MEMBERS OF WHITE FAMILY ATTEND RIBBON CUTTING OF MOSES WHITE ESTATES

The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the newly built Moses White Estates was held on Friday, March 25, 2011. The new development replaces the former Moses White Estates that was demolished in 1999. Family members of Tampa businessman and philanthropist, the late Moses White, attended the ribbon cutting in large numbers. Seated on the front row, Allison White, Joyce White, Gerald White, Sr., Bernadine White King, Amanda Anthony and Alton White, Sr. Standing, Bridgid White, Jenelle Ross, Shana Johnson, Robyn White Gordon, Andre R. White, Andre Moses White, Raquel White, Alton White, Jr. and Chester White, Jr. (Photo by Lomax McIntyre)
Oath of Office Ceremony Friday
The Oath of Office Ceremony for Mayor-elect Bob Buckhorn and Tampa City Council Members-elect will be held today, Friday, April 1, 2011, at 2 p.m. at the Tampa Convention Center, Rooms 13 - 16.

Bank Bailout Turns A Profit
NEW YORK — Don't look now, but the bank bailout is starting to turn a profit.
The Treasury Department announced Wednesday that the money it gave to banks during the financial crisis has been paid back, and then some.
The bank bailout - part of the Troubled Asset Relief Program — is now $6 billion in the black, a profit that might ultimately rise to $20 billion, according to the Treasury.

Scholarship Application Deadline Correction
The City of Tampa Black History Committee will be awarding $1,000 non-renewable scholarships to the Janett S. Martin Scholarship and the Presidential Scholarship Award in May and invites high school seniors to apply.
The essay topic for the Janett S. Martin Scholarship is "African-American Firsts." The essay topic for the Presidential Scholarship Award is "Five Qualities That Makes A Great Leader."
All scholarship applications, essays and attachments must be received no later than Friday, April 15, 2011. All correspondence should be sent to: City of Tampa Black History Committee, Inc., c/o Celeste Gibbons-Peoples, Scholarship Chairperson, 306 E. Jackson St., 2nd Floor East Wing, Tampa, FL 33602.

Body Of Missing Man Found In River
Estella Acree said she and her middle son, Christopher Harrington, had a very special relationship. Since he was born with Down Syndrome, Harrington spent all of his time with his mother and siblings. Ms. Acree is President of the Rainbow Heights Neighborhood Association.
On Tuesday, Harrington was riding in the backseat of his caregiver’s car when the driver started smoking, Harrington climbed into a tree. When the caregiver returned to the car, Harrington was missing. He searched the area without any luck, then called 9-1-1. Police searched for Harrington and found his sandal near South River Boulevard Wednesday morning.
His body was discovered a half-hour later in the Hillsborough River. He was 38 years old.
Ms. Acree said she wasn’t surprised that he would be found in the water.
“He really loved splashing around in the water. When I got the news he was missing, I hoped everything would turn out okay, but I remembered when I’d take him to the beach, he’d start taking his clothes off to get into the water. That’s why I wasn’t surprised that’s where they found him.”
Ms. Acree said Chris loved music and virtually anything that made noise.
“He really loved game shows, being around people, and in church when the music started playing and the singing started, he’d start moving and really enjoyed that.
“I remember when he’d be in the car with me and we’d be traveling down Hillsborough Avenue. He’d see the Burger King sign, and make a sound like he was putting on brakes. He’d start honking, and made sure I didn’t miss it. That was his favorite eating place, but he mostly ate vegetables.”
Ms. Acree said Chris would sneak food out of the refrigerator when he was sure no one was looking.
Harrington had two brothers, one older and one younger. His younger brother, Robert, said he got a call on Tuesday that Chris was missing, and immediately got into a car and drove from Georgia to be with the family.
“I had just flown in from Iraq Monday, and got the news the next day.”
Ms. Acree said she will truly miss Chris.
“It’s really hard now, and he brought so much joy into my life. I’d take pictures of some of the things he’d do, and I’ll miss him lying across my lap watching television.”
Ms. Acree has contacted Harmon’s Funeral Home to help the family with arrangements for a service.

Police Request Restrictions For Murder Suspect
BY IRIS B. HOLTON
Sentinel City Editor
Earlier this month, the Tampa Police Department requested that an inmate’s telephone and visitation privileges be restricted. The reason for the request was safety concerns.
According to Ms. Laura McElroy, spokesperson for the Tampa Police Department, the Tampa Police Department requested that Dontae Morris, 25, not have telephone rights or visitation.
Ms. McElroy said, “We did this to protect the safety of witnesses in the case. This is an ongoing investigation and I can’t go into details about what happened to cause us to take this action.”

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were shot and killed.
Office Curtis had stopped a vehicle being driven by Ms. Cortnee Brantley because the license plate was not visible. Ms. Brantley pulled over on the side of N. 50th Street between N. 50th Avenue and N 6th Avenue, shortly after 2 a.m. and both occupants identified themselves to the officer.
Morris allegedly fired the fatal shots, striking both officers as they attempted to arrest him on an active warrant.
Ms. Brantley fled in the vehicle and Morris fled on foot. He surrendered after police launched a massive, nationwide manhunt.
Privileges Taken Before
His privileges were taken earlier during the month, but Ms. McElroy said the Tampa Police had nothing to do with it, and that incident must have resulted from some infraction at the jail.
During that incident, jail records show that 54-year-old Andre Watkins is said to have contacted Morris’ grandmother on his behalf. During the conversation, Watkins told the grandmother that Morris would not be able to call because he had gotten into a little trouble.
Watkins, who has been held for 41 days without bond, was arrested on February 13, 2011. He is charged with one count of first-degree murder, three counts of attempted first-degree murder, armed carjacking, armed burglary, kidnapping, and violation of probation.
Last February, Watkins is alleged to have gone on a shooting spree that left a 19-year-old woman dead. Several incidents, including attempted murder, kidnapping, and armed burglary, were reported before Watkins was taken into custody.
Woman Killed In Pedestrian Accident

FLORA DEAN SMITH

On Wednesday, St. Petersburg Police reported that a woman had been killed in a pedestrian accident at 19th Avenue, South and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Street, South. According to the report, a vehicle driven by Stacy Wilson, 39, was traveling south on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Street, South. A pedestrian, Flora Dean Smith, 40, stepped off the curb and began walking across the street, stepping into the path of Wilson's vehicle. Wilson struck Smith with the front of her car, and Smith was transported to Bayfront Medical Center in critical condition. Wilson was not injured. Later that evening, hospital officials reported that Smith had died from injuries sustained in the accident.

Popular Writer Completes New Stage Play

BY LEON B. CREWS

Sentinel Staff Writer

Carlos Davis has been busy. He said he's never been one to rest on past accomplishments.

Davis, who had the leading role in "Somebodies" that appeared on BET, and has also appeared in at least five stage and theater productions, has put the finishing touches on his new stage play, "Holding On To What You Never Had."

Davis, who considers himself a professional actor, singer and writer, said it took him a month to complete the stage play.

"It is very detailed and deals with some real issues. I came up with the idea just looking at everyday life and relationships."

The new stage play will be released April 30th, and Davis said he hopes everyone who sees it will walk away with a new way of thinking when it comes to relationships.

"This play will also shed some light on the proper way to deal with domestic violence issues. I've always felt trying to maintain relationships that are over is a critical issue, and needs to be addressed. I hope this play at least touches on some of the factors that cause people to react violently when relationships sometimes just don't work out."

Davis said he will enjoy another opportunity to work with local promoter, Too Smooth, and looks forward to stepping out on the stage and giving the people the show of their lives.

County Launches Incentive Program For Small Businesses

BY IRIS B. HOLTEN

Sentinel City Editor

The Hillsborough County Board of Commissioners has launched a program that will help provide employment for approximately 200 new jobs. The program is aimed at employers with less than 10 employees.

Commissioner Les Miller, Jr., said, "This is a jump start for job creation. The county is offering up to $500,000 to help with salaries for three months. This will give the employer a chance to do more and he or she may be able to keep that person on staff."

The Incentive Program for Small Business Reimbursement Program is designed to promote job creation by offering to reimburse 50% of an employer's salary for three months.

Potential business owners wishing to take advantage of the program must attend a 4-hour business workshop or counseling sessions and meet other requirements. They cannot have more than 10 employees already on staff.

The individuals must also be hired in a full-time capacity for three months. Both the employer and employee must be residents of Hillsborough County.

Tampa business owner Michael Hadley, owner of Sable One Investigations and Sable One Security, said he was approved for the program on Wednesday.

"This program is paramount. It is nothing like anything I have seen before. The County has finally stepped up and is making some great progress."

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Charmettes Prepare For 30th Annual Junior Debutante Coronation

Members of the Hillsborough County Chapter of The Charmettes, Inc. are busy preparing for their 30th annual Junior Debutante Coronation which will be held Sunday, April 17, 2011 at St. John’s Christian Life Center, 2504 E. Chipco Ave. The event begins at 4 p.m. The public is invited.

The Charmettes have chosen the “Miss Junior Debutante” contest as a vehicle to introduce young girls between the ages of 10-15 years old into society. Boys and girls between the ages of 10-15 years old will also take part in the Coronation as Page Boys and Flower Girls. The contestants will participate in a charm clinic and etiquette workshop, as well as attending other outings.

The contest will serve as a means of getting the children involved in some wholesome competition, an opportunity to meet and make new lifelong friends, enhance their social skills and make them aware of the beauty and strengths within each of them.

A portion of the funds raised will be donated to the organization’s national project, the Cancer Research Center at Howard University, Washington, D.C. The presentation of the funds will be made during the organization’s 68th National Convention, May 19-20, 2011 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Charmettes Delores Williams, Chairman, Charmette Ruby French, Co-Chairman, and Charmette Dr. Margaret A. Fisher, Chairperson.

Police Officer Credited With Saving Woman From Sinkhole

A Plant City police officer is credited with saving a 47-year-old woman who fell into a sinkhole. The sinkhole opened in her backyard on Monday morning.

According to Plant City Police, Ms. Carla Chapman was in her backyard at 3410 Berry Blossom Lane, when the ground caved in under her. The opening measured approximately two feet wide and several feet deep.

Ms. Chapman had her cellular telephone with her, called her husband and then 9-1-1. Officer William Omsanski was the first officer to arrive on the scene and immediately called for assistance. He reached into the hole to grab Ms. Chapman by the wrists.

Officer Omsanski held on to Ms. Chapman until help arrived to keep her from slipping further into the opening. The Plant City Fire Rescue Squad arrived and helped the officer pull Ms. Chapman to safety.

Officer Omsanski and Ms. Chapman were transported to South Florida Baptist Hospital, where they were treated and later released.

Officer Omsanski suffered from exhaustion.

Two Retired Educators Named As Kente Award Recipients

On Tuesday, April 5th, at 6 p.m., the University of South Florida will host its 2011 Kente Awards Ceremony at the USF Gibbons Alumni Center Traditions Hall. During the ceremony, it will honor two retired employees and present them with the Kente Awards for outstanding contributions to education.

The two recipients of the prestigious award were chosen because their contributions to education reflected that of the late Dr. Ike Tribble, a pioneer in higher education, arts, and culture.

Dr. Tribble was the first African American to be named Chairman of the Tampa Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Tribble led the Florida Education Fund for 17 years. During his tenure, he is credited with helping thousands of young African American students through the foundation. He died in 2003 at the age of 82.

Dr. Thelma D. Benton retired as the Associate Dean of Students for Academic Support and Achievement. During her career, she served as Admissions Officer, Assistant Admissions Director, Academic Services Director and Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies.

Dr. Benton was also instrumental in providing opportunities for diverse and talented students to enroll and succeed at the university.

Two Retired Educators Named As Kente Award Recipients

Senator Receives Servant Leadership Award

TALLAHASSEE — In recognition of her legislative advocacy, Senator Arthenia Joyner (D-Tampa) received The Honorable Carrie P. Meek Servant Leadership Award, presented by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

The award was presented at the Honorable Carrie P. Meek Servant Leadership Social Action Breakfast, Monday, March 20, 2011, held during the 17th Annual Delta Days at the Capitol.

This award is given to members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. in recognition of their contributions to local, state, and federal government endeavors by serving as elected officials.

Senator Joyner was selected to receive the award because of her steadfast commitment, vision and hard work to effect policy that strengthens, invigorates and builds up communities in the district she serves. Senator Joyner has a sound reputation for her fearless advocacy on behalf of her constituents.

Most recently, she joined in bipartisan legal action in support of the separation of Florida’s co-equal branches of government by filing suit against Governor Rick Scott due to his refusal to accept federal funding for Florida’s high-speed rail.

This was an economic stimulus project of vital importance to the economy in the Tampa Bay area.

Senator Arthenia L. Joyner was elected in 2006 to represent District 18 in the Florida Senate. Senate District 18 includes portions of Hillsborough, Manatee and Pinellas Counties.

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BY IRIS B. HOLTON

Senator Arthenia Joyner

Sentinel City Editor

This award is given to a deserving student. The scholarship was created to assist outstanding, disadvantaged, or minority students who have proven themselves academically, but lack the financial resources to attend the University of South Florida.

Dr. Tribble is a senior, majoring in psychology and pre-medical sciences with minors in Spanish Language and Latino Studies.

