INDEPENDENT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOSTS BLACK AND GOLD GALA

The Independent Chamber Of Commerce held its Black and Gold Gala on November 14, 2009 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Ms. Candy Lowe is the President. A portion of the proceeds from the gala benefited the Dr. Walter L. Smith Library. The event included a networking reception, banquet and an evening of dancing. Among those in attendance were from left, James Green, Gary Onzy, K. C. Bowick, James Bell and Wayne McFarland. (Photography by BRUNSON)
**R&B Singer Finalist In Local ‘Idol’ Competition**

Ms. B. said she can’t remember a time when she wasn’t singing. She started off singing with Gospel groups and said she loves songs that touch people.

This Saturday at the Palladium in St. Petersburg, Ms. B. will be performing as a finalist in the Bay-To-Bay Idol Talent Search Expo Competition.

Ms. B. said she found out about the competition from a couple of friends.

“I decided to give it a try. I qualified and made it to the finals. I feel very encouraged.”

Ms. B. said she feels she’s finally getting to where she’s always wanted to be as an R&B vocalist.

Ms. B said she’s sang with Gospel groups her entire life and has always been selective with the songs she sings.

“A couple of years ago, I was fortunate to compete in the Tom Joyner Big Break competition. I made it to the semi-finals in Birmingham, Alabama, but didn’t make it to the finals because I didn’t select the right songs to perform.

Also scheduled to appear is local jazz sensation, Eric Darius, and as a special treat, Ted Mills, lead singer of Blue Magic, will perform.

“This is a big show that will give me a lot of exposure,” said Ms. B.

Reporters Leon B. Crewe can be reached at 1-813-248-0724, or e-mailed at lcrewe@flstersonline.com.

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**Decision On Gene’s Bar, Honky Tonk Properties Put On Hold**

On Tuesday night at the Cyress Green Community Center, the East Tampa Community Revitalization Partnership group held their monthly meeting.

Of special interest at this meeting was the future of two properties purchased with Tax Increment Finance (TIF) dollars. Those properties are the former Gene’s Bar site on 22nd Street and the Honky Tonk Bar property on 34th Street and Chelsea.

East Tampa Development Manager Ed Johnson made a presentation to the City Council Thursday to update them on the properties and their suggested future use.

Johnson suggested that the best use for the Gene’s Bar property would be to continue acquiring other properties in the area to attract a retail/commercial developer.

As far as a transit center is concerned, HART has committed to upgrade their bus stops along the 22nd Street corridor.

No one else in attendance had a suggestion for the Gene’s Bar property, so it was decided that Johnson’s suggestion was the best option.

Johnson suggested the same scenario for the Honky Tonk. However, some other suggestions were made on alternative uses for the property.

Johnson said the city is currently in the process of acquiring 3 residential properties and a commercial property in the area.

East Tampa resident Clay Daniels was adamant about the need for more police presence in the area.

“I know we already have a police sub-station on 22nd Street, but I think we need to put another on 34th Street and Chelsea.

The Rainbow Heights group had suggested a community center be put on the property, but City of Tampa Parks and Recreation officials said due to budget cuts, they wouldn’t be able to staff the facility.

Also discussed was the future of the Hargrett House on 22nd Street and Osborne.

The house and property has been purchased by Tampa Bay Health Centers, and they have acquired stimulus dollars to build a state-of-the-art facility at that location.

Johnson said it had been suggested that the house be saved somehow from demolition.

“If the house had been declared a historic structure, the cost factor wouldn’t be such an issue. TIF dollars could be used to relocate the house.

Rather than take TIF dollars from funds set aside for senior housing initiatives, the group decided that salvaging the structure is the best suggestion. That means Tampa Health Centers will decide what to do with the house, and they have said it will be demolished.
NAACP President Fights For Rights Of Community

BY IRIS B. HOLTON
Sentinel City Editor

Mrs. Carolyn Collins, a 30-year resident of the Carver City and Lincoln Gardens community and President of the Hillsborough County Branch of the NAACP, said, "The concerns of the NAACP are centered around the rights of the citizens. The residents deserve, demand and expect the same courtesy and respect from the City Council and the City of Tampa’s designated staff that is provided residents on Davis Island, Culbreath Isles, Bayshore, and other well kept, historical, safe and clean neighborhoods. "Every neighborhood should call the City Council to stop this dangerous precedent from going forward. This is in violation of a type of "environmental justice" for the residents of Carver City and Lincoln Gardens," Mrs. Collins said.

Mrs. Collins said it has been a continuous battle to keep the neighborhood free of the unacceptable businesses bordering the main arteries from coming into the neighborhoods.

Last year in a 5-2 vote, City Council approved a request from Joe Redner to open Tampa’s Cigar City Brewing, 3924 W. Spruce Street.

Last week, Redner was successful in having another temporary request to operate the facility wanted extended hours and can sell beer and wine on the premises and sealed in containers, it altered the original request.

"Usually, once the first year has passed, approval usually goes to permanent approval. It’s a land use request and not an individual request.

He further stated the city cannot deny the request unless there is substantial and confid­ent evidence that the approval doesn’t meet code require­ments or that the approval is adverse to public interest.

Mrs. Collins said has issued a "Call to Action" and is encour­aging residents and others to attend the City Council meeting on Thursday, December 17th.

Community Garden Founders To Host Weekend Event

Maria Ortiz and Frances Brooks, creators of the East Tampa Community Garden, announced they have signed a 2-year lease on the site of their garden, 1012 East 1st Avenue (between 10th and 11th Streets).

On Saturday from 10 a.m. until 12, the community is invited to come out for a big planting party. Ms. Brooks said they will be using a technique that won’t require any digging.

“We’re also looking for other areas to provide a place for young people and seniors. We feel a project like this is ideal for bringing a community together, and the finished product would benefit everyone."

Mrs. Ortiz and Ms. Brooks have partnered with Rebecca Zarger, a professor at the University of South Florida, and Nestor Ortiz of Earth Force.

“We really welcome these partners aboard,” said Ms. Brooks.

“The Anthropology Department at USF will provide students to work with us, as well as sharing vital information.”

The community garden group is still in the stages of organizing, and is in the process of forming a planning commit­tee to identify all available resources, seek sponsors, and organize the gardens by installing fencing, teaching gar­den readiness, and the use of neighborhood water or setting up a rain barrel system.

“We also want to establish rules for the use of the garden and put them in writing,” said Ms. Brooks.

Anyone interested in getting involved in this project can contact Mrs. Ortiz at (813) 247-2050, or Ms. Brooks at (813) 234-2065.

Reporter Leon B. Crews can be reached at (813) 248-0242, or e-mailed at lcrews@flsentinel.com.

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Carver City/Lincoln Gardens residents are angry and feel that certain members of the City Council, especially their City Council representative, have betrayed them.

What has the residents upset are the efforts of businessman, Joe Redner, to have a brewery he operates on Spruce Street, also be allowed to serve alcohol for consumption on the premises. The Tampa City Council voted last Thursday to approve the request by Redner, but held a final decision until a second hearing scheduled for December 17th. At that time and are the opportunity to present evidence as to why they should deny Redner's request.

City Council Chairman, Thomas Scott, and Councilwoman Gwen Miller, were the only two that opposed the request. Councilwoman Mary Mulhern was absent.

Carver City/Lincoln Gardens Civic Association President, Dr. Maurice Harvey, said they haven't been happy for two years with this project. "Redner isn't new to our neighborhood. We know he'll have to be exceptionally vigilant to catch him doing something wrong."

"We don't think its fair that a city ordinance was ignored as far as the location of the brewery is concerned. For what Redner is alleging he needs, he doesn't need to be rezoned. We're most upset about his attempt to open a bar. We got rid of a bar about 25 years ago that had been causing us problems. We don't want to have to go through that again."

Dr. Harvey said they feel City Council members Linda Saul-Sena, Charlie Miranda, Joseph Caetano, and John Dingeldey are in the same boat, and there appears to be a big racial divide.

"We don't want a bar in our community. The brewery is fine, but no consumption.

Dr. Harvey also said the City Council has not been consistent with what they've established and they're ignoring their own ordinance. "We will bring an attorney with us when we return December 17th."

Ms. E. N. Cusseaux, said it was very heart-breaking to see Redner up there making the request.

"We've been in this community for more than 50 years, and it seems the city doesn't care about us. We also don't think our City Council representative, Charlie Miranda, reflected our concerns or even cared."

First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens Pastor Anderson Green, said he feels this is part of Redner's attempt to show off their community.

"I oppose having a bar so close to our homes, and he can't have a positive effect.

Redner has an agenda for this area, and has purchased several homes. I felt he had a lot of pressure to sell members a bar and selling alcohol. I'm not sure the Council really thought this out as far as the Antis喝 played a role in this."

Ms. Estelle Brown said she thinks Redner is trying to make the brewers and the city, especially Charlie Miranda and they shouldn't have allowed this to happen.

Ms. Camilla Brown said when the suggestion for the brewery first came up, they weren't prepared to oppose it.

"The city council ignored their own ordinance and allowed Redner to open the brewery. We feel betrayed by the city, especially Charlie Miranda. He actually left last Thursday's meeting when we started presenting our case. We feel we've never had his support and he's supposed to be our representative."

Tedd Scott said Redner, in his opinion, has thrown one of the greatest sucker punches of all time.

"Common sense would tell you he's not going to do anything to jeopardize his business. Other neighborhood associations have come before Council and were accommodated. We don't get that. I don't think any of them would allow this in their neighborhoods.

"Council members Scott and Miller came out strong in opposition, and we appreciate that. I think the others had already made up their minds. It's a shame the way we're treated by our elected officials."

Mr. Tedd Scott said he doesn't think Miranda has any support for them.
THE MEASURE OF A PRESIDENT

Sources say Harry Truman did not sleep for weeks. His decision to drop the world's first atomic bombs on cities of Japan haunted him. Either way he turned, being President of the United States was a job Truman privately admitted, he would gladly have given to another man. No doubt, it will be true for President Barack Obama. The sending of American men and women to fight overseas must affect some in the most exaggerated way. Any American Commander-in-Chief has ever faced. Last week, President Obama felt the fury of his office. Action!

