GOURMET GENTS SERVE THEIR BEST DISHES

The National Coalition of 100 Women, Inc. Tampa Bay Chapter held its 17th Annual 'Gourmet Gents: A Culinary Fanfare' on Sunday, June 28, 2009. The Scholarship Fundraiser was held at Higgins Hall at St. Lawrence Parish. Over 100 men from around the Tampa Bay area participated, serving their best dishes. Among the Gourmet Gents were: Frank Carter, Ernest Coney, Henry Bell; and in the rear, Leroy Carolina and Frank Bell. (Photography by Brunson)
Readers Share Thoughts About 4th of July Plans

BY IRIS B. HOLTON
Sentinel City Editor

Families throughout the
nation will celebrate the 4th
of July. Some said the econo-
my has affected the way they
will celebrate the holiday while others plan to continue
in their customary manner.

Some Sentinel readers shared their thoughts on the effects of the economy on the holiday this year.

Ms. Pat Spencer said, “My plans are to stay in Tampa for the holiday. Normally, I would be visit-
ing with family and friends, but with this year’s econ-
omy, I will be trying to save and cut expenses ever-
where I can. I’m also trying to get my budget together to attend the NAACP 100th Anniversary Convention later in July in New York.”

Tom Forward said, “The Forward fa-
mily will be planning to enjoy the com-
pany of family members and close friends living within the Tampa Bay area. We plan on barbecuing in the backyard, enjoying some fresh sea food from Oriental Fish Market, some ice cold watermelon from Mariana, (from my father’s watermelon patch), and just enjoying the celebration of independence and freedom of this great nation,” Tom Forward said.

Ms. Carolyn Lightly said, “The eco-

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Our plans for the 4th of July with my family and friends. This weekend gives us an opportunity to reflect on the meaning of the “Declaration of Independence,” especially the quote: ‘We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.’

“We will reaffirm our commitment to fulfill this promise as we celebrate our progress in this most profound year of electing President Barack Obama.”

Ms. Green said, “I just got back from the BET Awards show and I am headed to the Essence Festival for the 4th of July. The Economy doesn’t affect my holiday plans! I plan on having a great 4th July. Life is too short. I am not going to let the Economy stop me from enjoying my life.”

Ms. Janelle McGregor said, “Our plans for the 4th have changed slightly this year. We normally do a fireworks display, but we decided not to because of the increased cost. Instead, we will just put some of the extra money towards food and invite more family and friends over to enjoy the festivities with us.”

Les and Gwen Miller said they have not made any specific plans for the holi-
day. “We will be spending quite time at home.”

Ms. Tonya Lewis, “Normally I stay home for the 4th of July. But this year I will be attending a family and community gathering that Darrell Jackson (Denver Broncos), and his mother are giving for their community. They have been doing this for their community for quite some time now. With all the sorrow, and depression going on, I’m glad to know someone is still putting hope, and smile in so many people. Happy 4th of July to everyone.”

Ms. Flossie Lomax said, “I am planning to get my house in order, literally and figuratively. I need to spend some quality time with my son who is home from college, we both have been busy taking classes and working.

“I also plan to throw some meat on the grill and just relax before I head off to New York City for the 2009 NAACP National ACT-SO Competition, where I will be escorting 13 local Gold Medalists as they ‘Go for the Gold.’”

Bob Davis said, “It is hard to believe that summer is passing by so fast and the 4th of July is here already! However, my plan is to host a great cookout that is in within my budget. In a down economy, bargains are the name of the game, so what’s better than getting together with your family and friends to cook a delicious meal and feast Independence Day style. Wishing everyone a safe and fun 4th of July!”

Scholarships For Black Males

If you know of any African American males 18 to 28 years interested in the nursing field, the University of the District of Columbia (UDC) is offering free tuition, free books, a $250 monthly stipend, and guaranteed job placement as a nurse at Providence Hospital upon graduation (it’s a 3-year program) with a starting salary of $40,000.

The program is recruiting new students now. Please contact Ms. Beshon Smith (202) 666-5481 or email Beshon@urbanalliance.org

Also, African American males can go to college free for four years. The Black colleges are looking for future Black male teachers and will send them to universities.

This is for males only, and there are 12 different South Carolina Colleges or Universities participating including Benedict College, Claflin University, Clemson University, Morris College, South Carolina State University, Greenville Technical College, Midlands Technical College, Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College, Trident Technical College, and Trident Technical College.

For more information about this opportunity, visit the websites of any of the 12 schools mentioned above.

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BY LEON B. CREWS  
Sentinel Staff Writer

In November 2008, Jacqueline S. Beauchamp, the CEO and Chairwoman of Nerjyzed Entertainment Incorporated, an African American-owned development studio, introduced the new Doug Williams Black College Football Experience (BCFX) video game for the Nintendo XBox 360. On June 30th the game was released for mass purchase.

BCFX was first introduced at a private party as part of the 35th annual State Farm Bayou Classic in New Orleans. Among those in attendance was Doug Williams, the first African American to win a Super Bowl championship, and the Super Bowl XXII Most Valuable Player. Williams is also the former quarterback for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Grambling University; Stan Verrett, sports anchor at ESPN; Southern University President, Dr. Ralph Slaughter, other college administrators, alumni, family, and friends.

Mrs. Beauchamp is a native of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and said her dream as a child was to own an animation company.

"I was a big cartoon fanatic and one day I wanted to own a company that does that."

Mrs. Beauchamp is the middle child of 5. She has two brothers and two sister. She said her siblings knew once she made up her mind to do something that was it.

"My parents were both educators and enjoyed mentoring people. I wanted to attend a technical or vocational school and my father wanted me to attend college. I ended up graduating from Southern University with degrees in Electrical Engineering, Math, and Computer Science."

Mrs. Beauchamp said after 10 years of designing computers for IBM; she decided to follow her passion.

"My experience working for Motorola was very instrumental and I noticed I was the only African American attending functions regarding that market. I left Motorola after 18 years to create more diverse products.

"I stepped out on faith to do this, and I'm a big believer in purpose living."

Mrs. Beauchamp said Doug got involved immediately when she contacted him. "Doug's historical achievements speak for themselves. To be able to talk to him and him never hesitating to help me was very encouraging. He's very passionate about this. That was almost 3 years ago."

Williams, who was recently promoted to coordinator for pro scouting by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, said he's fascinated with the game because you can select any Historically Black College or University to play each other.

"That's what's so exciting about this. This is the first for all Black colleges in the video game market, and all the credit has to go to Jacqueline. She spent the time, money and got the right people working for her on this project."

Williams said the game has a half-time show, drumline and 120 authentic songs played by whatever band you want. You can also have your own drumline challenge.

"They have a virtual museum to see the true history of Black colleges, and I do the voice over for the games. I'm flattered and humbled to be a part of this experience. We definitely want our African American kids to know that Black colleges compete."

Mrs. Beauchamp said the game will hit the market July 20th, but you can order it now at gamestop.com.

"I think we've created an experience that doesn't exist in any games on the market."
While driving through an East Tampa neighborhood, I noticed a group of about seventeen youngsters sort of hanging out near the corner. The oldest couldn't be more than 9 and the youngest, still wearing his fuzzy slippers, looked to be about 2.

As I continued on my way, my thoughts turned to my own childhood and summertime. We didn't want to stay inside and hated it when it rained. We used to play Four Square, Dodge Ball, and other games. We ate oranges, tangerines, Japanese plums, mangos, and raspberry right off the tree.

After lunch we went back into the yard and played some more. One of the highlights of the day was waiting for the ice cream man. It seemed like we could hear his music even when he was blocks away. We always tried to be good because if we weren't, watching the ice cream man drive by was the punishment. We very seldom got caught being bad.

The afternoons were normally filled with games such as hopscotch, the Devil and the Pitch Fork, and Red Rover. When it was just too hot, my mom would make us stay on the porch or in the shade of the big oak tree in our front yard.

Those were the times we played marbles under the tree. Back in those days, the only thing that mattered was if you could shoot marbles.

Today, it seems that the summers of my childhood were magical. And, it seemed like the summer lasted a long, long time. Those children brought those memories back.

I am on my way and upon my return trip, I saw the youngsters again. Apparently they had been on their way to the Frozen Cup Lady's house because each child was munching on a frozen cup.

This must be something that comes along with childhood, because growing up, it didn't matter how many snacks we had nothing took the place of a frozen cup. My mom used to make them for us with the fruit cocktail and all, but it just wasn't the same. We had to give that dime (for the small) or quarter to the Frozen Cup Lady or the world would just come to an end on the spot!

Frozen cups cost more, but kids still love them just the same. I guess there are some things about childhood that remain the same.
The Sole-Man Speaks

Welcome Home, Michael!

Don't you wish you could be there to see it? Phyllis Busansky was there. She just got off the plane and was given her own wings when she got the news. Her mother told her. After all the hugs and sloppy kisses, Phyllis's mother pulled her to the side and whispered excitedly, "Michael Jackson is coming! He's on his way right now, and should be here, any minute! Welcome home, Darling, but you're just in time to see the celebration!"

And then, the commotion began. Spirits, who had worn flesh and celebrity in former years, once again donned their former grace, took off their wings and waited in line to shake Michael Jackson's hand. Jackie Wilson - "Mr. Excitement" - was first. He grabbed young Michael who, was thin as a rail, and hugged him as if there were no tomorrow. Then, in stepped James Brown! He smirked Michael's hand, hugged him like a terrier playing with a rag-doll, letting him go only when Marvin Gay and Tammy Terrell ran up to wrap their arms around the newly arrived star!

And in the twinkling of an eye, Michael morphed into an adolescent boy with a bushy Afro, as he was smothered by kisses and a rainfall of joyful tears from all the former stars of Motown. All the original Temptations mobbed him. David Ruffin led the charge. Mary Wells, her voice as strong as ever, picked Michael up as if she was her baby. Former Supreme Florence Ballard stepped out the crowd, and she and Michael squeezed each other as if each one was an accordion. Then Junior Walker stepped forward and blew once more that magnificent saxophone! Duke Ellington was there, accompanied by his friend Count Basie. Sammy Davis, Jr. strapped forward, clapping his hands. And Gregory Hines joined with the immortal Step Brothers to do the Moonwalk in honor of the young man they mentored. Nat King Cole sauntered out of the crowd, holding hands with the immortal Billie Holiday. Ella Fitzgerald and Dinah Washington both Jumped with excitement, like schoolgirls with a Michael Jackson crush. And C. Blythe Andrews wrote it all down for the next issue of the Heavenly Sentinel.

Then, suddenly, in the midst of departed saints and resurrected archangels, a dark-skinned, dreadlock-wearing man in a bright-white three-piece Brooks Brothers suit with white Stacey Adams shoes, stepped forward, grasping Michael's hand, kissed him on the cheek, and with a smile that only a loving father could give, said, "Welcome home, my son. Job well-done!"

It was none other than Jesus Christ Himself! He said to young Michael, "Dad told me to tell you He's on his way!" And when Jesus said that, the party began to happen, and the heavens glittered like fireworks!

Believe me when I tell you. It's happening right now! Oh, don't wish you could see it for yourself? On second thought, maybe not yet!

The News Has No Color

News should not have any color. It should be a very simple matter of the news being the news. It is unfortunate that some media outlets don't always see it that way. These media sources tend to print the news according to color and who is in the news.

We have come a long way in reporting the news, but we still have a way to go. Because we still have a long way to go, the media sources refer to us as being Black are very vital and a needed source for both the Black and the non-Black communities. Yes, bad things go on in the Black community. You can read or hear about these incidents in both the Black media and the non-Black media. But So many good things happen in the Black community that go unreported in non-Black media markets.

The Black media covers these events. This allows both the Black community and non-Black communities to be informed of the good things that also go on in Black neighborhoods. It tells you who, what and how. A lot of Black people gain the respect of non-Blacks because the Black media informs them of those people and these events.

Contrary to what many may believe, the Black media isn't just for Black people. Instead, it is for everybody. In addition to informing non-Blacks know about the good people and the good things in the Black community, it lets Black people know about non-Blacks who are doing good things in the Black community.

Another thing that the Black media does is that it helps to develop racial pride among Black people. While I have never had any problems with my blackness, it makes me proud every time a Black person accomplishes something good and noteworthy. Issues happen everyday that affect Blacks and non-Blacks. So many people become informed of these issues, what they are all about and what affect these issues will have on them. The Black media goes even further than the things that I might have pointed out.

It helps people to network by informing people of upcoming social, political and religious events. The Black media also makes sure people are aware of where businesses and institutions are located in a town. Finally, the Black media influences elections and political decisions.

