Teen Injured In Drive-By Shooting

FOURTH OF JULY PARK CELEBRATION

The Fourth of July is a time of family reunions, especially in area parks. People travel far and near to be with family during the Independence Day holiday. The Jackson/White family was one of the many families gathered at MacFarlane Park for their family reunion on Saturday. Larry White, left, rear, is shown with his family: Infinity, Iris and Iman Coleman, Sammonda White, little Omiyah Lovett and Maurice Daniel. (Photograph by Dr. Micheal P. Floyd, Jr.)

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Alleged Rapist Had Key To Home

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Photograph Correction Of Alleged Drak Leader

CORY JOHNSON...was arrested in gang arrests

CORY DONELL JOHNSON...facing several felonies

MARY V. GYANT...still hospitalized with alleged self-inflicted burns

CLARENCE ADAMS...tried to smother flames by falling on top of Gyant.

Mary V. Gyant, 23, the woman who allegedly set herself on fire Saturday remains in serious condition in a local hospital's burn unit.

Gyant is still unable to speak to investigators because of injuries. Her boyfriend, Clarence Adams, 51, told Tampa Fire Rescue personnel Gyant doused herself with gasoline and set herself on fire.

Adams said he was at their mobile home trailer about 4:45 p.m. when Gyant ran inside on fire. Adams said he fell on top of her, trying to smother the flames.

The investigation is continuing and neither Gyant or Adams have been charged with a crime in the incident.

Mom Disputes Sons Are Baby Drak Members

BY IRIS B. HOLTON
Sentinel City Editor

The mother of two young men arrested for alleged gang membership disputes the claim. She said neither of her sons is involved in the gang.

According to police, the 6-month investigation culminated in the arrests of 23 young men identified as being affiliated with a gang known as the "Draks." Police said the investigation was a joint effort between police in Tampa, Hillsborough County, Temple Terrace, and Clearwater.

In addition to 18 men arrested during the investigation, an additional five were identified as "Baby Draks." Ms. Laura McElroy, spokesperson for the Tampa Police Department defined the "Baby Draks" as "kids being recruited by the Draks. These are kids the gang unit has certified as being involved."

Ms. McElroy further stated that the hope of law enforcement is to get the youngsters back on the right track and away from gang activity.

However, Ms. Donna Diaz, mother of Ismael Diaz and Paul Close denies that her sons were involved in the gang. She stated that both had been incarcerated and were not released until earlier this year.

Ms. Diaz stated that Ismael was arrested on a firearm charge and that Paul was taken into custody for violation of probation.

12 People Hospitalized After HART Bus Accident

This HART Bus Route #6 bus was involved in an accident that left 12 people injured, including the bus driver and the driver of a truck that struck the bus.

Shortly before 10 a.m. Monday, at least 12 people were hospitalized after an accident involving a HART bus and a truck.

HART spokesperson, Kathy Karalekas, said the Route #6 bus was leaving Net Park on 56th Street and turning left when a northbound truck collided with the driver's side front of the bus.

Karalekas said 10 passengers were injured, along with the bus driver and the driver of the truck.

Hillsborough County Fire Rescue spokesman, Captain Ray Yeakley, said none of the injuries were serious, and the passengers complained of neck and back pain. The condition of the truck driver is unknown at this time.

The passengers were taken to different hospitals for treatment.

Karalekas said although it appears the truck may have ran the light at the exit drive of Net Park, the accident is still under investigation.
Civil Rights Act Is Topic Of Sentinel Readers

Last week without much fanfare, the anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 took place. July 2 marked the 45th year since the legislation became law. Some Sentinel readers responded to the question, "How do you feel about the significance of the day?" Ms. Ann Jenkins said, "The Civil Rights Act of 1964, open doors for freedom; however, there are still inequities that remain.

John F. Kennedy introduced this bill in 1963, Martin Luther King Jr., played a very significant part in getting this bill passed. "Today we still wait twenty-five years to see if we are allowed to vote. We are the only race that has that stipulation. Until it is lifted only then will I recognize a change. We are moving in the right direction, but, we are slow as turtles.

"We need another Martin Luther King to step up to the plate and speed things up. The worse discrimination in the world is hidden discrimination. Racial discrimination in the employment is still alive, but hidden. Nepotism is still alive, check out who's losing their jobs first. This bill covers a lot; however, there's not enough time to discuss them all. We need to be about the business of staying focus." Dr. George Fox said, "The Civil Rights Act of 1964 is of most importance as evidence that Barack Obama is in the White House. Thurgood Marshall and the champions before and after him would be most proud of the accomplishments we have made over the decades that broke the race, color, and sex barriers to equality.

"However, after 45 years there are still plenty of resistance and adversity to the law, though covert in action and in deeds. The significance of the Act has helped us grow as a nation." Attorney Clinton Paris said, "The Civil Rights Act of 1964, and all the sacrifices that were made to elevate African Americans second class status reminds me that the road to equality was paved in blood. In honor of the personal sacrifices made in the name of equality, I have worked to seize the opportunities their sacrifices created and continue to work to eliminate the barriers that continue to restrict others, of whatever race, from seeking the American dream of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

"As evidenced by President Barack Obama's election as president, America is closer to achieving the founder's proclamation of a more perfect union, but progress to that end will only continue if we make the required sacrifices that freedom costs."

Howard Harris said, "I am at a complete loss why the young men of today are not taking advantage of the many opportunities available to them. The Civil Rights Act led to my becoming the first Black male hired at Honeywell Aerospace in St. Petersburg and the integration of nearby restaurants."

Fireworks Blamed For House Fire

On Sunday at 2 p.m., Tampa Fire Rescue responded to a house fire at 2903 East Lake Avenue. The first unit on the scene reported a single-story house on fire. The fire was under control in 20 minutes and no injuries were reported. Officials said the house sustained about $50,000 damage and Tampa Fire Marshals determined the cause to be from fireworks shot from a lot across the street from the house. No one was living at the house at the time of the fire.
ADHA Drugs: Benefit Or Time-Bombs?

