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39th ANNUAL HUMAN RIGHTS AWARDS BREAKFAST

The 39th Annual Human Rights Award Breakfast was held on December 4, 2012 at the DoubleTree Hotel. This year's theme was "Forty Years Forward: Our Story of Integrating Public School in Hillsborough County." Ernest Hooper was the moderator of a panel discussion on how far we've come in the 40 years. Among the honorees and guests in attendance were: from left to right, Debra Taylor (Historian), Rev. Pauline L. Cole, Yvette Lewis, Dr. Carolyn Collins (NAACP), Dr. Walter Smith (Past President FAMU), Alveda Vernon, George W. Wilds, Pat Spencer, Joe Robinson and Cynthia O. Keeton. (Photograph by Toby Scott of Chow and Scott Keepsakes)
Son Saves His Dad When Truck Rolls On Him

BY IRIS B. HOLTON
Sentinel City Editor

Joseph Bryant doesn’t consider himself a hero, but feels he was in the right place at the right time. However, he’s about the only one in his family who feels this way.

Talking to his father, John Bryant, while John works on cars is normal. Joseph said he always talks to his dad and Sunday, December 9th, was not unusual.

The 22-year-old Tampa native shared the events of that afternoon that will be etched into his memory forever.

"My dad had the back of the truck on the ramps repairing a small leak. I was directly behind it talking to him as I usually do. He was underneath the truck when it came off very fast.

"I jumped up to avoid being hit by the truck, spun around and I heard my father scream. I began pushing the truck and all I knew was that he was screaming. I kept pushing it until I saw him crawl from under it. He was in so much pain he could hardly speak."

Joseph said at that point his mother and brother came outside and they called the ambulance.

"We didn't know how bad he was hurt at the time. By the time the ambulance arrived, he started having problems breathing. He was phasing in and out of consciousness because of the pain."

After his father arrived at St. Joseph's Hospital, the family learned that John had suffered 4 fractured ribs, a broken collarbone, and a punctured lung, among other injuries.

"I want to become a mechanic so that I can help people. I just want to be successful," the 2009 Hillsborough High School graduate said.

"He seldom has time for hobbies, but he enjoys spending time with his fiancée, his 3-year-old daughter, Alisia, and other family members."

When asked how he managed to move it with such ease, Joseph said, "I don't know how I was able to move it with such ease. I guess instinct just kicked in. When we returned home from the hospital, it took two of my brothers to move the truck."

John realizes if his son had not been outside, the outcome could have been far worse. He credits his son with saving him.
Fate Of 4 Schools In West Tampa Not Mentioned In Plan

BY LEON R. CREWS
Sentinel Staff Writer

There have been town hall meetings, public meetings, neighborhood association meetings, and discussions by the City Council about redevelopment plans for West Tampa and the Riverfront Park.

The common factor in all of the meetings has been concern over displaced residents, inclusion, and job creation.

Robert "Pete" Edwards, who sits on the Children's Board of Hillsborough County, said he's surprised and shocked nothing has been said about the fate of four schools within the planned redevelopment area.

"I think the School District has totally dropped the ball on this issue, and as far as I know, hasn't had a representative at any of the meetings."

"As far as the agreement the city signed with the Stewards Foundation on use of the Julian B. Lane Riverfront Park, I know Howard W. Blake was listed in the original agreement as having a rowing team. The agreement was later amended, because that's not true."

Edwards said he believes the Stewards Foundation sold the Council their intent to provide programs that would benefit the children in the surrounding community.

"Not only has that not happened, but they have signed agreements with some schools that have rowing programs to use a building they've constructed at the park, as well as the docking area."

"I think the Stewards Foundation has their own plans for the park, and they probably mirror the plans the Mayor has recently made public."

Edwards said he's concerned that no mention has been made on the futures of Dunbar Elementary, Just Elementary, Stewart Middle School, or Howard W. Blake High School.

"If these plans go ahead as planned, what will happen to those schools," said Edwards.

"I've heard that if their ball fields are removed, they will be allowed to use fields at the Riverfront Park, but how will that be possible with the Mayor's plan for the park, and the agreement with the Stewards Foundation? Will the schools have to barter with the Stewards Foundation for use of the fields, or will the fields still be there after the park has been renovated?"

Edwards said he's disappointed the School District hasn't taken a more solid position on this issue.

"From what I've read so far, if the Mayor's plans go through, and if the Stewards Foundation remains at the park, the park will no longer be of use by everyday people in the community."

"I believe the Stewards Foundation is there to stay. But, we need a progress report to see if they are upholding their part of the agreement as it pertains to the children in the community. They've never been mandated to provide any kind of reports to the city as to what they are actually doing at the park. That needs to be corrected."

School District Of Hillsborough County Chief Facilities Officer, Cathy Valdes, said the Tampa Housing Authority and the city have made them constantly aware of what's going on.

"We've made it clear that all four schools will be maintained as schools. However, we are open to working with the Riverwalk."

"We've also listened to suggestions of moving a couple of ball parks to the Riverfront Park to the South. It's all conceptual right now."

Valdes said there's a lot of culture and sensitivity in that community, and there's no way they would entertain anything happening with the schools, especially Blake.

"Also, a discussion began about Dunbar, and there are no plans to move that school at this time, although enrollment is low."

"As far as all four schools are concerned, we may be able to reposition some things on the sites where they are now. We're open to working with any group involved in the redevelopment plans for the area."
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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President Barack Obama (and R), First Lady Michelle Obama (L), and daughters Malia (R) and Sasha (L) greet Christmas elves as they attend the 'Christmas in Washington' concert at the National Building Museum on December 9, 2012 in Washington, D.C. The concert benefits the National Childrens Medical Center and is hosted by comedian Conan O'Brien.

WASHINGTON — A holiday concert attended Sunday by President Barack Obama and his family included some non-traditional entertainment this year: a performance by South Korean rapper and Internet sensation PSY.

PSY — wearing an all-red outfit including a sparkling, sequined top — was backed by dancers wearing reindeer antlers as he performed his popular "Gangnam Style" dance, which mimics riding a horse.

The rapper, born Park Jae-sang, had apologized Friday for using what he called "inflammatory and inappropriate language" during anti-U.S. protests at concerts in 2002 and 2004. The flak from his remarks didn't dampen the festive holiday mood Sunday. Other performers at the charity concert included Diana Ross, Demi Lovato, "American Idol" winner Scotty McCreery and Megan Hilty, star of the NBC musical drama "Smash."

In brief remarks, Pres. Obama said the celebration was "a chance to get in the Christmas spirit, spread some joy and sing along with artists who have much better voices than we do."

First Lady Michelle Obama dropped off 900 gifts as part of a Toys for Tots event in Washington, D.C. An annual drive of the Marine Corps, the campaign received the huge donation from the White House where Mrs. Obama began collecting toys for the program in 2009.

The toys were collected from residents of the White House, including President Obama and the first couple's daughters Sasha and Malia, in addition to employees, friends and corporate donors.

"I'm very proud that the folks at the White House stepped up, and I think we have a larger contribution this year than even before," the first lady said at the Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling surrounded by Marines and volunteers. "And I brought as many as I could here with me today, but we're going to keep the drive going and keep sending it over."

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Woman Found Guilty Of Killing Lottery Winner

BY IRIS B. HOLTON
Sentinel City Editor

After closing arguments on Monday evening, a 12-member jury was asked to decide if Dorice "Dee Dee" Moore was guilty of first-degree murder. The jurors returned with a guilty verdict three hours later.

Judge Emmett Battles sentenced her to life in prison with no possibility of parole. The State had not sought the death penalty in the case.

By 11 a.m., Tuesday, Ms. Moore was in the custody of the Department of Corrections en route to an undisclosed location. However, she does have 30 days to appeal the verdict.

Mark Cox, spokesman for the Hillsborough County State Attorney's Office said, "The State of Florida agrees with the finding of the jury. It was a very complicated case, but the jury was able to wade through it all. "We are glad that we could get some resolution and closure for Mr. Shakespeare's family." Cox said Ms. Moore is sentenced to life and life means life without the possibility of parole. The State did not seek the death penalty.

Police believe Shakespeare was murdered in April 2009. However, his murder ended a series of events that changed his life after he won the lottery in 2006.

Shakespeare and former co-worker Michael Ford stopped at a Frostproof convenience store. Ford entered the store and Shakespeare asked that he bring him two lottery tickets back. After Ford learned that Shakespeare had won the $30 million jackpot, Ford filed a lawsuit against him, claiming that Shakespeare had removed the winning ticket from his wallet. Ford lost the lawsuit.

Shakespeare decided to accept a one-time payout of about $17 million. In late 2008, Ms. Moore entered Shakespeare's life. She was supposed to write his biography, she told police.

Within months of meeting Ms. Moore, Shakespeare ceased to communicate with his family, including his mother and son. He failed to contact his mother on Easter or for Mother's Day in 2009. His family reported him missing. A Confidential Informant helped police discover Shakespeare's body in January 2010. He had been shot twice in the chest, and buried under a slab of concrete.

Ms. Moore underwent several interviews with police. She repeatedly changed her story about what happened to Shakespeare. The jury heard several tapes in which she gave various accounts of the murder.

Ms. Moore was arrested on February 2, 2010, and charged with first-degree murder in the death of Abraham Shakespeare.

Throughout the trial, Judge Battles admonished Ms. Moore about her conduct in court, which ranged from crying to laughing. However, Ms. Moore didn't show any emotion other than shaking her head at her sentencing.

Judge Battles called her cold and calculating as he informed her that she would spend the remainder of her life in prison.

NAACP Empowerment Center To Host Business Workshops

BY IRIS B. HOLTON
Sentinel City Editor

The Hillsborough County Branch of the NAACP will hold its final three workshops. The workshops will focus on creating, marketing, and designing new businesses. All of the workshops will take place at the NAACP Office, 308 E. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Blvd.

The first workshop is entitled, "How To Properly Start A Profitable Business I." This workshop will take place on Friday, December 14th, beginning at 11 a.m. Dr. F. Wilson, of SEOWEBapp.com., will be the facilitator.

The topics explored during the meeting include: "You've got the idea, now you need to know how to get on your way," and "How To Properly Start a Profitable Business.

This interactive two-part seminar that serves as a comprehensive overview of what it takes to have a successful business.

The second workshop is entitled, "Marketing and Design." Alex Massey, of Connectex.com, will serve as the facilitator. It will take place at 11 a.m. on December 15th. The workshop will cover marketing and discovering the right message to the prospective audience.

The final workshop this year is entitled, "How To Properly Start A Profitable Business, Part II." This workshop is a continuation of the first workshop.

It is an interactive seminar serves as a comprehensive overview of what it takes to have a successful online presence. It will be held on Saturday, December 22nd, at 11 a.m.

Those attending the workshop will also have an opportunity to meet Ms. Stephanie Brazell, the Hillsborough County Branch NAACP Empowerment Center Manager. Anyone wishing to contact Ms. Brazell may call (813) 374-9250 or visit the office.

Meeting

Town Hall Meeting

Temple Terrace will hold a special Town Hall Meeting Monday, December 17, 2012 to consider a proposed International Baccalaureate Program (IB) at Riverhills Elementary School.

The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. at the Omar K. Lightfoot Recreation Center, 10001 N. 56th St.

The Temple Terrace City Council will hear a presentation from the Hillsborough County School Board members. A question and answer session will follow.

For more information, contact the Temple Terrace City Clerk's office at (813) 596-6440.

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‘Stop The Violence’ Candlelight Vigil Planned

BY IRIS B. HOLTON
Sentinel City Editor

Several years ago, Mrs. Vivian Heyward became a community activist, speaking out against drugs in our community. It was also during this time that Mrs. Heyward focused on violence among young people.

She formed the first Candlelight Vigil drawing attention to the loss of young lives and continued it for several years.

This year, Mrs. Heyward is joining forces with other organizations to present “Stepping for the Celebration of Life — Past & Present and Christmas Cheer.” The event will take place on Saturday, December 15th from 12 noon until 6 p.m. at the Jackson Heights NFL YET Center, 3310 E. Lake Avenue.

Mrs. Heyward said, “Every year, the list of our young men and women who have lost their lives to guns and drugs continues to grow. These deaths are senseless and the police can only do so much.”

She advised that those who own guns should take the necessary steps to prevent tragedies from occurring by making sure the guns are kept under lock and key.

“If we want others to value our children’s lives as important, we must show that they are important to us. Saving our children is the ultimate goal that we all should be working towards.”

Mrs. Heyward said the Candlelight Vigil is to pay tribute to the lives already lost to violence. She is encouraging everyone to bring a candle, photo of his or her loved one, and attend the Candlelight Vigil.

During the Candlelight Vigil, tribute will be paid to the memory of the late Mr. Ali (Jimmy Jackson) Akbar and the late Mr. Harold Jones, who were both supportive of the event. Mr. Akbar sculptured a “Stop the Violence” Hand Symbol that will be on display during the event.

Mrs. Heyward is asking family members of victims to wear their tee shirts, bring posters, flashlights, umbrellas (in case of rain), and bring friends.

National Guardsmen To Host 50 Something Birthday Party

BY IRIS B. HOLTON
Sentinel City Editor

On Saturday, December 15th, there will be a “50 Something Birthday Party.” The event will take place at the New Upstairs Zanzi Bar, 2134 Main Street, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

However, this is not a typical birthday party. Brothers Michael Shine and Adrian Shine are hosting it to bring together all members of the 53rd National Guard.

Adrian said, “We have never had an official reunion of the 53rd National Guardsmen in Tampa. This is the first organized attempt to bring everyone together and we want everyone to come out and enjoy themselves.”

Adrian further stated that there are approximately 700 members of the 53rd National Guard currently in the area. He further stated that although his unit was called out for everything, they were never formally recognized. They were given a letter attributing to their heroic acts.

Now, the brothers are trying to reach any of those who served in the unit that is still based at Fort Homerly Hesterly Amory.

