First Black Named To Chair Ybor Chamber

Police Chief Names Female Captain

Aspiring Teen Chef Needs Help For Trip

GROUP OBSERVES 93RD BIRTHDAY OF LIFELONG EAST TAMPA RESIDENT

On Tuesday, the East Tampa Community Partnership Group paused during their meeting to honor lifelong East Tampa resident, Mrs. Georgia Owens, on her 93rd birthday. Mrs. Owens was also presented a special observance letter from Senator Kathy Castor, recognizing her as 2011 Citizen Of The Year. In the photo (from left to right) are: East Tampa Community Revitalization Partnership Chair, Evangeline Best; Aide To Senator Kathy Castor, Chloe Coney; Honoree, Mrs. Georgia Owens, and her daughters, Miriam Mitchell and Vivian Heyward.
Man Waiting On Lung Transplant Highlights Need Of Organ Donors

BY IRIS B. HOLTON
Sentinel City Editor

Last week, as the story of a young man in need resulted in the community coming to his aid. However, his story also drew attention to the need of organ donors.

Enock Mezilas is a patient at Tampa General Hospital, who is waiting on a lung transplant. But, last week, he wasn’t on the waiting list because his family could not afford the high co-payments required by the insurance company.

However, as his story circulated within the community, more than $40,000 was raised to offset the cost of the life-sustaining drugs he will need after the transplant.

The 20-year-old was treated for tuberculosis and asthma. However, after having a lung biopsy, it was discovered that acid reflux had damaged Enock’s lung.

Unfortunately, by the time it was discovered, it was too late to treat it. Enock is on the waiting list for a lung transplant now. The demand for organs is overwhelming,” he said.

Currently, more than 110,000 people are waiting on transplants in this country, with more than 4,000 of that number being in Florida. According to the latest statistics by LifeLink, 18 people die every day without the transplant they need.

There is no age limit for organ donation and donation places no financial burden on the donor’s family or estate, a spokesperson for LifeLink said.

Anyone interested in learning more about organ donation can call (813) 253-2640, 1-800-262-5775; or visit the website at www.DonateLifeFlorida.org.

Man Waiting On Lung Transplant

Open House Saturday, May 14, 2011

Mt. Pleasant Standard Based Middle School Open House will be on Saturday, May 14, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. The Open House will include a tour of the school, meet and greet with the staff, registration for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders, and a yard sale. Please make plans to join us. Food will be served.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the school, (813) 253-0053.

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Aspiring Teen Chef Needs Help To Fulfill Dream

Steven Oats, a 16-year-old high school student at Sickles High School is an aspiring pastry chef. Steven has been baking and decorating cakes since the age of 10. Steven is active in his home church of First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens, Rev. A. W. Greene, Pastor. He is President of the Youth Choir, works with the Kids Care ministry and the Mine Ministry. He is active in school and the community. Steven provided desserts last year to help raise money for the Warrick Dunn Foundation.

Steven will be having a fundraiser this Sunday, May 15, 2011 at Big John’s Alabama Barbeque, 5707 N. 40th Street, to help raise money for his trip overseas. The event will start at 4 p.m. and a small donation (tax deductible) is requested. Steven’s mother is Paula Stevens-Jones, and his grandmother is Martha Stevens.

Readers Respond To Appellate Court Ruling On Noise Law

BY IRIS B. HOLTON
Sentinel City Editor

On Wednesday, the Second District Court of Appeal ruled that the state law governing booming car stereos is unconstitutional because it violates the First Amendment. The law stated that anything that can be heard more than 25 feet away from the vehicle was too loud.

The Justices ruled that the law was too vague and requested the Florida Supreme Court render an opinion. Some readers shared their thoughts on this latest ruling.

Tampa Police Major Gerald Honeywell said, “We have to enforce the law. With this latest ruling, all we can do is wait on our legal department for direction.”

Ms. Betty Bell, a retired City Council member, said the law has an existing City Ordinance pertaining to noise levels. However, she was disappointed in the court’s ruling because of the senior citizens. They are prisoners in their own homes because of loud music.

Howard Harris said, “I wish the law was 15 ft. I deserve not to have my hearing space invaded by ‘Noise Sharers’ playing BOOM! BOOM! so loud that I can’t hear my own car radio or be awakened at 3 a.m. by some idiot trying to blow his ear drums out.”

The Second District Court of Appeal oversees a 14-county area that includes Hillsborough, Pinellas, and Pasco Counties.

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Donor Appreciation Luncheon

The first graduates of the Link Scholarship Program are: Derecia Timmons, Noela Laline, Essence Grant, Natalia Parra-Barrero and Jazmin Woods.

Program’s First Recipients Graduate

The Academy of Holy Names Link Scholarship Program held a Donor Appreciation Luncheon recently for those who donated the scholarships and the 5 scholarship recipients. These are the first graduates from the program.

The Link Scholarship Program was established in 2007 for the scores of their FCTA writing classes came in, they knew they weren't going to be what they used to be. Going from an A school to an F was devastating for all of us. We all took it hard, but later I embrace it and it has been a great learning experience.

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Hillsborough County High School Graduation Dates

NOTE: All Graduations Will Take Place At The Florida State Fairgrounds Expo Hall

Thursday, June 2, 2011
School .......... Time
King High School 9:30 a.m.
Newcomb High School 1:00 p.m.
Sickles High School 4:30 p.m.
Lennard High School 8:00 p.m.

Friday, June 3, 2011
School .......... Time
Plant High School 9:30 a.m.
Leto High School 1:00 p.m.

Monday, June 6, 2011
School .......... Time
Armwood High School 9:30 a.m.
Chamberlain High School 1:00 p.m.
Riverview High School 4:30 p.m.
East Bay High School 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 7, 2011
School .......... Time
Plant City High School 9:30 a.m.
Galtier High School 1:00 p.m.
Bloomdale High School 4:30 p.m.
Spoto High School 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 8, 2011
School .......... Time
Jefferson High School 9:30 a.m.
Robinson High School 1:00 p.m.
Freedom High School 4:30 p.m.
Hillsborough High School 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 9, 2011
School .......... Time
Strawberry Crest High School 9:30 a.m.
Wharton High School 1:00 p.m.
Tampa Bay Technical High School 4:30 p.m.
Brandon High School 8:00 p.m.

Friday, June 10, 2011
School .......... Time
Blake High School 1:00 p.m.
Middleton High School 4:30 p.m.
Alonso High School 8:00 p.m.

Charter School Ranks First On FCAT Writing Scores

Walton Academy For The Performing Arts 4th grade class with principal, Tanika Walton (rear, far left).

By Leon B. Crews
Sentinel Staff Writer

Walton Academy For The Performing Arts founder and principal, Tanika Walton, said last year, they had some challenges, and before the scores of their FCTA writing classes came in, they knew they weren't going to be what they used to be.

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USF Offers Swim Classes For Children

Parents who want their children to learn how to swim in safe surroundings — and have fun in the process — will have four opportunities at the University of South Florida this summer. USF’s Department of Campus Recreation will hold the Learn To Swim program, taught by experienced instructors.

Children ages 3 and older will learn not only how to swim, but water safety and survival skills. No more than six children will be assigned to each qualified instructor.

This provides students with a more enjoyable experience as they receive more individual instruction and positive reinforcement. A certified lifeguard and a supervisor will be in attendance at all times.

There are four Learn To Swim sessions: May 16-June 3, June 6-23, June 27-July 14, and July 18-August 4. Each session will consist of 12 45-minute classes, which will run from Monday through Thursday (except on the Memorial Day and Fourth of July holidays). The classes for the May 16-June 3 session will be held at 5:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m.

The classes for the remaining three sessions will be held at 10 a.m., 5:30 p.m., or 6:30 p.m. All classes will be held on the USF campus at the Campus Recreation Center’s indoor pool, just northwest of the Sun Dome.

Free parking will be permitted one hour before and after each class to allow for students to be picked up and dropped off.

For more information or to register, go to http://asis.fastmail.usf.edu/campusrec/Aquatics/LearntoSwim.htm.

For questions, call Campus Recreation assistant director Kimberly Mallard at (813) 974-8234.
Another View
By Randy Kinsey

My Mother Was Rich

Mother's Day just passed and it was not really a very good day for me. I got to thinking about my deceased mother, Rebecca Kinsey. God how I missed that lady.

I began to think how lucky I was to have had "Ms. Beck," as my mother was called, as my mother. Ms. Beck was very rich.

So, she didn't have any money. She didn't have a savings account, a checking account, owned no stocks and bonds and had only the house we lived in as real property.

Still, my mother was very rich. She was rich in her love for her family, her neighbors and her friends.

Her love for all of these people was so deep until she would give her last to any of these people who happened to be in need. She always put these peoples' needs ahead of her own. I know Ms. Beck to go to a sick neighbor's house and wash and iron their clothes, clean up their house and cook for them and then come home to our house and do the same things.

My mother was rich in her faith in education. She firmly believed that a good education was the key to a good job and a successful life. Even though Ms. Beck only had a fifth grade education, she believed and demanded that her six children get a college education.

Ms. Rebecca Kinsey was rich in her belief in God Almighty. She went to church as often as she could, but she prayed all the time. She prayed for everybody and especially her children. She always asked God to protect and deliver her children.

I believe to this day that much of the miniature success that I have enjoyed has come on the wings of Ms. Beck's teachings and practices.

Ms. Beck was worth tens of millions of money in terms of her patience and endurance. There were times when she would work two and three jobs in order to get her children through college. Most importantly, she never complained, never sought the limelight and never strayed from her innate goodness.

Ms. Rebecca Kinsey was a rich lady. No, not at any bank, but in the eyes of her children, her neighbors and her friends. The good of all of this money never bothered Ms. Beck. She took what she had and did what she had to do, and she never worried about what she didn't have.

I know that there are a lot of other Ms. Becks out there. Some of them are not doing for God and some still doing their thing. To all those Mothers I want to say a happy belated Mother's Day.
Beating Black Superman

BY CLARENCE BARR, II

I am not a political strategist. But if I were a shot caller for the Republican Party, I'd seriously consider saving some money by concealing the upcoming presidential election and focusing on 2016. Because, as things stand now, a person would stand a better chance staging a snowball fight on Clearwater beach in July than beating President Barack Obama for the White house in 2012. And it's not just the monumental surge President Obama recently received from taking out one of the most notorious mass murderers in history, Osama bin Laden, that makes him a hairbreadth away from a sure thing. It's the relative weakness of his competition that will play the key ingredient in what is sure to be an air-port press conference. When comparing each of their credentials against President Obama's the question isn't, "Can he win?" It is, "How can he lose?" Anyone looking at President Obama's resume since being elected in 2008 would find it hard not to be impressed. He's only the third sitting President in the U.S. to win the Nobel Peace Prize, and the first president to successfully pass universal health care legislation.

He staved off a potentially devastating financial crisis. And as mentioned previously, the thing with that terrorist in Pakistan last week didn't turn out too bad for him either. President Obama's role is such that it would take something along the lines of a Monica Lewinsky-esque indiscretion to slow him down. But considering he's married to a woman with looks that put women 20 years her junior to shame, that seems highly unlikely.

For the challengers attempting to unseat a president with this type of clout, their dilemma resembles that of comic book villains who desperately try to find ways defeat Superman. But instead of continuing down a road that leads to an inevitable let down, I suggest they take a little friendly advice from those who grew up in rough and tumble neighborhoods across the country. When you see the biggest, baddest dude on the block shooting hoops on the only goal in the park, you don't pick a fight because you want to play on the same court. You just wait until he's finished.

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Legislature

Senator, State Rep. Elected To Florida Black Caucus Officers


Two Tampa elected officials were chosen as officers for the Florida Legislative Black Caucus. The election took place last Thursday.

Senator Democratic Leader Pro Tem Arthenia Joyner (D-Tampa) was elected as Vice Chair and Representative Betty Reed was chosen as the Parliamentarian. Other officers elected are to serve are Chairwoman, Rep. Mia Jones, Sen. Oscar Braynon (D-Jacksonville); Secretary, Senator Oscar Braynon (D-Miami); and Treasurer, State Rep. Alan Williams (D-Tallahassee).

Senator’s Victim Protection Bill Heads To Governor

Legislation sponsored by Senator Arthenia Joyner (D-Tampa) adding protections to victims of relationship violence is now headed to the governor’s desk for signature. SB 240, unanimously approved by the Senate in April and on Wednesday unanimously approved by the House creates additional ways a person can violate an injunction for protection against repeat violence, sexual violence, or dating violence by making it identical to the ways a person can violate an injunction for protection against domestic violence.

“Change makes it clear that this type of violence against a person should be treated equally without regard to the living situation of the victim. The legislation creates parity for victims of these unacceptable acts,” Senator Joyner said. This year marked the fourth attempt by Senator Joyner to pass these beefed-up protections. The measure was sponsored in the House by Representative Janet Cruz (D-Tampa).

State Representative Expresses Frustration

BY LEON B. CREWS
Sentinel Staff Writer

Florida State Representative Betty Reed has been appointed to be a part of the Congressional Redistricting Committee, and said Amend­ ments 5 and 6 will make a diff­ erence in the way that will be handled.

“We are canvassing the state now and we want com­ munity people involved in that process. “What’s of even greater concern to me is the turmoil in Tallahassee right now. Bills are being passed that are pure nonsense, and I can’t believe what’s going on.” Rep. Reed said she’s preparing now for the different fights that are still ahead, but it’s still amazing how bills are being passed without any con­ cern as to who they will impact. “Republicans are flexing their muscles and don’t know everyone to know they are in con­ trol. They seem to have no concern that the bills they are passing impact their con­ stituents as well as Democrats.”

“I can’t believe that these things are occurring with a group of people who seem to only be trying to prove a point, instead of doing what’s in the best interest of the people.” Rep. Reed said that’s why it’s so important for the people to vote so these situations don’t occur.

