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'TEACHER OF THE YEAR'

Mrs. Jacqueline Chaney-Wilson, center, is the 'Teacher of the Year' at Howard W. Blake High School. She is not only an academic teacher, but she also teaches lessons in life. Captured recently on the West Tampa campus, Mrs. Chaney-Wilson is shown with two students who congratulated her on being the school's teacher of the year: Diamantha Calonge and Dione Dennard. (Photograph by Jerry Brunson)
Tampa's Lomax and Philip Shore Magnet Elementary Schools are among the three finalists for the Dr. Ronald Simpson Distinguished Merit Award. The other school is in Connecticut. Several other schools in the bay area were named Magnet Schools of Excellence, however, only three will vie for the merit award. The winners will be announced in May in Las Vegas. This award is the top award given to a magnet school by the National Organization of Magnet Schools of America. It carries a $5,000 cash award sponsored by Phale D. Hale Educational Consulting, Inc.

For the principal at Lomax, Lynn Roberts, who became principal just a few weeks ago after serving as assistant principal for 3 years, this is a dream come true for the 100-year-old school. Lynn and Philip Shore will be receiving site visits this week.

Lomax is a magnet school in mathematics, science, and technology. Students take classes in robotics, aviation, cinematography, photography and journalism.

According to Ms. Roberts, Magnet Schools of Excellence are selected on their commitment to excellence, curriculum intervention, diversity efforts, and consistent delivery of quality service to all school stakeholders.

PHILIP SHORE MENTAL PRINCIPAL

Shana Menia is equally excited as she prepares for the site visit on Monday. "We're one of 3 schools up for the top award in America among magnet schools," she stated.

Lomax's 3rd school is in Hilsborough County that was a Magnet School of Excellence, from which the Simpson Award nominees are chosen.

Ms. Menia further explained that both schools look to make Superintendent.

COMMUNITY EVENT TO BENEFIT STUDENTS

"Success In Education: A Look At Our Future" is an exciting community event that will be held Thursday, March 19th at Higgins Hall, 6 p.m. Sponsored by Merrill Lynch, the event will give local colleges and universities the opportunity to showcase their future plans to potential students as well as alumni and business leaders in the Tampa Bay area. In addition, the event will offer local schools and universities the opportunity to view what higher education institutions are planning for their future.

"A Look At 2010" will be the theme for the evening by presenters, from Hillsborough Community College, the University of Tampa and the University of South Florida. Merrill Lynch hopes students, educators, alumni and business leaders will get a good understanding of the various projects at these institutions aimed at keeping talented students in the Tampa Bay area for degrees as well as careers.

A representative from each institution will offer fascinating details of the logistics and purpose of their respective projects and how they will benefit students and the local community.

While supporting these goals, Merrill Lynch wants students to see how the colleges and universities, their alumni associations and the business community are working together to support their future in higher education.

MAYER-PaM JORIE is expected to attend and will introduce Honor Roll students from Hillsborough, Pasco, and Polk Counties high school to this unique experience.

Seated is limited, so those planning to attend should RSVP by calling Lourdes Sebaran at (813) 273-5064.

WOMAN NAMED HONORARY CHAIRPERSON OF BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCIL

Recently, Ms. Staci Parker, owner and president of Visionary Marketing Company, was appointed as the Honorary Chairperson for the Business Advisory Council in Washington, D.C. Members of the National Republican Congressional Committee made the appointment.

The awards ceremony will take place on March 14th and 15th, in Washington, D.C. Several events, including dinner with President George W. Bush, are scheduled to take place during the awards ceremony.

As Honorary Chairperson of the Council, Ms. Parker will serve the State of Florida as one of the recognized business owners for the National Leadership Award and is expected to play a crucial role in the party's efforts to involve top business people in the process of government reform.

A Tampa businesswoman, Ms. Parker operates her business in East Tampa. The firm offers marketing and advertising services for small businesses in the Tampa Bay area and to artists of all ages.

Last year, she partnered with the Heart of East Tampa Front Porch Council to provide a Youth Arts Program.

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Wrongly Convicted Man Reflects On 1st Year Of Freedom

BY IRIS B. HOLTON
Sentinel Staff Writer

In 1982, Alan Crotzer was handed down a 130-year sentence for the rape and robbery of a woman and her 12-year-old daughter.

But on January 23, 2006, Crotzer walked out of the Hillsborough County Courthouse without handcuffs or shackles. He had just been freed after serving 24 years of the sentence. Crotzer had maintained his innocence and was cleared by DNA.