He said this is going to be an “Old School Party” and they want the men, women, and their significant others to attend.
Tampa Woman Leads Effort To Furnish Library Named In President’s Honor

Prime Minister Raila Odinga and President Barack Obama talk during the president’s visit to Kenya.

President Barack Obama and Prime Minister Odinga said they will put themselves in the forefront of arranging a meeting between Prime Minister Odinga and President Obama if he is able to visit this country, said Ms. Taviere.

"It is important to me that African Americans feel more of a connection to the people of Africa, and because we’ve found a President whose parents and relatives are from Kenya, that should make all of us want to know more about the country, its leaders, and the people," said Ms. Taviere.

Anyone interested in supporting this effort, can reach Ms. Taviere at (813) 766-1145.

Construction To Begin On Pool At Williams Park

When Councilman Frank Reddick found out the pool at Williams Park had been closed for about three years, he wanted to know why. He was not pleased with the answer he received.

"The pool sat in disrepair for years because there was no money to repair it, and no one made an assessment of what it would cost to repair it."

"It’s also possible that when the pool first started showing signs of deterioration, those responsible for the maintenance didn’t act quickly to make the repairs, which at that time would have cost the city less money," said Councilman Reddick.

said now he’s happy, because with the Council’s approval, Taborelli Construction will begin the $1.3 million repair and renovation of the pool.

"The funds were already in place for the project, and we hope to have a ribbon cutting to open the new pool by the beginning of summer."

Three Grant-Writing Workshops Planned

The West Tampa Community Development Corporation and the National Institute for Strategic and Tactical Planning will host free, professional grant-writing workshops. The workshops will take place on three separate dates.

The first workshop will take place on Friday, December 14, from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. It will be held at the Children’s Board of Hillsborough County, 2312 W. Union Street, will be the location of the second workshop. It will take place from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The final workshop for this year will be held at the Children’s Board of Hillsborough County, 1002 E. Palm Avenue, from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., on Friday, December 21.

Michael Randolph said all of the workshops will offer the same information. They are designed for staff, administra-

tors, board members of non-profit organizations, faith-based organizations, government agencies and other tax-exempt status organizations.

Those in attendance will learn to: describe the different types of grants; describe the different type of grantees; identify research tools available to the grant seeker; describe the fundamental of grant writing; describe the proposal writing process; identify and complete a concept paper, letter of intent, and letter of inquiry process.

Seating is limited and anyone planning to attend the workshop is asked to send a confirmation email to wrfind-grants@aol.com to confirm a seat and obtain an invitation and workshop packet. No one will be admitted without an invitation. Those interested in attending should also indicate which workshop he or she wishes to attend.

For more information contact Michael Randolph at (813) 897-7657.
Congratulation To Tampa Hurricanes

Congratulations are due the Tampa Hurricane Mitey Mites for winning the 2012 Bartow Youth Turkey Bowl Championship. Head coach, Desmond Pringley, said it couldn’t have been done without players: Randy, Joshua, Jalen, Chishard, Rontravious, Dave, Andrew, Jahiem, Marvin, Steven, Tory, Khalil, Jayden, Fred, Derrick, Malyk, and Mikhai. Along with Coach Pringley were: Offensive Coordinator, Nick George; Team Mom, Aubrette Johnson, Coach John, and Coach Ponder.

Head Coach, Desmond Pringley, holds the Championship Trophy.

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Mom, I can’t put into words how I feel about you, but I hope you always know in your heart you will always be the first woman I have loved and will forever love, respect and thankful for the countless ways you’ve helped make my life what it is today.

Thank you Lord for continuing to keep and bless my Mama. Happy birthday (12/16).

Love, your #1 baby girl, Mrs. Mikisha Graves and family.

**** Happy birthday, Aunt Emma Carroll (12/10) and Kastevia Gallon (12/12).

Love, Mrs. Mikisha Graves and family.

**** Happy birthday, Mr. Chris Graves (12/11). I love you when it’s easy and when it takes the patience of words how be the first woman but thankful for the count­

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Mrs. Mikisha Graves and family.

**** Happy birthday, Dad­

Love, Mrs. Mikisha Graves and family.

**** Happy birthday, Daddy

Love, Jocelynn and Andre. 

**** Happy birthday, Mama.

MRS. BETTY "BJ" MARTIN

Love, the Gainey family.

**** I’m thankful to have you as my mother. God bless you and I wish you many more years.

Love, Tony and family.

**** We’re truly blessed to be celebrating another birthday with you.

Happy 54th birthday, Mama. Wishing you many, many more.

Love, Toine, Kassy, Mari, Mani and AJ.

**** I feel blessed, for God has allowed me another year to celebrate your day with you and our children. I wish you peace, love, happiness and a healthy long life!

Happy birthday, Betty. I love you! Mr. Andra “Red” Martin.

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Businessman Expanding Services To Community

BY GWEN HAYES


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In The Spotlight

On December 27th, let’s all wish this week’s Spotlight feature, Curschetis, a very happy birth­

day. The stunning Capricorn says her favorite stars are Patti Labelle, Jeezy, and Drake. Her hobb­
ies are singing, songwriting, performing as a runway model, and taking photos. In the future, Curschetis wants to get to the next financial level. Her philosophy of life is: “Stand on your own, keep it sexy, keep him guessing, and love God. The man in Curschetis life must be a man that’s loyal, hard working, got his own, generous, and someone she’s instantly attracted to. Congratulations, Curschetis, as this week’s Spotlight feature, and save something from your Christmas celebration for your birthday two days later.

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**Horoscopes**

**Sagittarius** (11/22-12/21)  - You're in study mode for the next phase. Friends help you understand difficult material. A solution to an old problem is becoming obvious. Complete an emotional task.

**Capricorn** (12/22-1/19)  - Household finances take top priority. Jump into a project, go after the money. Business is good, rest later.

**Aquarius** (1/20-2/18)  - Personal matters need attention, there are choices to make. Need a warning, stick with a practical solution. Conserve resources, but don't worry about the money.

**Pisces** (2/19-3/20)  - Get creative over the next 48 hours. Something fun is brewing. Present the biggest pictures seen in the details. Listen, even if you don't agree.

**Aries** (3/21-4/19)  - A team can help you do it all. Count your blessings and you'll win your winning. Figure out which route to take over the next two days. Compromise.

**Taurus** (4/20-5/20)  - Prepare for some drama in your career. Listen, even if you don't agree. More work is available...

**Gemini** (5/21-6/20)  - You'll love to get away for awhile. Call someone you know about the kiss; the Logan sisters remember past concerns about Taylor to Justin. Bill and Brooke discuss how close they've become; Taylor implores Katie to search for the truth; Taylor tells Gabi he feels uneasy about his uncle performing her wedding ceremony; Brady hides when John shows up at Kristen's; EJ learns that Sam is planning Gabi's wedding. Sonny asks Will to stay away from Gabi; Kate gives Daniel an update on Parker; Rafe thanks Will for being a friend to Gabi; Jennifer says good-bye to her life with Jack. **General Hospital**  - Will Anna's quest for answers lead her to danger? Maxie has something to tell Dante and Lulu. Patrick sees Robin. Sabrina and Felix experience a hurdle in trying to enlist Lucy Coe in their plan to resurrect the Nurses Ball. Anna's search leads her to a major discovery; Olivia is unsettled by her run in with an old problem is becoming obvious. Complete an emotional task. Jump into a project, go after the money. Business is good, rest later.

**Leo** (7/23-8/22)  - Refine plan details, and listen to your team.

**Virgo** (8/23-9/22)  - Work and make money today and tomorrow. The work is intricate, but rewarding. It's a good time to invite or ask for a raise. Bring it all back home.

**Libra** (9/23-10/22)  - Life's getting easier for the next few days. Recycling works again. Your enthusiasm is contagious. Meditate or exercise for peace and balance. Keep body, mind and spirit healthy.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  - Handle home repairs today and tomorrow. Keep costs low. The best things are free, like friends who help when needed and sunset walks.
Ice-T Forgives Coco

The ups and downs of love are not lost on Ice-T and his devoted wife, Coco. A couple of days after putting her on blast for taking a few suspect pics with an aspiring Bay Area rapper, these two are back in love again.

Coco tweeted about being on set with her man, proving that he’s over the fight which led to an extra-emo Twitter rant that he later trashed.

Rick Ross Blames Promoter For Canceled Show

Rick Ross didn’t cancel his show in Charlotte last weekend because of threats from gang members. He mixed the show because of a terrible promoter.

One day after news broke that he wouldn’t be attending the show after receiving threats from the Gangster Disciples, the Grammy nominee cleared the story up.

Reps for Rick Ross said that the first leg of the tour was completed successfully without incident, but due to the “apparent lack of organization and communication on the part of the tour promoter,” the remaining dates of the Maybach Music Tour have officially been canceled.

T.I. Launches Campaign To Help Homeless Veterans

T.I. wants to help homeless veterans. The Kang is set to launch his campaign “Give Like A King” Friday (Dec. 14), aimed at supporting vets.

In kicking off the philanthropic act, T.I. will hold an hour-long press conference at the Veterans Empowerment Organization (VEO) office in Atlanta. He is expected to explain teaming with the VEO for the campaign, and his strategy in assisting the vets, while attempting to mobilize fans to get behind the cause. “We have to have someone else’s back, not just our own,” the father of six said in a statement.

1st Trailer For Will And Jaden Smith’s Thriller ‘After Earth’ Released

Will Smith and Jaden Smith in Columbia Pictures ‘After Earth.’

Columbia Pictures dropped a first look trailer for ‘After Earth,’ the upcoming Sci-Fi thriller directed by M. Night Shyamalan, starring Will and Jaden Smith.

The film, scheduled to hit theaters June 7, 2013, was shot in Los Angeles and takes place in 1000 A.E. According to official synopsis for After Earth, the movie takes place one thousand years after cataclysmic events forced humans to escape from Earth.

After Earth also stars Zoe Kravitz, Sophie Okonedo, and Isabelle Furman.

4th Accuser Comes Forward In Kevin Clash Sex Scandal

Puppeteer Kevin Clash poses with Elmo.

A fourth accuser has now come forward to allege that he had underage sex with former Sesame Street puppeteer, Kevin Clash.

The unidentified accuser claims that his relationship with the 52-year-old man behind Elmo has caused him “emotional, mental and psychological damage” according to the lawsuit.

This is fourth young man in two months to accuse Clash of pursuing a sexual relationship with a minor.

The accuser filed the lawsuit under the name John Doe stating that Clash met Doe in Miami Beach in 1995 or 1996 when he was only sixteen or seventeen years old.

Clash allegedly later even paid Doe to fly out to New York where he groomed him with money and a place to stay. Doe claims they had sex on multiple occasions during the trip.

December 12th Is Now Wiz Khalifa Day In Pittsburgh

Rapper Wiz Khalifa released his sophomore album O.N.I.F.C. last week, and now celebrates a day that will forever be his own in his hometown of Pittsburgh.

Khalifa was in his hometown to hear the announcement from Councilman Bill Peduto after Khalifa’s grandfather originally made the request.

Peduto made it official that December 12 in Pittsburgh is now “Wiz Khalifa Day” and the Taylor Gang leader is now an ambassador for the city.

Philly Dancers Set ‘Soul Train’ Line Record

In this Feb. 13, 2012 file photo, people participate in the Soul Train dance line record attempt in Philadelphia. Guinness World Records has certified February’s Soul Train line outside the Philadelphia Museum of Art as the world’s longest. The Philadelphia Inquirer reports organizers Sheila Simmons received confirmation of the record from Guinness on Monday, Dec. 10.
Scottie Pippen Reality Show In The Works, 'Big Pippen'

Is former Chicago Bulls superstar and NBA Hall of Famer Scottie Pippen set to be the next reality TV star? According reports, "Big Pippen" is one of seven new docuseries in development for WE tv’s 2013-14 viewing schedule.

WE tv is owned by AMC Networks and can be seen in 81 million homes. Senior VP Lauren Gellert described the new programming as "spotlighting characters whose lives we want to explore."

Kevin Hart Set To Star With Will Ferrell In Film

Warner Bros. is looking acquire a comedy film called 'Get Hard,' that may potentially star Kevin Hart and Will Ferrell.

Deadline reports that the premise of the film is Ferrell playing a milquetoast investment bank manager who is facing prison time in a maximum security prison. He then hires a "streetwise guy," that would be Hart, to prepare him for a bid that's set to start currently shooting, the film is on Hart's schedule is called 'Training Day' and is set to premiere on January 17th, 2014.

DMX Won't Release Christmas Album

Sad news America, DMX won't be releasing a Christmas album. One would think that after his rendition of "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" became the toast of the 'Net, he'd want to expand on his knack for Christmas songs, but that's not the case. When asked of a potential full-length offering for the holiday season, he wasn't too excited about the idea. "Probably not," he said. "I mean if something comes up, I'ma bang it out, but I'm not looking forward to doing like a Christmas album."

Rappers Sons Now Shopping 'Seeds Of Hip Hop' Reality Show

It seems that everyone wants a piece of the reality TV pie, and the latest group to come to the table just happens to be the children of rap stars.

The sons of N.W.A members, E-40, and Run DMC member, Jam Master Jay, are shopping around their own show. The show—aptly titled, 'Seeds of Hip Hop—is set to star Dr. Dre’s son, Curtis Young, Eric "Lil Easy" Lynn Wright Jr., MC Ren’s son, Anthony Dunbar, E-40’s offspring, Droop E, and Jay’s son, Jason Mizell Jr. There aren't any solid details behind the program, but all of the men are in their 20s, and come from musical families, so that will likely have something to do with the plot.