According to the Associated Press, "Federal health regulators are planning to ask their children of attention deficit drugs such as Ritalin and Adderall despite new evidence in a government-sponsored study that such stimulants can increase the risk of sudden death.

But that isn't all. According to the Physician's Desk Reference, "Adverse reactions for Ritalin include nervousness, insomnia, joint pains, fever, anorexia, nausea, dizziness, headaches, drowsiness, increased blood pressure and pulse, rapid heart rate, angina, cardiac arrhythmias, abdominal pain, psychosis as well as possible death." Yet, more than 5 million prescriptions are filled for Ritalin annually.

We are told, almost 90% of American children who are first diagnosed with Attention Deficit Disorder are placed on a Ritalin regimen. We are also informed that an eight-year study has revealed 80 percent of children currently on Ritalin continue to have ADD difficulties, while 60 percent have advanced to Oppositional Defiant Disorder.

Obviously, something is murderously out of whack. We hate to say it, but it would seem somebody is being lied to; hopefully it isn't the usual suspects (us). Meanwhile, American school children and ADD seem to have become synonymous. We wonder. Is the problem so societal or bacterial? Perhaps changing children's diets, eliminating caffeine, sugar, MSG, aspartame and television are more viable alternatives to Ritalin overkill. Meanwhile, American school children and ADD seem to have more viable alternatives to Ritalin overkill. We are told, almost 90% of American children who are first diagnosed with Attention Deficit Disorder are placed on a Ritalin regimen. We are also informed that an eight-year study has revealed 80 percent of children currently on Ritalin continue to have ADD difficulties, while 60 percent have advanced to Oppositional Defiant Disorder (ODD) and Conduct Disorder (CD) diagnoses.

Where Diversity Is Alive And Well

What do Burger King, Red Lobster and Olive Garden have in common? Coupons for a discount dinner, you may say? No, but it's something even better. All three restaurants are owned by Black Enterprise voted by Black Enterprise as the Top 40 Best Companies for diversity. Get out your pencil. See how many names you know.

Among the internationally read and acclaimed Black Enterprise magazine's second annual list of companies who have made concerted efforts to court and support internal and community wide diversity are the following businesses. Denny's Corp., Eastman Kodak, Pepsi, Bank of America, FedEx, Xerox, MacDonald's, ARAMARK, Marriott International, and PG&E.

said Black Enterprise officials. "At a time when Black advertising agencies should be heavily courted by corporate America to reach the Black consumer, many have suffered significant declines in billings and revenue. "In its folly, Madison Avenue is still locking itself in from the advertising investment in almost every segment of the Black market."

To remedy this sadly traditional oversight, Black Enterprise has joined with the NAACP and the National Urban League to let the world know who in the business community cares and who in the business community seems not to care. The argument is very simplistic. Maybe, those businesses that do not care about diversity would also not care about the millions (right we say billions) of dollars diversity generates.

As a sister publication, we salute Black Enterprise. And as a fellow business organization, we congratulate those businesses who proudly support diversity.
Pictures From The Past

James and Edna Gaynor posed for the camera at the Holiday Sizzler Fashion Show.

Hilda George, crowned Miss Gibbs Junior College, is seen with Jeraldine Taylor and Gladys Evans.

Sally Crosby and Lula Stokes were captured in this photo from the past.

Fred Johnson and Norma Curry were photographed in this photo from the past.

MCCLARY FAMILY REUNION PHOTO

WALLACE FAMILY REUNION PHOTO
Members of the Middleton High School Class of 1954 recently attended their class reunion. The group attended a dinner at Sam Seltzer Restaurant as part of the reunion festivities. (Photography by BRUNSON).

Harold Williams and Julia Timmons attended the class reunion dinner.

Vernell and Willie J. Talley attended the reunion dinner.

Andrew and Jackie James attended the dinner at Sam Seltzer Restaurant.

Among those attending the reunion dinner were Bernard and Yvonne King, and Barbara Johnson.

GLORIA W. DAVIS

Ossie Hendrix and Victoria Brown were among those attending the Middleton High School Class of 1954 Reunion Dinner.

Marcellas and Gwen Durham

Eddie and Sevil Stewart

Robert Mitchell, Willie Mae Burney, and Shirley Thompson took part in class reunion activities.

Members of the 1954 Class Reunion shown in this photograph are Juanita and Ruben Yeoman, and Robert Sharpton.

Ethel and Irving Ward

Irene F. Harris and Doretha C. Thoman.
Birthday Greetings

LAKEISHA KING
Happy birthday, LaKeisha King, b.k.a., Ms. Kei. You've grown up to be such a classy lady. We love you, Baby Girl, b.k.a., "Our Head Ache"... LOL.
Love, your family.

JAYLA LEWIS
Birthday wishes go out to Jayla Lewis, who will be turning 11 years old. You've grown up to be such a lady, just like Ms. Kei.
We love you. From the family.

ALVIN V., MARY BUNCHE & FREDDIE WILLIAMS, JR.

ALVIN E. And MARY BUNCHE
Happy birthday, Alvin E. Bunch (6/17), Freddie L. William, Jr. (6/28), Alvin V. Bunch (7/7). May God bless you to have many more.
Love, Mary J. Bunch.

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Happy birthday (Nukei).
Nearly 25,000 attendees were in Tampa last week for the International Auxiliaries In Ministry Convention (AIM) of the Church of God in Christ. The week of training, musical extravaganzas, fellowship and spiritual renewal concluded with a message by Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake on Friday, July 3, 2009.

Activities and opportunities for family involvement included College Fair, Scholastic Motivation, Bible Bowl, Spelling Bee Competition, Math Drill Teams, Basketball Tournaments, Pageants, along with musicals featuring noted gospel artists, such as Jonathan Nelson, Kurt Carr, Kierra "Kiki" Sheard, Maurette Brown Clark, James Fortune and FIYA, the Nevel Sisters, Kim Burrell and many more.