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Jobs Stimulus And Black Unemployment

There is a reason, this Christmas, why angels are singing “Hallelujah!” President Barack Obama’s Job Summit, Jobs Stimulus and Bailout are coming. And they are coming sooner, especially to Black Americans. Indeed, Black unemployment, in general, hovers more than 24 percent, while unemployment for Black youth is a crushing 50 percent. A year ago, U.S. Department of Labor figures revealed major race and ethnic groups, we Black Americans had the highest job loss with Black men leading the way in all America. However, the National Urban League points out, the real state of Black unemployment has been worse than current government figures.

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LOCAL

Educator Honored By National Black Legislative Organization

Ross Anderson, a Resource Teacher at Steinbrenner High School and Van Buren Middle School in Hillsborough County, was honored recently during the National Black Caucus of State Legislators’ 33rd Annual Legislative Conference. The conference was held December 2-6, at the Marriott Harbor Beach in Fort Lauderdale.

A constituent in the district represented by Senator Arthenia Joyner (D-Tampa), Anderson was awarded the Regis F. Groff Youth award because of his commitment to working with at-risk youth in the community. Among his accomplishments: he started a club called Men of Vision, whose mission is for young men to improve themselves by making good choices, develop leadership skills, and are dedicated and believe they can make a difference in the community in which they live.

The award was named in honor of a former member of the Colorado State Senate, and is awarded to an individual who has demonstrated a commitment to improving the lives of the nation’s youth.

Pinellas County Legislative Delegation Meeting Planned

Senator Arthenia L. Joyner, Chairperson of the Pinellas County Legislative Delegation, has announced that the Delegation will hold its second and final Public Hearing on Monday, December 14th in the City Council Chambers at St. Petersburg City Hall, 175 Fifth Street, North, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Included in the meeting agenda is a final action on local bills, which have been filed, as well as speakers who will be seeking appropriations or general legislation. The public hearing will begin with local bills and conclude with speakers.

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Hyde Parkers Day Meeting

All present and past residents of Hyde Park are asked to meet Monday, Dec. 13, 2009, at New Salem Missionary Baptist Church, 409 N. Oregon Ave. The meeting time is 7 p.m.

The main item for discussion is the upcoming Hyde Parkers Day event on Sunday, March 21, 2010, 3 p.m. at New Salem MB Church.

For additional, please call (813) 985-5861.

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East Tampa To Host Second Annual Christmas Celebration

On Saturday, December 19th, East Tampa will host their second annual Christmas celebration.

Everyone is invited to attend this free community event that will be held from 6 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. at the CDC Open Air Market on 29th Street, just south of Lake Avenue.

Concerned citizens and area human and social service agencies have come together to host this event.

Free food, entertainment and giveaways will be available, and families are encouraged to come out and share the holiday spirit with others from their community.

For more information and group reservations, contact Rev. Willie G. Dixon at (813) 254-3700.

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NCNW Meeting Saturday

The Tampa Metro Section of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc., will hold its last calendar year 2009 meeting on Saturday, December 12th, at Lee Davis NSC, corner of N. 22nd St. and E. 26th Ave.

Meeting will begin promptly at 10 a.m.

One of the primary purposes would be report from delegates and others who attended the 54th National Convention of NCNW, Inc., held at the Gaylord National in National Harbor, Maryland, just outside of Washington, D.C., from December 1st through the 6th.

Members are encouraged to be present and on time. Visitors are welcome.

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Mable's Kids Planning 12th Year Of Helping Families

This year's economy is a bit down, but Pastor Mable N. Barthel-Smith, founder of Mable's Kids Outreach, says that's not going to dampen her spirits. "We don't have much and not much is coming in, but we plan to be a blessing to some families who are less fortunate this season," she said.

The annual toy giveaway will be held on Saturday, December 19. This year, she is asking the families that would like to be considered for the toy giveaway to pre-register by mail to: Mable Kids Outreach, P. O. Box 4059, Tampa, FL 33677-4059. The deadline to register is December 16, 2009.

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Tampa Mega Church To Host Citywide Christmas Bike Give Away

As Christmas Nears, Preparations Underway for Annual Bike Giveaway

Bishop M. B. Jefferson - Presiding Prelate of the World Assemblies Fellowship International Churches (WAFI) and Senior Pastor of Deep Christian Church and Co-Pastor, Dr. Brenda Jefferson - will open the doors of the Deeper Life Christian Church as part of its first annual Christmas Bike Give Away Program. The program is aimed at under privileged youth within the Ybor City, West Tampa, College Park and other under privileged areas in the Tampa area.

Bishop Jefferson is emphasizing that if Tampa area residents would like to donate a bike suitable for a child up to age 16, they can drop off the bike at the church beginning December 11 thru December 17 during the hours of 10 A.M. until 4 P.M.

Bike Give Away Campaign Kick Off dates:
* The Campaign kicks off beginning Friday, December 11 thru December 17.
* By December 17, residents who wish to have their children participate in the program can register for free by coming to the church. Children from tots to teens can participate in the program.

The Program will climax beginning December 19, 2009 at 11 A.M. at the Deeper Life Christian Church located at 3300 N. Nebraska Ave. in Tampa. We will also have bounce houses, snacks and lots of fun during the event.

For More Information, Contact: Pamela Gray (813) 741-9284 or Phyllis Niles at (813) 952-0589.
Local

Toy Drive Will Benefit Less Fortunate

BY IRIS B. HOLTON
Sentinel City Editor

For more than 20 years, Pastor Moses Brown and his organization, Feed Our Children Ministries, Inc., have prepared a Thanksgiving Dinner for families in need. During the meal and celebration, Pastor Brown always has gifts for the children as well.

However, this year, Pastor Brown is also sponsoring a toy drive for needy children for Christmas. He had a chance to see the needs of many families as he delivered Thanksgiving Baskets.

"I realized that there’s just an immense level of suffering in our community breaks my heart," Pastor Brown said. "One mother was more worried about feeding her children than getting toys. People are suffering," Pastor Brown said.

Answering the need, he has launched a toy drive for children from birth and 12 years old. Additionally, the organization has adopted James Elementary School as well.

"I was told that James has 717 children and the majority of them won’t get anything so we adopted the school," he said.

Pastor Brown said this is something the entire community can get involved in. Anyone wishing to donate toys can bring new, unwrapped toys. Toys can be dropped off in the lobby of the Florida Sentinel Bulletin until 3 p.m. on Thursday, December 17th. Volunteers are also needed to deliver the toys on December 19th and 20th.

Parents who are in need of assistance are asked to call (813) 784-1021 to register on Friday, December 11th through Sunday, December 19th.

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Local

County Officials Optimistic About MBE Program After Some Express Concerns

BY LEON B. CREWS
Sentinel Staff Writer

On November 18, 19, and 20, the Florida Association For Minority Business Enterprise Officials (FAMBEO) held a big meeting in Orlando. Attending the conference were representatives from city and county MBE programs all over Florida.

The vice-president of FAM­BEO, Pamela Hart, as well as a few people from the area, left that meeting very concerned about the commitment of Hillsborough County's MBE program, but more specifically the person in charge of the program.

Since Spencer Albert left as director of the county's MBE program, a successor has never named. Due to budget problems, the MBE program was combined with the Small Business Development Program under the direction of Gene Gray.

Gray named Brenda Eighmey to oversee the MBE program.

Ms. Hart said she observed Eighmey during the confer­ence, and felt she was very degrading in her responses. "I personally don't think she should be in the position of overseeing that program. She was very indignant and just negative."

Ariel Business Group President, Thomas Huggins, said he was on a panel at the meeting as a pre­sender. "I didn't hear her comments directly, but I did hear some disgruntled people who were in the meetings. They expressed some concerns, and there are some members of FAMBEO who aren’t happy with her position overseeing the MBE program."

"The real issue is how the county gutted the program. After Spencer Albert left, no full-time person has been put in his position. That depart­ment was gutted and merged into another department where Eighmey was in charge."

Tanita Montgomery, MBE Coordinator for Tampa General Hospital, said she was not impressed with Eighmey’s commitment, and Frank Cross, who works with the City of Tampa’s MBE Program, said Eighmey was not impressed with the group. "Her body language was very negative. She also said the meeting was a waste of her time. To me, everything about her was negative. She got up and left during a presentation on Affirmative Action and that was very inappropriate."

Eighmey’s boss, Gene Gray, said as a result of bud­get cuts, the MBE program had to be reorganized. "We’re wrestling with staffing issues on how the pro­gram will be administered. Eighmey has the experience as a former staff member of the MBE program."

Board of County Comm­issioners Chairman, Ken Hagan, said he’s not aware of any issues or concerns with the MBE Program. "We had to cut about 600 employees, but I haven’t heard of any specific concerns."

"Clearly, there have been personnel changes, but no pol­icy changes have taken place."

County Administrator, Pat Bean, said they still have a strong commitment to the MBE program as they’ve always had. "I think we decided we could not afford to bring someone in because of budget cuts, we consolidated for the sake of preserving the program."

At the meeting, Eighmey said she was asking a lot of questions, and perhaps that was perceived as her being negative. "I felt many attending the FAMBEO meeting didn’t like me from the minute I walked into the meeting, because I got some strange glares."
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Holiday Greetings

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Belated shout outs to Cerissa, who celebrated her birthday 12/10, with her Boo, Boss Chicks and supportive family.

Look Who's Turning '50'

RENE BROWN
Ladies Of The Sea

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Come celebrate with us today, Rene's birthday at Club Nouveau, 1701 N. Franklin St., December 14th.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

LATRICE

This week's Spotlight feature is a 20-year-old Sophomore attending Bethune-Cookman University. Latrice is a vibrant young woman who enjoys meeting new people and hanging out with her friends. She also is very inviting to innovative ideas and always finds room to grow intellectually and spiritually. Latrice is very athletic, and can be found working out or just staying busy all the time. When it comes to the man her life, he must first be able to keep up with her, be intelligent, goal-oriented, and have a sense of who he is and where he's going. He must also be mature and respectful of all women. Congratulations to Latrice as this week's spotlight feature.