All of these things are very important. As long as the playing field is not equally level for Blacks as it is for non-Blacks, the Black media will always be needed.
First-Year Law Student Interns In West Africa

BY IRIS B. HOLTON
Sentinel City Editor

Attorney Pamela Robinson said she never thought she would visit the continent of Africa. However, next week, she and her uncle, Chester Reynolds will board an airplane for Ghana, West Africa. The purpose of the trip is to visit with her daughter, Donna Robinson.

Donna, who is a first-year law student at Florida A & M University, College of Law, left on May 27th to serve as Human Rights Fellow in Accra, Ghana. She will complete the internship on August 7th.

A native of Jacksonville, she moved to Tampa in 2004 with her parents, Attys. Donald and Pamela Robinson, and brother, Aaron. Donna also has a younger sister, Xionara.

Donna Robinson, far right, is shown with family members Dwenia Collins, Denisa Collins, and their uncle, Chester Reynolds, at a family gathering before she left to complete her internship.

She graduated from Blake High School and entered the University of Central Florida as a Pre-Law and Anthropology major. Her focus was international study, although neither of her parents practice in this field.

After graduating from college, she was accepted at the FAMU College of Law and completed her first year. Donna was chosen by Dean Levitt, Ph.D., Associate Dean for International Programs and Distinquished Professor of International Law, as a recipient of the prestigious fellowship.

Each year one International Human Rights Law Fellowship award is presented to a first-year law student enrolled at UCF from a minority group to specialize in international law and to gain understanding with expertise in the developing world. Daniela McCalla also earned a fellowship.

The Supreme Court of Ghana was required to confirm both young ladies. Their role as interns is to provide research to the Justices on the Supreme Court of Ghana. They reside in the Marcus Garvey Guest House of the W. E. B. DuBois Centre during the internship.

While a student at the University of Central Florida, Donna instituted a program on the campus to raise money and awareness for the plight of the people in that country. She remains in contact with her success to ensure that the program continues, her mother said.

Attorney Robinson said Donna was a candidate for the fellowship immediately. “She waited until after her finals before she told me, but she knew she was being considered. She didn’t want to cause any problems.”

“She is a little homesick and I’ll visit with her for about a week. I’m so excited about seeing the motherland. I never thought it would ever happen.”

Donna, who is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie (Minnie) Gray, of Tampa, and Ms. Maryland Robinson and the late Willie Robinson, of Jacksonville, enjoys being involved in community activities, shopping, swimming, and travel. A member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., she also enjoys spending time with her sorority sisters.

Attorney Robinson said upon graduation Donna plans to practice International Law — even if it takes her back to Africa.

Activist Applies For Supervisor Of Elections Post

BY IRIS B. HOLTON
Sentinel City Editor

Longtime Tampa community activist Joe Robinson has submitted an application for consideration for the role of Hillsborough County Supervisor of Elections. The position became vacant with the death of recently elected Phyllis Busansky.

Governor Charlie Crist will review the applications and make the appointment. As of press time, one woman and seven men have submitted applications. Robinson is the only African American who has submitted an application at press time.

Other applicants for the position are: David Agliano, Robert (Bob) K. Henriquez, Michael K. van Hock, Craig Latimer, Lee Nelson and Ms. Rosemary Goudreau Stang.

A graduate of Tampa Catholic High School, Robinson, 55, is a graduate of the University of Iowa, and Golden Gate University. He has served on numerous boards and has several other gubernatorial appointments to his credit.

Old School Summer Jam Fest 2009

SHAWN BROWN

It’s party time. A date Tampa will remember will be July 11, 2009, because that’s when King Cobra Enterprises will host its first annual Summer Jam Fest. This year, homage will be paid to the Old School. This is not your everyday club scene and is a B.Y.O.B. celebration filled with a night of live entertainment.

The evening will kick off with R&B sensation, Swagga. This future star has captivated audiences during sporting events, written theme songs for popular radio stations, and stole the show while opening for national recording artist, Ayaat.

Also, Ms. B will be serenading the girls with her strong passionate voice that is guaranteed to tingle your spinal cord. Ms. B is the true example of versatility. She can sing as soft as Sade and as strong and powerful as Aretha Franklin. The show stopper of the night is none other than Shawn Brown. Shawn has appeared on Channel 8 News, NBC Daytime Television, and has built a strong following all over the country. Shawn will not be alone. He will be performing with a live band who will be rocking the stage performing your favorite hit tunes and a few originals.

The show will be rocking, with the top promotion company with the top bands will not be the same without the top DJ.

Tampa legend, DJ Rock It Rod, will be providing the sound for the Jam Fest. Everyone who is in the V.I.P. areas will be treated as kings and queens, and served by beautiful hostesses and handsome hosts.

Whatever your motivation is, whether it’s good entertainment beautiful men and woman, or the food, come out to the Old School Summer Jam Fest, and don’t forget to bring your bottle.

Be sure to come out to the Tampa Letter Carrier Hall, 3303 West Cypress Street, Saturday, July 11th at 9 p.m.
The members of the Tampa Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. would like to extend our gratitude to the community for your support of our programs and projects throughout the year. Thanks to your support we were able to award over $12,000 to 18 students this year.

The Annual Scholarship Awards Program was held at the Brooks-DeBartolo Collegiate High School. Dr. Marian Lauria-Davis and Mrs. Pamela Bellamy-Lee served as Co-Chairs of the Scholarship Committee. The theme for the awards program was "BELIEVE"! The scholarship recipients were: Jasmine Gray, Helen Green Wilson Scholarship; Kezia Gilyard, George Edgecomb Scholarship; Jasmine St. Clair, Sam and Mattie Whitman Memorial Scholarship; Nina Zimmering, Tampa Alumnae Scholarship; Antaysia Thomas, Haynes Family Scholarship; Ciara Johnson, Brittani Mclemore, Shakea Kindred, Nyasha Bailey, Monique Blake, Shaantell White, Meagan Jones, Gamma Mu Sigma Scholarships; Jordan Clark, Ayana Wiggins, Anyesia Robinson, Shanee Simon; Tampa Alumnae Book Stipends; Carl Morrow III and Jada Calhoun, Sons and Daughters Scholarships.


The Jabberwock presentation was a living history museum that featured live models ranging from Madame C.J. Walker to the nation's first lady, Michelle Obama. Ms. Aryn Haynes and Mrs. Lori Bassett-Sharrieff were the lead actresses in the production. The Jabberwock Committee Co-Chairs are Sorors Sherri Day-Phillips, Ann Bush, Alanna Harmon Maranda Hill. Sorors and guests dressed in festive hats and gloves as they enjoyed a formal tea service. The Jabberwock winners were Tia Turner, Ms. Jabberwock; 1st place - Deborah Floyd; 2nd place - Tia Torain. Members in the audience voted for their choice for the winner of the talent competition and Ms. Taylor Hatfield was the Talent Winner. The Jabberwock contestants chose Ms. Mykala Wilson-Allen as Ms. Congeniality.

On Wednesday, May 6th, the Annual Delta Day at the County Commission was held. Sorors Sabrina Griffith and Shakira Hayward are Chair and Co-Chair of the Political Awareness & Involvement Committee and Sorors Chelsea Hall and Katrina Oliver are the Chair and Co-Chair of the Social Action Committee. Members of the chapter met with County Administrator, Pat Bean, and Commissioner Kevin White prior to attending the Board of County Commissioners meeting. They also met with various County department heads and volunteered to serve on County Boards.
The lawsuit alleging sexual harassment against Hillsborough County Commissioner remains active. Earlier this week, the charge of termination as retaliation was dropped. The allocation of sexual harassment against Commissioner Kevin White, 44, by Aide Allyssa Ogden, 24, remains active against both Commissioner White and Hillsborough County government.

Commissioner White terminated Ms. Ogden's employment as his Aide after 7 months of employment. She filed the lawsuit against her former boss in November 2007. White has denied the accusations. Ms. Ogden stated in the lawsuit that the unwanted attention began within days after she was hired. She further alleged in the lawsuit that she accompanied White to Atlanta, GA, in September 2007. During the trip she alleges that White took her to dinner and later asked to share her hotel room.

Shortly after the trip, White terminated Ms. Ogden's employment. County Attorney Renee Lee initially represented White, because he is a county employee. However, due to a conflict of interest, the County hired Attorney Claire Saady as outside counsel in the case.

A spokesperson for Hillsborough County said, as of May 31st, the County has spent $10,762 defending itself in the lawsuit.

The Honorable Richard R. Lazzara presiding over the case. Judge Lazzara asked the parties to settle based on deposition review.

Commissioner White has been adamant about taking the case to trial. Court papers filed in the case stated that Ms. Ogden complained of sexual harassment to the County. Ms. Ogden is represented by Ronald Fraley, of The Fraley Firm, P.A.

Commissioner White is represented personally by Attorney Steven Wenzel, of Wenzel & Penton, P.A. Commissioner White, a first-time term. County Commissioner representing District 3, is the only Democrat and African American on the 7-member board, has filed for the upcoming election in August 2010. If re-elected, he will serve for two years.

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First Lady Michelle Obama has announced the release of $41,038,412 in grants from the Recovery Act to upgrade and expand community health centers in Florida. Locally, the funds will be received by Tampa Family Health Centers that operate out of the Lee Davis Center on 22nd Street and the Community Health Centers in the county will get $118,168.55 defending a lawsuit.

Sixty residents of Tampa Park Apartments and their families will attend a baseball game at George Steinbrenner Stadium on Friday evening. They are members of the "Becoming A Better You (BABY)" organization developed for those residing in the complex.

Ms. Yolanda Anthony, Program Facilitator, said the invitation was offered by Danny Lewis, Director of Marketing for Bill Currie Ford and Lincoln Mercury. Lewis had originally invited the group to attend a game on May 2nd. However, due to inclement weather, Ms. Anthony declined the invitation.

She later contacted her after speaking with the Yankees organization and invited the group to attend the game on Friday when the Tampa Yankees take on the Lakeland Flying Tigers.

In addition to taking in the game, the group will have an enjoyable evening of fireworks and entertainment. They will travel to the game by bus. All attendees have a ticket to enter the game.

"After I met Mr. Lewis and told him about the program, he was very excited about it and wanted to offer support. He made it possible for the residents to attend the game," Ms. Anthony said.

The program was established to help residents become self-sufficient and to realize their full potential. It is free to residents of Tampa Park Apartments and they are encouraged to attend the meetings.

Local Health Centers To Receive Funds

The Thomotosassa, Seffner, Mango Civic Association, Inc, will meet in its regular monthly meeting Monday, July 6, 2009, 6:30 p.m., at the Thomotosassa Branch Library, 10715 Main St., Thomotosassa (33592).

All members, family and friends are welcome. Please plan to attend.

For more information, contact, Pauline Larry -- President, (813) 985-3300.

Tampa Neighborhood Center on North Rome Avenue.

Also, Suncoast Health Centers in the county will get funds. The funds will also be used to create centers in areas where they are needed and to service more patients in those areas.

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Honorary Degrees Conferred On Pastor, Member

The New Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church of Tampa, Florida Incorporated, traveled to the Founder’s Week Celebration/Graduation 2009 of Berean Bible College Seminary, June 1st, 2nd, and 3rd as pastor, Reverend Dr. Walter James Williams and member, Ms. Barbara F. Wright received honorary degrees.

Reverend Dr. Walter James Williams is the eminent pastor of 14 years at New Mount Zion. He received the honorary Doctorate of Divinity. Dr. Williams now holds two honorary Doctorate Degrees and an earned Ph.D. from Beeson’s Divinity School of Samford University, where he earned his Bachelor of Christian Education and Master of Christian Education.

Pastor Williams is the founder/chairman of the Board of Directors of Sheepherd’s Men Incorporated, founded in 1990; serves as Vice President for the District Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress as an auxiliary of First South Florida Baptist District Association; chairman of the Social Justice Commission of the Progressive Missionary & Educational Baptist State Convention of Florida and he has proclaimed his most rewarding avocation is his role as Director of Ministries of Open Door Ministries with which he has been affiliated for more than 40 years.

Ms. Barbara F. Wright, a native of Tampa, received the Honorary Degree of Humane Letters for her vast church and community involvements. Ms. Wright now serves as the President of the First South Florida Baptist District Association Senior Women’s Auxiliary, as well as the president of the Progressive Missionary & Educational Baptist State Convention of Florida, Inc., and is in her fourth year in that position.

Ms. Wright has served as president of the state YWA/ Junior Women Auxiliary and National YWA/ Junior Women Auxiliary; one of the founders of the Women’s Intermediate Auxiliary; she has served for several years as Chairlady of the National Senior Women’s Annual Prayer Breakfast for the National Baptist Convention of America, Inc. She also serves as president of the Senior Women’s Ministry of New Mount Zion.