Ms. Knight is the treasurer of the Black Student Association and Vice President of the Pre-Medical Club. Her future plans are to pursue a doctorate in Physical Therapy at the USF School of Medicine.
A Man As Commander-In-Chief

From the first week he took office, observers and detractors incessantly asked what kind of man President Barack Obama was or would be. We find ourselves asking the same question today about an African nation.

Remember that Libya currently supplies none of America's petroleum needs. America's first Black president assessed the Libyan situation and, with information provided to him, made a decision to go on the offensive, thereby averting the deaths of thousands of innocent Libyan men, women, and children.

We are sorry that President Obama had to use the dogs of war. But rather he had to use them at a more peaceful solution, in keeping with his Nobel Peace Prize. However, we must note that Obama's quick thinking will go down in history as a far cry from the one-year deliberation of his predecessor to come to the Peace Prize. However, we must note that Obama's quick thinking will go down in history as a far cry from the one-year deliberation of his predecessor to arrive at a more peaceful solution, in keeping with his Nobel Peace Prize.

For, if the truth be told, Governor Rick Scott is not up in the entire State Capitol must be on fire with nit-picking. On in Tallahassee is met by an accusation of "nit-picking!" That term in itself says, "They're just going to have to pick important state issues rather than nit-picking."

So, that's what it is ... "nit-picking!" That term in itself doesn't seem to be so ridiculous until one realizes that these days, most every objection to the shenanigans going on in Tallahassee is met by an accusation of "nit-picking!"

Well, if nit-picking is what seems to be pounding Conservative Tea-Party Republican war drums, then perhaps, the entire State Capitol must be on fire with nit-picking.

And if nit-picking is our fault, government is just as empowered as we used to be. Then he clears his throat and growls, "They're just going to have to pick important state issues rather than nit-picking."

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They Hate What They Love

One of the saddest things I continue to witness on a weekly basis is the sight of a steadily increasing number of young black males coming into the prison system. Instead of walking onto college campuses, these 18, 19, 20 and 21-year-olds seem more inclined to choose paths that only allow enrollment into schools of hard knocks. And it doesn’t seem to matter what examples are placed before them or how many laws come into effect that make it easier for courts to incarcerate them for longer terms, they all appear to be determined to travel this road regardless of the consequences. I imagine it’s a result of the, “it can’t happen to me,” mentality that permeates through their minds even though the 2 million plus individuals already imprisoned have strongly proven that it can.

For that reason I’ve decided that maybe it’s time to let this well-beaten horse finally rest-in-peace. If living a continuous life of crime and punishment gives them the motivation to wake up every day, then they’re more than welcome to have the bunk I’ve been pressing the past nine years.

But before I retire from my position as a “caution sign” to the masses, I do have one more piece of advice for those who willingly choose committing crimes as an official occupation. Embrace the hate.

Everything you’re doing will eventually lead you to where I sit today. And in order for you to live comfortably on this side of the wall without being affected by the environment, you have to learn how to despise everything you left behind. That means enveloping yourself within so much hatred, that anything outside of your immediate confines is of little concern.

In here, hate becomes your companion, nourishment and best friend. It is what sustains you during the day and what allows you to sleep at night.

Mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters, wives children, sex, sunsets, sunrises, good food, freedom, beaches, parks, parties, should become objects of your abhorrence. But loathing them shouldn’t be that much of a stretch.

After all, the fact that you choose to pursue a lifestyle that you know could separate you from what you cherished the most means that you probably weren’t that fond of those things in the first place.

Conversely, the other part of the paradox requires that you begin a love affair with your new environment. Keeping a mirror wax shine on your cell floor in an effort to earn a pat on the head from the warden will become your life’s mission. Claiming institutional televisions as your own will become your habit.

And even though you’re being held in a cage against your will, you’ll still think enough of the place to get a job that allows you to maintain its upkeep.

Without you realizing it, the inside will have replaced the outside as the true object of your affection. And even after your release, you’ll find yourself longing to return, just so you can once again feel the warmth of the surroundings you grew to love.

Think it sounds crazy? I do, too. But, what other reason could be used to explain why people, who know what to expect down this road, work so hard to get here while even more can’t wait to come back?

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Letter To The Editor

Because They Can

In one of those classic “what were they thinking?” Tallahassee moments, Republican Governor Charlie Crist and his fellow Republican Cabinet members earlier this month abruptly decided to reverse the ability of non-violent ex-felons to automatically regain their civil rights,-stomping their boots and high heels on an ex-felons one last time.

For reasons still murky, the governor, Attorney General Pam Bondi, Agricultural Commissioner Adam Putnam, Chief Financial Officer Jeff Atwater and their supporting co-chair Harrell Reid, president of the Florida Sheriffs Association proclaimed that making ex-felons wait as long as five years after completing their sentences and paying restitution would deter their crimes. They also claimed that ex-felons would become law-abiding citizens, and therefore allowed to attempt to regain such rights at voting and gainful employment.

Rational observers might assume this sudden add-on punishment was due to some unforeseen glitch in the process: were Florida residents incarcerated as felons for such crimes as, interfering with a commercial radio transmission or writing a bad check to the state Department of Revenue too frequently returning to a life of crime after getting their rights automatically restored?

Or was there something more insidious at work, a stealth agenda stacking the deck one year out from a presidential election seen as a prize target in a state solidly in ultra conservative Republican control?

Make no mistake. The drive to offer automatic restoration of rights to certain offenders came with strict restrictions. I know, because I participated in the efforts to reinstate them. The eligible felony offenses were limited to non-violent crimes. People convicted of murder, kidnapping, or sexual assault were excluded from the automatic restoration process.

In 2007, then-Governor Charlie Crist finally brought Florida into line with more than 20 other states that had eased the restoration process. The quickly hatched and sudden reversal pushed us back to the 20th century joining Kentucky and Virginia in requiring waiting periods before beginning the petition process.

The rule change in 2007 gave the ability to register and vote to more than 100,000 ex-felons in a red state that helped sweep Barack Obama to national office five years later. According to some reports, those who aided that victory were the new voters with restored rights, many of them Democratically-leaning African Americans.

The Republicans are all about not to risk that again.

As I think about his pick of 5 years as a waiting period before non-violent ex-offenders can even apply to have their rights restored, Governor Crist finally answered: “Seemed reasonable.”

In the disconnect between the ivory towers and middle America, Florida style, reasonable is rarely a motive in deciding the fate of those the governor pays deference to and those helplessly stuck under his thumb.

If the Republicans so fear a second Obama presidency that they would deny the voting rights of those who have atoned, I say one of anything “reasonable.”

Sad, I wish that they can.

Senator Arthenia Joyner (D-Tampa) is currently the Senate Democratic Leader Pro Tem.
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Thursday, April 7, 10AM-4PM | Clearwater Neighborhood Housing | 608 N. Garden Ave., Clearwater
Friday, April 8, 10AM-3PM | Everest University | 3319 W. Hillsborough Ave., Tampa
Saturday, April 9, 10AM-4PM | Solita’s House | 1475 Tampa Park Plaza, Tampa
Tuesday, April 12, 10AM-4PM | Polk Works | 309 N. Ingham, Lakeland
Wednesday, April 13, 6PM-8PM | Dress For Success | 4902 N. 22nd Ave, Tampa
Thursday, April 14, 10AM-4PM | DACCO | 4422 E. Columbus Drive, Tampa
Friday, April 15, 11AM-2PM | Tampa Downtown Market | Downtown Tampa
Saturday, April 16, 10AM-4PM | Lee Davis Neighbor Service Center | 3402 N. 22nd Street, Tampa

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The Florida Commission on Human Relations (Commission) is accepting nominations for the first nominations for the Florida Civil Rights Hall of Fame. The legislation was signed into law last year. The deadline to submit a nominee is April 15, 2011.

The judges will be looking for individuals who have made significant contributions and provided leadership toward Florida’s progress and achievements in human and civil rights.

“We are so pleased that the Commission has been appointed to implement the state’s first ever Civil Rights Hall of Fame. This program will honor leaders and advocates who have tirelessly worked to protect the rights of various populations throughout Florida. It is extremely important to honor the trailblazers who came before us and use their heroic stories as a way to educate and empower our next generation,” Derick Daniel, Commission Executive Director said.

Contributions made by the individuals being nominated can include community empowerment, legislative advocacy, grassroots organizing, coalition building, authored publications, organizational leadership, private and governmental entity diversity efforts and multicultural educational initiatives in any area of human and civil rights or related areas.

The Florida Commission on Human Relations, established in 1969, is the state agency charged with administering the Florida Civil Rights Act and Fair Housing Act.

Fair treatment, equal access and mutual respect are the benchmarks of the Commission’s commitment.

Through education and partnerships, the Commission works to prevent discrimination and costly litigation through teaching best business practices and fostering understanding amongst Floridians.

For more information about the submission process, visit the website at http://FCHR.state.fl.us or on Facebook.

To view the rules, criteria, nomination form and other relevant information visit http://FCHR.state.fl.us/outreach/florida_civil_rights_hall_of_fame.
National Council Of Negro Women Preparing For Luncheon

Members of the Tampa Section of the National Council of Negro Women are preparing for their annual fundraiser luncheon, which will also celebrate its 75th anniversary.

The theme of the anniversary year is “Women United: Activate the Legacy.”

The luncheon will be held on Saturday, May 7, 2011, 11 a.m. -2 p.m. at the Rusty Pelican on North Rocky Pointe Dr.

The featured keynote speaker will be Dr. Gwendolyn W. Stephenson, Ph.D., President Emeritus of Hillsborough Community College. In her honor, the HCC Board of Trustees named and unveiled the HCC Administrative Building “The Dr. Gwendolyn W. Stephenson District Administration Center.” She and her husband, Steve, are parents to 2 children and 2 grandchildren.

The widely acclaimed gospel and jazz legend, Belinda Womack is the featured entertainer. She has given award-winning performances throughout the United States and abroad.

Entertainment will also be provided by the mime group from St. James AME Church.

Returning by popular demand will be Minister Isaac Ruffin, a musicaly gifted, inspiration leader in the surrounding communities. He has appeared with many national recording artists. He is married to Stacey Cutler-Ruffin.

For more information on the luncheon and tickets, contact Rosalie Jones at (813) 626-1447 or Teresa Morning (386) 334-2349.

NCNW Meeting Saturday The Council will meet Saturday, April 2, 2011, 10 a.m. at the Lee Davis Neighborhood Service Center, 22nd St. and 26th Ave.

Members are reminded to be present to receive updates on the Section’s Unity Day event in April, as well as the College Tours to Atlanta by the Education Committee also scheduled in April.

The Program Committee is actively planning the Section’s Annual Luncheon and need the participation of all members.

Gloria W. Davis, Publicity Committee Chair, and Electa D. Davis, President.

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BY LEON B. CREWS
Sentinel Staff Writer

On March 26, 2011, family members and friends of Deborah Denise Clark gathered at Rowlett Park for the 6th Annual Memorial Love Feast in her honor.

On March 22, 2002, Ms. Clark was murdered after returning home from her job at AAA Insurance Company.

Police said she was found stranded in her apartment, and Leroy Jones was later arrested, convicted of her murder, and is currently serving a life sentence without parole.

Ms. Clark’s mother, Ethel Helms, decided to honor her daughter every year with a gathering of those close to her.

“When Deborah is now, she will have no more domestic violence, abuse, pain or suffering. I can now enjoy her beautiful smile and heart-to-heart love and kindness in Heaven with praises and rejoicing,” said Mrs. Helms.

“Deborah was our dear, loving daughter. We take comfort knowing that she’s in the presence of the Lord,” Mrs. Helms said.

Family members came from as far away as Georgia, Gainesville and Orlando to join the feast that was sponsored by Mrs. Helms and Deborah’s stepfather, Gary Helms. Her sister, brothers, nieces and nephew also helped with the cooking for the feast.

DEBORAH DENISE CLARK

Senior Earns Silver Medal In National Scholastic Competition

BY IRIS B. HOLTON
Sentinel City Editor

More than 185,000 students submitted their works in a national competition. Of those students, the top 1,500 were recognized in the national competition.

In the final analysis, only 30 of them received silver medals presented by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers. One of those 30 students was Curtis Davis, a senior at Blake High School.

Davis now becomes one of the few so recognized with a Scholastic Art & Writing Award. Founded in 1923, the award is the nation’s largest and longest running scholarship and recognition program geared toward teenage artists and writers. Its purpose is to provide a system of rewards for students who wish to excel in the visual and literary arts.

Of his writing style Davis said, “When writing I usually just describe the images in my head that I see when thinking about whatever it is I am writing about and these images are usually abstract. I try my best to write out of the box and stay as far away from cliché as I can. I have learned to culture and hone my craft by doing all different forms of writing; from writing a Rowland to a ten-page prose piece.”

Davis said he began writing poetry after entering Blake High School. Since that time, he has developed different styles of prose and can measure his progress over the past four years.

“I feel my maturity in my writing in these short four years. I was in love with writing stories, so I am more than grateful to Blake and my teacher, Mrs. Casey Curry, for helping me discover who I am. I have been an active member in the poetry community for a couple years now, attending open mics, slams, and shows.

“Last year I was a part of the Tampa-Orlando Brave New Voices team, which is an international youth poetry festival and slam,” Davis said.

A Tampa native, Davis is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin (Kimberly) Davis. The soon-to-be 18-year-old (April 16) is currently a Creative Writing Major at Blake. His future plans include continuing his education at a college or university and then teaching the art of Spoken Word Poetry on that level. He also plans to become a national or international Slam Champion.