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Bucs Will Face Backup Quarterback Against The Jets

Once again, the 1-11 Tampa Bay Buccaneer will take the field and face a backup quarterback. This Sunday at Raymond James Stadium, the Bucs will play the New York Jets (6-6). Mark Sanchez being under center, his backup, Kellen Clements, will start. Sanchez was injured December 3rd in a 19-13 win against the Buffalo Bills. Previously, the Bucs faced the Atlanta Falcons with backup Chris Redman winning the game 20-17 on a 23-yard touchdown toss with 23 seconds left in the game. Dating back to the 2008 season, the Bucs have lost 15 of 16 games.

Head Coach Raheem Morris said there is no losing culture with his team, even after last week's loss. Last week, Josh Freeman completed 23 of 44 passes for 321 yards. He also threw five interceptions, and has 11 total as a starter. Coach Morris said he's seen progress in the games they've played and that they've got to make better decisions at the end and better plays.

The Jets have won the last six meetings between the two teams. Kickoff is at 1 p.m.

Charlie Strong

GAINESVILLE -- Florida Gators defensive coordinator Charlie Strong confirmed that he has been hired as the new head coach at Louisville. “It’s a great opportunity for me,” he said. “I think I’m going into a situation where I have great support and great resources to win. And it’s also a good chance to build a program.”

Strong will travel to Louisville for a news conference this afternoon to officially announce his hiring and has reserved further comment until then. He must also be formally approved by the school’s athletic association.

Strong, 49, did add that he has been given the opportunity to coach in the Jan. 1 Sugar Bowl against Cincinnati and plans to accept.
Barry Bonds' Son Arrested Over Weekend

The son of baseball home run king Barry Bonds is facing legal troubles of his own after police say he was arrested over the weekend during an argument with his mother.

Menlo Park police say 19-year-old Nikolai Bonds was booked on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon, vandalism and other charges at the home of his mother, Sun Bonds.

Police spokeswoman Nicole Acker says Nikolai Bonds was taken into custody after allegedly throwing a door knob at his 45-year-old mother. The younger Bonds also allegedly smashed pictures and vases, causing about $400 worth of damage.

He was released Saturday night after posting $50,000 bail. It was not known if he had retained an attorney.

Sun and Barry Bonds were divorced in 1994.

Bryant Gumbel Reveals Lung Cancer Surgery

NEW YORK — Bryant Gumbel shocked a television audience with the news that he's recovering from lung cancer surgery and treatment.

The former "Today" show anchor, 61, said a malignant tumor and part of his lung were removed two months ago. He revealed his condition to Kelly Ripa while subbing for Regis Philbin on Tuesday's edition of "Live With Regis and Kelly." (Philbin recently had hip replacement surgery.)

Even with the surgery, some aggressive cancer cells had escaped, "so I went through some treatment and it's done now," he said.

Gumbel said he and his wife, Hilary Quinlan, had wanted to keep the news private.

Tiger Woods And Wife May Be Leaving The Country

Tiger Woods and his wife Elin have avoided contact with the public by hiding out in their family home in a Florida gated community since news of Woods' alleged affairs broke two weeks ago.

Now a source close to Elin's family says that the two are considering putting even more distance between themselves and Tiger's cheating scandal.

The insider says the couple is planning to leave the country "very soon."

"Elin and Tiger are planning to temporarily move closer to Sweden, possibly to a private island, to get away from it all," the insider said.

Elin's mother Barbro Holmberg, visiting from Sweden to assist her daughter during this trying time, was rushed to Florida's Health Central hospital Tuesday morning after suffering stomach pains. She was released later in the day and reportedly returned to her daughter's house.

Despite the number of women coming forward to claim affairs with Woods, Nordgren's family is hoping that the high-profile couple will somehow work through the scandal.

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Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — You get a lot more done today than you thought possible, if everyone works together. Prioritize, but also do the small stuff.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — If you apply yourself to the task at hand, you'll get a lot done in a short time. Plenty of time for play this afternoon.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Challenge yourself to say only what must be said today. Others hear criticism where none is intended. Shift gears late in the day.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — There's no lack of energy now. What's missing is careful communication. Balance the truth with compassion.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Get started early on any project that you want done by day's end. Expect interference in the form of demands from distant sources.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — You have a long list of tasks facing you. Take five minutes to discuss the plans. Then, focus on your part, and all goes well.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) — You couldn't have asked for a better day to accomplish your favorite goal. Others get turned on to your ideas.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — Everyone has an opinion, and you hear about all them. Just because you listen doesn't mean you need to take action.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — New projects begin today hold promise for income in the future. Bring the ideas of others together into one master plan.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You love what you do, so focus on that today. Let others pursue their own ideas. You can catch up with them later.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Everything works out well today if you begin on practical footing and state your needs clearly. Then, monitor feedback.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — An older person makes demands. Listen and learn. You don't have to do everything right now. But you should take steps to satisfy yourself and others.

SOAP OPERA SPOILERS

ALL MY CHILDREN - Scott admits to Marissa that he has feelings for Annie; JR leaves Adam with an ultimatum; Liza's upset over Colby's wedding. Annie becomes suspicious of Liza; JR's confused Adam will make the right choice; Erica tries to get help for Madison.

AS THE WORLD TURNS - Jack punches Simon; Brad wants to use Henry's body to make contact with Katie. Liza's upset over Colby's wedding. Annie becomes suspicious of Liza; JR's confused Adam will make the right choice; Erica tries to get help for Madison.

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL - Nick makes a confession to Brooke regarding the secret he is keeping. Whip warns Sandy about possible consequences to keeping secrets; Sandy tries to raise Bridget's suspicions.

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS - Jill flirts with a handsome stranger; Billy gets into legal trouble. Mac gets stunning news from her doctor; Phyllis uses dirty tricks to save Daniel.

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Movie Reviews

Armored — A crew of officers (Columbus Short - Stomp The Yard) plot to hijack an armored truck. Starts slow but ends up action packed. [****]

Blind Side — Another touchdown for Sandra Bullock. [****]

Ninja Assassins — An AWUL ninja has to fight to stay alive. Very bloody. [****]

The Twilight Saga: New Moon — The Vampires vs. Werewolves love story hit the box office jackpot at $124M. Worth Seeing! [****]

2012 — You need to check out this disaster movie for the special effects. A little long at 2 hours / 47 minutes. Made $230M Worldwide. [****]

Good Hair — Chris Rock comes through in this documentary about hair. Must See! [****]

Disney's A Christmas Carol — Jim Carey stars in this animation of Charles Dickens's classic tale of Ebenezer Scrooge. Disney should have passed on this one. [**]*

The Vampire's Assistant — You will enjoy this vampire story. Check it out! [****]

This Is It — A last look at the greatest entertainer of all time Michael Jackson. You really don't want to miss this movie. [****] and then some.

Paranormal Activity — A couple is haunted by a demon in their apartment. This movie cost $15 thousand to make and has made $86M since it was released 3 weeks ago. Not for kids.

Like Abiding Citizen — Jamie Fox and Gerard Butler star in this well-written suspense/thriller. Must see! [****]

The Stepfather — A mother's son returns from military school to find out his new stepfather is a serial killer. [****]

Couples Retreat — Vince Vaughn stars in this light comedy about couples vacationing at a tropical island resort. No. 1 at the box office - $35M. [****]

Zombieland — A comedy mixed with suspenseful scenes of zombies eating the living. Different. [****]

Pandorum — Ben Foster (3:10 to Yuma) and Dennis Quaid star in this edgy horror movie that is surprisingly good. Worth Seeing! [****]

Surrogates — Bruce Willis should have passed on this remake of I-Robot II. [**]

Cloudy With A Chance Of Meatballs — Kids and adults will love this animation. Worth Seeing! [****]

I Can Do Bad All By Myself — Tyler Perry comes through with this tear-jerking drama starring Taraji P. Henson. [****]

RATINGS

**** - Very Good [****] 
*** - Good [***] 
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* - Wait For Video

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R. Kelly Talks About His In-Concert Michael Jackson Tribute

R. Kelly concludes his recent Ladies Make Some Noise Tour this weekend and said the trek has been a blessing.

"It was a thrill. I hadn’t been on the road in, like, two or three years, expressing myself live." Kelly also said the most exciting part of the tour is hearing the screams, seeing his fans and feeling the unity.

One of the highlights of the concert is Kelly’s tribute to the late Michael Jackson.

"Michael Jackson being gone is like our breath, our musical breath, being taken away," Kelly says in his videotaped message. "But I’m not gonna let him die."

The home movie footage of Jackson and director Brett Ratner dancing in a vehicle to the sounds of Kells’ Ignition appears on the screen. R. told us that the King of Pop wanted a song like it of his very own.

Michael told me one day, he said, ‘I wanna know if you can write a song like ‘Iginition’ for me - I love that song,’ " Kelly explained. "I was like, ‘Mike, man,’ Ignition is not a ‘Thriller,’ but much more than that,” those type of songs will probably never happen (again). It’ll never happen again. I’m sorry.

But Kelly was extremely humbled when he saw Jackson dancing to "Ignition" and felt compelled to put the footage in his show.

Tyler Perry’s Mother Dies

Tyler Perry announced to his fans that his mother, Willie Maxine Perry who is said to be the inspiration behind Madea, passed away. He made the announcement through his website and posted a picture of himself and his mother with a caption saying,

"Willie Maxine Perry—February 12, 1945 to December 6, 2009. Thank you for all your prayers."

His mother was 64-years-old and a pre-school teacher in New Orleans for most of her life.

A cause of death has yet to be released.

Rihanna Wows Crowd At New York Concert

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Kanye To Drop VH1 StoryTellers Album

Although Ye has been quiet in the tabloids after his infamous MTV Award stunt, he is letting his music do all the talking for him. On January 5, 2010, Kanye will be dropping his 2nd live album VH1 StoryTellers. The album will also come with a DVD that shows the live session of VH1’s Story Tellers as Ye performs the hits from his last 2 albums Graduation and R&Bs & Heartbreaks.

On the DVD and album, Kanye performed such hits as “Flashlight,” “Stronger,” “Heartless,” and “Good Life.”

The mogul also recently acquired the Internet celebrity twitter database, ‘CelebrityTweet.com’ raking in more millions for his already multi-million dollar business.