A year after being exonerated, Crotzer has gotten married, is working, and has appeared on national television and radio shows. He holds no bitterness and now dedicates himself to telling his story and inspiring others to not give up. He was cleared by DNA.

"I have just got to get on with my life. I'm not looking backwards," Crotzer said.

However, he is grateful that he was married on February 22, 1982. His wife, Karen, and two children have stood by him for 20 years after the trial. "I'm not looking back. I'm looking forward," Crotzer said.

In addition to his family and friends, three St. Petersburg sisters, Ms. Pearl Daniels, Ms. Margie James, and Ms. Sharon Watson believed he was innocent. Crotzer said he didn't know the women prior to his arrest.

Ms. Jenny Greenberg, of the Florida Innocence Project, and Attorney Marty McClain worked on his behalf in the background.

Crotzer said he believed what impressed the attorneys and convinced them of his innocence even before the DNA results was the fact that he carried his trial transcripts with him. He still possessed and accepted speaking requests. "I guess I'm better at speaking than at anything else."

Alan Crotzer is shown with friends walking the streets of St. Petersburg as a free man. He served 24 years in prison for a crime he didn't commit. (Photograph by Vance Jacobs)

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Black American History

By: Rudolph Harris

American History Ought To Be Colorblind

(Jesus was and has always been on target, especially when He said, "Know the truth for the truth shall set you free.") No greater advice can be said in addressing the problem of teaching American History. If there is one unit that needs to be universally addressed in teaching American History, it ought to be The American Revolution, especially as it relates to the Declaration of Independence. This document really can be called the Bible of Americanism because the principle it contains defines the values this nation stands upon. Let us not forget that when Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke of that dream deeply rooted into the American Dream, he was in the 1776 streets of Boston. He was quoting Thomas Jefferson when he said: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable Rights among which are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." That is why hanging the portrait of Robert E. Lee and other Confederate heroes in courthouses is most unjust. Black slaves, the ancestors of Black people living in this nation today, fought in the American Revolution to help make Jefferson's words, as stated by Dr. King become a reality. This nation won its independence through the sacrifice of those slaves, the ancestors of Black people in Tampa, Ft. Myers, and other Florida communities. But they do not explain such things in all the school districts in Florida and throughout this nation--that those final questions emerge, Florida passed a law in the mid-1990s calling for the teaching of Black History as well as the Holocaust, explaining what Adolf Hitler did to Jewish people restrictions at all ports participated heroically in those battles in Europe in World War II to help liberate and free those who survived the deathly gas chambers. (To be continued.)

If You Need a Passport ...

Most people don't feel they need a passport unless they are planning an international trip. But, thanks to terrorists, threats of future terrorists, the horizon for traveling is changing. It has been rumored that in the future, people will need passports to travel where they previously did not need them. These rumors are just rumors and should be taken with a grain of salt. But, when organizations, especially governmental organizations start providing opportunities to obtain passports, then it is probably more than a rumor.

Information that crossed my desk recently that the rumor is now fact. On January 23rd of this year, "all persons -- including U.S. citizens -- traveling by air from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Bermuda, are required to have a passport or other accepted document that establishes that person's identity and nationality to enter the United States." Simply put, you now need a passport to travel to the country and you need a passport to return to the country. It's not clear what will happen if you manage to leave without one.

Maybe you'll be doomed to live the rest of your life in limbo -- a person without a country. And, others who had a country at one time or another will probably join you in the United Land of Limbo.

But I digress.

Anyway, those who wish to obtain passports can attend a Passport Fair (but you never heard of that one) being hosted by the Tampa Post Office on Saturday, March 24th, from 8 a.m. until 12 noon. It will take place at the Egyptian Shrine Temple, 4050 Dana Shores Drive.

The purpose of the fair is to help first-time applicants and renewal process in a timely manner. The change in regulations has apparently caused a backlog in the serious passport agencies. Those who wish to renew passports can take advantage of this event as well.

I can't speak for anyone else, but I saw the writing on the wall a long time ago. What's more, I felt that there was some truth to the rumor with the tightening of security in the world after September 11th.

So, if you need a passport, you might want to check out the Passport Fair.

NAACP Is Right To Stay The Course!

While we regret the decision of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's (NAACP) president, Bruce Gordon, to resign as head of the organization, we believe the NAACP's board of directors made a wise decision to "stay the course" in remaining an advocacy organization. Gordon's push to have the NAACP provide social services met opposition from his board members.