The winners will enjoy a two-day National Celebration in New York City May 31, and June 1. The presentation of the Scholastic Art & Writing Silver Medals will take place at Carnegie Hall.
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Former Blake Grad Returns To Perform With School’s Jazz Ensemble

BY LEON B. CREWS
Sentinel Staff Writer

Eric Darius is proud to be a member of Howard W. Blake’s first graduating class since the school reopened in 1997. While at the school, Darius was active in the school’s jazz ensemble, and that experience opened the door for him to embark on a very successful career.

On Tuesday, Darius returned to his alma mater to not just give them a free concert, but to empower the students to concentrate on their education, and spread the word for the need of more performing arts courses in all schools.

“This is and will always be home for me,” said Darius. “I am honored to be able to come back and share my experiences with the students and get a chance to talk to them and help them in any way I can.”

Darius told the students that it is important for them to stay focused and not allow outside distractions to lead them away from their goals.

“I’d love to see more music education in public schools, but even more I’d like to see students take advantage of what our school systems have to offer and let it fulfill all of their dreams.”

While at the school Tuesday, Darius, who has become a renowned saxophone jazz artist, performed a solo act, and also played along with the school’s jazz ensemble. During rehearsals, he also spoke to them and encouraged them to keep working hard and practice, practice, practice!

“I told them to study hard and put as much time into their music as they could. I was excited when I heard them play, and recalled the time when I was sitting where they are sitting right now.”

Darius is on a worldwide tour, having just left the Middle East to return to the states for dates in Chicago, Phoenix, and Sarasota. He also said it is his mission to visit schools on every stop of his tour.

“I want to talk to students in middle and high schools in every city along my tour route. I want to spread the word and let them see what I’ve been able to accomplish and encourage them to keep their heads up and carve their own paths.”

(Photography By BRUNSON)

In The Spotlight

ALICIA

This week’s Spotlight feature comes to us all the way from Queens, New York, but now calls Tampa home. Alicia describes herself as a hard working, small business owner and single mom of two boys. Alicia comes from a very cultural Trinidadian family, and also does hair and makeup. She really takes pride in her appearance, and shares all of her beauty secrets with others. Alicia stays busy all the time, and her plans are to continue to grow right along with her business, and spend all of her quality time with her sons. Congratulations to Alicia as this week’s Spotlight feature.

If you’re interested in being in the Beauty Unlimited or Spotlight, please send your information and photo, including a contact number to: jjohnson@flsentinel.com.

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**TOP 20 HIP-HOP SINGLES**

1. Look At Me Now... Chris Brown Featuring Lil Wayne & Buju Banton
2. All Of The Lights... Kanye West
3. Moment 4 Life... Nicki Minaj Featuring Drake
4. 6 Foot 7 Foot... Lil Wayne Featuring Cory Gunz
5. Love Faces... Trey Songz
6. Did It On Em... Nicki Minaj
7. Down On Me... Jeremih Featuring 50 Cent
8. Far Away... Marsha Ambrosius
9. Fall For Your Type... Jamie Fox Featuring Drake
10. No BS... Chris Brown
11. Where You At... Jennifer Hudson
12. Roll Up... Wiz Khalifa
13. Love Letter... R. Kelly
14. Pretty Girl Rock... Keri Hilson
15. Grove St. Party... Waka Flocka Flame Featuring Kebo Gotti
16. Aston Martin Music... Rick Ross Featuring Drake & Chirstee Michele
17. You Be Killin Em... Fabolous
18. Walking... Mary Mary
19. Can't Be Friends... Trey Songz
20. Sure Thing... Miguel

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NEW YORK—Beyoncé will no longer be managed by her father, Mathew Knowles, her publicist said Monday.

The Grammy-nominated singer and her father have parted ways "on a business level," publicist Yvette Noel-Schure said.

"I am grateful for everything he has taught me," Beyoncé said. "I grew up watching both he and my mother manage and own their own businesses. They were hardworking entrepreneurs and I will continue to follow in their footsteps."

She didn't say what led to the split, but her father said that the decision was mutual.

Knowles has managed his daughter since she debuted as a teen in the multi-platinum-selling group Destiny's Child in the late 1990s and throughout her superstar career as a solo artist.

Knowles oversees all aspects of Beyoncé's career, from music to movies to fashion and more. Her career includes 16 Grammy awards, top-grossing movies "Dreamgirls" and "Obsessed," fashion ventures and lucrative endorsements.

In the statement, Beyoncé stressed her devotion to her father on a personal level.

"He is my father for life and I love my dad dearly. I am grateful for everything he has taught me," Beyoncé said.

Knowles also got personal in his statement.

"Business is business and family is family. I love my daughter and am very proud of who she is and all that she has achieved. I look forward to her continued great success," he said.

Knowles and Beyoncé's mother, Tina, divorced in 2009 after 29 years of marriage. Tina Knowles worked as a stylist for Destiny's Child and continues to style her daughter. Together they launched a clothing line, House of Dereon.

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DETROIT—Still banking in the Grammy Award-nominated success of last year's "In the Name: Album II," which debuted at No. 2 on the Top 200 and R&B/Hip-Hop Albums charts, Detroit singer Dr. Dre's video had 12.5 million hits last week on YouTube. The music video begins with a driving sequence that later sees Dre's Ferrari corkscrewing through the air in a rather unbelievably fashion.

Dr. Dre and his film crew, used a Ferrari 360 Modena as if it was a prop ready to be destroyed for the video to accompany his latest hit, "I Need a Doctor." The music video begins with a driving sequence that later sees Dre's Ferrari corkscrewing through the air in a rather unbelievably fashion.

Dr. Dre stood back and watched the scene as they destroyed a brand new Ferrari 360 Modena, while giving a reaction you would expect watching a Ferrari worth $75,000 be tossed down a canyon road.

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It looks like Will Smith is following in his wife's footsteps. As previously reported, Will Smith and Jada Pinkett are remaking the film "The Harder They Fall" for their daughter, Willow.

Will Smith is also in talks about remaking a classic, of the 1974 comedy "Uptown Saturday Night." Will Smith is to produce the movie, and star alongside Denzel Washington.

The two will have leading roles, who's original production consisted of Bill Cosby and Sidney Poitier for those leads.

The story is about two friends who get robbed, losing their wallets in a night club. Throughout the movie the two buddies try to get their hands on their lost winning lottery ticket.

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Despite the comments previously reported of Paris Hilton saying "Black guys are gross," Lil Wayne may be pairing with Hilton on his next record.

The blonde heiress interviewed Wayne for the April issue of Interview magazine, but Weezy was the one who offered his services for her sophomore album.

"I was gonna ask you, how are you gonna release an album and don't get me on it?" Paris then replied, "Well, if you would be on the album, then I would be honored," she replied. "That would be the sickest thing. We should get each other's phone numbers so we can call each other after the interview or text or something."
Jay-Z And David Ortiz Finally Settle 40/40 Lawsuit

JAY-Z & DAVID ORTIZ

The ongoing drama between hip-hop mogul, Shawn "Jay-Z" Carter and Boston Red Sox star, David Ortiz over the name of Jay's 40/40 club reported here is finally over. The court battle was scheduled to take place Monday, but it was called off. Hov's attorney Peter Raymond stated, "The case has been settled in principle...We have agreed on the outlines of a settlement and need to reduce it to writing."

Meagan Good Cast As Lead In New Film 'Video Girl'

MEAGAN GOOD

Actress Meagan Good has landed the starring role in the new film "Video Girl." Good, who follows her dreams of becoming a music video model.

Walker is exposed to the perils of the industry and struggles in the drama, due in theaters April 29. Also featured in the film is Lisa Raye, Ruby Dee, Adam Senn, Haylie Duff, Bun-B, Melyssa Ford, Bobby Valentino, Hoobastank, Juelz Santana Angie Martinez, Claudia Jordan and Esther Baxter.

The Rock In Talks For 'Snitch' Action Thriller

DWAYNE 'THE ROCK' JOHNSON

LOS ANGELES -- Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson is in negotiations to star in "Snitch," an action thriller that Ric Roman Waugh is writing and directing for Exclusive Media. The project has been long in development and at one point was set up at New Line with Carl Franklin directing. The script centers on a suburban father who is hit hard when his teenage son is sentenced to 30 years under mandatory minimum drug laws. In order to reduce his son's sentence, the father goes undercover to help nab a senior drug dealer. The story is based on a "Frontline" documentary.

Friend Says Slain NY DJ Was Going To Buy Marijuana

NEW YORK -- A friend of slain radio and TV personality DJ Megatron told investigators Monday the two were chatting on the phone as the DJ went out to buy marijuana when the line went dead, likely because he'd been shot.

The friend was on the phone with the 32-year-old DJ, whose real name is Corey McGriff, at around 2 a.m. Sunday when the line suddenly went dead, police said. The DJ, also known as Mega and or Mega McGriff, was later found shot once in the chest. Police said he had been walking to a store near his home on NY State Island.

DJ MEGATRON

Police were looking at whether drugs may have played a role in his death. Police said Monday they do not believe it was a robbery. No arrests have been made.

Mack 10 Sued For Studio Time

West coast rapper, Mack 10 has been hit with a lawsuit that claims the MC has failed to pay for close to 30 hours of studio time. A lawsuit filed by Dog House Studio operator Rodger Carter, Mack 10 has an unpaid bill of close to $2,000.

Mack 10, rose to fame during the mid '90s as a frequent Ice Cube collaborator and member of the West Side Connection, is working on an album entitled Money Music with Glasses Malone, to hit shelves April 12.

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Buccaneer Cornerback Turns Himself In On Gun Incident

According to police in the Dallas suburb of Garland, Texas, Tampa Bay Buccaneer cornerback Aqib Talib turned himself in on a warrant accusing him of firing a gun at his sister's boyfriend. Police said Talib was released Wednesday after posting a $25,000 bond. According to police reports, Talib and his mother, Okolo Talib, shot at the man March 21st. The man was not injured. Authorities issued arrest warrants for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon for Talib and his mother. Talib's mother turned herself in on a charge of being a felon in possession of a firearm and bonded out Tuesday.

Local Youth Wrestler Brings Home A State Championship

Donoven Hough in action during the state competition that garnered him a gold medal.

BY LEON B. CREWS
Sentinel Staff Writer

Congratulations go out to Donoven Hough, who on March 6th competed in the Florida Amateur Wrestling Association State competition and brought home the gold. Hough wrestled four challenging rounds in the 98 pound Schoolboy Division as a member of the Caveman Wrestling Club. He accomplished his win in the championship match by pin in the second period.

Hough began wrestling at the age of 9, and has successfully progressed into a strong and competitive wrestler. He attributes his success to his training, his father, Don Hough, and his godfather, John Martin, in addition to the coaching staff at Caveman Wrestling Club.

In the summer of 2004 when any suggestion of Butler University playing for a national championship might have drawn laughter, an unknown assistant coach made a concerted, wide-ranging recruiting trip to Florida. He squeezed in one more stop, wandering over to Wharton High School's gymnasium to watch their workouts.

Butler head coach, Brad Stevens, checked out Shawn Vanzant and liked what he saw. He saw a defensive-minded, versatile player that fit their system. Vanzant became a recruiting priority.

It may have seemed unusual when Vanzant signed to play at Butler, a 4,200 student, mid-major school. But, the 6-foot guard said it was perfect for him. After four consecutive appearances in the NCAA tournament - and two straight trips to the Final Four - Vanzant will conclude his college career with a chance to win a national championship this weekend at Houston's Reliant Stadium.

The 8th-seeded Bulldogs (27-9) will meet the 11th-seeded Virginia Commonwealth Rams (28-11) in Saturday’s national semifinals.

Vanzant averages 8.1 points and 3.2 rebounds, and has had his greatest moment in the Horizon League tournament semi-finals. Vanzant scored 18 points in the final 15 minutes of the game as his team defeated Cleveland State 76-68.

In last Saturday’s 74-71 region final victory over the Florida Gators, Vanzant directed a flowing pass toward the rim where his teammate, Khyle Marshall, grabbed it and slammed it home.

Barry Bonds Is Not On Trial For Alleged Steroid Use

BY LEON B. CREWS
Sentinel Staff Writer

Federal prosecutors trying Barry Bonds for perjury have so far presented a strong case with testimony from several witnesses that the record-setting retired baseball player did in fact use steroids. Bonds admitted to a grand jury in 2003 that he thought the cream was Flaxseed oil. The question the government needs to prove is whether or not Bonds lied about knowing the cream had steroids.

According to testimony from his former girlfriend, Kim Bell, Bonds told her he was using steroids and that he blamed the drags for an elbow injury. All of this is hard to prove because one must be able to establish beyond a reasonable doubt what the defendant was thinking at the time of the alleged perjury. That means one must clearly establish an internal mind set based on external behavior.

There is also the problem of jury instruction about the legal standard needed for conviction. The federal government has spent in excess of $6 million in their effort to not just ruin Bonds’ career, but have him sent to prison.