The convention completed its first full day on Tuesday with a powerful message from Evangelist Ruby Holland Hutchins of Memphis, TN.

A musical to open the convention on Monday evening drew about 1,500 people at Brown Memorial Temple COGIC.

J. Drew Sheard is Chairman of the AIM Convention. Locally, Bishop Matthew Williams is the Presiding Bishop of the Jurisdiction of Southwestern Florida. (Photography by Brunson and Julia Jackson)

Superintendent J. Drew Sheard, AIM Chairman, addressed the audience during the musical at Brown Memorial COGIC.

Vice Presidents of Missions, Bishop Bobby Henderson and Elder Tony McClain at the Tampa Convention Center where several of the workshops and services were held.

Deacon John D. Jackson, Mother Rebecca Jackson and Mother Mary Barnes were among those at the Tampa Convention Center on Tuesday for the AIM Convention.

Consuela Cowan and her daughter, Callie were among those at the Tampa Convention Center for the start of the AIM Convention.

The Lord's House Ministries
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**NCNW Monthly Meeting**

The Tampa Metro Section of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. monthly meeting is scheduled for Saturday, July 11, 2009, at 10 a.m. at the Children’s Board, 1002 E. Palm Ave.

The agenda will include a final report from the annual fundraiser and luncheon, along with a report from the most recent Executive Board meeting. All other committee chairs or their representatives are to also submit written reports.

There will be no regular meeting in the month of August. The final meeting of this fiscal year will be held on Saturday, Sept. 5th.

NCNW members are encouraged to be present and on time for this month’s meeting. Visitors are always welcome.

Gloria W. Davis, Publicity Chair, Electa W. Davis, President.

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**Alpha Kappa Alpha Names ‘Lett Leader’**

The 56th South Atlantic Regional Conference of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated was convened in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina April 29-May 3, 2009, with Mrs. Ella Springs Jones, Regional Director, presiding.

The annual Stella J. Lett Undergraduate Leadership Award was presented during the Undergraduate Awards Luncheon to Lindsay Sanford, member of the Lambda Theta Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha at Clemson University, Clemson, South Carolina.

Lindsay is a senior, majoring in bioengineering and holds numerous leadership positions at the university.

In her essay, “How the Extraordinary Inspiring Journey of President Obama Affects My Personal Journey,” she wrote the following: “Young African-Americans, including myself, can no longer deny ourselves in our quest to achieve our highest potential. We have a responsibility to our President, our families and our communities to better the world. Whatever dream I have, I feel even more driven to achieve it because of President Obama’s success. He has taught me and countless others to have no boundaries.”

Along with a medallion, a plaque, and the distinction of Lett Leader, Lindsay was presented $1,000 to further her education.

With all undergraduate chapters of the South Atlantic Region eligible for competition, seven finalists were identified and were also recognized: Da’Koyoia Bailey, University of South Carolina/Aiken; Reneisha Davis, Georgia Southern University; Tamara Crawford, University of South Carolina/Upstate; Venetta Epps, Savannah State University; Bianca Harmon, University of Central Florida; Natora Snipes, Morris College, and Kamilah Wright, Winthrop University.

Assisting Sonja Garcia with the award presentations were Mrs. Ella Springs Jones, South Atlantic Regional Director; Dr. Barbara A. McKinzie, National President; Mrs. Elaine Bryant, Graduate Advisor, Sigma Nu, University of Tampa. The Lett Leader Award is generated annually by the Sonja W. Garcia Alpha Kappa Alpha Educational Advancement Foundation Endowment, in honor of Mrs. Lett, a former President of Gamma Theta Omega Chapter, Tampa and Beta Pi Chapter (Alabama State University).

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**Daddy Look-A-Like Contest Winner**

WTMP received several entries in response to this year’s Daddy Look-A-Like Contest, where the dad and child who shared the strongest resemblance held the winning title.

Congratulations to the winners, Idris Thomas and his beautiful daughter, Epiphany Thomas of Tampa. Both winners enjoyed dinner with Tampa Bay Buccaneer Maurice Stovall (#85) and his father, along with WTMF’s Radio Personality, Aminta, courtesy of Malio’s Prime Steakhouse and Don Corelli Entertainment. The winners and guests were transported in style by limousine.

In addition to being treated like a “king for a day,” Idris Thomas received additional prizes including a pair of Tampa Bay Buccaneer Game Tickets, a suit and hair cut.

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**2nd Annual Music Workshop Conference**

**Local**

**The New Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church**

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Music Ministry

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Sister Bettye Ross, Co-Chairperson

Dr. Anna Hawkins, piano, University of South Florida

Sister Beverly C. Jones, organ, Mount Zion Church

Pastor Rev. Dr. Louis Y. Butts

Minister C. Ivan-Johnson, violin, Mount Zion Church

Deacon Maurice Stovall, Jr., bass guitar, Mount Zion Church

Music Workshop/Conference Agenda Registration

Friday & Saturday Registration: 7:15 P.M. – 8:15 A.M.

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**July 12, 2009**

Rev. Jerry Alexander Pastor

**July 12, 2009**

Rev. James Alexander Pastor

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**Father and daughter look-alike contest winners, Idris and Epiphany Thomas.**

One of the sponsors of the event, Tampa Bay Buccaneer, Maurice Stovall.

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Surprise Retirement Dinner For TGH Employee

A surprise retirement dinner was held on May 24, 2009 for Catherine Coley. She retired after 42 years of service at Tampa General Hospital. Mrs. Coley started her career at the hospital as a dietary aide. She worked her way up to Main OR Service Patient Tech.

Birthday honoree, Catherine Coley with her sons, Corey Coley, Sr. and Edward Bailey, III.

Sisters of the honoree, Carolyn, Charlene and Belinda Johnson.

Sister and niece of the honoree, Brenda Johnson and Sherree Andrews.