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Bucs Hope To Salvage Playoff Spot With Win Over Saints

This Sunday, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers will face the New Orleans Saints in a NFC South showdown. The Saints (5-8) are coming off a 52-27 thrashing by the New York Giants, and the Bucs gave away a game to the now 4-9 Philadelphia Eagles, 23-21. The Bucs (6-7) will try to keep their wild card playoff hopes alive when they face the Saints in the Super Dome this Sunday. The Buccaneer secondary will get help with the return of Brandon McDonald at corner back. Last week, Buccaneer quarterback Josh Freeman didn't throw an interception, but his play was less than spectacular. The shining light offensively last week was the running of Doug Martin. This Sunday, the Buccaneer defense will have to step up and not take the wounded Saints for granted. The Falcons were humbled by the Carolina Panthers (4-9) 30-20 last week. Kickoff will be at 1 p.m.

RG3 Practices, Despite Sprained Knee

The league’s top-rated passer was back on the field Wednesday, three days after spraining his right knee during an overtime win over the Baltimore Ravens. Griffin has a mild sprain of the lateral collateral ligament, the result of a hit by defensive tackle Haloti Ngata at the end of a 13-yard scramble late in regulation of the 31-28 victory. If Griffin is unable to play Sunday against Cleveland, fellow rookie Kirk Cousins will get the call for the Redskins (7-6). Washington has won four straight and sits one game behind the first-place New York Giants in the NFC East.

Buccaneers’ Brent Attends Memorial With Team Support

DALLAS — Dallas Cowboys DT Josh Brent was back with his teammates again Tuesday for a private memorial honoring Jerry Brown. Players and team officials left without talking to reporters after the hour-long service in Dallas.

Brent arrived at the service earlier than most of the Cowboys players, team executives and staff members. He was seen hugging Brown’s mother before walking into the building. Brent was one of the last to leave, too. He grew close to Brown during three seasons together at the University of Illinois, and took in Brown when the Cowboys added the 25-year-old to the roster in October.

NFL spokesman Greg Smith said the league had “no issues” with Brent being at team facilities while the manslaughter case against him works its way through the courts.

Indianapolis Valet Charged After Taking Player’s Car

INDIANAPOLIS — An Indianapolis hotel valet faces drunken driving charges for allegedly taking Colts receiver Reggie Wayne's luxury car from the hotel and driving it while intoxicated.

Twenty-one-year-old Gunner Belcher was arrested early Sunday after police approached a Bentley blocking downtown traffic. A police report says Belcher was standing outside the car and had a blood-alcohol content of 0.13 percent, nearly twice Indiana's legal limit.

Marion County Prosecutor's spokeswoman Brienne Delaney says investigators are weighing whether Belcher, who was released Sunday on bond, may face an auto theft charge.

 Steelers Suspend RB

PITTSBURGH — When Pittsburgh Steelers coach Mike Tomlin demoted running back Rashard Mendenhall to third-string following a fumble in a loss to Cleveland last month, Tomlin stressed Mendenhall would have a chance to redeem himself. Not this week.

The Steelers suspended the mercurial Mendenhall for their game Sunday at Dallas for conduct detrimental to the team. Pittsburgh promoted running back Baron Batch from the practice squad to take Mendenhall’s place.

The suspension is the latest in a series of setbacks for the 25-year-old Mendenhall. He emerged as Pittsburgh’s starter in 2009 and topped 1,000 yards in 2009 and 2010. He nearly reached the milestone again last winter but tore the ACL in his right knee in the regular-season finale against Cleveland.

 QB Vick, RB McCoy Back At Practice

PHILADELPHIA — LeSean McCoy expects to start right into his starting role. Michael Vick has no choice, but to stand on the sideline.

Vick and McCoy returned to practice Tuesday after missing several weeks with concussions. In McCoy’s case, he’s still the No. 1 running back. Vick, however, lost his starting job after rookie quarterback Nick Foles.

Vick and McCoy still must be cleared by an independent neurologist and the team doctor before playing in a game. Vick, who was injured on Nov. 11, has missed four straight games. McCoy got hurt the following week at Washington.

Saints Player Moves Forward In Defamation Case

NEW ORLEANS — Jonathan Vilma has asked a federal judge to allow him to move forward with his defamation case against NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell.

In a motion filed Wednesday, Vilma drops his case against the NFL’s disciplinary process, now that his suspension has been lifted. However, he continues to pursue damages from Goodell for harm he alleges was done to his reputation by the NFL’s bounty probe of the New Orleans Saints.

In an NFL appeal ruling Tuesday, former Commissioner Paul Tagliabue threw out suspensions for Vilma and three other current and former Saints in connection with the bounty investigation.

Tagliabue said the punishment was too heavy-handed, even though he affirmed much of the probe’s findings that the Saints, including Vilma, had an improper cash-for-hits program and tried to cover it up.

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Tampa Bay Rays Price Gets Key To The City

Mayor Bob Buckhorn, David Price and Astro wave to the crowd after they were presented a key to the city.

On Tuesday afternoon during a ceremony in downtown Tampa, a few hundred Tampa Bay Ray fans gathered to celebrate with David Price after Mayor Bob Buckhorn presented him with a key to the city.

Mayor Buckhorn said of his presenting a key to Astro, it was the first time a dog has had that honor.

The left-hander was 20-5 and posted an American League low 2.56 ERA in helping his team in the playoff hunt until the final week of the season. Price was a runner-up for the award in 2010, and is the first Ray to win a Cy Young.

Mayor Buckhorn said of the event, "You live and you learn. The only thing [Pacquiao] can do is rejuvenate himself and bounce back like a true champion. Marquez is a true champion, Manny Pacquiao is a true champion, both of them went out there and put on a good performance, and that's a good thing for the sport of boxing."

Floyd Mayweather Feels Bad For Pacquiao

Manny Pacquiao lost to Juan Manuel Marquez on Saturday night.

With that in mind, you'd expect to hear Floyd Mayweather doing a bunch of gloating right now. But, surprisingly, Money May had some nice things to say about Pacquiao and Marquez when he was asked about the fight, which he admitted he had not seen yet.

"Things happen," he said. "You live and you learn. The only thing [Pacquiao] can do is rejuvenate himself and bounce back like a true champion. Marquez is a true champion, Manny Pacquiao is a true champion, both of them went out there and put on a good performance, and that's a good thing for the sport of boxing."

Caroline Wozniacki Uses Extra 'Padding' To Imitate Serena Williams

Former world number one-ranked tennis player Caroline Wozniacki decided to imitate Serena Williams during an exhibition match against her opponent, Maria Sharapova.

Wozniacki bounced around the court mid-game with her shirt and skirt stuffed with padding as the crowd laughed and reacted to her antics. Reactions from fans and critics have been mixed.

Yahoo! Sports called the impression, "hilarious," noting, "The likeness to Serena, you'll surely agree, is uncanny."

On Tumblr, many bloggers disagreed.

"One blogger wrote, "this isn't "harmless fun" as one article described it, its racist, out and outright racism. Its misogynistic, mocking and making fun of the bodies of Black women for a laugh? real funny, stupid white girl. real real funny." [sic]

Serena Williams has yet to react to the situation publicly.
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**In Memoriam**

**MR. ALBERT CLAYTON**

Homegoing services for Mr. Albert Clayton of Tampa, who passed away Monday, December 10, 2012, will be held Saturday, December 15, 2012, at 11 a.m. at Aikens Quality Home Chapel, 2708 E. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, under Wallace Battle, officiating. Interment will follow.

Albert was born April 29, 1948, in Colon, Panama, to the late Sylvester Clayton and Olive Lord. He was preceded in death by parents, Sylvester Clayton and Olive Lord.

He leaves to cherish food and loving memories with: wife, Willie Joyce James-Clayton; children, Dori, Cory, and Kimakia Clayton; great-grandchild, Richardo Andrews; brothers, Sylvester Clayton, Jr. and Steve Clayton; sisters, Jean Clayton, Grace Clayton and Carrol Clayton and Aikens Funeral Home; aunts, Helen Clayton, Edith Claytor, Kendall and Sophia Henderson; nephew, Kaden Joyce Henderson; in-laws, Paul James, Leon Henderson, Andrew James and Meloudis Clark; a host of other family, friends, and acquaintances.

Family and friends are asked to meet at the church for the service on Saturday.

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**MRS. NEDRA FRANCINE HARRIS**

A celebration of life for Mrs. Nedra Francine Harris of Tampa, who passed away on Thursday, December 6, 2012, will be held Saturday, December 15, 2012, at 11 a.m. at Galilee Baptist Church, 3222 E. 10th Ave., under Elder Kennedy Watson, pastor, officiating. Interment will be in Orange Hill Cemetery.

Nedra Francine Harker Harris was born on September 3, 1947, in Tampa. She was the first born in the marriage of the late Eugene and Lucia Jackson.

She accepted Christ as her personal savior at an early age. She attended the public schools in Hillsborough County and was a graduate of Middleton Sr. High School Class of 1965. She continued her post educational studies at Florida A&M University and Mechanical University in Tallahassee, FL, earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education and a Master’s Degree from the University of South Florida.

Nedra worked in Hillsborough County School Systems for 35 years and was a Business Technology teacher. She served as an instructor at Van Buren Middle School, William Middle School, Hillsborough High School, Knox Community High School and Orient Road facilities for Juveniles.

She retired from Hillsborough County Public School System in 2009 after 35 years of service as an educator.

Her children loved her at an amazing level and were displayed throughout her life.

She was a loving and devoted mother, an active young lady who adored her grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She enjoyed her family and enjoyed her life to the fullest.

She was preceded in death by: her parents, Eugene and Lucia Jackson; and brother, Eugene Jackson Jr.

She is survived by: her children, Eugene and Lucila Jackson; and brother, Eugene Jackson Jr.

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**MRS. JOE ANN CARTER**

Homegoing celebration for Mrs. Joe Ann Carter, who passed away on Thursday, December 6, 2012, at 11 a.m. at the New Saint Matthew Missionary Baptist Church, 1506 South 50th Street, under the Reverend Alec F. Hall, pastor, officiating. Interment will be in Rest Haven Memorial Park Cemetery.

Ms. Joe Ann Carter was born on July 11, 1943, in Midway, FL, to the late Joe Carter and Mary Ann Carter.

She grew up in Gadsden County, but received her GED from Hillsborough County Adult High School in Tampa.

She was a member of the New St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church, where she served for many years. Her passion was for the ushers, where she served as the President for many years.

She was employed as a Supervisor with the Thompson Publishing Group. She also served as a Mail Room Clerk for New York Life for 25 years.

Ms. Joe Ann Carter was preceded in death by: her brothers and sisters, Walter Carter, John Carter, Tenner Mae Jackson Green and Ruby a Carter Green.

She leaves to mourn: a loving and devoted companion Mr. Johnnie Whicker; special niece, Deloria Knighton (Brand) and her husband, Darrel; Devonda Smith; devoted and special friend, Delores Davis (Granny); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

The viewing will be held at Aikens Funeral Home from 5-8 p.m., Friday, December 14, 2012.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE**

**ELLER BILLY DAWKINS, SR.**

A celebration of life for Elder Billy Dawkins, Sr., who passed away Tuesday, December 11, 2012, will be held on Sunday, December 16, 2012, at 11 a.m. from St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church, Plant City, FL, with the Elder Larry Booker, Sr., officiating.

Elder Billy Dawkins, Sr., was the son of the late Mrs. Martha Dawkins and Mr. Eli Dawkins.

He was born on December 21, 1943, in Eufaula, AL, where he attended the public schools.

He moved to Tampa in 1961. He was a longtime employee of the Morrison’s Cafeteria and later embarked upon an entrepreneural business: Dawkins Catering Service, retiring from Morrison’s as head chef.

He leaves to cherish other jobs in the Tampa area.

Elder Dawkins was a member of Peace Progressive M. B. Church, where he served as Youth Director and was a Decanor of the Christian Education Program, Deacon, Associate Minister and a Trustee of the choir.

After many years of devoted service, Elder Dawkins transferred his membership to St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church.

Elder Dawkins was ordained at St. Luke in December of 2012. He served as Associate Pastor, Assistant Youth Director and Assistant Sunday School Teacher.

He leaves to cherish his memories his wife, Ms. Joe Ann Carter, who preceded in death: his daughters, G. Joyce; 2 daughters, Carla Plato and husband, Donald, and Shabrina Butler, and son, Billy, Jr., all born and raised in Tampa. He leaves to cherish his memories: his brothers, Michael, Jr., Reginald, Jr. and Billy, III; granddaughters, Ashley and Salasam; his adopted daughter, Marvette; great-granddaughter, Saryah; great-grandson, J., with friend, Rick and Sandra Robertson, Rick and Toni Kendricks, Bennie and Yvette. He leaves to cherish his memories a host of nieces, nephews and cousins; and special friends, Rick and Sandra White, Wendell, Robert and Sandra Robertson, Rick and Toni Kendricks, Bennie and Yvette. He leaves to cherish his memories another family love, his nieces, nephews and cousins; and special friends, Rick and Sandra White, Wendell, Robert and Sandra Robertson, Rick and Toni Kendricks, Bennie and Yvette. He leaves to cherish his memories a host of nieces, nephews and cousins; and special friends, Rick and Sandra White, Wendell, Robert and Sandra Robertson, Rick and Toni Kendricks, Bennie and Yvette. He leaves to cherish his memories another family love, his nieces, nephews and cousins; and special friends, Rick and Sandra White, Wendell, Robert and Sandra Robertson, Rick and Toni Kendricks, Bennie and Yvette.

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**MR. DAVID CUTLER**

Mr. David Cutler passed away on Saturday, December 8, 2012, at his residence.

Mr. David was born in Tampa on June 3, 1964, and graduated from Robinson High School in 1983.

He enjoyed playing his guitar and keyboard, and loved spending time with his family. He is survived by his mother, Dorothy Deloria Phelps.

David leaves behind: five brothers, Daniel Reid (Willie Mae) of Chester, VA, Dexter Starling (Judy) of Springhill, FL, Arthur Phelps of Tampa, Ernest Phelps (Rhonda) of Groveland, FL, and Anthony Floyd (Teresa) of Tampa; and three sisters, Monica Floyd of Tampa, Donna Phelps (Brittney) of Tampa.