Ms. Wright is known throughout the United State having traveled as a workshop facilitator and clinician. Her background as an administrator includes Administrative Assistant for the Progressive Missionary & Educational Baptist State Convention. At present her responsibilities include Co-Directorship for the Summer Camp shared with the General Baptist State Convention of Florida.

Ms. Wright cites the popular lyrics written by Alma Bozel Androzzo, “If I Can Help Somebody... then my living will not be in vain” as her purpose in life, as she was molded from a young age by her grandmother, Sister Amanda Wright.

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Districts One Through Six

July 10, 2009 - 7:30 P.M. - District Leader’s Presentations
Districts Seven Through Twelve

July 12, 2009 - 11:00 A.M. • Special Worship Service Honoring
Reverend C. P. Epps For 50 Years Of Continuous Spiritual And Ministerial Service To Mt.Olive And The Community
3:00 P.M. Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church - Bradley, FL
Guest Church Reverend Eugene Kendrick, Guest Pastor

6:00 P.M. - Mortgage Burning Service - Dr. C. P. Epps Education
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For More Information Contact Sister Clara Cobb, Public Service Representative
At 813-621-2766
Mother Of Baby Tossed Out Window Plans Lawsuit

An attorney representing the 17-year-old mother of an infant killed in May has filed a Notice Of Claim, notifying several governmental entities of a possible lawsuit. She is represented by Attorney William Thomas Wadley, of the St. Petersburg law firm of Yanchuk, Berman, Wadley & Zervos, P.A.

According to Florida law, governmental agencies must be notified 180 prior to a lawsuit being filed. The Notice of Claim was filed on June 16th, by Attorney Wadley.

It names: George H. Sheldon, Secretary, Florida Department of Children and Families, Nicholas Cox, Regional Director, Florida Department of Children and Families, Alex Sink, Chief Financial Officer, Florida Department of Financial Services.

The Notice of Claim states grounds for the lawsuit are the personal injury and death of the infant, Emanuel Wesley Murray, Jr., "were the direct and proximate result of the negligent handling of her care by the Florida Department of Children and Families.

... The claimant was seriously and grievously injured by Richard Anthony McTear, Jr., suffering bodily injury and resulting pain and suffering, disability, disfigurement, mental anguish, loss of capacity for the enjoyment of life, expense of hospitalization, medical and nursing care and treatment, loss of earnings, loss of ability to earn money and/or aggravation of previously existing conditions and the pain and suffering stemming from the loss of her child."

During a telephone interview Attorney Wadley said in addition to the

RICHARD McTEAR, JR.
...Facing Murder Charge in baby's death

Department of Children and Families, the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, Hillsborough Kids, Inc., and the apartment complex where Ms. Bedwell lived are potential litigants.

"It is undetermined who is going to be sued. We are still collecting information and reports. Once we have all of the information, we will have a better idea of how to proceed. It's too early to determine who is responsible."

Both Attorney Tony Peluso, legal counsel for the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office and Attorney Ed Savita, legal counsel for Hillsborough Kids, Inc., declined to comment, citing confidentiality requirements.

The circumstances that resulted in the death of 3-month-old Emanuel Wesley Murray and landed Richard McTear, Jr., in jail began around 3 a.m. on Tuesday, May 5th. The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office received a call for help from Ms. Jasmine Bedwell, 17, who told police her ex-boyfriend had attacked her and her infant son.

Ms. Bedwell said McTear had allegedly thrown the carrier holding the infant down on concrete and then picked up the child and fled the Mirabella Apartment complex in a blue, 4-door Impala.

As police were looking for the vehicle, a FOX 13 employee, traveling southbound on I-275 at Fowler Avenue, observed something on the side of the interstate. A closer inspection showed that it was an infant. He contacted police and they determined that it was Emanuel Murray, the infant who had been reported missing about an hour earlier. The infant was pronounced dead at the scene at 4:30 a.m. A preliminary investigation indicated that the child had been thrown from the vehicle, police said.

McTear was arrested after a brief foot chase after a tip led Tampa Police to the Robles Park Public Housing Complex.

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ERIKA

Dry off and spend a quiet day with this week's Spotlight feature, Erika. This young lady has aspirations and dreams far beyond a person of her age, and has definite plans for her future. Erika loves spending time with people who are going somewhere in life, and she can be either the driver of passenger on that journey. The man in Erika’s life must be assertive, handsome, goal-oriented, and respectful. Congratulations to Erika for allowing us to feature her as this week’s Spotlight feature.

In The Spotlight

Hands of God Ministries, Inc.
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Brandon Jennings at NBA draft.

NEW YORK - Brandon Jennings sat in his hotel room fully dressed in his suit with a car waiting downstairs, hoping its final destination would be Madison Square Garden.

When Jennings' name was called by NBA commissioner David Stern as the 10th overall pick, there was a sigh of relief from everyone in the room - including his mother, Alice.

Sonny Vaccaro, the former shoe company operative who was sitting in Madison Square Garden and helped him make his way to the stage, thought the offer was a little too much for the 18-year-old from Madison, Miss., who was being taken by the Milwaukee Bucks.

"I'm ecstatic," Vaccaro said. "I'm not here.

Asked what went wrong between him and Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo, Owens repeatedly said, "I don't know."

"Obviously, somebody is lying," Owens said. "All I know is that I'm not here."

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones has said Owens was cut to help establish Romo as the team's unquestioned leader. Owens said Romo could have established himself before, but "that didn't happen."

"So I will be the scapegoat," Owens said. "I'm not here any more, and I wish him (Romo) well."

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LADAINIAN TOMLINSON

FORT WORTH, TX — LaDainian Tomlinson laughs about the phone call he received this week from his younger brother, who referred to the San Diego Chargers’ running back as an “ancient old man” on his 30th birthday.

Vick’s Revised Bankruptcy Plans Offers More To Creditors

NORFOLK, VA — Michael Vick’s revised bankruptcy plan would funnel more of his future pay to his creditors and ensure that they receive a portion of his earnings even if the suspended NFL star doesn’t return to the league.

Vick attorney Paul Campsen outlined the highlights of the new plan, which was still being drafted as of Tuesday.

Peterson Would Welcome Favre

NORMAN, OK — All-Pro running back Adrian Peterson would welcome Brett Favre to Minnesota with open arms if the quarterback decides to come out of retirement for the second consecutive year, this time to sign with the Vikings.

Peterson said he’ll tell coach Brad Childress and top Vikings officials what he thinks, but he isn’t about to tangle himself up in the decision to pursue Favre or stick with either Sage Rosenfels or Tarvaris Jackson at quarterback.

Jags Trade Northcutt To Lions

JACKSONVILLE — The Jacksonville Jaguars have traded receiver Dennis Northcutt to the Detroit Lions for safety Northcutt gives rookie quarterback Matthew Stafford, the top pick in April’s NFL draft who replaced Daunte Culpepper in the starting lineup, a veteran receiver opposite Calvin Johnson.

Alexander, a second-round pick in 2007, gives Jacksonville depth in the secondary. He started 16 games as a rookie, but missed most of last year following a neck injury.

Dolphins’ Brown Loses Weight

WIMBLEDON, ENGLAND — Serena Williams is back in the Wimbledon semifinals after beating Victoria Azarenka of Belarus 6-2, 6-3.

Williams broke the eighth-seeded Azarenka for a 5-3 lead in the second set and then served out the match at love Tuesday, converting her first match point with a forehand winner.

Serena Williams is writing a TV script that borrows from some of her favorite shows, including “Desperate Housewives,” “Sex and the City” and “Family Guy.” “You’ll be excited to know I wrote three parts already,” she said. “I was going to do it (Tuesday), but I started watching ‘Dexter’ and I got a little sidetracked. She’s an actress, a clothing designer and the winner of 10 Grand Slam titles, most recently this year’s Australian Open. She writes a blog — in one entry this week, she complained about Wimbledon rules prohibiting food in the players’ locker rooms. She has a ghost-written autobiography due this year. And now she wants to write for television.
Aiken
SIS. AGNES MILLER MACKEY

Homegoing services for Sis. Agnes Miller Mackey of 4050 E. Henry Avenue, who passed away on June 21, 2009, will be held on Thursday, July 2, 2009, at 11 a.m. at New Mt. Zion M. B. Church, 2251 E. Columbus Drive, Pastor Walter Williams. Interment will be in Rest Haven Memorial Park Cemetery.

Sis. Agnes Miller was born on December 24, 1908, in Charleston, South Carolina. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Mathew H. Glascow. She married Mr. William C. Mackey in 1926, and together they had 6 children.

Sis. Agnes was a member of the New Mt. Zion M. B. Church in Tampa, FL since 1951. She was a member of the Church Choir and was a founding member of the Church Women's Auxiliary. She was also a member of the Tuesday Bible Study Group. She was known for her love of singing and was a member of the Gospel Singers, an African American spiritual group. She was an active member of her community and was known for her kind and gentle nature.

Sis. Agnes passed away on June 21, 2009, due to natural causes. She leaves behind her husband, William C. Mackey; her children, Mrs. Eula Mackey Johnson, Mrs. Ollie Mackey Brimley, Mr. Reginald Mackey, Mr. Wesley Mackey, Mrs. Betty Mackey Stephens, and Mr. James Mackey; her grandchildren,及 nieces and nephews.

The family and friends met at the church at approximately 11:15 a.m. on Thursday, July 2, 2009, for the service.

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Eastside
SIS. RUBY "BIG MAMA" CALHOUN-MORRIS

Mrs. Ruby "Big Mama" Calhoun-Morris, of 1924 E. 40th Avenue, was born on March 23, 1924, in Milton, Florida. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Calhoun.

Mrs. Ruby passed away on June 22, 2009, due to natural causes. She leaves behind her husband, Mr. William Calhoun; her children, Mr. John Calhoun, Mrs. Mary Johnson, Mr. Michael Johnson, Mrs. Brenda Calhoun, Mrs. Frances Calhoun, Mr. Mark Calhoun, Mr. Robert Calhoun, and Miss Patricia Calhoun; and her grandchildren.

The family and friends met at the church at approximately 11:15 a.m. on Thursday, July 2, 2009, for the service.

Everett-Derr & Anderson

MR. LORENZO ASHLEY, SR. "LAVERNE"

Funeral services for Mr. Lorenzo "Laverne" Ashley, Sr., of Tampa, who passed away on June 26, 2009, will be held on Saturday, July 4, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Greater Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 4268 East 27th Avenue, with the Rev. Dr. W. J. Haynes, pastor, Bishop Cleveland Dennison of the Pentecost Full Gospel Crusade, Sylvester, GA; and Rev. Dr. J. W. Nix, Pastor. Mr. Ashley was preceded in death by his father, Rev. Lorenzo Ashley, Sr.

Mr. Ashley was born on June 6, 1936, in Tampa, to the union of Mr. and Mrs. Eliza Beasley. He was a member of the Greater Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Tampa, FL since 1955. He was a member of the Church Choir and was a founding member of the Church Women's Auxiliary. He was also a member of the Tuesday Bible Study Group. He was known for his love of singing and was a member of the Gospel Singers, an African American spiritual group. He was an active member of his community and was known for his kind and gentle nature.

Mr. Ashley passed away on June 26, 2009, due to natural causes. He leaves behind his wife, Mrs. Laverne Ashley; his children, Mr. Lorenzo Ashley, Jr., Mrs. Brenda Ashley, and Mr. Reginald Ashley; and his grandchildren.

The family and friends met at the church at approximately 11:15 a.m. on Saturday, July 4, 2009, for the service.

Aiken's Funeral Home

Harmon
MR. MICHAEL BRASCOM, SR.

Services for Mr. Michael Brascom, Sr., who passed away on June 17, 2009, will be held at Harmon Funeral Home Chapel on Friday, July 3, 2009, at 11 a.m., with a local pastor, officiating. Interment will be in Rest Haven Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mr. Brascom was born in Tampa, to the late Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Brascom. He was a member of the Eastside Baptist Church in Tampa. He was a member of the Church Choir and was a founding member of the Church Women's Auxiliary. He was also a member of the Tuesday Bible Study Group. He was known for his love of singing and was a member of the Gospel Singers, an African American spiritual group. He was an active member of his community and was known for his kind and gentle nature.

Mr. Brascom passed away on June 17, 2009, due to natural causes. He leaves behind his wife, Mrs. Virginia Brascom; his children, Mr. Lorenzo Brascom, Jr., Mrs. Betty Brascom, and Mr. Reginald Brascom; and his grandchildren.

The family and friends met at the church at approximately 11:15 a.m. on Friday, July 3, 2009, for the service.

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In memory of our mother, Berneda V. Smith. Not a day goes by that doesn’t think about you. You’re always in our prayers.

From, your family with love.

BIRTHDAY MEMORIAL

MOSES KILLINS, III

Happy birthday. We love you, but God loves you best. Much love.

From your mother, family and friends.