“We’ve got to put the right people in place who care about the welfare of all the people in­ stead of just looking out for af­ flicted.”

Meeting

Middleton Class Of 1972, 1973

The Middleton Class of 1972 and 1973 will have its monthly class reunion meeting, Saturday, May 14th at 2 p.m. at the C. Blythe Andrews Library, 2607 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. All class members are encouraged to come out as we continue preparations for our 40th year celebration in 2012.

Contact phone number, 813-377-6600; Library, 813-273-3652.

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NAACP To Hold General Meeting

Members of the Hillsborough County Branch NAACP will hold the General Meeting for the month on May 19th, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will take place in the Cafeteria at Middleton High School, 4801 N. 22nd Street.

The meeting is open to the general public and those in attendance will discuss issues and concerns from members of the community.

For additional information contact the branch office at 813-234-8683; or visit the website at www.hillsborough-naacp.org.

Free Professional Grant Writing Workshop

The West Tampa CDC and The National Institute for Strategic and Tactical Planning will host a free professional grant writing workshop in basic grant writing on May 27th from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the West Tampa Library, 2522 West Union Street.

It is encouraged that staff, administrators, board members of non-profits, faith based organizations, government agencies and other tax exempt status organizations attend.

For more information, contact Michael Randolph at (813) 87-7657. Seating is limited so please email wefindgrants@aol.com or mkeconsultant@gmail.com to confirm a seat and to attain an invitation and workshop packet. No one will be admitted without an invitation.

State


TALLAHASSEE — The American Civil Liberties Union of Florida announced that Senator Tony Hill and Representative Betty Reed received the organization’s “Defender of freedom” award for the week that ended April 29th.

Sen. Hill and Rep. Reed sponsored similar bills (SB 1086 and HB 779) that would prohibit any inmate in a Florida corrections facility from being shackled or restrained during childbirth or related medical care.

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Community Health Fair

WHERE: Caregiver’s Helping Hand, Community Health Fair at Williams Park, 4663 East Osborne Avenue, May 21st from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.


The event is free to the public and there will be food, booths, games, and many health related activities for families and seniors.

There will also be AIDS testing, and blood pressure and diabetes checks. The organizers are anticipating at least 200 families to attend, and for more information, call (813) 431-1814, or (813) 433-3316.

Eat It Up Tampa Bay Wants To Feed 300 Homeless People

BY LEON B. CREWS
Sentinel Staff Writer

Bernadine Tejeda’s “A Place For Hope Incorporated,” will be hosting “Eat It Up Tampa Bay” this Saturday, May 14th from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Ms. Tejeda said the goal of the event is to feed 300 homeless people at Homeless Recovery, 2410 North Tampa Street.

“We’re asking that all homeless people register for the event at Metropolitan Ministries, the Salvation Army, or at Homeless Recovery Friday. You must be registered to attend.”

Ms. Tejeda said this is the first of many events planned for the summer to reach out to the growing number of homeless people in the area.

Young Man Learned Hard Lesson Growing Up

BY LEON B. CREWS
Sentinel Staff Writer

Growing up in Sulphur Springs, Jeff Hilaire had a lot of tough decisions to make. With so many negative things going on around him, he couldn’t resist being drawn into the negative lifestyle.

“As a teenager, I started hanging out and got into trouble. I was watching a lot of my friends getting locked up, getting out, and not changing their lifestyles.

“When I got locked up, I got my GED, a job, and saved money to pay restitution to my crime victims. I was also fortunate enough to get some mentoring from my employer at Kentucky Fried Chicken. He helped steer me in the right direction.”

Hilaire said after writing a letter of apology to the victim of his crime that’s when everything hit him.

“I began to realize this wasn’t a game. I was just throwing my life away and when a friend was sentenced to 30 years in prison at the age of 16, I said enough is enough.

“The problem in society today with a lot of young people is they want everything to come easy and they’re lazy. We can’t allow the system to control our lives. The judicial system doesn’t expect us to amount to anything and they never expect us to make something good of our lives.”

Now 21, Hilaire said he’s finishing a book and has been able to share his story through motivational speaking at area youth centers.

“I want to speak to the young people locked up in the detention centers, but they won’t allow me to do that because I have a prior record. I think that’s wrong. I believe I can help them by telling them my story.”

Hilaire said he’s going to stay positive and continue to associate with older adults that can help him get his message out.

“Today’s young people have so much potential and don’t realize what they’re capable of. That’s a shame.”
Volunteers Needed For Central Park Village Reunion

BY LEON B. CREWS
Sentinel Staff Writer

No one has been more passionate about a reunion of former residents of Central Park Village than Clarence Jones. Although he wasn’t born during the early era of CPV, he considers himself a part of its history, and created the concept of a reunion three years ago.

This year’s reunion will be from June 24th through June 26th, and Jones said there is still plenty of work to do.

“It’s almost impossible trying to do all the things to make this successful on your own. When the work going on with the Encore Project on the former CPV site, it makes it difficult to find a place in that area to hold meetings.

“What I’d like to do is recruit a group of volunteers who have the time to spread the word, help secure some venues, and do whatever it takes to increase participation at this year’s event.”

Jones said this year’s reunion will be in honor of Jessie “Jet Set” Hudson, whose family was one of the first to move into CPV in 1954.

“I want his year’s event to be one that will be talked about for years to come. That’s why it’s so important that all of the former residents, especially those from the 1950s, participate this year.”

Anyone interested in volunteering for this year’s event can contact Jones through his website; djassociationoftampa@gmail.com.

You can also attend the meetings held every Monday at the Robert Saunders Library on Nebraska Avenue from 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

Pastor Brings Gospel Play Back To Community

BY IRIS B. HOLTON
Sentinel City Editor

In August, Dr. Rose Marie Solomon introduced “The Twisted Double Life Of "Reverend And First Lady Lee” to the St. Petersburg community. On Saturday, May 14th, at 6 p.m., she will once again bring the drama to life in Tampa.

The cast will take to the stage at the Center For Manifestation, 3102 E. Lake Avenue, to once again deliver the powerful message. Cast members include Chamion Sparrow as Delilah; Diane Wingfield as Mother Potts; Beverly Grant as the First Lady; Derrick Isham as Pastor Lee; Lee Kelly as Deacon Wilson; and Davonette Henson as the Secretary.

The play focuses on the public and private lives of a minister and his wife. Pastor Lee's congregation and the public sees a devoted, loving husband and father. However, out of public sight, the wife endures verbal and physical abuse.

Mrs. Lee covers her bruises and acts as if nothing is wrong until a mother of the church pulls her to the side and tells her there is nothing “right” about being abused.

Pastor Lee is then forced to deal with the consequences as his world begins to fall apart. He must come to terms with his abusive nature and decide between his family or Delilah, his mistress of five years.

Dr. Solomon said that although the play focuses on the life of a minister, it is intended for anyone who serve as leaders. Its purpose is to demonstrate that no one is perfect.

A native of Montego Bay, Jamaica, Dr. Solomon her husband, Frank, and their family currently live in Orlando and is the pastor of Miracle Life Changing International Ministry. She is the mother of 3 children and grandmother of 3.

“This play is not about pointing fingers, but about making people aware of their situations.” She stated that she selected a pastor as the main character in the 15-member cast because pastors are supposed to be better examples.

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Flea Market Announces
Big Promotional Event

BY LEON B. CREWS
Sentinel Staff Writer

The sagging economy has hurt all businesses, and the International Flea Market on Fowler and Nebraska Avenues has not been immune. In a huge promotion, the Flea Market will be offering several great prizes through a raffle.

A customer with a winning raffle ticket can walk away with a new lawn mower, bicycle, washer and dryer, or the grand prize, a Mercedes Benz.

Flea Market owner, Bryan Rhee, said this year, this has started getting better, and he's still hanging on. "You have to keep promoting your business to let your customers know you're still around and still have their interests at heart. It takes a lot of money, but that's the way I do business." Mr. Rhee said although the sagging economy has had an impact on the Flea Market, because of all the discounted bargains the various businesses offer, business has increased slightly, and he expects things to get a lot better.

The Food Court has been upgraded and now features international dishes as well as domestic favorites. The International Flea Market has the distinction of being the only one in the area with a fitness center. The Gold Rush Fitness Center continues to attract people who want to get in shape. Operated by former top cruiserweight contender, Michael "Gold" Rush, the center offers an array of services, including boxing, exercise equipment, nutritional counseling, and personal training.

"I want to continue to be instrumental in giving our young men an alternative that's far more beneficial than the streets," said Rush. "I want to continue to mentor them and play a role in helping them stay out of trouble and either learn to box or just get in shape."

The grand prize drawing will be held December 17, 2011. Mr. Rhee said before then, he will have already started the next big promotion that will also feature prizes. "This will be a continuous promotion and each time, we will be holding a raffle with the winner walking away with a great prize. In two weeks, I will make a formal announcement of more prizes that will be added to this first promotion."
Students Honored At Annual Turnaround Awards Ceremony

Last week, the Hillsborough County Public School District recognized students who had made the greatest improvements during the academic year. On Wednesday and Thursday, middle school students were honored at Blake High School in the Black Box Theater.

They were presented their Turnaround Awards during a ceremony.

Walt Shattner, Director of Non-Traditional Programs for the Hillsborough County Public School District gave the welcome and introduced the keynote speaker. He also presented the awards. Mark Ober, Hillsborough County School Board Attorney, was the keynote speaker for both events.

On Wednesday the honorees were: Bartels, Walton, Simmons; Benito, James Montgomery; Buchanan, Brian F., Forester; C. Leonman, Samantha Sile; Farnell, Isaiah Sante; Greco, Malachi Libardi; Liberty, Linda P.; Singleton, Damon; Snow, Monique; Sillins, Jennifer; Spranger, Jeremie Pierce; Monroe, Soha Ibrahim; Pierce, Elizabeth Morales; Rampello, Downtown Partnership, William David Ulula; St. rej; Smith, B.B. Roswell, Lawrence; Stewart, Jose Ramirez; Dorothy Thomas, Daniel Ryan Mallory; Walker, James Johnson; Webb, Markus Rose; and Wilson, Tito Medina Torres.

On Thursday the honorees were: Adams, Isaiah Sanchez; Burnett, Shara O'Neal Bell; Burns, Savannah Fair; Eisenhower, Jasmine Constance Phillips; Ferrell, Davonte Myers; Franklin, J'Ronne Pitts; Giunta, Walter Baldwin; Jennings, Donnell Davis; Mancia, Jared Shirley; Marshall, Mark Walton; McLane, Karon Williams; Memorial, Julisa Gonzalez; Mulranean, Kristal Glenn; Randall, Emma Araujo-Saravia Rodgers, Ashley Lottio; Shields, Alisha Gaines; Sligh, Rick C. Dobbins; Tomlin, Christopher McKe; Turkey Creek, Evelyn Rock; Van Buren, Arthur Wiggins; and Young, Jose Rodriguez.

On Friday, the high school student recipients were recognized on Friday at the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center, Mastro's Restaurant.

Walt Shattner, Director of Non-Traditional Programs for the Hillsborough County Public School District gave the welcome and introduced the keynote speaker. He also presented the awards. Scott Athey, of Brandon High School, the recipient of the 1990 Turnaround Student Award, delivered the keynote address.

The honorees were: Alonso, Bridget Hill; Armwood, John David Parris; Blake, Antuione Cutler; Bloomingdale, Carl Moore; Career Center, Gina Marie Rosario; Brandon, Shakori Morris; Chamberlain, Tiffany Tribble; Durant, Ceasar Monte; East Bay, Angela Laborde; Freedom, Andrew Vera; Gaither, Ariel Santos; Hillsborough, Deaf Terri; Jefferson, Keyla Hodges; King, Jesse Stringer; Lennard, Alaina Penaranda; Leto, Nicholas A. Nunez; and Middleton, Franck Charles.

The high school recipients are: Newsome, Eldred Matthews; North Tampa Alternative, William A. Galloway; Plant City, Thibodeaux; Plant City, Hassan Crumbley; Riverview, Ryan Ruff; Robinson, Carmen Santiago; Seminole Heights Charter, Nicole Freeman; Sickles, Thalia Quintana-Carmona; South County Career Center, Cristina Davila; Spots, Stephanie Barnes; Steinbrenner, Zachariah Cesani; Strawberry Crest, Hector M. Villanueva; Tampa Bay Technical, Dwayne Danzev; Waters Career Center, L'Asia Maxwell; Wharton, Ajdin Ramadani; and Youth Services, Rakim Blount.

Rhonda Ulmer, right, with actor John Amos at the Kennedy Center (photo in Jet).

Rhonda Ulmer with her mother, Jeannie Shackleford.

Rhonda Ulmer, founder of University For Parents, is shown with her 3 children.
Freedom Riders Airs On PBS Monday

In 1961, segregation seemed to have an overwhelming grip on American society. Many states violently enforced the policy, while the federal government, under the Kennedy administration, remained indifferent, preoccupied with matters abroad.

That is, until an integrated band of college students - many of whom were the first in their families to attend a university - decided, en masse, to risk everything and buy a ticket on a Greyhound bus bound for the Deep South. They called themselves the Freedom Riders, and they managed to bring the president and the entire American public face to face with the challenge of correcting civil-rights inequities that plagued the nation.

On Monday, May 16th beginning at 9 pm, veteran filmmaker Stanley Nelson's inspirational documentary, FREEDOM RIDERS, the first feature-length film about this courageous band of civil-rights activists, will premiere on WEDU exclusively.

Gaining impressive access to influential figures on both sides of the issue, Nelson chronicles a chapter of American history that stands as an astonishing testament to the accomplishment of youth and what can result from the incredible combination of personal conviction and the courage to organize against all odds.

This month marks the 50th anniversary of the freedom rides. WEDU recently hosted the country's largest screening of this film (Tampa 4/13), and now the PBS station can bring the story to viewers throughout the west central Florida area.