Bonds is Major League Baseball’s record-holder for home runs in a career (762) and a season (73), and like Henry Aaron before him, there is a segment of society that still recognizes Herman “Babe” Ruth as the king, and are not willing to relinquish that claim. Oh, let’s not bring up the character of Ruth. No one ever wants to bring that up when talking about baseball’s best. The fact is, even after Bonds has walked out of court clear of this alleged perjury, the government will continue to spend our hard earned dollars to get him behind bars, or at least disgraced and removed from any consideration of entering Cooperstown.
Dez Bryant Sued For $850,000-Plus In Unpaid Bills

DALLAS -- Dallas Cowboys receiver Dez Bryant is facing two lawsuits seeking more than $850,000 for unpaid jewelry bills, NFL and NBA tickets and loans.

A Tarrant County man is suing Bryant for $558,500 worth of watches, earrings, bracelets, rings and other jewelry, plus $16,850 worth of tickets and $5,000 in unpaid loans. All the transactions were between June 2009 and June 2010.

Receipts signed by Bryant show that they were supposed to be paid by July 30, 2010, "or when he signs his first Marketing or Sports Contract, which ever happens first," the lawsuit said. The suit was filed in September and amended last week, before Bryant allegedly unleashed a tirade at a mall security officer concerned about his drooping pants.

Another lawsuit filed last week says Bryant owes a New York company $246,000 for jewelry purchases made between January and May 2010.

Phillips Back In Prison After Lying About Contact With Vick

QUANIS PHILLIPS And MICHAEL VICK

RICHMOND, VA. -- A co-defendant in the Michael Vick dogfighting case on Monday was sent back to prison for sex in a hotel room pleaded guilty Tuesday to meet former NFL star defendant in the Michael Vick dogfighting case on Tuesday, agreeing to serve

Newton Set To Visit Bills Headquarters On Tuesday

CAM NEWTON

BUFFALO, NY -- Former Auburn quarterback Cam Newton will get one final opportunity before this month's NFL draft to make a big impression with the Buffalo Bills.

The Heisman Trophy winner will make a pre-draft visit to the team's facility in Orchard Park on Tuesday, coach Chan Gailey confirmed following a May 6 meeting between Newton and Vick.

For Gailey, this will be the fourth or fifth time - he couldn't remember - Newton has met with the Bills, who hold the No. 3 pick in the NFL draft. And the coach considers Tuesday's visit as potentially having the most impact, because he'll get to spend the entire day getting to know Newton.

Jalen Rose Faces April Court Date

ROSE

WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP, Mich. -- Former NBA and Fab Five standout Jalen Rose is scheduled to appear in court in April after being issued a Citation earlier this month on suspicion of drunken driving.

Rose, now an ESPN analyst, was driving at 2 a.m. ET on March 11 when his Cadillac Escalade went off the side of an icy road, West Bloomfield police said.

A passer-by called police, who discovered the vehicle, the Detroit News reported.

UConn's Maya Moore Leads All-America Team Again

Connecticut's Maya Moore joins select company as only the second women's basketball player honored as a four-time All-American by The Associated Press.

Baylor's Brittney Griner, Stanford's Jeanette Pohlen, Texas A&M's Danielle Adams and Ohio State's Jantel Lavender also are on the team announced Tuesday.

Suspected Pimp Pleads Guilty

LAWRENCE TAYLOR

NEW YORK -- A man who arranged for a 16-year-old girl to meet former NFL star Lawrence Taylor for sex in a hotel room pleaded guilty Tuesday, agreeing to serve more than seven years in prison.

Rashied Davis, 37, entered the plea in U.S. District Court in Manhattan to one count of inducing the interstate travel of another for the purpose of engaging in illicit sexual conduct for financial gain. Sentencing was set for Aug. 10, when Davis faces a prison term that the government has recommended should fall between seven years and nine years.

Davis was arrested after the May 6 meeting between Taylor and the girl at a Holiday Inn in Ramapo, about 30 miles northwest of the Bronx. Taylor subsequently pleaded guilty in state court to sexual misconduct and paying a prostitute, admitting that he paid a 16-year-old runaway $300 for sex. Taylor said the girl told him she was 19. Prosecutors say the girl turned the money over to Davis.
Mr. Sam Brown was a veteran of the United States Navy. He leaves to cherish his memories: his children, Clements Brown McClain and Florence Brown, both of Tampa; two sisters, Louise D. McCall, II; and loving son, Donihue Doyle, Miami; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his lifelong companion, Juliet McCaul.

The family and friends are asked to meet at the chapel on Saturday at 1:45 p.m. for the service. AKIENS FUNERAL HOME

In Memoriam

Mr. & Mrs. Mary Louise McCallum

Homegoing services for Mrs. Mary Louise McCallum, who passed away on Saturday, March 27, 2011, will be held on Saturday, April 2, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Heaven Destiny AOG, 2450 Gilchrist St., Tampa, 33610. The family will receive friends from 10-11 a.m. prior to the funeral service. AKIENS FUNERAL HOME

In Memoriam

Eric Everett

Uncle, it has been five years since you left me. Not a day goes by that I do not miss you. I will always love you.

Your nephew, Ceddie-B.
Harmon

Funerals/Memoriams

MS. SOULE PIERRE

Homegoing services for Ms. Soule Pierre, who passed away on March 23, 2011, will be held Saturday, April 2, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Edgell Haitianite du Calvaire, 5010 E. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Tampa, 33610, with Pastor Lucas Stambil and Pastor Serge Jounn, officiating. Interment will follow in Rest Haven Memorial Park Cemetery.

Ms. Soule Pierre was born in a small town, called Fauché in Haiti on January 7, 1942.

She was survived by: her only son, Michelet Pierre; special grandchildren, Mario Pierre, Martine Pierre; and many more grandchildren, nephews, brother and sisters.

She was a Christian and lived her life by the Word. She would do anything for those in need because of her big heart; she was loving, caring, giving and kind.

The visitation for Ms. Pierre will be held this Friday evening, April 1, 2011, from 5-8 p.m. at Harmon Funeral Home, 5002 N. 40th Street, Tampa, 33610.

A HARMON BURIAL.

IN MEMORIAM

ALBERT HICKMON, SR.

Last year has come and gone since God has called you home.

We know our hearts we must go on with our lives. You don’t want us to forget you. We know that you are living today in our hearts. This day we remember you.

Yesterday we can’t find, tomorrow isn’t promised, today is the legacy you leave behind.

We miss you! Your loving wife, Rosemary; and children, Albina, Albert, Jr., Katrina, Rosina, Aldrina and Angelina.

A HARMON BURIAL.

MR. WILLER LEE GATES, III, A.K.A. THE BIG BEARCAT

Homegoing services for Mr. Walter Lee Gates, III, also known as the Big Bearcat to all of his family and friends in C. B. Land, who passed away on March 27, 2011, will be held this Saturday afternoon at 1 p.m., Saturday, April 2, 2011, at Harmon Funeral Home, 5002 N. 40th St., Tampa, 33610 with Chaplain Robert Glass, Jr. of Life Path Hospice of Hillsborough County, officiating. The interment will be private.

Mr. Walter Lee Gates, III started his life’s journey on November 13, 1946.

He was preceded in death by: his father Mr. Walter Lee Gates, Jr.; his mother, Mrs. Fredex Mae Johnson; and a sister, Olivia Applewhite.

Mr. Walter Lee Gates was a native of St. Louis, Missouri.

He was employed as a truck driver for B & R Food Distribution Company for 25 years until his retirement.

He leaves to cherish many found and wonderful memories: a loving and devoted wife, Mrs. Daisy Lee Gates; 2 brothers, Aaron Applewhite (Hillary) and Harold Miller; 3 sisters, Bobbie Gates, Ruby Miller and Mary Applewhite; 3 sisters-in-law, Lillie Pete, Betty Ann Luckner, and Shirley Luckner; and a host of nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, and great great nieces and nephews; special nieces, nephews, nieces, nephews, and friends; a host of other relatives and friends.

The visitation for Mr. Walter Lee Gates, Jr. will be held Friday evening from 5-8 p.m. at Harmon Funeral Home.

Friends attending the home going service for Mr. Walter Lee Gates, III are asked to arrive at the funeral home Chapel at 12:45 p.m.

A HARMON BURIAL.

BIRTHDAY MEMORIAL

WILLIE B. BROCK

4/7/2008

Missing you mother, happy birthday.

From your children and other family members and friends.

Jackson

MR. TENNIE SIMMONS, III

Homegoing celebration for Mr. Tennie Simmons, III, who passed away March 25, 2011, will be held on Monday evening from 7-9 p.m. at Harmon Funeral Home, 5002 N. 40th St., Tampa, 33610.

Graveside services andinterment will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2011, at 11:30 a.m. at Rest Haven Memorial Park Cemetery, 4615 E. Hanna Ave., Tampa, 33610, Pastor Jerry Neal, officiating.

Mr. William Jerome Todd was a native of Clarendon, North Carolina. He was employed with Braska Security.

He was preceded in death by: his parents, Onzle and Lela Todd; and brothers, John, James, Robert and Lolha Todd.

He leaves to cherish his memories: 2 daughters, Jannelle Amosolo (David), and Sinnamon Smith (Jermaine); grandchildren, Akela and Akayla Amosolo, Vincent and Isaiah Green and Jallina Smith; sisters, Alene Neal, Catherine Neal, Doris Tait (L. Z.), Sarah Tait (Carolyn Scott), and Janice Tait (Larry); and Janice Todd; brother, George Todd (Marla); host of other relatives and friends; special nieces, nephews, nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews; special nieces, niece, Nendletown (Tom); special great nieces, Peyton Stanley (Shawn), and Jocelyn Jenkins; host of other relatives and friends.

The visitation will be Monday, April 4, 2011, beginning at 5 p.m. Friends attending the Monday evening celebration of life for Mr. William Jerome Todd are asked to arrive at 6:45 p.m. at Harmon Funeral Home.

A HARMON BURIAL.

BABY RALY EUGENE CRAWFORD

The graveside services for Baby Ralyn Eugene Crawford, who departed this life to be with his Heavenly Father on Wednesday, March 23, 2011, will be held Saturday, April 2, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Rest Haven Memorial Park Cemetery, 4615 E. Hanna Avenue, with Rev. Dr. Linda C. Reese, Pastor of Pilgrims and Mission Baptist Church, officiating.

Ralyn Eugene Crawford, a precious baby boy, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, March 23, 2011.

Baby Ralyn was born on Saturday, St. Joseph’s Women’s Hospital, in Tampa, though he was only with us for a short time, he will be missed and members for ever.

He was preceded in death by: great grandparents, Walter and Marjorie Lovett, James and Ethel Crawford, Josie and Rosa Lee Jenkins; and auntie, Shemona Luckner.

Mr. Simmons leaves tender, loving memories in the hearts of: mother, Ariel Jenkins; father, Ryan Crawford, both of Tampa; grandparents, James and Pree Ellis Jenkins; and several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and great nieces and great nephews.

He leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Tammy Simmons; 2 stepdaughters, Sandra Lopez and Halinda Luckner; son, Rylan Jenkins; 4 step grandchildren, Sycia Robinson, Akela Luckner, Rylan Lopez and Octavian Martin; 3 step great grandchildren, Stacie, Ralyn Eugene, Rylan Eugene; 3 great nieces and great nephews, Tony Freeman, and Terry Gatewood; 3 great great nieces and great great nephews, Basil Riley, Ezechiel Riley, and Staff; 3 great great great nieces and great great great nephews, Curtis E. Clark, Samuel L. Simmons, and Samuel L. Simmons.

The family will be at Rest Haven Memorial Park Cemetery, 4615 E. Hanna Ave., at 11 a.m. for interment.

A HARMON BURIAL.

Ray Williams

FLORIDA SENTINEL BULLETIN PUBLISHED EVERY TUESDAY AND FRIDAY
**William Willingham** (Kim, nieces, nephews, cousins and uncles, Ralph Rolle (Jerri), Smith (Thoin), Lillian Jenkins, son, Clarissa S. Jones, Herman Cadore (Herbert); and sister, Renae B. Smith, Jr.; father, Ruffin

He attended Hillsborough County Schools from elementary to high school where he graduated from Hillsborough High School in 1978, the U.S. Job Corps (1979-1980), Erwin Technical Center (1982-1983) and Aiken Bible College (June, 1990).

Mr. Smith attended the First Born Pentecostal Church of Jonesboro, GA, where his son, William E. Smith, Sr., was pastor. He joined the church under the leadership of Elder James An-

He attended school in Albany, GA, and was a member of Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church. He was a retired employee of the City of Tampa.

He was preceded in death by: his father, George Evans, and his mother, Annie K. Dixon; and sister, Eunice Evans.

He leaves to cherish his memory: two sons, Steve Dixon, Sr., and Barry Renald Dixon; four sisters, Andrean Dixon-Price; two brothers, Fred Dixon, Jr. and Barry Renald Dixon, all of Tampa; four siblings, Anthony, Toney Williams, Sr., and Barry Renald Dixon, Sr. of Tampa, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other sur-

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Memories Chapel, 4207 E. Lake Ave., Tampa, on Friday, April 1, 2011, from 4-8 p.m. Family and friends are invited to attend a visitation/wake service at the Garden of Memories Chapel, 4207 E. Lake Ave., on Saturday, April 2, 2011, at 2 p.m., under the ministry of Pastor, Rev. E. M. Smith, Sr., and will conclude with a graveside service for Mr. Steve L. Dixon, Sr. of Tampa, to be held Saturday, April 2, 2011, at 3 p.m. at Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church, 4018 N. Florida Avenue, Tampa, officiating.

