The Tampa Chapter of The Links, Incorporated hosted the year-end activity for its Royal Jewels at Sheehy Elementary School. The event was held at the Tampa Palms Golf and Country Club on Friday, May 25, 2012. The Services To Youth, International Trends and The Arts facets hosted the event. This event is the climax for the 45 fourth and fifth graders who were trained using the book “A Is For Attitude” by Attorney Patricia Russell McCloud, who contributed the books to the students. Links Jewel Warren and Casey Curry created a curriculum for the girls to follow. Link members who are a part of the team pictured are: Ellie Gilder, Phyllis Lee, Ruby Brown, International Trends Chair, Margarette Spears, Service To Youth chair, Sonja Garcia, Vivian Oliver, visiting Link; Evelyn Bethune, the event coordinator; and Ozepher Wilds, STY co-chair. (Photograph by BRUNSON)
Messiah Love said earlier Wednesday, he was told his son had no brain activity. At 11:21 a.m., 2-year-old Christian Love was pronounced dead.

"I was praying and hoping Christian would recover, but it didn't happen. Now, I'm talking with doctors about having his body autopsied," Messiah Love's grandmother, Ms. Georgette Williams, said she was with her grandson Tuesday night, but now the reality is setting in for her.

"I lifted his spirits by giving him options on what to do next. We also discussed having a funeral for Christian. We will try to arrange for a memorial service on June 9th. "Messiah was reluctant about a burial, because he wants to keep Christian close to him. I suggested a private cremation, and he thought that was a great idea. That way, he will have the urn with Christian's ashes, and maybe that can be closure for him in part."

Messiah Love said when he picked up his son, from the child's mother's home two weeks ago, he quickly noticed the 2-year-old had bruises covering his body.

"I contacted the Department of Children and Family Services, and they told me to take him to a center for child abuse. I was told a doctor there would examine him."

Love said the doctor confirmed that Christian was bruised, and I needed to take him to the hospital.

"They also confirmed he had been abused and that he had bruised ribs and a broken hand. I told the DCF worker I didn't want my son returned to the environment where he had been abused and that he didn't want my son returned to his father."

"I have a fiancé who is 6-months pregnant, and she's been kept in the hospital because she's having problems," said Love.

"They told her she will have to be confined to the hospital for the duration of her pregnancy."

According to Tampa Police, on Friday night, Candace Mitchell, 24, Christian's mother, took him to Florida Hospital. After he was examined by doctors, he was airlifted to Tampa General Hospital.

Tampa Police spokesperson, Laura McElroy, said Mitchell has been charged with aggravated child abuse, because she waited 5 hours before seeking treatment for her son.

"We are conducting an active investigation to determine what happened to Christian. We were initially told the child was running in his home, and slip and fell. We were also told the child was in the care of the mother's boyfriend when the injury occurred."

"I blame DCF for this," said Messiah.

"If they would have let me keep my son, this might not have happened. I tried to tell them what was going on, but they kept telling me Candace was the caregiver, so I had to give Christian back to her."

According to police, the live-in boyfriend, Javaurian Safford, 27, has not been charged.

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"I wish there was something I could have done to prevent this from happening," said Messiah Love.

"I never was comfortable having my son around her boyfriend."

According to arrest records, Safford was arrested September 23, 2008 on a charge of aggravated child abuse. He was sentenced to 10 years on December 13, 2010, but is currently serving felony probation on the charge. His probation period ends December 12, 2020.

Mitchell is in jail with her bond set at $50,000.

Ms. Williams, said she's upset about the entire ordeal. "Candace was already under investigation by DCF, because Messiah had contacted them a week before this happened. She should have never been allowed to get Christian."

"An aunt went to visit Christian a week ago, and she said he was sad, and she had never seen him like that before. She said when she and her husband tried to leave Christian grabbed them as if he wanted them to take him with them."

Ms. Williams said after Mitchell's arrest, she tried to get the judge to deny them a chance to visit Christian at the hospital.

There was an emergency hearing Sunday morning, and that's when DCF and the judge told us we could visit Christian. But, we weren't actually able to visit him in the hospital until Tuesday.

"Messiah is talking with an attorney to get advice on how to file a complaint against DCF."

Police spokesperson, Janelle McGregor, said they are still actively investigating, and it will take a couple of weeks for them to complete their investigation and decide if the charges against Mitchell will be upgraded.

Voter Application Office Opens in East Tampa

The Florida Consumer Action Network (FCAN) has opened the East Hillsborough Voter Application Office and their goal is to register 10,000 voters in the area.

Tim Heberlein, FCAN Regional Director, and part of the support staff for this office, said they are looking for community support, and also reaching out to community leaders.

The project is funded by Project Vote, a national organization that has registered hundreds of thousands of people across the country, "FCAN has been instrumental in getting people registered to vote in Florida," said Heberlein.

"We're specifically targeting minority voters and those left out of the political mainstream. "We don't deal directly with rights restoration, but we do have information to refer people to those agencies."

Heberlein said they are trying to get people in the University and Sulphur Springs area registered, as well as East Tampa.

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The Voter Registration Office is located at 2802 East Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, Suite C, next door to Computer Mentors. They are open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. 5-days-a-week, and on occasion, 7-days-a-week, depending on the need to reach the people.

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Former County Commissioner Begins Prison Term

KEVIN WHITE
... Begins serving 3-year prison sentence

On Wednesday, a former Hillsborough County Commission­ner surrendered to a federal prison in Atlanta. He was sentenced earlier this year.

In March, Kevin White learned that he would serve 3 years after being convicted of seven of 10 federal charges filed against him.

White and his father, the late Gerald White, were recorded and videotaped by federal agents as he brok­ered deals with a confiden­
tial informant and an under­cover federal agent. White died May 23, 2011.

In June, after Gerald White’s death, police ar­rested Kevin White and co-defendant George Hondrellis were arrested. Hondrellis was court-or­
dered to undergo a psycho­
logical evaluation and has not stood trial on the charges he is accused of committing.

Last November, White was found guilty of 1 count of conspiracy to commit bribery; 2 counts of bribery; 1 count conspiracy to com­
mit mail and wire fraud; 2 counts of honest services wire fraud; and 1 count mak­
ing false statements to law enforcement.

He was sentenced in March. In addition to com­
peting the sentence, White must serve three years of probation and repay $9,000 allegedly taken in bribes and court cost, fines, and other fees of more than $8,000.

White’s death, police ar­rested Kevin White and his wife had been stricken with Alzheimer’s disease several years ago. He was 78-years­old.

Born on December 8, 1933, Mr. Danzey was well known throughout the Tampa Bay Area as a pioneer in broad­cast radio. He launched his career at WTMP AM Radio in Tampa in 1963 as an Account Executive.

Mr. Danzey became the first African American sales­person for a major area broadcaster. Within four years of his employment, Mr. Danzey was promoted to Sales Manager in 1967.

He continued moving up the ladder at the station to become the Vice President and General Manager of the station in 1970.

Well-Known Businessman Dies After Lengthy Illness

BY IRIS B. HOLTON
Sentinel City Editor

A popular Tampa business­man who became the owner of the first African American owned and oper­ated radio station in the Tampa Bay area died Tues­day. Mr. J. (Jake) Eugene Danzey died at the Hospice Woodside Hospital, of respir­atory failure.

His wife of 20 years, Mrs. B. J. Benton, said her hus­band had been stricken with Alzheimer’s disease several years ago. He was 78-years­old.

In 1975, Mr. Danzey, who served as President of Rohyn Broadcasting, helped found AM Radio Station WRXB in St. Petersburg. As the president and owner, Mr. Danzey retained the station as a family-owned business for more than 20 years.

The station, which focused on Rhythm and Blues music, was purchased by Metropoli­tan Radio Group, a company based in Missouri, in 1999. In 2007, the radio station was purchased by Pointem Com­
munications.

Danzey, a Tampa native, was an under­
known radio station in the

With his family and friends, Mrs. Benton said her hus­band was very active in the community in Tampa and in St. Petersburg during his lifetime.

In 2007, Mr. Danzey was inducted into the Pinellas Edu­cation Foundation’s Free Enterprise Hall of Honor. The following year, he and his wife were presented the Leg­ends Award.

Mr. Danzey was also ap­
pointed to serve on the Pinel­las County Housing Authority by then Governor Bob Martinez. He served as its Chairman for several years.

They were recognized as owners of one of a few Black­owned radio stations in the country, and Mrs. Benton opened her first MacDonald’s Restaurant in 1984.

“We were a dedicated mem­ber of St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in St. Petersburg, and he was a very giving, influen­
tial person,” she said.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Danzey is survived by two children, Michael Danzey and Mrs. Valerie Danzey Gardner, and several other family members and friends.

Funeral services for Mr. Danzey were incomplete at the time. Wilson’s Funeral Home is in charge of han­dling arrangements.
Another View
By Randy Kinsey

The FCAT Is a Bully

The most fearsome creature in public schools of Florida is the FCAT. The FCAT is the big elephant in the classrooms, the fearful monster in the schools and the biggest bully in public school districts throughout the state.

The way the FCAT is used today, I say doom the FCAT. It upsets and worries entire school districts, teachers, students, parents and school administrators.

The test is used today, I repeat, doom the FCAT, and it is time voters, parents, teachers and concerned citizens bring the FCAT test into real focus.

If a third grader fails to pass the FCAT, they can pass to 4th grade. If an 8th grader fails the test, the student can't move to the 9th grade.

If a high schooler fails the FCAT, that student can't graduate.

Grades, homework, participation and class projects mean nothing. The FACT is used to determine whether or not students are learning, teachers are teaching and whether or not a school is good or bad.

It is good to have a measuring stick. But should these factors be determined by 1 test?

Who's to blame for the unrestricted power of the FCAT? It is the work of the Florida State legislators. I understand that they took the test recently and both of them failed it.

The FCAT has to be brought down and its already mighty powerful pedestal that we have elevated it to. Sure the FCAT can be used to evaluate the learning process and the teaching processes. But it must not and should not be the determining factor for students, teachers and schools.

The FCAT can be a valuable instrument in determining students' weaknesses and strengths, and aid teachers. But, this is not what the FCAT is doing. The FCAT is making FAT CATS of few, and DROPOUT CATS of many. Let's doom the bully, FCAT.

President Obama Honors Medal Of Freedom Recipients As Heroes

WASHINGTON
Sketching impressive contributions to society in intensely personal terms, President Barack Obama presented the Medal of Freedom to more than a dozen political and cultural greats Tuesday, including rocker Bob Dylan, astronaut John Glenn and novelist Toni Morrison.

In awarding the nation’s highest civilian honor to 13 recipients, living and dead, the president took note of the overlap of the crowd in the East Room and said it was a testament to how cool this group is. Everybody wanted to check ‘em out.

Pres. Obama then spoke of his personal connection to a number of this year’s recipients, calling them “my heroes individually.”

“I know how they impacted my life,” the president said. He recalled reading Morrison’s “Song of Solomon,” which he does not “just trying to figure out how to write, but also how to be and how to think.”

In college days, Pres. Obama said, he listened to Dylan and recalled “my world opening up, because he found a way to speak to this country that was so vital.” Dylan’s appearance drew the biggest whoops from the crowd, and he dressed for the occasion — black glasses, bow tie and black suit embellished with shiny buckle and buttons.

Pres. Obama also re-called reading about union patriarch Dolores Huerta when he was starting out as a community organizer.

“Everybody on this stage has marked my life in profound ways,” he said.

Pres. Obama added that Pat Summit, who led the University of Tennessee women’s basketball team to more NCAA Final Four appearances than any other team, had helped pave the way for his two daughters, “who are tall and gifted.”

“They’re standing straight and diving after loose balls and feeling confident and strong,” he said. “I understand that the impact that these people have stands beyond me. It will continue for generations to come.”

The Medal of Freedom is presented to people who have made meritorious contributions to the national interests of the United States, to world peace or to other significant endeavors.

Other honorees:
- Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, the first woman to hold the job.
- John Paul Stevens, former Supreme Court Justice.
- Shimon Peres, president of Israel, who is to receive his medal at a White House dinner next month.
- John Doar, who handled civil rights cases as assistant attorney general in the 1960s.
- William Foege, former director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, who helped lead the effort to eradicate smallpox.
- Gordon Hirabayashi, who was the only the only Japanese-American during World War II. He died in January.
- Jan Karski, a resistance fighter against the Nazi occupation of Poland during World War II. He died in 2000.


Dolores Huerta, the co-founder of the National Farmworkers Association, which later became the United Farm Workers of America, won the first American to orbit the earth.

Dylan’s vast catalog of songs includes such rock classics as “Like a Rolling Stone,” “Blowin’ in the Wind” and “Mr. Tambourine Man.”
Barthwell, Ex-Classmate Of Romney And Obama's, Says President Will 'Smoke' GOP Nominee In Debates

Sidney Barthwell, perhaps the only former classmate of both Mitt Romney and President Barack Obama, thinks the former Massachusetts governor doesn't stand a chance when facing the incumbent president in debates prior to their November electoral contest.

"When they debate, Barack will smoke Mitt," Barthwell, a district court magistrate in Michigan, said.

"Mitt is smart," he continued. "Having said all that, I still think he's going to get smoked. The best he can do is hopefully come out not looking like a fool. Mitt will find out the hard way as soon as they have their first debate: You don't debate Pres. Obama..."

Barthwell, 64, was the only Black member of Romney's 1965 class at Cranbrook Schools and later attended Harvard Law School with Pres. Obama. He identifies himself as being politically independent, has donated money to both campaigns and has "tremendous respect" for both men, he said.

SIDNEY BARTHWELL
And PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA

But whereas Pres. Obama struck Barthwell as "brilliant" at Harvard -- where the two became friendly while working together for the Black Law Student Association -- he recalled Romney's years at Cranbrook as nothing to write home about. "Mitt was not particularly popular. He was very, very ordinary."

Barthwell also said he and those who know Romney are "baffled" by the latter's conservative views on the campaign trail, calling the governor a liberal-minded person whose father was a "social liberal, almost a civil rights champion."

And while he did not remember the 1965 bullying incident reported by earlier this month, Barthwell insisted Romney is not mean-spirited and was confident the incident had less to do with homophobia than reports initially suggested. Romney and his friends allegedly tackled classmate John Lauber, who was perpetually teased for his rumored homosexuality, and clipped the soft-spoken student's hair with a pair of scissors.

Romney responded to the story by apologizing for high school hijinks and pranks that at times went too far, but said he does not specifically recall that incident.

Romney's biggest problem, according to Barthwell, is his stiff public persona. Pres. Obama is able to connect as "a warm, concerned, hard-working, friendly, nice, humanistic and compassionate individual, and that's what he is," he said. "He doesn't have a problem portraying that. Mitt, on the other hand, who is also these things, does."

Romney's Birth Certificate Evokes His Father's Citizenship Controversy

The birth certificate of Republican presidential hopeful Mitt Romney is pictured in this undated handout photo.

Yes, Republican Mitt Romney appears eligible to be president, according to a copy of Romney's birth certificate released by his campaign. Willard Mitt Romney, the certificate says, was born in Detroit on March 12, 1947.

So on a day when real estate and media mogul Donald Trump was trying to help Mitt Romney by stirring up a new round of questions about whether Democratic President Barack Obama was born in the United States, Romney's own birth record became a reminder that in the 1968 presidential campaign, his father had faced his own "birther" controversy.
Car Dealer Indicted On Tax Fraud, Aggravated Identity Theft Charges

BY IRIS B. HOLTON
Sentinel City Editor

The U. S. Attorney’s Office for the Middle District of Florida announced the unsealing of a 32-count indictment against a Tampa business owner. He is charged with tax fraud and aggravated identity theft crimes.

Russell B. Simmons, Jr., 42, has been indicted on 8 counts of wire fraud, 8 counts of filing a false claim with the Internal Revenue Service, 7 counts of theft of government property, and 9 counts of aggravated identity theft. If convicted, he faces a maximum of 20 years for each wire fraud charge, five years for each false claim count, and ten years on each theft of governmental property.

Additionally, the document release stated, Simmons faces a “mandatory sentence of two years in federal prison for each aggravated identity theft count, (18 years), which must be served consecutively to any sentence imposed for any of the other underlying offenses.”

The indictment also notified Simmons that the government will forfeit numerous assets, including $47,580 in cash, $118,275 found in a Bentley, and numerous pieces of jewelry including a Rolex watch, which are alleged to be traceable to proceeds of the offense.

Simmons, the owner of Simmons Auto Sales, 4615 N. 34th Street, is accused of engaging in a scheme to defraud by filing fraudulent income tax returns and negotiating fraudulent tax refunds. He is accused of accepting, purchasing, and negotiating treasury checks known to be obtained illegally from individuals buying cars from his used car lot.

The indictment said Simmons had knowledge that the checks had a much higher face value than the price of the vehicles he sold. Investigators said he also swiped reloadable cards, knowing they contained tax refund money.

“Simmons kept a large percentage of the value of the cards for himself and provided the balance to his co-conspirators in cash,” the indictment said.

Officials said Simmons also filed fraudulent refunds, loaded the refunds on to debit cards, and used the cards at various ATM machines around the city.

John W. Joyce, Special Agent in Charge, Secret Service, Tampa Field Office said, “The arrest of Mr. Simmons is significant due to the sheer volume of tax fraud perpetrated by this individual. Mr. Simmons and others have shown a flagrant disregard for the law and have abused the electronic tax filing system.”

On Tuesday, a woman who admitted to hosting “drop parties” for income tax fraud entered a guilty plea. A district judge accepted the guilty plea she entered last month.

The U. S. Attorney’s Office identified the woman as 33-year-old Arswaya Ralph, of Riverview. Ms. Ralph surrendered to police and faces charges in the filing of 65 false income tax claims and identity theft.

According to court documents, Ms. Ralph pleaded guilty to making a false claim, of which she can be sentenced to a maximum of five years in prison; and identity theft, which carries a maximum sentence of 15 years. A sentencing date has not been set.

She is also ordered to pay full restitution in the case. She will also serve a term of probation.

Officials learned through investigation that Ms. Ralph and others were allegedly using stolen identities to perpetuate the tax frauds. According to court documents, “Ralph and others were filing fraudulent federal income tax returns with stolen identities.”

The investigation also revealed that Ralph attended and hosted “Drop Parties” during which she and others filed numerous fraudulent income tax returns at the same time.

On June 2, 2011, during the execution of a search warrant, law enforcement recovered and confiscated numerous items. Some of the items confiscated included a 2010 Buick Lacrosse, $27,000 in cash, 42 preloaded debit cards, $4,387 in currency in a Betsy Johnson designer handbag, a pair of Gucci sunglasses with the case, two laptop computers, and approximately a dozen handwritten ledgers.

The ledgers contained the names, dates of birth, social security numbers and other personal identification. The ledgers also contained bank account and routing numbers, court documents showed.

Police also seized designer clothing, shoes, luggage, handbags, and a pink firearm. Authorities said Ms. Ralph had not reported any legitimate income during 2011.

After having heard her Miranda warnings, Ms. Ralph told law enforcement that she had been filing fraudulent tax returns since August or September 2010, and that she had purchased the vehicle with some of the funds.

According to court documents, the 65 false claims alone resulted in an intended loss of $467,781 from the Internal Revenue Service.
Elections Commission Rules Allegations Warrant Investigation

Dr. Jack Lamb, a sitting school board member, has violated at least 2 Florida Election laws. A letter signed by Rosanna Catalano, Executive Director of the Florida Elections Commission, stated, "...I have reviewed the complaint and find that it contains one or more legally sufficient allegations. Along with all allegations in the complaint, the Commission staff will investigate the following alleged violations:

"Section 106.07(4), Florida Statutes: John R. Lamb, candidate for re-election to the Hillsborough County School District, certified his 2012 G1 Campaign Treasurer Report as true, correct, and complete when it was not, as alleged in the complaint."

Lamb was advised that he could respond to the allegations within 20 days. He was also told that once the investigation was complete, the legal staff would make a written recommendation to the Commission on whether there is probable cause of a violation. At that time, the Commission will hold a hearing with both parties present.

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Sisters With Tampa Roots Graduate Two Weeks Apart

DOMINIQUE BLANCHETTE ... 2012 Hampton Graduate
GABRIELLE BLANCHETTE ... 2012 St. Francis High School Graduate

The spring is the time when graduations take place on all educational levels, ranging from kindergarten to college. Sometimes, the ceremonies take place in the same cities and other times, the family must travel.

Recently, members of the Andrews Family attended graduation exercises in Virginia and California of two family members. The graduates are the daughters of Tampa native, Dr. Susan Andrews Blanchette and Ronald Blanchette, D. D. S., of Sacramento, California. They are the granddaughters of Mrs. Gloria Andrews and the late Mr. C. Blythe Andrews, Jr., of Tampa.

Ms. Dominique Blanchette, 21, actually completed her requirements and graduated in December with a degree. She returned to Hampton University in Hampton, Virginia to walk with her class on May 13th. Ms. Blanchette graduated Magna Cum Laude in the Department of Honors in Psychology. She also upheld the family tradition and pledged Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. While at Hampton, Ms. Blanchette served as "Missa AKA 2010-2011" and as the 2011-2012 Membership Dk Intake Chairperson for the sorority. A Psychology major, Ms. Blanchette will begin the Doctorate Program at the Chicago School of Professional Psychology, where she will continue her education. Her goal is to become an Organizational Psychologist.

Her sister, Ms. Gabrielle Blanchette recently graduated Summa Cum Laude from St. Francis High School in Sacramento, California. While at St. Francis, Gabrielle, 18, served as the Captain of the Girls Varsity Basketball Team, as President of the Interact Club, and served as the Teen Vice President of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Gabrielle also accumulated more than 100 hours of community service during the school year.

In the fall, Gabrielle will begin classes at Hampton University. She is unsure if she will follow her sister in Psychology or if she will pursue Chemistry as a major.

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Magna Cum Laude College Graduate Worked 3 Jobs

HENRY BOONE, JR. Graduated from FAMU Magna Cum Laude from the College of Architecture

BY IRIS B. HOLTON Sentinel City Editor

Henry Boone, Jr., recently graduated from Florida A&M University, Magna Cum Laude from the College of Architecture. However, instead of taking a few weeks to relax, Boone jumped right into life.

He began working for the Turner Construction Company, the second largest commercial construction company in the country, on May 21st as a Site Manager. As the Site Manager, he takes care of the needs of the subcontractors, answering questions, and other managerial responsibilities. He also spends a great deal of time on paperwork.

Boone said now that he has graduated, he has a lot of free time on his hands. However, that has not always been the case. A Tampa native, Boone graduated from Tampa Technical High School in 2009. He entered Florida A & M University on a mission.

His goal was to finish his education as quickly as possible. He completed that goal in 2 years and 8 months.

"I took 8 classes each semester and went to summer school. And, I worked 3 jobs," the young man said.

Together, he designated about 70 hours of his time per week to employment. When he wasn't in class or studying, he found time to serve as the Vice President of the Association of General Contractors of America and membership in the American Association of Civil Engineers.

Although it was a grueling schedule, Boone said he was motivated to finish. Before he graduated, the young man had already landed the job at Turner Construction Company.

He said his base is in Cincinnati, but he will go wherever the company sends him. Currently, his company is working on a commercial construction building.

Boone is the son of Mrs. Patricia Boone and the late Henry Boone Sr. He has 3 older sisters. Boone attended the public schools of Hillsborough County.

He is a member of Glorious Church of God In Christ and enjoys football and basketball.

Boone said his motto was, "I came, I saw, I conquered, and there is still much more left to be done."
Feeding The Homeless Just Part Of This Church’s Mission

There have been drug marches, revivals, new businesses opening, and the launching of the HOPE Center in the area of 29th Street and Lake Avenue. Of all the areas of East Tampa, that area had been known as a high drug, high crime area that most people in the city avoid.

But, not Pastor Timothy Kemp and the members of Peace Progressive Primitive Baptist Church. The church, located on Lake Avenue and 28th Street, sits directly in the path of hundreds of homeless and addicted people who wander the streets 24 hours a day. Pastor Kemp said it is those people he has been reaching out to for the past 5 years.

“We started feeding the homeless in 2007, and in the past year alone, we’ve fed 3,100 people, all out of pocket.”

Pastor Kemp said they’re a church reaching out to the community in their time of need. “We do more than just feed people. We have a listing of all the social service and other agencies that can help people get back on their feet.”

Every Sunday morning from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., a full breakfast is served at the church, and Pastor Kemp said it’s as good as you can get from any fast food restaurant.

Pastor Kemp preaches from 7:30 a.m. until 8 a.m. for those who come in, and he also has a group of volunteers who help serve and clean up afterwards. “I think we have a comprehensive program at the church. When a person needs clothing, a bus pass or other things we try to help them with that.”

“We’re giving the people a hand up, not just a hand out. We want people to learn they have to take care of their own responsibilities.”

Pastor Kemp said he’s heard some great testimonies from some of the people they’ve served, and some have given up drugs and joined the church. “We also have a couple preparing to get married that came up to us from the streets.”

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Harvard Expands Financial Aid And Scholarships To Low-Income Students

BY TAMECA JOHNSON
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Harvard University is expanding a popular scholarship program in an effort to attract more students from low-income families.

Applicants accepted by the University with a family income of $65,000 or less will receive an all-expense paid education. This new plan was announced just weeks ago.

Jeff Neal, the University’s Director of Communications, confirmed to the Florida Sentinel that the change goes into effect this fall, which means students from some of the people who meet the low-income tier, will not be expected to pay anything towards their education at Harvard.

The university released a statement saying, “When only ten percent of the students in elite higher education come from families in the lower half of the income distribution, we are not doing enough in bringing elite higher education to the lower half of the income distribution.”

Harvard began offering income-based full scholarships nearly 10 years ago and over the years, has worked to attract students who otherwise could not afford the more than $50,000 a year in tuition.

Harvard does not have a minimum requirement for admission. However, Neal says, “The majority of students admitted to the College represent a range of [SAT] scores from roughly 600 to 800 on each section of the Reasoning Test and the Subject Tests.”