IN MEMORY OF MY WIFE

SHIRLEY A. FINLEY

You’ll never know how much you miss a person until they’re not there. Only memories of all the good and bad times you’ve shared together. You will always be with us in our hearts, Shirley.

Your husband, kids, grandkids, great grands, family and friends.

Love always, Mr. Finley.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND LOVING MEMORY

DAVID ANDERSON
6/30/40-7/4/04

Perhaps you are the morning bird singing joyfully at sunrise, or the butterfly that dances so carelessly on the breeze or the rainbow of colors that brightens a stormy sky or the fingers of afternoon mist delicately reaching over the mountains or the final few rays of the setting sun lighting up the skies edging the clouds with a magical glow.

We miss you so your wife, Lavonne Anderson; son, Reginald and Fredricka; and granddaughter, Fredieanna Hunt.

BIRTHDAY MEMORIAM

WILLIE J. EVANS
JULY 3, 1951

Give ear to my words, O' Lord consider my meditation.
Psalm 1.

Jackie, Jowanda, Chuckie, Justin, Jordan, Isha, Jay, Lil Jay and Granny Bea.

Preserve me O'God; for in thee do I put my trust. Psalm 16:1.
Martha, Minnie, Wardell, Johnny, Freddie, Jack and David.

CARD OF THANKS

SHEILA MILLS
JONES
‘Cherry’

The family of the late Ms. Sheila Mills Jones, wishes to thank each of you for your love, prayers, phone calls, visits and other acts of kindness during the demise of our beloved “Cherry”.

We are so very thankful for our loving and family members and friends; Pastor Atec Hall and our supportive church family, New Saint Matthew Missionary Baptist Church, Everett Derr & Anderson Funeral Home, Middleton High School classmates, The Copeland Family Singers, Verizon, Harold Foner Men of Fashion, Micro Precision, the staff of Visions In View, Inc. of North Carolina, and the many others who were there for us.

We shall be eternally grateful for each and every one of you! The Jones, Guest, Mills, Brown and Robusky families.

IN MEMORIAM

MRS. EMMA LOU MCCRAY

There will never be a moment or a feeling of joy or sadness without thinking about our mama.

There will never be anyone that would take care of us like our mama. We all love and miss you mama!

Love, Curtiss, Kim, Horace, Jr. and Harriett Van.

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Crime

23 Alleged Drak Gang Members Arrested

A six-month joint investigation by the Tampa Police Department and Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office has identified 23 alleged Drak gang members who are being charged for committing 14 commercial smash and grab burglaries in Tampa, Hillsborough County, Temple Terrace and Clearwater.

The gang members are also suspects in dozens of residential burglaries, auto burglaries and auto thefts.

As a result of an extensive investigation into the Drak gang's activities, investigators report they formed a task force that targeted property crimes. Gang members believed if they were caught committing smash and grab burglaries they would not face a severe sentence, investigators said. However, the joint investigation has resulted in 9 suspects facing felony charges that carry a life sentence in Florida State Prison.

The 9 members facing life charges are Marquese Finley, 26, Orenthal Brooks, 24, Vaughn Graham, 21, Corey Johnson, 24, Ishmael Moultrie, 21, Ketnar Mullins, 19, Henry Price, 19, Patrick Rivers, 17, and Javarris Minott, 17.

The remaining 14 members have been identified as Otis Dampier, 27, Richard Mack, 24, Akeem Bowen, 20, Rufus McGhee, 18, Javareia Stewart, 19, Jerrell Simmons, 19, Denzel McGhee, 16, Jermaine Tillman, 19, Kevin Lucas, 19, Ismael Diaz, 21, Jeffrey Grier, 15, Michael Godfrey, 17, Jared Woodard, 15, and Paul Close, 24.

Diaz, Grier, Godfrey, Woodard and Close were identified as Baby Draks, and Corey Johnson was identified as the leader of the entire group.

The nine facing life felonies were put in that category because they used a vehicle in the commission of their criminal acts.

No Additional Charges Planned Against Day Care Worker

On Monday afternoon shortly before 4 p.m., Hillsborough County Sheriff's deputies served Ms. Dorothy Ann Sampson-Monroe with an injunction prohibiting her from opening the doors of Just For Kids Day Care Center, 2924 E. Busch Blvd., for at least 90 days. The center had continued to be open and accepting children two weeks after Ms. Sampson-Monroe was arrested on child abuse charges linked to children at the center.

She was arrested for allegedly driving under the influence at approximately 3:25 a.m., June 10th. The arrest took place on Emett Park Drive and Sligh Avenue, and Ms. Sampson-Monroe was released at 130 p.m., the same day after posting bond.

On June 17th, Ms. Sampson-Monroe was arrested again on allegations of inappropriately disciplining four children between the ages of 3 and 5 in her care. According to police, the center was found to have inadequate staffing for the number of children on the premises. The center was not closed at the time of the arrest, but the investigation continued. Two days later, the center was ordered closed permanently.

However, Ms. Sampson-Monroe allegedly kept the facility open. She reportedly told officials that she was not charging the parents for keeping the youngsters. Ms. Sampson-Monroe allegedly said the service she was providing for free didn't meet the definition of a childcare facility falling under the jurisdiction of county rules and regulations.

On Monday, Ms. Sampson-Monroe was served with an injunction to prevent her from caring for children for at least 90 days. A spokesperson for the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office said no additional charges are planned in the case.

Police Arrest Convicted Sex Offender

At 8:45 p.m. Tuesday, Tampa Police were called to the scene of a reported sexual battery in progress. Officers recognized the address as that of a registered sex offender/predator. Sherdick Jenrette.

When police arrived, they found the unwilling 16-year-old victim, described as a runaway. The suspect was not at the location, and an alert was issued.

Officers located Jenrette a few blocks away and detained him. They said the victim was uncooperative and hostile. She reportedly told the officers she and Jenrette were just friends.

Two witnesses, who live at the residence, told police they did not know who made the 9-1-1 complaint, but they knew the victim and suspect. They both told police Jenrette and the victim acted as boyfriend/girlfriend. They had reportedly witnessed them being intimate with each other. They also told police they had witnessed Jenrette taking provocating photos of the victim. The pictures were found on Jenrette's phone when he was arrested.

Officers managed to obtain a good rapport with the victim and she completed a verbal and written statement, confirming she and Jenrette had sex on more than one occasion. She reportedly told police she and Jenrette were boyfriend/girlfriend and though she was only 16 years old, she didn't care that he was a 30-year-old sexual offender/predator.

The victim was transported to the Nurse Examiner’s Office, but later refused a physical examination.

Jenrette was arrested and charged with two counts of unlawful sexual activity with a minor.

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HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY AVIATION AUTHORITY

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids will be received from bidders by the Authority in the Service Building front office located on the second level/red side, Tampa International Airport, for the project listed below, until 2:00 p.m., July 30, 2009, at which time all bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Service Building Lobby Conference Room B, second level/red side:

Airport Name: Tampa Executive Airport
HCAA Project Number: 4460 08 & 5365 09
Project Title: Structural Repair 08 & 09

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held in the Authority boardroom, located in the Landside Terminal Building, third level/blue side on July 14, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. For more information regarding the bidding of this project, please access the Authority's website at www.tampaairport.com; Quick Links, Airport Business, Notice of Solicitation.

To receive automated e-mail notifications of future business opportunities, please visit our website at tampaairport.com and register using the Authority's Business and Supplier Registration Program.

TAMPA PORT AUTHORITY
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)

DOCUMENT NUMBER Q-004-09
FINANCIAL AUDIT & RELATED SERVICES

The Tampa Port Authority (TPA) is soliciting Requests for Qualifications from firms interested in providing Financial Audit and Related Services for the TPA and its component unit, Tampa Bay International Terminals, Inc. The selected Financial Audit and Related Services provider will be expected to bring a broad range of experience and knowledge in governmental auditing and accounting. The firm must demonstrate that it has an established reputation in the government sector and that it has the necessary experience, expertise, and reliability in public auditing and accounting.

A Mandatory Pre-Qualification Teleconference will be held Thursday, July 9, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. Proposers not participating in the mandatory pre-proposal teleconference will be precluded from submitting a proposal for this project. Please see Section A, Part 1.2 for teleconference details.

All firms interested in become qualified to participate in this RFQ shall obtain a copy of the RFQ Instructions and Submittal Documents and submit a completed response to the Tampa Port Authority, 1101, Channelside Drive, 4th Floor, Tampa, FL 33602. Submittals are due by Thursday, July 30, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. Responses will be opened at that same time and date.

TPA encourages the use of registered Small Business Enterprise (SBE) firms to the greatest extent possible on TPA projects and has a goal of 9% SBE participation. TPA will consider SBE participation when evaluating the submittals.

Firms failing to submit the required RFQ Documents may be deemed non-responsive. The RFQ is available through a link on the TPA web site (www.tampaport.com) and from the DemandStar System (www.demandstar.com). Questions concerning this RFQ should be directed Donna Casey, Tampa Port Authority Procurement Office at (813) 905-5044, or e-mail to dcasey@tampaport.com, or faxed to (813) 905-5050.

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RFQ # 2508-09 Campus Master Plan 2010 Update
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Public Hearing and Public Comment Period on Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 (NSP2)

Hillsborough County will open a public review and comment period for proposed uses of funds and target geography for the County’s application for NSP2 funds. These funds are part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 that will be administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Hillsborough County has been heavily impacted by the foreclosure crisis and, in response, the Affordable Housing Department is seeking to apply for Federal funding to stabilize the community.

Hillsborough County will apply for $19.1 million in NSP2 funding for the following activities:
- Establishing financing mechanisms for purchase and redevelopment of foreclosed-upon homes and residential properties ($6 million)
- Purchasing and rehabilitating homes and residential properties that have been abandoned or foreclosed upon ($16.3 million)
- Establishing and operating a land bank for homes and residential properties that have been foreclosed upon ($100,000)
- Demolishing blighted structures ($100,000)
- Redeveloping demolished or vacant properties ($690,000)
- Planning and administration ($1.91 million)

Hillsborough County proposes to use these funds in the following target areas identified based upon HUD’s Foreclosure and Vacancy Data:
- Apollo Beach/Ruskin (Census Tracts 140.04, 141.01, 141.07)
- Brandon/Riverview (Census Tracts 133.09, 134.04, 134.05, 134.06, 134.07, 134.08, 139.09, 139.10, 139.11)
- Central County (Census Tracts 104.02, 105.00, 120.01, 120.02, 121.03, 121.05, 122.04, 122.05, 122.06, 122.07, 122.08, 123.01, 123.03, 124.04, 123.05)
- Gibsonton (Census Tracts 136.01, 138.01, 138.03, 138.04, 138.05)
- KeystoneWestchase (Census Tracts 115.05, 115.06, 115.07, 115.08)
- Lake Magdalene (Census Tract 111.07)
- Northdale/Citrus Park/Carrollwood (Census Tracts 114.06, 114.13, 114.14, 114.15, 114.16, 115.14, 115.15)
- Palm River/Clair Mel/Progress Village (Census Tracts 135.04, 135.05, 136.02, 137.01, 137.02)
- Pebble Creek (Census Tracts 102.05, 102.06, 102.07)
- Plant City (Census Tracts 101.07, 125.01, 125.02, 126.00, 127.01, 127.02, 128.00, 129.00, 130.01, 130.02)
- Temple Terrace (Census Tract 108.04)
- Town ‘N Country (Census Tracts 116.03, 116.05, 116.06, 116.07, 116.08, 116.10, 116.11, 116.12, 116.13, 117.03, 117.05, 117.06, 118.02, 118.03, 118.04)
- USF (Census Tracts 108.05, 108.06, 108.07, 108.08, 112.04, 112.06)

Hillsborough County is providing a public review and comment period from July 2, 2009 through July 15, 2009. Copies of the proposed application will be available at the following locations during this time:
- Affordable Housing website: www.hillsboroughcounty.org/affordablehousingoffice/nsp2/
- Affordable Housing Department: 1208 Tech Boulevard, Suite 300, Tampa
- Local libraries: 7625 Palm River Road, 2902 West Bearss Avenue, 1 Dickman Drive SE, and 302 McLendon Street
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Members of the Middleton High School seniors earned their credits and walked from students into adulthood during their graduation exercises. Carl Green is the school's principal. (Photography by BRUNSON).

Honor graduate Eric L. Leeks, center, is shown with family and friends at the graduation.

Graduate Roneshia Johnson is shown with members of her family at the graduation ceremony.

Graduates Chantal Clay, Geril Leath and Valekia Norman, are proud of their accomplishments.

Mary LaRosa and Daisy LaRosa posed for a photograph at the graduation ceremony for Middleton High School.

Among those congratulating Shyquanda Nikquita Dukes were her mom, Martha, Rogers, and Demetrias.