The Smith Family, neighbors of the honoree, was in attendance.

The Coalition Of 100 Black Women Host 17th Annual Gourmet Gents

The Tampa Bay Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women held its 17th Annual Scholarship Fundraiser at Higgins Hall at St. Lawrence Parish. "Gourmet Gents: A Culinary Fanfare" featured more than 100 gentlemen showcasing their culinary skills. (Photography by Brunson and Julia Jackson)

Captured enjoying the delicacies of more than 100 Gourmet Gents were: Alvin and DeeGa Nesmith, Pat Turner, Renee and Frank Lee, Jerry Francis, Lillie and Bob Samuels, and Elaine and Bill McCloud.

These Gourmet Gents are: Jeffery Harris, Toranio Parker, Wayne Vonton, Willie Parker, Jr. and Willie Parker, III.

Enjoying the afternoon at the Coalition of 100 Black Women Tampa Chapter scholarship fundraiser were: Deborah Howard, Iris Williams, Joyce Russell, LaShune Harris-Jordan and Roberta N. Horsley.

Dr. Larry P. Brown
Guest Speaker, Thomasville, GA

Dr. Charles A. Cody
Host Pastor

Sunday, July 12, 2009
10:00 AM
Word Alive Church
1024 S. 78th Street
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Don't Miss Your Miracle!!!
City of Tampa To Hold EEO Training

The City of Tampa Division of Community Affairs, in conjunction with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission will present an Equal Employment Opportunity Seminar on Thursday, July 23, 2009. The seminar will be held at Ragan Park Community Center, located at 1200 East Lake Avenue. Registration begins at 8 a.m. and the program will be from 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon. This event is free and open to the public.

Employers are encouraged to attend this half-day seminar. Presentation topics will include EEOC investigation procedures, compliance with information requests, ADA laws, and discipline and discharge. A question and answer session will follow each presentation. The presenters for the seminar are Manuel Zurita, Field Director, EEOC Tampa Field Office; Attorney Kathleen Liever, Esquire, of Fowler White Boggs; Attorney Michael D. Malfitano, Esquire, of Constancy Brooks & Smith, LLP; and Debbie Crumbley Brown, Associate Professor of Civil Rights, Race and Human Resources at Stetson University College of Law.

To pre-register, please call Cheryl Beall or Rebecca Cortes at (813) 274-5835 or email cherlylene.beall@tampa.gov.

If you need special accommodations during the seminar, please specify your request at the time of registration. Seating is limited and registration is required to guarantee seating. The deadline for registration is Wednesday, July 15, 2009.

Police Department Cuts 2010 Budget By $1.85 Million

The Tampa Police Department is cutting 36 civilian positions out of its 2010 budget. Twenty-nine of those positions are being eliminated in order to qualify for federal grant funding. The grant will allow 29 employees to keep their positions for fiscal year 2010.

The department administration is hopeful that federal stimulus money will allow them to extend the employee contracts beyond 2010. As a result of these cuts, four positions will be eliminated and four employees will lose their jobs. It is unclear who will face the layoff until all employees have exercised their contracted bumping rights.

The department is also eliminating three vacant positions for a total budget reduction of $1,849,000. The department is not eliminating any police officer positions. The following positions have been eliminated: Police Fleet Service Technician, Range Master, Office Support Special­ist II, and Customer Service Representative I.

The department has also cut 29 positions from the police budget and replaced them with a federal money grant. Those cuts include 11 Investigative Assistant positions, 10 Police Community Service positions, and 8 Public Service Officer positions.

Additionally, there are three positions that are not vacant but have been eliminated. The vacancies were filled by Crime Scene Technicians, a Police Data Terminal Operator, and a Training Specialist.

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Couple Uses Life Experiences To Write Children's Books

Growing up in Daytona Beach, John and Jennifer Darby felt they were both destined for failure. Their parents were not only best friends, but both were drug dealers and users, and a lot of their activities had an adverse affect on their children.

Mr. Darby has spent time in prison on two occasions, and Mrs. Darby has had her own share of problems. Both turned their lives around and are the parents and grandparents of 11 children.

The Darby's didn't want their children to grow up making the same mistakes they did, and so they did the best job they could.

But, hard times followed them both, and both ended up homeless.

"Writing wasn't something I thought about that much at first," said Mrs. Darby. "I still had a poem from my husband that wasn't finished, and he asked me to finish it. I started to read, loved writing poetry, and asked him what else he thought I could do. He suggested writing children's books."

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Walt Disney World Monorail Crash Kills Employee

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. - Officials at Walt Disney World Resort were investigating what caused the first fatal accident in the 38-year history of the park's Monorail, a one-time symptom of founder Walt Disney's vision for future transportation.

Some of the monorails crashed into another early Sunday in the park's Magic Kingdom section, killing one of the train's operators, emergency officials said. At least five guests were treated at the scene for minor injuries, authorities said. The other train's operator was not injured, but was emotionally shaken and taken to a hospital.

The transit system, which shuttles thousands of visitors around the sprawling resort each day, was shut down while authorities investigated.

Organizers will give out 17,500 free tickets to Sunday's Michael Jackson memorial at Los Angeles' Staples Center. The drawing occurred Sunday. To avoid a rush, the promoter kept some details secret, saying only "there will be no distribution of tickets at Staples Center" or the surrounding entertainment complex. The event will also be broadcast online and on television.

More than 1.6 Million Seek Jackson Memorial Tickets

More than 1.6 million fans of the late Michael Jackson requested tickets by the 0000 GMT Sunday deadline for free admission to the memorial tribute Tuesday in Los Angeles. Only 8,750 of those people will win two tickets each for themselves and a partner to attend the event at the Staples Center sports arena in downtown Los Angeles.

Some of the tickets will be for viewing large screen coverage of the event at the Nokia Theatre across the street.