Some locals have been interviewed by Rob Lorei about the Freedom Riders and their experiences will air Friday at 9:30 p.m. and Saturday at 2:30 p.m. on the PBS affiliate, WEDU.

Participating in the interview were Hillsborough County Branch NAACP President Carolyn Collins, Florida State Branches Vice Chairman Leon Russell, Rev. Dr. Shafter Scott, Senator Arthenia Joyner, and Clarence Fort.

FYI

Organization Receives Award For Their Work In The Community

BY LEON B. CREWS
Sentinel Staff Writer

On May 5th, All Sports Community Services, and its founder Tyrone Keys, received The Group Hug Award.

The award is presented to a group of individuals who have impacted the community with their time and talent.

"Winning the award is a beautiful testimony," said Keys.

"It's exciting to see how services have come full circle. I didn't do this alone. The students who took the time to help others deserve all the credit. They would purchase birthday cakes for kids from impoverished areas, and also spend their weekends helping other kids in the community."

Keys said the students taught kids in the community the meaning of sportsmanship, and gave them the understanding of how each person must contribute to make it all possible.

"To create the next generation of achievers, we must prepare them when they are young," said Keys.

"We've found the best way to reach the kids today is to have someone close to their age talk to them, mentor them, and encourage them to succeed in spite of the distractions going on around them."

There's nothing more beautiful than waking up for a new day and seeing this week's Spotlight feature, Alicia. In the midst of soaring hot temperatures, Alicia can make you feel cool with her personality and smile. When it comes to priorities, you can bet this young lady has hers in order as she has plans that will assure she will be someone to be reckoned with in the future. Alicia enjoys being around her family, and she is also very careful about the people she calls friends. When it's all said and done, Alicia enjoys the company of a man who is confident, handsome, goal-oriented, and dependable.

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: johnson@flsentinel.com.
Lease Purchase Housing Program Helps Potential Homeowners

BY IRIS B. HOLTON  
Sentinel City Editor

Recently, the City of Tampa introduced a partnership with non-profit organizations to provide a new lease-purchase home ownership program. The program allows the potential owner to live in the house as they make necessary preparations to purchase it. Although all of the not-for-profit organizations can now offer the program, the East Tampa Business and Civic Association is the first to launch it.

Ms. Dianne Hart, president of the East Tampa Business and Civic Association said, "We will actually sit down with the client, put them on a budget, and monitor them every few months for up to two years. We feel that at the end of that period they should be ready to purchase the home." Ms. Hart said those with bankruptcies or judgments may still qualify for the program, depending on the circumstances.

Athletes Recognized

Four Bay area athletes were recognized recently during the grand opening of an athletic store in University Square Mall. There were life-like posters of the hoopsters, a bit of information about each and their epic moment on display at Hoops. (Photography by BRUNSON)

The athletes are: Amber Henson, Sickles High senior; Andre Smith, Blake High senior and Shayla Wilson, Jefferson High junior. Not shown, Michael Frazier, a junior at Plant High School.

MS. DIANNE HART  
East Tampa Business and Civic Association Housing Program

Among the qualifications, the homeowners must attend a 10-hour first time homeowners program, must have a credit score of 560 or higher, and cannot have any felony convictions over the past five years, and must have two years employment with current employer.

Potential owners will also be required to carry renters insurance and be responsible for the general upkeep (such as the lawn) as if they already own the home.

During the two-year period, the program will help the potential owner repair his or her credit score so that they can purchase the home at the end of two years. The potential homeowners will also qualify for up to $60,000 in down payment assistance. The rent for those qualifying for the program will be based on HUD guidelines, she said.

"We think this program will be good for potential homeowners and the community. It will give families an opportunity to become homeowners and provide stability to the community by eliminating vacant homes," Ms. Hart stated.

Ms. Hart said all of the homes belonging to the East Tampa Business and Civic Association are new 3-bedroom, 2-bath, single car garage homes. However, some of the other not-for-profit organizations may have larger homes or rehabbed homes.

For more information contact the East Tampa Business and Civic Association at (813) 248-9977.

Birthday Greetings

Happy Birthday,  
May 14, 2011

MRS. MARIE TARVER WHITE

You truly are a woman of God and we all love you.
Your husband, Pastor Donald White; children, Bridget (Atl.), Donta, Tina, Teri, Samantha and Donna; grands, Destanee, P. J., Isaac, IV, Brishawn, Roxanne, Diamond, Desha, Javarie, Leila-marie and Kattlin; son-in-law-to-be, Antonio; Mount Carmel M. B. Church family, the staff of On-Que! Magazine and Drew, Pam, Langston and William and family.

Tampa Port Authority  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. P-003-11  
WEBSITE HOSTING AND WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

The Tampa Port Authority (TPA) is soliciting Request for Proposals (RFP) from qualified firms or individuals interested in providing hosting services; modifications / enhancements of existing site and functionality; and new developments for its current website.

All interested firms will obtain a copy of the RFP Instructions and Submittal Documents and submit a completed response to the Teleconference. See Section A., Paragraph 1.1, of the RFP for teleconference details.

TPA will hold a MANDATORY PRE-PROPOSAL TELECONFERENCE on Friday, May 20, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. TPA will only accept proposals submitted by firms participating in the teleconference. See Section A., Paragraph 1.1, of the RFP for teleconference details.

RFP Submittals shall include a letter indicating the Firm’s interest and completion of the RFP Documents, including a Vendor’s Questionnaire. Firms failing to submit the required RFP Documents may be deemed non-responsive. The RFP is available through the DemandStar System (www.demandstar.com) or through a link on the TPA’s Procurement Department, at (813) 905-5044, or e-mail at dcasey@tampaport.com.

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

Questions concerning this RFP should be directed Donna Casey of the TPA’s Procurement Department, at (813) 905-5044, or e-mail at dcasey@tampaport.com, or faxed to (813) 905-5050.
Lakers Didn’t Lose Like Champions

It is shocking history that the defending champions, the Los Angeles Lakers were swept in four games by the Dallas Mavericks. It was even more shocking with the disgraceful, dirty play and the fakky attitudes of the Lakers during their loss. It was totally embarrassing to Lakers’ great, Ervin “Magic” Johnson.

Magic got on television and apologized to Dallas basketball fans, television viewers and the NBA, not for the Lakers loss, but for their attitudes in losing.

Two players, Lamar Odom and center Andrew Bynum were ejected for flagrant fouls. Bynum’s foul bordered on being criminal.

Bynum threw an intentional elbow to the ribs of Josea Barea. The Lakers have been one of the NBA’s premier teams. They have had some great players. The organization has always been classy. They sure did not look like it in the “sweep”!

Plant’s Mike Phillips Will Be Missed

Plant High School veteran basketball coach, Mike Phillips has been relieved of his head basketball coaching duties at the school.

Coach Phillips will surely be missed. He is truly one of sports’ good guys.

Coach Phillips’ problems come from an alleged player recruiting violation. Most believe that the violation was not intentional, but rather an honest mistake.

Coach Phillips is the winningest coach in Plant High’s history. He was a personable, hard-working coach who had a genuine concern for his players.

Coach Phillips will rise again someday. He is too good of a person and too good of a coach not to return to coaching somewhere.

Was This Kobe’s Last Year

Coach Phil Jackson of the Los Angeles Lakers has said this is his last year of coaching. Rumors are beginning to circulate that this will also be Kobe Bryant’s last year of playing.

The question is, was last year Kobe’s swan song? I say no.

Kobe is still arguably the best player in the game today. Kobe can still play, and he just needs to play another year. He didn’t like the way last season ended, he didn’t like the loss and he didn’t like the conduct of some of his teammates.

Kobe will be back next year.

Panthers WR Smith Clears Air On Trade Rumors

STEVE SMITH

Steve Smith

Receiver Steve Smith says he hasn’t demanded a trade but has asked the Carolina Panthers to be “in a competitive situation.”

These people that keep writing these articles, none of them have ever spoken to me. What I want to do is be classy and not tip my cards, be respectful to the (Panthers) organization.”

“It’s not me saying, ‘Yes, I want a trade.’ It’s still a family matter, and when my family feels it’s the appropriate time, our actions will show how we feel.”

Study Shows NFL Players Wear Low-Rated Helmets

WASHINGTON -- Nearly 40 percent of NFL players last season wore a helmet model that got the second-lowest rating for reducing the risk of concussions in a study by Virginia Tech researchers.

Riddell’s VSR-4 helmet received just one star in a study of football helmets led by Virginia Tech professor of biomedical engineering Stefan Duma and released Tuesday. Another Riddell model -- the Revolution Speed -- was the only helmet that earned five stars, the top rating.

Five models -- two made by Riddell, two by Schutt and one by Xenith -- received four stars.

According to Riddell, 38 percent of NFL players wore the low-rated VSR-4 in 2010. The company also said 39 percent wore one of the various models that fall under the Riddell Revolution name or the new Riddell 360.

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Mayweather Faces Harassment Charges In Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS -- Boxer Floyd Mayweather Jr. is facing new misdemeanor harassment charges accusing him of threatening two homeowners association security guards outside his Las Vegas home.

The charges filed Thursday in Las Vegas stem from an October dispute over parking with guards in the gated community where the undefeated prizefighter lives.

Mayweather already faces a September trial on a misdemeanor battery charge stemming from allegations that he poked a 21-year-old guard in the face during a separate argument over parking tickets in November. He also faces unrelated felony charges in a domestic argument with his ex-girlfriend and two of their children last year.

The new charges allege "Not with the loss," West said. "But some of the things I saw on the floor which I thought were really just not something that a person that wears a Laker uniform should do."

In the fourth quarter of Game 4, Dallas’ J.J. Barea drove to the basket and Bynum leveled him with an elbow to the ribs. The Lakers center was immediately ejected and escorted off the floor.

Odom was ejected moments earlier for a flagrant foul against Dirk Nowitzki.
Tiger To Make Injury Return

TIGER WOODS

Tiger Woods returns to competition Thursday in THE PLAYERS Championship at TPC Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. He has been idle since the Masters last month, when he tied for fourth despite playing with a left knee sprain and mild sprain of his left Achilles tendon in the final round.

Following doctor's orders, Woods has rested his left leg, taken anti-inflammatories, used ice and has ridden the saw massage. He said he is feeling much improved. However, his nine-hole round Tuesday on the back nine of the Stadium Course was his first since the final round of the Masters.

Miami Ousts Boston, 97-87

MIAMI -- For LeBron James, Game 5 last season against Boston was horrific. A year later, Game 5 was humbling. And he and the Miami Heat are halfway to an NBA championship, having finally found a way to vanquish the Celtics.

Dwyane Wade scored 34 points, James added 33 -- including the game's last 10 in a spectacular closing flourish, part of Miami's 16-0 run over the final 4:15 -- and the Heat beat the Celtics 97-87 on Wednesday night to win their Eastern Conference semifinal series in five games.

When it was over, James knelt on the court, allowed to the photographers who quickly surrounded him in Miami's celebration.

"Everything went through my mind at that point," James said. "Finally getting over this hump against this team. Everything I went through this summer, with 'The Decision' and deciding to come down here to be a part of this team ... because I knew how important team is to this sport ... and all the backlash I got from it.

Ex-NBA, Michigan Player 'Tractor' Traylor Dies At 34

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico -- Robert Traylor, the former NBA and University of Michigan big man nicknamed "Tractor" because of his bulking frame, has died. He was 34.

Described as a "gentle giant" with a generous smile, Traylor played seven years in the NBA. He is perhaps most remembered, however, for his career at Michigan, where he was a standout for three seasons but, became embroiled in a major scandal involving a booster.

Police in San Juan said Traylor was found dead Wednesday on the bedroom floor of his oceanfront apartment. Police and Traylor's team, the Bayamon Cowboys, said he had been missing for a few days and apparently died from a heart attack.

"He was a leader of the team," said Jose Carlos Perez, the Cowboys' manager. "He was very, very friendly. He got along very well with everyone. The fans loved him, idolized him."

Perez said that Traylor had been talking by phone to his wife in Chicago when the connection was suddenly cut off. She called team officials Wednesday and they checked on him, Perez said.

The 6-foot-10, 300-pound Traylor was injured and had not been playing, the team said.

Traylor was drafted by the Dallas Mavericks with the sixth pick in 1998, but they traded his rights to Milwaukee in a major deal that sent Dirk Nowitzki to Dallas. Traylor played for the Bucks in the first two seasons of an NBA career that included stops in Cleveland, Charlotte and New Orleans.

Ochocinco Will Try Bull Riding

DULUTH, Ga. -- Chad Ochocinco now is going to try bull riding.

The Cincinnati Bengals receiver who earlier this year had a tryout with Sporting Kansas City of Major League Soccer, has accepted a challenge from Professional Bull Riders chief operating officer Sean Gleason to ride a bull at the LucasOil.
Will Smith Criticized For $2 Million, 53 Foot Trailer On Set Of ‘Men In Black 3’

A trailer Will Smith is using while filming the third installment of “Men In Black” is drawing criticism from New York residents.

The actor and father of three is currently filming in Manhattan alongside Tommy Lee Jones and Josh Brolin, but instead of getting a warm welcome he’s received complaints about his 53 foot trailer that features a full-sized kitchen, cinema and meeting room.

Additionally the trailer has a lounge bar, offices, a meeting room as well as a bedroom and bathroom.

Local residents are reportedly livid about the obstruction, claiming that it’s a nuisance.

Smith has yet to comment but officials from Sony Pictures Entertainment have assured residents that they are “always respectful of the area residents and businesses.”

NYC Jazz Musician Found Stabbed To Death

NEW YORK -- The New York City medical examiner’s office says a jazz musician was stabbed to death before his body was stuffed into a storage chest in his home.

Stanley Wright had wounds in his torso and neck, and his death was ruled a homicide Wednesday. He was reported missing by his family a day earlier. Police checked his Brooklyn home and found his body.

Relatives say the 62-year-old Wright once taught music at a Brooklyn middle school and played at Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts. Wright played the bass, piano and drums and gave lessons.