He also leaves behind many nieces and nephews to mourn his passing. He will be greatly missed by his loving family.

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**Harmon**

**SISTER YVONNE LOUISE DAVIS**

Homegoing services for Sister Yvonne Louise Davis, who passed away on December 7, 2012, under the care of her family and LifePath Hospice, will be held Tuesday, December 11, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. at Harmon Funeral Home, 5002 N. 40th Street, Tampa, 33610.

Friends attending the home-going service are asked to assemble at Harmon Funeral Home at 10:15 a.m. Friends will be received from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. following service.

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"He loved you best."

*Mr. Cavoune Cordell Radcliffe*
Funerals

Ray Williams

Mr. Archie Hayes

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Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, December 15, 2012 at 10 a.m. at Beulah Baptist Institutional Church, 1006 West Cypress Street, pastor, Rev. Dr. James Young, Sr., officiating. Interment will follow in Rest Haven Memorial Park.

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He leaves to cherish his memory; a loving and devoted wife, Glenda Hayes; daughter, Jacqueline Jackson of Lake Wales; a son, Johnny Hayes of Tampa, and Darryl Blackmon (Wendy) of Riverview, FL; mother-in-law, Florida Daniels; grandchildren, Jermaine Jackson, Tamara Daniels, and Aricina Daniels; great-grandchildren, Hope Alexander, Kealin Alexander, and LeRoy Williams; great-grandchildren, Darnell White, Mike and Janie Knox, and Wendy Pressley, the Herald, the Gunns: Carl, Tony, Joe, and Smitty.

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Funeral services for Mr. Martin R. Silas, Sr., of Seffner, FL, who passed away on Friday, December 7, 2012, will be held on Saturday, December 15, 2012, at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church of College Hill, 528 N. 29th Street, Tampa, 33605, with the Pastor Evan Burrows Sr., officiating. Interment will be held on Monday, December 17, 2012, at 11 a.m. at the Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL.

Martin was born in Bartow, FL, on February 27, 1934, to Mr. Martin Silas, Sr. and Rebecca Evans. He attended elementary and high school in Chicago, and then went on to Florida A&M University, where he received a Master's of Science degree in Agriculture and then received his Bachelor's from Tuskegee Institute. Martin was a soldier in the United States Army from 1957 to 1959, and then went on to Florida State University to receive his Master's of Education degree in 1963. He attended Hillsborough County Public Schools and was employed with ILA Local 1759, for more than 35 years and leaves a legacy of spirituality, strong work ethic, and unswerving love of family and friends.

He was preceded in death by: his father, Dr. Martin R. Silas, Sr.; mother, Claudia B. Silas; sister, Louvenia S. Anderson; and aunt, Mrs. Julie O.Semper.

He leaves to cherish memories of him with: his children, Denise Silas, Michael Silas, Becky Silas and Danone (Tommy) Lindsey; wife, Lynn; sisters, George S. Dowdell and husband, Warren, and Martina S. Strange and husband, Elder Bruce F. Strange; grandchildren, Tiffany Silas, Janae Silas-Mitchell and husband, Cornelius, Jamar Silas, Brian Johnson, Devon Lindsey and Deonna Lindsey; great grandchildren, Jamarc, Jr., Cynere, Jeremiab, Tyler and Jaiden; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other close friends.

The viewing will be held at Aikens Funeral Home on Friday, December 14, 2012, from 5-9 p.m. with the family receiving friends from 7-8 p.m. in the chapel. Friends are asked to assemble at the church on Saturday at approximately 10:45 a.m.

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Tampa Gets $30M Neighborhood Choice Grant

**Congresswoman Kathy Castor** announced Thursday that Tampa is one of only 4 communities nationwide to receive a $30 million grant for the revitalization of northern downtown Tampa and the Encore redevelopment. The award comes from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Choice Neighborhood Initiative.

The Choice Neighborhood award to the Tampa Housing Authority will bring more jobs and modern housing to Ybor City and Tampa Heights.

The money will be used to further the transformation of the former Central Park Village.

The other communities receiving grants were: Seattle, San Antonio and Cincinnati. A total of $109 million was awarded through the Neighborhood Choice Initiative.

**Teen On Bicycle Dies After Hit By Tow Truck**

According to the Florida Highway Patrol, at 6:56 p.m. on December 19, *Cavoune Radcliffe*, 18, his brother, *Stephen Williams*, and another person were riding their bicycles along U.S. Highway 41 at Fletcher.

Troopers said a tow truck driver was traveling south on U.S. 41, and made a left turn onto Fletcher. At the same time, Troopers said a second vehicle and the bicyclists were going north in the crosswalk over Fletcher Avenue.

Troopers said the tow truck driver failed to see the bicyclist, and hit Radcliffe. He sustained fatal injuries, and was pronounced dead at the scene.

Troopers said after the accident, Williams attacked the driver of the tow truck, and was charged with felony battery.

Troopers moved Williams to the front of a cruiser to arrest him and reported that he tried to escape and started yelling to his family that he was being taken to jail. The Trooper grabbed Williams by the arm, and he was subsequently put into one of the cruisers at the scene.

Funeral services for Radcliffe have been entrusted to Harmon’s Funeral Home.

**Crime**

**Man Chases Caseworker, Stabs Her To Death**

*DADE CITY — On Monday at 11:45 a.m., officers from the Dade City Police Department arrested a man for the fatal stabbing of his caseworker.*

Residents in the area witnessed the incident, called 9-1-1, and reported that a man was chasing a woman down the street and stabbing her as she fled.

When officers arrived at the scene, they found the victim had been picked up by a passerby, and transported to a local hospital.

Officials went to the residence on Coleman Avenue and found 53-year-old LUCIOUS SMITH standing inside bleeding.

**Nearby 1 Million Concealed Weapons Permits Issued**

Adam Putnam, Florida Agriculture Commission announced that nearby 1 million people in Florida have concealed weapons permits. The State of Florida has the largest number of concealed weapon permit holders in the nation.

There are 49,582 permits in Hillsborough County; 39,422 in Pinellas County; 23,870 in Polk County; and 21,948 in Pasco County. Nearly one-third of those owning permits are between the ages of 31 and 65, statistics show.

Putnam expects the 1 millionth permit to be issued next week.

Individuals 21 and older who are legal residents or citizens of the U.S. without felony convictions can apply for the permits.
Woman Gets 5 Years In Prison, Ordered To Repay $119,000 In Tax Fraud Case

BELINDA SMITH BROOKS

On Wednesday, a federal judge sentenced a Tampa woman to 5½ years in jail for tax fraud and identity theft. She must also repay $119,000 to the federal government.

According to court documents, Ms. Belinda Smith Brooks, 47, entered a guilty plea in May to federal income tax fraud and aggravated identity theft. U.S. District Judge Mary Emmanuel Mekowulu, owner of Felky Pharmacy on Florida Avenue, conspired to fill more than 340 fraudulent prescriptions and sold nearly 50,000 oxycodone pills in the area during a 10-month period starting in 2008.

Mekowulu worked with Troy Wubbena, a physician's assistant and owner and operator of the Neurology and Pain Center clinics in Tampa, Lakeland, and other locations.

Along with others, authorities said the conspirators used hundreds of blank prescriptions that were pre-signed and filled by physician, Jeffrey Friedlander, co-owner of the clinic, for large amounts of oxycodone. The prescriptions included the names of more than 60 people, many of them patients and employees of the clinics, who did not need or receive the oxycodone, and were not aware that the prescriptions were written in their names.

Wubbena and Brett Ridener, an employee of the clinics, testified against Mekowulu, and pleaded guilty to federal charges. Wubbena was sentenced to 10 years in federal prison, and Ridener to five years.

Friedlander pleaded guilty for his role in March 2010 and was sentenced to 9 years in prison.

Pharmacist Found Guilty In Scheme To Distribute Oxycodone

EMMANUEL MEKOWULU

On Tuesday, a federal jury found pharmacist Emmanuel Mekowulu, 56, guilty of illegally distributing oxycodone and other drugs outside his practice.

Mekowulu faces a maximum of 20 years in prison when he is sentenced in March. He also must forfeit his pharmacy license.

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Man Accused Of Rape In Custody

RODERICK RILEY

On Sunday night, Tampa Police arrested a 22-year-old man for the alleged rape of a woman in an abandoned trailer.

Police said the 22-year-old victim was sleeping in the living room of her parents' home at 4:30 a.m. Sunday when a man covered her mouth, put a knife to her throat, and ordered her to leave the house with him, police said.

The man reportedly took the victim to an abandoned trailer and sexually assaulted her.

Police said the victim escaped and contacted police. She later identified her attacker as Roderick Riley. Riley and the woman reportedly know each other.

Riley was arrested Sunday night, and was charged with armed kidnapping, armed burglary and sexual battery. He also faces a violation of probation for an aggravated battery charge on a pregnant woman.

Riley is being held without bond on the charges.

Man Found Shot To Death At His Home

HORACE SCOTT

...found shot to death in the doorway of his home

POLK COUNTY - At 2:50 p.m. Tuesday, the Polk County Sheriff's Office received calls of gunshots heard in the area of 1044 Captiva Point in Lakeland. When deputies arrived, they found 66-year-old Horace Scott lying on the floor in the doorway of his residence. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Detectives learned that two to three Black males had been seen by witnesses firing several shots at Scott. The suspects then fled on foot.

No arrests have been made in the shooting, and deputies are asking anyone who has knowledge of this incident, to call Heartland Crime Stoppers at 1-800-226-8477.

Deputies Arrest Man On Warrant For Stalking, Cruelty To Animals

DORRELL WEBB

On Wednesday, Hillsborough County Sheriff's deputies arrested Dorrell Maxwell Webb at an apartment complex on 112th Avenue and 22nd Street.

Webb was charged with battery (domestic violence), stalking, and cruelty to animals.

According to deputies, on November 5th, Webb and a woman got into a verbal argument about their relationship. Webb reportedly began to get out of control and the woman feared for her safety.

The woman tried to leave the scene in her vehicle when Webb reportedly took the keys out of the ignition, breaking it off inside the switch. The woman tried to make a call for help and Webb grabbed her cell phone and threw it down on the driveway, deputies said.

The woman then tried to leave in her other vehicle, and Webb stopped her from leaving.

Deputies said the woman stepped out of the vehicle and closed the hood in an attempt to leave. Webb became angry and grabbed the woman's dog and threatened to break its neck. He then threw the dog down against the driveway, fracturing the dog's leg. She was rushed into the home to call 9-1-1, and Webb followed her inside and ripped out the phone cord, deputies said.

When the woman went into another room, deputies said Webb followed her and ripped that cord out of the wall.

The woman then told Webb she had placed the call to 9-1-1 before he pulled the cord and Webb left the scene.

Deputies said after the incident, Webb had entered the woman's home without permission on different occasions.

Webb is currently being held without bond.

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Seniors Share Their Stories Of Communicating Through Technology

BY IRIS B. HOLT Sentinal City Editor

Every year, we find ourselves scrambling to find the perfect gift for the mature crowd in our circles. It is always a challenge trying to find the perfect gift because seniors seem to have everything they want.

However, one area that many people seem to overlook when thinking of gifts for seniors is technology and communications. As time passes, more and more seniors have adapted to this new age of communicating.

Some senior residents shared their stories of the adaptation with Sentinal readers.

**Ms. Barbara J. Mobley**, a Tampa native who signs on as "64 & Texting," said, "I love texting and typing. With so many scams, we must also be e-mail savvy, careful and vigilant. I enjoy my selected Blackberry Apps, especially My Holy Bible App that is convenient and I have about 12 versions of the Bible instantly available.

"This Bible App can also read The Word to you, as well. My laptop usually travels with me. When wi-fi hot spots are available, I visit the hotel business center or an internet cafe. "My cell phone has global use capability. I enjoy Skype because it offers the face-to-face conversation or meeting experience. The great thing about Skype is that it has no monthly fees! I can Skype my middle school class to attend our class meetings! My Smart Phone has an alarm, weather, translator and my favorite music and is always with me. However, there is no sexting, tweeting or Facebook page. Too much personal, negative, exaggerated, intimate and unnecessary information shared publicly on some of these sites."

Ted McNair said, "At age 63, I enjoy using my laptop and new Droid Maxx cell phone. Other than making calls, I routinely use my Droid for texting, emails, and daily searches. I do have a Facebook page, but I infrequently read and respond to comments. I do not tweet."

**Ms. Evangeline Best** said, "I have attempted texting on several occasion. According to family and friends, that is not too often. "I like and have found people still love the personal touch of a personal hand written note or email and a phone call."

**Ms. Pat Spencer**, known in some circles as "Electronic Grammy," said, "I was humbled, pleased and sincerely thankful to have celebrated my 76 birthday on 12-12-12. Being someone who always wanted to be in the know, I got a computer when they first came out. I accepted a job in 1994 that brought me to Tampa from Las Vegas. "I was assigned a laptop and shown how to make a connection to print out my assignments. Over the next 12 years, I learned how to produce PowerPoint presentations to share with travel agents all over the United States, Puerto Rico, St. Thomas, and St. Croix. "I have a 3G iPhone that I use for calls, emails, games, and taking photos. My granddaughter taught me how to text, and we communicate by texting. I now use this method of communicating with all five of my grandchildren. "I heard about Facebook and enrolled in a class to learn how to use it. I have a Facebook account and 500 friends. I have also learned YouTube greetings for special occasions. This is so much fun. I recently ordered a "7" Google Tablet and am anxious waiting for it so I can get started with all that it can do. I also use Conference Call and PhoneVite.com."

"I have no interest in using Twitter. I still look forward to moving ahead with electronics."