Stravensky Navoil and Michael Jones were among the proud graduates of Middleton High School, Class of 2009.

Among those at the graduation were Lonitra, Johnnie, Lonique, and Lonnie Benniefield.

Naima and Tavanda Ford were on hand to congratulate Olajuwon at the graduation.

David, Brianna, Christina, and Kesha were all smiles at the graduation.

Tiara, Pasty, Maria, Carmen, and Dolicia were photographed at the Middleton High School graduation recently.
Ms. Tonya Thomas, a former Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, said she decided to take an active role in the neighborhood after her home was burglarized.

The role of Coordinator can be challenging, but it also helps in reducing the crime rate in the area. Working with the police department and getting to know officers assigned to the area also helps in reducing the crime rate in the area.

Some of those resources resulted in the establishment of the Weed & Seed Program, the RICH House, and programs brought into the area under the 4JrS Administration.

"We have some awesome challenges, but we have great benefits as well. It's great just to be able to connect with the people in your neighborhood," Ms. Thomas said.

A native of Tampa and College Hill, Ms. Thomas attended the public schools of Hillsborough County. She attended Brandon High School and graduated from Hillsborough High School.

By trade, Ms. Thomas is an Insurance Agent and Hair Stylist, who enjoys reading, the love of God, and has a passion for people. She is a member of Unity Nondenominational Church of Clearwater.

Ms. Thomas has no regrets about serving as the Coordinator of the Neighborhood Watch. "I felt that I could make a difference, I could make where I live a better place."

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Birthday Greetings

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Look Who’s Turning #1

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Love, Daland (dad), Theresa (mom), Shain (brother), Lisa (nana), Dale (papa), Sierra (TT), Godmother, (Kewannie), grandparents, Mr. Willie and Ms. Melody; great grandparents, Mr. Willie and Ms. Linda.

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must follow in our Christian life. The rules we have to follow in this spiritual walk are rules or laws that God has established to help us live a quality life in Him. These rules that God has given has the purpose of helping God’s children make sure they live a life that He is well pleased with.

This week’s lesson in Deuteronomy 5:1-9a, 11-13 discusses the laws God gave to His people. Following these laws will lead an individual to living a rich life and having a long and living relationship with God.

The key to it all is found in verse one; “...learn them, and keep and do them. Every believer must accept the responsibility of learning the rules or laws God has established. It is often difficult for people to accept what they have not learned.

Once an individual accepts the call of God to enter into relationship with Him, he/she needs to accept the task of learning what God expects. When a person gets a driver’s license he/she becomes responsible for all the rules and regulations that pertain to operating a motor vehicle.

Likewise when entering into relationship with God. You cannot claim that you did not do something because you did not know. You as an individual must learn what you must do and how you must live.

Not only must you learn them, you must keep them. You must not only hear what the laws are saying, listen, and then forget about them. You have to make sure that you keep them in your mind and in your heart.

Keep them in good times and bad. Keep them when you feel like it and you don’t. You should keep them even when you fall-

One of the most important elements of the laws of God is doing them. You must make every good effort to do what God has required of you. The rules God has set forth will require action and work. Doing some of the rules may require more work for some and less for others. Some rules you might like to do and some you may not.

What you must always remember is that God expects you to learn them, keep them, and do them. Moses informs the people that God made the covenant with them and not their fathers (vs. 3). There are many interpretations of what this mean. In each generation there was some form of covenant between God and His people. One of the important notes to be realized is that it is a personal relationship and the covenant is fitting for the generation at hand.

These rules are not just given by any god. These are rules given by a specific God. You are not entering into covenant with just any god; you are entering into agreement with a specific God.

Your obedience to these rules is what will form your relationship. The God you are entering into covenant with is God who delivers. He is the one who delivered you out of bondage.

These rules that God has given, are not rules to make your life miserable. He has given you these rules so some make sure that you know what He expects of those He is in covenant with. Learn them, keep them, and do them and you will be forever blessed.

The Voice of Our Community Speaking for Itself
Pre-Father's Day Breakfast

The Parent Association Involvement Board at New Friendship M. B. Church Child Care Center held a Pre-Father's Day Breakfast Friday before Father's Day. Several fathers, grandfathers, uncles and other male relatives attended the event. (Photos by Julia Jackson)

These people who attended the breakfast were Tomika Austin, Orts Williams, Brittany Walker, Jamarquis Austin and Tom Austin.

Papa Horace enjoyed breakfast with his granddaughters, Briana and Tiana at New Friendship Child Care Center.

During the breakfast, Mr. Jackson received a book ("Why A Son Needs A Dad") from the President of the Parent Involvement Group, Liah Hardy.

Breakfast was prepared by Chef Hicks and Chef Cooper.

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Wishing you a Safe and Happy Fourth of July

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Happy Fourth of July

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Happy July 4th!
On this, our Nation’s birthday, I’d like to wish you a safe and happy Independence Day.
I ask that you take a moment to remember all those who have defended the very freedoms that we now enjoy.
God Bless America!
Ken Hagan
Chairman,
Hillsborough Board of County Commissioners

Hillsborough County
Enjoy a Safe Independence Day

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Local
Old Classmates Gather For ‘Fellows Day’

Keith Henry and Ernest Adams were in attendance at Fellows Day.

It was Fellows Day for old classmates of Middleton High School recently at an area park. It’s been over 30 years since they were all together in such great numbers.

Harold Langston contacted a few friends and told them he was planning a get together. They all agreed that it was time to do something like that.
In 1971 (desegregation), a lot of the Tigers at the event were in the 10th grade when they were faced with the worst news they could ever get: Middleton was being closed.

In the summer of 1971, Coach Billy Reed made the announcement during a football practice that Middleton was closing that the students would get a notice in the mail as to what school they would be attending.

Langston said that’s when they lost contact with each other and moved in different directions in life.

“Middleton meant the world to us. It was so rich in history and heritage. We all had big dreams of following in the footsteps of our big brothers and other legendary students that came before us.”

Langston said they are planning another Fellows Day in July, and asks that anyone interested in attending who was a part of their class or any class before desegregation, contact him at (813) 802-4278, or by email at harold.langston50@yahoo.com.

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July Birthdays

The birthstone for this month is the Ruby and the flower is the Larkspur.

Happy birthday to the July celebrated folks: Mr. Andre' Woodruff, former Villager, celebrated his special day on July 2nd with family and friends. Mr. Andre' Woodruff's birthday was also the 19th birthday celebration of his son, Marcus Mahoney Jr., who celebrated his birthday with family and friends in Orlando.

The 29th Church of Christ birthday celebrants are: Briat Jack, Jennifer Harris, Leslie Keyes, Tyler Starks, and John Dixon.

Ninety-One is great! Happy birthday wishes to Mrs. Deloris "Dee" Collins, who considers it a great blessing to be one of God's chosen ones to continue to celebrate her special day here on earth with family and other loved ones.

Belated Birthdays

Happy belated birthday wishes to the following folks who celebrated their natal day in June: Harvelyn Glymph, Devora Solomon, and Georgia Lindsey. Pastor-Minister Harold Rodriguez and congregation extend birthday greetings to all of you.

Happy anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel and Alice Winkfield of Decatur, GA, who celebrate 40 years on July 5th.

Uplifting Prayers

Prayer changes things. We miss you all and extend prayers to you: Mrs. Lula Philon, Mrs. Lillie Mae Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert (Elaine) Johnson, Mrs. Mary H. Ford, Mrs. Mary Darby, Eddie West, Mrs. Eloise Leeks, Eugene Lane, Donna McLendon, Mrs. Della Vickers, Mrs. Cathy Kinsey and Mrs. Tonya Simmons.

We are glad to hear that Sister Cheryl Ferrell is up and around after being confined to the house. Let us keep her in our daily prayers.
A Black And White Birthday Gala

The 50th birthday gala for Cheryl Denise King-Cato was held at Maggiano's Italian Restaurant on June 6th. The attire for the evening was black and white. The celebrant started the evening in a black cocktail dress, and changed mid-evening to a red, off the shoulder, custom-designed gown by Cecelia of Columbia.

Film and PowerPoint presentations highlighted Mrs. Cato's birth in 1959 at the segregated Clara Frye Memorial Hospital. Also shared was her life growing up on Historical Central Avenue, and days at Saint Peter Claver Catholic School.

Documented as part of her stroll in life was also the historical Tampa riot and her family's subsequent purchase of a home in suburban West Tampa.

Many close friends and family members were honored on film presentations set to the songs "I Know Where I've Been," and "Happy Being Me".

A live solo of Bill Withers' "Grandma's Hands" was beautifully sung by Paula Johnson-Lang in tribute to the honoree as a grandmother.

Over 100 close friends, colleagues and family members were in attendance to enjoy the program and the delicious 7 course Italian dinner, followed by an elaborately decorated 4-tier birthday cake.

Birthday honoree Cheryl Cato introduces her sisters and brothers, Pat Lang-Stitts, Debra Lang-Williams, Mattie Williams, Minister John Lang, Hattie Adams and Wanda Lemons.

Birthday honoree Cheryl Cato poses with her husband Robert Cato, Jr., sons, Robert, III and Cedric Cato and daughter Ericka.

The Catos and some guests: Brenda Wright, Porsha Graddy and Minister Jacqueline Leeks.
Community Group Takes Students On Two-City Tour

Students (left to right): Nakia Willis, Aya Constant, Florence Torres, Aaron Barrett, Harmony Vaughan, Margaritte Nabach, Jamie Pritchard, Joseph Budzban, Leo Jurcak, and Quinton Bane.

Greco Middle School instructor, and founder of Molding Outcomes, Karen Willis-Barrett, has spent the past 15 years serving the youth of Tampa Bay. Among her endeavors was: starting a group home for girls; hosting community leadership summits at the University of South Florida along with her mentor, Dr. Donna Elam; hosting monthly community picnics at Desoto Park; and bringing together schools, community leaders and businesses to mentor students.

A year ago, Mrs. Willis-Barrett started planning a two-city tour for 10 middle school students. On June 25th, those plans resulted in the students enjoying a tour of Washington, D.C. and New York City.

"While in Washington, D.C., the students toured the historical monuments and led them on a tour of Howard University." The students also toured New York City and stayed at the Mid-Town Manhattan. In New York, the students visited the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, the 9/11 sites, Time Square and historical Harlem. They spent the day at the Museum of Natural History.

"During our trip to New York, I was able to share some of my own experiences growing up there. "Our kids are idle during the summer, so I thought this would be a great learning experience for them. I felt the New York students could motivate the Tampa students. The whole thing was extraordinary."

Mrs. Willis-Barrett said the students were more excited about meeting each other than they were visiting the various venues in New York.

"The students from Tampa are pen pals with the students from New York and that sets them apart."

The students attended the graduation of Life Sciences Secondary School that bragged an 86%, 4-year graduation rate with a 99% minority population.

NEW YORK STUDENTS

Principal, Mrs. Genevieve Stanislaus was an encouraging force behind this partnership. The group honored her with a plaque.

Since this trip was such a success, Mrs. Willis-Barrett said she would like to continue the partnership with the school in New York.

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The Heartbeat of Our Community

By JACKI WEBB – (813) 545-2665

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**Shingles**

What is shingles?

Shingles (herpes zoster) is a viral infection of the nerve roots. It causes pain and often causes a rash on one side of the body, the left or right. The rash appears in a band, a strip, or a small area. Shingles is most common in older adults and people who have weak immune systems because of stress, injury, certain medicines, or other reasons. Most people who get shingles will get better and will not get it again.

What causes shingles?

Shingles occurs when the virus that causes chickenpox starts up again in your body. After you get better from chickenpox, the virus “sleeps” (is dormant) in your nerve roots. In some people, it stays dormant forever. In others, the virus “wakes up” when disease, stress, or aging weakens the immune system. It is not clear why this happens. But after the virus becomes active again, it can only cause shingles, not chickenpox.

You can’t catch shingles from someone else who has shingles.

What are the symptoms?

Shingles symptoms happen in stages. At first you may have a headache or be sensitive to light. You may also feel like you have the flu but not have a fever.

Later, you may feel itching, tingling, or pain in a certain area. That’s where a band, strip, or small area of rash may occur a few days later. The rash turns into clusters of blisters. The blisters fill with fluid and then crust over. It takes 2 to 4 weeks for the blisters to heal, and they may leave scars. Some people only get a mild rash and, some do not get a rash at all.

It’s possible that you could also feel dizzy or weak, or you could have long-term pain or a rash on your face, changes in your vision, changes in how well you can think, or a rash that spreads. If you have any of these problems from shingles, call your doctor right away.

How is shingles treated?