Remaining true to its mission continued the NAACP's thrust during its early years. The National Urban League was born, a year after the NAACP, as another outgrowth of the "NEGRO PROGRESS" concept between the two organizations. Lore has it that the NAACP would knock down doors to segregation and discrimination while the Urban League was to prepare Black people to walk through the doors.

Voting Is The Best Revenge!

From all accounts, less than 50,000 City of Tampa voters turned out for the March 6 election. That figure is close to the total number of registered Black voters in the City of Tampa. Yes, Black voters did not go to the polls in the last two elections in representative numbers. In fact, voter turnout was dismal in general, and disastrous for Black voters, in particular.

Perhaps, Blacks will vote when they realize that, of the 1.9 million votes that Americans cast during the 2000 presidential election, half of the reported ballots (950,000) were cast by Black voters. Perhaps, Black voters will get even and go to the polls when they realize that of the 179,935 ballots invalidated in Florida during the 2000 presidential election, 53% of them were cast by, you guessed it, Black voters.

In truth, we don't know what it will take to get Black people to the polls. But Sen. Joe Biden missed his congressional seat because of poor Black voter turnout. We hope we don't miss an opportunity to have two Black City Council members because of this.

Meanwhile, research has shown that the Black vote determines winners in close elections. That same research also has shown that Black folks turn out to vote when mobilized around issues that affect them personally.

We believe there is nothing more personal than where Blacks will live, if development within the City limits continues without giving current residents the ability to stay in their neighborhoods. Certainly, there is nothing more personal for Black people than having a job that enables them to have political representation that enables them to be heard.

We need to get even, for all of the votes that have been taken from us. And we need to get even by doing "something" about it. Here's our suggestion. Go to the polls in record number. Prove that your vote counts when least organizations start providing services for the Black people living in this City of Tampa. 

My Point of View

Ms. Iris Holton

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Options experiment, as affirmed by the courts in Coates v. Cincinnati, "The Florida Sentinel Bulletin published for the Florida Sentinel Bulletin.
The problem with Ronda Storms has been that at first glance, has garnered ground-swell support. She and her new-found allies in Tallahassee propose legislation which would force health care workers and abortion clinics to take DNA samples from children younger than the age of 16 who get pregnant, regardless of opinion or privacy. At first glance, you could see why Storms' proposal was welcomed with open arms. A State Supreme Court had already decreed sex with a child younger than 16 years of age was a crime. Therefore, the senator's bill, which would mandate local law enforcement to be notified of such events within a 24-hour period, and that such notification would be ultimately forwarded to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for criminal apprehension, would seem - even to an infant - no more than logical or right. Right?

Not so fast said an advocate on women's rights. Karen Woodall, said, "I think Storms' proposal to mandate taking of DNA samples is a violation of privacy." Said Woodall, "It sounds like it's double-datamining the victim also (because) if someone chooses to go that route to find their attacker, that's one thing. But it's another thing to require it under the law." The Women's Rights advocate concluded, "[Storms'] bill" seems to be going far into support statutory rape, just people who claim to save us abortion, not the rape or the against anyone, adult or maintain our security. The Women's Rights activist reported the proposal as having "nothing about signs that read 'Blacks only' or 'whites only.' They know nothing about the back door or the back seat on public transportation. They have no real idea of police brutality, being attacked by vicious police dogs or being washed away by powerful waves of altercation."

The lack of this knowledge and experience has created a new breed of Black folks who are not very familiar with the age-old Black struggle. This is why the teaching of Black History is more important today than ever before. Many Blacks today need to understand that many Black people suffered and died to prevent them from experiencing the weight of racism, segregation, injustices and denied opportunities.

And That's the Way It Is

By Sherma Blair Rich

Celebrate Struggle, Beauty And Self!

COLUMNS

Another View

By Randolph Kinsey

A New Generation Of Blacks

If Blacks are no longer Black and proud, and if they don't like going home to see the suns over Black being beauti- ful, there is a reason for that. That is because there is a new breed of Blacks ascending upon today's world. Don't be shocked because there are Black people who don't get involved in the Civil Rights Movement. That is because they never experi- enced the Civil Rights Movement.

Today, many Blacks didn't forget their history, it's just that they never knew it. The new generation of Blacks hasn't forgotten where they came from. As far as they know, they come from today's world.