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Uncle Rush a.k.a. Russell Simmons of the Simmons empire is preparing to follow in his brother’s footsteps and star in a reality show. The owner and operator of Global Grind is set to premiere an Oprah’s Oxygen network show. The new show will be titled, ‘The Russell Simmons Project’ and will follow his female assistants as they work under him to manage his business deals, family life, party planning and love life.

The reality show will be produced by Simmons Lathan Media Group and Picture This television.

Speaking on his new business venture, Russell says the show will highlight the people he claims are “smarter than him.”

Drake’s Album Pushed Back, Taps Jay-Z, Kanye For Project

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Kanye even goes further back to his sophomore album Late Registration to perform hits such as “Touch The Sky.”

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Rihanna’s A Fan Of Taking Nude Photos

LOS ANGELES — Rihanna says she’s all for women taking naked photos of themselves while they are in their prime.

In 20 years, you’ll regret it if you didn’t," Rihanna said with a laugh during an interview.

The pop singer, who just released her new album, "Rated R,” last week, also confirmed reports that her pool cleaner is scheduled for a visit.

The 21-year-old superstar said she likes to relax when she gets to her home in Los Angeles, but doesn’t often pay attention to the date that the pool cleaner is scheduled for a visit.

Rihanna, who will appear on “Saturday Night Live” this coming weekend, also confirmed to Ryan that she was originally going to title her new album boldly as ‘Such A F***** Lady.”
Tiger Woods Is Human

By SunMan

Tiger Woods has managed to raise intense anger among many people in this society. It is not the first time that the young golfer has been in the headlines. We are all aware of the many accomplishments in his athletic career, however today all the talk about Tiger is dominated by his alleged extra-marital affairs.

Plastered all over the media is all of the opinions regarding his personal life that most do not know all that much about. For certain he has been jeered and cheered like many sports celebrities, but he has also been unfairly and maliciously maligned.

In this society we create images in a way that maximizes the potential for profit making. The commercializing of an individuals image should not transform an athlete or entertainer into a super-being or some kind of role-model.

It appears that Tiger has had relations outside of his marriage but how ridiculous is that everyone is shocked by it all? Most celebrities - particularly in sports - are not monogamous. Obviously, as is usually the case, Tiger wasn't getting his needs fulfilled at home by his wife. If a woman marries a sports celebrity she should accept the fact that it's going to be an open marriage situation. There are too many young beautiful women throwing themselves at men such as Tiger. And if they aren't getting what they need at home (whatever it is), then they will look for it elsewhere.

The Crowned Prince of Golf has fallen. So what? So now he's no longer the world's most awesome athlete? After all, it was his most awesome athletic ability that got him where he is. Sure, his extreme boy-next-door personality kept him up even when his golf score was, well, up and his game was down. We don't live in his house or walk in his shoes and most of us will never know what it's like to be in Tiger's billion dollar world, but I would venture to say that most of us have experienced a Tiger or a "cheetah" (so to speak). We've all got issues - Tiger has never claimed to be pure. His image was the result of his fierce desire for privacy and a media and public manic for details about his private life. We are too obsessed in this country with the sex lives of our public figures. Why should we care? We shouldn't but America does. It's sad.

With all the other news-worthy stories available, we are focusing on a young, rich athlete who lives in a society that promotes and even embraces infidelity and we dare to sit in judgment when an individual succumbs to temptation. How do we explain the ratings for television shows like Desperate Housewives and the TMZ? It is a profit driven industry that feeds on itself. If a story will generate interest (pull readers, listeners or viewers), then it goes right to the headlines or to the top of the ratings, no matter how ridiculous.

Presidents, governors, priests, CEOs have all had failings in this area and it is particularly painful and disturbing when a trust or a duty is violated or laws are actually broken, but when a golfer's personal relationships are revealed and talked about as much as Tiger's, one has to wonder. Anyone who looks at Tiger differently as a golfer because of this should examine their own lives. Celebrities are people too. I don't know why people insist on making their lives everyone's business. Many of the people who are criticizing Tiger have their own failings. I think we all cheat in one way or another. A recent poll suggests that 90% of men have cheated on their wives or getting infidelity and 80% of women have done the same. It's a sex driven world. We just hope it's not happening to you.

So is Tiger a super-man? No he is not. He is only human just like the rest of us and just like the rest of us he does have shortcomings. Life goes on, it always does.

Eminem Named Top Selling Artist Of The Decade

EMINEM

While Eminem doesn't always receive the recognition he deserves, Slim Shady's track record and extensive album sales are continuing to solidify him as one of the biggest artists of our time. As previously reported, Em's Relapse was the top selling album of 2009 with over 600,000 copies sold in the first week, before being knocked out the top spot by singer Susan Boyle.

His success with that project, along with his two previous albums has allowed him the honor of being deemed the top selling artist of the decade.

BeBe Winans Exonerated Of Domestic Violence Charges

Grammy Award winning singer was accused of allegedly shining his ex-wife to the ground during an argument. Court filings stated that the alleged altercation was based on custody issues dealing with their two children. Winans was arrested on March 11, 2009 on a misdemeanor domestic assault charge and was briefly held at the Davidson County jail before posting $1000 bond.
MRS. VINIA VIENNE EBANKS-SKOTT

Homegoing services for Mrs. Vinia Vienne Ebanks-Scott of 3722 N 56th Street, who passed away on Saturday, December 5, 2009, will be held on Friday, December 11, 2009, at 2 p.m. at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, 822 W. Linebaugh, with Rev. Dan Francisco, officiating. Interment will be in Orange Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Scott was born on December 10, 1914, in Grand Cayman Islands, to Alfred and Angelina Ebanks. She is survived by: her children, Arleen Scott-Bogan, Austin Scott, Jr., and Arthur Scott, Sr.; grandchildren, Osmund Kenneth Dilbert, Sr., Wayne Jeffrey Dilbert, Arthur Scott, Jr., and Angela Scott-Flechher; great-grandchildren, Cathy Norman-Dilbert; great-grandchildren, Kristian Dilbert, Osmund Kenneth Dilbert, Jr., and Nicholas Keith Dilbert, and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends.

Family and friends are asked to assemble at the funeral home at 10:45 a.m.

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MR. SAMUEL GODBOLT, SR.

A memorial service for Mr. Samuel Godbolt, Sr., of 7812 Chicota Avenue, who passed away on Friday, December 4, 2009, will be held Friday, December 11, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Aikens Funeral Home Chapel, with Pastor Curtis Jones, officiating.

Mr. Godbolt was born on June 5, 1915, to the late Mr. and Mrs. Eljah and Rebecca Godbolt.

He leaves behind his death by his wife, Mrs. Mae Godbolt; brother, Levy; sisters, Maezine, Teeresa, Marie and Rosanna; and a daughter, Grace Godbolt-Hunter.

He leaves behind to cherish his memories: children, Johnnie Mae Godbolt, Claudia Godbolt-Brison, Samuel Godbolt, Jr., David Godbolt, Joe Godbolt, Jerome (Shirley) Godbolt, Barbara Godbolt-Warren, Henry Godbolt (Ophelia) and Keith Godbolt (Patricia) and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends.

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Ray Williams

MRS. SELENA COLLIER MILES

MRS. SELENA COLLIER MILES of Tampa, passed away, Friday, December 4, 2009.

Homegoing services will be conducted Saturday, December 5, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Tyer Temple United Methodist Church, 1914 N. 51st Street, with Reverend Geraldine Christopher, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow in Rest Haven Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. Miles was a native and lifelong resident of Tampa and was educated in the public schools of Hillsborough County. She was a graduate of Middleton High School, class of 1953 and earned her Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Elementary Education at Bethune-Cookman College in 1971.

Mrs. Miles taught school in the School System of Hillsborough County for 33 years. She was a former member of Epsilon Pi Rho Sorority, the National Council of Negro Women and a member of the Florida Retired Teachers Association.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Charles Chester Miles; her son, Eric Charles Miles; her daughter, Grace Godbolt; and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends.

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MEMORIAL SERVICE TIME CHANGE

AUBREY L. OWENS, SR.

The memorial service for Aubrey L. Owens, Sr., will be held Saturday, December 12, at 2 p.m. at the Seventh Day Adventist Church at 13101 North Virginia Circles.

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

He was preceded in death by his mother, Mrs. Willie B. Billington; father, Mr. Ozell Tomlin; brothers, Randy and Darryl Burt and sister, Mr. Leonora Alexander.

He leaves to cherish his memory: daughters, Martarshia Burke (Carlos), Monica Grooms, Shirley Moreaux, Zereekwa Moreaux and Ebony Burt; step-daughters, Kataza Phelps; sons, Bobby L. Burt, Jr. and Joshuma L. Moreaux; step-granddaughters, Tyrika Williams, Monse Grooms, Shana Moreaux, Ti Niyah Moreaux, Teona Moreaux and Z'Erica Payne; granddaughters, Bobby Burt, III, Makele Moreaux, Javon Grooms and Marlon Grooms, Jr.; and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends.

A memorial service for Aubrey L. Owens, Sr., will be held Saturday, December 12, at 2 p.m. at the Seventh Day Adventist Church at 13101 North Virginia Circles.

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Funeral Home, 3000 N. 29th Street. The family will receive friends for 1:00 p.m., Friday, December 11, 2009, at Wilson Funeral Home.

BRO. WILLIE LEROY MELTON

A celebration of life and homegoing service for Bro. Willie Leroy Melton will be held Saturday, December 12, 2009, at Unity M. B. Church, 311 Ybor Street, Tampa, Elder H. H. Hunt, pastor, with Rev. Stanley Moyer, Associate Minister, officiating. The remains will rest in Peace Garden of Memories Memorial Park Cemetery.

Funerals

MRS. IDELLE SLOAN DAVIS

At 10 a.m., Saturday, December 12, 2009, at Beulah Baptist Institutional Church, the remains will repose at 10 a.m., Saturday, December 12, 2009, at Beulah Baptist Institutional Church, with the pastor Reverend Dr. W. J. Favorite, officiating. Interment will follow in Rest Haven Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Davis was an educator for 42 years in the public schools in Tyler, Texas. She was a member of the Adult Choir and the Trustee Board where she served diligently and faithfully.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the First United Methodist Church, Tyler, Texas, or to a charity of your choice.