There is no cure for shingles, but treatment may help you get well sooner and prevent other problems. Call your doctor as soon as you think you may have shingles. The sooner you start treatment, the better it works. Treatment may include:

* Antiviral medicines, sometimes given with steroid medicines to help you get well sooner and feel less pain.

* Medicines to help long-term pain. These include antidepressants, pain medicines, and skin creams.

Treating the condition can help relieve pain.

Good home care can help you feel better faster. Take care of any skin sores, and keep them clean. Take your medicines as directed. And use over-the-counter pain medicines to relieve pain.

Avoid contact with people until the rash heals. While you have shingles, you can spread chickenpox to people who have never had chickenpox. Be extra careful to avoid people with weak immune systems and pregnant women and babies who have never had chickenpox.

Who gets shingles?

Anyone who has had chickenpox can get shingles. You have a greater chance of getting shingles if you:

* Are older than 50.

* Have an autoimmune disease that weakens your immune system or stress to attack your body's own tissues.

* Have another health problem or stress that weakens the immune system.

If you have never had chickenpox, avoid touching someone who has shingles or chickenpox. If you are at least 60 years old, you can get a vaccine that may prevent shingles or make it less painful if you do get it.

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**USF Health**
1. Kicking Back On The Weekends. Although it's tempting to sleep in on weekends, you're setting yourself up for trouble. If you enjoy a 8 a.m. cup of joe during the week, try to have coffee at the same time on the weekend.

2. Treating Your Head Pain. Occasional use of OTC medicine is fine, but be sure to follow the label instructions exactly. Taking a higher than suggested dose increases the odds of getting a rebound headache.

3. Your Period. Many doctors treat menstrual-related headaches with a prescription triptan, such as Frova. Your doctor may recommend taking triptans either at the first hint of it may be sudden or coming on, wrap a hot compress around your neck for a few minutes, which has been shown to bring on a headache.

4. Harboring Anger. The next time that you're silently simmering, take in a larger than average breath and hold it for three to five seconds while pressing together the thumb and index finger on one of your hands. Then exhale slowly through parted lips, until all the air has been drained from your lungs. Repeat two or three times. This soothing move stops you from tensing your neck and shoulder muscles, which has been shown to help prevent a headache.

5. Your Lunch. Keeping a food diary can be helpful in identifying potential headache triggers. Once you suspect a food may be to blame, try eliminating it from your diet and see whether it alleviates your symptoms. But be sure to eat regularly.

6. Your Co-Worker's Perfume. Unfortunately, many scents are difficult to avoid. You can't live in a bubble. No matter how hard you try to stay away from strong smells, you'll still end up in an elevator next to someone wearing heavy cologne. But there are a few ways to keep odors at bay. First, try to keep your home and work spaces as ventilated as possible. Also, in your own home, use fragrance-free cleaning supplies, such as En-Virovite, and keep all doors and windows open.

If these strategies don't work, combat one odor with another. One German study found that applying a drop of peppermint oil to the forehead was as effective as OTC acetaminophen in relieving some headaches.

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Risk Factors In African American Women

Black women have the highest rates of some risk factors for cardiovascular disease in the country, when they are compared to men and women of their own race as well as other races. When you have a risk factor, which means that you are unusually likely to develop CVD, as opposed to people who have none. In addition, the more risk factors you have, the greater the chance that you will have an adverse event involving the cardiovascular system such as a heart attack or a stroke. It has been well documented that African American women have the highest rates of the following risk factors: **Smoking**: 26% of black women smoke

**High blood pressure**: about one-third of black women have hypertension

**Obesity**: two-thirds of black women are overweight or obese

**Physical inactivity**: the majority of black women do not exercise regularly

In addition, diabetes, which causes so many heart attacks that it is now considered a cardiovascular disease and a CVD risk equivalent, is found in a very high percentage of African American women. Unfortunately, CVD often strikes without warning, and the first hint of it may be sudden death, a heart attack, or a stroke.

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Watermelon goes hand-in-hand with any and all summer celebrations especially The 4th of July! So, this year, declare your independence and boost your health esteem with a slice of barbecued watermelon!

Did you know... watermelon is practically a multi-vitamin unto itself.

- Vitamin A is important for optimal eye health, can help prevent night-blindness, and boosts immunity.
- Vitamin B6 is used by the body to manufacture brain chemicals, which helps the body cope with anxiety and panic.
- Vitamin C can help to bolster the immune system’s defenses against infections and viruses and can protect a body from harmful free radicals that can accelerate aging and conditions such as cataracts.
- A two-cup serving of watermelon is also a source of potassium,
- Watermelon can help maintain cardiovascular function and health.
- Watermelon has amino acids that help maintain the arteries, which can help maintain blood flow and heart health.

Grilled Watermelon

1 tbsp. lime zest & ¼ cup lime juice  ★ ¼ cup honey, divided
2 tsp garlic chili sauce  ★ pinch salt  ★ 1 Watermelon

DIRECTIONS: Preheat grill to high. In bowl, whisk together, lime zest & juice, 3 tbsp of the honey, garlic chili sauce and salt. Cut watermelon into thick wedges. Lightly drizzle each side with remaining honey and place on grill. Grill until just browned, about 2 minutes per side. Place watermelon slices on a plate and drizzle with lime dressing.

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12 oz. Milk

FAMILY BUNDLE #2
3 lbs. Ground Beef (Carne Molida De Vacas)
2 lbs. Beef Brisket Steak (Bistec De Puerca)
2 lbs. Chicken Leg Quarters (Piernas De Pollo)
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FAMILY BUNDLE #3
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Recipes

Red White & Blue Watermelon Sundaes

4 cups watermelon balls
2 cups fresh blueberries
4 dollops prepared whipped topping
Red, white and blue star sprinkles

DIRECTIONS: Mix the watermelon and blueberries. Divide among 4 sundae bowls. Top each with a dollop of topping and sprinkle with red, white and blue sprinkles.

Watermelon Ice Cubes

DIRECTIONS: Puree seedless watermelon and pour into ice cube trays. Freeze and enjoy!

Watermelon Popsicles

DIRECTIONS: Puree watermelon and pour into Popsicle molds. Drop in chunks of fresh fruit, insert caps and place in freezer. Serve immediately.

Star Cake

1 seedless watermelon★ ¼ cup whipped cream or frosting★ ½ cup blueberries
1 cup strawberries, hulled and sliced★ ¼ cup raspberries★ Powdered sugar

DIRECTIONS: Cut a three-inch thick slice from the center of an oblong, seedless watermelon. Place flat on a cutting board and use an oversized, approximately 7-inch-wide star-shaped cookie cutter (or sharp kitchen knife) to cut a star shape. Set on paper towel to drain excess water. Wash the watermelon and pat dry. Place on a serving dish or cake stand. Pipe whipped cream between the bottom edge of the star and the plate. Dot with blueberries. Frost the cake with topping and arrange blueberries, strawberries and raspberries on top. Sprinkle with powdered sugar and serve.

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This photo shows Michael Jackson at his final concert rehearsal — one day before his sudden death.

Michael’s Final Photo Released

Monica Conyers Resigns From Office

DETOIT — Detroit city councilwoman Monica Conyers, 44, has resigned from office, days after admitting in court that she accepted bribes from a company in exchange for her vote on a lucrative city sludge-treatment contract.

Conyers, the wife of powerful Democratic congressman John Conyers, submitted her resignation in a letter to the city clerk’s office Monday. It will take effect July 6.

Local 4 has learned that her staff members will be let go, unless another department decides to take them.

Her official picture was taken down from the wall near city council chambers late in the afternoon.

Toddler Pulled From Water After Yemeni Crash

MORONI, Comoros — A Yemeni jetliner carrying 153 people crashed into the Indian Ocean as it came in for a landing during howling winds on the island nation of Comoros. There were conflicting reports about whether a child survived.

Comoran and Yemeni officials said Tuesday that either a 14-year-old girl or a 2-year-old boy had survived. However, neither report could be immediately verified, nor could earlier reports that three bodies and some plane wreckage had been recovered.

Supreme Court Considers Troy Davis Execution

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Supreme Court could decide whether to hear the case of death-row inmate Troy Davis, who was convicted of killing a police officer almost 20 years ago.

The high court could make its decision as early as Monday on the controversial case involving Davis, who was convicted of the 1989 murder of Savannah police officer Mark MacPhail.

His execution has been delayed three times over concerns that he is not the killer. Supporters say he deserves a new hearing because seven of the trial’s witnesses have recanted or backed off parts of their testimony. Prosecutors say the evidence is solid and that the 40-year-old should be put to death.
Local Radio Show Host Said He's Glad That Michael Is Dead

By Sun Man

An American icon that was born to sing and dance his way to fortune, fame and into the hearts of people all over the world was pronounced dead in Los Angeles last Thursday from cardiac arrest. June 25, 2009 will be another day in American history when most of us will recall exactly what we were doing, where we were and what our immediate reaction was to the news that Michael Jackson had died.

By now, the whole community was saddened most of the world is aware of the untimely death of the greatest American entertainer the world has ever known, but on the morning after that bombshell announcement, a long time Bay area radio talk show host, Ron “Ronnee D”Diaz made the comment that he was “glad” that Michael Jackson is dead and implied that the world is better for it. The comments made on the Ron & Ian Show are careless and insensitive. It seems to be an atmosphere where so many people around the world are mourning. This seems to be an atmosphere that is fostered at this radio station (WDAE 620AM), a Clear Channel Communications (CCC) owned radio station. His reasoning being that Jackson was an alleged child molester, Diaz repeated several times his pleasure at the death of the 50-year-old entertainer.

Mr. Diaz, has had his own share of issues, including a brush with the law that took place in 2000 when he was charged with DUI after leaving the scene of a routine traffic stop, refusing to take a breathalyzer test and then offering up a cock and bull story about how the police permitted him to leave and that’s when he went home and consumed alcohol. After the arrest and release of his unlikely story, CCC released a statement, “Ron, who is a 20-year on-air veteran of the Tampa Bay area, has been very proactive in many community charitable events over his distinguished career. Ron has expressed his deep remorse for his action.”

There seems to be a pattern of tolerance at WDAE that is evident when looking at their history of on-air personalities with DUI arrest records. When WDAE became a sports talk station in 1997, one of the hosts to help build the station was WFLA-TV sports anchor Chris Thomas. He hosted the Chris Thomas Show. Off the air, Thomas battled alcoholism most of his adult life. In 2002, Mr. Thomas made headlines over an arrest for driving under the influence. In January 2009, he was involved in a driving accident with a Buccaneer cheerleader. After Thomas died in February 2009, the WDAE studio was renamed the Chris Thomas Studio. It was WDAE’s Steve “Big Dog” Duemig, who disliked the NBA said that former NBA star Mallik Sealy was at fault for having been killed by a drunk driver in 2000, but was quick to defend a hockey player charged with vehicular homicide when he was driving under the influence of alcohol and killed his teammate speed ing in a Ferrari. Duemig himself was arrested in ‘08 for DUI and he too is still being supported by Clear Channel. It was also Duemig who made strong statements in 2002 about drugs being the reason that Tampa Bay Buccaneer executive Doug Williams was not re-signed by the team after the 1982 season. It is unclear what the status of Duemig’s DUI case was at this time, but he is still on the air.

How ironic is it that Mr. Diaz is happy that Michael Jackson is dead, but it was Michael that has given and raised millions of dollars for AIDS awareness. This comes after Ron Diaz’ wife, Debbie, died of AIDS in 1995. This of course is not to say that one thing has anything to do with the other but there is such thing as sensitivity, prejudice and karma.

Jackson’s image to the world was one of near royalty. One can’t get anymore royal in America unless you are a Native American Hero and when was the last time we heard about one of those? When you see Michael in those military inspired outfits and the portraits of him outfitted like a Prince or a King, it is because this is how the world saw Michael. The great American idol ever and it is widely believed that he was treated unfairly by some in the media.

Michael Jackson was America’s gift to the world and he was loved by many. Do us all a favor and mix in a little sensitivity training and maybe a twelve step program or two over at Clear Channel Communications.

Jesse “Jet Set” Hudson has made the most of his opportunities in Hollywood, California. The Tampa native has always had the spirit and motivation. “All I’ve ever done in my life, I’ve always thought about others. I’ve always felt how much could I help others do the same. I don’t brag, and I don’t expect any special recognition.”

Over the past few weeks, Jet Set has found the time to visit houses of worship in Hollywood. For the first time on May 10th, he visited the Understanding Principles for Better Living Church, pastured and founded by esteemed actress, Rev. Dr. Della Reese-Lett.

Jet Set Hudson and Rev. Dr. Della Reese Lett.

“Jet Set” Hudson and Rev. Dr. Della Reese Lett.

“I attended a Mother’s Day service at her church, and it was something to behold. I wish I could bring some friends from Tampa out here to enjoy the services.”