Remembering Bob Marley: 3 Decades After His Death

May 11 marked the 30th anniversary of the death of iconic musical and Rastafarian figure, Bob Marley.

Marley rose to prominence as the founding member of the reggae outfit The Wailing Wailers — eventually changed to Bob Marley and The Wailers — in the early sixties.

The group would go on to establish themselves as one of Jamaica’s hottest acts.

After a brief stay in America and a rearranging of the group, Marley moved back to Jamaica and reformed the band, reestablishing themselves with wildly popular songs steeped in Rastafarian rhetoric.

In 1980, after becoming the most significant reggae artist of all time, Marley was diagnosed with cancer. After battling the disease for eight months, Marley succumbed in a Miami hospital on May 11, 1981. However, his message of peace will forever live on through his timeless music.
**White House Defends Invite To Common**

WASHINGTON -- The White House is standing by its decision to invite the rapper Common to participate in a poetry event despite conservative and other criticism that the musician has glorified the killing of police officers with his lyrics. Spokesman Jay Carney says President Barack Obama has spoken out against violent and misogynistic music lyrics. But Carney also said media reports about Common's participation in Tuesday night's East Room event distort what the rapper stands for.

Carney says Common has earned praise for being a socially conscious rapper. He adds that Pres. Obama appreciates Common's work trying to get children in their Chicago hometown interested in poetry.

Republican strategist Karl Rove and 2008 GOP vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin expressed displeasure at the White House for inviting Common.

Gary Coleman Still Not Buried 1 Year After Death

Perillo's statement reads: “This was not the proper and dignified manner to show respect for the magnificent talent the world TV and film audience knew in Gary Coleman. This was not the send off he deserved.”

“Unfortunately we learn of the great works and noble deeds of a person upon their death and at their memorial. Gary’s deeds and contributions to the entertainment industry and other endeavors were overshadowed by the desire of the media to stay focused on the misfortunes of his life and all the negatives.”

**Waka Flocka Flame Cleared On Gun Charges**

CHARLOTTE, NC -- A prosecutor in North Carolina is dropping charges against six men in a shootout at a store where rapper Waka Flocka Flame was talking with fans. A spokesman for the rapper said the shooting started after some men tried to take some of Waka Flocka Flame's jewelry. Prosecutors in Charlotte say there was no evidence of an attempted robbery. The six men had faced charges that include attempted armed robbery, conspiracy and discharging a gun into occupied property. Waka Flocka Flame's real name is Juaquin Malphurs.

**Jermaine Dupri Sued Over Child Support Payments**

An Atlanta-area woman is suing music producer Jermaine Dupri over missed child support payments. Fulton County Superior Court Judge Margaret Dorsey told Dupri in March to pay $2,500 a month and an additional $7,500 to Sarai Jones, based on the results of a paternity test. Jones' attorney, Randy Kessler, said Jones hopes that she and Dupri "can work together to co-parent their beautiful baby girl," who is 7 months old.

Dupri's lawyer, James Kane, declined to comment. The lawsuit was filed at a time when Dupri is facing financial troubles. His mansion was up for foreclosure and set to be auctioned last week, but the sale was canceled at the last minute. Dupri owes the state more than $493,000 in back taxes for 2007.

Based off his 2006 income, Forbes said Dupri was one of hip-hop's top earners, taking home $12M.

**Whitney Houston -- Banned From Prince Shows**

Whitney Houston has lost her Prince privileges... because sources say the Purple One's people became so fed up with her erratic behavior and constant ticket demands... that she is no longer allowed at his shows.

Whitney allegedly attended several Prince concerts in the last few weeks and appeared to be "intoxicated" at each show.

Whitney was allegedly constantly badgering Prince's staff to let her up on the stage, but Team Prince shot her down multiple times because P's people "didn't want her to embarrass herself."

Houston Voluntarily Enters Rehab

NEW YORK -- Whitney Houston is back in rehab. A representative for the superstar singer confirmed that Houston is undergoing treatment. Kristen

**Whitney Houston -- Banned From Prince Shows**

Foster says Houston is in an out-patient program for drug and alcohol treatment. She says it is a voluntary measure and part of Houston's "long-standing" recovery process.

It's unclear how long Houston will be in rehab or where she's being treated; Foster had no further comment. However, Houston has been visibly recent: Last week, she sang on stage with Chaka Khan during Prince's concert in Los Angeles.

**Akon Spends $50,000 At Strip Club**

While he's no Rick Ross dropping $1 million in Miami's King Of Diamonds, rapper Akon recently revealed that he spent over $50,000 in a Rhode Island strip club. "I did that because another strip club wouldn't let me in...they said if you come with an out of state I.D. you have to come with a backup. I never heard that in my life! [...]

I'll take my business somewhere else."
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Horoscopes
Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Be prepared for unexpected company. They may bring valuable surprises. Take this opportunity to let folks know what you’re working toward, and discover new resources.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Stick close to home and roots. A lucky discovery brings sought-after information. The competition provides an unexpected boost. Take it farther with help from friends.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Accept contributions willingly. Your quick service allows for a surprise increase in income. Pay back a favor, and remember to say “thank you.”

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Cooperate with a distant friend without actually going there. Make or get an urgent request. Imaginative assistance arrives. Show your appreciation by contributing to benefit children.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — For about six weeks you’re eager to get out. Your confidence is on the rise. Explore the compassionate route, but don’t forget to mark your way with white pebbles.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — When was the last time you checked your investments and credit card interests? Reassess your inspirations.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Review your priorities. Travel is not so easy now. Leave procrastination for tomorrow or the next day. What you learn from a tense situation can help others.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Accept a gift. Your curiosity is aroused. There may be a test involved. Love helps find the answer. Just play along and pay attention to win.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Pull strings to get what you want, respectfully. Don’t rely on an unstable step. Support and be supported by your community.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Don’t listen to the monkeys in your head. Keep focusing on the positive and keep moving forward, even if you don’t know the way. Ask for directions.


Simplicity is key. Ask for help. Your actions according to a practical solution. Stick to the facts, and listen. This builds a steady foundation for success. You have an advantage.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — New information comes to light. Friends have great suggestions, so listen carefully and

Top 20

**TOP 20 HIP-HOP SINGLES**

1. Look At Me Now... Chris Brown Featuring Lil Wayne & Busta Rhymes
2. Sure Thing... Miguel
3. Motivation... Kelly Rowland Featuring Lil Wayne
4. Far Away... Marsha Ambrosius
5. All Of The Lights... Kanye West
6. Racks... YC Featuring Future
7. Did It On’em... Nicki Minaj
8. She Ain’t You... Chris Brown
9. Roll Up... Wiz Khalifa
10. My Last... Big Sean Featuring Chris Brown
11. 6 Foot 7 Foot... Lil Wayne Featuring Cory Gunz
12. Moment 4 Life... Nicki Minaj Featuring Drake
13. Hustle Hard... Ace Hood
14. Love Faces... Trey Songz
15. Down On Me... Jeremih Featuring 50 Cent
16. Smile... Kirk Franklin
17. Love Letter... R. Kelly
18. Groove St. Party... Wiz Khalifa Featuring C-Candy & Kebo Gotti
19. Walking... Mary
20. So In Love... Jill Scott Featuring Anthony Hamilton

**TOP 20 HIP-HOP ALBUMS**

1. Hot Sauce Committee Part Two... Beastie Boys
2. The Ultimate Collection... Sade
3. Musicinthemagiq... Musiq Soulchild
4. F.A.M.E. ... Chris Brown
5. Hello... Fear... Kirk Franklin
6. Rolling Papers... Wiz Khalifa
7. I Remember Me... Jennifer Hudson
8. Loud... Rihanna
9. Kelly... Kelly Price
10. Pink Friday... Nicki Minaj
11. Recovery... Eminem
12. All I Want Is You... Miguel
13. Something Big... Mary Mary
14. Late Nights & Early Mornings... Marsha Ambrosius
15. A Woman Falling Out Of Love... Aretha
16. Lasers... Lupe Fiasco
17. The Lady Killer... Cee Lo Green
18. Love Letter... R. Kelly
19. I Am Not A Human Being... Lil Wayne
20. My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy... Kanye West
MR. JULIUS LEE DANIELS, II

A visitation will be held for Mr. Julius Lee Daniels, II, of Tampa, who passed away on Thursday, May 5, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. at AIKENS Funeral Home, 2708 E. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., on Friday, May 13, 2011, from 6-8 p.m.

Mr. Daniels was born in Tampa, on March 10, 1952. He attended Meacham Elementary, Booker T. Washington and Mid-leton High School. He was a sports fanatic.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Julius Daniels, Sr. and Willie Mae Daniels; and his brother, Johnny Lee Daniels, II.

Mr. WILLIE RUTH TURNER

Funeral services for Ms. Willie Ruth Turner who passed away Thursday, May 5, 2011, will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2011, at 11 a.m. at St. John Progressive M. B. Church, 2904 E. Chipoa, Tampa, Dr. Barbon Daniels, pastor, officiating.

Mr. Whaley was born January 17, 1959, in St. Peters- burg, Fl. He graduated from Northeast High School and later joined the United States Army. He served proudly for 10 years.

Upon discharge from the Army, he attended Tampa Technical Institute and graduated with an Associate Degree in Ap-plied Science on October 4, 1991. He then pursued a career as the "BEST" barber in Hills-borough and Pinellas County.

He was also affiliated and a proud member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 10174.

He entered into bright glory Wednesday, May 4, 2011.

Mrs. Turner’s celebration of life will take place Saturday, May 14, 2011, at 11 a.m. at The Greater New Salem P. B. Church, 33602, Elder Theodosia Lane, past. Rev. Eun- vill will follow at Rest Haven Memorial Cemetery.

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She entered into bright glory Wednesday, May 4, 2011.

Mrs. Turner’s celebration of life will take place Saturday, May 14, 2011, at 11 a.m. at The Greater New Salem P. B. Church, 33602, Elder Theodosia Lane, past. Rev. Eugene Eun- vill will follow at Rest Haven Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. Turner was born in At- lanta, GA, on May 5, 1929, to Willie and Nancy Brinkley.

Mrs. Turner was preceded in death by her aunt/uncle, Ed-Ali-ford; sister, Dorothy Frier- son; daughter, Willie Hazel Thomas; son, Franklin Turner; and grandson, Eddie Thomas, III.

Mrs. Turner leaves precious memories with her children, Roosevelt Turner (Cynthia), Marcia Turner and Stephanie T. Warmack (Harold); grandchil-dren, James, Anthony, Zorey Cotton, Miracle Sanders, Jr., Akeem Sanders, of other cousins; special friend, Jimmy Heard; nieces, Tonya Jackson-Akbar; and a host of loving family and friends.

The family and friends are asked to meet at the church for the service at 12 p.m. on Saturday.

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EVEN CHERIE WILLIAMS DOBY

A celebration of life for Mrs. Even Cherrie Williams Doby of Tampa, who entered into eternal life on Sunday, May 8, 2011, will be held Saturday, May 14, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Ray Williams Memorial Chapel, 301 North Howard Avenue, with Pastor Ted Perez officiating.

Mrs. Doby was born January 1, 1938, to Rual Lloyd and Enmer Eunice Goodwin in Tampa. She accepted Christ at an early age, and was baptized at St. Luke A. M. E. Church. She was a graduate of Middleton High School, graduate of the University of South Florida, and attended the University of South Florida. She was a graduate of the University of South Florida.

Mrs. Doby was a devoted mother, loved and cherished her children, sisters, nieces, nephews, other family members and friends, special support friends, doctors, nurses, and staff at Moffitt Cancer Center, Tampa General, and MacDill Air Force Base.

Mrs. Doby was preceded in death by her husband, Ulyses Grady, Sr.; brothers, Darrell Sebron Doby, Jr., maternal grandmother, Beatrice (Maynard) and James Goodwin; her loving and devoted mother, Beatrice (Maynard) and James Goodwin; and a host of other sorrowing relatives.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, May 14, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Ray Williams Memorial Chapel, 301 North Howard Avenue, with Pastor Ted Perez officiating.

For more information on funeral arrangements please contact www.raywilliamsfuneralhome.com.
Memoriams

JANNIE BROOKS-SHERRY
MOM IN MAY

May is so full of incredible memories of you: your birthday, Mother's Day and your going home. It is with the most precious thoughts that we all remember you... Sometimes with tears, sometimes we smile, and sometimes we really laugh out loud.

We miss hearing your voice, but the soft inner voice always comes to us. We miss your arms hugging us, but cannot forget your loving embrace.

It has been a year since you've been gone (May 2010)... We now remember you with less tears, more smiles and sometimes we laugh out loud.

Your loving, blended and extended family... Sherry, Brooks, Flemming, Castillo, Miller, Barker, Parker, Towner, Daniel, Snow, Butler, Gaye, Bastian and Nims.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY OUR QUEEN!

Juanita M. Roby

You are truly missed, but your spirit still lives within. Always and forever in our hearts. Love, family.

IN MEMORIAM

MILDRED A. LAKES
1/1/26 - 5/19/94
We love and miss you.


May is Stroke Awareness Month.

IN MEMORIAM

MOTHER
THELMA RIVERS
'PRAYER WARRIOR'
May 5, 1926 - May 13, 2009
Absent from our body, present with the Lord, is our consolation for this "great" void we feel.

Love, your children, grands and spiritual children.

IN MEMORY OF

MRS. MARIETTA JOHNSON
1/5/1905 - 5/12/2002
Just as the sun will set, then rise with each and every dawn, the souls of those who lived life well, eternally live on.

Now that the sun has set on one who lived well, please know a soul who lived so well remains forever near.

The Clark and Everett families.

IN MEMORIAM

MR. WILLIAM LUCKY NORTON
March 13, 1953 - May 7, 2009
If butterflies could fly to heaven, they would bring our love to you... and your right back to us.

We love and miss you. Your family.