In addition to test scores, Harvard takes into consideration a student’s academic success, life experiences, achievements and contributions to their school and community.

For more information on admission and financial aid, visit www.fao.fas.harvard.edu, or call the school’s financial aid office at (617) 495-1518.
Contrilla York said she's always wanted to be involved in fashion in every aspect. "Being fashion conscious is something that has always been a part of my family. We've always kept up with trends, and what looks good on some and bad on others.

"I've even considered becoming a fashion consultant, because I enjoy giving advice to people on what looks good for them."

Ms. York opened her first business, "Don't Sleep On Accessories," in April, and she said things re beginning to pick up fast. "I sat home and prayed to God for direction in my life," said Ms. York. "God laid it on my heart to start a business, and here I am. The name of my business comes from my sleepy eyes, and everyone thought that would be a great name for the business."

Ms. York said she made sure she was ready before she opened the doors to her business. "Before this, I was doing interior design work. "In my store, I sell all kinds of accessories, including jewelry and clothing."

Ms. York said she picks up on some things by attending fashion shows and watching reality shows like "Real Housewives of Atlanta."

Ms. York said she's a one-woman operations and she orders from California, New York, and Atlanta. "All that's left is for someone to do some networking for me. That's an important aspect of any business. I think I'm in a great location, and I want to grow where I am now, and expand later."

"Don't Sleep On Accessories" is located at 6014 North 40th Street, Suite E.

Patrice Pascoe and Eureka Love said they are frustrated women. Both of them are plus-size, and feel it's a shame there aren't many places for them to shop.

In October 2011, Ms. Pascoe, and Ms. Love decided enough was enough. After gathering some of their friends, they opened Curvy Girls Boutique.

Curvy Girls Boutique gives special attention to plus-size women, and Ms. Pascoe and Ms. Love said business has been going great since they opened.

"When plus-size women come into our boutique, you can see on their faces how they feel," said Ms. Pascoe. "They are so happy to have a place that sells the same young, stylish and sexy clothing as the other shops."

Ms. Love said they hope to have influence enough to change the mind of design­ers. "We order our inventory, but we do have design ideas," said Ms. Pascoe. "We hope to be able to design clothing later."

Ms. Pascoe and Ms. Love said they also offer their opinions to customers on what may look good for them specifically. "We also help them with their makeup and accessories," said Ms. Love. "We also do personalized shopping for special events."

Curvy Girls Boutique is located at 1076 East Highway 60, Suite 101 in Brandon. You can also call (813) 924-3841.

NCNW Meeting

The Tampa Metro Section of the National Council of Negro Women monthly meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 2, 2012, 10 a.m., at Lee Davis Neighborhood Service Center, corner of N. 22nd St. and E. 26th Ave.

Reports will be given on the result of the Section's annual Fundraiser and Banquet held on May 20th, and from delegates who attended the National NCNW Convention held in Washington, DC, the week of May 21st.

Members are encouraged to be present and on time. Interested visitors are welcome.

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**Director Says Theft Will Not Stop Football Team**

**BY IRIS B. HOLTON**

**Sentinel City Editor**

Last week, unidentified suspects broke into an East Tampa football team’s storage building. The culprits fled the scene with thousands of dollars in equipment belonging to the newly formed team.

The theft was a devastating blow to the newly formed Highland Pines Cougars, who are members of the Unity Football Program. Orlando Gudes, Executive Director of the Unity Football Conference said the team is so new that it cannot obtain insurance until the season begins. This means that the loss was not covered.

However, Gudes, a long time Tampa Police Officer, said, “We have gotten a lot of calls from the community and we appreciate their support. We want the community to know that this theft will not stop the kids from playing football. They will have a season as planned.”

Gudes said someone forced open the back door of the storage shed housing the equipment. The burglary took place between Tuesday and Thursday evening and Thursday evening of last week.

Gudes said the suspects took about $2,500 worth of helmets, belts, repair kits, and other accessories.

He further stated they are still recruiting players between the ages of 5 and 14 to play on the four teams. He expects to have about 120 football players and between 36 and 40 cheerleaders when the team reaches its full capacity.

The Tampa Police Department is investigating the crime. Anyone wishing to contact Gudes can reach him at (813) 842-0157.
Auditions are taking place for the 15th anniversary production of the Chocolate Nutcracker here in the Bay area; and producers of the show promise the upcoming performances will be like none other.

Chocolate Nutcracker is an urban stage production of the holiday classic The Nutcracker, complete with hip hop, jazz and modern dance. Jai Hinson is the show’s Executive Producer and says those who see this year’s show will enjoy a few powerful additions.

“We’re bringing back the fiery Latin percussionist Freddy Montes and his band y su Son. They are performing live as the finale.

Hinson says the show will also include performances of the 1920s jazz swing style dance, the Lindy Hop and a performance of the dance style Capoeira, moves used as a disguise to martial arts, taken from African and Brazilian cultures.

As an added bonus, the production is expanding to Jacksonville this year. Details of that show are still in the works.

Meanwhile, dancers interested in performing in the two Bay area shows are encouraged to attend the June 16 audition at the Enoch Davis Center in St. Petersburg beginning at 9 A.M. Those auditions are for children ages five and older and for adults of all ages.

The Tampa production of the Chocolate Nutcracker takes place Saturday, December 15 at the Mahaffey Theater in Downtown St. Petersburg. Show times are 2 P.M. and 7:30 P.M.

For more information call (727) 216-3519.
Radio Show Addresses
The Needs Of Ex-Felons

Joanna "Flava" Williams has been an advocate for ex-felons for years. She has met with officials in Tallahassee, Tampa, and even Washington, D.C. about the injustices ex-felons have had to endure.

"When you get out of prison and you try to get a job to take care of yourself and your family, you are usually told there are no openings, or to fill out an application, and be contacted later.

"All of that is a polite way of saying we don't hire ex-felons."

Flava said even more frustrating is the inability for homeless people and ex-felons to earn a living on the streets.

"You can't sell water, and the panhandling ordinance has basically wiped out any way so outsiders won't see just how bad it is. We have to step up and be heard. We have to stop being afraid."

Joanna "Flava" Williams

Black On Black Rhyme
Tampa Provides Free Speech Opportunity

BY LEON B. CREWS
Sentinel Staff Writer

In this era of free speech and turmoil, there's no better venue to express yourself than Black On Black Rhyme Tampa. Tampa's spoken word leader, LIFE, said Black On Black Rhyme has afforded him an opportunity to express himself in ways that may be offensive to others.

"Here, we say what's in our hearts, and sometimes the truth can be ugly and painful. "Nationally, Black On Black Rhyme has provided an outlet for people like myself who see all of the injustices going on, and want a platform to talk about it."

Over the years, Black On Black Rhyme Tampa has relocated several times. Now, they are at Supa D's, 80 Skagway Avenue. In 2012, they offered a free raffle every month. "We are in tough political times right now, and it's time for the people to be heard," said LIFE.

"We have to understand that we don't have to just sit back and take it without any response. Black On Black Rhyme gives you that opportunity to make a response in a non-violent way. In other words, you can get your point across."

LIFE said more and more young people are being drawn to spoken word poetry, and he'd like to see it expand even more.

"With the summer coming up, a lot of young people will be out wandering around. I'd like to see them wander into one of our sessions. I guarantee you when they leave, they will be carrying more than what they had when they came in. Knowledge is power, and that's what we try to offer."

Recently a special memorial was held for Will "Da Real One" Bell, who was murdered in Miami in May 2011. Bell was a pioneer and one of the driving forces behind the national spoken word movement.

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Student Looks Forward To Entering Magnet Program

BY IRIS B. HOLTON
Sentinel City Editor

When school begins in the fall, Stephaun Jackson will be a freshman at Blake High School. He has been accepted in the Magnet Program at the Performing Arts school. He recently graduated from Academy Prep of Tampa.

However, the 14-year-old said his first years at Academy Prep of Tampa were unsettling. Stephaun had to experience a period of adjustment to the school although he entered as a 5th grade student.

Stephaun had attended King's Kids Academy for the first four grades of school. He was used to things that take place in a religious school. "It was a bit different, not like a church where we had devotion and the pledge every morning. I had to get used to it," he said.

Stephaun admits the first year was a period of adjustment for him. In addition to adapting to a school that was in a class by itself, he also had to adjust to 11-hour school days. He also said that if a student didn't have Study Hall, then he could leave at 5 p.m., but Study Hall required an additional hour on campus.

"It was a very long day, and sometimes when there were field trips, we had to go to school on Saturdays," he said.

And, of course, there was a continuing battle with Stephaun facing his hardest subject — mathematics. But, he never gave up. And, during his 8th grade year, the final year at Academy Prep, he made the honor roll every grading period and of that he is especially proud.

Now, the young man looks forward to attending high school, where he will concentrate on music. His goal is to become a gospel singer. He loves to sing, but when he has free time, he loves to cook as well.

Stephaun is the son of Ms. Cheryl Jackson and grandson of Arthur Roby. He has a younger sister, Samariah, who is a student at Academy Prep of Tampa.

Just Elementary School Holds Induction For Ladies And Gents Clubs

Just Elementary School recently held inductions for its ladies and gentlemen clubs. Words of encouragement were offered by Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Lewis Brinson.

(Photos by Julia Jackson)

The young ladies who were inducted were: Mu'liyah Greene, Te'Ani Kirksey, Zaviera Blount, Gloria Gonzalez, Antonae Bagwell, Antonaeja Jackson, Mya Porcher, Folashade Olatunji, Zariah McDaniel, Kala Marshall, Laydi West, Ashanti Grady, Veronica Negren, Dariniek Keefer, Fatazyla Finnikin, Antonaya Bagwell, Julize Diaz, Nechla Howard, Berry Zaz, Abigail Emile and Bre'Onna Alexis Magee. Not shown, Jazmyn Beaamon and Jukeshia Goins.

Members of the gentlemen's club are shown with several members of their sponsor — Omega Psi Phi Fraternity — and the Guidance Administration Resource Teacher, Eric Felder. The members are: Terrence, Heriberto, Tamase, Wooseey, Willy, Xavier, Zaserrius, Deandre, Anthony, Jalen, Tomiouis, Tony, Jayen, Justin, Mykai, Lyquel, Lester, Melik, Rodrick, Thomas, Calbe and Jurad. Gentlemen in the rear with the group are Omega men Willie Jackson, (teacher, Eric Felder), Reginald Nickerson, Albert Lee, James Green, Morris Williams and Raymond Johnson.

Lewis Brinson, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum gave the students words of encouragement. He told the students that he, too, attended Just Elementary School and lived just across the street from the school.

Le'Jean Harper, daughter of Just Principal, Carolyn Hill.

Just Principal, Carolyn Hill.

Just teachers, Linda Thomas and Caksher Welsh.
Men In Black 3 - Agent J (Will Smith) goes back to 1969 to try and save his partner Agent K (Tommie Lee Jones) from Boris The Animal, both Brosnan comes through as a younger Agent K. Everybody loves Will. The ending was great. No. 1 Box Office. Made $70M in U.S. (Overseas Made $135M) (Budget N/A). ***

Batwoman - Can’t figure out what this action-packed movie didn’t do well at the box office is beyond me. (Oh, The Avengers). Must-see! Made $44M. (Budget $209M). ****

Dark Shadows - Director Tim Burton and Johnny Depp come together for their 8th movie to remake the popular supernatural soap opera. If you like Depp, he’s at his best playing a vicious vampire. Made $62M. (Budget $150M). ***

Marvel’s The Avengers - Samuel Jackson (Nick Fury), Robert Downey, Jr. (Iron Man), Chris Evans (Captain America), Mark Ruffalo (The Hulk), Chris Hemsworth (Thor), Jeremy Renner (Hawkeye), and Scarlett Johansson (Black Widow) violently come together to save the world from Thor’s brother, Loki and his underworld soldiers. Action-packed! 2 hrs./30 mins. Made $513M in U.S. ($1.9B. worldwide). (Budget $220M). ****

Safe (2012) - A suicidal cage fighter tries to protect a young Chinese wiz from the Triads, Russian gangsters and NY corrupt cops. Might be Jason Statham’s best action film since “The Transporter.” Very good storyline. Must-see! Made $16M. (Budget N/A). ***

The Pirates! Band Of Misfits - A family-friendly animation that does not compare to the short film classic “Wallace & Gromit.” Wait for the video. Made $27M. (Budget $35M). **½

Think Like A Man - Produced by St. Pete native, Will Parker, the movie is based on four women following the advice from Steve Harvey’s best-selling book. Once the men find out where the women are getting their advice, they turn the tables. Kevin Hart is hilarious. Must-see for laughs. Made. $85M. (Budget $12M). ****

The Cabin In The Woods - A group of college students venture into the woods to stumble on a dangerous body. Made $40M. (Budget N/A). ***

The Hunger Games - Based on the best-selling kid’s novel, the movie tells the dark tale of a young female selected to compete in a vicious TV tournament in which 24 teenagers fight to the death. Made $935M. (Budget $78M). ***

Lockout - Guy Pearson is sent to a space prison to rescue the president’s daughter. Disappointed. The acting was bad. Made $14M. (Budget N/A). ****

The Three Stooges - Take your kids to see Curly, Joe and Larry for some laughs. Your kids will enjoy this comedic movie. Made $41M. (Budget $30M). ***

American Reunion - The American Pie gang has grown up and doing the same crazy antics from the past. Could have been funnier. Not for kids. Made $56M. (Budget $30M). **½

Titanic 3D - The romantic, disaster voyage returns in 3D. Check this movie out if you have 3 hours to spare. Made $57M. (Budget $168M). ***

Wrath Of The Titans - Perseus (Sam Worthington) has to travel to a treacherous underworld to save his father, Zeus (Liam Nesson) from his jealous brother and son. A better movie than the Clash Of The Titans. Action-packed. Made $82M. (Budget $150M). ****

Mirror Mirror - Julia Roberts returns in this soft kids’ movie as the evil queen trying to bring down Snow White. The dwarfs and queen assistant made this movie enjoyable for the kids. Made $60M. (Budget $85M). **½

21 Jump Street - Jonah Hill, Channing Tatum and Ice Cube star in this hilarious comedy about two undercover officers investigating a high school drug ring. Must-see for laughs. Made $136M. (Budget $42M). ****

John Carter - Disney shelled-out $250M on this lukewarm action/fantasy film about a man transported to Mars, Disappointed. Too long (2 hrs. 30 mins.). Made $70M. (Budget $250M). **½

Safe House - Denzel Washington is a rogue CIA agent and Ryan Reynolds has the task to bring him back to the agency. Fast moving thriller! Anything with Denzel is a must-see! Made $90M. (Budget $85M). ****

A Thousand Words - The critics gave Eddie Murphy’s 4-year-old biological father a zom­my/drama bad reviews, but the movie turned out to be good. Worth-seeing! Made $17M. (Budget $40M). **½

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - It’s getting luxurious and lovely and very romantic. For the next two days, pleasures, social life, fun with children and creativity at home sound great.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Creativity is the key to your happiness. A good home space that reflects the best of you. Get help from someone whom you admire. Avoid financial talk. All’s well that ends well.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Work interferes with play, but they’re both important to you. Finish tasks first. Don’t spend recklessly. Reward a job well done with fun.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Avoid shopping now if you don’t want to make an irrational purchase. What you have to say is valuable. Communicate calmly. A partner or mate may be unhappy.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - You’re the king of the hill, and you know it. You may want to share your triumphs, or it may get a bit lonely. Use the extra energy to your team’s advantage.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - You’re entering a two-day planning phase. If you get stuck, use your friends to help you and keep you on the right track. Stick to your principles.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - A friend could help you clean up messes and resolve misunderstandings. Accept an acknowledgment gracefully. The money’s looking better.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Find another route. As long as you’re persistent, you prevail. Find strength in others when you’re feeling beleaguered. Step outside your own space and explore the unknown. Travel and fun are favored. Pleasant surprises are waiting on the other side of the fence.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Give yourself some room to be moody. There’s no need to be harsh, Slow down, breathe deeply and pull through. The obstacles you overcome make you stronger.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Get expert opinions. Discuss with partners to develop the best course of action. You don’t have to do it all by yourself. Work strategically to handle the flow. Take peaceful breaks.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Okay, now it’s getting busy! The offers are pouring in, and just when you’re really jamming, a romantic invitation tempts. It’s not a bad dilemma.
Barry Bonds Moves Forward From Conviction

SAN FRANCISCO - Barry Bonds is publicly referring to himself as a convicted felon these days, and he's quick to point out that conviction was never for steroid use.

He appealed his obstruction of justice conviction from April 2011 on one count of giving an evasive answer to a 2003 grand jury investigating illegal steroid distribution.

"I went through the system. And that's what it is," Bonds said Monday, attending the Diamondbacks-Giants while doing charity work through Big Brothers and Sisters of the Bay Area. "And that's what I got. I went through the system. I'm in an appeal process right now. I was never convicted of steroids."

The slugger said he met recently with Giants president and CEO Larry Baer about working for the club in some capacity, and Bonds has a personal services contract the Giants have said could go into effect once his legal proceedings were in the past.

Patrick Ewing Out Of The Running To Coach Charlotte Bobcats

Patrick Ewing is no longer in the running to be the new head coach of the Charlotte Bobcats.

Charlotte Bobcats owner Michael Jordan called Patrick Ewing to let him know that he is no longer being considered for the team's head coaching job.

Ewing, an assistant coach for the Orlando Magic for the past five years, had interviewed for the Bobcats' position earlier this month.

Hall of Fame coach Jerry Sloan, former Trail Blazers coach Nate McMillan and Warriors assistant Mike Malone are among the remaining candidates for the job.

The Bobcats finished this season with the lowest winning percentage in league history. Charlotte went only 7-59.

Detroit Lions' Fairley Arrested On DUI Charge

NICK FAIRLEY
TILLMAN'S CORNER, Ala. - Detroit Lions defensive tackle Nick Fairley has been arrested in Alabama on charges of driving under the influence and attempting to elude police, his second arrest in his home state in two months.

Alabama state troopers say the 24-year-old passed a state trooper early Sunday morning at 100 mph in his Cadillac Escalade in unincorporated Mobile County. After initially refusing to stop for the trooper's emergency lights and sirens, Fairley pulled over and seemed impaired. He was arrested without incident.

Fairley was also cited for reckless driving, no proof of insurance and open container.

Chicago Bears' Matt Forte Says Knees Are Fine

CHICAGO - The Bears have been very happy with Matt Forte's overall production this season, and for good reason.

Forte is one of the best running backs in the NFL this year, with 1,060 rushing yards and 735 receiving yards.

But Forte's knees have been a concern, especially after he missed a few games in the past with injuries. However, Forte said he is healthy and ready to play against the New York Giants on Sunday.

Warren Sapp Lets Loose On Former Teammates

Warren Sapp is known for his blunt and unfiltered commentary on NFL Network. The former superstar defensive tackle is shifting gears and now putting his thoughts in an upcoming book, Sapp Attack, which is already making headlines for its comments directed at former teammates, coaches and employers.

Since he retired, fans have come to expect nothing less from Sapp.

And here he comes again. Sapp, the most colorful, most discussed athlete in Tampa Bay history, is on another one of those brutal, relentless rushes again. One more time, he is loud, and he is profane, and he is stepping on a different set of toes every time you turn a page. You may like it, you may hate it, and you may stay up late laughing about it.

In other words, yeah, it's full of Sapp.

For 314 pages, the former defensive tackle rambles through his career in the same familiar bluntness of his better news conferences. To sum up, he loved Tony Dungy, he liked Jon Gruden and he hated Sam Wyche. He admired Patrick Ewing, he didn't care for Keyshawn Johnson and he thought Monte Kiffin was an overrated self-promoter.

Allen Iverson Requests That His Wife Be Thrown in Jail

Allen Iverson and his wife, Tawanna's, break-up-to-make-up routine has hit another low point. Iverson filed a motion to have the mother of his children thrown in jail for ruining his house.

The former NBA baller was busy hooping in China, and returned home to find his home ransacked. According to the motion, Tawanna allegedly stole his sports memorabilia, furniture, and cash. Iverson claims to have asked for the safe return of his belongings but to no avail.

As a result, he is requesting that a judge hold her in contempt of court for harassment, and throw her behind bars until she gives back the items. He also asked that she no longer be allowed to enter his home.

A judge has yet to rule on the matter.
VENUS WILLIAMS

PARIS - Venus Williams followed little sister Serena out of the French Open.

The elder Williams, a seven-time Grand Slam champion, lost to third-seed Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland 6-2, 6-3 Wednesday in the second round.

Williams was playing at a major tournament for the first time since last August, when she withdrew before her second-round match at the U.S. Open. It was then that she revealed she had been diagnosed with Sjogren's syndrome, a condition that can cause fatigue and joint pain.

On Tuesday, Serena Williams leg rate an the first round of a major tournament for the first time, falling to Virginie Razzano of France 4-6, 7-6 (3), 6-3.

PAUL WILLIAMS

ATLANTA - Boxer Paul Williams was paralyzed Sunday after being involved in a motorcycle crash in the Atlanta suburbs and doctors said it is unlikely he will continue his career, his manager said Monday.

"From the waist down, he has absolutely no movement. He's in very good spirits, though," George Peterson said from his home in Alken, S.C. "He still believes he's going to fight again."

Williams, 30, severed his spinal cord after falling on his back and head when he was thrown from his motorcycle Sunday morning in Marietta, Ga., Peterson said. Williams has been listed in serious but stable condition on Monday at an undisclosed hospital, Peterson said.

The crash happened Sunday morning in Marietta after Williams tried to avoid another car in the next lane that was negotiating a curve and then had to maneuver to avoid an oncoming car. Williams was in the area to attend his brother's wedding Sunday afternoon, Peterson said.

"I know he's going to make a statement after surgery, because he's that kind of person," Peterson said. "He's 100 percent coherent and still has the will to want to get back on the motorcycle."

Williams was scheduled to fight Saul "Canelo" Alvarez on Sept. 15 in Las Vegas, but that event has been canceled, Peterson said.

Williams won his first major welterweight title in July 2007 with a decision over Antonio Margarito. He struggled to land fights with the sport's biggest stars because of his pronounced size advantages, a high-volume punching rate and his relative anonymity, but was considered one of the world's top pound-for-pound stars.

He earned victories over Carlos Quintana, Winky Wright, Sergio Martinez and Kermitt Clifton, but Martinez abruptly stopped Williams' rise in November 2010 with a second-round victory in their rematch. Williams ended up facedown on the canvas with his eyes wide open in perhaps the most spectacular knockout in recent boxing history.

Manager Says Boxer Williams Paralyzed In Ga. Crash

Robert Griffin III Has The NFL's Top-Selling Jersey In May

Robert Griffin III is quickly becoming a household name.

The NFL's second overall pick leads all players in jersey sales for the month of May.

RG3 has already impressed coaches and fans in his initial workouts with the Washington Redskins. His popularity is beginning to take off.

Combine a charismatic rookie who plays the NFL's most marketable position with a large and long-suffering fan base and what do you get? A list of NFLShop.com May jersey sales with Robert Griffin III's name on top.

Terrell Owens Will Sue Over Indoor Football League Firing

Terrell Owens is not taking his firing from the Allen Wranglers lightly.

Wednesday the wide receiver was dropped from the team due to his bad performance, and absence at a charity event, but according to reports, he plans to take legal action against the team.

Sources close to the former NFL player said that the discrepancy over Owens' failure to appear with his teammates at a children's hospital is unfounded because the event was not mandatory.

Mr. Owens' legal team is addressing the details of the Wranglers release statement," said his rep in a statement.

The rep also noted that the 38-year-old "played all games according to his contractual agreement and was proud to be part of the IFL and the Allen Wranglers," and wishes the team "all the best moving forward."

Dennis Rodman Sentenced In Family Court

ORANGE, Calif. - Flamboyant former NBA star Dennis Rodman was sentenced in family court Tuesday to 104 hours of community service on four counts of contempt for failing to pay child support.

Court Commissioner Barry Michaelson also placed Rodman on three years of informal probation. The sentence includes the condition that Rodman pay current child and spousal support obligations.

"My suggestion is to use your talents as a motivator, as a fine, fine athlete and as a fine person to assist others in need," Michaelson told the retired basketball player.

Rodman's attorney Linnues Willis said the four charges stemmed from a period of time when he was expected to pay $50,000 a month in child support. That amount has since been reduced — to $4,500 for child and spousal support — and Rodman is now current on those obligations, she said.

Rodman — known for his wild behavior. Technicolor hair and his rebounding skills — married in 2003. For years, he and his former wife have been feuding over custody and support of their children ages 10 and 11.

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RHOA's Parks Sues 'Vibe' For $30M

PHAE DRA PARKS

Phaedra Parks of "Real Housewives of Atlanta" has filed a $30 million lawsuit against Vibe Holdings, which operates Vibe.com, Uptown Magazine, and Augusta Publishing. Parks, a high-profile Atlanta attorney who has represented R&B singer, Bobby Brown, is suing for defamation of character after Vibe Magazine seemed to highly publicize the book "Life Of A Real Housewife," by Angela Stanton, who claimed that Parks was involved in illegal activities with her husband, Apollo, before making it big as an attorney.

The lawsuit, filed this week, demands a jury trial, $5 million in compensatory and $25 million in punitive damages, and retractions.

Rihanna Goes Blonde And Topless For 'Nude' Fragrance

Rihanna has no problem letting it all hang out, and that's exactly what she does in her fragrance shoot for "Nude.

Created just for the ladies, Rihanna goes blonde and topless to show us that the surprise fragrance will make women feel just as sexy as she looks.

The 24-year-old got rid of her dreads for the shoot, but aars her fans that her hair is still black and she'll be back to it soon.

Rihanna's fragrance advertisement.

Bobby Womack is Cancer Free

R&B legend Bobby Womack, who was diagnosed with the early stages of colon cancer in March, was given a clean bill of health after undergoing surgery Wednesday to have the mass removed.

Womack, whose singing career has spanned more than 50 years with a repertoire that includes hits such as "Across 110th Street," "Lookin' for A Love" and "Harry Hippie," has had his share of health problems over recent years.