**Howard Harris** said, "In the 1990s, I returned to my office and found that a computer had been installed. At the time, I had 2 secretaries. I said to myself, 'I don't type, I ain't going to learn, and anyway that's woman's work.' Over time I lost my secretaries and ended up sharing one with 5 other people. I countered by hiring college students to do my typing. "One day I overheard a conversation with my director and a manager. The manager was complaining about an employee and said that the employee refused to use computers. The director said, "Fire his butt."

"I returned to my office, called a buddy and asked him how to turn the computer on. Every morning I spent 15 minutes learning to type and how to use the computer. I went from the office computer "Dummy" to the go-to guy for those with problems. "Now I own a desktop and a laptop. I pay bills, rent cars, hotel rooms and shop via the Internet. On Black Friday I saved $200 on a purchase. I consider Facebook and other social sites dangerous. "My son sent me a cell phone so that he could keep up with me. (HA! HA!). Only 10 people have the number. "The only reason I carry it with me is because there are no longer any phone booths for Clark Kent to change into Superman. I don't text or use the 16#8$ thing when I am driving," the 78-year-old said.

"I have daily access to two of the most deafest in the Tampa Bay area; at least to me - my parents, Hilrie and Bertha Kemp, Jr. They have both embraced our emerging communication age in their own way. My mother has kept abreast of the major changes in smart phone technology. This has allowed her to stay in touch with others at and away from home. The use of her iPhone, it has also given her access to more current applications such as a personal and professional contact list, texting, web access, and internet radio. "Now my Father has dove into the communications age head first. Although he texts daily, he isn't current on smart phone technology. However, he has achieved a level of Internet savvy that is impressive for anyone despite his or her age. He has a Skype account to communicate with his grandson in Texas. "With respect to social media, he cut his teeth on Myspace, but never crossed over to Facebook. He accesses his email daily, surfs the Internet to stay informed, and pays bills, which are all the fruits of our communications age. More importantly, they can reach so many more people nowadays without ever having to leave home."

**Rev. Willie Dixon** said, "I am 81 years of age and I am known as the e-mail King. Also, I am into e-mail. I chose not to go on Facebook or Twitter. "I am well aware that Social Media is the way to go, if you are seeking to become an elected official."

**Dr. George Fox** said, "I have come a long ways in the electronic age. I remember carrying a transistor radio around, moving forward viewing a black and white TV. I possessed an 8-track tape deck, cassette tape, moving forward to the CD player. "As an analyst, we used big mainframe computers, now that has moved forward to smart phones, IPads, cell phones, and social networking has replaced the telephone booths, smoke signals, and the 2-cups on a string. Even in Pre-K, children are being exposed to the technological age using laptops and advanced instruments."

**Attorney Delano Stewart** said, "I have been in business for 47 years and I started out with an old manual typewriter. As soon as I was able, I purchased a used electric typewriter and I have kept up with the latest technology. "The ability and the ability to communicate will give an attorney the ability to have control themselves. Many lawyers are using researchers in foreign countries now. You have to stay abreast of the latest technology in order to compete."
Dad Needs Expensive Medicine
As He Waits For Kidney

BY IRIS B. HOLTON
Sentinel City Editor

Last month, the Sentinel introduced Johnny Murphy to the community. At the time, Murphy was in need of a kidney transplant.

Murphy said he developed health issues because his blood pressure was uncontrollable. After visiting a specialist, Murphy learned that he was suffering from renal disease.

Recently, Murphy, 54, said people stepped up to help him. However, he spends hundreds of dollars per month on medication while waiting for the transplant.

He stated that the five prescriptions cost hundreds of dollars every month. "I'm going to be on medicine for the rest of my life," Murphy said.

He was living in San Jose, California at the time of the diagnosis, but moved back to the bay area in 2010.

For the past five years, Johnny Murphy has received dialysis treatments three times a week, with each treatment lasting 3-5 hours.

"My doctors have told me that my only real shot at a long and healthy life is to receive a kidney transplant as soon as possible. I am medically cleared, but not financially cleared."

A native of Madison, Florida, Murphy moved to Tampa as a child. He attended Eisenhower Middle School and graduated from East Bay High School in 1975. He moved to California, where he served as a chef for 15 years and was working for a litigation sales company when he became ill.

Three people in his immediate family, his mother, grandmother, and brother all died of kidney disease.

Murphy stated that he receives Medicare, but many of his medical needs are not covered and he must pay them out of pocket. He also said that once he receives the transplant, he will be required to take immunosuppressant medications for the remainder of his life.

Murphy is the father of one son, Shannon, and a 7-year-old granddaughter, Miah.

Anyone wishing to make a donation can send it to: Johnny Murphy, C/O Fifth Third Bank, Woodlawn Terrace Benefit for Johnny Murphy, 2002 E. Hillsborough Avenue, Tampa, FL 33610.

It's A Family Affair' At
The Yellow Jackets Nest

From left to right: Demaria, Coach/ Pastor K. L., and Damarius Muldrow.

Twenty-nine years of educating youth starts at home, and spreads abroad, according to Pastor/ Coach K. L. Muldrow.

Surrounded by his two youngest teenagers, Damarius G. and Demaria Muldrow, who followed behind their two brothers, Renaldo and K. L., Jr., were also student/athletes, who have kept the Yellow Jacket pride from day one, for Howard W. Blake High School.

All four Muldrow kids are exceptional student/athletes that aspire to maintain good citizenship and academic success.

As a father, coach, and pastor, Coach Muldrow encourages and inspires his children to reach for their goals and dreams.

Damarius G. Muldrow, a senior, maintains a 4.6 GPA, plays on the boys varsity basketball team, and his sister, Demaria, is challenging him by maintaining a 3.89 GPA and playing on the girls basketball team.

The key to their success is discipline, commitment, and respect.

(Black Law Firm)

Bible-Based Fellowship
Church Hosts 24-Hour Statewide Revival

Reverend
Dr. Arthur T. Jones, Senior Pastor at Bible-Based Fellowship Church of Carrollwood, hosted a 24-hour statewide revival November 30-December 1, 2012.

Ministers from Tampa, Quincy, Lake Wales, Clearwater and Lakeland offered prayers for a variety of areas. The theme was "United: People Postured to Prosper," II Chronicles 7:14.

Sheehy Elementary’s Math Bowl Team Captures First Place

Congratulations are going out to a group of 5th grade students from Sheehy Elementary who finished in first place at this year’s Math Bowl competition.

The competition was held November 30, 2012 at Hillsborough Community College’s Trinkle Center on their Plant City campus.

Sheehy Assistant Principal, Kathryn Dickens, said the students won the Area 7 title, and performed phenomenally. “We’ve had students compete over the years, but this year’s format was changed to fit specific geographic areas.

“We owe a lot of thanks to Math Resource Teacher, Deena Ham, who worked directly with the students and got them prepared.”

The students who are part of the first place team are Micah Brown, Davion Perez, Rozana Bass and Desire McMillan.

Standing (left to right): Micah Brown, Deena Ham, and Davion Perez. Sitting out front are Rozana Bass and Desire McMillan.

11-Year-Old Needs Help To Attend Forum

January 18th to the 23rd, 2013, and Radeja will have the opportunity to go to the White House, visit the Smithsonian, attend the Presidential Inauguration, attend a presentation from Mary Eisenhower, and much more.

“In order for our daughter to make this trip, we must raise $2,700,” said her parents.

“This goes toward housing expenses, transportation and food. We believe this will be a wonderful and life changing experience for her.”

Radeja has three siblings, and enjoys reading, dancing, and cheerleading. She was also accepted in the Duke Tip Program as a 4th grader, and again this year for excelling in academics.

Radeja’s parents are asking the community for help in raising the funds for their daughter, and would appreciate any and all contributions.

To contact the Addison family, call (813) 317-8963.
Happy Anniversary

YOLANDA And GLEN BAHAM, SR.

My dearest, Yolanda, thanking you for 38 wonderful years of marriage. There are no words to describe how blessed I am to have you as my help meet, as my wife. My worst day becomes my best day knowing I have you to come home to and your loving arms to fall in to. My life is richer and each day is sweeter with you beside me. Your endless love and sacrifices have made me a stronger man emotionally, mentally and physically. As we have grown together in grace, know for sure there is no me without you. Your husband forever and ever, Glen Baham, Sr.

Happy Birthday

DAMON, COLETTE And DACOBI

I’m so glad you two are a part of me, because you brighten my life and fill it with joy. Happy birthday. From, your wife and mom.

Happy Birthday

LATRENDA DA’NAYE WALKER

Happy birthday to my lil princess, LaTrenda Da’Naye Walker. Love you, Daddy’s Girl.

Engagement Announcement

RHONDA DENISE HOWARD And BOBBIE MCDOWELL, JR.

An engagement announcement of Rhonda Denise Howard to Bobbie McDowell, Jr.
She is the daughter of Harold and Carlett Wilson of Brokenarrow, OK. He is the son of Beverly Maddox-Glover and Bobbie McDowell, Sr.

Happy Birthday

BAY BAY

Shout out to my man. It’s been 1 year since you’ve been gone. We miss and love you, Jessica.

Shout Out

K-BO And KISHA

Special birthday wishes are being sent out to “K-Bo,” who will be another year older and wiser on Sunday, Dec. 16th. We miss you, we love you and we are waiting on the day for you to come home. Keep the faith, continue to pray and all else will fall into place. Make the most of your day and may the Lord bless you to see many more.
From: your loving family, Lady Kisha; and your crew, David, Dai’yana and Diamyn.
The Hillsborough County Democratic Party has a new team of volunteer leaders who were elected at a reorganization meeting held Tuesday, December 4, 2012. The following officers were elected to two-year terms:

Chair - Christopher Mitchell. Chris Mitchell was elected to his second two-year term after steering the Party to success in November.

Vice Chair of Operations - Ella Coffee. Ella Coffee has served as the HCDEC Secretary for the past several years. She will be responsible for assisting the Chair in coordinating committee operations to achieve the party’s strategic initiatives and campaign plan.

Vice Chair of Outreach - Lydia Hudson. Lydia Hudson has been an elected precinct committee-woman for four years. Hudson will be responsible for working with community leaders and organizations and coordinating party activities with Democratic caucuses and clubs to ensure victory.

Secretary - Karleen Kos. Karleen Kos has been serving as the Secretary of the Florida GLBT Democratic Caucus and the Hillsborough County GLFTA Democratic Caucus. She will be responsible for keeping the minutes and official records of the HCDEC, and she is expected to continue her role with public relations as well.

Treasurer - Anna Scott. Anna Scott has been an elected precinct committee-woman for the past four years as Treasurer Scott will be responsible for ensuring the organization’s funds are properly safeguarded, records are accurate, and reporting requirements are met.

The following leaders were elected to four year terms:

State Committeewoman - Dianne Langston Hart. Dianne Hart is President of the Hillsborough County Democratic Black Caucus and Treasurer of the State Democratic Black Caucus.

As State Committeewoman, she will represent Hillsborough County in all matters with the Florida Democratic Party.

State Committeeman - Alan Clendenin. Alan Clendenin has been serving as the HCDEC’s State Committeeman for several years. As State Committeeman, Clendenin will continue to represent Hillsborough County in all matters with the Florida Democratic Party.
We Are One

The people of God in today's churches must quickly come to the realization that we are all one. It does not matter what denomination a person belongs to, what race or nationality one is a member of, or what country in which a person resides, as members of the body of Christ we are all one. This message must not sound only outside the church, but it must be emphatically stated within the church.

Paul's letter to the church in Ephesus (Ephesians 4:1-16), which is this week's lesson, has the direct purpose of letting the people of God in the church, but it must be emphatically stated within the community and the world. Paul opens this chapter of his letter identifying himself as a prisoner of the Lord (vs. 1a). Paul is not stating this to sound so spiritual; he is really a prisoner. He is in Rome awaiting his opportunity to be heard regarding the charges brought against him. The encouraging part of this is regardless of his situation he still tries to encourage others. So must the church today. The church cannot get caught up in its situations and forget about encouraging others.

He further says to them to walk worthy of the vocation in which they are called (vs. 1b). People must understand this may not necessarily apply to their everyday life, but some people's nine to five is a job and not a calling. They decided to take the job for whatever benefit it was to them and not to the benefit of the Kingdom. But, whatever God has called you to do, walk worthy of it.

The crux of his message is found in verses 14-15 where he describes the oneness of God. There is one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God. When it comes to God and things of God, there is but one. Too often people try to complicate the things of God. In this complication some get confused. When folk get confused, they get turned off.

If the church is going to be effective it must stop arguing about man-developed doctrines and beliefs and preach the oneness of God! The church is ONE! A person may have two arms, but one body. We have ten fingers and ten toes, but one body. One hand is left and the other is right; does it mean that they are not a part of the same body? If you have ten children and one of them is left-handed, do you not count that one?

To help the people in their growth and development spiritually, God provided people to help. Some were apostles, some prophets, and some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers (vs. 11). What is their purpose? The perfecting of the saints, the working of ministry, and for the edifying of the body of Christ (vs. 12).

This is their true purpose. Not to be a showboat or to be flashy. They were not given to be worshipped. God gave these people to help the body grow and remain unified. People who hold these titles must walk worthy of the calling Paul mentioned earlier.

By adequately teaching the saints they will be less prone to being carried away by every wind or doctrine (vs. 14). The people must be taught a sound and solid word to help them withstand the craftiness of men who lie in wait for them.

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Birthday Celebrants

Happy birthday to: Darren Craig Reed, Bruce McNeil, Wayne E. Carter and Robin Parker-Passchal.

Happy birthday is extended to Mrs. Arlean Evans, who celebrated her natal day on December 1, 2012, oh, what a wonderful time it was. Hope your day was what you ordered. Lots of smiles and happiness from family and friends...what a blessing!

Happy Anniversary

The miracle of love is given to us to share with one another. Happy anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Willie (Precious) Hugger, who celebrated their special day on December 13th.

Also congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Harold (Janie) Adams, their special day will be December 28th. May the blessings of the Lord be with you and wish you many more years together.