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Kenneth "Kenny" Tyrone Grant, Sr.  "A.K.A., BOLO"

Kenneth "Kenny" Tyrone Grant, Sr. was a native of Tampa, Florida. He moved to Crestview, Florida in 1992. He was born on July 5, 1958 in Tampa, and was one of five children.

Kenny received his education in Hillsborough County, and was a proud graduate of the 1976 class of Hillsborough High School. Kenny was baptized at a young age in Tampa, and he re-dedicated his life to Christ when he moved to Crestview.

Kenny was well-known throughout Tampa for his ability to cook...boy could he cook...working at well-known establishments such as Morrison Cafeteria, The Press Box Diner and Brewmaster Steakhouse. He had a passion for soccer, and was an excellent coach and soccer player at Nathan B. Young Jr. High School.

Kenny also was the 'MacGyver' of his time - when it came to fixing electronics or anything for that matter - Kenny could and would fix it (not to mention he was an excellent seamstress). Kenny was also very active as a counselor with the youth at different schools in the Crestview area.

Kenny was very artistic, loved comic books, and even created his own comic strips. Kenny always tried to look on the brighter side of life and embraced adversity with strength and helpfulness.

Kenny was preceded in death by: his parents, Clarence and Sadie Lee Holmes-Grant, Sr.; sister, Sandra Grant Godfrey-Andrews; nephew, James Alphonso Jones, Jr.; and his loving, beautiful baby daughter, Sadie Jo Nicole Grant.

Kenny leaves fond memories with: his 4 children, 2 daughters, Crystal Snow-Grant of Crestview, and Amber Grant of South Carolina, 2 sons, Keireth Tyron Grant, Jr. and Joshua Grant, both of Crestview; 4 sisters, Carol Lee Grant of Arlington, VA, Elaine Grant Miller-Franks and husband, Neville, Yvonne Grant-Robinson, Beverly Ann Grant, Catherine Lorraine Grant and Stephanie LaiShawn Grant, all of Tampa; 2 brothers, Clarence Grant, Jr. and Sammie Jackson, both of Tampa; 2 aunts, Enna Mae Johnson of Crestview, Christine Whitehead of Tampa, and Julie Mac White of Seffner; 2 godchildren, Alvis Faye Wingo and Gloria Williams Pendleton, both of Tampa; 6 grandchildren; and a host of loving and dear nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, December 12, 2009, at 11 a.m. at St. John Progressive Missionary Baptist Church, 2504 Chipley, Tampa. Rev. Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Pastor.
IN LOVING MEMORY ON YOUR BIRTHDAY

YOLANDA MORROW, a.k.a., BABY
12/12/64 – 6/11/94
We miss you and love you.
Your sister, Shavette and family.

IN MEMORY AND BIRTHDAY WISHES TO

MR. EDDIE OLIVER, III
It's been 20 years since you've been gone. We love and miss you very much.
Parents, Eddie, Jr. and Mary Oliver, brother, Derrick Galloway and family, grandmother, Lala Oliver, and the rest of the family members and friends.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR LOVED ONE

MRS. CHERYL DAVIS FERRERL
Sunrise: December 11, 1957
Sunset: July 29, 2008
Cheryl's journey has just begun. We don't think of her as gone away, her life holds so many "facets," this earth is just one.
We think of her just resting, from her sufferings and tears, in a place of warmth and comfort, in the arms of Jesus. Cheryl, if tears could build a stairway and memories a lane, we'd walk right up to heaven and bring you home again. We wish our sadness would really go away, but God loved "you" best. But we think of "you" as living, in the hearts of those you've touched, for nothing loved is ever lost and "Cheryl," you are loved so much.
Happy birthday and Merry Christmas, Cheryl. You are forever in our hearts.
"Precious in the sight of the Lord, is the death of His saints." Psalms 116:15, N.I.V. The family.

IN LOVING MEMORY

SHARON SLAYMON DICKS
Forgotten are the many cares that occupied your mind. To sit alone at Jesus' feet beneath the darkening sky. No greater joy you find.
Miss and love you, mom, son, Gregg, Paulette, Carl and entire family.

IN MEMORIAM

NANCY LORENZANO YATES
January 19, 1953 – December 11, 2008
Gone, but not forgotten. You'll always have a place in my heart.
Your beloved husband, Frank Yates.
It's been a year but seems like a day. God has a special angel in heaven to watch over us all.
Your beloved husband and family.

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Man Shot During Dispute

Tampa Police are investigating a shooting that left one man wounded.

Police said at 12:20 a.m. Thursday, several people were involved in an altercation at the Brittany Apartments on South Dale Mabry. According to reports, the altercation involved several people in a dispute in which they chased each other through South Tampa, converging near Trask and Prentiss.

At that location, police said, Nizar Duclos, 28, allegedly had a knife and displayed it toward another person. That person fired several shots at Duclos, striking him and a nearby vehicle.

Duclos went to the 6700 block of South Junita where Tampa Fire Rescue was called. Duclos’s wound was described as minor and he was transported to a local hospital and is reported to be in good condition.

Police K-9 Units were called for the alleged suspect, but he fled the area. No suspect information was released by police.

Transgender Teen Denied Job Interview

A Florida teenager claims an Orlando McDonald’s refused to give her a job interview because she is a male living as a female, then followed up the rejection by harassing her over the phone.

Zikerrra Bellamy, 17, has been living as a female for six years. The Transgender Defense Fund has filed a complaint to the state.

“McDonald’s needs to take steps to make sure that this doesn’t happen again and, so far, we haven’t heard anything that indicates they’re willing to do that,” attorney Michael Silverman said.

A spokesman for the McDonald’s said the manager acted outside the scope of his authority, was not responsible for hiring and is no longer employed by the restaurant.

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Obama Receives Nobel Peace Prize

President Barack Obama accepts the Nobel Peace Prize from Thorbj0rn Jagland, Norwegian Nobel Committee chairman.

OSLO, NORWAY — President Barack Obama accepted the Nobel Peace Prize in Norway on Thursday but acknowledged the questions surrounding the award.

President Obama, along with First Lady Michelle Obama, walked into Oslo City Hall at 1 p.m. to a trumpet fanfare and sustained applause.

“I receive this honor with deep gratitude and great humility,” he said. “It is an award that speaks to our highest aspirations — that for all the cruelty and hardship of our world, we are not mere prisoners of fate. Our actions matter, and can bend history in the direction of justice.

“And yet I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the considerable controversy that your generous decision has generated. In part, this is because I am at the beginning, and not the end, of my labors on the world stage.”

After 35 Years... Man Cleared In Rape Of 9-Year-Old Boy

FOLK COUNTY — In 1974, a 9-year-old boy was raped in a field near his home in Lake Wales. Five months later, a 19-year-old man was convicted of the rape and sentenced to life in prison.

Now, DNA tests have indicated the wrong man was convicted of that crime.

On March 4, 1974, a boy was sleeping in a bed between his sisters when a man crawled through an open window and lifted him out of the bed.

The boy didn’t wake up when the man carried him out the door and through an orange grove to a baseball diamond in an open field. He didn’t wake up until the man laid him in the dust and yelled at him to pull down his pants.

Later, the boy told police the man said he thought he was a girl, because his hair was pin-curl with Bobby pins.

During Bain’s trial, an FBI analyst testified that semen found on the boy’s underpants came from a person with blood group B. Bain’s blood group is AB, but the analyst said Bain could not be ruled out as a person of interest.

Bain had no previous criminal record and provided an alibi.

In 2001, Bain twice requested DNA testing. The requests were rejected. He asked again in 2005 and 2006, and was denied both times. In July of this year, Bain requested DNA testing again. This time, a judge granted the motion.

Innocence Project Attorney, Melissa Moulte, called Bain, now 54, to tell him the news. They also told Bain they will be filing a motion soon to have his conviction vacated.

The victim is now 45 and refused to comment.
Police Arrest Alleged Would-Be Kidnapper

Tampa police arrested a 25-year-old man and charged him with three counts of attempted kidnapping that occurred earlier this week. The victims, who ranged in age from 17 to 49, were alone when the offenses took place.

According to police, Christopher Allen Sortor was arrested after information from the victims led to his identity. He was being held without bond in the Hillsborough County Jail.

On Sunday, December 6th, 17-year-old Jermil Thomas was in the 4600 block of Linebaugh Avenue when he encountered a man who chased her to a home in the area. She was approached by a man in his parked vehicle. The man allegedly reached out and tried to grab her as she jogged past him.

Ms. Seymour was able to obtain a partial license plate number and provided police with the information. Two days after the incident (Tuesday), it was reported that Detective Laela Davis was able to identify Sortor through an extensive investigation.

On the same day Sortor was identified, Jennifer Seymour, 24, was jogging in the 2900 block of Banza Street, and told the resident he had been shot and to call 9-1-1. He was unable to provide an interview with police at the time.

Freeman was transported to a local hospital and is reported to be in stable condition.

Tampa Boy On Trial In Death Of Cousin In Georgia

MARIETTA, GA - In July 2009, Brittany Young returned to her car in the parking lot of a Target store and put it in reverse. That's when she turned and noticed the swollen mouth of her 5-year-old daughter, Millan.

Young put the car in park and turned to her cousin, a 12-year-old she had left alone with the baby. She reportedly asked him twice what had done to the infant.

On Wednesday, Young testified in the trial of the Tampa boy facing charges of felony murder and cruelty to children. He had pleaded not guilty and a judge will decide the case without a jury.

Because of a court order, the identity of the boy has been kept secret.

The boy was visiting relatives on the 4th of July outside Atlanta when his cousin stopped at the Target to pick up food for a picnic.

According to testimony, she locked the keys in the ignition and the air conditioning on as she stepped to the store for 18 minutes. When she returned, the boy was playing on his cell phone in the backseat. The radio was turned up louder and the infant was not responsive.

The next day, the baby girl was taken off life support. A medical examiner ruled the cause of death to be blunt force trauma to the head.

Jury Decides Fate Of Man Accused Of Killing Infant Son

On Wednesday, jurors began deliberating in the murder trial of Chavon Robinson, 26, accused of killing his 22-month-old son, Chavon.

Chavon died February 13, 2008, of what doctors described as a head injury. He had been in his father's care for two weeks.