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HAPPY 26TH BIRTHDAY, LUMP-LUMP

JAMES LEONARD LUMPKINS, JR.
Birthday: April 3, 1985
Sunset: April 11, 2002

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A BIRTHDAY MEMORY OF A WONDERFUL MOTHER TO WHOM WE DEARLY MISS...

MRS. WILLIE MAE SINGLETARY
3/31/31 – 2/10/10

Mama words cannot express the days adding up from last year... Though day by day we long to have you near... Your voice we can still hear... Every time we shed a tear... An angel holds our heads up towards the sky... As we look to God for strength from on High... He gives us the peace we need to maintain... Because we know that one day we will be together again!

Love, your children: Pastor Debra and husband Apostle Harold Scott, Robin Brown, Johnny Lee Daniels, Willie B. and wife, Stephanie Daniels; grandchildren, Eugene Akins, Shareea Taylor Calvin Ball, Willie J. Daniels, Jeri Daniels, Shantae, Laqueenie, Robert Lee, and Eric Singletary, Amber and Ariel Daniels; great grandchildren, Asia, Trinay, Devaughn, Mervis, Yasmina, Jonathan, Calvin, Jr., Mia, Dante and Brianna. We Love You! Forever in our hearts.

IN MEMORY OF Buford 'SUGAR-MAN' ALLEN

April 2, 1952 – April 5, 1982
Gone, but not forgotten. Sadly missed by: your parents, Jessie L. Allen and Clara L. Allen; children and sisters, Brenda, Barbara and Bernita.

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THELMA ROBINSON

I have finished now with this house of clay, please kindly and gently, lay it away and let me rest from this life of pain, toiling in sunshine, storms and rain; trying to help the sick and poor, and turning no needy from my door.

I have started to do my Master's work, never a duty I shirk; many times I was misunderstood, when I had done the best that I could. I am tired now, so let me rest, don't you cry, don't you know, God knows best? Please no sad tears, no hung down heads, don't weep for me, for I am not dead. I have another house you know, where only God's redeemed can go. I don't need this house of clay, so tenderly, carefully lay it away.

Happy Birthday, 'Momma'. Love always, your daughter, Diane Robinson and grandkids.

NANNIE MAE PITTMAN JONES

It's been over five years since the Lord called you home to be with Him. But time will never erase the love and memories of your loving smile and caring heart through good and bad times. We miss you Mom on this special day. Happy birthday. From, your siblings and family!

A BIRTHDAY MEMORIAM

CARD OF THANKS

our sincere thanks for your phone calls, visits, cards, flowers, food, prayers and other acts of kindness during the sudden passing of our loved one.

Special thanks to our own Ray Williams Funeral Home Staff, David and Sarah Northen, Minister Jacqueline Leeks and Allen & Sanders Funeral Home for their first response and assistance, Wilson Funeral Home, Smith Funeral Home, Lawson Funeral Home, Everett-Derr & Anderson Funeral Home, Greater Bethel M. B. Church, Mt. Tabor M. B. Church, Charlotte Castellano, Sonja Sexton and Sol Davis Printing for a job well done.

May God bless and keep each of you.
The Rhodes Family

Remembering You On This 5th Year Anniversary

MRS. ZENOLA PUGH DAVIS

We will never be separated from your love. You left us with memories to hold and to love. You live on, not only in heaven with our God, but also deep within our hearts.

You are remembered by: Your daughters, E wyłącznie Anna, and their families, your son, Bob, and his family, your sisters and brothers, and their families. Your friends and customers at Pugh's Two Beauty Salon.
Our hearts are bowed in sorrow over the passing of our loved one, Mrs. Deloris C. Floyd. Yet, during this sad time, you have lifted many of our burdens for which we are extremely grateful.

Your kindness has given us the strength to withstand our loss and to accept God's Will. We pray that God will continue to bless each and every one of you. The family.

Although it has been a year since you've been gone, there's not a word to come out of my mouth is let me call Reggie.

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Members of Peace Progressive Missionary Baptist Church recently celebrated their 74th Anniversary. Pastor Albert Gallmon, Jr., is the senior pastor.

The theme for the event was "Inspired To Love Through Prayer." In addition to anniversary services, the church members also held a Spiritual Fashion Show. (Photographs by Julia Jackson and Toby Scott).

Among those attending the 74th Anniversary Celebration at Peace Progressive M. B. Church were Toni Kendrick, and Deacon Wade and Narita Green.

Ms. Annie Benjamin, Ms. Betty Bevel, and Ms. Pat Cooper attended the fashion show.

Ms. Delores Thomas and Ms. Karen Thomas, members of Potter’s House of Deliverance, visited Peace Progressive M. B. Church during their 74th Anniversary Celebration.

Ms. Maurice Allen, wife of the Minister of Music at Peace Progressive M. B. Church, is shown with daughter, Alexis.
Communities Shocked Over Wet Zoning Issue

BY LEON B. CREWS
Sentinel Staff Writer

Carver City/Lincoln Gardens Neighborhood Association Board Member, Rufus Lewis, said enough is enough.

Mr. Lewis is upset that the Tampa City Council, in a 4-3 vote Tuesday, approved the process of obtaining wet zoning to a matter of city administration instead of the Tampa City Council holding public hearings.

Mr. Lewis is a retired police sergeant, and a 46-year resident of Carver City/Lincoln Gardens.

“We are going on record in opposition of these proposed changes and will share it with the Tampa Times Editorial Staff that has already identified the new City Council as being highly qualified with a greater awareness of the needs within our city.

“We want this Council to recognize that they can and will be held accountable for violating the law in approving requests based on personal issues and circumstances.”

After failing to get the Council to not allow Joe Redding’s request for a special wet zoning of his brewery near Lincoln Gardens, Lewis said they are tired of their concerns continuing to fall on deaf ears.

“A good point was the recent final approval given to the Specialty Mall. It is evident that we can’t depend on or get support from our own Council Representative, Charlie Miranda, when we need him.”

Lewis said they hope the new Council will be more supportive and fairer in their business dealings and responsibilities.

Chair Council, Thomas Scott, explained that the idea behind the process was to streamline government so there won’t need to be a hearing on all requests.

“Certain criteria has to be met in order to get a permit through city administration. If the criteria isn’t met they will have to come before the Council and a hearing will be held. Businesses and small businesses won’t have to wait for the permit. This is intended to expedite the process.”

“The public hearings will still be a part of the process, but not as many. In the county, a Hearing Master hears the case and decides if the criteria has been met. We’re attempting to put a similar process in place.”

Chair Scott said he wants to make sure it’s understood that neighborhoods, schools, and churches will not be at risk with the passing of this ordinance.

“If under our current budget constraints, we had to streamline the process. But, that doesn’t mean there will be an invasion on communities with alcohol-selling businesses on every corner.”

Voting no on the ordinance were Council members, Mary Mulhern, Yvonne Capin, and Charlie Miranda.

Proposed School Calendar Will Affect Student Testing

During their April 5, regular board meeting, Hillsborough County School Board members will vote on the school calendar for next year. If the proposed calendar is approved, it will mean students will take semester examinations after returning from the Winter break.

The legislation dictates that the school year cannot begin any earlier than two weeks before Labor Day. This means the new school year will begin on Tuesday, August 25th and end on Friday, June 8th.

The proposed calendar would result in students returning to school on January 2, from winter break. It also calls for more five-day school weeks during the school year. If approved, students will be given Friday, April 6th, which is Good Friday, as a non-student day.

Students residing in the West side of the county will be given a day off to attend the Florida State Fair and students residing on the East side of the County will be given a day off to attend the Strawberry Festival.

Neighborhood Association Expands Boundaries

BY LEON B. CREWS
Sentinel Staff Writer

Sam Mobley, President of the Eastern Heights Neighborhood Association and Crime Watch, announces that the boundaries of their association have increased.

After reaching an agreement with the Northview Hills Neighborhood Association, and its president, Frank Reddick, Eastern Heights will now include the areas of Osborne Avenue to the North, Chelsea Street to the south, 44th Street to the East, and 40th Street to the West as part of their area.

“I sat down with Reddick in November of last year, and we agreed on the new boundaries. We are prepared to meet the residents in the new area, and have them attending our meetings and get involved in solving the problems we all face in the area.”

On April 24th at 6:30 p.m., the EHHNA will have a special meeting that will feature guest speaker Perry Johnson of the Prison Ministry of Florida.

The meeting will be held at Williams Park, 4653 East Osborne Avenue.

For more information about the meeting or the new boundary area, contact Sam Mobley at (813) 628-4243.
RAT'S 1ST LADY

MS. INDEPENDENT

Raised you from a baby to such a lady, wouldn't trade my only daughter for all the money in the world. Happy birthday to us Boo. Loving motherhood.

Happy Birthday Love

MZ. POOH, PRET And KELLY (HOMIE)

We're giving a 21st birthday shout out to our homie (Slim Roc), better known as The Lovely Rounds.

P. S. Let's have a ball signing off as the one and only D10 and Boosie Babymamas.

Happy Birthday

DEBORAH CALHOUN April 4

RUTH MCNAIR April 3

LINDA HERNANDEZ April 16

Happy birthday to our mother and grandma, Mrs. Ruth McNair. She has a lot to thank God for. God has blessed her to be 80 years old, April 3.

Her daughters, Deborah Calhoun's birthday in April 4, Linda Hernandez, April 16, and her late husband, Rev. Joe McNair's birthday would have been April 27.

We love you Mom, and pray God blesses you to have many more birthdays.

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**Happy Birthday**

**BRELONDRA SINGLETARY**

Happy 9th birthday to my Chocolate Bunny, a.k.a., Brelondra Singletary. Keep working hard on your education, Baby.

Love, moma, Daddy G and Fatdaddy.

**Happy Birthday, And I Am Her!**

**CHARMAINE JACKSON**

Happy birthday is being sent out to our First Lady, Ms. Charmaine Jackson.

From, your husband, Malcolm and our crew, Derrick, Kyheem, Ki’Variea, Lil Malcolm, ChaKyra, baby Malcolm and Makalo. We love you, enjoy your vacation.

**Happy 33rd Birthday, Mrs. Bundy!**

**CHAVON, TRINA And CHARMAINE**

Happy birthday Mrs. Bundy. We hope you enjoy your trip to Las Vegas.

Love, the Jackson family, Big Mama, Big Bow, Ms. Trina, Charles, Cooter and the kids.

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Happy Birthday, Big Daddy!

MELLISSA AND JEREMERY

Happy birthday, Boo, wishing you many more to come. And for those 'inquiring minds,' it's official, going stronger than ever. Love always. From, wife and kids.

RICCARDO, JR. AND NANA GRACE

Fat Daddy will be turning 1 year old on April 3rd and will be celebrating his birthday at DeSoto Park with family and friends.

ARMY PRIVATE GRADUATES FROM BASIC COMBAT TRAINING

Army Pvt. Rowlan J. Ruiz recently graduated from basic combat training. The ceremony was held at Fort Jackson, in Columbia, S.C.

Private Ruiz is the brother of Josmar Abreu, of Tampa.

ARMY RESERVE GRADUATES FROM BASIC TRAINING

Army Reserve Private Mikah H. Sallet recently graduated from Basic Combat Training. The graduation ceremony took place at Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla.

During the nine weeks of training, Private Sallet studied the Army mission and received instructions and training exercises that included drill, ceremonies, Army history, core values, traditions, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, rifle marksmanship, and weapons use.

Private Sallet is the son of Josette Walker, of Tampa. He graduated from King High School in 2000.

RHONDA

Happy birthday wishes to a daughter, sister, mother and a good friend. The Devil can only keep you down for so long, but as you grow older and wiser you'll always come out on top, the 30th is your day! Love always, Marva. Marva, Fie Head, Anyiah and Legend.

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Inmate seeking friendship and sincere correspondence. For more info, write to: Alphonso Willard, #47202-066 USP-2, Box 1034, Coleman, FL 33521.

BABY CARDO

We love you. Happy 1st birthday. Love, daddy and mommy.

DAMARI JAMEEL DRONE

Da Mari will celebrate his 2nd birthday on Saturday, April 2nd with family and friends at Chuck-e-Cheese. We love you and happy birthday, Grammie, Granddaddy, Mommie, Sissy and Tee Tee.

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There are many people alive today who suffer. Suffering is not something that only those who are unsaved must deal with, but it is also a part of life that the believer must endure as well. In this letter to Timothy, as recorded in this week’s lesson 2 Timothy 2:8-19, Paul encourages Timothy to remember Christ as he perseveres in his ministry. Remember Christ has been soothing to him in his state of imprisonment to his glory. He attributes his current endurance to the word of God. The world and the rulers of the world who do not believe so, will see you as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the word of God is not bound. The world may be able to lock you up, but they can’t do anything to the word of God. The word of God comes and goes as it pleases. It does not have visitation restraints. As you live, know that the word of God is free.

Paul then states, I endure for the elect’s sake, that they may receive the same salvation (vs. 9). People who proclaim the resurrection of Jesus and who encourage others to remember the word of God that they are going to make it, they must remember the power of God. It is necessary for the church to endure the hard trials of life because their endurance helps others to be saved. What must the church remember? If we be dead with Him, we shall also live with Him; if we suffer, we shall reign; if we deny Him, He will deny us, even if we don’t believe, He will remain faithful (vs. 11b - 13a).