We need to know and to remember that millions of us are far from the known segregation in the north. They have always attended integrated schools, lived in integrated neighbor- hoods and had friends from other races. Eating places, movie the- atres, hotels and motels, schools and opportunities have always been open to them. They've never had anything or almost nothing about signs that read 'Blacks only' or 'whites only.' They know nothing about the back door or the back seat on public transportation. They have no real idea of police brutality, being attacked by vicious police dogs or being washed away by powerful waves of altercation.

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Forty years ago, these strategies worked. They worked because no Black was removed from the struggles for himself or fought for the Civil Rights Movement sought to cure. These people of today must be made to con- nect the dots between the past and the present in order to get the complete picture.

Once this is done, the new generation of Blacks will be able to understand that the battle is also theirs and that they need to get involved.

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**NATIONAL**

**Obama Not Riled By Fox Chief's Word Play**

DAVENPORT, Iowa - Sen. Barack Obama (news, bio, voting record) said Sunday he was not greatly offended by the Fox News chief's word play about his name that led Nevada Democrats to cancel a presidential debate hosted with the network.

Fox's Roger Alles made a remark last week about the similarities between the Illinois senator's name and al-Qaeda leader Osama Bin Laden.

"I didn't take great offense at the joke," Obama said while campaigning in Iowa. "I have been called worse."

At a Radio & Television News Directors Association Foundation event on Washington on Thursday, Alles said, "And it is true that Barack Obama is on the move. I don't know if it's true that President Bush called..." (Pakistani)

**Man Arrested, Accused Of Shooting Ex-Girlfriend**

POMPANO BEACH, Fla. - The man who walked into an appliance company and shot his ex-girlfriend several times Friday, leaving her in critical condition before fleeing in a car, has turned himself in, authorities said.

The gunman, 27-year-old Roger Murray, went to Florida Builders Appliances to find the ex-girlfriend, who works there, Broward County sheriff's spokesman Elliott Cohen said. He then started chasing the woman through cubicles while firing at her as they both ran, he said.

"The woman was shot more than once and was unconscious, a self in, authorities said.

Critical condition before fleeing than once and was transferred to North Broward Medical Center in critical condition, Pompano Beach city spokeswoman Sandra King said.

**Churchgoer Slain Before Sunday Service**

OAKLAND, Calif. — Horrified parishioners watched a man pull out a gun and open fire on a churchgoer as she tried to run away, fatally wounding her just before services began Sunday morning, police said. Tanya McCall, 40, of Vallejo was shot multiple times after arguing with the man in the parking lot of Acts Full Gospel Church in East Oakland, witnesses told police. Paramedics responding from the fire station next door pronounced her dead at the scene.

McCall, who regularly attended the church, "apparently knew" the suspect, said Oakland police Sgt. Tony Jones.

Parishioners could not hear what the pair were arguing about, and police have yet to identify a suspect, Jones said.

Acts Full Bishop Bob Jackson said he and his parishioners are in shock.

"The church is supposed to be a safe haven for people to come to and now, as you can see, there are no safe havens," said Jackson.

SEN. BARACK OBAMA

President Pervez Musharraf and said, "Why can't we catch this guy?" according to a transcript provided by Fox.

The Nevada Democratic Party announced Friday it had canceled an August debate, to be co-hosted by Fox News Channel, and cited Alles' comment.

**$27,000 Reward Offered For Missing Georgia Boy**

After 600 volunteers joined family and law enforcement personnel on Saturday in the search for 6-year-old Christopher Barrios Jr., police said they would scale back the search but not give up looking for the boy.

Police said Christopher was last seen heading home from a friends house Thursday evening off Canal Road in Glynn County.

Police are offering a $27,000 reward for the safe return of Christopher.

"This is an innocent child, out here in the elements. That alone is enough to make anyone help," searcher Gina Helmick said. "I'll go through the woods, creeks and brush. It doesn't matter."

Volunteers trekked through knee-high brush and pushed past branches and limbs, in their search for the boy.

CHRISTOPHER BARRIOS JR.,
Gwen Miller Gets Endorsement

TAMPA — Gwendolyn "Gwen" Miller has received the endorsement of newly elected Tampa City Councilmember Rev. Thomas Scott for her re-election to the Tampa City Council District 5. Scott states, "I am endorsing Gwen Miller because she is the best qualified person in the race, and we need her 12 years of experience to lead the Tampa City Council."

"Councilwoman Miller has demonstrated her proven leadership by serving as Chair of the Tampa City Council for three consecutive years. She has been instrumental in working on many projects to improve Tampa and making it a better place to live such as keeping neighborhoods safe, establishing a new Police Substation, expanding our roads, improving parks and recreational facilities, and working for smart growth and protecting our environment," Rev. Scott further states.