An examination revealed that the toddler also had a broken collarbone, broken ribs, a bruised chest and internal injuries.

An attorney representing Robinson said his client is innocent, because many of the injuries sustained by Chavon occurred before his client got the child from the mother.

Robinson was charged with first-degree murder and two counts of aggravated child abuse. Reports indicated that he and his girlfriend said the child was sleeping in the bedroom of their apartment.

Robinson played video games while he paid bills and Robinson's older brother, Daniel, still lived in the same house.

The couple told authorities they heard Chavon make a loud noise and pulled him from the bed to the floor and he stopped breathing.

Robinson and emergency personnel tried to resuscitate the child.

Prosecutor Dawn Myers said Robinson picked up his son for a usual weekend visit then asked his ex-girlfriend, Shantil Galloway, if he could keep Chavon longer.

Galloway told investigators she said yes and was happy Robinson was showing interest in his son. Later, she said she grew worried when she thought the boy wasn't returned.

Galloway said she didn't know where Robinson lived but finally found him and was told her son was with his paternal grandmother. That later proved to be false.
When picking your child’s caregiver, make sure they’re patient, understanding, caring and have real experience being alone with children. If you have the slightest suspicion or doubt about your caregiver; don’t leave your child with them even for a minute.

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Blake High School

NATALIE O’NEAL
HONOR: Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Lawanda L. and Step dad.
GRANDPARENTS: Betty Knowles and Charles.
HOBBIES: Cross Country and Track.

ALEXIS NOELLE JACKSON
HONOR: High Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Patricia Jackson and the late Alexander Williams.
GRANDPARENTS: The late Alexander and Bertha Jackson, and Leona Williams.
HOBBIES: Cheering, Dancing, and Web Designing.
CHURCH: Revealing Truth Ministries.

Cleveland Elem. School

MAURICE BROWN, JR.
HONOR: Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Kayla Bulmer and Maurice Brown, Sr.
GRANDPARENTS: Gail Carey (Howard Webb), Larry Bulmer, and the late Kate Kitchen and Larry Danzey.
HOBBIES: Writing, Playing with dolls, and Reading.

Collins Elem. School

DREW JOHNSON
HONOR: Principal’s Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance.
PARENTS: Mr. and Mrs. Donnell Williams.
GRANDPARENTS: Mr. and Mrs. Earlie J. Williams, Jr.
HOBBIES: Praise Dance and Reading.
CHURCH: House of Praise COGIC.

Dowdell Middle School

BOBBY MARTINEZ
HONOR: High Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Bobby and Annette Martinez.
HOBBIES: Fishing and Bowling.
CHURCH: Blessed Sacrament.

Brooks DeBartolo Collegiate High School

ALESIA LORIETTE JACKSON
HONOR: High Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Patricia Jackson and the late Alexander Williams.
GRANDPARENTS: The late Alexander and Bertha Jackson, and Leona Williams.
HOBBIES: Basketball, photography, and Web Page Designs.
CHURCH: Revealing Truth Ministries.

CARWISE MIDDLE SCHOOL

JAMESHA COBB
HONOR: Honor Roll.
PARENTS: James and Toynetta Cobb.
GRANDPARENTS: Bertha Cobb, Elia Crawford and Johnnie Crawford, Jr.
GREAT-GRANDMOTHER: Bertha Crawford.
HOBBIES: Computers, Track, Playing the Violin, Talking/Texting on Cell Phone, Cheerleading and more.
CHURCH: ACOJ, Fresh Anointing, Largo.

RA’KEYLA DANZEY
HONOR: Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Kayla Bulmer and Raymond Danzey, Sr.
GRANDPARENTS: Gail Carey (Howard Webb), Larry Bulmer, and the late Kate Kitchen and Larry Danzey.
HOBBIES: Writing, Playing with dolls, and Reading.

DeSoto Elem. School

EYEZEYA AKINES
HONORS: Honor Roll and Student of the Week.
PARENT: Sundaye Showers.
GRANDPARENTS: Etta Hunte and Bertha Showers.
HOBBIES: Reading, Bike Riding, and Using the Computer.
CHURCH: Hands Of God Ministry.

Edison Elem. School

SORAYA ALEXANDER
HONORS: Honor Roll and Citizenship.
PARENTS: Soraya and Wilmer Alexander, Ill.
GRANDPARENTS: Mr. and Mrs. Debra and Wilmer Alexander, Jr., and the late Mr. and Mrs. Annie Mae and George Butler, Sr.

Holiday Schedule

- PAPERS ON THE STREET - WEEK OF CHRISTMAS
  Sunday Night, December 20th (Tuesday Edition); Tuesday Night, December 22nd (Friday Edition)
  OFFICE CLOSED CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY
  PAPERS ON THE STREET - WEEK OF NEW YEAR’S
  Sunday Night, December 27th (Tuesday Edition); Tuesday Night, December 29th (Friday Edition)
  OFFICE CLOSED NEW YEAR’S EVE & NEW YEAR’S DAY
PARIS OSAZE
HONORS: Honor Roll and Citizenship.
PARENTS: Dora Grant Osaze and Martin Osaze, Sr.
GRANDPARENTS: Thomas and Barbara Dixon; and Peter Osaze.
HOBBIES: Reading, Talking on the phone, and using the Computer.

DESTINJ PICKENS
HONORS: Honor Roll and Citizenship.
PARENTS: Walter Pickens and Vee Hicks.
GRANDPARENTS: Elsie Coleman, Alfonso Hicks, Rebecca Simmons, and Walter Randolph.
HOBBIES: Playing with sisters and working on computer.

EQUAISHA BROOKS
HONOR: High Honor Roll.
PARENT: Ericka Hightower.
GRANDPARENT: Elouise Jacobs.
HOBBIES: Singing and Hair Dressing.
CHURCH: Hands Of God Ministries.

FREDICKA PHELPS
HONOR: High Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Temeeka and Damon.
GRANDPARENT: Kathy McCauley.
HOBBIES: Dancing and School.

DONNEYSHA WILLIAMS
HONOR: High Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Donnell Williams and Stephanie Singletary.
GRANDPARENTS: Mr. and Mrs. Earlie J. Williams, Jr.
HOBBIES: Praise Dance, Basketball and Track.
CHURCH: House of Praise COGIC.

KENYON JAMES GRADY
HONORS: Principal’s Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance.
PARENTS: Kimberly Kegler and James Grady, Jr.
GRANDPARENTS: Vera, Dot, Claude, Jr., and James, Sr.
HOBBIES: Talking, Music, and Eating.
CHURCH: Northside Missionary Baptist Church.

JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL

KARLAA JORDAN
HONOR: Honor Roll.
PARENT: Angela Jordan.
GRANDPARENT: Dorothy Williams.
HOBBIES: Dance and Computer.
CHURCH: Church of God of Prophecy, Hyde Park.

RETHELL OLIVER, JR.
HONOR: High Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Rhonda Ervin and Rethell Oliver, Sr.
GRANDPARENTS: Islay and Randall Ervin.
HOBBIES: Basketball, #23, and Baseball.
CHURCH: Friendly Missionary Baptist Church.

JOHNISHA D. RANDALL
HONOR: Honor Roll and Citizenship.
PARENTS: Miranda and Anthony Wheatley.
GRANDPARENTS: Margaret Butler, the late William J. Butler, Sr., of Tampa; Jackie Bowman, Sandra McCaskill and the late Andrew McCaskill, of Pittsburgh, PA.
HOBBIES: Cheerleading, Dancing, Singing, and Modeling.
CHURCH: First Union Missionary Baptist Church.

ALEXIS WHEATLEY
HONOR: High Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Temeeka and Dallas.
GRANDPARENT: Kathy McCauley.
HOBBIES: Praise, Dance, and Basketball.
CHURCH: First Church of God.

KENLY ELEM. SCHOOL

CHARAYA D. WILLIS
HONOR: High Honor Roll.
PARENT: Frechet Willis Woodard.
GRANDPARENT: Vivian Clark.
HOBBIES: Praise Outreach Bible Study, Inc.

GRECO MIDDLE SCHOOL

JOHNSH D. RANDALL
HONOR: High Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Amanda Spivey-Randall and John Randall.
GRANDPARENTS: Jospehine Spivey and Jimmy Spivey, Wanda Henderson, and John Randall, Jr.
HOBBIES: Cheerleading and spending time with family and friends.
CHURCH: Visits New Friendship.

HILLSBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL

C. BLYTHE ANDREWS, IV
HONOR: High Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Mr. and Mrs. C. Blythe (Sylvia) Andrews, III.
GRANDPARENTS: Mr. and Mrs. C. Blythe (Gloria) Andrews, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Peterkin (Jeannette) Berry.
HOBBIES: Golf, going to the movies and Playing on the X-Box.
CHURCH: Beulah Baptist Institutional Church.

EDISON ELEM. SCHOOL

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PARENTS: Miranda and Anthony Wheatley
GRANDPARENTS: Margaret Butler, the late William J. Butler, Jr., of Tampa; Jackie Bowman, Sandra McCaskill, and the late Andrew McCaskill, of Pittsburgh, PA.
HOBBIES: Basketball, Running Track, and Video Games.
CHURCH: First Union Missionary Baptist Church.

Roland Park Middle School

TIA HARRIS

HONORS: High Honor Roll.
PARENT: Tia Harris
GRANDPARENTS: Tommy and Annie Harris
HOBBIES: Drawing and Reading.
CHURCH: Without Walls International Church.

St. Peter Claver Catholic School

RANDELL ERVIN

HONOR: High Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Rhonda Ervin and Keith Butler
GRANDPARENTS: Ilay Ervin and Randell Ervin.
HOBBIES: Basketball, Football, and Baseball.
CHURCH: Friendly Missionary Baptist Church.

Sheehy Elem. School

FAITH HENDRIEX

HONOR: Principal’s Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Devara Sims and Paul Hendrie
GRANDPARENTS: Jenkins, Lovett, and Sims families.
HOBBIES: Shopping, Skating, and Reading.
CHURCH: New Bethel P. M. Baptist Church.

RAPIDER BALTIMORE

ADAM ANDREWS

HONOR: Principal’s Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Mr. and Mrs. C. Blythe (Gloria) Andrews, Ill., and Mrs. Peterkin (Jeanette) Berry.
GRANDPARENTS: Mr. and Mrs. C. Blythe (Gloria) Andrews, Ill., and Mr. and Mrs. Peterkin (Jeanette) Berry.
CHURCH: Beulah Baptist Institutional Church.