The tribute at 1700 GMT Tuesday is to be broadcast worldwide. Family spokesman Ken Sunshine told CNN on Saturday that no decision had been made whether Jackson's body would be present at the tribute. There will apparently be no public procession through the city.

An attorney for Jackson's cardiologist said the children requested to see Jackson's body, after a psychiatrist was consulted.

Michael Jackson Shatters Billboard Records

Given the news all week of the posthumous sales surge, it comes as no surprise that Michael Jackson is officially the King of Pop charts again. According to Nielsen SoundScan, Michael Jackson albums and Jackson-related compilations hold the top nine positions on Billboard's Top Pop Catalog chart, all posting remarkable jumps in sales in the days following the singer's death.

Jackson himself holds a record eight of the top 10 spots, while a Jackson 5 compilation also landed in the top 10 spots. All in all, Jackson's solo albums sold more than 410,000 copies this past week, according to SoundScan, an amazing num­ber, considering his titles sold a combined 100,000 copies in the week prior to his death. The one-week total is also nearly 10 percent more than what his catalog had sold in all of 2009.

In Death, Will Michael Jackson Be More Profitable?

Michael Jackson's financial woes were well docu­mented: Numerous lawsuits, loss of control of his beloved Neverland and reports that he was hundreds of millions of dollars in debt all point to a complex money mess.

But might he find the financial success that eluded him in the last years of his life?

Experts predict that millions could flow into the Jackson estate coffers with renewed interest in his life and music after his unexpect­ed death.

None of this comes as a sur­prise to Roesler, whose company was a pioneer in the field of getting compensation for deceased celebrities.

Sports

'Transformers,' 'Ice Age' Tie For No. 1 At $42.5M

LOS ANGELES — Prehistoric creatures and robots are in a photo finish for the Fourth of July box-office crown.

The studios behind "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen" and "Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs" are reporting their movies in a tie for the No. 1 spot with $42.5 million in ticket sales each.

Mariah Carey Dresses Up As Eminem For 'Obsessed' Video

Mariah Carey in hoodie, doo-rag from clip.

The three-way tussle pitting Mariah Carey and Nick Cannon against Eminem took another turn when Carey shot a video for her new single "Obsessed" — and dressed up like Eminem.

Carey filmed scenes for the clip at the Plaza Hotel in New York, where she plays a man in two different costumes: One finds her in a bellhop uniform, while the other has her in a giant gray hoodie, a doo-rag and a thick goatee — apart from the beard, she's dressed exactly like Eminem (and looks very bizarre).

Carey tweeted, "Check out my website to see a photo of the star of my new 'Obsessed' video! LUV!!" and in addition to the photo she posted, several other pictures from the shoot have emerged.

"Obsessed" is the first single from Carey's upcoming album Memoirs of an Imperfect Angel, which is set to hit stores on August 25.

Though Carey doesn't mention Eminem's name specifically, there are a handful of lyrics that suggest that the song is a response to Em's Police track "Baggips From Baghdad," on which he raps about taking Carey back from her husband: "Lick Cannon, better back the f— up."

On "Obsessed," Carey sings, "Why are you so obsessed with me? Boy I wanna know/ Lying that you're seeing me/ When everybody knows/ It's clear that you're upset with me/ Why are you so obsessed with me? You're delusional/ Boy, you're losing your mind/ It must be the E/ 'Cause you be poppin', you get it poppin'/ It may be about Slim Shady's struggle with the sheltered children, Michael Jr., 12; Paris, 11, and Prince Michael II, 7. They were all born long after Jackson's heyday, and he kept them veiled — sometimes literally — from prying eyes.

Whether they are resilient or particularly vulnerable to emotional trauma is unknown.

One thing is certain: "The loss of a parent is a catastrophe" for any young child, and the Jackson kids will need help coping, said Dr. Stuart Goldman, a psychiatrist with Children's Hospital Boston and Harvard Medical School.

Jackson's will names his 79-year-old mother, Katherine Jackson, as the children's guardian. Since Jackson's June 25 death, they have been staying with her and other relatives at the family compound in Encino, a Los Angeles suburb.

An attorney for Jackson's cardiologist said the children requested to see Jackson's body, after a psychiatrist was consulted.

Michael Jackson Shatters Billboard Records

Given the news all week of the posthumous sales surge, it comes as no surprise that Michael Jackson is officially the King of Pop charts again. According to Nielsen SoundScan, Michael Jackson albums and Jackson-related compilations hold the top nine positions on Billboard's Top Pop Catalog chart, all posting remarkable jumps in sales in the days following the singer's death.

Jackson himself holds a record eight of the top 10 spots, while a Jackson 5 compilation also landed in the top 10 spots. All in all, Jackson's solo albums sold more than 410,000 copies this past week, according to SoundScan, an amazing number, considering his titles sold a combined 100,000 copies in the week prior to his death. The one-week total is also nearly 10 percent more than what his catalog had sold in all of 2009.

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Former Buccaneer Donnie Abraham Named Head Coach At Gibbs High School

Donnie Abraham has been named the head coach at Gibbs High School, St. Petersburg. Since retiring from the NFL, Abraham had been an assistant coach at the high school level. Abraham’s time with the Bucs can be forgotten as the team won the Super Bowl the year after he left with the help of an extremely talented group of defensive backs. But Abraham was no slouch. He still ranks second all-time in team history with 31 interceptions.

‘Fridge’ Improving With Help

WILLIAM PERRY

COLUMBIA, SC — Michael Dean Perry knows the day is coming when his good-natured, gap-toothed older brother nicknamed “The Fridge” will be back to his old, affable self.

But that will take some time and William Perry, 46, understands that, Michael Dean said. William, the former NFL defensive lineman famous for his smile and 360-pound size, spent more than a month at Aiken Regional Medical Center this spring, suffering from Guillain-Barre syndrome, a disease where the body’s immune system attacks its peripheral nerves.

Perry’s doctors in Aiken saw his condition improve enough to release him in late May.