Rev. Scott was elected on March 6th to represent District 5 of the Tampa City Council.

Opponent Endorses Miller

Julie Jenkins, one of Gwen Miller's opponents in the March 6th election for the Tampa City Council District 1, endorses her. "I had the opportunity to sit down with both Gwen Miller and her runoff opponent. After much consideration, I have decided to endorse Gwen Miller."

A Local Church has an opening for a Christian, dedicated and committed musician (piano primary). Some reading ability is preferred. Salary negotiable.

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Happy birthday Darryl, a.k.a., DA. Look but don't stare. It would be a low down dirty shame, not to wish this Aries playboy lover a happy 39th birthday. Forever Babygirl. Love, love, laugh. Enjoy your day. Happy birthday again.

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Happy birthday. Love, love, laugh.
Native Son Returns Home To Deliver Message At His Childhood Church

On Sunday, March 18th at 11 a.m., Minister Kenneth Eugene Rioland, Jr. will deliver the morning message at Pleasant Chapel AME Church, located at 2615 E. Chippewa St., Tampa, Rev. Esther Eva, Pastor. The membership will be observing their annual “Family and Friends Day” and are honored to have their native son, Minister Kenneth Eugene Rioland, Jr., eldest son of the late Kenneth Eugene Rioland, Sr. and Johanie Mae Rioland as the morning messenger.

Minister Rioland spent his childhood years active in the African Methodist Episcopal Church singing in the choir and serving as president of the youth department. Gifted with strong leadership abilities by God, Minister Rioland made his mark in the academic arena as well having served as class president for three of his four high school years.

Minister Rioland is a graduate of Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University in Tallahassee, Florida majoring in Business Administration. During his college tenure he served in several leadership capacities within the School of Business and Industry and the Student Government Association. He later returned to his hometown to accept a position as manager and recruiter for Bank of America in Tampa, making his mark in the corporate arena. Little did he know that God was honing these skills for a greater work.

In 1994, Minister Rioland rededicated his life to Christ. He immediately became active with the Trinity Gospel Church, Tampa, Rev. Stephen Nunn, pastor. He served as Superintendent of Sunday School and also chair of the Men’s Ministry. He was subsequently ordained and ordained as a deacon.

In August 2000, Central Carolina Bank in Durham, North Carolina recruited Minister Rioland as a Human Resource Generalist. He and his family relocated to the Raleigh-Durham area. Shortly thereafter, he united with the Bible Baptist Church family where he has continued to grow in the faith. He currently serves as an Associate Minister, Sunday School Teacher and Ministerial liaison of the Male Student Ministry in which he finds great joy and fulfillment.

In April 2005, Minister Rioland received a call to the pulpit of the Savior to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. He is blessed to be His faithful will. He believes in being led by the spirit of God and dedicating his life to the Lord.

Minister Rioland is married to Minister Cynthia J. Rioland, Sr., and they have one son, Kenneth Eugene Rioland, Ill.

The annual NAACP Youth Leadership Summit was hosted by the Hillsborough Community College, at Dale Mabry Campus on February 23, 2007. The organizing Committee, under the leadership of Second Vice President, Dr. Samuel Lamar Wright, Sr., planned an effective gathering for youth leaders in Hillsborough County Schools. More than 12 schools were represented.

Speakers for the occasion were recommended by Dr. Sam Horton, the Immediate Past President. Among the list of presenters were Pamela Campbell-Peralta, the General Director of Career and Technical Education; Darrell Daniels, of the Derrick Brooks Foundation; Dr. Sharon Miller, the Dean of Hillsborough Community College; and Dr. Sam Horton.

Workshop seminars were done by Karen Pierce of the Center of Hope in Ormond Beach, Ms. Sarah Oates of the FBI and, Charlotte Johns-Bridge, director of Fire Safety Education, Hillsborough Community College. The Encouragement of the program were Joyce Russell and Anthony Morejon, Hillsborough County Government Liaisons.

Students were treated to several workshops that were provided with a wealth of information on FBI and law enforcement. Students were also provided with means to secure funding to finance their college educations. Students also received tips on how to enhance their survival skills. One of the highlights of the day was words of encouragement from speakers about staying motivated in the pursuit of their dreams. Pamela Campbell-Peralta reminded students that it is necessary to have willpower within to accomplish their goals.