Philip Shore Magnet School

DAIRIA GAINES

HONORS: Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance.
PARENTS: Tony and Toinette Gaines.
GRANDPARENTS: Dee Sutton and Carrie Penting.
HOBBIES: Dance (Ballet and Tap), and Singing.
CHURCH: New Hope M. B. Church.

Tampa Bay Christian Academy

JAMESHA PUGH

HONOR: High Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Meka and Jimmy McLoyd.
GRANDPARENTS: Richard and Dorina Ermin and Terry Pugh.
HOBBIES: Cheerleading, Texting, and Singing.

Charles T. Bellamy, Jr.

HONOR: High Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Rhonda Ervin and Keith Butler
GRANDPARENTS: Jenkins, Sims, Bastian, Lovett, and Bellamy Families.
HOBBIES: Basketball, Violin, and Drawing.
CHURCH: New Bethel P. M. B. Church.

Jordan L. Shick

HONOR: Principal’s Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Tanya Fulks and Justin Shick.
GRANDPARENTS: Faye Fulks, and Rick and Patty Shick.
HOBBIES: Football, Playing X-Box, and Wii.
CHURCH: First Baptist of Lincoln Gardens.

William Andrews, IV

HONOR: Principal’s Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Mr. and Mrs. C. Blythe (Gloria) Andrews, Ill., and Mrs. Peterkin (Jeanette) Berry.
GRANDPARENTS: Mr. and Mrs. C. Blythe (Gloria) Andrews, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Peterkin (Jeanette) Berry.
HOBBIES: Drawing, Writing, Stories, and Reading.
CHURCH: Beulah Baptist Institutional Church.

Cedrica W. Jackson

HONORS: Principal’s Honor Roll, Citizenship, and Principal’s Award.
PARENT: Cedric Jackson.
GRANDPARENTS: Joseph and Renita Williams and Robert Troupe.

Stewart Middle School

Philip Shore Magnet School

RASHEEAD MOUNT

HONORS: High Honor Roll and Citizenship.
PARENTS: Shannon Harris and Odell Mount.
GRANDPARENTS: Blake and Ermine Harris and Cheryl Howard.
HOBBIES: Skating, Swimming, and Praise Dance.
CHURCH: Evening Star Tabernacle Baptist Church.

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WILDENS CAJUSTE
HONOR: High Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Cajuste and Veline Fontaine.
HOBBIES: President of Men Of Vision and Band.

RAUL HERNANDEZ
HONOR: High Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Irene M. Canales and Manuel Hernandez.
HOBBIES: Men Of Vision Member.

LADARIUS JONES
HONOR: High Honor Roll.
PARENT: Faye Carter.
HOBBIES: Men Of Vision Member.

BOOKER T. Washington Elem. School

ANTONIO JOSEPH
HONOR: Honor roll.
PARENT: Yvonne Burrows.
HOBBIES: Playing Football and Band.

WHARTON HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCE LITTLE, JR.
HONOR: Principal’s Honor Roll.
PARENT: Katrena Mitchell.
GRANDPARENTS: Cookie, Inez, and Sinuel Howard.
HOBBIES: Reading, Swimming, Football, and Helping Others.

LILLIAN SPIKE
HONOR: Principal’s Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Tracey Childress and Arthur Spike.
GRANDPARENT: Jeridine Johnson; Great Aunt, Marian Agus.
HOBBIES: Music and Singing.

CHURCH: Without Walls Institutional Church.

CHURCH: Allen Temple AME Church.

WHARTON HIGH SCHOOL

VILLAGE OF EXCELLENCE ACADEMY

TERNITA YOUNG
HONORS: Honor Roll and Citizenship.
PARENT: Rosa Young, (Aunt) Doretha Holder.
GRANDPARENTS: Rev. and Sister Cliff (Gladys) Tyson.
HOBBIES: Singing, Reading, and Cooking.
CHURCH: The Remnant Church International.

AYLA ANDREWS
HONOR: High Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Mr. and Mrs. C. Blythe (Sylvia) Andrews, III.
GRANDPARENTS: Mr. and Mrs. C. Blythe (Gloria) Andrews, Jr., and Mrs. Peterkin (Jeanette) Berry.
HOBBIES: Reading and Watching Movies.
CHURCH: Beulah Baptist Institutional Church.

CHURCH: Mt. Olive M. B. Church.

WEST TAMPA Elem. School

ANIYAH R. REED
HONORS: High Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance, and Citizenship.
PARENTS: Rhonda Gay and Lewis Reed.
HOBBIES: Dancing, Stepping, and Spendin$ Money.
CHURCH: Mt. Olive M. B. Church.

KORTNEI WILLIAMS
HONOR: High Honor Roll.
PARENT: Veronica Sheehy.
GRANDPARENT: Dorothy Williams.
HOBBIES: Playing Video Games.
CHURCH: Church Of God Of Prophecy.

TIA NICOLE BLACK
HONOR: Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Anglin Brown and Tim Black.
GRANDPARENTS: James and Diane McDaniel and

DESMARAI JACARA DeCOSTA
HONORS: High Honor Roll and Citizenship.
PARENTS: Darrean DeCosta and Wanda DeCosta.
GRANDPARENTS: Mr. Tommy Lee Miller and Mrs. Theresa Powell.
HOBBIES: Reading, Writing, Skating, and Spending time with her dog, Brisco.
CHURCH: Mount Tabor Missionary Baptist Church.

CHURCH: New Hope M. B. Church.

“Education is what survives when what has been learned has been forgotten.”
B. F. Skinner (1904 - 1990), New Scientist, May 21, 1964

“It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it.”
Aristotle (384 BC - 322 BC)
Birthday Greetings

Calling All Wildcats

On December 17, 2003, a star was born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas. God has blessed our son to see another year and for that we say thank you. So to all his fans, family and friends come out and celebrate with your boy on Saturday, Dec. 12th. Happy Birthday Mook Mook. Love, mom and dad.

Love, your mother, Peaches and family.

Wishing my beautiful daughter a happy birthday and many more.

JRONTHOMAS

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Daimeiona Wiley

Happy Birthday To Us

MGM Nisha And Dee

CEDRIC And BRITTINI

Happy Birthday to Miss Nisha! Love, Dee – MGM Baby.

December 13th, the Mr. and Mrs. will be shining together another year. Baby, they couldn’t stop us even if they stopped us. Happy birthday to us, love you! Mrs. Upshaw.

Birthday Notices And Other Announcements

Deadline: 1 Week In Advance
Call: 248-1921
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Mr. And Mrs. Crum

The new and exclusive Mr. and Mrs. Crum united as one November 23, 2009, in a quiet ceremony. May God bless your love!!

T. Mann and The Family.

To The Family Of Howard W. Blake & Don Thompson High School

You Are Cordially Invited To The Third Annual Black & Gold Christmas Dance Saturday, December 19, 2009
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MRS. BEVERLY ADESANYA

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Congratulations to Folarin Adesanya and Beverly Brown. They were joined together in holy matrimony on November 26, 2009, in Nigeria. May they live a long and happy life together as one.

Married In Nigeria

DAIMEIONA WILEY

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‘Learning Loyalty Early’

LIL’ LO, TONYA MANN And BOSS

Lights, Camera, Action

Happy birthday to a creating artist, leader, mother and an independent woman who knows her own strength. Enjoy your day.

AUNTIE NIECY, LIL’ LO And The Family

Free Momagal
And Bubba!

MOMAGAL
(5 Star Chick)
12-10-??

Happy birthday goes out to Kimora Taniyah Daley, a.k.a., Pooh-Pooh, who will be turning two years old on December 13, 2009. She is the daughter of Takiyah and Thomas. Sending her a birthday shout are her brother, Jairus Simmons, Jr., her nana, Velecia Wilder, her grandmother, and all of her aunts, cousins and the rest of her family and friends. Happy birthday, Pooh-Pooh, we love you.

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Happy 10th Birthday

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Son, I'm so very proud of you and all you do and no matter how old you become, you will always be my “Bookie”!! Enjoy your “PlayStation Playoffs,” Friday and your “Malibu Party Saturday.” Loving you for life! The family. Enjoy your day son!!!

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2 Bubba 4
(Young Gunna)

I would like to wish my mother and brother a happy birthday. We love you and miss you. You can only hold a gunna down for so long, believe that!

Love, Johnaether, Faith, Desmond, Donte and all your woes from 24th! Happy birthday.

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  - 9:30 A.M.

- **Morning Worship** 
  - 11:00 A.M.

- **Evening Worship** 
  - 6:00 P.M.

- **Prayer Service** 
  - 7:00 P.M.

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- **Wed. Night: Prayer Service**
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**REV. J. L. DANIELS, Pastor**

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- **Sunday Church School** 
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- **Morning Worship**
  - 11:00 A.M.
- **Bible Study**
  - 7:30 P.M.

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Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
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Prayer Service Wednesday * 7 p.m.
Study of the Bible Wed.* 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Praise & Worship Service Wed.* 8:30 - 9 p.m.
Children & Youth Bible Study 
Wednesday * 7 - 8:30 p.m.
Saturday Prayer Service & Bible Study 10 a.m.
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- **Morning Worship** 
  - 11:00 A.M.

- **Phone Ministry** 
  - 7:00 P.M.

May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance.

2 Thessalonians 3:5

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This week's lesson from Isaiah 7:13-17 and Luke 1:30-38 provides interesting insight of the events that led to the foretelling of the coming of the Messiah, Jesus. The setting or timing of hearing of His coming is of great value and useful as the body of Christ lives and strives today.

In both instances, in Isaiah and Luke, there is some degree of fear. In Isaiah the king is fearful because of a pending attack. In Luke Mary is afraid because she is being visited by an angel of the Lord. In one text there is fear and they need to hear a word and in the other there is fear because they are about to hear a word.

The purpose of both is so that the glory and power of God can be manifested. While both are in a place of fear they are both about to hear and witness something that would change the course of history.

The church needs to have both of these encounters. The people of God need to find themselves in a place where they need to hear from God and in a place where God is getting ready to speak.