No matter what you go through God is going to be faithful. God is always going to do what He says. No matter what you suffer for His sake, He has the power to turn it around. He turns the table on them. Paul tells Timothy to instruct them to stop arguing and fussing about stuff that profits nothing, the only person who gets hurt is the person listening to it all (vs. 14). These are the people in the church! Shout on Sunday, but shut down a board meeting on Monday. They make a church conference shut down on Sunday after church.

Paul lets them know that when church folk argue about things that do not benefit the Kingdom of God, the only people who are hurt are those who are not saved and those who are in the church trying to do right. He calls out and speaks the solution at the same time in verse 15. He says, study to show thyself approved unto God...rightly dividing the word of truth. If the church was filled with more who studied (not just reading) the word of God, most of these frivolous arguments wouldn’t take place.

When the church studies the word, there wouldn’t be a need to argue over the money from the chicken sale, because the church wouldn’t sell chicken.

A church that has studied would not have to have a business meeting about paying bills, but they would meet about how many families they serve, how many children they can help, and how many widows they can minister to.

Paul says that if the church studied, they could speak the word of God and put an end to a lot of the ungodly exchange of words. In the end, it is all about souls being saved and God being glorified.
**COGIC Holy Convocation**

The Jurisdiction of Southwestern Florida of the Church of God in Christ held its annual Holy Convocation in Tampa in February. Overseer, Bishop Charles H. Blake of California was the featured speaker during the week of workshops, prayer and worship services.

Bishop Matthew Williams, Jurisdictional Prelate, gave the message to close the Convocation at Brown Memorial COGIC, where he is the pastor.

The title of his message was "God's Church, God's People, God's Agenda" (Ephesians 5:25, Psalm 100:3, John 9:4). (Photos by Julia Jackson)

Bishop Matthew Williams illustrates his sermon before a full house at Brown Memorial COGIC.

Missionaries Jeannie Jenkins and Kay Frances Glenn at the closing service.

**Creating A Better Me: Tips From A Local Pastor**

**BY TAMERICA JOHNSON**

Freelance Writer

Job loss, housing crash, government cutbacks and threats of shutdowns, the economic recession has forced many Americans to adjust to a new normal. So, how does one stay sane in all the madness? A new book, written and published by a local young pastor, may provide some answers.

**Dr. Jeffery Johnson** is the Executive Administrative Pastor of 54th Street Church of God. His job is to coordinate the day-to-day affairs of the church while overseeing its more than 30 ministers.

He's also a writer and recently penned his first book entitled, *Creating a Better Me.* Johnson calls it "an authentic approach" for all who endeavor for greatness in the midst of life's challenges. The idea came from feedback he's gotten from inspirational postings he sent out on his Facebook and Twitter pages.

"Throughout the day I would tweet a prayer or what came to my spirit and I would have about 30 messages waiting for me from people who would say 'thank you [needed that]' or 'I was considering suicide and your words made a difference.'"

Johnson says the book consists of prophetic notes and personal reflections, but doesn't quite read like a traditional book.

"Instead of chapters the book is broken into weeks and each day has an inspirational quote, nothing big or theological, but for example, I have one that states, 'Nothing changes if nothing changes.' It's simple but thought provoking because if you don't do anything nothing changes. It sort of gets the reader thinking, 'what kind of changes can I make today [that could change my situation] down the road?'" [The bottom line is] we have to do something in order for something to be done."

Johnson self-published the book and hopes to build on its foundation by producing follow ups twice a year.

*Creating a Better Me* can be purchased by logging on to www.jajij.org. The price includes shipping and handling.

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Happy Easter, Have A Wonderful Spring Break

Birthstone: Emerald
Flower: Lily

April Birthday Celebrants


Sick And Shut-Ins

Our prayers and get well wishes go out to: Geneva Lucas, Willie Mobley, Maurice Green, Ramona Wilson, Darlene Lise, Beatrice Rodriguez, Annie L. Davis, Homer Hemmingsway, Eloise Leeks, Roy McCoy, Marjorie Guest, Mr. and Mrs. David (Alberta) Shredrick, Ormiller Kelsey, Ruth Brown, Ben Coleman, Patrice Carawell, Daisy Ulmer, Ruth Hires, Mary Reid, Sandra Martin, Dorothy Collington, Stanley Turner, Homer Lanier, Anna Jeannot, Clarence Dempsey, Marie Benson and Arleane Evans.

Sympathy

Our condolences are sent to the Rolfe, Mims and Glover families who recently lost their loved ones. Sympathy is sent to the entire Saffore family in the loss of their loved one. Our deepest regrets are sent to the Brigham and Bernard families in Tampa and Ocala, due to the recent loss of Mrs. Toferaya Brigham-Bernard, who departed this life on March 17, 2011. She was funeralized on Saturday, March 26, 2011, at 3 p.m. in Ocala. Rev. Dr. Lorenzo Edwards officiated the homegoing celebration. She leaves to mourn in Tampa her brother, Gregory "Woody" Brigham and wife, Carolyn; and families of McNairs, Hills, Jeffreys and Anthony.

May each of you seek the Lord for comfort, guidance and strength during this time of bereavement.

Unspoken Prayer Requests

Unspoken prayer requests go to the following families: Washington, Jewls, Dennis, Williams and Sarah Johnson family in Brooksville, FL.

St. James AME Church
Of Progress Village News

The Community Hour of Power Bible Prayer Band meets each Thursday morning at 10:30 a.m. This is a group of God's children gathered together on one accord to learn the Word of the Father. Everyone is invited to come and share.

Congratulations

Congratulations are extended to Mrs. Linda Sweet-Washington for accepting the role as our Civic Council President. We wish you good luck! The Monday night meeting was well attended and well informed.

The next Civic Council meeting will be April 18th at 7 p.m. Come out and join in on the agenda.

Scholarships

If you are a college student or getting ready to become one, send an email to blewicestampa@yahoo.com for information on scholarship opportunities.

Upcoming Events

The Haitian Education Project (HEP) invites you to support their 3rd Annual Run for Haiti at Al Lopez Park in Tampa on April 3, 2011. For more information visit the website: www.haitieducationproject.info

Family Fun Day is April 9, 2011, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. For more information call (813) 628-9179.

Tampa Bay Walk Autism is Saturday, April 16, 2011 at Al Lopez Park at 4810 N. Himes Ave., Tampa. For more info, call (407) 478-6350.

Community Clean-Up is April 16th. Details coming.

Tara's Juristic Journey at Lowry Park Zoo, 1101 W. Sligh Avenue, Tampa, now through May 1, 2011. There are special exhibits of life-like and life-size dinosaurs that move, blink and roar. For more info call (813) 935-8552.

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Thought For Today

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Call your news into Gloria McNair at (813) 928-5293.
Bay Area Resident Recounts Her Ride To Freedom

BY TAMECA JOHNSON
Freelance Writer

The Tampa debut of the much anticipated film Freedom Riders takes place in just a few weeks. It's following account of the Civil Rights Movement and the brutal fight during six months in 1961 to desegregate interstate travel.

Blacks and Whites joined together by the hundreds to take part in the movement, focusing primarily on desegregating bus travel.

However, one Bay Area woman went another approach when they joined the movement and directed their attention to the skies.

Kredelle Petway was a long time St. Petersburg resident, but currently lives in Apollo Beach. However, she grew up in Pensacola, spending some time in Montgomery, Alabama. Her father was a minister in the A.M.E. Zion Church. She was 20 years old in 1961 and a junior at Florida A&M University when the Freedom Riders got underway that spring.

Petway, her dad, younger brother and a white graduate student from Ohio State University set out on a mission to fight to end segregation in public facilities at southern airports.

The group finished their meal, then boarded a plane headed for Jackson, Mississippi. When they landed, the reception was just what they expected.

"[Officers] had the paddy wagon waiting for us. They had closed all the air terminals. There were water fountains outside. We weren't supposed to drink from them, but we did because the whole point was to be arrested. We were escorted to the [police car] and taken to jail."

Petway, her family and friend spent three days behind bars, but Petway says she wasn't scared because her strong belief in the movement took away all fear. "It was almost like a surreal experience. I thought 'is this real?' That was more at the forefront of my mind. I think I had more disbelief than fear, but I trusted my dad and felt him knowing what he was doing."

Their fight and the fight of others to end segregation paid off. Petway went on to participate in many other demonstrations but never considered she was making history. "My only focus was for us to get some semblance of equality as consumers and students."

She has a lot of pride when thinking about those years, but admits the memories bring some sadness. "I don't think the younger generation realizes the sacrifices that were made to have, for them, equality in their education, employment and living opportunities today."

She hopes that all changes when Freedom Riders premiere Wednesday, April 13 at the Tampa Theater. WEDU is sponsoring the event. Showtime is 7 p.m. and Petway will be there. It is free and open to the public with a pre-screening reception at 6 p.m.

"There is limited availability for the reception. Reservations are required and can be made at wedu.org/freedouriders."

For more information call (813) 254-9338 x2241.

Tampa Native To Appear On 'Comedy Central'

BY LEON B. CREWS
Sentinel Staff Writer

Jesse B. "Jet" Hudson was born the last of 12 children. He was raised in Central Park Village, and learned at an early age the importance of hard work and not giving up. As a small child, he was often seen running up and down Central Avenue selling the Florida Sentinel, inviting bus riders and people from the many celebrities who visited the area as he could.

That childhood had a great influence on Jet Set, and he knew then he wanted to be an entertainer.

After turning 18, Jet Set turned his sights on Hollywood, California, and began the pursuit of his career as an entertainer and actor.

"I consider myself living proof that hard work does pay off, and you must be willing to make sacrifices along the way and not ever give up," said Jet Set.

"When something is important to you, you can't allow yourself to quit when the going gets tough."

Jet Set has appeared as an extra in several movies and television shows, but on April 6, Comedy Central will begin its broadcast of 10 episodes of a new show called Work-A-Holic. Jet Set will be appearing in six of the episodes.

"I feel so blessed to be a part of this. I'm thankful to God for this opportunity, and dreams do come true. I'm proof of that."

"I come back home every chance I get and try to encourage young people to be the best they can be, and never accept no for an answer."

I also tell them no matter how many doors are slammed in your face, keep knocking, because sooner or later, one will open and you will be invited inside."

Jet Set said he owes so many people a debt of gratitude in Tampa for encouraging him to keep going.

"If it weren't for the people in my hometown of Tampa, I would have never gotten this far."

"I feel like I am obligated to reach back and help as many people I can, either through my experiences, or contacts I've made along the way."

Jet Set will be returning to Tampa for the Central Park Reunion later in April, and wants everyone to check their television listings for the time the show will air.
Young Middle Magnet School
Hosts 365 Days Black History

On Thursday, March 24th, members of the community gathered at Young Middle Magnet School. The purpose of the gathering was the school's 365 Days Black History and Retirement Celebration. The program featured a wide array of soul food dining, followed by the Black History and retirement program. The school celebrated the retirement of Dr. Julia C. Barnes. Dr. Phyllis Tucker-Wicks presided over the program; and Dr. Angela Chaniel, principal of Young Middle Magnet School, extended the welcome. Presentations and academic reflections were made by Dr. Chaniel, Dr. Margaret Fisher, retired educator and former principal of Young Middle Magnet School; Mrs. Joann Reed, Mrs. Jane Bailey, Mrs. Samantha Maddox, Assistant Principal of Young Middle Magnet School, and Andrew Olson, Assistant Principal of Young Middle Magnet School. Student performers were: Shyla Larry, Adria Johnson, Derrick Cottman, Lance Felton, Syterick Jones, Chazz Cooks, Heaven Stephens, Julia Flowers, Julia Johnson, Jeremeneque Cannon, Quani Bentley, and Jeremiami Wicks. Following dinner, the play "When Black History Worlds Collide, Great Artistry Arises," was performed. Dr. Tucker-Wicks and Dr. Philetha Tucker-Johnson co-directed the play. (Photography by Julia Jackson and Toby Scott.)

Shown from left to right are Ms. Carolyn Taylor, niece of Dr. Julia Barnes, Dr. Barnes, the honoree, Dr. Margaret Fisher, retired educator, and Ms. Irene Harris attended the event.

Sytterick Jones performed as Prince during the show.

Ms. Joyce Austin and Ms. Evelyne Keeton attended the affair.

Lance Felton portrayed Elijah McCoy during the Black History Celebration. McCoy was the inventor of the automatic lubricator for the steam engines of locomotives and boats.

ADRIA JOHNSON
Dr. Angela Chaniel
Principal of Young Middle Magnet School

Members of the Young Dance Performance Group on the first row from left to right: Allison Shanklin, Jamie Dawson, and Thalia Garcia; on the second row left to right: Dionnie Colon, Teacuna Williams, and Alexia Thompson; and on the third row from left to right: Chelsea Young, Miriam Hornsby, and Shayna Iverson.

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DIRECTIONS: Several days in advance, tint fondant rose, blue and yellow; roll out 1/8-inch thick. Cut circles using largest Round Cut-Out; cut across circle, slightly more than halfway. Using smallest Round Cut-Out, cut scalloped edge; with spatula, score umbrella rib lines. Let dry on waxed paper covered cake boards. Reserve remaining tinted fondant. Attach dried fondant pieces to lollipop sticks with Fondant Adhesive. Roll a 1/4-inch ball of matching fondant; attach to umbrella top with adhesive. Let dry.

Preheat oven to 350°F. Prepare cake mix following package instructions; place batter in Pastel Silicone Baking Cups supported by cookie sheet. Bake 18-20 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean; cool completely.