HAPPY BELATED BIRTHDAY AND MOTHER'S DAY MEMORIAM

MOTHER EVANG. EMMA
REBECCA BOGAN WILLIAMS
Sunrise: 4-26-1919 Sunset: 5-3-2008
It seems like yesterday, it's been three years. We miss you greatly and think of you daily and love you dearly.

Your oldest daughter living, Evang. Bette Bogan Viverette; children, grandchildren and great grands.

IN MEMORY OF

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NOW THAT THE SUN HAS SET ON ONE SO VERY DEAR, PLEASE KNOW A SOUL WHO LIVED SO WELL REMAINS FOREVER NEAR.

THE CLARK AND EWERETT FAMILIES.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BIG JENN!

Enjoy Life. Make It Last.

Isn't life fabulous? We want you to enjoy it for as long as you can. Did you know every 33 seconds someone in the United States experiences a stroke? Every 3.5 minutes, someone dies of one. Stroke is largely preventable by practicing healthy lifestyle habits that reduce the risk of heart disease and stroke and by getting regular medical check-ups. Early detection and immediate treatment of stroke may prevent permanent brain injury so learning the signs of stroke is critical. What's taking you so long?

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BIG JENN

Happy birthday, Big Jenn. Today is your day and we just want to wish you love on your day. From, Rachel and Shawnette, and mom.
CARDS OF THANKS

The family of Elizabeth Hansley would like to thank the many friends and neighbors for their prayers, cards and phone calls during our time of bereavement.

We would also like to send a special thank you to Ray Williams Funeral Home for their excellent service, as well as Tampa General Hospital.

ELIZABETH HANSELY

CARDS OF THANKS

The family of Master Tyrio Antwon Ammons would like to express our appreciation and thank everyone for their condolences, cards and support during our time of bereavement.

Special thanks to: Aunt Louisiana Williams, Cathedral of Faith Church and the Aikens Funeral Home staff.

MOTHER TYRIO ANTWON AMMONS

CARDS OF THANKS

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a funeral spray, if so, we saw it there; Perhaps you spoke the kind­est words, as any friend could say. Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, we, the family of late, bro. Homer James Hemmingway thank you so very much, whatever the part in showing our love, it one touched your hearts.

Special thanks to: Mt. Zion A. M. E. Church of West Tampa, Pastor Rayford Harper; Don Thompson/Blake High School Alumni Choir and Mt. Zion A. M. E. Choir, the Tampa leg­ends of Rogers Park Golf and Country Club, Palma Cela Golf and Country Club, Floyd Rivers, other various friends

BRO. HOMER JAMES HEMMINGWAY

CARDS OF THANKS

Homegoing services for Mr. Joseph Fortuna, who passed away on May 11, 2011, will be held Friday morning at 11 a.m. at Har­mon Funeral Home, 5002 N. 40th St., Tampa, 33610, with the pastor, Bishop Matthew Williams officiating. Interment will be in Rest Haven Memorial Park.

Mr. Fortuna was survived by: a loving and devoted wife, Mrs. Belgica Fortuna; his very caring children, and other surrounding family members.

Visitation for Mr. Jose Fortuna will be held Thursday evening from 5-9 p.m. at Harmon Funeral Home.

Friends attending the home­going services are asked to as­semble at the funeral home at 10:45 a.m.

A HARMON BURIAL

MR. JOSE FORTUNA

CARDS OF THANKS

Homegoing services for Ms. Christine Arline, who passed away on May 11, 2011, will be held Saturday May 14, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Brown's Memorial C.O.G.I.C., 2351 E. 97th Avenue, with the pastor, Bishop Matthew Williams, officiating. Interment will be in Rest Haven Memorial Park.

Ms. Arline was a graduate of Plant High School.

She seeks to cherish her memory; 2 children, Mio Arline (Lattaya), Cody Sherman (Jennifer), Byrn Arline Tom Beley, Jr., and Casey-Rae Arline; grandchildren, Nahem, My­att, Chassidy, Charridy and Mya Arline; a host of other de­ voted family members and friends.

Visitation for Ms. Christine Arline will be held Friday evening from 2-8 p.m. The fam­ily will receive friends from 7-8 P.M.

Friends attending the home­going services are asked to as­semble at the church at 10:45 a.m.

A HARMON BURIAL

MS. CHRISTINE PATRICIA ARLINE

CARDS OF THANKS

Homegoing services for Mr. Herman James Roberts, Sr., who passed away on May 4, 2011, will be held Saturday, May 14, 2011, at 2 p.m. at New Hope Baptist Church, 5002 S. Elliott St., Tampa, 33610, with the pas­tor, Rev. Dr. T. W. Jenkins offici­ating. Interment will be made at Rest Haven Cemetery.

Mr. Herman James Roberts was a retired City of Tampa em­ployee.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jim Roberts and Annie Rose Roberts.

He leaves to cherish his mem­ory; three daughters, JoLinda Louis and husband, Wesley, Annie Harvin and husband, James and Sherri Williams and friend, Joseph; three sons, Her­man James Roberts, Jr. and friend, Carla, Terry Doe, Jr., and Larry Leroy Williams; son­in-law, Rick "Big Bird" Bayrd; 9 siblings; 18 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren; a host of friends and acquaintances.

Visitation for Mr. Herman James Roberts, Sr. will be held Friday evening from 5-8 p.m. at Harmon Funeral Home, 5002 N. 40th St., Tampa, 33610.

Friends attending the home­going service are asked to as­semble at the church at 11:45 a.m.

A HARMON BURIAL

MR. HERMAN JAMES ROBERTS

CARDS OF THANKS

Homegoing services for Mr. Margie Mae Groover Wright were born on May 10, 1926, in Greenville, FL, to the late Minnie Jackson Groover and the late Washington Groover.

Ms. Wright was the oldest of five children born of her mother Minnie, of which she was pre­caded in death by three of them. She attended school in Greenville, FL.

She married the late Leonard Wright in the late 1940s, and in the 1950s she moved to Tampa where she lived ever since.

She was employed as a domes­tic worker until her retire­ment in 1996.

She was a faithful and long­time member of Friendship M. B. Church of Tampa.

On Saturday, May 7, 2011, Ms. Wright left her earthly remains and entered eternal rest.

She is survived by: 3 sons, Curtis Wright, Sr., Harold Wright (Nadine), and Carlston Wright; 2 daughters, Phyllis Wright (Drayton); 2 grand­children, Lauren Wright (Harold); 3 grandchildren, Luni­e Wright; 4 great-grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; a host of friends and acquaintances.

Visitation for Ms. Christine Groover Wright will be held Friday evening from 5-8 p.m. at Harmon Funeral Home, 5002 N. 40th St., Tampa, 33610.

Friends attending the home­going service are asked to as­semble at the church at 11:45 a.m.

A HARMON BURIAL

MS. MARGIE MAE GROOVER WRIGHT

CARDS OF THANKS

National Poll: President Obama Approval Hits 60 Percent

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Detectives Search For Armed Carjacker

On May 20th, Hillsborough County Sheriff’s deputies report that at 3:30 a.m., Romel Calleo was sitting in his pickup truck at the drive thru of a Sonic Restaurant on Bearss Avenue when a man armed with a large stick approached the passenger side window.

That man, later identified as James Williams, 23, allegedly demanded that Calleo hand over the truck while threatening him with the stick. Calleo tried to drive away, but Williams began striking him through the window.

Deputies said 25 minutes later, Williams approached a second vehicle with a woman sitting in her vehicle. Williams reportedly demanded her vehicle and when she refused, he began to beat her with a tree branch. Williams overpowered the woman and she was thrown from her vehicle.

Williams then fled to Pasco County.

Deputies said 45 minutes later, they located the woman’s vehicle at a Circle K on Hale Road.

Anyone with information as to the whereabouts of Williams is asked to call the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office at (813) 247-8200.

Boyfriend Charged With Fracturing Skull Of 11-Month-Old

briefly watching him for his girlfriend Tuesday.

Police said Karmon Watkins’ girlfriend had gone to the store for about 90 minutes. When she returned home, Watkins told her the baby was sick and had been vomiting. The infant’s mother noticed the child was very lethargic and had been vomiting. Watkins and the boy’s mother took the baby to a hospital.

The Hillesborough County Sheriff’s Office reports that on May 11th at Wharton High School, a school official noticed a strong odor of marijuana. According to a report, a Tampa Police officer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for having an expired tag. The stop revealed the driver to be Magee.

A search of the student’s vehicle resulted in the discovery of 11 individual packages of marijuana, another sandwich style baggie half full of marijuana, a scale and rolling papers.

Conrad Alexander Jones, 17, was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana with intent to sell and possession of drug paraphernalia. The total weight of the marijuana was 40.7 grams.

St. Petersburg - In what officials are calling a case of arson, a woman and her four children lost everything in a house fire late Tuesday.

According to the St. Petersburg Fire Department, the fire started on the front porch of the home and quickly spread.

Fortunately, Yashica Clemons and her four children were not at home when the fire broke out in their home in the 1200 block of Upton Court, South. Officials said the home is a total loss, and Clemons and her four children, ages 9 to 13, are staying with her mother now. They are also receiving assistance from the Red Cross.
CAR GIVE AWAY PROMOTION RULES AND REGULATIONS

Promotion will start on: May 15, 2011
- Drawing will be on Saturday December 17, 2011 at 2:00 PM
- During the contest, the car will be displayed at the International Flea Market.
- The car will be properly maintained and insured.
- The winner must be over the age of 18 years and have a valid domestic or foreign ID.
- The winner must also be able to pay all applicable registration fees and taxes at the time of delivery.
- The winner will be announced at the drawing and contacted by phone and registered mail.
- All other raffle items winners, names will be announced at the same time.
- Winners will have four weeks to claim their prize or it will be carried over to the next promotion program.
- To enter the drawing one must obtain an entry form at the International Flea Market from any participating vendor and fill it out completely and deposit it in the entry box at The Flea Market.
- Rules are subject to change

GRAND PRIZE
Mercedes Benz
There was plenty of fun, food and activities at the Jackson Heights NFL YET Center. There were lots of activities for the entire family. (Photography by BRUNSON)

Diedrea Anthony, NFL YET Director, former Tampa Bay Buccaneer, Frank Murphy, owner of Power Body Workout DVD for women, and Zakai Anthony.

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Essie Sims and Veda Virgil at the Eggstravaganza.

September Brown attended the event.

Tammy Harris and Emily Lewis-Hunter took advantage of the nice weather.

Diedra Anthony, Latifah Brown, Beverly Higdon, and Alicia Muhammad (Star).

Attending the Eggstravaganza were: April, Nevaeh, Charles, Morriana and Maikeyla.

Daughters of Diversity #200: Tina Merrick, Stephanie Brown, Showanda Darns, Felteena Williams; and in the rear, Charlotte Stanford and Nikki-Nicole Washington.

Kenya Lane, Gabryelle Lane, Matthew Wilson, Madison Walker and Miyah Williams.

Shalanda Dye prepared goodie bags.
2011 ‘Top Ladies Of Distinction’ Recognized

BY MAURICE KEMP
Freelance Writer / Photographer

On Saturday, April 23, 2011, Top Ladies of Distinction held its 2011 Women of Distinction Awards Luncheon at the Surf’s Edge on MacDill Air Force Base.

Dr. Paullette Walker, National First Vice President Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., was speaker for this occasion. Lady Janette Spencer-Davis served as Mistress of Ceremony and provided the Invocation.

Lady Dawnette Frazer-Woods, President of TLOD, welcomed guests and introduced the Mistress of Ceremony. Lady Antonia Barber announced the Occasion.

Lady Christine Frazer recognized and presented awards to the honorees and dedicated the Griffin/Moore Scholarship. Top Ladies of Distinction (TLOD) of the Tampa Bay/West Central Florida Chapter, an organization whose mission is to enhance and enrich the lives of youth and adults through national and community based programs, held an Awards Luncheon to present a select group of women with its Women of Distinction Award. This award honored women who distinguished themselves by volunteering their time and resources for the enhancement of their communities.


Top Ladies Of Distinction also announced the dedication of the “Griffin/Moore” Scholarship, which was established in memory of Charter Members: Lady Betty Keeson Griffin, Educator and Lady Ferne Moore, MD. The Griffin Family donated $1,000 to the “Griffin/Moore” Scholarship Fund.

Top Teens of America volunteered their services to assist guests and to hand out door prizes.

Henry Ashwood, Jr., accomplished rotarian,巷artist and front man for the band, “Woodshed,” provided the music.

Tampa Police Chief Names Black Female Captain

BY IRIS B. HOLTON
Sentinel City Editor

Last Friday, Tampa Police Chief Jane Castor promoted 50 officers at the department. One of those promotions was of an African American woman to a middle management position.

Chief Castor promoted Lieutenants Diane Hobley-Burney, Keith O’Connor, and Kenneth Morman to the rank of Captain. The promotions will go into effect on May 15th.

Of her promotion, Lt. Hobley Burney said, “The promotion was one of those pleasant surprises and I feel honored to be placed in this position. I am also appreciative of those who came before me. Because they set the path I was able to work hard and earn success.”

The promotion marks the first time in 16 years that an African American woman has served in this position with the department. Retired Assistant Chief Gilbertina (Tina) Wright was the first to reach the rank in 1994.

She joins Captain Roosevelt (Rocky) Ratliff as 1 of 2 Black Captains.

Lt. Hobley Burney is a 23-year veteran with the department. She became a po-
Birthday wishes go out to my favorite sister, Tamyko.
Love, your lil sis, Cha!!

I would like to send a special 4-year anniversary wish to Nikki.
Bae, there’s not a day that goes by that I don’t thank God for bringing you into my life. Without you I wouldn’t feel complete. I love you unconditionally.

Applause and standing ovation for Taurus’ finest 80s baby on May 15. He’s missed by plenty and loved by many.
Happy 29th, Ceddie B.

Happy birthday to my special friend, thanks for all your support. Special shout out to all my family, I haven’t forgotten about you. Much love, 210.