Ahaz had made an agreement with the king of Assyria to provide protection for them (2 Kings 16:5-9). It is this verse that provides the background for this conversation. The Lord sent a word to Ahaz and told him not to worry but trust Him.

In Isaiah's account of the events the king of Judah, Ahaz, is in fear if an attack. The prophet asks him does he need God to show him a sign. The king refers the sign perhaps because he knows the promise of compromise he has placed in hand.

God acknowledges him as the House of David (vs. 13). This shows that God knows who you are and to whom you belong. As a member of the House of David your trust should not be in the protection of man but in the assurance of the Almighty.

Ahaz's refusal to answer the question of, “Do you want God to show you a sign,” points to his alliance with people of foreign gods. Thus the prophet's response, you have tried the patience of men, and must you also test the patience of God (vs. 12).

Often times our actions and choices test the patience of God. We try to play it safe by not requesting the action of God because of some previous action.

But in spite of us, God does what He needs to do for His glory and the benefit of His people. God decides to give Ahaz what he needs regardless of what he has done or failed to request. God does what He wants to do because there is something larger at stake. Your pride and willingness to hide some fault is not enough to stop God from what He needs to do to save and deliver His people.

Ahaz is told of the coming of the Messiah as a sign and a promise. God promised that, “A virgin will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel” (vs. 14). There are three elements to this promise and sign: A Virgin, A Son, and A Name.

The sign God gave was specific and could not be duplicated or manufactured by man. It is important for the people of God to know and understand that when God gives you a sign or speak a word it will contain specific details. In fact what He says might even sound crazy.

Hundreds of years later the angel of the Lord visits a woman as Luke records. When the angel appears, he speaks to calm all fears (Luke 1:26). He calms her fears because an encounter with the angelic presence of God will cause you to be unsettled. She is in position where she is about to hear a word from God.

The words that the angel speaks are words that put the plan in motion to bring about the promise that had been spoken years earlier. The words and details given to Mary are specific and will not be able to be manipulated by man.

The manifestation of this promise was going to require faith and trust in God. What was about to occur over the next few months was about God and not the abilities of Mary.

What is good for the believer to recognize is that while God promised it to one generation it was manifested to another generation. The blessing for the believer today lies beyond the manifestation of the promise is the promise itself.

God will give you what He knows you need regardless of what you think or feel. God will do exactly what He said He would do. You have to know that if it does not come to pass in your lifetime it will occur in another. The blessing He will give will make a difference in your life and in the life of others.
Social

December Birthday Celebrants

Happy birthday to the following December celebrants: Major Milligan, Joyce A. Anderson, Barbara Wright, Mrs. Mozelle Williams, Mrs. Mamie Williams, Mrs. Karen Richardson.

Anniversary

Happy wedding anniversary to: Bro. Willie and Sis. Morgan, and Mr. and Mrs. Evans, Gary O’Neal and Mrs. Karen Richardson.

Happy birthday to the following birthday celebrants: Dorris Barnum, Minkaleb Barnum, Gwen Jones, Kaeloch Davis, Danyelle Petersen, Yasmim Bolen, Jonay Townsend, Phillip Guest, Marshall Jenkins, Jasmin Tomlin, Shaquetta Brown, Vernell Barnum, Fannie Copeland, Cherlye Walker, Jaylen Mills, Bertha Edwards, Xavier Floyd and Jasmin Tomlin.

St. Joseph M. B. Church Rev. Thomas Heyward, Interim Pastor and congregation, extend birthday greetings to: Sis. Carol Pierce (12/12), Sis. Mary Ann Murphy (12/12) and Garrett Elston 12/28.

St. James AME Church Rev. Michael B. Price, pastor and congregation, send birthday greetings to: Troy Thomas, Dorris Martin, Kelby Barrett, Everette Caldwell, Malcolm Caldwell, Willie Mae Wright, Dorine Williams, Triniya Ware, La Doris Martin and Cathy S. Kinsler.

Mrs. Selina Miles. She will be missed by her family and the community.

Our deepest sympathy and prayers are extended to Sis. Bert Graham and family in the passing of her uncle, who will be funeralized in Jackson, Miss. Special prayers for traveling safety are extended to the family.

First Baptist Church Of Progress Village Every third Saturday of the month between 8 a.m. and 12 noon, the church gives away donated clothing, toys and household items at 8616 Progress Blvd. (between 76th St. and Faulkner Rd.).

The Community Hour Of Power Prayer Band The Community Hour Of Power Bible Prayer Band meets every Thursday morning at 10:30 a.m. at St. James AME Church. They are a group of God’s children gathered together on one accord to learn the Word of our Father. Come out and share, everyone is welcome.

My Brothers 2 Keep Ministry Inmates can request a FREE Bible and greeting cards by writing to: My Brothers 2 Keep Ministry, P. O. Box 89474, Tampa, FL, 33689.

My Brothers 2 Keep Ministry, Dr. Deon Johnson and First Lady on Monday nights from 7-9 p.m. The public is welcome.

Merry Christmas wishes go out to all inmates who will not be able to be home with family and friends this year. There is freedom in Jesus. Amen!!

Scripture (Psalm 59:1) “Deliver me from mine enemies. O my God: defend me from them that rise up against me.”

Thought For Today “You must do the things you think you cannot do.”

F.Y.I.

Let us keep President Barack Obama and his family in our daily prayers as he tries to bring change for everyone.

Remember our service men and women who put their lives on the line daily.

There’s a new helper in the kitchen, Shu-Lon’s Kitchen, formerly Family Deli, (813) 741-9760. Call your news in to Iradean London-Biggs at (813) 677-6071. Be blessed! Yes We Can!
Commissioner Is First Black Mayor Of Lakeland

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Michelle Obama's Guide To Being Healthy

When referring to Michelle Obama, what can you say other than fabulous? She is beautiful, poised, stylish, healthy and physically fit. That is why so many women—just Black women—look up to her.

In an exclusive interview Michelle shared her secrets to a happy, healthy life:

**Prioritize Fitness**

With exercising, the more you do it, the more you get into it. And the more you see results, the more you’re pushing for the next level.

**Find Balance As A Mother**

You can be a good mom and still work out, get your rest, have a career—or not. She encouraged me to find that balance.

**Allow Yourself To Be Happy**

[Good health is] multifaceted—it's physical, it's internal, it's my diet and my emotional state. It's all tied together. Throughout my life, I’ve learned to make choices that make me happy and make me feel good for me. Personal happiness is connected to everything.

**Make Yourself A Priority**

I have freed myself to put me on the priority list and say, yes, I can make choices that make me happy, and it will help my physical health.

**Embrace Your Age**

To me, with age, everything has gotten better. You have way more control; you know yourself better. My goal is to be a great-looking 70-year-old! I won’t mind being 70, but I want people to say, “You’re 70?”

**Define Your Own Happiness**

You know, happiness for me really is when my family is whole.

**Get Healthy**

While You’re Young

What I’m discovering is that the older you get, the more work you have to do to stay there. When I was younger, I could do whatever I wanted, as long as I exercised; or if I didn’t exercise; or if I didn’t watch what I ate, I’d maintain. Well, now I have to do both. I try to tell young people to get in shape now, because it’s easier.

**Find Workouts You Enjoy**

I’ll do intervals because I don’t run long and those are killer. So I’m always happy when I’m finished. I enjoy arm exercises because you can actually see what it’s hitting.

**You Can Be Healthier Than Ever After Age 40**

I’ve been in the best shape of my life in my 40s because I’ve had more time as my kids have gotten older. There was a period, actually right before the campaign started up, that I was really fit. I was doing a lip-top shape. I was really there.

**Adjust Your Diet For New Situations**

For me, it’s about setting up new boundaries. I had some challenges with that, and I’m balancing out.

**Enjoy Everything In Moderation**

I try to have no absolute no’s. I love French fries, I like a good burger and I like pie. And that’s okay. I would be depressed if I felt I could never eat the things that I love.

**Do What Makes You Feel Good**

My message to women: Do what makes you feel good, because there’ll always be someone who thinks you should do differently. Whether your choices are hits or misses, at least they’re your own.

**Reach Out For Support**

When I’m unhappy with something, people know, because I don’t want to hold on to it. I’d rather deal immediately and talk the stuff that bothers me, so using my network—my girlfriends, my husband, my mom—I talk a lot, I vent. Even if there are no answers, the sharing, the emotions helps keep me stable.

**Get Enough Sleep**

I am a sleeper. When you wake up at 4:30 in the morning to do a workout, you’re sleeping at 8 in the evening. So I’d put the kids down, then I’d go to bed, by 10 o’clock at the latest, I’m in bed. I even usually wake up before the alarm clock.

**Nurture Your Relationship**

One of the things that attracted me to Barack was his emotional honesty. Right off the bat he said what he felt. There are no games with him—he is who he appears to be. I feel fortunate as a woman to have a husband who loves me and shows me in every way.

Regardless of who you are, you can still be healthy!
Health

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Paulette
Winston Salem, NC

Dear Paulette:
Prepare yourself to be a wife looking for a husband instead of just another woman looking for a date. Elevate your morals, your faith and your confidence by looking in the mirror and seeing a woman that's special and deserves the best in life. You need to be patient and pray for what you want. You don't have to settle for less and you can do bad by yourself. It's best to be alone and happy than involved and miserable.

Ask Deanna is written by Deanna M. Write
askdeanna1@yahoo.com or write: Deanna M, 264 S. La Cienega, Suite 1283, Beverly Hills, CA 90211 Website: www.askdeanna.com

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Prior Proper Planning (Part 6)

It is not enough to take steps, which may some day lead to a goal; each step must be itself a goal and a step likewise.

-Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Empowered greetings to all. Last column provided you with strategies to developing long and short-term goals. This week, success strategy #4 will help you develop a plan of action. Your action plan to success will define the individual steps you need take to achieve your long and short-term goals.

For example let's say you realize specific short-term goal is to save $1000 for an emergency fund by December 31, 2010. A sample action plan would list the task you need to complete to achieve that goal. (i.e.: 1. Open a savings account and set aside $10 a week directly deposited into the account. 2. Track your progress monthly. 3. Save the extra money and set aside 5% of your paycheck in the account. 4. Do not withdraw any money.)

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