Valdiserri said Mike Ditka, Perry’s Chicago Bears Coach and others in the Gridiron Greats organization attempted to bring Perry to Northwestern University’s Memorial Hospital. However, it would’ve cost Perry about $350,000 for 8-to-12 weeks of necessary therapy.

Valdiserri says Northwestern helped secure a place for Perry at Carolinas Rehabilitation near Charlotte — at no cost, Valdiserri says — where Michael Dean and sister, Patsy can monitor their brother and cajole him into sticking with his rehab.

William must undergo six to seven hours of speech and physical therapy each day to improve his deteriorated motor skills, Michael Dean says.

William will need another two to three weeks at the rehab center, then he will move to a nearby assisted living facility.

Phil Jackson To Return As Lakers Coach Next Year

LOS ANGELES — Phil Jackson returns to coach the Los Angeles Lakers next season, getting a clean bill of health following a record championship season.

The Hall of Fame coach turns 64 in September and said on the team’s Web site Friday he got the go-ahead for another season after consulting the team doctor.

Jackson led the Lakers to their 15th NBA championship and his 10th title in June, breaking the mark he shared with the late Boston Celtics coach Red Auerbach.

Jury Awards Miami’s Taylor, Partners $1.5M

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — A jury in the U.S. Virgin Islands has awarded Miami Dolphins defensive end Jason Taylor and two partners the return of a $1.5 million deposit from the botched sale of a private island.

The NFL star, who recently signed a $1.5 million, one-year contract to come back to the Dolphins, will be given his share of the deposit, plus expenses, after a jury determined that the seller breached a 2004 contract for the 168-acre island, known as, Great St. James, off St. Thomas’ east end.

Stallworth’s 911 Call Released In Florida DUI Crash

MIAMI — Cleveland Browns wide receiver Donte Stallworth said on a 911 call that he made with his car “coming out of nowhere” before the crash.

Stallworth is serving a 30-day jail sentence after pleading guilty to DUI manslaughter in the March 14 death of 59-year-old Mario Reyes. Stallworth also reached an undisclosed financial settlement with Reyes’ family.

Stallworth has also been suspended indefinitely by the NFL. Attorney David Cornwell, who is representing Stallworth in that matter, released a statement Tuesday after the Miami Herald reported on its Web site, citing unidentified sources, that the receiver tested positive for marijuana after the accident.

While the marijuana hasn’t appeared to play a role in Stallworth’s criminal case, it could affect his standing with the NFL and its drug policies.
CJ Barry’s spokeswoman, Natalie Williams, said stalking her after a woman arrested Saturday in Washington after a woman flagged down an officer and Marion Barry has been arrested and charged with D.C. Council member, was Police said Barry, a current mayor. In his third, he was said the accusation was “baseless.” -

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MS. LUCY

Acknowledging the passing of Eugene Carnes, whose funeral will be held Friday, July 10, 2009, at Harmon Funeral Home. For details, see Friday’s paper or call (813) 431-1911.

BIRTHDAY MEMORIAM

BLANCHE W. GATHERS 7-7-41

Happy birthday, Blanche. We love you, but God loves you best. You will remain in our hearts forever. Your husband, William; kids, Yolanda and Anthony; grands, Alfred and William; and family and friends.

National

Former D. C. Mayor Barry Charged With Stalking

WASHINGTON — Police say former Washington Mayor Marion Barry has been arrested and charged with stalking a woman.

The United States Park Police said Barry, a current D.C. Council member, was arrested Saturday in Washington after a woman bagged down an officer and complained that Barry was stalking her.

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Sports

Former NFL QB Steve McNair Found Shot To Death

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Shot twice in the head and two more times in the chest, former NFL quarterback Steve McNair was the victim of a homicide, police declared Sunday. But authorities wouldn't say it was a murder-suicide - even with his 20-year-old girlfriend dead at his feet from a single bullet.

McNair had been dating Saleh Kazemi for several months, and Nashville police spokesman Don Aaron said early that a semiautomatic pistol was found under her body. She was shot in the head.

Investigators weren't looking for a suspect but were questioning friends of the couple as well as Kazemi’s ex-boyfriend. They were also waiting for results of drug and other laboratory tests before deciding whether McNair was killed in a lovers’ quarrel.

"That's a very important part of the investigation as we work to ultimately classify Miss Kazemi's death," Aaron said.

McNair repeatedly played through serious injuries and pain to win, though he came up a yard short of forcing overtime on the Tennessee Titans' famous drive that came a yard short of forcing overtime in the 2000 Super Bowl.

McNair and Kazemi were found dead at a Nashville condominium - which overlooks the Titans stadium - that he rented with his friend Wayne Neeley. Police believe both died early Saturday. Neeley found the bodies hours later, and called a friend, Robert Gaddy, who played at Alcorn State with McNair.

Gaddy dialed 911.

The quarterback's agent, Bus Cook, said he had never heard Kazemi's name until news of the shooting broke Saturday. What McNair's wife knew wasn't clear Sunday. Cook said. She was preparing to get married.

McNair met Kazemi when his family ate often at the Dave & Buster's restaurant she worked at as a server, and the two began dating in a relationship that included a vacation with parasailing.

"She pretty obviously got mixed up way over her head with folks," said Reagan Howard, a neighbor of Kazemi's.

The victim's sister, Sohely Kazemi, told the Florida Times-Union in Jacksonville that the young woman hadexpected McNair to get a divorce. "she said they were planning to get married."

Kazemi often was dropped off by limousine in the early morning hours and recently went from driving a Kia to a 2007 Cadillac Escalade registered to both herslf and McNair. Her niece told The Tennessean that Kazemi thought McNair was divorcing his wife of 12 years soon.

Nashville courts had no record of a McNair divorce case, but a home he owned in Nashville is on the market for $3 million.

McNair and Kazemi were together Thursday night when she was pulled over driving that Escalade. She was arrested on a DUI charge, and he was allowed to leave in a taxi...