Sick And Shut-Ins

Let's keep the sick and shut-ins who are far and near in our daily prayers: Mrs. Vanna Scott, Mrs. Willie Mae Wright, Mrs. Evelyn Mobley, the Rodgers family, Mr. Clarence Vickers (Brandon Hospital), Mr. Ralph Williams, Mary Monts, Perethia King, Lena Daniels, Elizabeth Bethea, James Green, Joseph Harris, Joe Williams, Diane Williams, Elaine Hickman and Pamela Austin.

Sympathy

Look to the hills from whence cometh your help, your help cometh from the Lord.

Our condolences are extended to the Browder family of Plant City, due to the passing of Mrs. Jessie Browder. She will be greatly missed by those who knew her. She was funeralized in Plant City on Sat., Dec. 8th. Sympathy also to the family of Mr. Archie Hayes who passed on Monday.

New St. Matthew M. B. Church News

New Saint Matthew Missionary Baptist Church, Aloc Fitzgerald Hall, Senior Pastor and friends send birthday greetings to their members: Angela Williams, Doris Bannum, Kaleb Bannum, Deivyon Haywood, Chardanae McFadden, Linwood Jenkins, Camryn Starling, Shontea Oglesby, Mario Mallard, Jr., and Robert Lee.

Thank You

Ms. Griffen wants to thank all those in P. V. who put in work in helping with Pres. Obama's campaign. It was greatly appreciated.

Thought For Today

"If a man is called to be a street sweeper, he should sweep streets even as Michael Angelo painted or Beethoven composed music or Shakespeare wrote poetry. He should sweep streets so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will pause to say here lived a great street sweeper, who did his job well."

Scripture (Daniel 2:20-21)

Blessed be the name of God forever and ever for wisdom and might are his and he changeth time and the season.

F.Y.I.

Remember your helper in the kitchen, Shu-Lon's Kitchen at 830-741-9760.

Keep Pres. Obama and family in your daily prayers.

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Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

Psalm 32:10
Miracles Outreach Presents Christmas Celebration

Miracles Outreach CDC, Incorporated will be presenting their first annual "Mommy and Me" Christmas Celebration on Sunday, December 16th, from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. The event will be held at Miracles Outreach All Access Service Center, 4501 East Hillsborough Avenue.

Christmas blessings will be given to any participant or former participant of Miracles Outreach's Residential or Teen Mentoring Programs who have children. This event will provide baby items, Christmas gifts, and community resource information for these young parents.

As expressed by Executive Director, Michelle E. Walker, "I still believe that it takes a village to raise a child."

Although this is an old Africa proverb, it still holds true today. The number of abuse reports and the overwhelming number of children being removed from their homes right here in our community is extremely disturbing and is an everyday reminder that the "village" has to get involved.

The goal of Miracles Outreach has always been to provide mentoring and support to youth ad teen/young adult parents, and this event is just an effort to let them know that they are not alone and there are other people who care for them and want to give a little extra support during the holiday season.

The community ultimately has a stake in these children, so why not be proactive and support these young parents by joining forces with Miracles Outreach. You can help in whatever capacity you can.

Miracles Outreach would like to thank those persons/groups that are already a part of our "village" and helping to make "Mommy and Me" a success: Children With A Vision, Women's Investment Group (WIGS), Black Butterflies, and other volunteers.

For more information, please contact Miracles Outreach at (813) 574-2184.

Orlando Pastor Considers Himself The 'Moses Of Injustice'

Rev. Dana Jackson looks back on her past, and says she was raised in a Christian home in Orlando.

"I'm the first in my family to be a clergy. "I credit my great-grandmother with giving me the strength of faith by watching her endure in spite of her blindness."

Rev. Jackson has been involved in ministry services since she was 9. She sang in choirs, and has seen a lot of things change in the community and the church over the years.

"Being raised in poverty, God was always the person I knew I could depend on. Through Christ, what you do will define who you are."

That's also when Rev. Dana Jackson put together a list of resources that can help people.

"I believe it is in my spirit to help people, and God gave me a vision to do this. I want to show how things can work out for people, if they just have faith and believe. It can get frustrating at times, but this is my work, and I'm fully committed to see that this happens."

Rev. Jackson suggests everyone put away just $1.00 every time they get money to help themselves later.

"I believe it will make a difference, and we must establish a resource so we can help each other. This is about survival and rescuing souls. "I'd also like to see treatment centers and other places set up to help people forgotten by society."

Reporter Leon B. Creine can be reached at (813) 248-0724, or e-mailed at lcreine@fsentoninel.com, or moelnsre@gmail.com.
Mt. Pleasant Middle School Hosts Science Trivia Fair

Students had fun exploring parts of the human body during a Science Trivia Fair held at Mt. Pleasant Middle School.

(Photos By Julia Jackson)

(Left to right) Rosa Cruz, Franckson Dor and Science Teacher, Edwin Rivera.

Allen Davis studies a chart about nursing during the science fair.

Briana Pope and Willliness point to a chart at the science fair.

Students Charlene Burnette and Alvineska Dewindt have a "bone up" on the rest of the students at the science fair.

Malik Cooper and Terrika Davis pose in front of model during the science fair.

Gospel Concert Features Stellar Award Gospel Singer

Stellar Award Gospel singer, Myron Butler, worked with the Praise Choir at Deeper Life Ministries during a Gospel concert. A special group of singers were selected to be background vocalists. (Photos By Julia Jackson)

Stellar Award winner, Myron Butler.

Paulette Stevens and Natasha Williams attended the concert.

Samuel Washington at the concert.

Michael Williams and Ron Jenkins enjoyed the concert.

Sisters singing together, Sheila Upshaw, and Priscilla Upshaw.

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Bishop Michael Lewis and the congregants of First Victory Cathedral gathered at McDugal Park after their worship service on November 18, 2012 and distributed turkeys and other food items. Several community volunteers assisted with the distribution. (Photos by BRUNSON)

Among those distributing and receiving turkeys are: Darryl Underwood, Jr., Faye Corbin, Michelle Gordon, Bishop-Elect Michelle B. Patty, Darria Pinckney, Daisy Lovett, Nikki Gilley Feiga, Nicole Taylor, Tanesha Jones, and Lanazja Muhammad.

These young men who were assisting with the event are from the Zeta Delta Chapter of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Inc.: Luc Doujon, Steven Williamson, Kendrick Clark, Andrew Lyons and Brandon Sacinas.

These working ladies refer to themselves as “Warriors on the Frontline.”

They are left to right: Pastor Kimberly Montgomery, Sister Carol Terry, Prophetess Renee Miller, Chaplain Geraldine Cash-Burnett, Sister Rita Causey-Bowles (back), Minister Katrina Walters, Sister Lillie Russ (back), Pastor Margaret Ealy, Sister Cathy Ball and Minister Maxine Howard.
Local

Rowlett Park Scene Of 2nd Annual Bikers Weekend

The “Southern Soul” 2nd Annual picnic and dance weekend in Tampa was a huge success.

The event was described as being “very nice,” and bikers represented their city and state in big numbers.

The Southern Soul group were the sponsors under the leadership of Big D, President, and A.T., Vice President.

Mr. Johnny “BoBo”, C.E.O., added his label to the music, which really got the crowd moving. (PHOTOS BY SYLVESTER HARRIS)

The Silver Star Group from St. Petersburg are: Lavetra Flournoy, Gwendolyn Martin, Doretha Perry (Vice Pres.), Ms. Parker (Pres.), Pearl Rentz, and sitting, Aaron Bell.

In this photo are future DJ and Dad, Randall-C, C.J., and Lil Zee Zee (future DJ).

Members of the St. Petersburg Nite Rider Van Club are: Iris, Jackie, Donnie (Pres.), Sherry, and Marcus.

Members of Simply Sophisticated (SRC) are: (left to right) Quanchi, Batman, Straight S-Up, and Tahitian Tan.

Venom Riders at the event were: Trick, Ms. Dee, Dimples, and Punisher.

In this photo are Southern Soul sponsors: Showtime, Big D, Randall-C, Cam-O, Danny, Godfather, A.T., Slick Rick, Professor, and Lime Green.

The 39th South Social Club from Georgetown, Georgia were represented by: (left to right) Johnte’ Cochran, Ms. P. Abbey, Carla, Ms. 39, and Johnny BoBo (CEO).

Karen Lynch poses with the most popular item at the event.

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Foster Angels Toy Program Collects More Than 2,000 Gifts

BY IRIS B. HOLTON
Sentinel City Editor

Several years ago, Melvin MacNeel and his wife were the parents of 7 biological children and also were foster parents. One Christmas Eve, the couple received a telephone call alerting them that 4 siblings had been removed from their homes and on route to them.

The MacNeels scrambled to divide the toys they had purchased for their own children so that every child would have a gift to open on Christmas morning. At the time, the couple had no idea that they would change the lives of children in foster care.

In 1988, Melvin MacNeel founded the Foster Angels of Hillsborough County Program. The following year, Delwyn Collins launched his own toy drive at Tampa General Hospital.

Throughout the year, Collins took volunteerism to a new level. He used his money collected from overtime and a second job to buy toys. As the word of his generosity spread throughout the hospital, Collins found that he was not alone in his pursuit to help children in foster care.

Mrs. Ellen Fisk, spokesperson for the hospital, said, "This is the 23rd year that Delwyn has led the toy drive. He started it in 1989."

Collins, who is legally blind, rides his bicycle from his apartment to work every day, no matter what the weather condition. Collins, 54, has been employed as a Dishwasher and Kitchen Assistant at the hospital for more than 20 years.

Since the inception of the programs, the Foster Angels Program has collected between 1,500 and 2,000 gifts each year. The employees at Tampa General Hospital is its largest contributors.

This year, the toys were presented to Eckerd Community Alternatives, the lead agency for community-based welfare and foster care services in Hillsborough County.

Despite Her Loss, Physician Finds Peace At Christmas

BY IRIS B. HOLTON
Sentinel City Editor

Last year, a Tampa couple hosted their annual Christmas program. They offered food, gifts for the children, and the word of God. At the time, they had no idea what changes were ahead.

But, on Thursday, April 12, 2012, Dr. Sydel LeGrande learned that her husband, fitness trainer George LeGrande, died suddenly while in Atlanta, Georgia on business. Mr. LeGrande was 55 years old.

"If anyone should have gone, it should have been me. He was the picture of health. I'm the one who has health problems and who is overweight."

I really didn't think I would make it to the next day. If it were left up to me, I would have curled up in a chair in a fetal position and took medication for the rest of my life," Dr. LeGrande said.

However, she learned that that was not her destiny. "I knew God and I had to call on Him for strength. George was my husband, my partner, my everything after God. But, I called on Christ and He became my peace, my strength, and it is through His favor, His grace, and His power that I have been able to go on."

Dr. LeGrande said through the grace of God, her husband died on a Thursday and she was back at work on Monday. In the interim since his passing, she has continued to do the work they had outlined.
Fall Prevention: Tips For Older Adults, Families, And Caregivers

PART I

Unintentional falls are the number one cause of fatal injury and hospitalization of adults aged 65 and older in the United States and Florida. According to the Center for Disease Control, one out of three people in this age group fall each year, costing $30 billion per year in medical costs.

In Florida, the Department of Health reports fatal injuries caused by falling among adults age 65 and older is higher than deaths from traffic crashes, poisoning, or firearms combined. If you or someone you care for is an older adult, the following tips can prevent injury, increase independence, and will help older adults enjoy physical activity without fear of falling while in or out of the home.

Tip 1: Improve Bone Health

Talk with your physician about how to improve your bone health. Weight-bearing exercises, like walking, are one way to increase bone density needed to strengthen bones and lessen the chance of fractures. Remember to walk within your tolerance levels. Gradually increase time spent walking from a half hour to one hour per day.

Tip 2: Check Your Vision

Many older adults require corrective lenses for near and far sightedness. The right prescription for glasses can help reduce falls as you can see more clearly and avoid obstacles. Be sure your glasses are the right prescription!

Debra Oliveira is an assistant professor and interim director of the Division of Occupational Therapy in the School of Allied Health Sciences at Florida A&M University. She has been a clinician and instructor for more than 30 years.

Holiday Tree Lighting Friday

East Tampa Community Revitalization Partnership Aesthetics and Beautification Sub-Committee will have its Fifth Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Celebration on Friday, December 14, 2012. The celebration will be held at the Cyrus Greene Community Center, 2101 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., 5:30-7 p.m.

The guest speaker will be Chloe Coney, District Director, Office of Congresswoman Kathy Castor. In addition to free entertainment, Santa will be distributing back packs filled with goodies, and pre-selected school children from East Tampa will receive bicycles donated by the sponsor, CH2MILL.

Denesé Meteye James is chairperson of the Aesthetics and Beautification Sub-Committee.

Fate Of RNC Cameras To Be Decided In Six Months

Last Thursday, the Tampa City Council decided to request a study be made on the cameras left behind after the Republican National Convention. The study will reveal the feasibility of maintaining the cameras, whether the city will be able to afford it, and where would they best serve the city in their location.

Councilman Frank Reddick said in six months, their decision will be based only on a budgetary issue.

“Will know annual maintenance cost for the cameras is $186,000.

“Now for the cameras are a tool of law enforcement, and between them and Mayor Buckhorn, the cameras can be deployed anywhere without the issue coming before the Council.”

Reddick said the Mayor had exclusive authority on the cameras, but they have exclusive authority of the money it will take to maintain them.

“Regardless of what the Mayor wants or what law enforcement wants, if we don’t have the authority to spend the money to operate the cameras, it’s a done deal.”
Holiday parties should be fun — so why not serve up some tasty appetizers with a creative seasonal twist that will be sure to spice up your gathering? Let everyone enjoy some Christmas treats in the shape of Christmas wreaths. Have a safe and sensational Holiday Season... with your family and friends!