The Friday morning summit was made possible by the collaboration of the Hillsborough County Public Schools, Hillsborough Community College and the University of South Florida. Both Dr. Sylvia Marion-Carley (President at Ybor Campus) and Mrs. Anita Peters from the Hillsborough County Schools were on the organizing committee to help make the annual summit a resounding success.

Each student left the summit with a certificate of completion from the NAACP, not to mention the invaluable under grading concepts that will provide them to building a level foundation for many years to come.
The wedding ceremony uniting Marla J'Neane Scott and Dr. Jeffery Alex James Johnson was held at the 34th Street Church of God, where Dr. Thomas Scott, father of the bride, is the Senior Pastor. Officiating ministers were Bishop Timothy Clarke of First Church of God, Columbus, Ohio and Dr. Michael Smith, Community Church of God, Atlanta, GA. Dr. Johnson is currently the Pastor of Assimilation Conservation at 34th Street Church of God and Mrs. Marla Johnson is the Youth Director.

The couple honeymooned in Sanibel Islands and Ft. Myers and are making their home in Riverview. (Photographs by Julia Jackson)
The Tampa Bay Area Friends Of Barack Obama hosted its first meeting on Wednesday, February 28 at the historic Sociedad La Union Marti-Maceo Hall. Obama is the African American Democratic candidate for President.

The meeting was hosted by Frank Sanchez, Juan Capin, Yvonne Yolie Capin, Megan Foster, Herman Monroe and Dr. Aaron Smith. The theme was "Let's get on the O-Train and say O-Yes to Obama in '08. (Photos by Jerry Brunson)

1. Members of the host committee: Herman Monroe, Yvonne Yolie Capin, Frank Sanchez, Dr. Aaron Smith, Juan R. Capin and Megan Foster.

Attending the meeting were Eric Billington and Kay Latimore.

Michelle Rayner and Jennifer Penoli attended the first meeting.

Recently retired from the U.S. Postal System, Martha Williams is a member of the Friends of Barack Obama.

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Middleton Football Awards Banquet

The 2006-2007 Middleton High School Annual Football banquet was held at the University Area Community Center. (Photographs by Sylvester Harris)

Carlton Jones, a junior standout, received the Most Valuable Player of the Year award from Coach Harry Hubbard, left.

William Campbell, III with his grandmother, Patricia Hart-Scott, the Grid Iron Club Fundraiser Chairperson. She also received an award.

Jamarcus received the Iron Baller of the Year award.

The Grid Iron Club's top fundraiser, Marion Gyden, center is joined by Roosevelt Lawrence, Jr., President and Deborah Lester, Secretary.

Jamarcus received the Iron Baller of the Year award.

Head football coach Harry Hubbard with Middleton's Principal, James Gatlin.

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Elderly Man Feels Facility Discriminates

In 2002, Oscar Williams moved into the Jewish Towers. Although he found the facility to be a nice place, he said he started having problems with management on the day he moved in.

"My son was helping me move in, and we were dressed accordingly. They complained about the way we were dressed and didn't want us on the property."

Mr. Williams said that was just the beginning. He said he was called into the manager's office on one occasion to discuss his reported income.

"They were trying to tell me I hadn't told them about income I received as a welder."

An incident in October 2005 has led to pending litigation against the property. Mr. Williams was evicted from the apartment. He moved into the facility, the oven was on fire.

"As a result of the fire, Mr. Williams was evicted from the apartment. He moved into a motel room, and contacted Bay Area Legal Services to dispute the eviction."

An attorney with Bay Area Legal Services, Heather Tager, reviewed his complaint, and Mr. Williams was allowed to move back into the facility.

"Although I moved back to the facility, I still feel I was discriminated against, and I want something done about it. They shouldn't be allowed to get away with treating people that way."

Once again, Heather Tager is reviewing Mr. Williams' complaint to see if a lawsuit is warranted against the facility.

Representatives at Jewish Towers said they couldn't discuss the case because of the pending litigation.

Reporter Leonard B. Crews can be reached at (813) 248-0724, or e-mailed at leon@stpete.com.

Old School Bartenders Reunion Planned

BY LEON B. CREWS
Sentinel Staff Writer

Many of the lounges that graced communities years ago are gone. Places like Big Joe's, Lido's, Sassy Lou's, the Original Manilla Bar, the Boston Bar, Ernestos, The Blue Diamond, and The Shack on Oregon are just distant memories.

Also lost were the young women and men who tended bar in those establishments.