T-Boz's Car May Get Repossessed

In recent years, T-Boz, of TLC fame, has struggled with both health and financial difficulties -- and there appears to be no signs that there will any let-up in the immediate future. In an embarrassing new development in her story, the singer's 2005 Honda may be repossessed.

Tionne Watkins is being sued by Honda for failing to make payments on her 2005 Honda Odyssey. In the lawsuit, filed in Georgia, Honda asks the judge for the green light to take the car back. It's unclear how much T-Boz owes in back payments.

Will And Jada Smith Celebrate 15 Years Of Marriage

Will and Jada Smith have proven to the world that being in Hollywood and married is possible. The couple is celebrating 15 years together as a strong industry couple. Will says the key to a successful marriage is support.

"What's helped us is being supportive," he said. "No matter what the situation is. I'm so lucky to have someone like Jada. She's really an incredible woman, wife and mother.

He loves that Jada is absolutely hardcore, like she absolutely is unfazed by the weight and the pressures of life. She is so calm and cool and easy in any situation. She can bear anything, and I just love that about her."

While the world may create its own reality of the couple, they have made family a priority and continue to fall deeper in love.

Jada says that after 17 years with Will, her love has grown stronger.

Flavor Flav To Head To Court Over Unpaid Child Support

Flavor Flav is notorious for taking up his brood of children, but apparently he hasn't been taking care of all of them.

The noted hype man is scheduled to go to court for failing to pay child support for 3 of his 7 offspring.

The 53-year-old owes $100,000 to Angie Parker, the mother of the three children. The Albany, New York resident alleges that Flav has not paid his $827 monthly installment in several years.

Parker's battle with the father of her children dates back to 2010, when a collection agency came after him who said there was no secret to her amazing weight loss in the months since giving birth just hard work, reminded the crowd why she's one of the most popular, electric performers in the world. The freshly minted journalist did not have writing on her mind as she thrilled the sold out crowd. Beyonce's set included "Baby Boy," "Irreplaceable," "Freakum Dress," "Get Me Bodied," "Jumpin' Jumpin," and more.
Terrence J Becomes Co-Host Of E! News

Terrence J has landed himself a new gig. The media personality, born Terrence Jenkins, is leaving BET's 106 & Park in lieu of his growing acting career, and might become the newest co-host of E! News. Jenkins, who co-stars in the comedy Think Like A Man, posted a photo with host Giuliana Rancic on his Twitter page, Thursday (May 24), and appeared on the program later in the evening. While he has yet to announce his official departure from BET, the proof is clearly in the pudding. BET is also keeping mum on whether or not he and Rocsi Diaz have thrown in the towel after seven years with the cable network.

Lil Wayne Bashes Pusha T On Twitter

Rapper Pusha T released his new single "Exodus 23:1" to rave reviews on social media and several music blogs. The track appears to have upset fellow emcee Lil Wayne and the Cash Money rapper made his opinion known via Twitter: Lil' Wayne's tweet to Pusha T: "Some fans believe this was a response to what some critics are calling shots at Lil Wayne, Drake and Cash Money on "Exodus 23:1." Without directly calling anyone by name. Coincidentally that's how the breakdown is for Drake's deal with Young Money, which is underneath Cash Money owned by Brian 'Birdman' Williams."

Is Beyoncé Pregnant...Again?

Blue Ivy Carter is not even six months old, but she may already be getting a sibling. According to reports, Beyoncé is carrying her second child, due late this year. According to reports the Beyoncé has stopped drinking and is taking folic acid—a vitamin used to prevent birth defects. Being that the new mom just dropped 60-pounds, and

Gucci Mane Ordered To Pay $270K Diamond Bill

Gucci Mane was just mandated by a Georgia court to pay $270,000-plus to A&A Diamonds for precious jewelry that was loaned to him, but that he reportedly never gave back or paid. The lawsuit contends that the rapper borrowed a $130,000 diamond pinky ring and a $110,000 diamond-encrusted necklace. The diamond company gave Gucci, whose real name is Radric Davis, either 15 days to return or pay for the lavish loans. When his time was up, pricey baubles — only managed to pull a mere $40,000 from his deep pockets, which was a deal breaker for A&A. The jewelry company filed their lawsuit against the 32-year-old rapper and also threw in the cost of the jewelry and attorney's fees plus interest, bringing the bill to $279,523.34. Since the bad boy celeb, who only a year ago was ordered to a psychiatric facility, was a no-show for his court date, a default judgment was entered and a lien was placed on his property.

Raz B Accuses Chris Brown, Ray J, And 'Maybach O' Of Being Gay

Former B2K member, Raz B is set to expose the likes of Omarion (a.k.a. Maybach O), Chris Brown, Ray J, Bow Wow—and anyone else he can think of—in his new book This Boy's Life. The 26-year-old will unveil all the tawdry details of same-sex encounters both inside and outside of his former group. Raz wastes no time throwing his one-time group member under the bus. "There were no girls; there were no breaks, and absolutely NO meat. Our diet was so strict that I remember passing out during rehearsals because of our heavily restricted diet," he writes. "Me and [J] Boog resisted the most. (Lil) Fizz and Omari (Omarion) however seemed a lot easier to take advantage of. I suspect it was because Fizz was so much younger and Omari was just gay." He also said he had some choice words for Ray J. "Ray J was cool at first. I was under the impression that he wanted to help me. But just like with Whitney [Houston] he was just looking for someone to use. Ray J said that he was mad about how Chris did us and other artist, but Ray J just wanted airtime," he continues. "Ray J made a diss song about Chris being gay, but that's the kettle calling the pot black."
On Saturday, June 2nd at 1 p.m., a Memorial service will be held for Donyse Victoria Nykole Hough.

Donyse Hough was killed in an accident last Saturday that left two others injured. She was 15 years old.

The service will be held at True Holiness Church, 220 North Nebraska Avenue.

The viewing will be held on Friday, June 1st, 11 a.m. at Aikens Funeral Home Chapel from 5-8 p.m. Family and friends are asked to meet at the church at 11:45 a.m. for the services.

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BAY TERRA CLANTON

Homegoing services for Baby Terrance Latoya Clanton of Tampa, who passed away on May 29, 2012, will be held on Saturday, June 2, 2012, 11 a.m. at Aikens Funeral Home Chapel with Minister Andrew Atkinson officiating.

BABY TERRA CLANTON was born to the late Willie and Isaac Carter of Tampa, on September 26, 1923. She was the eldest of six children and was preceded in death by two brothers, Clarence Carter and Harold Carter.

She graduated from the public schools of Hillsborough County and moved to Jack­stonville, FL, for nurse training at the Brewer Hospital of Nursing, later moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to continue specialized training at the Philadelphia Women’s Hos­pital School of Nursing.

She later purchased an additional nursing and medical training at the Community College of Philadelphia and Temple Uni­versity.

She married the late Fred D. Clanton, a native of Union, South Carolina, for 27 years. During this union, she had a daughter, Gailene Helen Clanton, who was born in 1961 at Philadelphia.

For 25 years, Mary worked as an operating room nurse and surgical technician at the Penn­sylvania Hospital in Philadel­phia. This was her last place of employment prior to retirement.

On December 21, 2011, after years of her retirement in Philadelphia, she moved back to Florida to be near her two children, Henry Isaac Gyden and Gailene Helen Clanton.

During her last years, Mary accepted the Lord as her personal savior at an early age and remained a faithful and dedicated member of the Church of Christ in Philadelphia and Tampa.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Henry Isaac Gyden, Sr.; her daughter, Gailene Helen Clanton; her parents, Clarence Carter and Harold Carter; her parents, Dilbert and wife, Charlene, Dilbert, Jr., Stacey and husband, Byron Henry, Mary Jo Clanton (Tony), Candy and hus­band, Kevin McKinley, Krista (Gonnie), Patty (Mark), Kayla (Shane) (Eowan), Brit­tany (Willie), and Shaun (Tony); and other grieving family mem­bers, including: Sonya (Joseph), Jodi, Yvonne (great-grand, Taunya J., Kayla Hall (Wayne), Crystal G., Amnette M., Trishan Odum, Tasha McDonald, Sharon, Fabian, and other friends.

And special acknowledge­ment to the staff at All Child­ren’s Medical Center, Joseph’s Children’s Hospital (Tampa), and the rest of the gang.

She leaves to cherish fond and loving memories: husband, Charles L. Dennis of Tampa; her two children, Henry Isaac Gyden, Jr., officiating. Interment will be in Memorial Park Cemetery.

The viewing will be held at Aikens Funeral Home Chapel on Saturday, June 2nd at 11 a.m. Family and friends are asked to attend at the church on Saturday for the services.

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MRS. SANDRA L. HALL

Home going services for Mrs. Sandra Hall of Tampa, who passed away on Wednesday, May 23, 2012, will be held Satur­day, June 2nd, 11 a.m. at Aikens Funeral Home Chapel with Minister Andrew Atkinson officiating.

She was preceded in death by husband, Paul Hall, parents, Char­lie Bryant, Sr. and Florence Bryant; her deceased relatives Charles Bryant, Jr. – Donald and Anthony Bryant. She leaves to cherish fond and loving memories: children, Shaw­na L. Bryant, Joseph Hall and Paula L. Hall; grandchild­ren, Antwain, Katrinia, Alicia, Shauna, Joseph Hall, Jr., and Aquirah Hall; brothers, Ronnie Owens and Russell Bryant; sis­ters, Barbara Bryant, Elaine Bryant and Regina Mebane (William); cousins, Ricardo and Esterson Wise, a host of other cousins relatives and friends.

The viewing will be held at Aikens Funeral Home on Fri­day, June 1st, 4-7 p.m. Family and friends are asked to attend at the church on Saturday for the services.

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MRS. BEThA LEE LATTa

Home going services for Mrs. Bertha Latta of Tampa, who passed away on Friday, May 25, 2012, will be held Friday, June 1st, 11 a.m. at Aikens Fu­neral Home Chapel, 2708 E. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, with Rev. Charlie Westbrooks, Jr., officiating. Interment will be in Rest Haven Memorial Park Cemetery.

Bertha was a devout Chris­tian and enjoyed cooking, shop­ping, taking care of others and fishing. She was preceded in death by her husband, Samuel Latta; daughters, Betty Melton and Alberta Gordon; son, Hamp Calhoun; parents, John Smiley (Kaffie), Smiley Cole; sister, Minerva Alexander and grand­daughter, Raynell Latta.

She leaves to cherish fond and loving memories daughter, Barbara Conage; son, Chaz Conage; son-in-law, Willie Conage; grandchildren, Katrina, Sherri, Williams, Kendra Conage and Monique Conage, Tommie (Earl), Willis, Valena, Reginald (Linda) and Terrance, Ronald Marshall (Charlene), Eugene (Andrew), Cornelius Calhoun, Restaurant; great-grandchildren; great-grandchildren, Marissa R., Zykettia Coachman, Ebony Spence, a host of other relatives and friends.

The viewing will be held at Aikens Funeral Home on Thurs­day, May 31st, from 4-7 p.m. The family will meet at the church on Friday for the services.

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PEARLIE MAE MELVIN

"You See It" Today I live, yesterday you died. Oh how I miss you. Oh how I cried. This takes me 3 that you left me, years that is, and for what I had. What more can I say, on this day, but I love you and miss you. My birthday. Happily Birthday.

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Mr. Anthony Jerome Lovett was born January 24, 1947 in Tampa to his loving parents, Virgil and O'Leatha Lovett. Anthony attended Blake High School of Tampa. He was a realtor, an avid bowler, and enjoyed many sports and spending time with family and friends.

He accepted Christ as his personal Savior and was a faithful member of First Baptist Church of Progress Village, until his failing health would no longer permit.

Anthony departed this earthly life on Friday, May 25, 2012 to answer the call of his Heavenly Father and rest from the toils of sickness, pain and sorrow.

He leaves to cherish precious memories with his loving wife and caregiver, Jacqueline; son, Shavaria Myrick; daughter, Katrina; grandchildren, Marsha, Shavaria, Myrick, Marsha Harris, Marsha Myrick, Marsha Myrick, and Aaron Freeman; step children, Lawanda Tarver and Theodora Brown; 16 great grandchildren, Shanieque, Janira, Jarrid, Samae, Joy, Olivia, Aisha, Tanay, Cecelia, Amari, Tyler, Jordan, and Viola Brown; and 1 brother in law, a host of relatives and friends.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, June 2, 2012 at 11 A.M. at Hope of Shiloh Community Church, 3910 E. Conover Street, Tampa, 33610 with the Pastor, J.R. Brown officiating. Interment will be private following the committal.

Paul Badger was born in Tampa. He attended the grade schools of Tampa, Hillsborough County.

Mr. Badger was preceded in death by his wife, Martha; parents, Paul and Frances Badger; and a sister, Ella Mae Badger.

He leaves to cherish his memory, a sister, Yvette Badger (Jessica); a brother, Mack (Annie) Badger; all of Tampa; three aunts, Maggie Watson, Pearl Harris Moore (William), Brenda McGill Williams (Eddie); three uncles, Joe Williams (Juliette) of Savannah, Georgia, Harold Harris, Sr. (Corena) of Tampa, and Willie Williams of Savannah, Georgia; 2 nieces, Crystal and Rose Badger of Tampa; 3 nephews, Armando Badger, Matthew Badger, and James Jones, all of Tampa; a host of cousins and other relatives and friends.

Friends attending the home going celebration are asked to assemble at the funeral home at 10:45 A.M. on Saturday.

This memorial service will be Friday evening for Mr. Paul Badger.

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Home going Celebration for Mr. Berry Cheatham, Jr. of Tampa, who passed away on Tuesday, May 29, 2012, will be held Saturday, June 2, 2012 at 2 P.M. at Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church, 4006 E. Dr. C. F. Evans Drive (40th Street & Cayuga) with the pastor, Rev. Michael White, officiating. Interment will follow in Rest Haven Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mr. Cheatham was preceded in death by his parents, Berry Cheatham, Sr. and Fleta Ketzer-Cheatham; 2 brothers, James Cheatham and Charles Cheatham; and 1 sister, Georgia Mae Smith.

He leaves to cherish fond and loving memories with: his 4 children, Valerie Cheatham, Tampa, Carolyn (Rick) Hamilton, Americus, Georgia, Danny M. (Felu­dia) Cheatham, Clearwater, and Yvette Davis; 8 grandchildren, Eric Payne, Ira Gibbons, Demetrius Harper, Felthia Cheatham, Landon Cheatham, Martica Cheatham, Chunnie Gamble and Cedvia Davis; a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

Mr. Cheatham was born in Hazlehurst, Georgia on April 12, 1932 to the parentage of Berry Cheatham, Sr. and Fleta Ketzer-Cheatham. Mr. Cheatham was a graduate of Hazlehurst High School, Hazlehurst, Georgia. He had resided in the Tampa Bay area for a number of years. He was an employee of Gulf Chemical Plant and retired after 39 years of service. Mr. Cheatham passed away on Saturday, June 2, 2012 from 1-5 p.m. at Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church. Friends are asked to assemble at the church at approximately 4:45 p.m. on Saturday.

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PASTOR SEAN RANIE SCOTT
Pastor Sean Ranie Scott, 40, was born on June 11, 1971, in Bangkok, Thailand. He passed away on May 27, 2012.

He is survived by: his mother, Srubit Maloney; wife, Sharon Scott; two children, Victoria Scott and Sean R. Scott, Jr.; brothers, Darrell Scott, Michael Maloney and Allen Maloney; sister, Sophia Jackson; grandmother, Helen Scott; mother-in-law, Kathy Scott; sister-in-law, Michelle Stimpson; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, and many special friends.

The funeral service will be held on Saturday, June 2, 2012, at 2 p.m. at Spring Hill Missionary Baptist Church, immediately followed by the burial at the Garden of Memories Cemetery.

Arrangements by Adam & Jennings Funeral Home, 6900 North Nebraska Ave., Tampa, 33610, (813) 877-7345.

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June 3rd

Four months without you, I prayed you would stay for your birthday. Somehow I knew you had to go, it broke my heart in so many pieces, the hurt no one will ever know.

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Happy birthday my love. Your wife, Alliene Maddox Robinson.

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July 26, 1928 – June 1, 2011

We cannot believe a year has come already since you have been gone with the Lord. You are truly missed daily.

We will always remember that special smile, that caring heart and warm embrace you gave us all.

We will always remember you, Mother and all the love you had for us. You will always be in our hearts.

You have been there for all of us, no matter what, putting us first in your life, not thinking about yourself. But. now you are resting in God’s hands in very good care.

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**Crime**

**Suspect Charged In 2009 Murder Of University Of Tampa Student**

In a news conference Wednesday, Tampa Police Chief, Jane Castor, announced that a suspect had been charged with the 2009 murder of a University of Tampa student.

David Earl Williams, Jr., 22, is already in jail serving a 15-year sentence on robbery, burglary, firearm theft, and grand theft charges, was charged with first-degree murder.

According to Chief Castor, Williams had been identified as a person of interest within the first two weeks of the investigation through interviews. Over the next year, detectives made progress in the case, but did not have enough evidence for an arrest.

Chief Castor said tips from the jail played a critical role in helping to solve the case.

On May 23rd, detectives went to the South Florida Reception Center, where Williams was serving a sentence for crimes he committed days after McCall's murder.

Detectives said during an interview, Williams admitted he confronted McCall and another man at the base of the Holtzinger Bridge on North Boulevard, and admitted to hitting the second victim in the head with his firearm and robbing him of a cell phone and a wallet.

Williams also confessed to going through the wallets of both victims, but claimed a second man shot and killed McCall. Detectives do not have any evidence that a second person was involved in the crime, but it's still an active investigation.

Williams will be transported to Tampa to face first-degree murder, armed robbery and attempted armed robbery charges.

According to records, Williams was released from prison on July 23, 2009 after serving a 9-month sentence in a Jackson County prison on a charge of obstructing a fire exit.

Twenty-seven days later on August 19, 2009, Williams allegedly robbed McCull and his friend, Michael Harahan. McCull was killed during the robbery.

Then 11 days later on August 30, 2009, Williams committed a strong armed robbery, and two days later an armed burglary and a second burglary. A day later, Williams was arrested for the strong armed robbery and both burglaries.

On May 5, 2010, Williams was sent to the Lake Correctional Institute, but was later moved to the South Florida Reception Center for discipline problems.

**Be On Alert For Scam Artists**

This is a surveillance photo of a man and woman suspected of being scam artists.

Tampa Police detectives are asking for help in identifying two suspects who scammed four victims in Tampa over the last two months. In all four cases, the suspects approached an elderly female and offered to split money the found money. The incident was captured on a security camera in the area, and detectives were able to identify the suspects.

All four men will be charged with aggravated battery and robbery.

**Fourth Suspect In Soldier’s Attack Surrenders To Police**

On Tuesday, the fourth suspect being sought in the beating of a soldier turned himself in at the Orient Road Jail.

When detectives arrived at the jail to interview Brandon Miller, 18, he was reportedly uncooperative and showed no remorse.

Miller, along with Geroshe Lewis, Lerome Howard and Jared Richardson, allegedly attacked Johnny Aparicio, 24, on Renellie Drive and Iowa Avenue during the early morning hours of May 13th.

The incident was captured on a security camera in the...
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It took more than 10 years for Mrs. Normita Jeffery to release a new CD. However, her audience was waiting patiently because the CD is climbing the charts.

"I've been pleased with the response, which shows me that we really miss smooth jazz in this area. I'm still celebrating because the CD is making major noise in the United Kingdom. It is currently #6 on the Top 30 Soul Charts," Mrs. Jeffery said.

She created the jazz band known as Lady Fingers more than 20 years ago. She credits corporate America with giving her the courage to do it.

A Tampa native, Mrs. Jeffery said, "I'm the fingers, she's the flavor." Adding to the mix are Basil Powell, lead guitarist, who has been with Mrs. Jeffery for several years, and drummer James Norman rounds out the quartet.

The CD features 10 new songs, eight of which Mrs. Jeffery wrote. She also contains two cover songs, "People Make The World Go Round" and "You Know How To Love Me."

She worked with local Producer Chris Spencer, who provided a fresh approach to the music. Local artist Allen Sams is credit with mixing, mastering, and engineering.

Mrs. Jeffery is married to Timothy Jeffery and is the mother of two daughters. She wrote one of the songs about her only grandchild, entitled "JaylaBaby."

The Fox Jazz Café was the location where members of Lady Fingers Jazz Quartet decided to host the release of their new CD on May 16th. Entitled, "This Is What It Is," the new CD is the features the talents of Mrs. Normanita Jeffery, pianist and founder of Lady Fingers, Ms. Sonja Wise, vocalist, Basil Powell, lead guitarist, and drummer James Norman. (Photograph by Sylvester Harris.)

Lady Fingers vocalist Sonja Wise, left, and founder, Normita Jeffery are shown with Marlon Boone, who plays the saxophone, is in the center.

Some of those attending the CD Release Party were from left to right: Timothy Jeffery, Mrs. Jeffery, and Brenda Walker attended the CD Release Party.
The name Estrellita is Spanish for “little star.” That may explain why Estrellita Berry has remained a bright fixture throughout East and West Tampa, physical and emotional decades, changing the men­- and women along the way.

Estrellita Berry has helped deliver her in Ybor City. “This is a call on my life,” she explains. “I think the biggest change in infant mortality in African American women who are sexually abused children. I became a social worker in the mental health field for years, working with severely emotionally and physically and giving birth. Those findings led Berry and her staff to redirect their focus to preconception and prevention health care.

Today, Berry spends countless hours seeking additional funding to continue to improve the social and economic development of underserved communities. She is a strong advocate of health care reform and is committed to ensuring people clearly understand its benefits. She is also working to get people to better understand the importance of male involvement in terms of health and preconception care.

“It's statistically proven that the birth weight of a baby is better when the father is involved from the onset. When men are involved there are a lot of positive outcomes. Academic performance is better; children are less likely to go to prison.”

Berry hopes to retire in five years, but before that happens, she’d like to increase her staff from 27 to 100, with the majority of those new hires consisting of residents in underserved communities.

Berry is a 1973 graduate of King High School and earned degrees in Clinical Psychology, Education, Mental Health and Community Counseling. She is currently working with George E. Berry are members of New Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church and are the parents of one son, 31-year-old Aaron L. Berry.

Mrs. Rosemary Edwards Buchanan, Parent and Community Liaison Specialist, restaurant owners, Tony and Connie Leung, and Middleton Principal Owen Young are shown at the luncheon for the Middleton High School Robotics World Championship Team. (Photograph by Sylvester Harris)

Buchanan attended the luncheon at Yummy House Restaurant on East Hillsborough Avenue.

Mrs. Buchanan said, “We were very excited to receive the phone call from Donna Colbourne-Bullard, informing us that the owners personally invited the team to lunch.”

The owners of the restaurant are Tony and Connie Leung. Mrs. Colbourne-Bullard is the Human Resource Manager of Sanwa Growers, Inc.

Mrs. Buchanan is the Parent and Community Liaison Specialist. Ms. Frireks is the Lead Teacher for the Magnet Program, First Tech Challenge Team.

The Masquerade Team won the State Championship in February, which qualified them for the World Championship in April. During the 3 final matches, the Masquerades won 2 of the 3 matches.

Masquerade was the best in a field of 128 teams from the United States, China, Romania, the Netherlands, Canada, Mexico, South Korea, Australia and Saudi Arabia. There are 2,100 First Tech Challenge teams in the world. However, only 128 qualified to compete in the world games.

The 12-member team is made up of freshmen and sophomores set a world record of 869 points. The previous world record was 591 points.

Middleton has 3 First Tech Challenge teams and all 3 qualified to compete at the Florida State Championships in February. It was held at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University.

Mrs. Buchanan said that the Sanwa Growers, Inc., are business partners with the school. She cultivated the partnership three years ago.

She also stated that she considers herself very fortunate that the Leungs have taken a leadership role in the community and the school. “They have been very generously of their time and money for our students needs several times, including the donation of net-book laptops and 200 Scientific and graphic calculators for the mathematics department.”

Mrs. Buchanan requested any business that would like to become a business partner with the school to contact her at (813) 233-3360, or email rosemary.buchanan@sdhc.k12.fl.us.
Happy Birthday

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Happy 84th birthday Mom. With lots of love from your daughter, Gail and Joe; and grandkids, Gina, Andes, CJ, Dariyana, and Shadara.

COLUMBO GRUBBS, JR.
June 7

I never used a pencil and a ruler, but I'm not a fool, but I can mend broken hearts.

SAM AKA FAT BOY

When a real dude is gone, will they miss me? But y'all don't have to though because I'm coming back like I left something with or without you. They can't stop me even if they stopped me up top, 4-way stand up, it's my birthday.

Look At Us Now!!!

MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH

To all who are against us, stop guessing because now you see we are officially married.

THE JOSEPHS

Happy Birthday, Javonni.
Love, mom and family.

JAVONNI

Happy Birthday, Javonni.

JAVONNI AND LONDON

Happy birthday, from London and friends.

Team Love

QUELLY AND DAA

I just want to give all the praise and glory to God who has let me see 23 years of life. He has inspired and strengthened me to take care of my son and become the lovely woman I am today.

I never could have made it without you, thank you. Happy birthday to me, Yolo.

DAA LOVELY MOTHER

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LE'VADRE
LEON THOMAS

Congratulations to our son, Le'Vadre, who is graduating from King High School. He was awarded the Faculty Scholarship to Stetson University, where he will follow his dream of becoming a Veterinarian.
We love you, mom, dad, and family.

JADE MARTIN

I always knew you would be successful in life. This is only the beginning. Jade will be an Honors Graduate from Tampa Bay Tech. In the fall, she will be attending FAMU, majoring in Accounting.
Keep up the hard work. We love you Jadey!
Love, mommy, (Seletha Jackson) and sister, (Jailyn Malphus).

ADRIAN "2 CUPS" LARK

It's been a long journey, but your boy is finally graduating from college. Special thanks to my wife, Tiffany Lark, and to my family and friends for never doubting me.