**Holiday Turkey Wreath**

1 cucumber, ends cut off
1 large round loaf crusty bread
1 medium log cheese (your choice)

**1/2 pound turkey breast, sliced thin**
2 roasted peppers, cut in small dices
2 to 3 small sprigs rosemary

**DIRECTIONS:** Make the cucumber ribbons. Cut thin strips of cucumber lengthwise with a vegetable peeler, making sure there is a line of green peel on both sides. Cut until you reach the seeds and turn, repeating the cutting. Set aside.

Cut the bread by placing it on its side and pointing the knife at about an inch off the bottom. Use a sharp knife to cut out a hole in the center of the bread and discard. Spread the cheese around the loaf. At the bottom of the wreath, place two cucumber ribbons in an upside down V and make a V-slit in the bottom of the cucumber as pictured.

Twist and curl each slice of turkey and place around the wreath. Place a few cucumber ribbons around the wreath. Stick fresh cranberries onto toothpicks and insert at the top of the wreath. Add fresh sprigs of rosemary.

**Holiday Appetizer Wreath**

32 Lil’ Smokies
1/2 cup each whole berry cranberry and BBQ sauce
1 can crescent rolls
Garnish: Roasted bell pepper strips, cherry tomato halves and fresh rosemary

**DIRECTIONS:** Preheat oven to 375°F.

Open package of sausages and drain off liquid. Combine cranberry sauce and BBQ sauce in a saucepan; heat over low heat, stirring until smooth and hot.

Unroll dough, separate at perforations, creating 4 rectangles. Press perforations to seal. With knife or pizza cutter cut each rectangle lengthwise into 8 strips, make 32 strips.

Wrap 1 strip of dough around each sausage. Place crescent-wrapped sausages with sides touching on ungreased cookie sheet, forming a wreath shape. Bake for 11-15 min. until golden brown. Cool slightly. Carefully remove wreath onto serving platter, if desired. Garnish wreath with bell pepper strips to form a bow, and cherry tomato halves and rosemary sprigs for ornaments, if desired. Serve with cranberry-BBQ sauce.
**Deli Salad Wreath**

1 head Belgian endive, trimmed, separated into leaves  
3/4 cup prepared crabmeat or shrimp salad (from deli)  
Mixed olives  

**DIRECTIONS:** Wash and dry endive leaves. Place 1 rounded teaspoon salad onto base of each leaf; arrange in wreath shape on serving platter around a bowl of assorted olives of your choice of course.

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**Ham & Cheese Wreath**

2 cups shredded Swiss cheese  
1/2 cups chopped cooked ham  
4 green onions, sliced  
2 tablespoons honey mustard  
2 cans refrigerated biscuits  
1 egg, beaten  
1 tablespoon sesame seed or poppy seed  
2 tablespoons diced red and green peppers  
1 green-onion fan, if desired  

**DIRECTIONS:** Heat oven to 375°F. Spray cookie sheet with cooking spray. In bowl, stir together cheese, ham, onions and mustard. Separate 1 can of dough into 10 biscuits; leave second can in refrigerator. Separate each biscuit into 2 layers. Press each biscuit layer to form 3 1/2-inch round. Place 1 rounded tablespoon cheese mixture on each dough round. Wrap dough around cheese mixture, pinching edges to seal. Repeat with remaining can of dough and cheese mixture. Arrange 8 balls, seam side down and sides almost touching, to form ring on cookie sheet, leaving 3" hole in center. Arrange remaining 18 balls around outside of second ring. Brush wreath with beaten egg. Sprinkle with sesame seed. Bake 18-25 min. until golden brown. Carefully slide wreath from cookie sheet onto serving platter. Sprinkle with bell peppers. Place onion fan in center of wreath. Serve warm.

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**Fruit & Cheese Wreath**

**Crackers**  
Assorted sliced cheese, deli meats  
Garish: raspberries or fresh parsley  

**DIRECTIONS:** Arrange crackers in large circle on serving plate. Cut cheese and meat into variety of shapes such as trees, bells, circles, triangles or stars. Top crackers with cheese shapes and meats. Continue layering crackers, cheese and meats to create wreath. Garnish with raspberries or parsley. Place fabric bow at bottom of wreath, if desired.

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**Bacon Cheese Wreath**

2 packages cream cheese, softened  
1/2 cup mayonnaise  
1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese  
1/4 cup sliced green onions, optional  
10 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled  
Parsley sprigs and diced pimentos, optional  

**DIRECTIONS:** In a bowl, beat the cream cheese, mayonnaise, Parmesan cheese and onions if desired. Stir in bacon. Cover and refrigerate for 1-2 hours. Invert a bowl in the center of a serving platter. Drop cream cheese mixture by rounded tablespoonfuls around edge of bowl. Remove bowl. Smooth cream cheese mixture, forming a wreath. Garnish with parsley and pimentos if desired. Serve with crackers.

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**Layered Cookie Wreath**

2 packs refrigerated sugar cookie dough  
2-1/2 cups powdered sugar  
3 tablespoons milk  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
Green food color  
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**Crackers**  
Assorted sliced cheese, deli meats  
Garish: raspberries or fresh parsley  

**DIRECTIONS:** Arrange crackers in large circle on serving plate. Cut cheese and meat into variety of shapes such as trees, bells, circles, triangles or stars. Top crackers with cheese shapes and meats. Continue layering crackers, cheese and meats to create wreath. Garnish with raspberries or parsley. Place fabric bow at bottom of wreath, if desired.

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**Parsley sprigs and diced pimentos, optional**  

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**Mixed olives**

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**DIRECTIONS: Wash and dry endive leaves. Place 1 rounded teaspoon salad onto base of each leaf; arrange in wreath shape on serving platter around a bowl of assorted olives of your choice of course.**  

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**2 packages cream cheese, softened**  

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**1/2 cup mayonnaise**  

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**1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese**  

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**1/4 cup sliced green onions, optional**  

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**10 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled**  

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**Parsley sprigs and diced pimentos, optional**  

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**2 tablespoons honey mustard**

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**2 cans refrigerated biscuits**

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**1 egg, beaten**

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**1 tablespoon sesame seed or poppy seed**

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**2 tablespoons diced red and green peppers**

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**1 green-onion fan, if desired**

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**Bake 18-25 min. until golden brown. Carefully slide wreath from cookie sheet onto serving platter. Sprinkle with bell peppers. Place onion fan in center of wreath. Serve warm.**

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**2 packs refrigerated sugar cookie dough**

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**2-1/2 cups powdered sugar**

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Health

Diabetes can be a scary, intimidating diagnosis to get. But it can be a manageable disease if you follow a healthy lifestyle and listen to your doctor. It will also help if you do your body a favor and avoid the following bad habits that may worsen your diabetes symptoms and increase your complication risks:

1. Watching TV. One study found that for every two hours people spend glued to the tube, their risk of developing type 2 diabetes, or worsening their symptoms if they already had it, increases by 20%.

2. Skipping Sleep. Not getting enough shut-eye can cause night sweats, which can worsen symptoms by dehydrating your body. Being tired or stressed can also increase your appetite for sugar and other diabetes no-no's.

3. N ot Tracking Blood Glucose. Gauging whether medication or insulin shots are working to control the disease requires frequent blood tests.

4. Improper Dieting. Diabetes maintenance centers around proper nutrition—not diets. Losing and re-gaining weight all the time may throw off your metabolism.

Immune Assistance

Yes, the flu season is upon us. So, let me offer you a few tips that will help you fight off infections and illness.

You have to start by building a strong immune system from the inside out, and don't sabotage your immunity with habits that can hinder your body's ability to fight.

Here are a few immune boosters to consider:

Elderberry is antioxidant-rich and contains Vitamin C, which is a known immune booster.

Garlic enhances immune function to protect against infection and contains Vitamin C and Zinc which also support immune response.

Green Tea offers great health benefits including immune support. It will also help to lower stress, enabling you to relax.

Maitake Mushrooms are extremely helpful in reducing stress, which will help your immune system to fight infections while boosting immunity.

Olive Leaf fights bacteria and viruses and helps defend against colds and flu.

Cool Off That Hot Temper

Does your mad-o-meter go from zero to a hundred the moment something unpleasant or unfair happens?

Do you become angry when you see (or think) someone is cutting in front of you in line?

Do you find yourself screaming in outrage at your children, coworkers or friends?

If so, read these tips on how to ice down that fiery temper.

Start The Count Down Immediately - You've heard it before and it sounds too easy but counting to ten can help give you time to get your thoughts in order and your emotions back in check.

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Hargrove, Watson Clinic Physician introduced the evening’s keynote speaker, Dr. Elisabeth L. Dupont, M.D., a Watson Clinic Breast Cancer Survivor. At the age of 33, Hargrove was diagnosed with breast cancer. Dr. Dupont, an honors grad of Tampa’s University of South Florida befriended her and served as her physician during that time. They share the joy of biking. The two of them took a “bike ride” riding 200 miles from Philadelphia to Washington, DC.

After a moment of silence in honor of the late Joan Taylor, one of Lakeland PAL’s greatest supporters who past away of cancer in the early morning hours of November 10th, Tim Abram, PAL Executive Director presented awards to: Super Choice Foods, Regal and Superior Screening (2012 Business of the Year); Anthony Dozier (2012 Youth of the Year); and Nicara Daniels (2012 Volunteer of the Year).

Because of their long-time dedication to PAL, her husband, Earl Taylor attended the banquet on that evening. A ticket drawing gave prizes of $50 RaceTrac gas card, $60 Aguello’s Restaurant, and Dinner & A Movie at Lakeside Village. A touching recitation about the importance of breast cancer pre-screening was rendered by Johnnie Tucker.

Closing Remarks were rendered by Lisa Womack, Chief-Lakeland Police Department. The evening concluded with a prayer by Gentle Lee Groover, Florida Diocese Bishop. The banquet proceeds raised benefits Lakeland’s Police Athletic League and Breast Cancer Research Charities.

Polk County Schools’ Winter Break Begins

The last day of school before the winter break begins for students of Polk County public schools is today (Dec. 14th). The dates of the break are Monday, December 17th – Tuesday, Jan. 2nd. Students will return to classes on Wednesday, January 2, 2013.
Eight-Year-Old Twin Girls Hear For First Time

SAND SPRINGS, OK - From an orphanage in Ethiopia to a small town in Oklahoma, two 8-year-old girls faced another life-altering change. They heard words for the first time.

"Can you hear mamma?" was the first sentence Ruby Shasteen heard from her mother, Chris Shasteen. "Her eyes were just full of tears and she's just looking around trying to figure out, 'Where's this coming from?,'" Chris said.

It was an amazing moment to witness.

A woman’s 8-year-old sister, Katie, signed in excitement knowing she was next in line to hear.

The two conquered their first step toward hearing two weeks ago at the Community Hospital in Oklahoma City.

That’s where they got the Cochlear implant, a device that connects directly to the hearing nerve.

COREY CURTIS

Corey Curtis, a father of nine children, was ordered by a judge on Monday to stop "compulsively procreating" unless he can pay the $90,000 of child support he owes.

"It's too bad the court doesn't have the authority to sterilize," said Racine County Circuit Court Judge Tim Boyle.

Boyle, as part of Curtis’ three-year probation, has prohibited the 44-year-old father from having any more children until he can prove he can financially provide for them.

Curtis’s nine children were fathered with six different women.

"Common sense dictates you shouldn't have kids you can't afford," Boyle added.

In October, Curtis pleaded no contest to one count of felony ball jumping and one count misdemeanor of failure to pay child support.

The long child support bill comprises $50,000 in back payments plus an additional $40,000 in interest.

Woman Pepper Sprays Man During Fight On Bus

After a man approached an unidentified woman and apparently spit on her during a bus ride in Grand Rapids, Mich., she fired back with some "spit" of her own.

Wood 8-TV reports that the bus driver immediately got up and sprayed the man in the face with pepper spray.

The altercation began at the back of the bus where the man's head movement suggests that he spit on her, though that has not been confirmed.

It is not known what exactly started the fight.

The attack forced the man backwards, making him guard his face with his hands. But he quickly charged back, punching the woman repeatedly.

Others on the bus moved away from the fight.

No one tried to break it up, based on the released video.

While no one tried to break it up, a 2-year-old boy recorded. A 2-year-old boy was hit on the head by the pepper spray passenger during bus fight.

Unidentified woman pepper sprays passenger during bus fight.

some of the pepper spray the woman used on the male attacker. He was not seriously injured and was treated in a local hospital.

The male suspect got off the bus and ran down a city street. Michigan Live reports that the sparring pair may have been in a relationship.

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Michigan Judge Suspended After Allegedly Getting Witness Pregnant

The Michigan judge that made headlines this past Spring for texting a topless photo of himself to a married bailiff is back in the news after accusations that he got a witness pregnant while presiding over her child support case.

Judge Wade Mccree, who is married, allegedly had an affair with Geniene La'Shoy Mott after she brought him into his cabin, the opinion for Mccree’s court for failing to pay child support.

Mccree and Mott allegedly shared text messages discussing potential punishments for her former boyfriend, Robert King, and a fling following the case turned into something more.

Mccree has now come forward because she was promised certain things she says, have not been carried out.

"I met him as a litigate, a complaining witness in my courtroom, and he stayed around after the case was over and that's when... our relationship picked up," Mott said. "It went from being a summer fling and just something to do... to falling in love, promises of marriage, me getting pregnant, us buying a house together, name it."

After Mccree’s wife found out about the baby, the couple separated. Mott said she was still going to keep the baby, despite Mccree offering her “anything she wanted” to have an abortion, Mott said:

Mccree has since gone to the authorities and accused Mott of stalking, but investigators found his complaints baseless.

"I believed him with everything," Mott said. "His actions showed me that he was leaving. He filed for divorce. I mean, there was nothing to say that we weren’t moving forward."