Jet Set said meeting Della Reese was a special treat he hadn’t counted on. “I visited her church because I knew she was a pastor and I wanted to hear her speak. I never thought I’d get a chance to talk to her. She’s a very upbeat and spirited woman.”

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Story After Story Michael Jackson Lives In Our Hearts

KATHERINE JACKSON

LOS ANGELES -- Michael Jackson's parents wasted little time demanding authority over their son's financially strained empire and guardianship of their fatherless grandchildren. The big question is who, if anyone, will contest them?

Early Monday - just four days after the death of the King of Pop - lawyers for Katherine and Joe Jackson won temporary custody of Michael Jackson's three children and moved to become administrators of his estate.

Judge Mitchell Beckloff granted 79-year-old Katherine Jackson temporary guardianship of the children, who range in age from 7 to 12, and also gave her control over some of her son's personal property that is now in the hands of an unnamed third party.

But the judge did not immediately rule on her requests to take charge of the children's and Jackson's estates.

The swiftness of the legal motions underscore the fact that Jackson's death leaves a vacuum if he died without a will, as the parents assert in documents filed in Superior Court. If no will is filed, the number of potential claimants that could emerge seeking custody of the children or a piece of his empire are many.

About the same time a judge granted Katherine Jackson authority over at least some of her son's estate Friday, pickup trucks and a large dump truck towing a flatbed were seen entering the 2,900-acre Neverland Ranch, a major piece of the singer's debt-strapped financial empire. It was not clear who had requested the fleet or for what purpose.

L. Londell McMillan, the family's attorney, said in a statement that the Jacksons are pleased with the results of their Monday filings.

"The personal and legal priorities are focused on first protecting the best interests of Mr. Michael Jackson's children, his family, his memorial services and then preserving a creative and business legacy with the dignity and honor it deserves," the statement read.

Clearly one of his most valuable assets is his recording catalog, which his father could potentially re-release through his new record company if the family gains control of his assets. There could also be recordings in Jackson's estate that he had never released.

There's also a financial bonanza to be had in the Sony/ATV Music Publishing catalog of which Jackson owned 50 percent. The 750,000-song catalog includes music by the Beatles, Bob Dylan, Neil Diamond, Jimmy Page and the Jonas Brothers, and is estimated to be worth as much as $2 billion.

When Jackson died Thursday, he also left behind a 12-year-old son and 11-year-old daughter by his ex-wife Deborah Rowe, as well as a 7-year-old son born to a surrogate mother.

The Jackson family said the children - Michael Joseph Jackson Jr. (known as Prince Michael), Paris Michael Katherine Jackson and Prince Michael II - are living at the Jackson family compound in Los Angeles' San Fernando Valley.

They have a long established relationship with paternal grandmother and are comfortable in her care, the family said in court documents.

Family patriarch Joe Jackson, 79, said at a news conference that the children were enjoying playing with other kids - something they do not normally do.

Family friend Jackson Fans 'Moonwalk' In London

LONDON, ENGLAND -- A huge crowd gathered in London, UK on Friday for a mass "moonwalk" - paying tribute to Michael Jackson to dancing to his most iconic songs and replicating his famous walk.

Two young fans who say Michael Jackson meant a lot to them donned self-made T-shirts at the event - in one case a black and white version of the King of Pop.

"I Want You Back" by the Jackson 5 (1969)

The Jackson 5's first Motown single is still one of the group's first chart-topper.

"Beat It"

During his brilliant career, Michael Jackson changed not only music, but also his appearance.

"We Are The World" by USA For Africa (1985)

Co-written with Lionel Richie, the utterly inescapable "We Are The World" might not have been released under Jackson's name, but it was the song that made the most explicitly laid out Jackson's vision for himself and his place in the world.

"You Are Not Alone" (1995)

Jackson's final No. 1 pop hit at a time when he'd seemingly been eclipsed by his sister Janet, who was still riding her own incredible hot streak, and he had to turn to an outside songwriter to get there.

Philip Crear said in a statement to Access.

"Many of Michael's family - including sister LaToya and brother Jermaine - gathered at the UCLA Medical Center Thursday afternoon after the King of Pop was transported via ambulance from his Holmby Hills home in Los Angeles.

Hours after the news of the singer's death was revealed, the family gathered at the home of Michael's parents - Joe and Katherine Jackson - in nearby Encino, Calif.

On Friday morning, Janet was photographed arriving at Van Nuys airport near Los Angeles, reportedly on her way to join her family.

"She [was] in pre-production on a film," Crear added.
The King of Pop will likely leave behind one royal estate battle. Although he sold hundreds of millions of records, Jackson's biggest financial hit is a 50% interest in a music publishing catalog that includes rights to the Beatles' songs. Jackson, 50, always stayed one beat ahead of a congA line of creditors. At every turn there seemed to be one more wealthy benefactor to bail him out. Most recently that was Thomas Barrack, the founder of the Los Angeles real estate investment firm Colony Capital. Last year, Barrack purchased Jackson's Neverland Ranch near Santa Barbara, Calif., for $22 million, just before the property was sold at auction to cover back debts.

Barrack also brought in Denver billionaire Philip Anschutz, who was helping finance a comeback for the singer. Jackson was scheduled to play a series of 50 concerts at London's O2 Arena, which Anschutz owns. The concerts, for which Jackson was to be paid $1 million per night, were to begin July 13. Ticket holders, who paid more than $85 million for the shows, are entitled to refunds. The singer's untimely passing sets up a potential battle between Anschutz's company, its insurers, and the Jackson estate over who will control the money already sunk into the production. Spokespeople for both Barrack and Anschutz's entertainment business declined to comment.

Financial Assets Included
Sony/ATV Catalog
A genius of a songwriter and performer, Jackson was not so in tune with his personal finances. At one point the star owed more than $270 million to Bank of America (BAC). In 2005 the bank sold that debt to a discount to the private equity firm Fortress Investment Group (FIG). Jackson, who reportedly spent as much as $30 million a year during the good times on clothes, travel, and toys for his ranch, successfully fought off an attempt to auction many of his personal possessions earlier this year. Over the years, those suing Jackson for past-due bills included his former publicist, video director, attorney, and financial advisers.

The star had one asset that will likely be the target of much maneuvering by creditors and heirs in the coming months and years—his 50% interest in the Sony/ATV music catalog. Shortly after his string of early 1980s hits that included Thriller, one of the best-selling albums of all time, Jackson was shrewdly advised to buy the Beatles catalog for $47 million. Ten years later, Jackson merged his music company with Sony Corp.'s (SNE) music publishing arm, reportedly worth $90 million to him. Today, that company owns the publishing rights to thousands of hits by songs by everyone from Neil Diamond to Lady Gaga. Music publishers collect royalties from radio stations, movie studios, and record labels every time a song is played or album sold. Jackson's half interest has been estimated to be worth as much as $300 million. Jackson's own hits are owned by a separate company, also now part of his estate. But like his life, Jackson's estate is unlikely to be settled without controversy.

Death Overloads Google, Twitter
The death of Michael Jackson on Thursday didn't more than rock the world of pop culture—it also shook the Internet. Various online services hit by a massive surge of queries regarding Jackson's condition Thursday evening collapsed under the weight of the public call for updates and information on the pop star. Internet-search giant Google confirmed Friday (June 26) that the spike in Jackson-related traffic initially prompted concern that the service was being hacked, causing Google News to default to an error page for any searches involving Jackson for more than 30 minutes.

Michael Jackson died on June 25, 2009. He was known as the undisputed King of Pop. His musical legacy was profound. In many of his songs, he sang about acceptance. The most notable was "Black or White," "Man in the Mirror" as well as "They Don't Care About Us". Michael Jackson wrote "Gone Too Soon!" in honor of pediatric AIDS victim Ryan White. He also did a lot of work with charities. He holds the record in the Guinness Book of World Records as the most charitable star. And many of these charities help special needs children.
The following is a list of charities he publicly helped in his life that was taken from AllMichaelJackson.com:
- AIDS Project L.A.
- American Cancer Society
- Angel Food
- Big Brothers of Greater Los Angeles
- BMI Foundation, Inc.
- Brotherhood Crusade
- Brothman Burn Center
- Camp Ronald McDonald
- Childhelp U.S.A.
- Children's Institute, Inc.
- Cities and Schools Scholarship Fund
- Community Youth Sports & Arts Foundation
- Congressional Black Caucus
- Daakar Foundation
- Dreamstreet Kids
- Dreams Come True Charity
- Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation
- Juvenile Diabetes Foundation
- Love Match
- Make-A-Wish Foundation
- Minority Aids Project
- Motown Museum
- NAACP
- National Rainbow Coalition
- Rotary Club of Australia
- Society of Singers
- Starlight Foundation
- The Carter Center's Atlanta Project
- The Sickle Cell Research Foundation
- TransAfrica
- United Negro College Fund
- United Negro College Fund Ladder's of Hope
- Volunteers of America
- Watts Summer Festival
- Wish Granting Foundation
- YMCA-28th St./Crenshaw

Thank You Michael Jackson for your musical influence and for the work you have done helping special needs, at risk, and sick children across the world. The world will always remember your music. You truly will be missed. Rest In Peace.

Jackson Wrapped Video Before Death

LOS ANGELES — Two weeks before he died, Michael Jackson wrapped up work on an elaborate production dubbed the "Dome Project" that could be the final finished video piece overseen by the King of Pop. It was a five-week project filmed at Culver Studios, which 70 years ago was the set for the classic film "Gone With the Wind." Four sets were constructed for Jackson's production, including a cemetery recalling his 1983 "Thriller" video. Another set was designed to simulate a lush jungle, and a fourth was built to replicate a construction site, with a screen in the back to allow projection of different backgrounds.

Plies Throws $50,000 Into Concert Crowd

Tampa based rapper Plies "not only made it rain, he made it precipitate." The Atlantic Records star performed before a confirmed 22,000 fans at the 107.9 FM Birthday Bash at Phillips Arena in Atlanta. Per the rapper's publicist, he entered the stage with a duffle bag containing $50,000. Joined by a reported 50 models donning "Becky" t-shirts, the rapper relieved himself of the money, throwing it into the crowd.

The act was in promotion of his new single "Plenty Money." The Drumma Boy-produced single is said to be the last from 2008's Da REAList, before he unveils his Goon Affiliated project, due later this year on Atlantic.

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The Game, Diddy And Chris Brown Record Michael Jackson Tribute

Michael Jackson's impact on the pop-culture world was so powerful, several celebrities are already reacting to his death, not just with statements, but with songs. On Friday morning (June 26), 50 Cent dropped two songs paying tribute to the King of Pop. And on Thursday night, just after learning of MJ's passing, The Game orchestrated a symphony of performers to give thanks and reflect on Jackson.

Game's tribute track dedicated to Michael Jackson called "Better on the Other Side," debuted on a Los Angeles radio station. To assist on the track the rapper phoned in a few homies, including Chris Brown, Diddy, Polow Da Don, Mario Winans, Usher and Boyz II Men. The piano-accompanied soundscapes starts off with Diddy testifying about MJ's influence. "I believed I can do anything," he says. "You made the world dance. You made the music come to life." Then a thunderous bass drops in, led by Chris Brown's vocals on the chorus: "This the type of song that makes the angels cry/ Look up in the sky and I wonder why/ Why you had to go, go/ I know it's better on the other side."

Lil Wayne Mourns Michael Jackson's Death

The world continues to cope with the death of Michael Jackson, and though the King of Pop has passed away, his undying influence reigns supreme. Jackson was a worldwide phenomenon who broke race, gender, culture and age barriers, and was regarded as arguably the greatest entertainer in any genre. Celebrities and fans alike have been reaching out to MTV to pay their respects.

"I personally can't believe it," Lil Wayne said. "But it's more unfortunate for the world of music. My love goes out to his family. A sad day in history, not just music."

One of the artists of today that has garnered the most comparisons to a young Michael Jackson is Chris Brown. Lil Wayne has been called a "complete package," combining fashion sense, singing and dancing talent. Brown paid an amazing homage to the timeless icon at the 2007 MTV Video Music Awards, mimicking MJ's iconic moves.

"Michael Jackson is the reason why I do music and why I want to be a singer," Brown said in a statement. "I am devastated by this great loss, and I will continue to move on."

50 Cent Pays Tribute To Michael Jackson

50 Cent is the first artist to pay tribute to Michael Jackson in song since the King of Pop died Thursday. 50 released the first two records from his mixtape Forever King on Friday morning (June 26). The first, "Respect It or Check It N--a," is vintage hard-core 50. He talks about coming up in the streets as a younger and how he has evolved, and adds at the end, "Rest in peace to Michael Jackson ... You n--a as need me, man. I might have to start moonwalking. A couple of dance moves and sh--, might be some sh-- called 'Billie Jean Is My Lover.'"