DARRIELLE HILL

Congratulations out to my baby girl, Darrilelle Hill, on her graduation. Darrilelle will be graduating on Sunday, June 3, 2012, from Tampa Preparatory School.
She is the daughter of proud parents, Chyna Walker and Darrell Hill.
Darrilelle is a member of Mt. Tabor M. B. Church, Pastor T. D. Leonard, and will be heading to Atlanta, GA this fall to attend Spelman College. Congratulations baby, I love you and am so proud of you.
Also, congratulations to Antonio Crawford, De-

MR. AND MRS. LARK

Congratulations on graduating, Bae, I am so proud of you. Today is your day, Baby and yes, you know we will be doing it big tomorrow at Rowlett Park.
Love, your wife, Tiffany Lark.
Officials Serious About Minority Participation On Projects

BY LEON B. CREWS
Sentinel Staff Writer

Brenda Eighmey, Small Minority Business Development Administrator for Hillsborough County, said County Administrator, Mike Merrill, is very concerned about minority participation on all county projects.

Eighmey said Merrill wants assurances that there will be no discrepancies when it comes to dealing with primary contractors.

"We understand that most primary contractors use the same sub-contractors on all of their projects. When a contractor bids on a county project, a part of that process is the completion of a "Good Faith" questionnaire that details their compliance with minority participation."

"We're not dictating to contractors on who to use as sub-contractors on their projects, but if they want to do business with Hillsborough County, they must meet the minority criteria."

Eighmey said every project has a goal that has to be met with minority participation. After that, there are other components involved.

"We try to set realistic goals for particular projects," said Eighmey.

Mike Merrill, and he's aware of the county's past track record when it comes to dealing with minorities.

"He's put a system in place that will make sure that doesn't happen again. It's not as easy as it was in the past to get contracts from the county, because not all bidders use minorities on their projects."

Hadley and Eighmey both said the area that the focus is on right now is construction projects. They also said the county has stepped up its job creation program.

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Local Leader Offers To Mediate With Occupy Tampa Group And Business Owners

Since the Occupy Tampa political group took up residence in Freedom Park in West Tampa, their presence has been met with a mix of optimism and disgust.

Several business owners in West Tampa are not happy with the presence of the group in that area, and think they are operating a homeless camp.

One businessman, George Smith, has been adamant that he feels the group is serving more as a detriment to the community than an aid.

"Anyone coming into this area considering opening a new business has to be dismayed by what they see," said Smith.

"I just don't see how their presence is helping our plans to revitalize this area, and attract new businesses."

Rev. Dr. Charles McKenzie, State of Florida Coordinator for the Rainbow-PUSH Coalition, said he thinks the group is an important political voice, and he understands their purpose.

"I think what's missing with them is their lack of organization. They don't have a set plan in place, and they lack direction."

Rev. McKenzie said he's happy the residents of West Tampa are interacting with the Occupy Tampa group.

"I think the business owners in West Tampa need to talk to the group, and express their concerns. I would love to facilitate an effort to unite the two groups."

Rev. McKenzie said he's happy the residents of West Tampa are interacting with the Occupy Tampa group.

Reporter Leon B. Crews can be reached at 9813) 248-0724, or e-mailed at lcrows@flensentinel.com.

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Living Among People

God is not just interested in making sure people live right with Him; He is also concerned with how people live among one another. There are biblical laws and principles that guide our spiritual walk and are laws that ensure that people live and treat one another with dignity and respect.

This week's lesson selected from Exodus 23:1-9 outlines different laws that will govern the life of God's delivered people.

Verse one opens with a directive that people should not spread rumors or cooperate with an evil person by being his/her witness. This verse alone will keep a lot of drama out of your life. If people would learn how to stop spreading false rumors, reports or lies about others, there would be less for people to argue about. They call this "he said, she said." The other parts of this verse suggest that people stop "co-signing" mess. Stop allowing yourself to be used as a witness for people in their drama and mess.

Somehow the instruction given in (vs. 2) escapes many people; "Do not follow the crowd in doing wrong" (vs. 2). You as an individual must learn to be an individual. Although you may have friends you associate with and hang out with, when it comes to doing right, you have to be an individual.

As a child of God who has been delivered and saved from oppression and mistreatment, God expects you to do right even to those who hate you. He says if your enemy's ox or donkey has wandered off, take it back; if the donkey falls under a load help him up (vs. 4-5).

Some people take pleasures in seeing those who have hurt them or hate them suffer. God does not want you to glory in the downfall of your enemy. If God cares about the beauty of your enemy, how much more does He want you to care for your enemy? Helping your enemy might help your enemy stop hating or hurting!

Do not deny justice to your poor people in their lawsuits (vs. 6). People have a tendency to favor those who are rich or well-to-do. Being rich is not limited to finances. There are people in the community and church who are rich in status, position, education, and prestige. Do not overlook or deny favorable opportunities to people because they do not fit into these categories; especially in the church.

One of the reasons why you must be sensitive about the mistreatment and oppression of others is because of your past. God instructs them, "Do not oppress an alien; you yourselves know how it feels to be aliens, because you were aliens in Egypt" (vs. 9).

When you have come through a season in your life where you were mistreated, looked over, and oppressed, God wants you to remember how it made you feel when you meet someone in the same situation. Because you were once an alien avoid trying to alienate others.

When the people of God learn to live like God wants them to live, life will be better. When the church establishes itself as the church God has created it to be and follows the commandments of God to live among one another, the greater its impact on the community.
Belated May Birthday Celebrants

Happy 56th birthday to my nephew, Kenneth Monroe. From your auntie, Gloria Crosby. His special day was May 28th. May God bless you with many more. Love you!

A very special happy belated birthday greeting is being sent to Ms. Henrissa Berry, who celebrated her special day on May 29th. She is Vice Principal of Guinta Middle School.

Happy belated birthday to a special lady, Ms. Anna Harris, who celebrated her special day on May 26th. May the Lord continue to bless you to have many, many more birthdays.

Other belated May birthday celebrants are: Leroy Atkins, Louannie Atkins, Eula Weldon, Sarah Boyd, Ruby Pierce, Josephine Sams, Tiara Watson, and Prince Roberts, the son of Ora Roberts.

Happy birthday to all June celebrants.

Sick and Shut-ins:

Let us not forget the sick and shut-ins ... Alfonso Lee, James Wiggs, Willie Burns, Willie Davis, The Philon Family, Van Scott, Mattie Mills, Eloise Leeks, Marie Benson, Phyllis Akes, Quany Roberts, Ralph Williams, Eli Rogers Family, Mozelle Debose, Marjorie Guest, and Bob Anthony.

Thanks to everyone for their thoughts and prayers during my rehabilitation period. This comes from Gloria Crosby.

Sympathy

Our condolences are sent to the Fells and Davis families of little Miss Antinyah Ja-Lenia Davis, who was with us for a short time and will be greatly missed.

The Widow Club

On Wednesday, The Widow Club got their heads together and planned a wonderful pre-memorial picnic. Wow, what a day. The food was delicious. We enjoyed playing games and above all sitting around chatting with one another. We had a lovely day. May God keep on blessing us!

Stepping a Victory

To register your team for upcoming Step Team events or to participate in fundraising, please contact Tiffany at (813) 965-3792.

Chess Skittle Matches

Please join us for fun at the 78th Street Library on Palm River Road on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. I have the Chess Set for you to use.

All Coach Ted McNair at (813) 431-5245 to RSVP or ask questions.

Just Curious

I received a call from a Villager who was in a hot debate as to whether Progress Village is classified as a suburb, rural, or urban community. The caller said she is sure other Villagers would like to know.

F.Y.I.

God bless President Barack Obama and his family, our troops, veterans, and community servants.

Remember, your helper will be greatly missed. Burb, rural, or urban community. The caller said she is sure other Villagers would like to know.

Scripture

(1 Corinthians 15:58)

"Therefore my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you—always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain in the Lord."
Elevation Service For Bishop James H. Howell

"Living in Integrity, Faith and Excellence" is the motto of the Greater L. I. F. E. Christian Church, located on Race Track Road in the Oldsmar area.

Pastor Gee Thompson welcomes new congregation members to partner with the church, by collectively and fervently Living in Integrity, Faith and Excellence.

Pastor Gee grew up worshiping in the Allen Temple African Methodist Episcopal Church and the Beulah Baptist Church, both in Bessemer, Alabama.

He accepted his calling to preach and was trained under Rev. Dr. Christopher Chappell at Grace Community Christian Church in Kenesaw, Georgia.

He earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree and a Master of Science Degree from the University of Alabama, in Tuscaloosa; and has aspirations to complete the requirements for a Ph.D. in Theology.

L. I. F. E.'s Pastor Gee was ordained by Rev. Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr. at St. John Progressive Missionary Baptist Church, Tampa. He lives in the area with his wife, Cynronica and their children, Candalyn and Cayton.

He explains how he came to start Greater L. I. F. E. "In November, 2010, the Holy Spirit deposited L.I.F.E. into my spirit. Through prayer and fasting, the Holy Spirit explained that my role and purpose was to teach and preach the Gospel, with simplicity, for the sole purpose of making people's lives better."

Things started falling into place for Pastor Gee in February 2011. He had an prompt conversation with a pastor who wanted to know if he was interested in acquiring the pews that were currently in his church.

Pastor Gee, who was still pondering the name of the church at the time, explained, "This baffled me because he did not know that God had chosen me to start a church and logically, my thoughts were - was what I going to do with the pews; particularly when I didn't have a location or the fundamentals in place to establish a church?"

Pastor Gee informed the pastor that he indeed wanted the pews. In April 2011, while watching television with his family, that he noticed a painting on the wall of the televised show that displayed the word LIFE in bold letters.

"With DVR technology, I pressed rewind on the remote control and subsequently pressed pause," says Pastor Gee. "And there it was, under the words "Free For Dinner" the word LIFE was displayed."

"And there it was, under the words "Free For Dinner" the word LIFE was displayed. "Whoever shall be impossible," recounts Pastor Gee."

"For God, nothing shall be impossible," recounts Pastor Gee. "And there it was, under the word LIFE, was an extended hand. The Holy Spirit immediately instructed me to place the Holy Bible on the hand. And it became so the logo for the church."

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Elevation Service For Bishop James H. Howell

Unite everything there is a season and a purpose...

The Cathedral of Faith Church with a conclave of Apostles and the Fellowship of Deliverance Churches announce the elevation of Bishop James Harrison Howell to the office of the Apostle.

On Sunday, July 8, 2012 at 6 p.m. all roads lead to the Cathedral of Faith, 6304 North 30th Street, where this sacred and historical service will take place.

During the elevation, Apostle-Elect Howell will be granted apostolic succession as he is elevated to the office of Chief Apostle. Apostle-Elect Howell has served with grace and proficiency since his legitimate consecration to the work of the Bishop on February 22, 1997.

The Office of Apostle is part of the five-fold ministry (Ephesians 4:11) and is directly preceded by the office of Bishop. The Apostle is the first headship of the church and given the right and authority to touch every member of the body of the 5-fold ministry. He is a man "anointed" to go and establish churches, as the Apostle Paul did. The Apostle establishes churches and church leaderships in cities, countries and nations.

The Apostle incorporates the Word of God as the basis of the church’s existence, and establishes helps in the ministry and appoints a Pastor if necessary.

Apostle-Elect James H. Howell accepted the call to ministry at the early age of seventeen and has been pastoring for over 43 years. He was licensed and ordained to the Gospel Ministry in August 1968 by the late Reverend G. T. Martin of Greater Bethel Baptist Church. Since that initial call, the Man of God's gift has made room for him to pastor in different regions throughout the country such as Cincinnati, Ohio, Palmetto Florida, Tampa, Florida and Michigan City, Indiana.

Apostle-Elect James H. Howell is known as a "Pastors' Pastor" as he is Spiritual Father to other pastors who are willing to accept godly wisdom, sound counsel and his keen knowledge of pastoral and ministry protocols.

In July 2004, at the request of a group of his peers and after much prayer and consideration, Apostle-Elect James H. Howell was elected to serve as Presiding Prelate of The Fellowship of Deliverance Churches, a Reformation, whose vision is to "Expose Darkness and Eradicate the Works of Satan. The fellowship is made up of many churches throughout the state of Florida and as far north as the State of Virginia.

Apostle-Elect Howell and his wife, Pastor Marzetta are the founders of Cathedral of Faith, where they have served as spiritual leaders for 24 years.
Gospel Concert For Teens

Pastor Moses Brown hosted a concert for teens at 34th Street Church of God, Jackson, hosted a concert for teens at 54th Street Church of God, Rev. Thomas Scott, host pastor. (Photos by Julia Jackson)

Destiny MIME Ministry was a program participant.

"Music Man" and Ryan Copeland were among the participants.

Ministers of Music Karla and John Ware were also in attendance.

Pastor Moses Brown and his wife, Mrs. Jeanette Brown hosted the concert.

Pastor vacancy Announcement

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The New Mount Zion M.B. Church of Tampa, FL seeks to fill the position of full-time Pastor. New Mount Zion MBC was established in 1902 and is located on Tampa's eastside. We are a family-oriented people who give strong expression to our denominational heritage and believe in extending our evangelism and missionary efforts throughout the local community, as well as abroad.

We seek a visionary pastor with strong leadership skills who will preach the unadulterated gospel of Jesus Christ; teach sound Baptist doctrine; engage in pastoral care ministries; provide spiritual leadership, development and training; and act as the chief administrator of staff, both paid and unpaid.

Responsibilities (include but are not limited to):

1. Preaching and delivering sermons: providing spiritual leadership, development and training; and act as the chief administrator of staff, both paid and unpaid.
2. Leading in planning, executing and evaluating comprehensive church programs of worship, education, evangelism, missions, and ministries for all ages
3. Providing visitation to membership, especially those who are sick and shut-in
4. Scheduling pastoral counseling sessions: performing wedding ceremonies and baby dedications; conducting funerals
5. Planning, teaching, and leading weekly Bible study and prayer
6. Leading the deacons, trustees, church officers, and ministry leadership as they perform their assigned responsibilities
7. Training deaconery and ministerial staff for church and family ministry
8. Moderating during church business meetings
9. Supporting and cooperating with local District, State, and National Baptist Convention USA, Inc., associations and denominational leaders in matters of mutual interest and concern; representing the church in civic matters
10. Assisting in the growth and development of church membership and ministries, especially the youth ministry

Minimal Qualifications:

A successful candidate must meet the following minimal qualifications:
1. Born-again, baptized believer in Jesus Christ with qualities and characteristics reflected in 1Timothy 3:1-7, Galatians 5:21-23, and Malachi 3:10
2. Licensed and ordained as a Baptist preacher, skilled in preaching and teaching sound doctrine to individuals of all ages
3. Documented experience as a senior pastor, assistant pastor or an associate minister significantly involved in church administration and ministry
4. An earned education and/or degree from an accredited theological seminary or school of divinity is preferred
5. Superior communication skills, both written and oral
6. Must be accessible and display a love for the church and its people, especially the youth and the elderly
7. Team-oriented and experienced in leading ministry teams/programs, as well as participating within teams as others lead
8. Visionary, strategic thinker and planner with sound judgment and discernment
9. Demonstrated ability to apply principles of financial management and work with leadership to manage the church's resources effectively and efficiently
10. Honest, committed man of integrity, who is not manipulative, easily swayed, or overly sensitive to criticism

Interested candidates should submit the following:
1. Resume and letter of interest
2. Recordings of two recent sermons preached on different occasions (preferably DVD, but a CD is acceptable)
3. Copy of license and certification of ordination
4. Verification of college degrees, seminary, or theological training/course work
5. Five references (2-3 from pastor/office, plus personal and a church steward)

Forward all materials to:
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All materials must be received by close of business on June 28, 2013. The Committee will acknowledge receipt of all resumes and letters of interest. All information presented will be treated as confidential. Final Candidates must consent to a Criminal History Background check, Substance Abuse History check, and Credit and Financial History Review.
Friends Of Urban Libraries
Host Evening Of Jazz

If you wanted to go down soulful memory lane, you did just that while attending the Ada Payne Friends Of Urban Libraries Legends Of Soul concert. Over 200 were in attendance at the College Hill Conference Center on Sunday afternoon, May 20, 2012.

Guests enjoyed the soulful sounds of Sam Cooke, Bobby Womack, and Otis Redding as performed by Derek Smith, as well as sounds from the Queen of Soul, Aretha Franklin, as performed by a guest soloist. (Article and photos by Julia Jackson)

Ada Payne Friends of the Urban Libraries who attended the event were: first row, Dottie Sanders, Darlene Harris, Irene Johnson, Bev Bouchee, Mary James, Georgette Johnson, Freddie Surrata, Herman Monroe and Rugenia Meeks. Second row, Gloria Andrews, Carrie Hurst, Katheryn Quarles, Deloris E. Lewis, Myrna Shuman, Shelia Harden and Dr. Elaine Lee. Third row: Annie Blake, Howard Harris, Don Lee, Willie Robinson, Richard Fleming, R. Wimberly, Dr. Aaron Smith and Dr. Hartman, Yvette Lewis, Julie Hartman an Andria Wimberly.

Among the guests in attendance were Carol Lawrence and Joe Campbell.

The 'man of the hour' was Derek Smith.

Career Day At CDC

Corporation to Develop Communities of Tampa hosted a Career Day recently at its E. Hillsborough Ave. office. CEO/President, Ernest Coney, Jr., Karen Daley and Thebertha Daniels, CDC employees, were among those who assisted with Career Day. (Photos by Julia Jackson)

Waiting to greet those who attended Career Day were Helen Gilbert and Yvonne Douglas.

Dondre Woods looking to advance his career.

Audrey Bethune-Odom was as the Career Day event.

Troy Sampson and Ashley Arnold.

Sartura Smith, wife of guest artist, Derek Smith, was the Mistress of Ceremony.

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Emergency Kit
In a major disaster, emergency workers may not be able to reach everyone right away. Having a plan for your family and their needs will help ensure their safety and comfort during these difficult times.

There are some basic items you should stock — water, food, first aid supplies, clothing, bedding, tools, emergency supplies, and special items.

Water — at least 1 gallon daily per person
Food — at least enough for 3 to 7 days; non-perishable packaged or canned food and juices
* Ready to eat canned meats, dairy, fruits and vegetables
* Canned juices, milk, soup
* * Granola bars, trail mix, etc.
* Non-electric can opener
* Comfort foods — cookies, chips, cereal, crackers, granola bars
Clothing
* Warm and sturdy clothing
* Rain gear and sturdy shoes
* Extra batteries
* Sanitation
* Bamboo or wood toothbrushes
* Clorox bleach

Emergency Contact Information System
The new emergency contact information system (ECSI) implemented by the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles allows Florida motorists to voluntarily provide emergency contact information online using their Florida driver licenses or Florida identification cards.

In the event of a traffic crash, law enforcement officers can use the information to notify designated contacts.

Special Needs Shelters
Hillsborough County provides a sheltering program for those residents requiring special medically related care. Special needs shelters will be available for persons requiring more skilled medical care than available in a public shelter, but not requiring an acute care facility such as a hospital.

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After Severe Weather, We're Ready
Should severe weather result in the temporary loss of electricity, our plan helps us restore power as safely and quickly as possible. When conditions are safe for our crews to work, our restoration effort begins with facilities critical to public health and safety. This is followed by work prioritized to restore power to the most customers in the least amount of time. In the event we are faced with a widespread outage and require additional help, Tampa Electric's membership in the Southeastern Electric Exchange provides support from other utilities. In turn, we will send crews to help restore power for other communities in need. To help ensure power supply, we have installed peaking units with "black start" capability which can start larger generating units should power from the system not be readily available.

Putting Safety First
As we make safety our top priority, we ask that you do the same. This means planning for severe weather as soon as possible. In addition, before and during hurricane season, we advise our customers to have a personal storm plan in place and follow these electrical safety guidelines:

- Stay away from downed power lines.
- Always assume that a downed power line is energized, and move away safely.
- Stay out of floodwaters.

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* Household chlorine bleach

Important Documents
Keep these records in a waterproof, portable container.
* Will, insurance policies, contracts,
* Deeds, stocks and bonds
* Passports, social security cards
* Immunization records
* Bank account information
* Credit card account numbers and companies
* Inventory of valuable household goods
* Important phone numbers
* Family records (birth, marriage, death certificates)

Children's Activity Survival Kit
Whether you have to leave your house during a disaster or stay home, it is a good idea to put together an activity kit for children. The items should be things that can be stored in a backpack, book bag, or other carrying bag. You should be age appropriate.

Know What Each Term Means
A Hurricane is an intense tropical weather system of strong thunderstorms with a well-defined surface circulation and maximum sustained winds of 74 mph or higher.

A Hurricane Watch is issued when there is a possibility that you could experience hurricane conditions within 36 hours.

A Hurricane Warning is issued when winds of at least 74 miles per hour are expected with 24 hours or less.

Our priorities are safety and service.
Local

Brandon Gun School Puts Safety First

Terri Young, owner and operator of the Brandon Gun School, said it's important that everyone understands gun rules and laws.

Ms. Young has been teaching gun safety for 13 years for concealed weapons permits, and said her school specializes in reloading ammunition, junior safety classes, and pistol, rifle and shotgun shooting at the range.

"What we do most of all is the concealed carrying license. We supply everything the customer needs."

Ms. Young said she's always been around guns and because her mother was a crime victim she felt the need to teach people how to use guns.

"Believe it or not, I studied optometry in college, but I wasn't satisfied, and I wanted to teach. I have undergone some training to teach, and I'm going to see that through."

"As far as the current gun laws are concerned, I think they're fine. Firearms have always been a part of my family, and we always teach safety first."

Ms. Young said she truly enjoys teaching gun safety to young people.

"Guns shouldn't be in the hands of criminals, but unfortunately, they will always be able to get one," said Ms. Young.

"In Florida, at least half of every household has a gun."

Brandon Gun School

When people are naïve about firearms, all they need is instruction. A gun means nothing by itself. Its purpose is served only in the hands of the user."

Ms. Young said you don't need a permit to have a gun in your home or in a vehicle.

"I believe both parents and their children need to know what guns are for."

"I'm not also pleased with the policies of the National Rifle Association (NRA). I think they are far too political, and don't promote the proper use of firearms."

Ms. Young said she teaches three times a week, and averages about 8 students per class.

"We never have more than a dozen."

"I am impressed with the increase we've had in students."

The Brandon Gun School is located at 776 Lumsden Road, Suite 109.

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Installing Cable Leads Man On New Career Path

BY LEON B. CREWS
Sentinel Staff Writer

When Tarvi Smith graduated from King High School, he had his heart set on a career as a physical therapist. What Smith discovered, however, was that he needed a job while he was attending school, and little did he know that job would work out to be his future career.

Smith worked for companies that specialized in satellite installations, and also at Circuit City. During those years, he picked up ideas from that experience, and decided that's what he wanted to do for a living.

Smith created Wire Tek, and with 10 years of experience, he's mastered all of the techniques.

"I install cable, hang flat screen televisions, media centers, speakers, security cameras and digital antennas."

Community Caregiver Continues To Feed Those In Need

Cornelius "Big Bru" Hamilton has been feeding the homeless for years. He selected the site of the Salvation Army on Florida Avenue and Henderson Street as his base.

Big Bru had recently come under scrutiny by officials at the Salvation Army for feeding the residents of their facility.

"We sat down, and now everything is fine. Not only did we work things out, but now I will be in charge of one of their buildings feeding the homeless. It's like we've formed a silent partnership."

Big Bru said every Sunday beginning at 5 p.m. and ending at 6 p.m., he will be handing out dinners until the food runs out to whomever comes.

"We make no distinctions on who to feed. It doesn't matter if you're homeless or not. If you're hungry, come and get something to eat."

Big Bru also said the Candlelight Vigil To Honor Murdered Siblings

On June 5, 2011, Judy Brito felt comfortable leaving her children, Kiara and Jeremi, at home alone while she went out with some friends. However, what happened that night made her wish she had either taken them with her, or stayed at home.

In what Tampa Police called a home invasion, Kiara and Jeremi were shot inside their South Tampa home. Kiara was killed instantly, and Jeremi died the next day.

Charles Watts and Tavari Grant were arrested and charged with the murders.

Before Judy Brito had time to mourn the deaths of her children, she found herself on the defense from allegations she was somewhat responsible for their murders. In her efforts to establish a non-profit in their names, she has also met opposition.

"But I won't stop me. I miss my children so much, and I think about them all the time. I want them to be remembered forever, and that's the reason I'm trying to set up this foundation."

On June 5th, Ms. Brito will be hosting a candlelight vigil at 6:30 p.m. in honor of her children. The vigil will be held on Van Buren Drive; that's where the family lived before the murders.

"I've also gotten Chilli's Restaurant to host an event for them from 11 a.m. until 11 p.m. on June 5th and 6th."

Ms. Brito said she considered many times leaving Tampa, because there are too many memories here. But, she changed her mind and said she will stay until her children have gotten justice.
**Local**

**Woman Enjoys Success With Unique Business**

Niecy Bivens is a licensed cosmetologist, and has been in business for 6 years.

Unlike other cosmetologists, Ms. Bivens is unique in that she only does weaves.

"Mane Attraction Weaving Studio" is where Ms. Bivens does what she says is "something I've always wanted to do.

"I've worked in full service salons, and I like being specialized better.

Ms. Bivens said she got the idea of operating a weaving studio after living in Atlanta for 4 years.

"There are hundreds of weaving studios in Atlanta, but I was the first one in Tampa. It's growing pretty fast, and this is a trendy business. I do a lot of studying on weaving techniques, and I'm sure my clients tell others, because most of my business has come from word-of-mouth."

Ms. Bivens said her plan is to open more weaving studios all over Tampa and across the Bay in Pinellas County.

"I have one other person working with me right now. I also offer some instruction, because I think it's important for everything to be consistent."

Ms. Bivens said she's really surprised how fast her business has grown, and she takes pride in the fact that she can do a $50 sew-in in an hour.