Ice cupcakes smooth with icing; sprinkle with Heart Drops. Insert fondant umbrella. If desired, tie ribbon around stick.

Homemade Lemonade

Please keep in mind that only white and blue violets are edible. However, the yellow ones will still look stunning in a small vase.

Homemade Lemonade

DIRECTIONS: Place the sugar in a 1-gallon container and bring 1 1/2 cups of water to a boil on the stove. Pour the hot water over the sugar and stir until dissolved. Add the lemon juice and fill the pitcher the rest of the way up with water. Mix well and serve in tall glasses filled with Violet Ice Cubes.

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Violet Ice Cubes

DIRECTIONS: Boil water for 2 minutes for all the air trapped in the water to escape. Then leave to cool till room temperature. This will ensure that the ice cubes are crystal clear.

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Fill each compartment half full with the cooled boiled water and freeze.

After the water is frozen solid, fill each ice cube compartment the rest of the way to the top with the remaining boiled water. Refreeze and allow it to remain in the freezer until you are ready to use them.
Floral Fondant Bouquet

1 box (18.25 oz.) yellow cake mix
2 containers (15 ounces each) part-skim ricotta cheese, divided
4 eggs & 1/4 cup water & 1/4 cup vegetable oil
3/4 cup confectioners’ sugar & 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 cup miniature semi-sweet chocolate chips
1 cup thawed non-dairy whipped topping
1 package (10 oz.) Vanilla Whipped Icing Mix

DIRECTIONS: Preheat oven to 325°F. Spray two 8-inch round cake pans with vegetable cooking spray; set aside.

In large bowl, beat cake mix, 1 container ricotta cheese, eggs, water and oil with electric mixer on low for 30 seconds. Increase speed to medium; beat for 2 minutes until smooth. Divide batter evenly between prepared pans. Bake 32 to 35 minutes until golden brown and firm to the touch. Let cakes cool in pan on cooling grid 10 minutes. Remove from pans and cool.

For filling, place remaining ricotta cheese in food processor; pulse several times until smooth. Add sugar and cinnamon; pulse until combined. Scrape cheese filling into bowl; fold in chocolate chips and whipped topping. Cover and refrigerate until ready to use.

To assemble cake, cut both layers in half horizontally, forming 4 thin layers. Place one layer on cake board or serving plate; spread 1/3 of filling onto layer. Repeat with remaining 3 layers and filling.

Prepare icing mix following package instructions. Spatula icing on cake. Position flowers on top of cake; fill in with leaves. Arrange additional flowers and leaves along bottom border.

Flowers & Leaves

1 package (4.4 oz.) Neon Colors Fondant Multi Pack & 1 package (4.4 oz.) Pastel Colors Fondant Multi Pack (green)

DIRECTIONS: Roll out colored fondant - 1/16 to 1/8 inch thick. Using medium Flower Cut-Out, cut flowers. Shape on thick Fondant Shaping Foam using ball tool; place in Flower Formers dusted with cornstarch to dry. Roll small balls of yellow fondant; attach to flowers with damp brush. Roll out pastel green fondant 1/8 inch thick; cut leaves using varied sizes of Leaf Cut-Outs. Place on thin foam. Using veining tool, mark vein lines. Dry completely; if desired, dry in flower formers dusted with cornstarch.

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April Is National Autism Awareness Month

Autism is a developmental disorder that appears in the first 3 years of life, and affects the brain’s normal development of social and communication skills. Autism is a physical condition linked to abnormal biology and chemistry in the brain. The exact causes of these abnormalities remain unknown, but this is a very active area of research. There are probably a combination of factors that lead to autism.

Genetic factors seem to be important. For example, identical twins are much more likely than fraternal twins or siblings to both have autism. Autism affects boys 3 - 4 times more often than girls.

Is Stress Affecting Your Skin?

No one is immune to stress. Ongoing stress can wear you down and make you sick, both inside and out.

Reduce The Effects

• Don’t neglect your skin.
• Get regular exercise.
• Take time for yourself to do something you enjoy.
• Practice stress management techniques, such as breathing exercises, yoga, meditation, or visual imagery.
• Stay well-hydrated.
• Get regular sleep -- seven to eight hours each night.
• Learn to say no. Don’t feel pressured to do an activity if you don’t have to.
• Talk to someone.
• Have something that is weighing on you or you feel overwhelmed by life’s demands, seek support from a friend or a professional therapist.

1. Don’t Smoke. Yes, this seems obvious. Smoking has been linked to various types of cancer -- including cancer of the lung, bladder, cervix and kidney -- and chewing tobacco has been linked to cancer of the oral cavity and pancreas. The same holds true for second-hand smoke. So for your own health as well as others' around you: Don't smoke.

2. Consume Broccoli, Berries and Orange Juice. Broccoli contains high levels of indole-3-carbinol, which can slow down the rapid cell growth that fuels tumors. Strawberries and blackberries contain ellagic acid, which is also considered a powerful cancer fighter. And orange juice is high in folate, another key nutrient for combating carcinogens.

3. Exercise. Staying fit and keeping a low body-mass index is key to good health. Women who routinely perform moderate-to-vigorous-intensity exercise for 2.5 hours or more weekly have a significantly reduced risk of endometrial cancer.

4. Get Checkups. One of the best ways to fight cancer is to find it early. Regular checkups and self exams are the quickest ways to detect a problem. Doctors can perform tests to detect skin, colon, prostate, cervix and breast cancers. The key is to get yourself into the doctor’s office for an appointment!

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Men: Conquer Your Stress

Stress is a serious factor in men’s health. Daily tension and emotional strain has been linked to heart disease, high blood pressure, migraine headaches, and many other chronic illnesses. Men experiencing high levels of stress can also experience anxiety, insomnia, fatigue, and depression, and are very likely to turn to unhealthy habits like smoking, drinking, overeating, and/or drug abuse to help deal with that stress.

So, what’s a guy to do?
1. Sleep well. 7 to 8 hours of sleep each night can help your body recover from past stress and be better prepared to deal with new stress. Avoid caffeine and other stimulants that might promote stress.
2. Exercise regularly. It has been proven to reduce stress levels, help to burn off pent-up energy and tension. It also improves overall health.
3. Figure out the cause of your stress. Dealing with the problems that cause tension can relieve you of stress.
4. Adjust daily behaviors. Time your daily commute to avoid rush hour. Shop when you know the store won’t be crowded. Eat down on the time you spend with people who get on your nerves. Schedule your time well and determine the most important of the tasks you’re trying to handle, methodically completing those first, then moving on to less critical jobs. Resist trying to do multiple projects at once.
5. Adopt a more positive attitude. Always looking on the sunny side sounds cliché, but it does work.
6. Accept the things you can’t change. There are going to be things in your life that you can’t control, no matter how hard you try.
7. Celebrate your victories. When you accomplish a personal goal or finish a major project, do something nice for yourself. It can be as simple as getting a massage or as extravagant as taking a weekend getaway. Celebrate your achievement before you jump into the next project.

Your outlook is such an important factor in how your body deals with stress. Following the above steps will help you put stress in perspective and start enjoying your life.

Exercise Essential In Diabetes Treatment

People with Type 2 diabetes should get at least 150 minutes of aerobic exercise each week. The exercise should be spread over three or more days each week. Moderate-to-vigorous exercise can help improve insulin and blood sugar production, reduce the levels of cholesterol and other fats in the blood, and lead to weight loss.

Type 2 diabetes is a significant cause of premature death and a contributor to diseases of the heart, kidneys and nervous system.

Allergy-Proof Your Home

Part I

If you have hay fever or allergic asthma, take a few steps to reduce allergens in your home.

Some steps to reduce indoor allergens are complicated and time-consuming—but there are some easy things you can do that may help. Remember that some may be more effective than others, depending on what particular allergy or allergies you have.

Bedroom
1. Bed and bedding. Encase pillows, mattresses and box springs in dust-mite-proof covers. Wash sheets, pillowcases and blankets at least twice a week in water heated to at least 130 F (54 C). Remove, wash or cover comforters. Choose bedding made of synthetic materials.
2. Flooring. Remove carpet frequently. Use low-pile carpeting and vacuum weekly with a vacuum cleaner that has a high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filter. Shampoo the carpet frequently.
3. Curtains and blinds.
5. Furnishings. Choose easy-to-clean chairs, dressers and nightstands made of leather, wood, metal or plastic. Avoid upholstered furniture.
6. Clutter. Remove items that collect dust, such as knickknacks, tabletop ornaments, books and magazines. Store children’s toys, games and stuffed animals in plastic bins.
7. Pets. If you can’t find a new home for your dog or cat, at least keep animals out of the bedroom. Bathing pets at least twice a week may reduce the amount of allergen in the dander they shed.
8. Air filtration. Choose an air filter that has a small-particle or HEPA filter. Try adjusting your air filter so that it directs clean air toward your head when you sleep.

Use washable curtains made of plain cotton or synthetic fabric. Replace horizontal blinds with washable roller-type shades.
President Barack Obama declared Monday night that the U.S. military action in Libya had "stopped (Moammar) Gadhafi's deadly advance," fulfilling what he said was a U.S. responsibility not to "turn a blind eye to atrocities in other countries."

"It may not happen overnight, as a badly weakened Gadhafi tries desperately to hang on to power," the president said. "But it should be clear to those around Gadhafi and to every Libyan that history is not on Gadhafi's side."

In a nationally televised address from the National Defense University in Washington, Obama sought to convince a skeptical Congress and a doubting nation that he was doing the right thing by intervening militarily in a third Muslim nation. He did that by casting the conflict as a moral response to oppression by Libya's leader, whom he called "a tyrant."

In leading a Western coalition "to stop the killing," Obama said, the U.S. prevented "a massacre that would have reverberated across the region and stained the conscience of the world."

The administration has struggled to make clear what it hopes to achieve in Libya, where U.S. forces were sent March 19 while Obama was out of the country on a South American tour.

In a Gallup poll released last week, 59 percent of respondents said they backed the campaign, the lowest level of support ever recorded in a poll taken at the beginning of a U.S. military action.

No Targeting Of Gadhafi

But Obama said that was as far as the U.S. was willing to go, cautioning that broadening our military mission to include regime change would be a mistake. "If we tried to overthrow Gadhafi by force, our coalition would splinter," he predicted. "We would likely have to put U.S. troops on the ground or risk killing many civilians from the air.

Jean-Claude "Baby Doc" Duvalier is being discharged from a hospital in the country's capital. Two SUVs and a police escort were waiting outside the hospital Tuesday to take the ex-strongman known as "Baby Doc" home. Family friend Enzo Alcindor says Duvalier is headed to the villa where he is under house arrest.

Alcindor says he does not have any information about Duvalier's health. Duvalier was admitted to the hospital Wednesday night after complaining of chest pains.

Mandela's Foundation Launches Twitter Account

NELSON MANDELA

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA — Nelson Mandela's foundation is reaching out to the young, networked and socially conscious, bringing teens to a news conference Monday to announce it was launching a Twitter account.

Thando Sithethe, a 17-year-old Soweto high school student, called Mandela a "father to everyone" and said he would use his own Twitter and Facebook accounts — and MXit and The Grid as well — to urge his friends to mark Mandela Day, an international day devoted to public service that falls on Mandela's July 18 birthday.

Mandela, who turns 93 this year, has largely retired from public life.

Child Welfare Worker Charged in Death of Child Couldn't Handle Caseload

WASHINGTON — Christine Kwapis is charged with 20 counts of criminal negligence in connection with the death of a 2-year-old child. Kwapis is accused of neglecting the child while taking care of him at a daycare center.

In this Sept. 24, 2003 photo, Betty Dukes, right, lead plaintiff in a potential class-action suit against Wal-Mart, poses with fellow plaintiffs shortly before a hearing in San Francisco. From right to left are Dukes, Patricia Surgenson, Stephanie Ode and Christine Kwapis. Whether the suit can go forward as a class action that could involve billions of dollars to varying estimates, and potentially could cost the world's largest retailer billions of dollars.

Court To Take Up Huge Sex Bias Claim vs. Wal-Mart

WASHINGTON — A New York City child welfare supervisor charged in connection with the death of a starved and beaten 4-year-old girl says she told her superiors the caseworker couldn't handle his workload.

If convicted, Adams faces up to 30 years in prison. Adams' lawyer tells the journal he can't confirm that. The administration for Children's Services workers pleased not guilty last week to criminally negligent homicide and other charges.

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A Celebration Of African-American Heritage

On February 11th, the community of Plant City joined together with members of the Plant City Black Heritage Celebration, Inc. at a banquet to celebrate great Black heritage of the city. The chosen theme for the 8th Annual Plant City Black Heritage Banquet was "Uniting Our Community to Move Forward".

Venus Jones, Perform-ance Artist of Tampa served as the Mistress of Ceremony. Minister Edward Singleton of Greater New Hope Anointed Ministries rendered the Invocation and blessing of the food. Mayor Dan Raulerson extended greetings from the City of Plant City and the Proclamation was given by Hillsborough County Commissioner Al Higginbotham.

Dorothy Ann Johnson, a Plant City Educator introduced the special guests of honor, Mayor Dan Raulerson extended greetings from the City of Plant City and the Proclamation was given by Hillsborough County Commissioner Al Higginbotham.