McNair led the Titans to the 2000 Super Bowl, which they lost 23-16 to the St. Louis Rams despite his 87-yard drive in the final minute and 48 seconds. He was co-MVP of the NFL with Colts quarterback Peyton Manning in 2003.

The Titans drafted Vince Young in 2006 to replace McNair, who had mentored him since he was a teenager. They never played together but did play against each other that year.

"He was like a father to me. I hear his advice in my head with everything I do. Life will be very different without him," Young said in a statement Sunday.

McNair grew up in Mount Olive, Miss., and became a football star at Alcorn State, the Division 1-AA school in his home state as he dominated the Southwestern Athletic Conference. He became a Heisman Trophy contender as reporters flocked to little Lorman to watch the man known as "Air McNair."

Besides his wife, McNair is survived his sons Junior, Steven, Tyler and Treton.
Aikens

MS. LAKESHA M. HICKS

A celebration of new begin
Elizabeth Wright; uncle, Eliott Hick.
She leaves fond memories
with: a loving and devoted
mother, Linda Hicks; a father
in his own rights, Douglas
Williams; biological father,
William Brown; grandfather,
Jessie Williams; (Dad); 2 sis-
ters, Angelica and Shannon
Brown; 3 brothers, William
Williams, Emanuel Brown and
Matthew Brown; aunts, Lola
Roberson (Clemmon), Debra
Martin, Barbara German; Patricia
Morrow (Duane, Sr.) and Cindy
Brown; great aunts, Mary
Hawkins (Eugene), Marie
Hicks of Belle Glade, Fl.; spe-
cial uncle and aunt; Sam and
Eva Cochran; uncle, Jessie
German, Jr. (Ada); great
uncles, James Hicks (Janie
Low), Geneve Hicks and James
Wright (Anna Bella); cousins,
LaNetria (Nikki) Hicks (spotted),
Sierra Hicks, Ramona Matthews,
Cedric Matthew, Demetria
Germain (Brand)', Julius
German, Ashlon Joshua
(Michael), Shaw Palmore,
Michael Palmore (Brittany),
Satrina Palmore, Duane
Morrow, Jr., Janace Morrow,
Justin Morrow, Verdell
Sanders, Betty Adkins, James
Adkins, Johnnye Ray Hicks
(Paula), Ivey Hawkins,
Gregory Williams, Kenzie
Adkins, Angelica, Angela, and
Rodney Hicks and Sherry
Gunn; special friends, Terry
and Michelle Jackson; special
families, the Colliers, the
Cochrans, the Jacksons, the
Bushes, the Whites, and the
Clemmons, "special" little
one, Nyugen Gunn; god-
daughter, Alexis Sharpe; god-
mother and brother, Emma
and Edward Miller; devoted
friend, Tammie Severson; special
friends, Thelma Holmes,
Sandie Bigsley, and a host of
other sorrowing relatives and
friends too numerous to
to name. Special thanks to
the ICU nursing staff of UCHC,
Devita Dialysis Service,
Tampa Tech High School,
and H. T. Hackney Company.
The remains will repose at
Aikens Funeral Home from
4-7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 7,
2009. Friends will be received
from 6-7 p.m. The funeral
ceremony will take from
28th. lemon Jefferson St.
Friends are asked to meet at
the church at 11:45 a.m.,
Wednesday.
Aikens FUNERAL HOME
www.aikensfuneralhome.net

Ray

Williams

MR. DANNY L. DAVIS

Mr. Danny L. Davis of
Tampa, passed away Tuesday,
June 30, 2009, in a local
nursing home. Funeral services
will be conducted Friday, July
10, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Ray
Williams Funeral Home,
301 N. Howard Avenue, with
Reverend Dr. Leroy Robinson,
pastor, with Reverend J. A.
Severyon, eulogist. Interment
will follow in Myrtle Hill
Memorial Park.

Mrs. Mary L. Jefferson of
Tampa, passed away Tuesday,
July 7, 2009. Funeral services
will be conducted Tuesday,
July 7, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Northside
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MRS. CONNIE EVON STEPHENS

Mrs. Connie Evon Stevens,
a loving and devoted
wife, mother, daughter,
and sister of 17732 Lake Key
Drive, Odessa, passed away
Friday, July 3, 2009. Funeral
services will be conducted
Friday, July 10, 2009, at 11 a.m.
at Bible Based Fellowship
Church, 3003 Erick Road,
with Pastor Arthur Jones,
eulogist.

Mrs. Connie Stevens was
a native of Ft. Lauderdale,
and a resident of Tampa
for 33 years. She attended
Dillard High School of Ft.
Lauderdale, and was a
member of Bible-Based Fellowship
Church. She was employed with
Stephens' Family Insur-
ance business.

She leaves to cherish her
memory a loving and devoted
husband of 43 years, Kenneth Stevens of Tampa; one daughter,
Sonya Stevens-Daies (Willie)
of St. Louis, MO; two sons,
Robert Daphne (Daphne) of
Tampa, Michael Stevens (LaTonya)
of Tampa, and Kenneth
Stephens (Christine) of Washington,
D.C.; two grandchildren,
Wendell Patrick of
Tampa; mother, Willie Mae
Gee of Ft. Lauderdale, FL; two
sisters, Linda McGee and
Valentia Louis, both of Ft.
Lauderdale; father-in-law,
Robert Pittman of Ft.
Lauderdale; grandparents,
Daulton and Darius of St.
Louis, MO, Blanca, Samiah,
Rachel, and Kenneth Ranisha of
Tampa, Imaan, and Kenneth,
Il, Wellington, FL; sisters-
in-law, Mary Joyce Wright,
Angela Dixon, and Darlene
Noble; brothers-in-law,
and nephews including Nasana,
Jahli, Shantel, Kevin, LaTia,
Hyatt, Kendra and Dekton;
extended family, the McGee,
White, Stephens and Pittman
families of Florida, Georgia
and New York.