**Young Music Producer Wants To See Tampa Rise**

Tonja Anderson-Dell is the spokeswoman and manager for Nathaniel Lark, also known as "Nasty Nate."

Coming to Tampa at the age of three from New Burg, New York, Nasty Nate has always desired to be a music producer instead of an artist.

Ms. Anderson-Dell explains why.

"He's a very shy young man, and loves doing beats, and being at that end of the music. It's hard to get exposure when you're behind the scenes and that's what we're trying to do. It's starting to work, because now he's working with a team out of Atlanta."

Nasty Nate has produced a local song that is growing everyday called "Snatchin." Ms. Anderson-Dell said the song is already being sampled by other artists, and getting plenty of airplay.

"Nasty Nate has been doing this for 8 years, and he's thankful that he's finally gotten with the right people that can promote him properly," said Ms. Anderson-Dell.

Right now, he's working on beats to deliver to an Atlanta company that he recently signed an agreement with.

"Don't let the Atlanta connection fool you. Nasty Nate is aware of how other artists from Tampa have gone to other labels, and practically disowned Tampa. He wants to make sure everything he does is traced back to Tampa. He believes there is a hot bed of talent out there just waiting to be discovered."
Capture The Tantalizing Flavors Of Summer

There is nothing more tantalizing than the sweet tastes of summer's harvest, especially the abundance of juicy, colorful berries bursting with flavor that line the shelves of local grocery stores and farmers' markets. Whether eaten as a treat or used in a main dish, ripe summer fruit provides endless possibilities.

Heavenly Dream

2 cups orange juice
2 cups ice cubes
1 can (12 fluid ounces) Fat Free Evaporated Milk
1/4 cup granulated sugar to taste

DIRECTIONS: Place orange juice, ice cubes, evaporated milk and sugar in blender; cover. Blend until smooth.

Luscious Lime Summer Smoothie

3/4 cup orange juice
2 packets True Lime
1 ripe medium banana
3 tablespoons chopped fresh mint
2 kiwi fruit, peeled and halved
2 cups crushed ice

DIRECTIONS: Place all ingredients in blender and blend until smooth.

Watermelon Strawberry Shake And Frozen Smoothie Pops

Strawberry Shake
1 container (8 ounces) lemon nonfat yogurt
2 cups cubed, seeded watermelon
1 pint fresh strawberries, cleaned and hulled
1 medium banana, peeled and sliced

DIRECTIONS: Strawberry Shake: In blender or food processor, process yogurt, watermelon, strawberries and banana until smooth and frothy. Serve immediately.

Frozen Smoothie Pop: Pour prepared Watermelon Strawberry Shake into small paper cups. Freeze, inserting popsicle sticks or plastic spoons when mixture is partially frozen. Or, pour Watermelon Strawberry Shake into ice cream machine. Set and enjoy.
Kaleidoscope Pops

2 cups diced colorful fruit
2 cups Mott’s apple juice
6 (6- to 8-ounce) paper cups
6 craft sticks

DIRECTIONS: Divide diced fruit between cups. Fill evenly with apple juice (1/3 cup each). Place cups on level surface in freezer. Freeze until partially frozen, approximately 1 hour. Insert craft stick into center of each pop. Freeze until firm.

Apple-Licious Smoothies

4 (1/2 cup) containers Mott’s Healthy Harvest summer strawberry apple sauce
2 cups Mott’s apple juice
2 cups low-fat vanilla yogurt

DIRECTION: In small pitcher, combine all ingredients and mix until thoroughly combined. Cover and chill until ready to serve.

Fruit Meltdown Popsicle Treats

2 cups favorite fruit
1 cup cold water
1/3 cup sugar
1/4 cup Lemon Juice from Concentrate
10 (3-ounce) paper cups
10 popsicle sticks

DIRECTIONS: Place strawberries, water, sugar and lemon juice from concentrate in blender container; blend until smooth. Pour mixture into cups, filling until almost full. Place cups on tray and freeze 30 minutes or until just firm. Place sticks into the middle of each cup. Continue to freeze until solid. Remove from cups and serve.

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Prediabetes: Are You Sure You Don't Have It?

If you fall into a risk group for diabetes, take some steps to find out if you have prediabetes, and to prevent it from developing into full-blown diabetes:

1. Get tested. People with prediabetes won't suffer any obvious physical symptoms of the disorder and the only way to determine whether you have it is with a glucose tolerance test.

The most accurate test is an oral glucose tolerance test, which is used less frequently than the cheaper, diabetes, and start walking for 30 minutes every day.

Fruits, vegetables, and exercise never landed anyone in the hospital!

Surprising Foods That Stain Your Teeth

Tea - Dentists say tea — especially black variety — can cause more stains than coffee. However, even herbal teas and white teas have the potential to erode enamel and cause tooth staining.

Sauces - Deeply-colored sauces — like soy sauce, tomato sauce, and curry sauce — can account for significant tooth-staining potential.

Sports Drinks - Acidic foods and drinks can lead to tooth discoloration. Highly acidic drinks — like sports or energy drinks — can erode tooth enamel, setting the stage for staining.

B ases - Intensely pigmented molecules stick to dental enamel. That's why berries and other vibrantly colored foods can stain teeth.

Natural Ingredients For Natural Beauty

Here are five ingredients that experts love for their beauty-boosting properties:

• Papain. This enzyme, found in papayas and pineapples, gently eats off dead skin cells, decongesting pores and helping with skin texture and cell turnover. You can blend up a fresh papaya and use it as a mask, or crush some papaya enzyme tablets into your moisturizer to make a hydrating, gently exfoliating mask.

• Olive Oil. Olive oil is a great cleanser and moisturizer; it's an amazing makeup remover, and you can get it all off afterwards with a little face wash. Putting a drop on any dry body skin you might have or acne scars will also soften them up.

• Green Tea. This anti-inflammatory calms skin and also has tons of antioxidants. Washing your face with chilled green tea is a great way to get rid of redness, and to calm down irritated skin, just put matcha (powdered green tea) in your favorite face mask.

• Allantoin. Don't let the fancy name fool you. This juice and pies made from those fruits can also cause stains.

Soda, Cola and Other Carbonated Drinks - The acid and chromogens in these drinks can lead to serious staining of your teeth. Even light-colored sodas contain enough acid that they cause tooth erosion staining by other foods and drinks.

Candy And Other Sweets - If your favorite sweet — like hard candy, chewing gum, or popsicles — makes your tongue change colors, it may contain teeth-staining coloring agents.

5 Diseases Doctors Misdiagnose In Blacks

Here, some of the diseases most commonly misdiagnosed:

1. Lupus. Lupus is 2-3 times more common among African Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans and Asians — a disparity that remains unexplained. Lupus is three times more common in Black women than in white women.

This autoimmune disease, found mainly in women, can cause common symptoms such as fatigue, achy or swollen joints and fever.

2. Sarcoidosis. Doctors have misdiagnosed this disease as asthma, bronchitis, tuberculosis, and COPD and other diseases because there is not a lot known about it.

In the United States, sarcoidosis frequently occurs more often and more severely among African Americans than among Caucasians.

Most studies suggest a higher disease rate for women.

3. COPD. COPD which covers chronic bronchitis and emphysema, is the fourth highest cause of death in the United States.

COPD is often misdiagnosed and undertreated as asthma. Studies show that African American adults with COPD, asthma, or coexisting asthma and COPD use fewer medical services and account for lower medical costs than Caucasians because of non-diagnosis.

4. Hepatitis C. It's the leading cause of liver transplants and the most common cause of liver-related deaths in this country, but as many as 70 percent of those infected are unaware they carry the virus.

African-Americans face a "triple whammy" when it comes to the hepatitis C virus.

Two aspects of this triple threat are well known: the high prevalence of the virus in the African-American community and the lower response to therapy of infected individuals.

But there's a third threat: African-Americans don't spontaneously clear the virus as often as other racial and ethnic groups.

5. Hypothyroidism. About half of the nearly 27 million people with an undiagnosed thyroid are underdiagnosed.

Symptoms such as fatigue, weight gain, hair loss and poor memory are often dismissed as normal signs of aging.

According to new research, African Americans are diagnosed with thyroid cancer at a significantly lower rate than white Americans.

According to the study authors, more aggressive detection efforts in African Americans could uncover more incidence of thyroid cancer than among the African American and white populations may be experiencing similar rates of increase.
Getting A 'Flexible' Interest Only Mortgage

Interest only mortgage loans can be a smart option for those who are self-disciplined. They offer a flexible payment schedule where you only need to make a minimum payment towards the interest of your loan, but you also have the option to pay towards the principal.

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If you have an interest only loan, make it work for you - be disciplined and pay off as much as you can. By all means, take advantage of the payment flexibility when you need to, but put money towards your equity whenever possible.

All mortgage questions may be mailed to: Yolanda Y. Anthony Licensed Mortgage Broker P. O. Box 24472 Tampa, FL 33622

Prosecutor May Be Fired After Ordering Secret Jail Recordings

A veteran prosecutor in Alameda County, Calif., has been put on administrative leave while a potential violation of attorney-client privilege is probed, first reported in the Oakland Tribune.

It was revealed in a court hearing that Danielle London, who has been with the office a decade, had ordered sheriff's deputies to secretly record a jailhouse conversation between a murder defendant and a defense expert, the Oakland Tribune reports.

“It is a felony to record the conversation between an inmate and her attorney or others who are presumed to maintain confidentiality on the inmate’s behalf,” according to the former Miami prosecutor defense attorney Diane Bellas.

Attorney Jo Ann Kingston represents the murder defendant and is calling for a probe of the sheriff’s department as well as Lon-

don's. 

"It’s so blatantly illegal it’s beyond pale," said Kingston, who at the same time stated that she thought London must wrongly have believed that she could legally record the conversation. "I feel strongly that there should be an independent investigation done."

Sadly, this story does not surprise me one bit. I have previously written about jail and prison inmates needing to be very careful when talking on the phone due to the fact that everything is recorded by the jail and all recordings are routinely monitored by prosecutors (see my prior Florida Sentinel article entitled, "A Criminal Defendant, the Government and a Telephone").

In fact, I go so far as to routinely instruct clients that they should not even talk to their attorneys on the phone unless a private, secure phone call is arranged in advance. The police and prosecutor are not supposed to knowingly listen to an inmate talk to his or her attorney, however, I never assume that they will exercise such self-restraint.

In all of my cases, I assume that all police and all prosecutors will listen to my client speak to me as an attorney and attempt to get evidence against my client by doing so. I know that it is not always true, however, I take this approach for the benefit of my client.

Judging by the report above and the veteran prosecutor ordering secret jail tape recordings, I think that I might be on to something!

Criminal defense attorney Tim Bower Rodriguez is a former Miami prosecutor, and handles exclusively federal and select state criminal defense cases. Bower Rodriguez, PA, invite your criminal law questions by submitting an online inquiry on their website at www.bowerrodriguez.com or contacting Bower Rodriguez, PA, at 521 W. Bay St. #330, Tampa, FL 33606 (813)-384-7555.

The Key To A Long-Lasting Relationship Is Unconditional Love

Often individuals are unaware that past childhood events affect how they treat others and their ability to love. Learned behaviors are acquired from a man and woman's family-of-origin. The phrase "family of origin" refers to the family that you grew up with. These people influence and shape a person's identity.

Let's assume your spouse grew up in a home where his or her parents argued, fought, and cursed during disagreements. Possibly your spouse grew up in a home with parents who appropriately communicated to resolve conflicts.

To experience a healthy relationship each spouse may have to find a different way of communicating and dealing with certain things. Adjustments will need to be made to have a relatively healthy and functional relationship.

Successful marriages are built on patience, love and kindness. Couples are encouraged to work together as a team. Neither partner is perfect or completely wrong.

In a godly relationship, we do not seek to change our partner, but ask God to change our mind. Marital love is unconditional and asks nothing in return. An individual's choice to love others is not based on their perception of the people's worthiness to be loved or their sexual orientation, past offenses, political affiliation, social status, race, culture or gender.

The choice to love others is a commandment of God. "Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers a multitude of sins" (1 Peter 4:8).

Evangelist Dr. Reba Haley, Author of "The Covenant Connection Your Best Marriage Now", www.rbahaley.com. You can speak to Dr. Reba at Covenant Family Church 6521 US Hwy 301 Riverview, FL 33569 every Sunday at 10 a.m.

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Class of 1971 To Hold Fish Fry

The Rochelle/Kathleen/ Lakeland Minority Class of 1971 Inc. “Class of Distinction” will host a Fish Fry fundraiser on Saturday, June 2, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the corner of Lincoln Avenue and Fifth Street in Lakeland.

Leading officers are Willie F. Clarke, President and George Edwards Jr., Vice President. For further information, call (863) 808-2145.

“We Shall Never Forget The Halls of Rochelle”

An Evening of Inspiration Held

On Sunday, April 29th, Apostle Eldridge Smith and Pastor Cherry Smith hosted An Evening of Inspiration to celebrate National Poetry Month.

The host-site was the New Church of Jesus in Mulberry.

Special guests included Cecelia Davis Marius of Inrupt Incorporated of Lakeland, for their outstanding service to Polk County students.

The New Bethel A.M.E. Church was the host-site of this memorable event. Dr. Paulette Walker, National 1st Vice President, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. served as the keynote speaker.

Polk County Awards Nominees Sought

The Polk County Board of Commissioners is accepting nominations and applications until July 31, 2012 from public and private sectors for its Inaugural Livable Polk Awards.

The award recognizes innovative projects throughout the county that utilize cutting-edge development practices that can serve as models for future areas of conservation development, healthy community design and sustainable development.

Applicants must send a 2-page project summary to Charlotte Fillmore at char­lottefillmore@polk­county.net.

A detailed explanation of application requirements is available on-line at www.polkcounty.net/livable.

Happy Birthday

MOTHER PRINCESS FORTSON

Shaw-Nuf Talk extends wishes for a Happy Birthday!

Three women were recently recognized, by Girls Incorporated of Lakeland, for their life accomplishment of overcoming obstacles to reach success. The event took place on Thursday, May 17th, at the agency’s annual She Knows Where She’s Going luncheon.

An audience of more than 200 dignitaries, co-workers, friends, family and local business representatives, Stephanie Colon, Business Banker, Community Southern Bank; Candy Murphy, Public Defender, Polk County Public Defender Office, and Cynthia Zorn-Shaw, Resident Services Coordinator, Lakeland Housing Authority each received a 2012 Girls Inc. of Lakeland’s She Knows Where She’s Going Award.

Colon overcame challenges of parental drug addiction and a difficult childhood.

Murphy’s teen years included a vicious cycle of teen pregnancy, high school dropout, divorce and being a single parent.

Zorn-Shaw endured an abusive relationship, teen pregnancy and single motherhood.

However, each of these overcomers had the determination to change their lives for the better and to become role models for young and adult women.

And today, each recipient is a role model that she shares her challenges and accomplishments to encourage teens and young adults.

“It is unfortunate that we cannot give each of these ladies an award, because they’re all worthy,” stated Kay Fields, President/CEO of Girls Inc. of Lakeland. “To me, it takes a strong, smart and bold woman to share the stories that these women shared today.”

Jodi Kusley received the George W. Jenkins Volunteer of Distinction award for her six years of service to Girls Inc. Kusley teaches the girls creative writing and fitness.

In memory of Darneisha Kirkland, a former GI member who died in a house fire in 1999, three Girls Inc. members: Mykel Crawford, Kadeazia Richardson and Brionne Riles each received a $500 Darneisha Kirkland Scholarship.

At the conclusion of the luncheon, Girls Inc. was awarded a $15,000.00 donation by The Pig Foot Board of Directors. The mission of the agency is to inspire all girls to be smart and bold through its daily after school and summer programs for girls in grades K-12.

The annual luncheon is one of the fundraising sources that support these programs. For further information, contact Kay Fields, Executive Director at (863) 682-3002.

Lakeland Evangelist Celebrates 60 Years Of Life

On Friday, April 27th, Evangelist Katie Spann of Lakeland, Florida, celebrated her 60th birthday with family and friends. The host-site of this momentous occasion was the Coleman-Bush Center in Lakeland.

Flowers by Marilyn beautifully decorated the room in Katie’s favorite colors: zebra stripes, pink and red.

Tameka Brodus and Evangelist Mary Brodus coordinated the event, Evangelist Brooders served as Mistress of Ceremony. (Photos by Shaw-Nuf)

Ms. Katie Spann, left, is shown with her daughter, Ms. Tameka Brodus. Ms. Brodus helped to coordinate her mother’s special celebration.

Denise Spann and her daughter, Samara Davis, were on hand to share in the special occasion.
George Zimmerman Wants Damaging Evidence Sealed In Trayvon Martin Case

George Zimmerman is following the lead of prosecutors in his pending case for the murder of Trayvon Martin, by requesting that certain evidence in his trial be kept under wraps.

Zimmerman's lawyer, Mark O'Mara, filed a motion requesting that his client's text messages, emails and journal entries be kept under wraps, until they can be reviewed by both sides.

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Florida Cannibal Identified

MIA­MI - The cannibal who was discovered eating a man's face on the side of a Florida highway, and had to be shot at least six times before he stopped, has been identified by the Miami-Dade County Medical Examiner's Office as Rudy Eugene, 31.

His gruesome attack on the homeless man is the fourth recent, vicious attack in that area blamed on drugs, according to Miami-Dade County police.

As previously reported, Eugene had to be shot to death by police after he was found eating another man's face. Even as he was hit by the repeated shots, he kept gnawing at his victim's face, whom sources say is now barely recognizable.

According to the reports, Eugene was arrested on a battery charge when he was 16-years-old, and was arrested at least seven other times for charges including marijuana and trespassing. His ex-wife said that his behavior was erratic and increasingly violent.

"I wouldn't say he had mental problems, but he always felt like people was against him," she said.

The woman filed for divorce in 2007 after a little over a year of marriage. She said that there were times she feared for her life.

"He was literally eating his face, from the top of his forehead to his jaw is gone. He wasn't only gnawing at it, he was swallowing bits of his face," said Armando Aguilar, who heads the local chapter of the Fraternal Order of Police.

"This is about the fourth incident I hear already with our Miami Dade County area where these individuals have taken off their clothes and gone totally insane as a result of the drugs they're taking," he continues.

"I don't know if there's any such a thing as good LSD out there, but apparently this is really bad LSD."

Florida Sentinel Bulletin

Pres. Obama Vows To Protect Veteran's Benefits

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama honored the nation's military heroes in a pair of Memorial Day ceremonies, vowing to protect the benefits earned by veterans and their families from an erosion caused by the nation's transition from war.

The president celebrated Memorial Day at the Vietnam War Memorial and at Arlington National Cemetery on Monday, noting that for the first time in nine years, "Americans are not fighting and dying in Iraq," and the nation was winding down its role in the conflict in Afghanistan.

Homeless ATL Student Graduates HS And Is Off To College

ATLANTA - Fred Dukes recently walked the stage to receive his high school diploma from Booker T. Washington High School in Atlanta, Georgia. What made this young man's achievement so much sweeter was that he did it while being homeless and without any family support.

Dukes, who scored a 24 on his ACT and has a 3.0 GPA, had been homeless since December. His mother moved to South Carolina for a job, but he opted to stay behind. Dukes decision meant that he had to live without any family support.

Dukes stayed with any friend who had extra space. A close friend of his, Malcolm, allowed him to stay at his place if needed.

In December, when he was forced to stay in a homeless shelter in downtown Atlanta, Dukes says life got really tough. "I got into an alterca­tion with a couple other people that were staying here and they wanted to take my stuff, my belongings," said Dukes.

Dukes is not the only young person to overcome homelessness in pursuit of his or her education.

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HILLSBURG COUNTY AVIATION AUTHORITY (AUTHORITY)

Sealed proposals for Oracle and Linux Software Consulting Services RFP will be received from firms by the Authority at Tampa International Airport Offices located at 4100 George J. Bean Parkway, Suite 3311, Main Terminal, 3rd Floor, Blue Side, Tampa, Florida 33607.

Solicitation documents and detailed requirements will be available on the Tampa International Airport website at www.tampaairport.com, Quick Links, Airport Business, Notice of Solicitations on May 23, 2012.

HILLSBURGH COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES

REQUESTS FOR BIDS AND/OR PROPOSALS

Hillsborough County will receive sealed bids and/or proposals for the following, until the stated date and time when they will be publicly opened.

JUNE 21, 2012 – 2:00 P.M.

ITB-P-0197-O-2012/MWK PLASTIC SHEETS, CORRUGATED

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Information on these and other Requests for Bids, along with Bid/Proposal results may be accessed at www.hillsboroughcounty.org/procurementservices. This is a Hillsborough County Governmental Purchasing Council Bid.

Minority and women owned firms will be afforded a full opportunity to participate in these matters and will not be subject to discrimination on the basis of race, sex, color or national origin.

Questions regarding the above projects may be directed to Hillsborough County Board of Commissioners, Department of Procurement Services, 601 E. Kennedy Blvd., 18th Fl., County Center, Tampa Florida, 33602, (813) 272-5790, during regular business hours.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The City Council of the City of Tampa will hold a Public Hearing concerning the Consolidated Submission for Community Planning and Development Programs, at 5:00 P.M., on June 14, 2012, or as soon thereafter as practicable, at City Council Chambers, Third Floor, City Hall, 315 East Kennedy Boulevard, Tampa, Florida.

The purpose of this Public Hearing shall be to:


The documents may be viewed on line at http://www.tampa.gov/dept/housing_and_community_development/programs_and_services/federal_programs.asp

Or documents can be viewed at the Housing and Community Development office located at 306 E. Jackson St., 3rd Floor North.

3) Afford to any person or organization the opportunity to be heard.

Any person who decides to appeal any decision made by the City Council with respect to any matter considered at this Public Hearing will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose, may need to hire a court reporter to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 286.26, Florida Statutes, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in the Public Hearing should contact the City Clerk’s office at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the date of the Public Hearing.

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Age: 18
Parents: Judge Perry and Sonja Little
GPA: 5.13; Ranked Second in class
Church: St. Peter Claver Catholic Church
Awards and Honors: Salutatorian; National Achievement Finalist; National Merit Corporation; Science National Honor Society; Mu Alpha Theta (Math Honor Society); and AP Scholar
Activities: National Forensic League President; National Honor Society President; BETA Club; Achona (school newspaper, Assistant Editor); and Excursions, school literary magazine
College: Cornell University
Future Career: At this time, I plan to pursue a career in law with an emphasis on finance

ALONSO HIGH SCHOOL

Principal: Louis R. Diaz

Valedictorian: Ayuush Misra, GPA: 7.32
Salutatorian: Deanna Boussalis, GPA: 7.08
Graduate President: Nicole O'Hara
Graduates: 560

LATRICE M. BLOCKER

Age: 18
Parents: James Blocker and Kathi Blocker
GPA: 4.5
Church: MacDill Air Force Base Chapel
Awards and Honors: BETA Honor Society; the Town N'Counrt Youth Elite Award (over 300 hours community service; Certificate of Commendation from the Hillsborough County Board of County Commission-ers; and National Honor Society Activities: Town N'County Youth Council; Health Occupations Students of America; Certified Nursing Assistant Program; MacDill Air Force Base Chapel Choir and Praise Team; and National Honor Society Vice President
College: University of South Florida
Future Career: Working with abused and orphaned children

ALEXANDER SMITH

Age: 18
Parents: Larry and Arthita Smith
GPA: 5.18 weighted; 3.56 un-weighted
Church: New Hope Missionary Baptist Church
Awards and Honors: National Honor Society; National Honor Society; and BETA Club Member
Activities: Key Club; Science Olympiad; National Honor Society; National Honor Society; and Boys State
College: University of South Florida
Future Career: Automotive Engineer

ROBYN STEPHENS

Age: 17
Parents: Tonya Stephens and Robert Stephens
GPA: 4.3
Awards and Honors: Superior for Thespian District and National Honor Society
Activities: Drama Club; National Honor Society; and KHCB 100+ hours of community service
College: Florida Gulf Coast University
Future Career: International Law (Lawyer)

STEPHEN PARKS WILLIAMS

Age: 18
Parents: Stephen and Magnolia Williams
GPA: 4.4; 137/500
Church: First Baptist Church of Lincoln Gardens
Awards and Honors: National Honor Society; National Society of High School Scholars; and Academic Achievement Award
Activities: Basketball; Orchestra; Fellowship of Christian Athletes; and Oratorical Speech Contest
College: University of North Florida
Future Career: Mechanical Engineer

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ARMWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Principal: Michael Ippolito

Valedictorian: Lakirra Turner, GPA: 6.49
Salutatorian: Tiara Brooks, GPA: 6.45
Graduates: 350

ETHAN HOOPER

Age: 18
Parents: Ernest and Florence Hooper
GPA: 5.1; 50th
Church: Nativity Catholic Church
Awards and Honors: Most School Spirit and Critics Choice Award Winner at Armwood's Most Talented
Activities: Football; Student Government; National Honor Society; Interact; and Villa Pizza Employee
College: University of Central Florida
Future Career: I want to be an author

Russell Demetrius Martin

Age: 17
Parents: William Martin and Michelle Martin
GPA: 5.5; 15th
Awards and Honors: Battalion Commander: Top 20 of Graduating Class; and Top Shooter on Rifte Team
Activities: JROTC; Rifte Team; National Honor Society; Fitness (Raider) Team; and National Youth Leadership
College: University of Tampa
Future Career: To join the United States Army to become a helicopter pilot
2012 Graduates

CHANELLE NEWSOME
Age: 18
Parents: Lorena and Keith Newsome
GPA: 4.8; 88th
Western Conference
Awards and Honors: Honor Ball;
College: University of Miami
Future Career: Jazz Musician or member musician in one of the United States Armed Service Bands

DIAMOND BOWDEN
Age: 18
Parents: Michael Humbert and Beverly Bowden-Humbert
GPA: 3.06 unweighted, 4.59 weighted
Church: First Baptist Church of College Hill
Awards and Honors: NHS, National Honor Society; Academic Letter, 4th Year; and Athletic Letter, 2nd Year
Activities: Sting Dance Team, Captain; NHS and Designer for Beyond Imagination Fashion Show at Blake
College: Florida A & M University
Future Career: To obtain a doctorate degree in Pharmacy and further my studies to become a medical doctor of dermatology