Campus Police Kill Unarmed Graduate Student With ‘Superhuman Strength’

Saturday evening it took seven minutes and three Cal State San Bernardino police officers before their struggle with 36-year-old student Bartholomew Williams was over, according to the Los Angeles Times.

Williams was shot and killed by the San Bernardino police after officers responded to a complaint of disturbance.

During the struggle with police, Williams grabbed an officer’s baton after he showed no effect from the officers’ pepper spray, and used the officers’ pepper spray against them, said a spokesman for the San Bernardino Police Department.

Williams exhibited "super-human-type strength" during this whole ordeal, according to police.

Two of the officers fired at Williams after he wrestled the third officer to the ground and began kicking him in the head and torso, said spokesman Lt. Paul Williams.

"This became a pro-
TAX DEEDS

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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Folio No.: 111244.0000
File No.: 2013-A
Certificate No.: 228901-010
Year of Issuance: 2010

Description of Property:
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PLAT BOOK/PAGE: 1265 SEC TWP ROSE: 1-25-18
SUBJECT TO ALL OUTSTANDING TAXES

Name(s) in which assessed: THOMAS MARTIN, TRUSTEE

Said property being in the County of Hillsborough, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Jur Ly Auditorium, 2nd Floor, George E. Edgecomb Courthouse, 800 East Twigg Street, Tampa FL 33602 on the 24th day of January, 2013, at 10:00 A.M.

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Folio No.: 148821.0258
Date: 2013-72
Certificate No.: 207330
Year of Issuance: 2009

Description of Property:
WATERSIDE CONDOMINIUM
II BLDG 34 UNIT 211
BOOK PAGE: CB 0793
SEC TWP RGE: 26-20-19
SUBJECT TO ALL OUTSTANDING TAXES

Name(s) in which assessed:
CHARLES SPURGEON

Said property being in the County of Hillsborough, State of Florida.

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Folio No.: 1526900.0000
File No.: 2013-76
Certificate No.: 206284-09
Year of issuance: 2009

Description of Property:
SELMER HEIGHTS NO 2 PT 31 PG 99 LOT 866 PLAT BOOK/PAGE: 31/09 SEC TWP RGE: 32-28-19 SUBJECT TO ALL OUTSTANDING TAXES

Name(s) in which assessed:
RETS GRIFFITH

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Folio No.: 158698.0000
File No.: 2013-79
Certificate No.: 208529-09
Year of issuance: 2009

Description of Property:
GRANT PARK LOT 18 BLOCK 10 A & W 1/4 VACATED ALLEY ABUTTING THEREOF PLAT BOOK/PAGE: 09/30 SEC TPW RGE: 10-29-19 SUBJECT TO ALL.


OUTSTANDING TAXES

Name(s) in which assessed: ALAN SCHREIER

Said property being in the County of Hillsborough, State of Florida.

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How Has Christmas Changed Since You Were A Kid?

BY LEON B. CREWS
Sentinel Staff Writer

If you are 50 years or older, you can remember a time when Christmas meant being outside with your friends, skating and cycling all over town, and joining your family for church services.

Today, you seldom see children on the streets for Christmas, because technology has taken over, and most of the gifts they get need to be plugged in.

A few people around the town were asked how has Christmas changed since they were a child. These are their responses.

Cornelius Hamilton: "People today are more concerned about receiving than giving. Growing up in Miami, it was a time for friends and family to get together. I think today, people forget we're supposed to be celebrating the birth of Christ.

"I recall last Christmas not seeing many children outside. Today, they just stay inside with electronic gadgets. I also think people today tend to be more selfish, and will get angry if they get nothing."

Bill Sims: "What I've noticed is there's not much love anymore. Everyone just wants to spend, and there's no love in the air.

We desperately need to come together and just greet each other and wish each other well. "Growing up in New York, I remember waking up to see the tree with all the gifts underneath, and nothing but family around. We had sled races and snow ball fights. I miss that the most. When you got your toys, you went over to your friend's house to see what they had. Although our parents struggled, they looked out for us. They might not have been able to give us much, but what we got we appreciated."

Michelle Walker: "Now, it's all commercial. It's all about material things. I miss the family time and doing things for other people. I come from a big family, and it's a blessing for us to get together."

Carolyn Taylor: "It's far too commercial. Toys and gifts have taken the place of what Christmas is really about. It's a day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

"I really miss my childhood during the holidays. I miss visiting my grandmother's house for the great food, family coming in from out of town, and just everyone getting together. It's difficult sometimes when you look back and notice the family members that aren't around anymore."

Sheilah Youngblood: "Back then, we got what we needed. First of all, we all got Bibles. I think we need to educate our children about Christmas through reading the Bible.

"Christmas is really every day of your life. As a child, I enjoyed learning about love and charity, and that you don't need a holiday to be kind to another person. I miss the value of life and we all being concerned about each other. Today, it means nothing. They celebrate Christmas day, and the next day, go back to what they normally do all the time."

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Bay Area Youngsters Get Opportunity To Dance

BY GWEN HAYES
Sentinel Editor

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into her own and enjoying the experience. “Someone even made a comment about how her choreography has improved.”

Natalie Fort (Mrs. Jacobs’ niece), 11, is a student at Shorecrest Elementary School. Her parents are Drs. Kenyon and Nathalia (Tony) Fort. These young ladies are the grandchildren of local grandparents Clarence and Yvonne Fort.

Ms. Jacobs says the production takes quite a commitment from parents. For the last month, the 150-200 young people have rehearsed every Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m-6 p.m. “You have to really know what you’re getting into,” she said.

Shelby Coney, the 8-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest (Anika) Coney attended the 2011 production of The Chocolate Nutcracker to support her best friend, then first-timer, Kyndall Johnson, the 8-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ishmon (Tameca) Johnson. This past August, the 2 auditioned to gether and both were selected.

“It is quite the commitment for parents!” Mrs. Johnson stated. “Anika and I have really helped each other with transportation and other obligations to get through these very hectic 4 months.”

Locally, Shelby is the granddaughter of Rev. and Mrs. Ernest (Chloe) Coney. The Chocolate Nutcracker is a spin on Russian Peter Tchiakovsky’s classic (Nutcracker) beginning with a Harlem Renaissance swing setting and then taking the audience to Jazzland, Gospeland, Land of Funk, Africa, Brazil and many more experiences. This year’s featured guest artist is Warrington Hudlin, film producer, Boomerang and the original House Party as “Uncle Al.”
List of Holiday Events

Friday, December 14, 2012
- New St. Matthew M. B. Church Christmas Production – “Mary’s Baby Boy” – 7 p. m., 1000 E. 50th St.
- Dental Clinic From The Heart – 4505 N. Armenia Ave. – 7 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Holiday Tree Lighting Celebration – 5:30-7 p.m. – Cyrus Greene Community Center – 2101 E. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
- Howard W. Blake High School Tapestry Honoring Frances Cheeks Jennings – 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 18, 2012
- EECI/PMI Ministries, Inc. Toy Giveaway – 7-9:30 p.m. – YMCA, Largo (Ridgeway Area)
- Middleton Senior High School Christmas Concert – 7 p.m.

Wednesday, December 19, 2012
- Cook’s Bicycle Giveaway – 9 a.m.-1 p.m. – For previously selected students.

Saturday, December 22, 2012
- Passion Of Love Christmas Charity Ball – 8 p.m. – American Legion Hall, 3810 N. Kennedy Blvd.
- Community Appreciation Day – Hosted by New Bethel Temple of Deliverance Apostolic Church, 6221 Palm River Rd. – 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Palm River COGIC Winter Extravaganza – 7 p.m. – Center For Manifestation, 3102 E. Lake Ave. – Featuring ‘Sunday Best’ Band, Alexis Spight.
- ‘Whose Birthday Is It Anyway?’ (Stop The Cycle of Hate) – G’s Place, 3040 W. Cypress St.
- FREE Holiday Inspirational And Encouragement Talk Fest – 3-5 p.m. – Embassy Suites, Tampa-USF, 3705 Spectrum Blvd. – RSVP Required by 12-16-12.

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- Hillsborough County Chorinettes, Inc. ‘Putting On the Ritz’ – Tribute To A Living Legend
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Organizations Donate Bicycles To Restaurateur For Christmas Give-a-way

BY IRIS B. HOLTON
Sentinel City Editor

Throughout the year, Alex Cooks, of Alex’s Southern Style Barbecue, 5362 West Village Drive in Carrollwood, collects donations. At the end of the year, Cooks takes the money and purchases new bicycles for youngsters.

At the time of the theft at his business, Cooks said the suspects used a large rock to break the glass door into the restaurant. The donation jar contained about $500.00. Cooks reported the burglary to the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office. The investigation continues.

On Tuesday, the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office, in partnership with the HCSO Charities, Inc., will donate 55 new bicycles to the Alex’s Christmas For Kids Program.

Detective Will Have A Different Kind Of Christmas This Year

BY IRIS B. HOLTON
Sentinel City Editor

For the past 19 years, Tampa Police Detective John Belk has patrolled the streets of Tampa. His goal was to keep the city that he loves safe.

This year, however, Christmas will be different for the Plant City native. He is battling cancer and won’t be able to do the things he normally does in the community.

Detective Belk said he felt his energy draining while working the Republican National Convention in August. "I worked a lot of overtime and I was watching over two squads. I felt myself getting weaker every day, but God allowed me to complete my assignment."

Detective Belk said he was in Plant City when he decided to drive himself to the hospital. He recalls passing out but was admitted to the hospital. After a series of tests, Detective Belk learned he had brain cancer.

He stated that he has undergone treatment, but he’s not out of the woods yet. "I still have a good battle ahead of me. The fight is on, I’m not giving up. I’m above ground and I’m keeping God in my life. God knows He is first."

Detective Belk is currently living with his mother, Mrs. Betty Belnavis, in East Tampa. He is separated and the father of two adult sons, Mario and Johnathan.

After graduating from high school, Detective Belk entered the Air Force and served 4½ years. After returning home, Detective Belk learned that the Tampa Police Department was hiring minorities. "I was on my way to the club when I heard it on WTMP. I was hired and worked in several areas including narcotics."

The organizations will make the presentation to Cooks at 10 a.m. on December 19th. Since the inception of the program, Cooks has donated more than 13,000 to needy children. He raised enough in 2007 to donate 1,416 new bicycles.

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The economy is starting to rebound, we've reelected the country's first African American president, and there appears to be great days ahead.

A few people were asked what they wanted for Christmas. These are their responses.

School Board member, Doretha Edgecomb: “What I want for Christmas is peace for the world, continued health and happiness, especially for my 97-year-old mother, and respect for each person-to-person and community as a whole. I'd like to personally find some balance in my life.”

Promoter, Too Smooth: “I'd like to remain in good health, stay humble, keep me away from all harm and danger, and allow me to continue to be a blessing to others as they have been to me. I also think we all need to continue to praise God for the little things we get, and understand where our blessings come from.”

State Representative, Betty Reed: “What I want is good health, happiness, jobs, and growth for my community. If this happens, I'd be the happiest person on the planet. I'd like to see people getting back to work, and for our young people to stop killing each other. We've got to reestablish the family as the strength and backbone of the community.”

Councilman Frank Reddick: “All I want is good health, peace, happiness, and to have a joyful time with family and friends. I'd also like to wish the same to all of my constituents and their children.”

Evangeline Best: “What I'd love to see is for us all to come together in a spirit of unity with all cultures working together for a better future for everyone. We need to get back to the melting pot slogan. We are our brother’s keeper, and we're all here for a reason.”

God has a plan for all of us, and we must understand we stand in judgment of God and God alone.”

Swiya Muhammad: “For myself personally, I'd like someone to publish my book, a new car, and a diamond bracelet.

“For the world, I'd like to end the stigma of mental illness so people won't have to hide it. I'd like to see more attention give to a problem that's always stereotyped.

“For Christmas, I'd like to finally be assured all of the hard work I've done will be rewarded with an opportunity to reach out to others through motivational speaking. I want to experience the joy of being with my family and celebrating the joyous occasion with conversation and memories that will last forever.”

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Readers Share Their ‘Best Christmas Memory’

BY IRIS B. HOLTON
Sentinel City Editor

Christmas is the time of year when the unexpected sometimes happen. Each year, we have experiences that remain with us for the rest of our lives.

Some Sentinel readers shared some of the special moments of Christmases past with our readers.

Travis Abercrombie said, “Fortunately, I don’t have a favorite Christmas memory. I say fortunately because all of my Christmas’ are special to me because I spent them around my loved ones. When I had the chance to go home, I spent them with my family where we played games and laughed about things that happened.

“When I stayed down here, I spent it with my girlfriend, whom I love very much, and she did everything she could to make Christmas feel just as special as the previous ones. So every Christmas carries with it a favorite memory and reminds me how blessed I am to have people in my life who love me.”

Ms. Chris Dingel said she has fond memories of Christmases past. “My best Christmas memories are when my daughter, niece, and nephews were small. I played Santa and waited for them to fall asleep. Then, I brought out all of their gifts and toys and waited to watch their faces on Christmas morning.”

Mrs. Gwendolyn Miller said, “My best Christmas memory happened two years ago, going on a cruise with my husband. We had time to be alone. There were no telephones, no intrusions, just being able to be alone with my husband. It was just exciting to get away from everything.”

Ms. Thelberta Daniels said, “My best memory of Christmas memories will be this year. I will be able to provide for my family after being unemployed for a few years. Medical reasons kept me from working.

“Thanks to CDC of Tampa, I have gone from being a volunteer for them for almost a year to being a fulltime Administrative Assistant. The opportunity CDC has given me has made my children feel proud of me, and to know, their Christmas will be merry this year.”

Ms. Janelle McGregor said, “One of my favorite holiday memories was the year my mom piled my siblings and I in the car on Christmas Eve and headed up north in search of snow. We had to settle for hot dogs and chips instead of a traditional holiday meal, but it was all worth it when we got to spend Christmas in Kentucky playing in the snow for the first time in our lives.

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