A friendship that was shared and the welcome and shared the occasion. Aleoya Brunson, an 8-year-old Lakeland student received a standing ovation as he blessed the audience with a gospel solo. A Presentation of Black Heritage Heroes was given by students of the Bryan Elementary Honor Society. Florida Senator Artthenia Joyner, keynote speaker, encouraged everyone to remember all aspects of our history and retell it to our children; if you want to know the end, look at the beginning... proud, hard-working and innovative African Americans are living and loving out loud... that's you.

Her message of encouragement was entitled Reconnecting With the Community.

The presentation of Awards was rendered by Sharon Moody, Plant City Black Heritage Celebration, Inc.’s President and Event Coordinator.

Award recipients were: Carolyn Brown, Appreciation Award; family members of the late Nora Lee Spencer-Green received the Heritage Award in honor of her lifetime of community/church contribution and service, love and education shown in Plant City and surrounding communities; Elease Mosley-Bosler, age 95, received the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Bosler was the first African American bus driver in New York City; Unity in the Community represented by Steve Hurley received the Community Service Award and Praise & Deliverance Temple Church of God by Faith represented by Minister Jerome Forison, Pastor and Elder Thomas Faison, Jr., one of PDT’s former pastors, received the Cornerstone Award for outstanding service that it renders to the community of Plant City.

Awards for outstanding support of the Plant City Black Heritage Celebration, Inc. were given to Senator Joyner and William and Ruby Jackson of the Tampa Bay Black Heritage Festival.

Class Of 1971 News

The Rochelle/ Kathleen/ Lakeland Minority Class of 1971, Inc., Class of Distinction, the president, Theodis Preston, George Edwards, Jr., Vice President, recently held its monthly meeting and received a standing ovation as they celebrate one year of wedding bliss on April 6th.

May the Lord continue to bless us with many more anniversaries!

Celebration of Marriage To Be Held

A friendship that was shared by two has grown into a love so true! A celebration of marriage in honor of Lee Andrew Mitchell and Florence Laveta Mitchell will be held on Saturday, April 2, 2011 beginning at 2:00 p.m. The host-site will be Victory Temple Church of God by Faith, 325 West Second Street in Lakeland. "We Shall Never Forget the Halls of Rochelle"

Congratulation, winners!

Talk To Shaw-Nuf

Shaw-Nuf Talk wants to hear from you. Share your exciting news and/or photos of your celebrations, special events, birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, family reunions, church or community events, etc., with the readership of the Florida Sentinel Bulletin and Shaw-Nuf Talk by sending an e-mail to: shawnutfalk@yahoo.com or calling (863) 513-8437.
Holiday Fellowship Banquet Held

At the close of 2010, the pastors, ministers, evangelists and their spouses of the Tampa West Coast District Church of God by Faith gathered in celebration of the season. The host-site of the evening of fellowship was the dining-hall of Victory Temple in Lakeland. Mother Lillie Williams served as coordinator. Celebrants enjoyed laughter, songs of praise, a teambuilding activity and exchanged gifts.

Anita Landers and Merissa Landers served as hostesses. Program participants were: Minister Anthony Landers, Minister Derrick Blue, Karen Brown and Shawanda Harden.

Dinner was catered by Mother Ollie Mae Smart and served with smiles by Torrina Williams and Florence Davidson.

Some of the other celebrants were: Elder Thomas Faison, Mother Margaret Faison, Yvette Jordan, Deloris Landers, Minister Gary Hird, Caroline Hird, Myrtle Landers, Regina Phillips, Evangelist Juanita Jones, Minister Ricky Brown, Minister Derrick Blue, Melanie Blue, Minister Fred Sears, April Sears, Minister Emanuel Dudley, Christine Dudley, Elder Calvin McDonald and Belinda McDonald. (Photos by Shaw-Nuf).

Minister Gary Hird with his wife, Caroline.
Minister Ricky Brown with his wife, Karen.
Minister Fred Sears with his wife, April.
Minister Derrick Blue with his wife, Melanie.
A beautiful Praise Dance was given by Shawanda Harden.

Application Deadline Extended For Student Ambassador Program

The deadline to apply for St. Petersburg’s Student Ambassador Program to Takamatsu, Japan, has been extended one week, to April 8, 2011. Two high school juniors will be selected to represent St. Petersburg on a three-week trip as goodwill ambassadors. They will visit Takamatsu and learn more about Japanese culture and experiencing daily life with a host-family.

Applications for the exchange program are available at www.stpete.org/Japan and must be received by the city's Office of Arts and International Relations at the St. Petersburg City Hall on or before 12:00 noon on April 8th.

Students completing their junior year in 2011 are not required to attend a St. Petersburg-based high school, but they are required to legally reside inside St. Petersburg city limits.

All qualified applicants will be interviewed by members of the International Relations Committee before two finalists are selected.

For more information or to download application materials for the Student Ambassador program, visit www.stpete.org/Japan.
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No.: 09-CC-034119
CROSSWYNDE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION INC., A Florida Not-for-Profit Corporation, PLAINTIFF

vs.
ROBERT CARPENTER, et al., DEFENDANT(s)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final judgment Foreclosure dated the 23rd day of March, 2011 and entered in Case No. 09-CC-034119, of the County Court ir and for Hillsborough County, Florida, wherein Crosswynde Condominium Association, Inc., is Plaintiff, and Robert Carpenter is the Defendant, I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the Hillsborough County Courthouse, 800 E. Twigg Street, 2nd Floor, Tampa, FL 33602 at 2:00p.m., on the 29th day of April, 2011, the following described property as set forth in said Final Judgment, to-wit:

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Family and friends joined Clarence and Yvonne Fort on the first day of the New Year at a reception to honor their 50 years of marriage. The event was held in the atrium of the Sheraton Suites Hotel. The guests enjoyed a variety of beverages and hors d'oeuvres while being serenaded with jazz tunes by a saxophonist.

The guests were moved to the main ballroom for the entrance of the anniversary couple dinner. The couple's daughter, Angelita Fort-Jacobs of Atlanta was the mistress of ceremony. She welcomed the guests and paid a special tribute to her parents through a poem.

Reverend Walter J. Williams gave the prayer. Minister Willie Kimbrough administered the Anniversary Dedication.

The couple's grandchildren, Tress and Nyla Jacobs of Atlanta and Kofi and Nathalie Fort of St. Petersburg recited poems, sang, played an instrumental solo as a tribute to their grandparents.

The couple's first dance was to the tune of "You Send Me," recorded by Sam Cooke. The couple was joined by others as they danced to "At Last" by Etta James. The couple was also honored by expressions from Elvira Pinder and Barbara Wright. Family expressions were presented by George Fort, Minister Oscar Johnson and Dr. Nathalia Fort. The Anniversary Toast was presented by Dr. Kenyon Fort.

Expressions from the couple included thanking God for blessing their 50 years and sharing words of wisdom.

Entertainment for the evening was provided by Henry Ashwood and Carlton Lattimore.

Residents from Progress Village, where the couple resides, who attended the event were Beverly Webb, Bertha Kemp and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Smith. (Photos by Lomax McIntyre)
Chess Team Wins 2011 Regional Championship

BY IRIS B. HOLTON
Sentinel City Editor

On Saturday, February 26th, members of the Academy Prep Center of Tampa Chess Team participated in the 2011 West Florida Regional Chess Championship. The team members captured their third consecutive title during the event.

Additionally, the school’s newly formed K-5 Chess King Cobras Team won 3rd place in the regional competition. This year marked the first time girls were included in a major event. Two girls are on the King Cobras Team and three are members of the APC K-8 Team.

Coach Ted McNair said, “I am quite proud of our students’ achievements, both on the chessboard and in social arenas. More importantly, chess helps them excel in academic areas (reading, math, competitive sports).

It teaches critical thinking, problem-solving, patience, social interaction, and goal setting. These needed attributes are crucial as our students transition through their formative years. In my opinion, all children, beginning at age 4, should be given the opportunity to learn chess.”

Youngsters who attend the Academy Prep Center of Tampa must be eligible for the free or reduced-price federal school meals program, and they must attend school up to 11 hours a day, 6 days a week, nearly year-round in small classes.

They are also exposed to a full range of academics, including preparatory level English, literature, mathematics, science, social studies, writing, art, drama, library skills, and computer lab.

The school also requires that students participate each day in afternoon enrichment programs, including classes and programs in dance, music, karate, chess, various sports, art, Scouts, career development, social skills, leadership skills, and community service.

Youngsters also take required Saturday field trips, community service activities, and an 18th month program in June.

Members of the winning team shown are: Saul Aviles, Khanas Hogan, Janae Noah, Tanayja Warren, Christopher Custodio, (holding team trophy), Antonio Johnson, Antavious Jordan, Randall Hernandez, Louis Mayer, and Coach Ted McNair.

Members of the K-5 Chess King Cobras Team and their coach shown are: Cedric Jackson, Coach Ted McNair, Tajae Warren, Richard Clouden, and Isaiah McKeller. Sabrina Mayer is not shown. They earned 3rd place in the Regional Tournament.

Singers and Musicians Conference, Health Fair This Weekend

The Dr. Dorinda Clark Cole’s 3rd Annual Regional Singers and Musician’s Conference and Health Fair featuring “The Clark Sisters, Sunday Best winner, Leandria Johnson, Sunday Best finalist, Durward Davis, Stellar Award Winner, Troy Sneed, and Prophetess Janet Floyd convenes on Friday (today), April 1, 2011 and continues through Sunday, April 3, 2011. The event is being held at The Center For Manifestation, 3102 East Lake Avenue, Tampa (33610). The host pastor is Apostle Mark Jones, founder of the church.

Friday night is the New Artist Showcase where artists may register and be critiqued by the Clark Sisters, Sunday Best artist, and record executives for a chance to win an all-expense paid trip to National Singers and Musicians Conference in Detroit, Michigan in September along with $500.00 from the conference.

On Saturday, the event will climax with what is being called “The Clark Sisters, Troy Sneed and groups and choirs from around the state and county. Saturday night begins at 7 p.m.

The weekend will feature events on Sunday at 5 p.m. featuring Sunday Best Leandria Johnson, Durward Davis and sermon by Prophetess Janet Floyd.

The weekend of events will also feature workshops and music provided by the Clark Sisters. Friday night begins at 7 p.m.

Saturday will be the health fair and music workshops. Several trained professionals from the bay area will be facilitating classes and giving information.

The music workshop classes will be facilitated by The Clark Sisters, Troy Sneed, and other music professionals from around the country. Saturday workshops begin at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday night will be a musical featuring The Clark Sisters, Durward Davis, Troy Sneed and groups and choirs from around the state and county. Saturday night begins at 7 p.m.

To register and for more information you may visit www.OMJEventPlanning.com or call (813) 241-6949 or 727-244-8110.
For Your Info

Ask Deanna! Is an advice column known for its fearless approach to reality-based subjects!

Dear Deanna,

I have been designated as the babysitter and caregiver for my younger brothers and sisters. My mother started having kids again after I turned thirteen. Now I’m in college and I can’t get my homework completed, I stay tired all the time. I try to talk to my mother, but she is always fussing about her boyfriends, my siblings’ fathers and money. I don’t want to quit college or ruin my relationship, but it looks as if that’s where things are heading. What can I do?

Tamyra Jackson
On-Line Reader

Dear Tamyra:

Families stick together no matter what and in your case, you have to be the glue. You may not see it, but your mother is doing the best she can with what she has. All you can do is hang in there, help the best you can and push yourself harder to become better and achieve. You should work out a schedule with your mother, college and the kids and be sure to rest and stay focused. You will get your reward in the end after you’ve done the right thing.

Dear Deanna!

I want more out of my current relationship. I think my past is causing negativity between us. I have been known to have more than one boyfriend and play the field, but I’ve changed. I’m ready to settle down, but my past seems to haunt me on a regular basis. My boyfriend tells me he would commit, but he’s afraid he can’t trust me. What can I do to prove that I’ve changed and can be trusted?

Anonymous
Charlotte, NC

Dear Anonymous:

People believe that once you’re a cheat, you will always be a cheat. Your lack of care for your morals is giving you a dose of reality that you can’t seem to swallow right now. You’ve shown your boyfriend quite a few things when you thought he and others were not looking. The only thing you can do is stay on the straight and narrow path in your relationship, meet his expectations and demonstrate to him that you’re on his team seeking longevity and a future.

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Mrs. Nellie Iverson celebrated her 100th birthday recently at a celebration in Mango Estates. Her daughters, Mildred Iverson and Barbara Anderson hosted the celebration. (Photos by Julia Jackson)

Birthday honoree, Mrs. Nellie Iverson with her daughters, Mildred Iverson and Barbara Anderson.

These cousins and friends at the 100th birthday celebration for Nellie Iverson: Toynetta Williams, J. and J. Johnson, Alice Johnson, Willie Mae and Billy Thomas and Ronnie Anderson.

Mrs. Iverson's grandchildren included: Jermaine Iverson, Betty Thomas, Robert White, Samuel Jones, Darryl Anderson, Trinity Hayes, Vincent Iverson, Lisa Brooks and Deldre Cochran.

Birthday honoree surrounded by Julius, II, Marquis, Julius, Sr., Megan, Shauna Cochran and Deldre Cochran.

Heather, Jimmie, Jeremiah, Jimmie, Jr. and Vincent Iverson, Jamaria Drayton, Adryiann Iverson and Monica Iverson.

Yolanda Anderson sang a solo to Mrs. Iverson.

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