RUTH ECKERT HALL JAZZ BAND;
Trobonist in the 'Bones South' Trombone Choir; Trombonist in the Hillsborough County All-County Band; and Volunteer at the John F. Germany Public Library (60 hours)
College: University of Miami
Future Career: Jazz Musician or member musician in one of the United States Armed Service Bands

MARCUS CARTER
Age: 18
Parent: Markita Carter
GPA: 4.6
Church: Palm River Church of Christ
Awards and Honors: Academic Award; Most Improved; Biggest Heart; Letterman's Award; and Most Athletic
Activities: Poetry; Football; and Track
College: Florida Institute of Technology, Stetson University
Future Career: Mechanical Engineering

MARINA ROSE
Age: 18
Parent: Sharon Rivera
GPA: 5.6
Awards and Honors: Ronald A. Hammond Scholarship, full tuition, University of Miami; and Recipient of a Superior Rating at the District Level Solo & Ensemble Competition
Activities: Trombonist in the

WINSTON LIGHTBODY, JR.
Age: 18
Parents: Winston Lightbody, Sr., and Elatestine Lightbody
GPA: 5.22 weighted; 3.72 unweighted; Ranked 10th
Church: College Hill Church Of God In Christ
Awards and Honors: Scholar Athlete Award; Hillsborough County All-Star Soccer Team; Principal's Honor Roll; Best All Around Student (Mr. Blake); and UNCF Scholar
Activities: Drum Major; Soccer Team at School, Captain; Mentoring Teenagers; Listens to Music, Play Music; and Hanging with friends
College: University of Central Florida
Future Career: Athletic Trainer

KENDRA G. GILREATH
Age: 17
Parents: Kenneth and Delbra Gilreath
GPA: 4.31
Church: Bible-Based Fellowship Church of Carrollwood
Awards and Honors: National Honor Society; Music Honor Society; Orchestra Solo and Ensemble Excellent Rating; Tampa Metropolitan Youth Orchestra, 1st Violin; and Blake Yearbook Featured Senior - 2012
Activities: Blake High School Orchestra; Blake High School Key Club President; Bible-Based Fellowship Church Orchestra; Tampa Bay Buccaneers Student Ambassador; and Dress For Success Tampa Bay Student Wardrobe Consultant
College: Florida Gulf Coast University
Future Career: Kendra will attend Florida Gulf Coast University in the fall 2012. She has been accepted into the Bower School of Music. Kendra also plans to pursue pre-Med Studies

QUANIESHA S. JACKSON
Age: 17
Parents: Quanda Stanley and Warren Jackson
GPA: 3.8
Church: Church Of God Of Prophecy
Awards and Honors: National Honor Society; and Letterman Award at RHS
Activities: NHS Club; Humane Society Volunteer; and Volunteer at Metropolitan Ministries as kitchen staff
College: Air Force
Future Career: Enlisting in the Air Force after graduation to become a Mental Health Specialist

ASHLEY THRASH
Age: 18
Parents: Corey Thrash, Demes­ sia Thrash, and Glenda Glover
GPA: 4.4473; 64/350
Church: Exalted Word Ministries
Awards and Honors: National Honor Society
College: University of West Florida
Future Career: I would like to pursue the career of being an OB/GYN

VALEDICTORIAN

LAKIRRA TURNER
Age: 18
Parents: Wanda Falcher and Norman Falcher
GPA: 6.49
Awards and Honors: Principal's Honor Roll
Activities: National Honor Society and Interact Club
College: University of Florida
Future Career: To become an Air Force Officer then later a Foreign Service Officer for the U.S. Government

CHRISTOPHER BOWIE
Age: 17
Parent: Sharon Bowie
GPA: 5.6
Awards and Honors: Ronald A. Hammond Scholarship, full tuition, University of Miami; and Recipient of a Superior Rating at the District Level Solo & Ensemble Competition
Activities: Trombonist in the

TAYLOR MCKAY
Age: 18
Parents: Vivian McKay and Cepeda McKay, Sr.
GPA: 3.6
Awards and Honors: HABSE and Western College Cheerleading
Activities: All-County Chorus; Cheerleading; and Flag Football
College: USF
Future Career: College Of Nursing

ALEXANDRIA SCOTT
Age: 18
Parent: Tammy Daniels
GPA: 5.0
Awards and Honors: Silver Key from Alliance of Artists and Writers: $16,000 Scholarship for Ohio Northern University; Graduating with Master Certification in Creative Writing; and Graduating with Honors
Activities: Published a Collection of Original Poetry and Prose; Senior Editor of "Synapse," a literary magazine published by Blake High School Creative Writing Department
College: Ohio Northern University
Future Career: Teach College or High school level English, become a published writer

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COLLEGE: ACCEPTED TO PEABODY OF JOHN HOPKINS; INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF MUSIC; JACOBS SCHOOL; AND FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

FUTURE CAREER: MUSIC-CELLO PERFORMANCE

HOMECOMING QUEEN

EVERLECIA JANA TAYLOR

AGE: 18

PARENTS: FATIMA CLANTON AND EVERETT TAYLOR

GPA: 3.0 unweighted; 4.3 weighted

AWARDS AND HONORS: TAMPA TRIBUNE HONORS; SGA VICE PRESIDENT; LAYOUT/MANAGING EDITOR OF SCHOOL NEWSPAPER; AND TRADITIONAL SALUTATORIAN

ACTIVITIES: ABSTINENCE CLUB; SGA VICE PRESIDENT; BIG BROTHERS; BIG SISTERS OF TAMPA BAY; NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY; AND NEWSPAPER (THE BLAZE) JOURNAL

COLLEGE: XAVIER, FAMU, OR LOS ANGELES CITY COLLEGE

FUTURE CAREER: PHARMACIST

HOME COMING QUEEN

HOMECOMING QUEEN

NADINE YOUNG

AGE: 17

PARENT: DALIS YOUNG

GPA: 4.8

CHURCH: RESURRECTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

AWARDS AND HONORS: NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY; DANCE HONOR SOCIETY, (HISTORIAN); AND HOMECOMING QUEEN

ACTIVITIES: CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY; BRANDON SCHOOL OF DANCE ARTS; VOLUNTEER AT SUNRISE VILLA, ASSISTED LIVING FACILITY; AND SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

COLLEGE: ST. JOHN UNIVERSITY

BLOOMINGDALE HIGH SCHOOL

Principal: Mark West

VALEDICTORIAN: ALICIA DILLOW, GPA: 6.3082

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BRANDON HIGH SCHOOL

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SALUTATORIAN: Dannielle McCutcheon, GPA: 6.2072

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RICHARD A. MARTIN, JR.

AGE: 17

PARENTS: Richard and Deborah Martin

GPA: 5.7

CHURCH: ATTENDS PROGRESS VILLAGE BAPTIST CHURCH

AWARDS AND HONORS: PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL; BLOOMINGDALE'S MALE SCHOLAR ATHLETE; 2012 SALADINO ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM; WESTERN CONFERENCE 1ST TEAM; AND ESPN 2012 TOP 10 SHORT STOP

ACTIVITIES: Varsity Baseball; National Honor Society; Spanish Honor Society; and Mu Alpha Theta

COLLEGE: University of Florida

FUTURE CAREER: Civil Engineering

ALEXIA CRUZ

AGE: 17

PARENT: CLAUDETTE ALLEN (AUNT)

GPA: 2.1

CHURCH: KINGDOM WORSHIP CENTER

AWARDS AND HONORS: FIRST SEMESTER HONOR ROLL

ACTIVITIES: TRACK AND FIELD

COLLEGE: HCC

FUTURE CAREER: START AT HCC THEN TRANSFER TO A UNIVERSITY

JASMINE GORDON

AGE: 17

PARENTS: JEROME AND TARA GORDON

GPA: 4.21

CHURCH: BROWN MEMORIAL AWARD AND HONORS; HONOR ROLL; HONOR COURT; AND INVITED TO JOIN HONOR SOCIETY

ACTIVITIES: VOLUNTEER AT CENTRAL PARK HEALTH CARE; EMPLOYED AT MCDONALD'S

COLLEGE: Tallahassee Community College

FUTURE CAREER: TO EARN A DEGREE IN ACCOUNTING AT FSU

ALICE GREENE

AGE: 18

PARENTS: CHRISTINA SAPP AND TREVER GREENE

GPA: 4.3

AWARDS AND HONORS: EDGAR L. FLEMING MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FLORIDA DECA AWARD; ELECTED FLORIDA DECA STATE VICE PRESIDENT FROM BHS; RECEIVED FIRST PLACE AT DISTRICT 8 DECA AWARDS IN FOOD MARKETING; AND RECEIVED SIXTH PLACE AT FLORIDA DECA STATE COMPETITION IN MARKETING

ACTIVITIES: FLORIDA DECA STATE VICE PRESIDENT; EAGLES LANDING BHS SCHOOL STORE MANAGER; BRANDON HIGH SCHOOL DECA CO-PRESIDENT; AND SUNCOAST SCHOOLS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION MARKETING MANAGER

COLLEGE: Johnson & Wales University

FUTURE CAREER: I PLAN ON PURSUING A CAREER IN MARKETING AND INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

ALEXIS THOMAS

AGE: 18

PARENT: ALLEGRA THOMAS

GPA: 5.1

AWARDS AND HONORS: STUDENT AMBASSADOR OF BLAKE HIGH SCHOOL DANCE DEPARTMENT; NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY OF DANCE ARTS SECRETARY; FULL TUITION SCHOLARSHIP TO LEON DANCE ARTS, NEW YORK; BLAKE'S ULTIMATE OF THE DANCE DEPARTMENT; AND PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

ACTIVITIES: DANCE; COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER; NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY OF DANCE ARTS MEMBER; AND ABSTINENCE CLUB

COLLEGE: BALL STATE UNIVERSITY

FUTURE CAREER: NURSING

ANGELICA THOMAS

AGE: 18

PARENT: MARLENE AND LUIS CHAVEZ

GPA: 5.7

AWARDS AND HONORS: FLORIDA AWARD AND HONORS; AP SCHOLAR WITH HONORS; HIGH HONOR ROLL; ATHLETIC LETTER; (SWIMMING); AND MUSIC LETTER (BAND)

ACTIVITIES: SWIMMING; MARCHING CONCERT BAND; SENIOR STEERING; SCIENCE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY; AND JOB AT KUMON LEARNING CENTER

FUTURE CAREER: STUDY CIVIL ENGINEERING AT USF IN THE FALL

AND MECHANICAL UNIVERSITY

FUTURE CAREER: TO MAJOR IN ACCOUNTING AND GET A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN ACCOUNTING; THEN GO TO LAW SCHOOL AND EARN A LAW DEGREE IN ORDER TO BECOME A BUSINESS LAWYER OR TAX ATTORNEY

PRINCESS COLLINS

AGE: 18

PARENTS: PRINCE T. COLLINS AND WANDA F. WOLFE

GPA: 5.0

CHURCH: RIVER'S LIFE

AWARDS AND HONORS: HONOR COURT

ACTIVITIES: KEY CLUB; BASKETBALL; TRACK; AND ECE (EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION)

COLLEGE: University of West Florida

FUTURE CAREER: TO MAJOR IN CRIMINOLOGY TO BECOME A FORENSIC INVESTIGATOR

ALEXIE ROSEN

AGE: 18

PARENTS: MELANIE AND LAURIE MICHEL

GPA: 4.96; 69/894

CHURCH: HOUSE OF GOD WORSHIP CENTER

AWARDS AND HONORS: ACADEMIC LETTER, TWICE (ACADEMIC JUNIOR AND SENIOR YEAR); SUPERIOR SOLO RATING AT SOLO AND ENSEMBLE (CELLO SOLO); AND ACADEMIC LETTER IN ORCHESTRA

ACTIVITIES: BRADON HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA; NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY; TR-M MUSIC SOCIETY; KEY CLUB; AND SENIOR COUNCIL

COLLEGE: UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA

FUTURE CAREER: I WOULD LIKE TO MAJOR IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AND CRIMINOLOGY AND BECOME A FORENSIC LAWYER FOR THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
2012 Graduates

JALEN STRINGFELLOW
Age: 18
Parents: Don and Shirley Stringfellow
GPA: 3.0
Church: Rivers Of Life
Awards and Honors: National Honor Society; Started on the Basketball Team and Started on the Football Team
Activities: Basketball; Football; and Track
College: Florida International University
Future Career: I plan to play football at FIU and major in Criminology. I may attend law school after I obtain my Bachelors degree

KEAUSAE WILLIAMS
Age: 18
Parent: Schemika Sandoval
GPA: 2.5
Church: Bible-Based Fellowship of Temple Terrace
Awards and Honors: Captain of Step Team; Superior in Color Guard MPA Competition; and DECA Talent Show Winner for Stepping
Activities: Step; Softball; and Color Guard
College: Bethune-Cookman University
Future Career: To major in Psychology and Minor in Dance

CANDACE TELLIS
Age: 18
Parent: Patrice Candis
GPA: 3.3
Awards and Honors: Honor Roll First 9 Weeks
Activities: HOSA Club (Health Occupations Students Of America), I was the Secretary
College: HCC and USF
Future Career: Nursing

ASHLEY WATSON
Age: 17
Parents: Audrey Watson and Errol Watson
GPA: 4.0
Church: Bell Shoals
Awards and Honors: Honor Society; and Honor Court
Activities: Cheerleading; Dance; Sales Associate at Aldo and Community Service for Mental Group Homes
College: Florida International University
Future Career: I would like to get my Master's Degree in Marketing and get my law degree as well. I want to become a Fashion Marketing Director

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College: Bethune-Cookman University
Future Career: To major in Psychology and Minor in Dance

SAINT ANDRE ELIASANT
Age: 17
Parents: Deceased
GPA: 4.68
Awards and Honors: Physical Fitness Award; Rifles Team Award; and Drill Team Award
Activities: Military Drill Marching, MCJROTC; Rifles Team, MCJROTC; and Color Guard MCJROTC
College: Embry Riddle
Future Career: U. S. Marines Reservist; Aerospace Engineering at Embry Riddle

SHAHEEDEH SALAAM
Age: 18
Parents: Maryann Salaam, grandmother; and Anita Salaam, mother
GPA: 5.63
Activities: Science Academics FFA; Art Club; Mu Alpha Theta; and Honor Court
College: Florida International University
Future Career: Biomedical Engineer

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Age: 17
Parents: Audrey Watson and Errol Watson
GPA: 4.0
Church: Bell Shoals
Awards and Honors: Honor Society; and Honor Court
Activities: Cheerleading; Dance; Sales Associate at Aldo and Community Service for Mental Group Homes
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JORDAN MORELAND
Age: 18
Parents: Karen Moreland and Ellery Moreland
GPA: 4.9
Church: Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church
Awards and Honors: Will graduate in top 100; 3rd Place on Homecoming Court; and Voted Best All Around for Prom
Activities: Track; Senate member in Art Club; National Honor Society; Beta Club; and Latin Club
College: University of Florida
Future Career: I plan to pursue a Master's Degree in Mechanical Engineering

MARIAH CARRINGTON
Age: 17
Parents: Arlene Cornwall and Glen Cornwall
GPA: 3.7969; Ranked 26
Activities: BETA Club; Spanish National Honor Society; Mu Alpha Theta; and Martial Artist
College: University of South Florida
Future Career: To become a Pediatrician and have my own practice

DEVONTAE PARKER
Age: 18
Parents: Gene and Denise Parker
GPA: 4.5; 102 out of 441 Awards and Honors: Graduating with Honors; and Participation in DECA Competition
Activities: Over 80 hours of Community Service; member of Track and Field; Worked at Pollo Campero as Cook/Dishwasher; Worked at Burger 21 as Server; and DECA Officer, Parliamentarian
College: Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University
Future Career: To graduate with a degree in Pharmacy

OLYMPIA WATSON
Age: 17
Parents: James Atanda and Abigail Atanda
GPA: 3.66
Church: Bay Life Church
Awards and Honors: National Honor Society; Outstanding Attorney at District Mock Trial Competition; Best Attorney of Florida, Mock Trial State Competition; First Place in FBLA Emerging Business Issues; and Durant High School Academic Letter
Activities: Durant High School Mock Trial Team; Durant High School Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA); Durant High School Student Government Association; Kindergarten Girls Sunday School Teacher at Bay Life Church; and Durant High School Science Olympiad Team
College: Undecided
Future Career: Pharmaceutical Doctorate, possibly degrees dealing with the legal field, and finding a profession that enables me to utilize the two

KEIYA FLEUELLEN
Age: 18
Parent: Vickie Fleuellen
GPA: 4.62
Church: Kainos International Church of Florida
Awards and Honors: Honor Court; African American Achievers Award; and Diamond Award Activities: Varsity Basketball
College: USF- St. Petersburg
Future Career: Entertainment (TV, Radio, and Film)

LAUREN GLOVER
Age: 18
Parent: Barbara Hendricks
GPA: 3.33/5.2
Church: St. Mary Missionary Baptist Church
Awards and Honors: National Honor Society; Student Government member; Academic Letter; and Top 5 in Senior Class for Volunteer Hours Activities: Leo Club member; Church secretary; Upward Bound Program (USF) Vice President; and Wendy's employee
College: Florida State University
Future Career: Major in Biology and continue on to Medical School and accomplish my dream to become a Neonatologist
JOLANDA LANCASTER

Age: 18
Parents: Sheila and Fred Lancaster
GPA: 4.9
Church: Hope Outreach Ministries
Awards and Honors: Participated in Miss January in Durant's Calendar Girl; Honors Court; and 2nd Runner Up in the Miss Living In Color Pageant
Activities: Historian for Student Government Association; Award from St. Joseph's Hospital for working with handicapped children; Dual Enrollment at HCC; and National Honor Society
College: University of South Florida or University of Florida
Future Career: Pediatrics Nurse

YASMIN GOODLEY

Age: 17
Parent: Vanessa Walker
GPA: 4.27
Church: Greater New Hope Anointed Ministries
Awards and Honors: Inducted into National Honor Society; Honor Roll; and Honor Graduate
Activities: Student Government; National Honor Society; Junior Rattlers Club, President; Vision Club, President; and Alpha Cougar Omega Step Team
College: Florida International University
Future Career: To become a Pediatrician

ASHLEY NELSON

Age: 18
Parents: Lauren and Adrian Nelson
GPA: 5.04; 98 out of 470
Church: Mt. Sinai A. M. E. Church, Medulla, FL
Awards and Honors: Academic Pin; Honor Graduate; Top 5 Western Conference, Basketball; Outstanding Attorney, Mock Trial; and 3rd Place Essay Writing Competition, Black Heritage
Activities: Varsity Basketball; Future Public Service Leaders; Jr. Rattlers; Visions; and Alpha Cougar Omega Steppers
College: Clark Atlanta University
Future Career: Publicity Manager/Author

TAMEKA TAYLOR

Age: 18
Parent: Veleta Fedron
GPA: 5.4
Church: Bell Shoals
Awards and Honors: National Honor Society member; Senior Council member; and Academic Letter
Activities: Peer Mediator; Junior Rattlers Historian; Relay for Life participant/volunteer; and Host Employee
College: HCC, Brandon
Future Career: To become a Pharmacist and live comfortably

CHRISTINA McGARR

Age: 17
Parent: Shontia McGarr

DARIUS POWELL

Age: 18
Parents: Denise and Glenn Powell
GPA: 4.95
Church: Church of Christ
Awards and Honors: Academic Letter and Honor Graduate
Activities: My job, 28 hours a week; Jr. Rattlers Club; Hillborough Community College Dual Enrollment in two classes; Community Service at Plant City Boys & Girls Club; and Volunteer at InnerAct Alliance in Lakeland, FL
College: Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
Future Career: I ultimately want to become a high school principal and implement policies that work for the students and not against them

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GPA: 5.4
Church: Bell Shoals
Awards and Honors: National Honor Society member; Senior Council member; and Academic Letter
Activities: Peer Mediator; Junior Rattlers Historian; Relay for Life participant/volunteer; and Host Employee
College: HCC, Brandon
Future Career: To become a Pharmacist and live comfortably

BRANDON JONES

Age: 18
Parent: Renee Beckford
GPA: weighted 4.7
Church: Love First Christian Center
Awards and Honors: Most Valuable Runner Cross Country; Most Valuable Runner Track and Field; and EBHS Raider Commander
Activities: Track and Field; Basketball; Cross Country; ROTC; and Volunteering for Children's Center 1 Voice Foundation
College: FIU or FAMU
Future Career: Physical Therapist and Start my own foundation for cancer

INGRID GERARA

Age: 18
Parent: Marie Gerara
GPA: weighted 4.7
Church: Disciples of Christ
Awards and Honors: High Honor Roll and National Honor Society
Activities: Community Service and Volunteer at Southshore Regional Library
College: Florida International University
Future Career: Public Health and Social Work

JAHIA OWENS

Age: 17
Parent: Teresa Owens and Ronald Owens
GPA: weighted 4.7
Awards and Honors: AP Honors Award; and Graduating with Honors
Activities: Soccer; FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) member; and NHS (National Honor Society)
College: Florida Atlantic University (FAU)
Future Career: Major in Finance

KA SHARI PATRICK

Age: 18
Parents: LaVon Patrick (mom); James M. Williams (dad); Marven and Homer Patrick, Jr., and Family
GPA: weighted 4.57 weighted; top 1% of Class
Church: Crossover Church
Awards and Honors: I have the honor of graduating in honors with a NHS Bash
Activities: East Bay High School Chorus; FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America); and NHS member, (National Honor Society)
College: Bethune-Cookman University
Future Career: I plan to major in Accounting in college and become a successful businesswoman

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HOMECOMING QUEEN

SELESE POWELL

Age: 17
Parents: Carla Powell and Sabrattie Powell
GPA: 4.5
Church: New Life Christian Fellowship
Awards and Honors: MVP for Cross Country; 1st Place in Pole Vault clearing 9’9” at Spoto on 4/3/12; Homecoming Queen at East Bay High School 2012; and Senior Notable, Best Physique
Activities: Captain of Cross Country Team; Captain Track and Field Team; Treasurer for International Thespian Society; Volunteering at Redlands Christian Migrant Association; and Manager of Varsity Girls Basketball Team at East Bay
College: FAMU
Future Career: Plan to attend Florida Mechanical and Florida. My goal is to get my Bachelor’s in Engineering and then attend medical school to specialize in Pediatric surgery

RENEE ROBERTS

Age: 17
Parents: Romeo Roberts and Aureola Roberts
GPA: 5.3
Church: Hillsdale Baptist Church
Awards and Honors: Superior Rating at FBA (Marching Band); and Superior Rating at MPA (Orchestra)
Activities: FHS Orchestra; FHS Color Guard; Legacy Club: A Student Ministry; National Honor Society; and Spanish Honor Society
College: University of Florida
Future Career: Physical Therapy

GAITHER HIGH SCHOOL
Principal: Marie Whelan

Valedictorian: Jessica Lyn Kozlovsy and Jordan Emily Reason;
GPA: 4.00
Class President: Taylor Ashley Gendason
Graduates: 423

NATHANIEL NIEUWENDAM

Age: 17
Parents: Wendell Nieuwendam and Ruby Nieuwendam
GPA: 4.033
Church: Idlewild Baptist Church
Awards and Honors: 3rd Place in FBLA Digital Video Production; Honors for "My Dead Man’s Helmet;” Part of a two-man team to revamp school map; and Sentinel Senior
Activities: President Robotics; member Senior Club; Cross Country; Parkour at Xcel 360 College: USA
Future Career: To major in Computer Science, specializing in Cyber Security

FREEDOM HIGH SCHOOL
Principal: David Sheppard

Valedictorian: Crystal Fleming, GPA: 4.965
Salutatorian: Christopher Tolson, GPA: 4.840
Class President: Kelley Gay
Graduates: 485

PAUL BARRETT

Age: 19
Parent: Jacin Frederick
GPA: 4.5
Awards and Honors: 3 event County Champions (high jump, 100 hurdles, and 300 hurdles); Homecoming Court Runner-up; Regional Champion for Soccer, (final four); 2 School records in the 110 hurdles and 300 hurdles; and Honors graduate
Activities: Soccer; Football; Track; Athletic Club; and Culture Club
College: Undecided
Future Career: Sports Medicine

Peacemakers
College: Florida Gulf Coast University
Future Career: Hospitality/Event Planning

BRITTANY HOPKINS

Age: 18
Parents: Beverly and Richard Hopkins
GPA: 5.8
Church: Allen Temple AME
Awards and Honors: Scholar Athlete; Academic Scholar Award; AP Scholar Award; and Starlight Homecoming Court
Activities: Varsity Cheerleader; Key Club member; Showcase member Spirit Club member; and Walt president
College: FSU
Future Career: plan to major in BI-Medical Studies and then attend medical school to specialize in Pediatric surgery

MIKHAIL REECE

Age: 18
Parent: Jacin Frederick
GPA: 6.2
Church: Unity Church of Today
Awards and Honors: National Football Foundation Scholar-Ship Recipient; Hillsborough County Scholar Athlete Award; Ranked 4th in Class; 1st Team All-Star Team; and National Merit Award Recipient
Activities: Football Team Captain; Basketball Team Captain; Member of Key; Member of BETA; and Member of Legacy College: Yale
Future Career: Business

FREEDOM HIGH SCHOOL
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GPA: 4.00
Class President: Taylor Ashley Gendason
Graduates: 423

RANIAE MARIO BROWN

Age: 17
Parents: Themes Faison, Ransford Brown
GPA: 5.1 (weighted)
Church: Truth Outreach Ministries International
Awards and Honors: AP Scholar with Honors
Activities: Producer for schools news program (Patriot Prime-time)