On April 16th, an Old School Bartender's Reunion will be held at the Double-Decker Lounge, 1001 West Case Street.

Dawn Wright, who started tending bar at the age of 16 in New Jersey, came up with the idea and is putting the event together.

"I had left the area for a while and returned in November 2006. I had been discussing an idea of recognizing area bartenders or a reunion of the old bartenders. I asked a friend to help me come up with a plan to pull off the reunion."

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"I would like to have the reunion every year. It started out as a small reunion, recognizing the old bartenders by presenting them certificates or trophies."

Another feature of the event will be a special recognition of a group of old school DJs, such as The Godfather, Floyd Joy, Eric EZ, Trent The Teddy Bear, Luke, and Boneshaker.

Another special feature will be Randy Graham being recognized as "Bartender Of The Year."

Ms. Wright said being a bartender requires you to wear many hats, and you have to have a passion for the job.

"To do my job, you have to be a people person and very adaptable. You have to be a good listener, and sometimes play the role of counselor. Everyone wants to tell you about their problems, and sometimes they don't realize you have problems of your own."

"I think what's taken for granted sometimes is our ability to empathize and to help people. It's a weakness. We deal with so many different personalities, you have to know what to respond to and what to ignore. The most important rule is to never discuss politics or religion."

The public is invited to come out and join in the special recognition and get a chance to meet the old bartenders and DJs they probably haven't seen in years.

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A. Phillip Randolph was attending a banquet at Middleton Senior High School when he was presented an award for Meritorious Service.

Attending a Head Start banquet were Delia Sanchez, Florine Howard, Martha Kennedy and Donna Stewart.

Dennis Spencer and Deborah Chambers were in attendance at an Alpha Phi Alpha Soiree event.

Attending a local church activity were: Geneva Hobley, Frances Ponder, Mary Thornton, and Helen Thompson.

During a luncheon at New First Union, musician Maurice R. Allen posed while sitting at the piano.

Richardian Hills, Dorothy McFadden, Juanita Mitchell, Patricia Greene, and Charlton McFadden posed for this photo during an organization gathering.
School District Names Mom As 'Foster Parent Of The Year'.

BY IRIS B. HOLTEN
Sentinel Staff Writer

Each year, Hillsborough County principals, social workers and administrators nominate an individual who has dedicated his or her life to embracing foster children. This year, Hillsborough County School Superintendent MaryEllen Elia, bestowed the recognition and title upon Mrs. Sadie Douglas.

Mrs. Myrma Hogue, a Social Worker at Seminole Elementary School, nominated Mrs. Douglas for the coveted award. "I was surprised, I was shocked, and I am very happy. I never expected something like this because I don't put myself out there like that. I'm just doing what makes me feel good," Mrs. Douglas said.

And what makes her feel good is to ensure that the children that come to her home don't return to the system. They are returned to their parents or adopted. The biological parents of three sons, Mrs. Douglas and her husband decided not to have any more children. However, she still had the desire to raise a little girl. The couple became members of the inaugural class of prospective foster parents trained by the Family Enrichment Center. The Center is an outreach program of the College Hill Church Of God In Christ.

Mrs. Douglas said after receiving her certification, she was all prepared for that little girl. But what she received was a little boy named Johnny and his 2-year-old sister, Ashley. She took them into her home and the children remained there for 5 years until they were adopted. "They are adults now and have come back to visit. I cried when they left, but I didn't adopt them because I wanted to deal with all different kinds of children."

And since that time, the Douglas family has done just that. To date, 110 children have passed through their doors on their way back to birth parents, relatives, or adoptive parents.

"Sadie is involved in school activities and is a constant support to her children. She attends family nights, parent teacher conferences, and even attends ceremonies to see her children get awards."

In her quest to help develop well-rounded children, Mrs. Douglas believes in exposing them to cultural events such as the aquarium, the zoo, and amusement parks.

