$75.00 - $100.00/Weekly
Deposit Negotiable
Call 813-770-0375

Large Rooms For Rent
West Tampa Area
Must Have Reliable
Source Of Income
Utilities Included
$100.00/Weekly
Call (813) 850-4491

Busch Gardens Area
Plant City - Fair Grounds
CHA, WDH, Cable
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