Belated birthday wishes to my goddaughter, Quay and B.J.

Last, but not least, birthday greetings to my fallen soldiers, Tina Callaway-Monroe and Jennifer “Jen” Johnson, R.I.P. I know y’all are smiling down on me.
Much love, Thug.

Keep your head up Dog, Wild Bill, Bud, Goldie, Nate, Ruggs and 210. See y’all soon!!

Since it’s only fair, we’re going to give ya’ll the best of both worlds.
Happy 29th, Daddy.

You are truly a gift from God. May peace and blessings be upon you on your special day. Happy 7th birthday.
From, your godparents in North Carolina, Ma Ma Celeste and Pa Pa Alex.

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School: Williams I. B. Middle School.
Honors: High Honor Roll, the Gold President’s Academic Achievement Award, and the Honor Society.
Grandparents: Ms. Willie Brown and Mrs. Ruby Lindsey.
Favorite Aunts: Ms. Debra Belton and Ms. Marion Jones.
Hobbies: Violin, computer programming, shopping, video games and chess.
Church: Without Walls International Church.
JADEN

Look ahead because the world is waiting for its next big thing.
Love, your family.

JADEN CORBETT

To the best grandson anybody could ask for.
Love, Grandma and Granddaddy.

JADEN ASBERRY CORBETT

If this world were mine, I would give it to you. But for now, I gave you the Bahamas, St. Thomas and St. Maarten.
Love, Mommy.

MS. VERNITA

Happy birthday, mommy, be blessed and enjoy your day.
God saw the best in you when everyone else around you saw the worst in you.
Love always, your kids, Ms. Nya and Yae Yae.

ANGELO BAKER

Happy birthday. Love always, from Mom and your family.

ANGELO BAKER AND QUASHA

Happy birthday. Love always, from Mom and your family.
Graduation Services For The 2011 Class Of Florida Theological Seminary And Bible College

The Baccalaureate Exercise Services for the 2011 Class of Florida Theological Seminary and Bible College, Inc. was held Tuesday, May 3, 2011 at the New Friendship M.B. Church, Rev. H. L. Daniels, Pastor, Dean Henry L. Simmons presided.

The Baccalaureate Address was brought by Rev. Dr. C. P. Epps, Pastor of Mt. Olive M.B. Church. Dr. Alex Harper, President of the Florida Theological Seminary and Bible College and Pastor of First Baptist Institutional Church, Lakeland, presented the speaker.

Also on the program were Rev. Arthur Jordan, Rev. Troy Adams, Mt. Olive M.B. Church Choir, New Friendship Baptist Church and Rev. Ronnie Murray. (Photos by Julia Jackson)

Graduates and others include: top row, Dr. Darien Bolden, Rev. Carlton Radcliff and Rev. Glen Brown. Also, Dr. Greg Morris, (faculty), Minister John D. Freeman, Min. Jeffrey McDowell, Minister Kenneth Anderson, Naydene Fields, Deacon Greg Mitchell, Marvin Anthony, James Parson, Min. Willie Roundtree, Min. Horace A. Lovett, Dr. Henry Simmons, Dean; Rev. Dr. Alex Harper, President; and Rev. Dr. Frank O’Harroll, Vice President.

Hosts for the evening were Rev. Dr. H. L. Daniels and Mrs. Jennie Daniels.

Dr. Henry Simmons, Dean, who received an honorary doctorate, and his wife, Carolyn.

Minister Willie Roundtree of Clearwater received a certificate in Theology.

Visitor Rev. F. E. Wilson, Sr. of Pompano Beach with his daughter, Ola Johnson.
God's Protection

This week's lesson in Revelation 7:9-17 continues the revelation given by God to John. Verses one through eight of this chapter records the number of God's people who were sealed before a great tribulation. Before destruction or harm came upon the earth, God made sure that His people were protected.

In his revelation John sees a great multitude consisting of all nations, kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne and the Lamb (vs. 9). Here it is clearly stated that there are no limits or specific people who can stand before God to worship. God welcomes all people to worship Him.

The large number of people who are worshipping God means that the gospel has been preached to a diverse multitude of people. The church must do its part to preach the gospel of Christ to as many diverse people as it can. The church does not exist to reach only a certain group, nation, class, or ethnicity. The angels stood around the throne with the elders and four beasts and worshiped with the multitude (vv. 11, 12). All of God's creation will worship Him. His creation will praise Him and acknowledge His power and might.

John had a conversation with one of the elders who asked him who are these people and from where do they come (vs. 13)? The elder answers that these are they which have come out of great tribulation and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb (vs. 14).

The question posed by the elder is perhaps a rhetorical question. The elder has to have the answer. Perhaps his question is asked of John to show that man does not know who people are who worship God or does know from whence they come.

Those who can stand before worship are those who have come out of something. People who are worshiping God while here are on earth do so because they have come out of "something" and are now able to worship God. Those who stand around the Heavenly throne of God to worship Him are those who have or will overcome the tribulation to be able to worship Him.

The continued blessing of coming out of the tribulation is being washed and cleansed. When God brings you out of something, He will wash you and clean you of anything that man does not know about. There are no blessings and benefits to worshiping and serving God while here on earth do so because they know God will wipe all your tears away (vv. 16, 17). God shelters His people. God comforts His people. And He restores His people.

There are numerous blessings and benefits to worshipping and serving God. There are no limitations as to who can come to God. God is calling all people to come to Him.
The ladies of the Hillsborough County Chapter of The Charmettes, Inc. sponsored their 30th annual Junior Debutante Coronation, Sunday, April 17, 2011 at St. John’s Christian Life Center. The center was filled to capacity with parents, family members and friends, who came to witness six young beautiful teen and preteen contestants make their debut to society.

The contestants were wearing beautiful long, white, flowing evening gowns, long white draped gloves, white and silver shoes, matching white pearl earrings and necklace, and carrying a bouquet of long stem red roses and white baby breaths.

Each contestant was preceded by a Flower Girl, also beautifully dressed in a long white gown. The mothers of each contestant was escorted by a handsome young Page Boy, who was handsomely dressed in black knee shorts, white long sleeve shirt and white knee socks. Each Page Boy also wore a red satin cape, sash, and a matching beret adorned with a long white plume.

Miss Chauncey Flowers, “Miss Junior Deb 2009” and reigning queen, was robed in a full length red velvet robe, embroidered in silver trim, and wearing a crystal and diamond tiara. Miss Taylor Victoria Young was crowned “Miss Junior Deb 2011.” She is the daughter of Robert and Ida Young and the granddaughter of John and Joyce Austin. The third grader is involved in dancing, cheerleading and her favorite activities, art and writing, have won her many awards. Her mother wore the same crown she won in the 1980s. The first runner up was Lemecia Knott, daughter of Larry and Tameka Knott. She is a 4th grader at Miles Elementary School and a member of the Principal’s High Honor Roll.

Second place runner up was Rakiah Nixon, daughter of Erica Donaldson. She is a 4th grade student at Philip Shore Elementary School and a member of the Principal’s High Honor Roll. Other contestants were Zena Keys, daughter of Pablo Keys and Rapanza Danner. She is a 7th grader at Greco Middle School. Chakeila Gibson, daughter of Dewey and Thoma Gibson, is a 8th grade student at Jennings Middle school. Brinyae Dukes is the daughter of Micheal Rimmer and Darby Dukes. She is a 4th grade student at Sheepy Elementary School and a member of the Principal’s High Honor Roll. Page Boys were Alkeen Barnes, Christopher Cobb, Jr., Keith Daniels, II, Kayden Guerra, Tsavariyus Taylor, Jr. and Garnelli Wildes, Jr.

Flower Girls were Kamiah Allen, Bikiera Collier, Aamari Godwin, Leylah Holmes, Termina Knott, Almerice McDonald and Keisan Mitchell. Charmette Delores Williams, Chairwoman, Charmette Ruby French, Co-Chairman, Charmette Dr. Margaret Fisher, Chapter President.
May Birthday Celebrants

Happy birthday: Christine Taylor, Prince Roberts, Joan Anderson, Emmanuel Roquan Walker (Vicaville, CA), Adair Ford, Anyah Kelly-Shelby (NC), Nakisha Williams, Cheyense Bivenys, Gina Dickerson, Dr. Joel Everett, Kirk Reed, Min. Dwayne Sanders, Sr., Lisha Betts, SR., Jimmy Carr, Carol Copney, Win Hutchinson, Gabrielle Leon, Dequan Major, Samantha Reid, Damon McCummings, Shirley Flowers, Reginald Martin, Tiara Watson, Edna Wilkerson, Bryce Johnson, Dedrick Sanders, Thomas Esbanks, Millie McClennan, Dominique Beckles, Sylvia Pendergrass, An­thony Perry, Derek Webster, Eloise Griffin and T’Nysa Rodgers.

Surprise! Surprise!

What a surprise it was for Mrs. Ruth Anderson-Hires, who was honored with a surprise party for her 77th birthday. The surprise began with a limousine arriving at Mrs. Hires’ home and taking her to the Greater Tampa Association of Realtors, where this beautiful, extravagant party was held. This very well organized celebration was sponsored by Mrs. Hires’ children and grandchildren. A marvelous time was had by lots and lots of family members and friends. Many more birthdays are wishes for Mrs. Hires.

Across The Miles

Happy birthday across the miles to Mrs. Avaalynda Anderson-Moore, former villager, who recently celebrated her special day in Phoenix, Ar­izona, where she now lives.

Sick And Shut-Ins

Let’s not forget the sick and shut ins: Deaconess Fannie Copeland, Sis. Shirley Jackson, Bro. Tommy L. Jones and family, and Bro. John Reddieck, Sr.

If we did not have the Lord on our side, where would we be? Linda Parker-Lee, Geneva Lucas, Mattie Mills, Marie Benson, Lucille Moore, Veola Williams, Eloise Leeds, Phyllis Akes, Wyatt Welch, Maurice Green and Archia Mae Wright.

New Saint Matthew MBC

Rev. Alex Fitzgerald Hall and congregation send birthday wishes to May celebrants: Nicole Floyd, Jada Stallings, KeQua Har­num, Jeremiah Argo, Chaka Brown, Willie Hug­ger, Rosanro McGrey, Marazine Holloman, Tysha Parker, Leslie Wynn, Tevin Randolph, Amaya Williams, Frank Williams, Yvette Hall and Patti Bonner.

Take Your Child To Work

Take Your Child To Work Day proved to be an experience for Kai James Williams will always remember.

Kai, a second grader at Kampello Downtown Partners­hip School, experienced sitting on the bench with Judge Dick Greco, Jr.

Kai’s mother, Angel O’Neal is clerk for Judge Greco. Kai received a certifi­cate for active participation by the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Hillsborough County.

Kai says he never wants to be standing on the other side of the Judge’s bench.

Recognition Award

On April 2, 2011, the Civic Council of Progress Village and the Point attended the Hillsbor­ough County Neighborhood Recognition Award at HCC, Dale Mackey Campus. The Most Successful Special Event – the 50th anniversary of Mrs. Linda Washington, President.

Graduation Celebration

The Assembly Of Hope The­ological Seminary held its grad­uation on May 4, 2011.

The proud graduates of the Foundation Institute at Hardre, C. 1 were: Associate Degree re­cipients, David Hoopauge and Joe Riley; Bachelor Degree recipients, Richard Bradley, Philip G. Brown, Lenson A. Hargrave, Dina Liberto, Mack Ruffin, Glenn VonSchoendorf, Paul Warren, David Trice Brown, Antonio Dwan Dossie, Robert A. Kendrick, Timothy J. O’­Keefe, Isaac Stephens and Ron­ald Ward.

This event was in loving re­membrance of Carole Moskowitz (Grandma).

Upcoming Events

Palm River Point, CDC gives priority for resident of the Greater Palm River Community including Clair Mel, Green Ridge Estates, Palm River, Progress Village and Sampson Park neighborhoods.

For a Calendar of Events call (813) 628-9179. Monthly Community Meetings are the last Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at 7:45 Palm River Rd., Tampa. May Computer Classes for Adults are at the East Region Libraries (Bloomington, Brand­on, Riverview and 78th Street Branches), until May 26th. For info call (813) 757-3652.

F.Y.I.

Remember our helpers at Sha Lou’s Kitchen, (813) 741-9760.

Let’s keep President Barack Obama and his family in our daily prayers.

Let’s also keep our service men and women lifted up as they continue to protect our country.

Let’s pray for those, far and near, that are less fortunate than we are. Let’s remember the Japanese survivors and those that are helping them.

Call your news into Gloria McNair at (813) 928-5293.
Maundy Thursday Service Held At Bible-Based Carrollwood

As part of its celebration of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus, Bible-Based Fellowship Church of Temple Terrace held the Maundy Easter Service, where Jesus had the Last Supper with the 12 Disciples. (Photos by Julia Jackson)

Members of Bible-Based at the service, Kevin (usher) and Tonya Hammond.

Liz Moody and Chasrmine Thomas at the service.

Recreation of the Last Supper in the Upper Room with the 12 Disciples.

Also in attendance at the service were Curtistine Gardner, her son, Devin Smith and her mother, Rosalie Jones.

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Tampa AKAs Receive Awards At Regional Conference

Members of Gamma Theta Omega, Sigma Nu (University of Tampa) and Zeta Upsilon (University of South Florida) of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated (AKA) attended the South Atlantic Regional Conference (SARC) in Hollywood, Florida on April 21-24, 2011.

The SARC is an annual event hosted by AKA to promote unity, community service and leadership training for sorority members residing in South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. Ms. Marsha Lewis Brown, 17th Regional Director of the South Atlantic Region and a member of Gamma Theta Omega, presided over the conference.

Gamma Theta Omega Chapter is committed to providing quality programs to the Tampa Bay community. The chapter continued its community service work at the SARC by donating more than 700 pairs of shoes for the conference’s community service project, Soles4Souls, a relief program that recycles footwear for people in need around the globe.