THERE WILL BE NO PUB-
LIC VIEWING ON THURS-
DAY, JULY 2.

Arrangements entrusted to
RAY WILLIAMS FUNERAL
HOME, Rhodes & Northern
Owners.

Death Notices

Aikens FUNERAL HOME
Mrs. Eddy Gallmon,
Tampa.
Mrs. LeiaShaw M. Hicks,
Tampa.
Mr. Arthur Humphrey,
Tampa.
Mrs. Wyolenie Jenkins,
Tampa.
Mr. Ernest N. Jordan,
Tampa.

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Alleged Rapist Uses Key To Enter Residence

Tampa Police report that at 4:45 a.m. Friday, Aaron Howard, 21, entered a home using a key and allegedly raped a young girl. Police said the victim was under 13.

Police said Howard, who is known by the family of the victim, entered the home and found the victim sleeping and awoke her. He reportedly threatened her with a knife, and told her to keep quiet. He then reportedly carried the victim outside and put her in a vehicle.

Howard punched her several times in the face, police said. Howard was arrested at his home and charged in the incident. During his arrest, police said drugs were found inside the home.

Poli ce said the victim was all egedly raped a young girl. She ran home and awakened her aunt who called police.

At 8:05 a.m., Howard was arrested at his home and charged in the incident. During his arrest, police said drugs were found inside the home.

Howard was charged with armed kidnapping, possession of cocaine, possession of cannabis, and sexual battery. He is being held without bond.

Reward Offered For Man Who Attacked Trooper

Highway Patrol trooper.

According to FHP, the trooper observed a vehicle traveling on State Road 60 with the passenger not wearing a seat belt. The trooper conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle at the Brandon Town Center and the front passenger, later identified as Polite, became very nervous and said he did not have any identification.

Police Polite, became very nervous and said he did not have any identification.

The trooper said Polite got out of the vehicle on his own as the trooper explained why he stopped the vehicle. During the interview, Polite became nervous and his behavior suspicious, causing the trooper to attempt a pat down Polite for possible weapons.

While conducting the pat down, the trooper reported that Polite spun around and struck him. During the altercation, the suspect struck the trooper several times and was able to flee when his shirt ripped.

FHP said the trooper is not being identified due to concerns for his safety.

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Polite is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-873-8477.

Reward Offered In Circle K Robbery

Crime Stoppers is offering a $1,000 reward for information that will lead to the arrest of two men who robbed a Circle K last week.

Last Saturday at 4:50 a.m., police said a man entered the Circle K, 1451 East Fowler Avenue, pulled a black ski mask over his face and held the clerk at gunpoint while demanding money. A second man entered with his face already covered. Both robbers fled into the Regency Square Apartments, deputies said.

Both men are described as black males, 18 to 20 years old, 6 feet tall and weighing 180 pounds.

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Courthouse Capers

LEWIS SCOTT, 20
Domestic Battery
By Strangulation

KASSANDRA REED, 45
Aggravated Domestic Battery

Rayfield Gordon, 46
Polite, 23
Possession Of Cocaine

Charlene Arnold, 32
Carrying A Concealed Firearm

THOMAS, 48
Possession Of Cocaine

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INVITATION FOR SEALED BIDS

TAMPA BAY WATER, A Regional Water Supply Authority (TAMPA BAY WATER), is requesting written sealed bids from vendors able to provide HYDROCHLORIC ACID SUPPLY SERVICES according to TAMPA BAY WATER’s specifications.

This request is for: Contract # 2010-005 for HYDROCHLORIC ACID SUPPLY SERVICES.

Written sealed bids must be supplied on forms provided by TAMPA BAY WATER and will be received until 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, July 21, 2009.

Specifications and forms may be obtained at TAMPA BAY WATER’s office located at 2575 Enterprise Road, Clearwater FL 33763-1102, or at www.tampabaywater.org.

INVITATION FOR SEALED BIDS

TAMPA BAY WATER, A Regional Water Supply Authority (TAMPA BAY WATER), is requesting written sealed bids from vendors able to provide As-Needed Roofing Contractor Goods and/or Services according to TAMPA BAY WATER’s specifications.

This request is for: Contract No. 2010-006 & 2010-007 for As-Needed Roofing Contractor Goods and/or Services.

Written sealed bids must be supplied on forms provided by TAMPA BAY WATER and will be received until 1:30 p.m. Eastern Time, Tuesday, July 28, 2009.

Specifications and forms may be obtained at TAMPA BAY WATER’s office located at 2575 Enterprise Road, Clearwater FL 33763-1102 or at www.tampabaywater.org.

INVITATION TO BID

Kamminga & Roodvoets Inc., invites all Hillsborough County certified M/WBE Subcontractors and suppliers to bid on the following project:

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# C-0190-09 (JA)

The following scopes of work are being solicited:

Plans and specifications are available for review at our office. Submit your written Proposal to Kamminga & Roodvoets Inc., by Thursday, July 23, 2009 to:

Kamminga & Roodvoets Inc.
5219 Cone Road
Tampa, FL 33610

All interested parties should contact Estimating at Phone #813-623-3031 and fax all QUOTES to 813-628-4490.

INVITATION TO BID

Sub bids requested from W/MBE Subcontractors and/or suppliers.

City of Tampa
Downtown Water Pipeline Replacement Project Phases B & C
Tampa, Florida

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Sub bids due no later than July 12, 2009

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Contact Person: Tom Harrington
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INVITATION FOR SEALED BIDS

TAMPA BAY WATER, A Regional Water Supply Authority (TAMPA BAY WATER), is requesting written sealed bids from vendors able to provide Cypress Creek Paving and Road Repair Contractor Services according to TAMPA BAY WATER’s specifications.

This request is for: Contract No. 2009-085 for Cypress Creek Paving and Road Repair Contractor Services.

Written sealed bids must be supplied on forms provided by TAMPA BAY WATER and will be received until 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time, Tuesday, July 28, 2009.

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