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Parents: Wendell Nieuwendam and Ruby Nieuwendam
GPA: 4.033
Church: Idlewild Baptist Church
Awards and Honors: 3rd Place in FBLA Digital Video Production; Honors for "My Dead Man’s Helmet;” Part of a two-man team to revamp school map; and Sentinel Senior
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DENESHA MITCHELL
Age: 18
Parents: Cassandra Mitchell and Susie Grubbs, grandmother
GPA: 2.50
Church: St. Paul Pentecostal Church of God
Awards and Honors: Selected Talent Show Performer (singer)
Activities: Student Government Representative; Big Brothers/Big sisters Volunteer; Graduation Committee; Homecoming Committee; and Pep Rally Committee
College: Hillsborough Community College
Future Career: Culinary Arts

Hillsborough High School
Principal: William Orr

Traditional Valedictorian: Sara Conner-Giraldo, GPA: 5.95
I.B. Valedictorian: Cheryl Cherin, GPA: 5.86
Traditional Salutatorian: Jeanette Cruz, GPA: 5.85
I.B. Salutatorian: Vishal Thumar, GPA: 7.32
Class President: Anastacia Goetz
Graduates: 415

Traditional Valedictorian: Corbin Olmstead, GPA: 5.9851
Magnet Valedictorian: Jennifer Solis, GPA: 5.9726
Traditional Salutatorian: Devin Thorne, GPA: 5.903
Magnet Salutatorian: Rachel Christy, GPA: 6.083
Class President: Angelica Budnarin
Graduates: 350

JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL
Principal: Van Ayres

LAKIA D. THOMPSON
Age: 18
Parents: Reginald Thompson and La Triona Davis-Thompson; and grandparents: Willie and Dorothy Davis; Johnnie Mae Thompson and the late William Thompson
GPA: 3.75
Awards and Honors: High Honor Roll
Activities: Active member of Church Youth Ministry; Phi Teens; Future Educators of America; American Sign Language Club; and Students Against Tobacco Club
College: Hillsborough Community College; then transfer to a 4-year university to obtain Bachelor’s Degree in Education
Future Career: to obtain Doctorate Degree

NYRO McCORD
Age: 18
Parents: George and France Mc Cord
GPA: 3.3
Church: Allen Temple AME Church
Awards and Honors: District 2nd Place, Discuss Throw; and Jefferson High School MVP
Activities: Future Business Leaders of America; Student Government Association; and Uninsigned Preps Program
College: University of Miami
Future Career: To major in Broadcasting Communications and Journalism

RAYMOND LYMous
Age: 18
Parents: Sonya Lymous and Raymond H. Lymous, Jr.
GPA: 2.48 in Class
Awards and Honors: Hillsborough Alliance of Black School Educators Honoree
Activities: Volunteer at the Tampa Bay Humane Society; A member of the Science Brain Bowl Team; Spent time on the Debate Team; and A member of the Environmental Club at School
College: Hillsborough Community College
Future Career: I plan to become a doctor of medicine

BRITTANY N. HALL
Age: 18
Parents: Tracy Hall and Odell Hall
GPA: 3.0
Awards and Honors: High Honor Roll
Activities: FBLA and AVID
College: Bethune-Cookman University
Future Career: To pursue a career in Nursing

KIERRA POWELL
Age: 17
Parents: Lolitha Powell and Wilbur Powell
GPA: 3.7
Church: New Testament Worship Center
Awards and Honors: Academic Letter for 3.7 GPA
College: Bethune-Cookman University
Future Career: Undecided

TRAVIS LYONS
Age: 18
Parents: Kayortha Lyons-Lewis and Alexis Taylor (deceased)
GPA: 3.9726

NATHALIE BAIZASAI
Age: 17
Parent: Jacques Bazelaiz
GPA: 5.97 Weighted GPA; 95th Church: Solid Rock Church of Jesus of the Apostolic Faith
Awards and Honors: Hillsborough High School International Baccalaureate Program: AP Scholar; Academic Letter at Hillsborough High School; 3rd in District for Business Law in FBLA Competition; and Hillsborough Alliance of Black School Educators (HABSE) African American Achiever
Activities: President of young African Americans Making a Difference (YAMAD); Future Business Leaders of America

AMBIE CATO
Age: 18
Parent: Saída Koyou
GPA: 5/822, 11th Awards and Honors: Sportsmanship Award for Volleyball; and Global Business Trophy for FBLA
Activities: Volleyball; Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA); National Honor Society, (NHS); and National Technical Honor Society (NTHS)
College: University of North Florida
Future Career: My career choice is Nursing (RN)

RONESIA MALONE
Age: 18
Parents: Emma Price (grandmother) and Shunta Burke (mother)
GPA: 4.83
Church: New Life Tabernacle
Awards and Honors: National Honor Society Grad; Honor Grad (for having over a 4.0); Science National Honor Society Grad (for having over a 3.5 in science courses); and HABSE Senior Award (Hillsborough Alliance of Black Student Educators)
Activities: Student Government (Senior Class Recording Secretary); Sophisticated Ladies (chairperson); National Honor Society (chairperson); and Science National Honor Society (chairperson)
College: University of South Florida
Future Career: I want to have a double major in Bio-Chemistry (specializing in Anesthesiology), and musical performance (cello)

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MANE CATO
Age: 18
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Activities: Volleyball; Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA); National Honor Society, (NHS); and National Technical Honor Society (NTHS)
College: University of North Florida
Future Career: My career choice is Nursing (RN)

RAYMOND LYMous
Age: 18
Parents: Sonya Lymous and Raymond H. Lymous, Jr.
GPA: 2.48 in Class
Awards and Honors: Hillsborough Alliance of Black School Educators Honoree
Activities: Volunteer at the Tampa Bay Humane Society; A member of the Science Brain Bowl Team; Spent time on the Debate Team; and A member of the Environmental Club at School
College: Hillsborough Community College
Future Career: I plan to become a doctor of medicine

TRAVIS LYONS
Age: 18
Parents: Kayortha Lyons-Lewis and Alexis Taylor (deceased)
GPA: 3.9726

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College: University of North Florida
Future Career: My career choice is Nursing (RN)
TAWANA MOBLEY  
GPA: 3.958  
Awards and Honors: French National Honor Society; Hill County Black Scholars; Future County Black Scholars; National Honor Society; Tri-M  
Parents: Lacey Mobley and Bright Futures Candidate  
College: Jacksonville University  
Future Career: To earn a Bachelor's degree in Music Business  

TAYLOR M. REAVES  
Age: 17  
Parents: Yvonnie Montell and Robert Reaves  
GPA: 5.7; 14th  
Church: Bible-Based Fellowship Church  
Awards and Honors: Tri-M Honor Society; NHS; National Technical Honor Society; National Honor Society  
Activities: Marching Band; Student Government; Sign Language Choir; Dual Enrollment Student; and Piano and Clarinet  
College: University of Florida  
Future Career: 4 Years at UF; Future Lawyer and Judge  

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College: Jacksonville University  
Future Career: To earn a Bachelor's degree in Music Business  

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Church: Bible-Based Fellowship Church  
Awards and Honors: Tri-M Honor Society; NHS; National Technical Honor Society; National Honor Society  
Activities: Marching Band; Student Government; Sign Language Choir; Dual Enrollment Student; and Piano and Clarinet  
College: University of Florida  
Future Career: 4 Years at UF; Future Lawyer and Judge  

JORDAN EDWARDS  
Age: 17  
Parents: Bernard and Evelyn Wilson  
GPA: 3.6  
Awards and Honors: National Honor Society (NHS); Florida Law Honor Society (FLHS); National Technical Honor Society, (NTHS); and Spanish Honor Society  
Activities: Varsity Basketball; Florida Public Service Association (FPDA) President; and Human Rights Club  
College: UNF; St. Johns, USF, or Stetson  
Future Career: Pre-Law, Lawyer and Judge  

BRANDON MARSTON  
Age: 17  
Parent: Brenda Coghiel  
GPA: 3.4  
Awards and Honors: Spartan Scholarship University of Tampa; and FIU Merit Award  
Activities: Reading  
College: University of Tampa, or FIU  
Future Career: Business  

LAWRENCE WOODS  
Age: 17  
Parents: Erna Washington and Tony Woods  
GPA: 3.0  
Church: Jackson Heights Church of Christ  
Awards and Honors: Black Diamond Award Male Amateur Athlete; Fellowship Award, MOV; Hero Award; and Leadership Award, MOV  
Activities: Football; Basketball; and Men of Vision  
College: Becker College (Boston, MA) or Valencia Community College  
Future Career: Major in Sports Management/Marketing  

JAZZYNE N. WADE  
Age: 18  
Parents: Ricky and Brenda Wade  
GPA: 3.5  
Church: New Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church of Tampa  

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Age: 17
Parents: Hanif and Karima Kurji
Awards and Honors: First Place District Global Business (FBLA); and AP Scholar
Activities: Key Club International; Future Business Leaders of America, (FBLA); BOLD Multicultural Club; Relay for Life; and Grand Kids Hospice Program Coordinator
College: University of Miami
Future Career: Sports Medicine Doctor

KRISTAL LAWRENCE
Age: 17
Parents: Petronilla Lawrence and Frederick Lawrence
GPA: 6.8 weighted; 3.88 unweighted
Awards and Honors: National Honor Society; BETA Club; French Honor Society; and IB Program
College: New York University
Future Career: Bio-Medical Engineering

CHRISSAND STRACHAN
Age: 19
Parent: Karen Jeremiah
GPA: 2.3
Awards and Honors: Outstanding Student in the Culinary Department
Activities: Culinary Program; and IMPACT Program
College: HCC
Future Career: To study Computer Science

LA VONDA WESTON
Age: 18
Parents: Demicia Hancock and Gregory Weston
GPA: 4.08; Ranked 33
Awards and Honors: Coach’s Award; MVP (Cheerleading); and National Honor Society
Activities: Varsity Cheerleading Captain, National Honor Society; Senior Class Parliamentarian; AVID (Advanced Via Individual Determination); and Jr. Coach for Carrollwood Cardinals Pee Wee Cheerleaders
College: Florida A & M University
Future Career: study Dentistry to become a Pediatric Dentist. I want to stay working with children

DEVANTE POWELL
Age: 18

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LAUREN WILKerson

Age: 17
Parents: James and Valerie Wilkerson
GPA: 4.9
Church: The Life Center
Awards and Honors: National Council of Negro Women Black Girls Rock Award; National Honor Society; King’s Advanced Placement Scholar; Principal’s Lions Award; and High Honor Roll Student
Activities: Varsity Cheerleader; Varsity Flag Football; President of Ladies of Essence Club; President of Pre-Collegiate Club; and Youth Choir member and Sunday School Assistant
College: USF
Future Career: Psychology

JASMINE ALLEN

Age: 18
Parents: Marcia and Andrew Johnson
GPA: 4.66
Church: Brown Memorial COGIC
Awards and Honors: High Honor Roll and French Honor Society Award
Activities: Book Club; National Honor Society; French Honor Society; Mission to Feed the Homeless (at church); and TAB Member at Southshore Regional Library (Teen Advisory Board)
College: USF
Future Career: Psychology

KORYANA SWAN

Age: 18
Parents: Ericka and Benjamin Walker, Jr.
GPA: 4.8; #19 in Class
Awards and Honors: Microsoft Office Certification; Holland & Fisher Family Foundation Scholarship Award Recipient; Gold Seal, Bright Futures; National Honor Society; and Middle School Tutor, Math
Activities: Stand Up To Cancer (SU2C) President; National Honor Society, (NHS); Delta Gems, Tampa Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter; College Reach Out Program; and AVID Student
College: Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
Future Career: Pharmacy

Daniel Faison

Age: 18
Parents: Ghana and Ang (Ed) Faison
GPA: 2.5; 130
Church: Bible-Based Fellowship of Temple Terrace
Awards and Honors: Honor Roll and Accepted into Western Kentucky University
Activities: Varsity Football; Varsity Wrestling; AVID; Men of Vision (MOV); and TV Productions
College: Western Kentucky University
Future Career: Sports Trainer/Sports Manager

Koryana Swann

Age: 18
Parents: Ericka and Benjamin Walker, Jr.
GPA: 4.8; #19 in Class
Awards and Honors: Microsoft Office Certification; Holland & Fisher Family Foundation Scholarship Award Recipient; Gold Seal, Bright Futures; National Honor Society; and Middle School Tutor, Math
Activities: Stand Up To Cancer (SU2C) President; National Honor Society, (NHS); Delta Gems, Tampa Metropolitan Alumnae Chapter; College Reach Out Program; and AVID Student
College: Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
Future Career: Pharmacy

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Lennard High School
Principal: Craig S. Horstman

Valedictorian: Xiaodong "Dee Dee" L, GPA: 8.28
Salutatorian: Julian Couture, GPA: 6.22
Class President: Melina Santos
Graduates: 309

College: HCC
Future Career: Accounting/Business

Andrew Jones

Age: 18
Parent: Stephanye Roberts-Jones
GPA: 5.63, Ranked 13th
Church: Exciting Central Tampa Baptist Church
Awards and Honors: National Honor Society; Senior Class Council Vice President; Accepted into 4 Florida Universities; High Honor Roll; and Homecoming and Prom Court
Activities: Relay for Life Participant; Black History Program Participant; Active Member of Men II Men Ministry at Central Tampa Baptist Church; Tampa Bay Buccaneers Student Ambassador; and 152 Community Service Hours in the Tampa Bay area
College: Florida International University
Future Career: Entrepreneur

Saika Viard

Age: 17
Parent: Nathacha Chadic
GPA: 4.0
Church: Center for Restoration/Christian
Awards and Honors: Honor Roll; Take Stock in Children Scholarship; and Vice President of the French Club
Activities: Track and Field; Stand Up To Cancer Club; Poetry Slams; DECA Club; and JROTC
College: 2 Years at HCC, then transfer to USF
Future Career: I want to get my Masters in Physical Therapy

Leto High School
Principal: Victor Fernandez

Valedictorian: Jennifer Ruiz-Diego; GPA: 6.503
Salutatorian: Joseylin Macho; GPA: 6.029
Class President: Jennifer Ruiz-Diego
Graduates: 490

Robert Ashphall

Age: 18
Parent: Karelene Powell
GPA: 4.61; 97335
Awards and Honors: Vanguard Awards; first Team All Conference in Football; All-District Team, Football; and Falcons Leadership Award
Activities: Big Brothers/Big Sisters; Football, Track and Field; and Employee at AMC Theaters
College: Accepted at Adron College, Willowen University, and the University of West Florida
Future Career: To major in Biology and to pursue Pre-Medic

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Principal: Owen Young

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Traditional Valedictorian: Ruth Valverde, GPA: 4.3555
Magnet Valedictorian: Jasmine Santiago, GPA: 6.6006
Traditional Salutatorian: Abraham Trujillo, GPA: 4.9233
Magnet Salutatorian: Michael Goodman, GPA: 5.2770

JESSICA MALONEY
Age: 18
Parent: Sylvia Josephing Maloney
GPA: 4.2; 63/335
Church: Mt. Calvary Seventh Day Adventist
Awards and Honors: High Honor Roll; Team Captain in Flag Football; Senator for Senior Class; Member of Leadership (SGA); HOSA Student of the Month; and voted Homecoming Queen
Activities: Tutor at my old middle school; Participated in Relay For Life; HOSA Member; DECA Member; and Did Fashion Show with my school
College: Florida A&M University
Future Career: Medical Field

WHITNEY DUNBAR
Age: 18
Parents: George Dunbar, Linda Mosley-Dunbar
GPA: 4.2
Activities: National Honor Society
College: Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
Future Career: Major in Nursing

BRITTNEY DUNBAR
Age: 18
Parents: Linda Mosley-Dunbar and George Dunbar
GPA: 3.9
Awards and Honors: High Honor Roll; and Certificate of Recognition
Activities: Community Service; and Currently Employed by Steak n Shake
College: Florida A&M University
Future Career: Business Management

DWAYNE HARRIS
Age: 18
Parent: Patricia Williams
GPA: 3.59; 9th place in class of 174
Church: New Life Restoration
Awards and Honors: Graduate of Honors Senior with Honors. Activities: club leader of FCA; Track and Cross Country runner (1600, 3200 and 5000); AVID student; and CDC club member
College: Saint Leo University
Future Career: Business Management

ANTOINETTE FRANCIS
Age: 18
Parent: Cloria Maxwell
GPA: 4.5727 out of 80
Church: Various (Church Of God)
Awards and Honors: High Honor Roll; and Certificate of Recognition
Activities: Community Service; and Currently Employed by FIU
College: I Have been accepted into FIU, FAU, Florida Atlantic, FAMU, and BCU
Future Career: I plan to major in Computer programming because I've always had an interest in technology

MARK HOLMES
Age: 18
Parent: Mark Holmes Sr., Janice Holmes
GPA: 3.2; 17 of 174
Church: Love first Christian Center
Awards and Honors: High Honor Roll; Activities: Grad Bash; Prom; and Senior Send off
College: FAU
Future Career: To be a Camera man for Sports Center

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MARQUELLE JOSEPH
Age: 17 Parent: Selina Brown GPA: Number 3 of 174 Awards and Honors: Class Rank- No. 3; Accepted at USF and UWF; and Placed 6th in FBLA Competition Activities: FBLA and Basketball Team College: USF Future Career: Mechanical Engineering

TOI OWENS
Age: 18 Parent: Michelle White GPA: 4.4; 29 out of 80 Church: Macedonia M. B. Church Awards and Honors: National Beta Honors Society; National Honor Society; and High Honor Roll Activities: Volleyball; Junior Civitans; and National Honor Society College: Florida State University Future Career: To become a pharmacist or an accountant Salutatorian

RUTH VALVERDE
Age: 17 Parents: Ramon and Thelma Valverde GPA: 4.8 Church: Lalesia Pentecostal Cristo Viente Awards and Honors: High Honor Roll 1st and 2nd Quarter; Third Place 2012 Dairy Judging competition; and Valedictorian Activities: FFA club member; AVID; Junior Civitans Club; and Humane Society Dog Comparison College: Hillsborough Community College Future Career: Veterinary Medicine

VALEDICTORIAN

PEARL YOUTH GROUP; AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE HONOR SOCIETY; STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL and PTSA College: Hillsborough Community College

KENEISHA WARREN
Age: 18 Parent: Iris Peoples-Warren GPA: 4.26; 4th place in class Church: Allen Temple A.M.E. Church Awards and Honors: Graduating Senior with Honors; and Honor Roll Activities: Senior Class President; Golden Doll Auxiliary; AVID student; and Future Business Leaders of America College: HCC/USF Future Career: Hospitality Management

CATHERINE YANT-HOLLEY
Age: 17 Parents: Lila L. Yant-Holley and James A. Holley GPA: 4.2; 33 out of 80 Class Rank Church: New Salem Missionary Baptist Church Awards and Honors: High Honor Roll; National Honor Society; and American Sign Language Honor Society Activities: Signing Tigers; Precious Pearls Youth Group; American Sign Language Honor Society; Student Advisory Council and PTSA College: Hillsborough Community College

CLASS PRESIDENT

ABRAHAM TEJEDA
Age: 18 Parent: Lillian Figueroa GPA: 4.6/2nd Awards and Honors: Salutatorian; and $10,000 Candy-Olsen Scholarship Activities: Concert/ Marching band, Orchestra; Jazz Band; Tennis; and Head Drum Major College: Miles College Future Career: High School Music Educator

MAGALIA VANCE-PETERTSON
Age: 19 Parent: Vicki Vance GPA: 4.1 Church: Springhill Missionary Baptist Church Awards and Honors: High Honor Roll; National Honor Society; National Technical Honor Society; and American Sign Language Honor Society Activities: Signing Tigers; Precious Pearls Youth Group; American Sign Language Honor Society; Student Advisory Council and PTSA College: Hillsborough Community College

UTICA MELENDEZ
Age: 17 Parent: LaKeesha Latin GPA: 4.4 Church: Faith Lutheran Church Awards and Honors: 2nd Place- FBLA Battle of the Chapters; and 5th Place FBLA District Competitions Activities: Girls’ Varsity Soccer; Girls’ Varsity Flag Football; National Honor Society-President; Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) • Reporter; and Air Force Junior ROTC+ Operations Squadron Commander College: USF Future Career: Forensic Scientist; Master’s Degree in Forensic/Criminal Justice

Catherine Yant-Holley
Age: 17 Parents: Lila L. Yant-Holley and James A. Holley GPA: 4.2; 33 out of 80 Class Rank Church: New Salem Missionary Baptist Church Awards and Honors: High Honor Roll; and Academic Achievement Activities: Track; National Honor Society; Upward Bound; USF; AVID; and Junior Civilian College: Florida Gulf Coast University Future Career: Majoring in Nursing

STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL and PTSA College: Hillsborough Community College

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Principal: Carla Brunning

Valedictorians: Christina Hendryx GPA 7.82 Salutatorians: Michael Mozzi, GPA 6.95 Class President: Haley Doyle Graduates: 490

AMBRYA FERRELL
Age: 17 Parents: Roy and Cheryl Ferrell GPA: 5.87 weighted Church: St. James AME of Progress Village Awards and Honors: Principal’s Honor Roll; Honor Court; and DECA State Competition Qualifier Activities: DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America); Track and Field; Relay for Life Class of 2012 Senior Team; Miracles in Motion Gymnastics Dance Ministry of St. James AME; and YPD College: Florida State University Future Career: I will be attending Florida State University as a major in Business and Minor in Psychology. After college, I plan to pursue a career in Human Resources Management

BRITTANY GIBSON
Age: 18 Parents: Meloney Lawrence GPA: 6.12 Awards and Honors: Principal’s Honor Roll Activities: Key Club; Feeding America; Top Soccers; Echo of Brandon; National Honor Society, Roadside Clearups; Rho Kappa; and Spanish Honor Society College: Columbia University

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John 3:16—For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
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LESLIE MANLY

Age: 17
Parents: Gladymir and Agatha Joseph
GPA: 4.74

Awards and Honors: High Honor Roll; and African Ameri- can Achiever Award
Activities: Relay for Life Team Member; Bell Shoals Baptist Church Community Volunteer; St. Vincent De Paul’s Thrift Shop Volunteer; and Member of the NAACP
College: University of Central Florida
Future Career: Cosmetic Surgery

CHI DUZIEMONYEDIMMA

Age: 18
Parents: Anthony and Comfort Onyedimma
GPA: 3.5 unweighted, 4.98 weighted
Church: Fishhawk Fellowship Church
Awards and Honors: Academic Pins and 2 Quarters of Principal's Honor Roll
Activities: Church Youth Group and Chorus Group Fundraisers
College: University of South Florida
Future Career: Bio-Medical Sciences, (Career in Medical Field)

NNEOMA ONYEDIMMA

Age: 18
Parents: Anthony and Comfort Onyedimma
GPA: 6.4
Church: Fishhawk Fellowship Church
Awards and Honors: Principal's Honor
Activities: Church Youth Group and Teen Literacy Committee
College: University of South Florida
Future Career: Major in Bio-Medical Sciences to become a Physician

AMINA RICHARDSON

Age: 18
Parents: Toy Richardson and Leslie Richardson
GPA: 4.74 weighted
Church: Faith Christian Center
Awards and Honors: Honor Roll; Honor Court; DECA State Competition Qualifier; and 3rd Place in Western Conference Meet for the High Jump
Activities: Track and Field; FCC Dance Ministry; and FCC Youth Assistant
College: University of Central Florida
Future Career: Major in Mass Communications

PLANT CITY HIGH SCHOOL
Principal: Colleen Richardson

VALEDICTORIAN: Biju Patel, GPA: 8.92
SALUTATORIAN: Partik Patel, GPA: 8.88
Class President: Taylor Gaines
Graduates: 450

ISIS ASH

Age: 17
Parents: Lyndy Mulder and Harold Ash
GPA: 6.262; Class Rank: 9 of 403
Awards and Honors: National Achievement Finalist; Optimist Outstanding Youth Award; Bright House Networks Volunteer Youth Award; and Soroptimist Violet Richardson Award
Activities: Varsity Girls Tennis Team; Senior Executive Council Secretary; Student Council Class Representative; Interact Service Club; and Special Olympics Tennis Coach and Program Founder
College: University of Florida
Future Career: I plan to go to graduate school to become a dentist or an orthodontist. One day I hope to open my own practice

BRUCE NESBITT

Age: 18
Parents: Pamela and Bruce Nesbitt, Sr.
GPA: 3.91
Church: New Grace Chapel
CME
Awards and Honors: Fred W. Johnson Scholarship FAMU Alumni; Florida Bright Futures Scholarship and National Honor Society
Activities: Varsity Basketball; Church, CYF President; and Plant City Parks & Recreation Youth Referee Basketball
College: FAMU and Florida Gulf Coast
Future Career: Sports Administration/ Basketball Coach

KHALIFA WHITE

Age: 17
Parents: Dahlia Sanderson and Stanley White
GPA: 5.16; Ranked 61 out of 405
Awards and Honors: Senior of the month, February; Varsity Cheerleading Showmanship Award; Elouise Rice Robinson Memorial Scholarship Award Recipient 2nd Place; Mrs. February 2012 Calendar Gil Scholarship Pageant; and Tribeca Memorial Scholarship Award
Activities: Student Council; Vice President of the National Honor Society; Prom Committee; Interact Club; Varsity Cheerleader; and Jr. Rattlers Club
College: University of Central Florida
Future Career: Upon graduation I plan to obtain a Bachelors of Fine Arts Degree at the University of Central Florida’s Musical Theatre Program I plan to become a performing artist as well as an entrepreneur and a mentor to young girls. I plan to travel the world and inspire people through song and dance. I also plan to start a mentoring program named “Kweens of Tomorrow” (K.O.T)

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Riverview High School
Principal: Robert Heilmann

Valedictorian: Ashley Nicole Bowen, GPA: 7.17
Salutatorian: Emily Anne Kettenbur, GPA: 6.98
Class President: Jasmin Folks
Graduates: 540

RANITA FINDLAY
Age: 18
Parents: Eleanor Findlay and Calvin Marshall
GPA: 5.2; Ranked 52 out of 505
Church: First Union Missionary Baptist Church
Awards and Honors: National Honor Society; and AVID Club
College: University of Central Florida
Future Career: Engineering or Pre-Med

MYLES MARSHALL
Age: 18
Parents: Anjeta and Calvin Marshall
GPA: 5.2; Ranked 52 out of 505
Church: First Union Missionary Baptist Church
Awards and Honors: National Honor Society; and AVID Club
College: University of Central Florida
Future Career: Business, Journalism, and Broadcasting, Foreign Affairs

TAAYLOR BROWN
Age: 18
Parents: Iglesia Robinson and Shawn Brown
GPA: 13th
Awards and Honors: National Honor Society; and Vice President of RHS DECA Chapter
Activities: Volunteers at local elementary schools and works a part time job
College: University of Tampa
Future Career: to have a dual major in Elementary Education and Biology

Sickles High School
Principal: Jake Russell

Valedictorian: Speaking for
Salutatorian: Sierral
Class President: Natalie Scott
Graduates: 390

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Spoto High School
Principal: Phillip Carr

Valedictorian: Danqing Huang, GPA: 6.88
Salutatorian: Brita Stevens, GPA: 6.27
Class President: Allan Torres
Graduates: 273

LEROY HENRY SWAIN, JR.
Age: 18
Parents: Karen McClendon and Leroy Swain, Sr.
GPA: 5.6660; Ranked 13th
Age: 17
GPA: Unweighted 3.5660;
Parents: Karen

Awards and Honors:
National Achievement Scholar; on the Honor Roll every semester since elementary school; Academic Letter; and AP Scholar Activities: National Honor Society; BETA Club; Playing Piano; and Reading College: University of South Florida
Future Career: I plan to major in Economics and Finance and pursue a career on Wall Street (Portfolio Manager)

THOMAS E. FORWARD, II
Age: 18
Parents: Tom and Cynthia Forward GPA: 3.1
Church: Grace Mary Missionary Baptist Church
Awards and Honors: Varsity Football Activities: Football; Flag Football Manager; and Men of Vision College: FAMU Future Career: Pharmacist

STEPHANIE C. REID
Age: 18
Parents: Jimmy and DeRose Reid GPA: 5.3; 94 out of 436 Church: Edgewood Baptist Church College: University of Central Florida Future Career: Pediatrician/Child Psychologist

Strawberry Crest High School
Principal: David B. Brown
Valedictorian: Euben Godinez-Guino, GPA: 7.00
Salutatorian: Sarah Elizabeth Burress, GPA: 6.49
Class President: Hailey Stoneburg
Graduates: 289

SAMOLIA SIMMONS
Age: 18
Parent: Catelia Young
College: HCC
Future Career: RN

DUCE' WRIGHT
Age: 17
Parents: Romaine Wright and Darren Wright GPA: 2.30
Activities: Varsity Cheerleading; and Track and Field
College: HCC
Future Career: I want to major in Spanish and minor in environmental Science.