The chapter received recognition as platinum level contributor for their donation to the AKA Educational Advancement Foundation (EAF) a not-for-profit organization promoting lifelong learning by providing scholarships, fellowships and grants for higher education.

Gamma Theta Omega Chapter received 1st place for their Chapter’s Program Exhibit and 2nd place for the Regional Program Award: Platform V Health. Mrs. Jackie Kenneth-Greaves was awarded 2nd place for the Margaret Davis Bowen Outstanding Graduate Soror Award, for community service and sisterly relations. Mrs. Dianna Allen-Quin, Gamma Theta Omega’s President, was awarded 2nd place for the Horrie Regulus Basileus Award, based upon her dedication, support and leadership to the chapter.

The Awards and Exhibition Committee, led by Mrs. Erin Shell Anthony, Chairman, and Mrs. Marine Fils-Aime, Co-Chairman, worked tirelessly to ensure each project was special and showcased the various community service projects completed over the past year.

Gamma Theta Omega Chapter provides leadership and mentoring to the AKA chapters at the University of Tampa and University of South Florida. At the SARC, UT Chapter, Sigma Nu Chapter received 1st place for their Chapter’s International Program Exhibit and 3rd place in the Stoll Competition. Miss Erin Toliver, a member of USF’s Zeta Upsilon Chapter, received an award for having a 4.0 grade point average at the University of South Florida. Zeta Upsilon Chapter received Honorable Mention in the Step Show Competition.

(Article and photos by Lacquita Fullilove-Berry)

Members of Gamma Theta Omega Chapter (1 to r): Mrs. Evelyn E. McFadden, Mrs. Jewel B. Warren, Mrs. Iva Carter, Mrs. Phyllis Toliver, Mrs. Peggy Quince, Mrs. Selena Thomas, Ms. Deidre R. Jones, Mrs. Jean Collins, Mrs. Gwen Myers, Mrs. Erin Shell Anthony, Mrs. Dianna Allen-Quin, Mrs. Monique Slater, Mrs. Beverly Holland, Mrs. Hosetta B. Coleman and Mrs. Dorine Brown Norman.

Members of Sigma Nu Chapter (UT) and Zeta Upsilon Chapter (USF).
BY LEON B. CREWS
Sentinel Staff Writer

When Eric Leeks graduated from Middleton High School in 2009, he thought he was ready for the world. He had attained a 4.2 GPA and was a member of the National Honors Society, Buccaneers Student Advisory Board, and Mayor’s Youth Corps.

In 2004 Leeks was voted as one of the top 5% people to watch in Tampa, and says the major influences in his life were God, his family and his peers.

Entering his junior year at Florida A&M University, Leeks said he quickly learned that he wasn’t as prepared as he thought.

"Looking back, I wish someone would have come back and mentored me as to what to expect as a senior preparing to enter the real world."

With the blessing and permission of Middleton High School principal, Owen Young, and Senior Class Sponsor, Mrs. Waters, Leeks will be talking to the 2011 graduating class during a ceremony on June 1st in the school’s auditorium.

Although Leeks is seeking a degree as a broadcast journalist, he said it is music that continues to inspire and motivate him, and he is known as "Young Mint," in the R&B and hip-hop market.

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The theme of this year’s event is "Cartoons for the Cure." Each participating team will represent certain cartoon characters including (but not limited to) Fat Albert, The Flintstones, Sponge-Bob, Scooby-Doo, The Jetsons and Care Bears.

This year the Downtown St. Petersburg Relay committee is making a strong effort to gain the participation of more men in hopes of increasing their knowledge and awareness about how cancer can affect them and those who love them.

Many men fall victim to male breast, testicular and prostate cancer. "The Relay is a very personal journey for me. My family has directly been affected and I want to do all that I can to help other families."

Most people have been affected by cancer in some way; and we are glad to support the efforts of the American Cancer Society, while honoring those who ‘we’ve lost and those fighting the battle against cancer,” further stated Wilson.

In March 2010, Wilson’s eldest brother and renowned Polk County attorney, the late David Wilson, III, passed away after a brief bout with cancer.

Relay for Life is a free event that is open to the general public. For further information, visit www.RelayForLife.org/DowntownStPetersburgFL or call (727) 812-7004. Relay for Life is about providing hope for the future, progress towards a cure and answers to cancer questions.
First Lady Lauds U.S. Forces In bin Laden Raid

CENTER FALLS, Iowa — First lady Michelle Obama said Saturday that the U.S. military specialists who killed terrorist leader Osama bin Laden showed "the very essence" of public service.

Mrs. Obama made her first public remarks about bin Laden's death during the commencement address at University of Northern Iowa, Iowa. U.S. officials have said Navy SEALs shot and killed bin Laden and four others in Abbottaba:d, Pakistan, who killed terrorist leader bin Laden and four others in Abbottaba:d, Pakistan.

"Just imagine, a small group of brave men, dropped by helicopter, half a world away in the dead of night into unknown danger inside the lair of the most wanted man in the world," Mrs. Obama told the graduating class at the UNI Dome in Cedar Falls. "They did not hesitate, risking everything for us, for our freedom and security. And they did it not just as Navy SEALs. They did it as husbands, fathers, and sons. Their families were back here, with no idea of their mission or whether their loved one would ever come home."

The first lady evoked the SEALs' actions as part of a call for the graduating class to engage in public service after they leave the university.

"Now, that's the very essence of the word 'service,'" she said of the military action. "And the least we can do is give something back to the troops and their families who have given us so much."

City Council Confirms Staff Appointees Of Newly Elected Mayor

Last Thursday, the Tampa City Council unanimously approved Mayor Bob Buckhorn's choices for city attorney and chief of staff.

James J. "Jim" Shimberg, Jr., was confirmed to replace outgoing City Attorney Chip Fletcher. Shimberg has worked for the Holland and Knight Law Firm for more than 26 years.

Shimberg's salary will be $175,000, nearly $17,000 more than Fletcher's.

Santiago Corrada was confirmed to serve as the mayor's chief of staff, replacing Darrell Smith.

Corrada served as the city's neighborhood services administrator under former Mayor Pam Iorio and most recently a newly created position as an administrator of the Tampa Convention Center, Tourism, Recreation and Cultural Arts. He is also the city's point man for planning ahead of the 2012 Republican National Convention. He will be paid $153,004 a year.

The Council also approved Tampa Police Chief Jane Castor and Fire Rescue Chief Tom Forward in their current positions.

Sonya Little will be the city's chief financial officer.

Government News

State's Welfare Drug Testing Bill Goes To Governor Scott

Last Thursday, Florida lawmakers sent Governor Rick Scott a bill to require drug testing of welfare applicants, an issue that's been a top priority for the governor.

He is expected to sign the legislation enacting the changes that he campaigned on last year.

People seeking temporary state assistance would have to pay for the screening out of their own pockets, but they would be reimbursed if they pass. Estimates for the cost of each test have ranged from $10 to $80.

The bill, HB 353, won final approval in the Senate on a 26-11 vote, with all Republicans for it and all Democrats against it.

Republicans believe the bill will encourage people to get off or stay off drugs while preventing the use of tax dollars to pay for drugs. They also urged its only fair for welfare recipients to be tested because many taxpayers are screened at their place of employment.

Democrats say it doesn't make sense to require desti- tute people to pay for drug tests, and they questioned the constitutionality of blanket screening.

Gas Prices Expected To Drop 50 Cents By Summer

Officials said several factors have combined this week to stem the rapid rise in gasoline prices and analysts say they should gradually start going in the other way.

By summer, they could be down as much as 50 cents a gallon, but experts warn that the drops won't happen quickly.

Oil has tumbled 15 percent in price.

Nearly Half Of Detroit Residents Are Illiterate

IF YOU CAN'T READ THIS, YOU'RE ILLITERATE.

A shocking study by the Detroit Regional Workforce Fund, may explain a root problem within the Motor City.

According to reports, 47 percent of Detroit residents were found to be functionally illiterate. This means, nearly half of Detroit residents can’t do simple things like read a book, fill out a job applica-

Lawmakers Pass Historic Medicaid Overhaul

TALLAHASSEE — Two his-

ric bills enacting sweeping changes to Florida’s Medicaid program won Senate and House approval Friday, placing the care of nearly 3 million beneficiaries in the hands of private com-

panies and hospital net-

works.

The plan’s detractors say it’s a monetary scheme, making money scrip- ming on patient care. Patients have complained they couldn’t get appointments with specialists. Several providers pulled out of the program, causing lapses in care as patients were bounced among plans.

Sen. Joe Negron, who spearheaded the overhaul, said lawmakers have learned from the pilot programs shortcomings and includes increased oversight and more stringent penalties, including fines providers up to $500,000 if they drop out.

Gov. Rick Scott, a Republican who made millions as a health care CEO before his election, is expected to sign the bill. Federal health officials still have to sign off before the state can proceed.
Great Minds Open Books

Children with strong reading skills perform better in school, have a healthy self-image, and become lifelong learners!

This summer, help your kids avoid the dreaded "summer slide" — a time when children often lose months of reading achievement in just a few critical weeks.

While beach trips and movies are a summer staple, it's important to balance it all with a good book! To get tips on summer reading and access valuable resources, visit your Children's Board online today.

Get a FREE child's admission to Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo with the purchase of an adult ticket.

To learn more, visit: www.ChildrensBoard.org

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Think skipping breakfast will give you a head start on your busy day? Think again. You could be missing out on a string of health benefits, including an easy way to help manage your weight.

After a night of rest, your body needs the energy boost from a well-rounded breakfast. Children who eat breakfast perform better in the classroom with superior concentration and problem-solving skills—so just think about what it could do for you in the workplace.

Remember... the more satisfied you feel at breakfast, the fewer empty calories you are likely to eat later during the day. Try the following Stuffed French Toast.

**Stuffed French Toast**

1 tub whipped cream cheese
1 tablespoon brown sugar
3 teaspoons Ground Cinnamon, divided
1 1/2 teaspoons Pure Vanilla Extract, divided
16 slices Italian bread (1/2 inch thick)
1/2 cup apricot preserves or jam
5 eggs
1 cup milk
2 tablespoons butter, divided

**DIRECTIONS:** Mix cream cheese, brown sugar, 2 teaspoons cinnamon and 1 teaspoon vanilla in a small bowl until well blended. Spread 2 tablespoons cream cheese mixture on each of 8 slices bread. Spread 1 tablespoon preserves on remaining 8 slices of bread. Press one each of the bread slices together to form 8 sandwiches.

Beat eggs with wire whisk in a 9x13-inch baking dish. Stir in milk, remaining 1 teaspoon cinnamon and remaining 1/2 teaspoon vanilla until well blended. Dip sandwiches in egg mixture, soaking for 2 minutes on each side.

Melt 1 tablespoon butter in a large nonstick skillet or griddle on medium-low heat. Place 4 sandwiches in skillet. Cook 4 to 5 minutes per side or until golden brown. Repeat with remaining sandwiches, melting remaining tablespoon butter in skillet.

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**Be Your Own Flavor-ista**

Create an at-home coffee bar where guests can customize their drinks by adding their own toppings, like shaved chocolate spiked with cinnamon or whipped cream brightened with almond extract. For a splash of spring color, make your own homemade colored sugar with Food Colors to add a special sparkle to your favorite desserts.
Avocado, Bacon And Egg Breakfast Sandwich

- 6 slices bacon, halved
- 4 large eggs
- Salt and ground black pepper to taste
- 4 English whole wheat muffins, split horizontally
- 1 fully ripened avocado, halved, pitted and peeled

DIRECTIONS: In large skillet over medium heat, cook bacon until crisp; remove to paper towels to drain. Remove all but 1 tablespoon bacon drippings from pan. In a small bowl, whisk eggs with 1/4 teaspoon each salt and pepper, pour into skillet; cook and stir until scrambled and almost firm.

Meanwhile, toast the English muffins. In a small bowl, coarsely mash the avocado with a fork; add salt and pepper to taste. Spread avocado mash onto all English muffin pieces dividing equally. Divide bacon and scrambled eggs onto English muffin bottoms; add tops.

Serve warm.

Breakfast Fruit Turnovers

- 2 slices enriched white bread, crusts removed
- 2 tablespoons chopped dried apples
- 1 tablespoon tart cherries (pitted)
- 1 tablespoon butter, melted

DIRECTIONS: Preheat oven to 375°F. Roll out bread with a rolling pin until flattened to about 1/16 of an inch. Stir together apples and cherries. Brush some of the butter on the edges of the bread. Mound one half of the fruit mixture just right of center in the middle of each piece of bread. Fold over the bread to form a triangle and enclose the filling. Pinch the edges of the bread together firmly to seal. Arrange in one layer on a baking sheet and brush the top of each turnover with the remaining butter. Bake the turnovers in the middle of the oven for 20-25 min. until golden.

Indulgence With A Twist Of An Old Favorite... Iced Coffee

If you love hot coffee, you will enjoy indulging yourself with an iced coffee, when you learn to brew it correctly.

Many people brew hot, regular strength coffee and pour it over ice, which can dilute the flavor; the secret to a perfect cup of iced coffee is to brew it double strength, chill and then add ice.
Lose Your Stress And The Pounds Will Follow

Reducing the stress in your life can both improve your well-being and also work wonders on your waistline!

Exercise, good nutrition, adequate sleep, supplements, herbs and spices can counter the effects of stress. Try these:

Siberian Ginseng, a.k.a., Eleuthero
Siberian Ginseng is for people who are worn out. This will help you feel less frazzled, much calmer and help you sleep better at night.

Cinnamon
Cinnamon helps the cells in becoming less insulin resistant and reduces blood sugar levels. And while increasing the natural production of insulin, it also helps to lower cholesterol.

Magnesium
Magnesium will help you combat insomnia and stress. It also helps to decreases cardiovascular risk.