Rappers' Fiancee, Ex-Wife Star In New Reality Show

ATLANTA — Tameka "Tiny" Cottle wants to jump start her career while taking care of a house full of kids and dealing with her fiancé, rapper T.I., serving time in an Arkansas prison. Antonia "Toya" Carter is trying to get her life back on track after a tumultuous divorce from rapper Lil Wayne.

They are best friends, two women who can relate to parenting alongside two of hip-hop's biggest stars. Now, both have united for their own reality show on BET called "Tiny & Toya," which begins June 30.

The half-hour, eight-episode series delves into the personal lives of Cottle and Carter, who are both seeking to define themselves professionally as individuals outside of their high-profile everyday relationships.

"We're trying to create our own identity," says Carter, who was married to Lil Wayne for two years. "We're letting people know where we're really at. We're trying to get our business up and running and just having fun — the way we live for ourselves."

DREW-Z'S MOVIE REVIEW

Transformers: Revenge Of The Fallen - The Ultimate in special effects and action, you definitely can't miss this one. No. 1 at Box Office - $201M and $323M Worldwide.★★★★

The Proposal - Sandra Bullock comes through in this well-written comedy about an office romance between the boss and assistant. Worth Seeing! ★★★★

Land Of The Lost - This offbeat comedy starring Will Ferrell was pretty funny.★★★★

The Taking Of Pelham 123 - Denzel Washington and John Travolta deliver a powerful suspense/thriller. Worth Seeing!★★★★

Imagine That - This movie is Eddie Murphy's best family comedy in a long time. Don't do well in his office. Enjoyed it★★★★

Drag Me To Hell - A loan officer refuses to give an old woman a loan to keep her house. The woman puts a curse on her. This movie will have you jumping out of your seat, and you'll laugh during the good horror movie.★★★★

The Hangover - A group of men goes to Las Vegas to have a bachelor party. Surprising adventure No. 1 at Box Office - $104M.★★★★

Up - Pixar/Disney deliver another excellent animation that adults and kids will both love.★★★★

Night At The Museum - Ben Stiller tries to save the museum pieces from moving to federal storage. Fell asleep on this one. No. 1 at box office - $53M.★★★

Terminator Salvation - Very Good storyline and special effects. Must See! No. 2 at Box Office - $43M★★★★

Angels And Demons - Tom Hanks stars in this mystery about a secret society out to destroy the Catholic Church. Worth Seeing! Too Long - 2hrs/20 mins.★★★★

Star Trek - The U.S.S. Enterprise goes back to the beginning. Grade A special effects! Enjoyed it★★★★

X-Men Origins: Wolverine - This Marvel comic book movie tells the story of Wolverine (Hugh Jackman) violent and romantic past. Expected more!★★★

Obsessed - Boycey stars in this drama about her husband (D.L. Eubanks) being stalked by a temp worker (Ali Larter). Rainforest Films (St. Pete/Will Ferrell) tries to keep her house. The movie is trying to save the museum pieces from moving to federal storage.★★★★

The Soloist - Oscar-worthy Jamie Foxx plays a mentally ill musical genius who happens to be homeless. A.L.A. reporter (Robert Downey, Jr.) tries to save him from the streets.★★★★

State Of Play - Russell Crowe stars in this crime thriller about a journalist investigating a series of brutal murders. Worth seeing!★★★★

The Haunting In Connecticut - Based on a true story, a family moves into a house haunted by ghosts. For kids.★★★★

Observe And Report - A mall security guard does whatever it takes to impress his dream girl. Surprisingly funny.★★★★

Fast And Furious - A fast-paced action and adventure starring Vin Diesel. The best of the series. Must see! No. 1 at box office - $72.5M.★★★★

Monsters vs. Aliens - Your kids will love this one.★★★★

King Kong: Jungle Fever - Suspense/thriller starring Nicolas Cage. This movie could have been a classic but the ending was disappointing. No. 1 at box office - $71M.★★★★

Duplicity - A comedy/drama caper that was too long (2 hrs/15 mins) and confusing until the end. You can pass on this one.★★★
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Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Your bosses are pleased by your goop, imaginative work. If they seem to be yelling at you, it’s enthusiasm, not anger.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — A loved one’s suggestion works out well. You gain the support you need to take action in a new area. You’ll do well to plan it.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Although you’re a good nego­tiator, conditions are tough for any major change, so break and set up a long-range plan.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Your studying is paying off. A fabulous discovery gives you the information you need to win the argument.

 Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Invest in your business now. If you don’t have one and see one up. It’s easier than you might think.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You and your partner are getting hard to beat. You read each other’s thoughts. This is a great advantage.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — No need to talk about what you’ve discovered. It’s going to cause controversy, and you don’t need more of that.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Friends are a source of inspiration and motivation. Best to hang around with people you trust and respect.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Proceed with caution. Some­thing unpleasant is likely to fall over. You’ll be wise to wait and see what it is.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Get out for a change of scene. A new place for lunch will upset your routine. You’re not depressed, you’re bored.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — You have things in storage that may be worth cashing in. If you need an extra cushion, sell something you’re not using.

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SENTINEL’S TOP 20 ALBUMS

1. The E.N.D.—The Black Eyed Peas
2. Classique—Will Downing
3. Epiphany—Christine Michele
4. The Introduction Of Marcus Cooper
5. Let The Truth Be Told—Santana
6. In A Perfect World—Keri Hilson
7. The Eschatic—Mos Def
8. Deeper Than Rap—Rick Ross
9. Intuition—Jill Scott
10. Tear Gas—The Jacka
12. I Am... Sasha Fierce—Beyonce
13. No Security—D-Block
14. The Point Of It All—Anthony Hamilton
15. Back On My B.S.—Busta Rhymes
16. Love VS Money—The-Dream
17. The Last Kiss—Jadakiss

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1. Best I Ever Had—Drake
2. Knock You Down—Keri Hilson featuring Kanye West & Ne-Yo
3. Every Girl—Young Money
4. Birthday Sex—Jeremih
5. Ego—Beyonce
6. I Will Wait—D-vine
7. Pretty Wings—Maxwell
8. Blame It—Jill Scott featuring T-Pain
9. Work Calling You Daddy—Twista
10. Last Chance—Missy
11. Always Strapped—Birdman featuring Lil Wayne
12. Boyfriend #2—Pleasure P
13. Street Life—Lil Wayne
14. Halle Berry (She’s Fine)—Hurricane Chris featuring Superstar
15. On The Ocean—K’Jon
16. Break-Up—Mario Featuring Gucci Mane & Sean Garrett
17. Trust—Keisha Cole Duet With Monica
18. Epiphany—Lil Fizz

SCOPIN’ THE SOAPS

By Toby Goldstein

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Also celebrating their natal days this month are: Bernice Smith-Smith, James Horton, Pecora Weaver, Kimberly Harris and Clairetha S. Conners.

Yours truly, Gabbing With Gloria Volkastam, Gloria L. Jennings turns 73.

New Mt. Zion M. B. Church
Happy birthday: Tracey Taylor, Marilyn Terry, Judy Fields and Courtney Quay.

SHAW-NUF TALK
By Cynthia Zorn-Shaw

Condolences Extended

Shaw-Nuf Talk sends condolences to all fans, family members and friends of the late Michael Joseph Jackson. Over the past few days, there has been so much said and written concerning this tragic event, some ugly, some otherwise. And through it all, my prayers have been that we all have focused on his immediate family... especially Katherine Jackson, his mother and his young children, Prince Michael I, Paris and Prince Michael II.

New Principal Named At Jewett
The vacancy, which was created by the recent retirement of Edith Henderson, former principal of Jewett School of the Arts in Winter Haven, has been filled by the current assistant principal of the school, Tracey Nelson. Nelson has worked in the Polk County School System for eleven years, starting as an Instructeur at Davenport Elementary School in 1996.

In 2004, she was appoint-ed as Jewett's Assistant Principal. The appointment of Nelson wasrecommend-ed by Polk County School District Superintendent Gail McKinzie.

Agency Hosts Residents Meeting
The Lakeland Housing Authority (LHA) hosted its monthly Residents Meeting for residents of Gober Villa on Wednesday, June 10, at the Gober Villa Community Center.

The facilitator of the meeting was Rodney Ford, Resident Services Coordinator. Other LHA team members in attendance were: Veronica Shaw-Nuf, Gina Lopez and Veronica Ledford.

Some of the topics of discussion were recreational and educational outings for the month remainder of the month, Movie Day and the computer lab schedule. Residents were also afforded the opportunity to voice their concerns and/or suggestions as it relates to Public Housing.

Residents who attended were: Dorothy Sanders, Cookie Baldwin, Maxine Wilboich, Mildred Hubbard, Mildred Graham, Bessee R. Smith, Nannette Campbell, Mabel Pickett, Erin Dukes, Autumn Wallace, Judy Mas, Lala Collins, Betty Hills, Kate Jordan, cautioning, Amos and creek. Little Lillie, Brownie, President and Pierre Caliste, Parliamentarian, Officers of the Lakeland Housing Authority's Resident Advisory Association were also in attendance.

These monthly meetings serve as a tool of communication between the agency and the residents to whom it provides housing services.

Congratulations, Polk County's Resident Teams!!!
Recently, Polk County youth fast-pitch softball teams captured three state titles. The Lakeland Thunder and The Winter Haven Angels each won Independent and the National Fastpitch Association A-state titles.

The Auburndale Cobras were the only team to clinch the home the National Softball Association's B state title (18 and under division). It was reported that they went unbeaten all season.

Congratulations to all! Way to go, teams!

Happy Anniversary
Wishes for a HAPPY ANNIVERSARY are extended to Charles and Brenda Shaw of Lakeland who will celebrate their 45th birthday, marital bliss on July 7th. May the Lord continue to bless this union!

Birthday Greetings Shaw-Nuf Talk extends Happy Birthday wishes to Little Miss Christian Dickerson of Lakeland, who celebrates her 6th birthday on Friday, July 3rd (TODAY)!
Christian is a 3rd grade student at N.E. Roberts Elementary School. Pitches. Love you much Christian!

Happy Birthday! to Lakeland Girl's Cottage
Mozell Axson who will celebrate his natal day on July 6th; Belated birthday wishes are extended to Lakeland Gent' Elita 'Tony Small' Sent in (June 18th) and Haines City Gent' Sherman Dickerson (June 29th).

Shaw-Nuf Talk hopes that each of your days are/were filled with the love of your life and may the Lord continue to bless you with many, many more birthdays!

Shaw-Nuf Shout-out
This week's Shaw-Nuf Shout-out goes out to any and all graduates of the Auburndale High School Class of 1977! Who said that reunions can happen only every ten years? If you are a member of the AHS Class of '77, please call Mozell Axson at (863) 944-4906 or Shaw-Nuf' Cynthia Zorn-17 at (863) 513-8437. We need to hear from you!
**BAMS Celebrates 2008-2009 School Year Achievements**

The principal and staff members of Berkley Accelerated Middle School (BAMS) in Auburndale, recognized the academic and athletic achievements of its students during the last couple of weeks of the 2008-2009 school year. BAMS sports programs include: tennis, flag football, competitive cheerleading, basketball and soccer.

During the academic awards ceremony, students received awards in the areas of Most Improved, Excellence and Student of the Year in the subjects of Geography, Algebra, Mathematics, Intensive Mathematics, Science, Language Arts, Reading, Art and Chorus, Drama, Physical Education, Performing Arts, Spanish I and II, Critical Thinking, Family and Consumer Science and Media Production.

There were also awards given for Perfect Attendance, E-Team, History Fair, Spelling Bee, Poetry, Anthology, Grade Point Average 4.0 and 3.5-3.9, National Junior Honor Society Inductees, Citizenship, Presidential Awards, Duke University Talent Award, Principal's Award and BAMS Boy & Girl of the Year.

The Berkley Knights Boys Varsity Basketball team had a stellar season, finishing with an undefeated (10-0) record for the year. A banner was presented to the team, which will later be displayed on the gymnasium wall of fame. Jill Bolender serves as Principal of BAMS. (Photos by Shaw-Nuf)

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**‘She Knows Where She’s Going’ Awards Luncheon**

The 2009 ‘She Knows Where She's Going’ Awards Luncheon, hosted by Girl's Inc. of Lakeland was held recently. Program participants were: Michael Tamney, Chairperson, Board of Trustees, Girls Inc., Lakeland; Dr. Judith Ponticell, USF Polytechnic; Antonisha Williams, Kathleen High School; Junior League of Greater Lakeland; and closing remarks by Chandra Frederick, Chairperson and Kay Fields, President and CEO.

Presiding - Dr. Judith Ponticell, University of South Florida Polytechnic.

Alice O'Reilly, Viste Executive Director and Frank O'Reilly, Polk County School Board member.