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Architecture Valedictorian: Ruben Forero, GPA: 5.9593
Traditional Salutatorian: Andrew Feliciano, GPA: 5.9585
Health Academy Salutatorian: Deepal Patel GPA: 7.9318
Traditional Salutatorian: Alejandro Peña, GPA: 5.5454

Parents: Laurent W. Charles and Marie L. Charles
GPA: 46 of 218
Church: Belmont Baptist Church
Awards and Honors: Certificate of Course Completion in CCNA; Introducing Proofing and Switching in the Enterprise; and Certificate of Completion in Web Communication Using Adobe Dreamweaver CS4
Activities: FCA Active member
College: HCC Brandon Campus
Future Career: Pharmacy

ANDREW GREEN
Age: 18
Parents: Aundre and Angie Green
GPA: 3.0/3.3
Church: Crossroad (by myself), and Emmanuel Cathedral with my parents
Awards and Honors: Honor Roll Student; All County Honor-able Mention; National Under-classman Combine MVP; Scout.com combine MVP; and Football Team Captain; Led team in sacks and hurries
Activities: Volunteer at Crossroad Church Children’s Center; Winner for “Basis for a Cause” Breast Cancer Awareness; Toy Drive, Positive Spin Social Work Service; Food Drive, and mentor Crossroad Teen Service
College: Stetson University
Future Career: To major in Business Management; Minor in Accounting; and become owner and operator of my own restaurant

TARIA N. CHILDLS
Age: 17
Parent: Phyllis Bowles
GPA: 4.7
Church: Riverhills Church of God
Awards and Honors: Certification in Photo Shop; Certification in Microsoft Specialist; Certification in Adobe Systems Incorporated; National Technical Honor Society; Team Leader for American Sign Language; and Future Business Leaders of America
College: University of South Florida
Future Career: Information Management Systems

JAMES ELIAIASSNT
Age: 18
Parents: Ross Anderson and Sonya Eliassaint
GPA: 4.1/41 out of 218
Church: Jackson Heights Church of God in Christ
Awards and Honors: Honor Roll; Black Diamond Student of the Year; and VFWM Patriots Pen Scholarship
Activities: Men of Vision; Student Government Association; National Honor Society; and Future Business Leaders of America
College: Florida International University
Future Career: Information Technology

ADRIAN L. JOHNSON, II
Age: 18
Parents: Dr. P. Tucker-Johnson and Coach Adrian Johnson
GPA: 3.0
Church: Christ of Calvary Community Church
Awards and Honors: Honor-able Mention All-Confrence Basketball Team Captain; and Selected to Tampa Bay Basket-ball Association All-Star Game
Activities: Basketball; and Fellowship of Christian Athletes
College: Bethune-Cookman
Future Career: Physical Therapist
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KIAH ANTHONY MOOREHEAD
Age: 18
Parents: Lillian Moorehead and Michael A. Burgess
GPA: 4.3
Church: Allen Temple AME
Awards and Honors: Senior Superlative, Most Infectious Laugh
Activities: Student Government Associate (SGA); Key Club; Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA); National Technical Honor Society; and Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA)
College: Florida A & M University
Future Career: My future plans are to attain my Bachelors degree in Health Sciences at FAMU. Then continue my work in Physical Therapy.

QUANEISHA L. MYERS-PRESSLEY
Age: 18
Parents: Rev. Byron and Wendy Pressley
GPA: 3.0
Church: Mt. Olive AME (Plant City)
Awards and Honors: ROTC Certificate and Architecture Certificate
Activities: YPD
College: Bethune-Cookman University
Future Career: To be a Pediatric Cancer Research Specialist as well as get my doctorate and be my own boss!

JONATHAN N. RHODES
Age: 18
Parents: Verneka Rhodes and Jeffrey Rhodes
GPA: 4.1
Church: Greater Bethel Baptist
Awards and Honors: Played Cornerback for Titan Football Team; Honored with Letter for Varsity Athletics; Jack & Jill Southeastern Region Teen Editorial Board; University of Miami Summer Scholars Program; and Duke TIP Scholars Program
Activities: Sigma Beta Club; Onyx Ski and Sports Club; and Volunteer at Shriners Children's Hospital
College: Florida International University
Future Career: I want to study Nursing and become a Registered Nurse. I want to open health clinics to the neighborhood and help the ill people of my community

SAVON WILLIAMS
Age: 18
GPA: 3.83
College: University of Tampa
Future Career: To major in Biology and Journalism and study abroad in the UK

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TYREE HOLDER

Age: 18
Parents: Melanee Holder and Bobbie Holder
Church: Exciting Central Baptist
Awards and Honors: 2012 Defensive MVP; Advanced to Regionals in Track in 100m, 200m, Long Jump, and 4X100; State Track and Field Championship team; All-State Honorable Mention as a Senior; and All-County Honorable Mention as a Senior
Activities: Football; Track; and Basketball
College: Ball State University
Future Career: Communications major; Future ESPN Broadcaster

WARREN WOODS

Age: 17
Parents: Wilton Tommy Jones, Jr., and Dr. Kimberly L. Hannah-Jones
GPA: 3.5

ZAVIUS HERCULES

Age: 19
Parents: Tiffany Lee and Winston Hercules
GPA: 2.5
Church: ACOS Fresh Anointing
Activities: Jazz Band; Volunteer as Church Musician; and Camp Leader for Youth Enrichment Program
Future Career: Sound Engineer

KAI JONES

Age: 17
Parents: Wilton Tommy Jones, Jr., and Dr. Kimberly L. Hannah-Jones
GPA: 3.5

J.MARCUS CHURCH

Age: 18
Parents: Frances Davis and Curtis Davis, Sr.
GPA: 5.3
Awards and Honors: Class Rank 70 of 111
Activities: NUROTC, Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp; NHS National Honor Society; BETA Club; Academic High Honor Roll; Highest GPA in AVID Class; Accepted to Emory Riddle Aeronautical University; and Accepted to Tuskegee University
Future Career: To graduate with a degree in Aeronautical Engineering and go into the Navy

BRIANA ECHOLS

Age: 18
Parents: Eddy and Michelle Echols
GPA: 6.25
Church: Life Point Church
Awards and Honors: Member of NHS; Member of BETA; and AP Scholar Award
Activities: Work at Shapes Total Fitness; Volunteered at Elementary and Middle Schools; Relay for Life Team Captain for BETA; Parliamentarian and PR Officer for DECA; and Susan G. Komen Relay Participant (Annual Tradition)
College: University of Florida
Future Career: Business

AMANDA BLAKE

Age: 18
Parents: Leslie Vernon-Blake and Russell Blake
GPA: 6.0
Awards and Honors: Girl Scout Gold Award; U.S. Congress Outstanding Service Coin of Excellence; Coca Cola Scholar; Ann Henes Girl Scout Scholar; and Straight Averages at Florida State Thespian Competition
Activities: Theatre; Soccer; Community Service (Invisible Children); Girl Scouts; and Singing
College: University of Delaware
Future Career: Zoologist (lab/field Scientist)

ERICK ISAAC

Age: 17
Parents: Eric B. Isaac and Jennifer A. Isaac
GPA: 3.86
Awards and Honors: National Achievement Finalist; Made Hillsborough All County Band; and In a Sax Quartet that Received a Superior Rating at State Solo & Ensemble; and In Quad-County Honor Band
Activities: Jazz Band; Wind Ensemble (Concert Band); Science Brain Bowl; National Honor Society; and BETA Club College: University of Florida
Future Career: Nuclear Engineer

STEPHANIA JEAN-PHILIPPE

Age: 18
Parents: Banedique Jean-Philippe and Marie-Louise Estimates
GPA: 5.18
Awards and Honors: National Science Fair Champion; Echols Scholarship; and AP Scholar Award
Activities: FBLA and AVID
College: Bethune-Cookman University
Future Career: To pursue a career in Nursing

MRS. MIKISHA GRAVES

Age: 33
Parents: Betty (Andra) Martin and Albert (Jeania) Barner
GPA: 2.5
Future Career: To transfer to the University of South Florida to obtain a Bachelor's degree in Nursing

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TUMEKIA BURCH

After graduating from Tampa Bay Technical High School in 2007, Ms. Angel Neal enrolled at Florida A & M University. Meanwhile, her older sister, Ms. Tumekia Burch, decided to return to school as well. Recently, the Neal Family attended graduation ceremonies as both women earned college degrees. They are the daughters of Mrs. Cheryl Neal and the late Raymond Neal. Ms. Neal completed her studies and graduated with a degree in Journalism. Her goal is to become a Fashion Editor. In doing so, Ms. Neal is combining her love of fashion and shopping into a career.

The 22-year-old Tampa native will move to New York and pursue employment in her chosen field. Her mother said she plans to live in New York.

Ms. Burch received her Bachelor’s Degree from Springfield College in Health Science. She plans to continue her education and obtain her Master’s Degree. Ms. Burch is a full time student and her mother said she always had an interest in the medical field. “She wants to be a Counselor for Mental Health and she needs a Master’s Degree,” Mrs. Neal said of her older daughter.

Ms. Burch shares her sister’s love of shopping and she enjoys spending time with her daughter, Diamond, who attends Middleton High School. The family attends St. John Progressive Missionary Baptist Church.

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Mother Continues To Inspire Family To Excel

MS. PHYLLIS BOWLES

Failure is never an option in the Bowles household. Ms. Phyllis Bowles doesn’t just tell her daughters to do well, she demonstrates it.

Several years ago, Ms. Bowles decided to return to school. In 2008, she earned her Associates Degree in Early Childhood. She enrolled at Nova Southeastern University, and earned her B. A. Degree in Education. Now, she is planning her graduation from the Masters Program in Education at Ashford University.

She is the mother of two daughters and both share her desire to further their education.

LAPHL BOWLES

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Goal is to earn a degree in Information Management Systems. Ms. Bowles serves as an inspiration and role model to her daughters and her sisters as well. Her older sister, Linda, decided to return to school and earned her degree as a Registered Nurse from Fortis College.

Her sister, Cynthia, is currently working towards a degree in Early Childhood Education at Nova Southeastern University. All three of the women are working single parents who decided to improve the quality of their lives through education.

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University Of South Florida

LA SHAWN BRIGHT

Age: 29
Parents: Ronald and Patricia Bright
GPA: 3.0
Church: Revealing Truth Ministries
Field of Study: Criminal Justice
Future Career: To join the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office

3 Black Chemistry Students Earn Doctorates, Set University Record

KARI COPELAND, JEFFREY VEALS And SHANNA STODDARD

At the University of Mississippi (UM), a year-long initiative to increase graduates in fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) has paid off in epic fashion.

Three African-American chemistry students graduated on May 11 with doctorates, setting a school record.

The trio who received their degrees was Kari Copeland, Margo Montgomery and Jeffrey Veals. A fourth African-American student, Shanna Stoddard, will earn her doctorate in chemistry this coming December. Professors at UM beamed with pride with this latest achievement for the university.

“One average, about 50 African-American students receive Ph.D.s in chemistry nationwide each year, so UM produced 6% of the national total,” said Maurice Eftink, associate provost and professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry.

“This isn’t the first time UM has done well in the STEM arena. In 2006, the school had four African-American Ph.D.s in Mathematics.

“That was an even more outstanding achievement given that there are only 15 to 30 African-American Ph.D.s in Math granted each year, but the current achievement is still pretty noteworthy,” Eftink said.

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Triumph Over Adversity: The Amazing Stories Of Two Local Graduates

BY TAMECA JOHNSON
Freelance Writer

"Everyone has obstacles in life," that's a theory Tariq Anwar Bassett Sharrieff lives by. The 17-year-old high school senior graduates in a couple of weeks from Jesuit High School, then begins preparing for college in Atlanta this fall. His future looks extremely bright, partly because his history keeps him motivated and grounded.

The past few years have been tough," Tariq admits. "But, the good far outweighs the bad." The tough times started back in 2006 when Tariq's dad, a Lieutenant with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, was diagnosed with testicular cancer. Tariq Sharrieff underwent surgery that fall.

Six months later, doctors found that the cancer had spread and recommended weeks of radiation treatment. Six months after that, more cancer was discovered, this time the treatment was chemotherapy. Tariq says, "I was scared. Back when my dad had the testicular cancer, he assured me everything would be great. He said there was a 98 percent survival rate. But now I was thinking I would have to grow up without him, that my role model would be stripped away."

The chemo took a toll on the entire family, especially Tariq's dad. "After going through what I went through," says Tariq Sharrieff, "I now understand why some people would choose death over that."

Later that year, Tariq's mom Lori, a Human Resources Director, began having unexplained seizures. An examination determined she had a tumor in her brain the size of a key lime. Surgery was performed, almost immediately. "It was rough," says Tariq. But somehow, his son Tariq says he managed to keep his head up. "We never ask 'why me?' when good things happen, but when bad things happen we question."

Tariq says sometimes he thought he'd crumble under the pressure, but his faith in God became stronger after his dad's ordeal. He never doubted the situation with his mom would be okay; and today it is.

Despite the overwhelming challenges, Tariq maintained a grade point average of 3.2, became a published author, secretary of the Jesuit Student Council, President of the school's chorus, guest speaker during the Jesuit's Convocation, guest speaker at his church Allen Temple A. M. E., Vice President of the Greater Tampa Chapter of Jack and Jill of America's teen group and winner of numerous oratorical contests; all while logging dozens of community service hours.

He even started his own record production company and recently produced his first single by an artist named Dayo entitled "Brand New." The video has garnered over 200 thousand hits on YouTube.

Tariq's hard work earned him a couple of scholarships from the City of Tampa and the Tampa Organization of Black Affairs (TOBA). That money will help sustain him when he enrolls at Morehouse College in Atlanta in August, majoring in Mass Communications. "I'm so excited for him," his mom Lori exclaims. "He needs to do this, for him and for us."

Tariq has learned a lot during his family's challenges. When he reflects on the past, he says he realizes, "When we go through things we think we're the only ones going through. Everyone has struggles, but I just know everything happens for a reason and a purpose. After all I've been through I know something good is going to come out of it." To learn more about Tariq and his work as a music producer, check out his website at ProducerT.com.

BY TAMECA JOHNSON
Freelance Writer

Micha'le Simmons has reached a milestone. She received a hard earned undergraduate degree from Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut two weeks ago.

Her success did not come from a life of privilege nor by a family of means. The 22-year-old is simply a young lady with a fierce determination to be the very best and the product of a supportive single mother determined to do right by her.

"I never really had a vision for her life," explains Yolanda Simmons, the mother of Micha'le (pronounced Me-shell-a). "I was just trying to take care of her and keep her fed and clothed and busy."

Yolanda raised Micha'le alone after she got divorced when her daughter was just a toddler. It was a tough decision that came with a cost.

"I got child support, but money was tight," Yolanda says. "We went through things. Job challenges made matters worse."

Yolanda has been laid off more times than she can count. Yet, she was committed to giving her daughter the very best. "Even though

I wasn't married, I wanted her to have a good foundation. I knew I had to keep her busy, because 'an idle mind is the devil's workshop.'"

Yolanda enrolled Micha'le in the best public schools in Jacksonville, where they lived at the time. She also made sure she had dance classes and participated in various other activities. She only required two things in return. "I kept two lists on the back of her bathroom door." One was her lists of chores; the other was a list of consequences for the grades she made. If Micha'le got an A, she got to have dinner at Red Lobster; a B got her a trip to the Italian restaurant Fazolos; a C was a visit to McDonald's. Yolanda says, "a D or below got her an * whipping. And I meant that!" Micha'le laughs at that. "You could take a college degree out of my hand, but you can't take my grades." "It never came down to that because I always got good grades!"

Good grades and self-drive endeared Micha'le to many family, friends, teachers and counselors who fiercely supported and helped her along the way. Even her first grade teacher, Mrs. Jean Gilmore, has been a constant presence in her life.

It was Mrs. Gilmore who helped Micha'le land an all expense paid scholarship to Jacksonville's Episcopal High School, one of the most prestigious and expensive private schools in the state.

That experience, combined with excellent grades, numerous community service hours and great recommendations earned Micha'le a full $200,000 scholarship to Yale. Her four year college experience includes time spent studying in the South African country of Swaziland, classes taken at Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina and visits to Spain and California.

Micha'le graduated with honors with a degree in Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies. She plans to spend time with her mom at her home in St. Petersburg before leaving for the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she will work to earn her Master's Degree in Health Care Management and Policy.

"This girl has been talking about college since first grade!" recalls Yolanda. "I was like, 'can we please just make it through dinner?'

Both Yolanda and Micha'le can now exhale and enjoy the outcome of all their hard work.

"I really didn't know what I was doing," Yolanda admits. "I was just trying to raise a doctor who could take care of me or save the world. Truthfully, I was just trying to get her out of high school without being pregnant or on drugs."

Micha'le is eternally grateful. "My mother was strict. She kept me busy in a lot of activities, but the bottom line is she made a lot of smart decisions."
Graduating Senior Sees Opportunity Instead Of Failure

Julius Griffin grew up in Sulphur Springs, a place he describes as "the epitome of a concrete jungle. Now that he is graduating from high school, he has plans to take every opportunity to defy the odds and change his future.

Julius views his acceptance to Morehouse as an opportunity that is the fruit of his labor. "An opportunity was given to me to climb out of the hole that the rest of my family has fallen in. I am the first in my family who will be going to college. I am the rose that has blossomed out of the concrete," he said.

The 18-year-old also feels the pressure is on him to succeed. He said his two older brothers dropped out of school. However, he has two sisters ages 4 and 6. He plans to serve as a role model for them.

He also wants to extend that same compassion to others. "Overcoming adversities has made me a keen, influential, assiduous activist. Any help I receive in achieving my dreams in return I will give back to my community." The young man has many plans for the future. His goal is to become a Behavioral Psychologist, and then a Cosmetic Surgeon. He feels that with this background it will help him understand what goes on in a person's mind.

He feels that those who are not happy with their physical appearance may have some deep-rooted problems.

Julius describes himself as one who has a new vision of life. He began attending church in January 2012. "I love it. I'm a full time church goer. I go to church on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, and twice on Sunday. "I have made a total transformation; everything I was doing wrong has turned around. I love it, I fell in love with church," the member of Solid Rock Church Of Jesus said.

Although he is not sure how he will attend college if he doesn't get enough financial aid, but he is confident that he is going to be a success story. "For once, I would like for someone to not just acknowledge my perseverance, but reward it. One day someone will say, The Griffin Foundation has made an impact on today's society," the young man said.

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2012 Graduates

BY IRIS B. HOLTON
Sentinel City Editor

Last month, several African American and Hispanic men graduated from Hillsborough Community College during the Spring Commencement Ceremonies. The graduates are now members of the elite HOPE Scholars Male Mentoring Program offered by the school.

The HOPE Scholars Program is a pilot program that targets African American and Latin men. Its creator, Dr. Joan Holmes, designed it in order to promote retention, graduation, and four-year college transfer rates of these young men.

One of the HOPE alumni is Anthony Langhorne, who recently accepted a scholarship to Columbia University in New York. His field of study is Architecture.

His wife, Mrs. Shanela Langhorne, will also be attending Columbia as a recipient of the coveted PALS Scholarship offered by the University. They are the parents of two daughters and the dual scholarships will allow the couple to keep their young daughters by educating themselves. They both decided to return to school. He enrolled at Hillsborough Community College (HCC) and she enrolled at St. Petersburg Junior College.

After enrolling in the HOPE Scholars Program, Langhorne said he was a little older than most of the other young men. He was married, a father, and working a full time job.

However, he said, "The program is designed to help mentor young Black and Latin men. It really inspired me to see how rare I was as a college student."

"Professor: Tracy Barnes was my mentor and he helped me to explore my options. He took me to his class and helped me to see other African Americans and the sacrifices they had made so that I could actually be in this program."

When Langhorne entered the program, he was unsure of a future career. He researched several areas and decided on Architecture. "I had always been an artist, but never really thought about being an Architect. I felt God was telling me this was the direction to go."

Now, his goal is to become an International Architect.

Mrs. Shanela

EVERETT LANGHORNE
... Won 1 of 3 PALS Scholarships from Columbia University

"My whole focus is to take advantage of any opportunity for international exposure," he said.

Langhorne graduated with Honors from HCC with a 4.0 grade point average.

Mrs. Langhorne, 25, describes a journey of her life that could have made some give up. "I had to learn how to balance my full time duties as homemaker and stay-at-home mother, with attending school," she said.

Her college career had a very unstable beginning. She withdrew from two courses and failed six others. She also had to repay financial aid because of her grades. Many obstacles caused her to quit school.

She recalls that it took them a year to save up the money to repay the financial aid. They were a family of four living on one income.

"Our faith and commitment to education did not waver and we were able to miraculously save the money." After the first semester, she was eligible for financial assistance again.

Mrs. Langhorne is actively involved in the Honors College at St. Petersburg College.

She compiled a presentation entitled "Preserving Democracy: A Study Of Voter Participation in St. Petersburg, Florida." Her research explored voter participation and offered ways to improve it.

Mrs. Langhorne will complete her final class during the summer. However, she has already been awarded the PALS Scholarship from Columbia University. She is one of three recipients of the full tuition award.

She plans to major in Environmental Biology and Political Science. She also plans to earn a law degree.

The family is active at New Covenant Family Center, in St. Petersburg.

Graduation Party For USF Grad

A graduation party was held for University of South Florida (USF) graduate, Jiance Reid.

Family and friends joined the grad at the Carrollwood home of her parents.

(Photos by Julia Jackson)

USF Grad Jiance Reid and her mother, Barbara Day.

Maternal grandmother of the graduate, Ellen Bentley of Miami and little Jastyn.

Grad Jiance with her father, Joe Reid.

Dr. Kandyce Baillou and her daughter, Jastyn Baillou-Cox were at the party.

Lebron Stafford, also a 2012 grad, with Barry Wells.
Ebonere Monique, owner of the boutique ghost-writing firm, Mama I Want To Write, has been named the winner of the 2012 Black Enterprise $10,000 Elevator Pitch contest.

The contest, which took place during the annual Black Enterprise Entrepreneurs conference in Chicago May 23-26, 2012, gave top 10 finalists the opportunity to pitch their business ideas to celebrity judges and a live audience for a chance to win $10,000 towards the start-up of their business.

This year’s celebrity judges were actress, Kim Coles; author and radio personality, Michael Baisden, and founder of the CASHFLOW, Magnus Greaves.

Ms. Monique said she’s thrilled to have won. "Last year, I was watching this elevator pitch from the audience. I am overjoyed to be able to see my growth as a business owner and to have received such great feedback from my pitch."

Ms. Monique is the daughter of former Tampa Bay Bucanneer Council Rudolph, Jr., and wife, Anne Rudolph. The 2004 Florida A&M University graduated traveled to Chicago for the Black Entrepreneurs conference where she pitched her business idea to an estimated 1,500 attendees on May 24, 2012. That was also the same day as her 30th birthday.

Ebonere Monique holds her $10,000 check as the winner of the Elevator Pitch Contest in Chicago.

The Mad Hatter’s Tea Party was held at the Loretta Ingraham Community Center. The event was well attended. There was an array of distinguished hats on display as well.

Among the participants were Sarah Whittington, Mattie Telfair and Woodrow Walton. (Photo by Sylvester Harris)
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