Fish Oil
Fish Oil reduces the stress hormone cortisol, while increasing lean muscle mass and decreasing fat. It also helps to fight depression and enhances brain function. The omega-3 fatty acid in fish oil lowers the risk of heart attack.

Holy Basil, a.k.a., Tulsi
Holy Basil, a.k.a., Tulsi acts as an anti-inflammatory, helping your body to defend itself against stress.

A Cherry Boost
Tart Cherries may reduce muscle damage after a hard workout and help your recovery quickly.

The antioxidants in the cherry juice decrease oxidative damage to the muscles, allowing them to recover faster.

Do You Have Adrenal Exhaustion?
If coffee consumption is any indication, millions of people may be suffering from some type of adrenal exhaustion.

And if you can't imagine living without at least some coffee you may also be on the verge.

Although fatigue may be a symptom of many different health problems, fatigue when coupled with other symptoms can point toward adrenal exhaustion, including the following:

• Dizziness when standing up
• Frequent bouts of low blood sugar
• Mood and memory problems
• Aches and pains in the muscles of the upper back, arms and legs

• Salt and sugar cravings
• Feeling cold
• Pollen allergies
• Food and chemical sensitivities
• Morning tiredness

-Stress isn’t the only culprit in adrenal exhaustion. Regular use of oral, topical and intranasal cortisone containing drugs can suppress normal adrenal function. So can antifungal drugs and more anticoagulants, such as warfarin and heparin. Low sodium levels and dehydration are also potential causes.

In addition, Type 2 Diabetes, rheumatoid arthritis, Crohn’s disease, allergies, yeast infections and hepatitis seem to increase adrenal exhaustion risks.

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Throw a cube in a cup, wait for it to thaw and mix it with orange juice for a real energy boost.

Lutein In Soft Gel Form. Lutein might help you maintain your vision.

Flaxseeds. Sprinkling a few tablespoons on oatmeal, in soups or yogurt daily can contribute to a clean colon.

Fish Oil In Soft Gel Form. Keep in mind that every cell in the body needs omega-3 fatty acids.

Easy Tricks To Boost Your Health

Yawning is one of the best kept secrets for flexing your mental muscles. The quick hit of oxygen wards off sleepiness and helps you stay focused by regulating metabolism and cooling the brain.

Blinking your eyes is essential for healthy eyes. The action coats the eye with tear film, a liquid layer that washes away debris and delivers nutrients to the cornea to promote good vision.

Breathing slowly and deeply can help lower blood pressure and alleviate anxiety, pain and asthma symptoms. It can prevent painful cramps during exercise.

Napping. Our ability to learn drops by about 10% between the hours of noon and 6 p.m., but taking a midday nap helps.

Stand Up And Sit Up Straight. Good posture can help prevent muscle strain, fatigue and pain. It keeps back muscles long and strong, whereas hunching and slouching can shorten your muscles and lead to chronic aches that may require some formal rehabilitation.

Refresh Yourself. Ocean waves, wind and sunlight break apart air molecules and create negatively charged ions that can improve your mood. Negative ions cling to dust in the air, making the particles heavier so they drop toward the ground, leaving the air you breathe in more oxygen-rich.

Laughing. Repetitive laughter—the type of humor that pertains to the absurdities in life, rather than the demeaning kind—causes a physiological response that’s similar to the effects of moderate exercise.

Like exercise, laughing lowers the levels of cholesterol and stress hormones that suppress immunity. It also ups levels of dopamine, a chemical that activates your brain’s pleasure center—which is what makes laughter so enjoyable.
**Why Pay Mortgage Insurance?**

If you are an FHA-insured borrower, the Mortgage Insurance Premium (MIP) you pay as a part of your monthly mortgage payment is what makes the reduced downpayment on your mortgage possible. FHA uses these payments to insure your lender against losses if the loan goes to foreclosure. HUD regulations were changed in 2001 for some new mortgages to be eligible to stop making the premium payments after a certain loan-to-value ratio is reached.

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**60 Seconds On Success**

By The Queen Of Success Selphenia Nichols Simmons

"There is nothing wrong with men possessing riches. The wrong comes when riches possess men." - Billy Graham

Empowered greetings. If you want to be rich, you must start thinking like the rich. If you want to stay poor, broke, busted and disgusted, then keep thinking with a po’ folk mentality.

Not many people want to admit openly that they want to be rich, for fear of what others might think. Well, guess what, they want to be rich, too. They are just trying to seem humble and not say it. But the Bible says that if you decree a thing it shall be established unto you. If you begin to think from the perspective of a rich mindset, you will begin to speak with a rich mindset.

When you speak from a rich mindset you will begin to act and govern your affairs from a rich person’s perspective. The way in which you govern your affairs is the direction your life will take. Think Rich, Be Rich.

A Millionaire Mindset doesn’t possess more money than they make. Stop spending more than you make, charging up credit cards and getting payday cash advances. "Spending tomorrow’s cash today" keeps you stuck and in a rut. A Millionaire Mindset is not possessed with having the latest possessions. Stop buying the latest brand name items, leasing or buying high-end vehicles and moving to the “status” neighborhoods, all to non-verbally tell others that you have arrived. Rich people are not trying to prove to anybody that they are rich unless they have a poor person’s mentality. And that “fool and his money will soon part.”

A millionaire mindset doesn’t go to work for money, they allow their money to work for them. They are not chasings paper at a dead end job. They seek careers that fit their skills, so that they are most productive. They operate with an entrepreneurial spirit.

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**Ask Deanna is written by Deanna M. You can write to Deanna M, 264 S. LaLenega, Suite 1283, Beverly Hills, CA 90211 Website: www.askdeanna.com**

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Girls Inc. Of Lakeland To Host 22nd Annual ‘She Knows’ Luncheon

LAKELAND — Girls Incorporated of Lakeland, Kay Fields, President CEO, will host its 22nd annual “She Know’s Going” awards luncheon on Thursday, May 19, 2011 at The Lakeland Center.

Registration begins at 11 a.m. Thirteen nominations have been received for the 2011 awards. Three award recipients will be selected from this group. Last year, there were 21 nominations submitted.

The nominees were: Dawn Alvarez, Stacy Campbell-Domicene, Dr. Lynn H. Clements, Diane Dimonaco, Cassandra Denmark, Charisse Jones, Amy Joule, Lisa Kaiser-Hickey, Antonette Kirby, Crystal Lester, Betay Dalton, Thaddeus Speed, Thaddeus Speed, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Tony Speed, Lita Roebuck, Brenda Woods, Linda Cowart, Susan Gable, and Asa S. McMillon.

The 2010 award recipients were: Lynn H. Clements, Lisa Kaiser-Hickey and Crystal Lester. Recipients who are chosen to receive the award must (1) demonstrate an ability to take control of their lives as evidenced by their economic autonomy and success in both setting and meeting their professional and personal goals; (2) show themselves to be appropriate role models for girls and young women served Girls Incorporated of Lakeland; and (3) demonstrate involvement in the community which exhibits leadership and service skills.

This year’s luncheon will be a special occasion as Girls Inc. of Lakeland celebrates its 40th Anniversary and the mission of Girls Inc., as they honor excelerated women who serve as positive role models for girls and young women. For further information, call (863) 682-3002 Ext. 222. (Photo by Shaw-Nuf)
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For the Library Services Department

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Sarcoidosis Awareness Event Draws 200 Participants

The Sarcoidosis Awareness Walk that was held at Al Lopez Park on April 16, 2011 drew about 200 participants, Emma Carroll, a member of the host committee stated. The honored guests were Rhonda McCullough, wife of the late comedian Bernie Mac, and their daughter, Je’Niece McCullough.

There were several guests, including Jaz Owens of California, the USF Jazz Band and Miles Bennett. (Photos Courtesy Of Sarcoidosis Committee and Jerry Brunson)

Tampa Sarcoidosis Host Committee members: Shirley Norman, Fannie Keith, Rose Rolle, Romaine Wright, Gwenda Carson, Ida Lewis and Emma Carroll.

Je’Niece McCullough, a walk participant, Rhonda McCullough, Meg Garrison, Sarcoidosis patient, and Betty Battle of the Bernie Mac Foundation.

Jaz Owens of Burbank, California sang a tribute. Radio DJ Aminta attended the event. Miles Bennett of Jesuit High School warmed up the crowd with stretches before the walk.

Gwenda Carson and Pam, seated, command the resources table. Both are victims of Sarcoidosis.

Armani, Angie and Deniece at the registration table.

The Community Room was full of patients from as far as Sarasota, Orlando and North Florida.

There was a reception at the Hilton Hotel the evening before the walk. Among those in attendance were Jarvis El-Amin, Shirley Norman and Diab Numan.

Emma Carroll, Founder and Executive Director of the Janine Sarcoidosis Foundation and Jaz Owens, Founder and Director of A Song For Life Sarcoidosis Foundation.

Clarissa Harrington.

Rosa and Rodney Rolle at the reception.
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City News

Permit Needed For Events At Parks With 50+ People

BY LEON B. CREWS
Sentinel Staff Writer

Every year, the City of Tampa Parks and Recreation Department, along with the Tampa Police Department, find themselves overwhelmed by events being held at city parks, specifically the ones close to residential areas.

Parks and Recreation Department Director, Karen Palus, said they will be re-grouping with police on areas of concern.

"Other than that, it will be business as usual for us."

Residents from the Highland Pines community, including their association president, Betty Bell, addressed the Tampa City Council two weeks ago about hundreds of people suddenly showing up at their park, and leaving the community in shambles.

Spokesperson, Linda Carlo, said they try to work with every group on what they think their maximum attendance will be for an event at the park.

"Part of the problem is, because they are public parks, people think they can just show up, plug in their music, let the crowds gather, and that's it. They have little or no concern for the surrounding community."

Carlo said to hold any organized event in a public park, it has to be a coordinated effort, beginning with the permitting process.

"In some cases, additional city services may be required. Parking is an issue, because most parks within the city don't have adequate parking for the crowds that gather. That's when the overflow parking takes place on private property, and that's a negative impact to the surrounding community."

Carlo said the fact that many of the events are occurring without permits being acquired, creates a big problem with law enforcement, and tends to also create a hostile group of people.

"When an event exceeds anticipated attendance, then we first look at the impact it is having on the surrounding community. We also review what happened the year before to let organizers know what they need to do, and what we need to do."

According to the city ordinance, a gathering of 50 or more people in an organized event will require the organizers get permits from the city.

Carlo said they will suggest certain parks be used for certain events when it becomes obvious there won't be adequate parking or restroom facilities.

"Another problem we've experienced is some of the area clubs and lounges using the parks to promote something going on at their place. They just show up with loud music, and start passing out flyers."

City Of Tampa Black History Committee, Inc. Awards Scholarships

On Monday, May 16, 2011, the City of Tampa Black History Committee, Inc. (COTBHC) will host its 2011 COTBHC Scholarship Awards Ceremony at Old City Hall – City Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m. Old City Hall is located at 315 E. Kennedy Blvd., Tampa. This event is free and open to the public.

The Honorable Mayor Bob Buckhorn will join the COTBHC in recognizing the scholarship recipients for their leadership and scholastic achievements. The keynote address will be delivered by Major Daniel B. Sparks of the United States Marine Corps.

Major Sparks is the Deputy Command Information Officer with USMCR Training and Education Command in Quantico, VA.

During the ceremony, three scholarships will be awarded. The Janett S. Martin Scholarship honors the legacy of Tampa's first African American City Clerk.

The COTBHC Presidential Award will be given to an outstanding teen in the community. This scholarship is being presented in honor of Bettye Johnson, President Emeritus of the COTBHC.

The third award will acknowledge the commitment of Mr. Harold Scott, former Code Enforcement employee, to the City of Tampa and the COTBHC.

The City of Tampa Black History Committee, Incorporated is a non-profit organization. For more information about the program, please contact Lenoir Russell at (813) 874-7980 or via e-mail at lenoir.russell@tampagov.net. Frank Crum is president of the committee.

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TALLAHASSEE — Florida A&M University (FAMU) won the 22nd Annual Honda Campus All-Star Challenge (HCASC) Monday, April 11 becoming the seventh team to achieve this national championship tournament. We have won a tournament in Orlando, Fla., 48 HBCU teams competed in a modified round robin format.

As the first recipient, she received the award for her commitment and dedication to coaching young men and women for the competition. "This championship is another example that Florida A&M University has some of the best and brightest students in the nation," said FAMU President James H. Ammons. "I applaud Atty. Hobbs and our students for doing such an outstanding job. This win is a testament to their hard work, character and commitment as well as the academic preparation they are receiving at FAMU."
Celebrating Women Telling ‘His Story’

In observance of Women’s History Month, the women of Re-Birth Missionary Baptist Church recognized “Women in The Ministry.” The theme was “Women of His Story,” Esther 4:14. Beverly Brown Neves was the program chair and Sharon Thomas was the co-chair. Sherryl Cusseaux was the Mistress of Ceremony.

The keynote speaker was Rev. Dayna Gray of the 34th Street Church of God. She was introduced by Rev. Elliott Gray. Also on the program were: Janice London, Daisy Jenkins, Alberta Jackson, Selena Lemons, Cynthia Jolly, Vanessa Banks, Audrey Colston, Hillisborough Community Mass Choir, Ethel Davis, Mary Jackson, Bernice Johnson, Mattie Richardson, and Rev. Dr. Zachery Hudson, Pastor.

The honorees were introduced by: Artis Berrien, Vanessa Banks, Minister Frances Campbell, Rev. Marcia Miller, Pastor Eugene Sanders, Jacqueline Pierce, Prophetess Chasity Jackson, Jacqueline Haynes and Diane Pope. (Photos by Julia Jackson)

Alberta Jackson was part of the Praise Team.

Rev. Dayna Gray of the 34th Street Church of God.

The program chair, Beverly Brown Neves.

Selena Lemons gave the welcome and occasion.

Daisy Jenkins was a part of the Praise Team.

Cynthia Jolly gave a “Tribute to Women.”

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