Reverend Reginald Franklin was recently awarded an Honorary Doctoral Degree from the Florida Beacon College for his work in the Tampa Bay community. He is dedicated to reaching out to children and young men. Rev. Franklin, second from left, pastor of First Missionary Baptist Church, Wauchula, is shown with, from left, his wife, Sonia Franklin; Dr. Dewight Martin of Florida Beacon College; and his parents, Dr. C. T. Kirkland, pastor of Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church, and Dr. Victoria Kirkland.
MS. WANDA WEBSTER EDWARDS

Ms. Wanda Webster Edwards of Tampa passed away on Friday, March 9, 2007. A celebration of life will be held on Thursday, March 15, 2007, at 11 a.m. at St. Peter Claver Catholic Church, 1203 N. Nebraska Avenue, with Father Paul Kozie, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Wanda was a lifelong resident of Tampa. She attended St. Peter Claver Catholic School and was a proud graduate of George S. Middleton High School, class of 1957. Wanda matriculated at Central State University (Ohio), where she earned her Bachelor degrees in Biology and Chemistry. She went on to receive a Master's degree from the University of Tampa in Education. Wanda was a member of the Tampa Metropolitan Alumni Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She retired as an Educator for the School District of Hillsborough County after 40 years of service.

She leaves to cherish her memory: aunt, Ruby Duty; three children, Mark Carter, Michael Carter and Irita Edwards; two daughters-in-law, Ursula Carter and Sharman Carter; three grandchildren, Dylan, Griffin and Olivia; and a host of sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, extended family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to establish the Wanda Edwards Scholarship Fund. Make all contributions payable to: WANDA EDWARDS SCHOLARSHIP FUND and mail to 805 W. Azeele Street, Tampa, 33606.

The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity was represented by from left, Albert Lee, Willie Robinson, Fred Hearns and James Jackson.

GREGORY PARKS

Sunrise: 3/7/71
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Greg, even though you're spiritually with us everyday, we miss you and love you in every way.

Love, Mom, the entire family and friends.

Death Notices

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The City of Tampa Black History Committee, Inc. held its 19th Annual Black History Celebration in Ballroom D of the Tampa Convention Center. The theme was "Celebrating the Community: A Tribute to the Black Fraternities, Sororities and Civic Organizations. Numerous organizations attended to make the event a success.

Refreshments followed in Ballroom C. (Photographs by Lomax McIntyre)

The Omega Psi Phi Fraternity was represented by from left, Albert Lee, Willie Robinson, Fred Hearns and James Jackson.

Christie Jacobs, Sholanda Lock, Jackie Grand and Andra Diggs represented the alumni association of Bethune-Cookman University.

Tampa Organization of Black Affairs (TOBA) Board Members Yoland Anthony and James Ransom share information about the organization.
GREEN BAY, Wis. — Even fans who own shares of Green Bay Packers stock don't have veto power over a potential trade for a player seen as a touchdown-scoring sensation - Randy Moss. But if they could, they would.

When the widely rumored trade was brought up in front of a crowd of about 5,000 fans at the Packers' annual Fan Fest at Lambeau Field, boos and hisses drowned out any timid cheers.

In keeping with Thompson's close-to-the-vest philosophy, he hasn't officially acknowledged that he is exploring a trade for Moss - which is fine, because he has called his office to last tion for 251 times.

CEO Bob Harlan hinted at a questionable attitude - and, the Packers' front office is going to "moon" the fans at Lambeau after scoring a touchdown.

**Fans Object As Packers Ponder Moss Trade**

**Randy Moss**

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**Randy Moss**

Debate they did before signing former Minnesota Vikings wide receiver Koren Robinson last fall.

And Harlan says fans who have called his office to weigh in on Moss generally don't like the idea of trading for a receiver who might be past his prime, might be playing his way out of a second NFL city because of his questionable attitude - and, by the way, once pretended to "moon" the fans at Lambeau after scoring a touchdown.

**Randy Moss**

**Wills Mcgahee**

OWINGS MILLS, Md. - Willis McGahee hasn't lost his swagger, an attribute that should allow the newly acquired running back to fit into a Baltimore Ravens locker room known for its brash talk.

The Ravens signed the former Buffalo Bills runner to a multiyear contract with a maximum value of $40.12 million.

McGahee, 25, acknowledged that he has something to prove after rushing for a career-low 990 yards and six touchdowns last season. But he wouldn't back off his statement from a few years ago that he believes he's the best back in the league.

**Wills Mcgahee**

**Defending Champ Florida Gets Top Billing**

So much for the little guy. Big boys like defending champion Florida and No. 1-ranked Ohio State are among the top-seeded favorites, while the darling mid-major teams get surprisingly few chances to turn the NCAA tournament into a free-for-all for underdogs.

March Madness officially began Sunday when the pairings were announced, kicking off official and online pools and triggering debate about seedings, who went where and who didn't make it all.

Florida will try to become the first team since 1992 to repeat as champion - and the first ever with the same five starters - and the Gators will do it with their first overall top seed in the tournament, leapfrogging Ohio State.

**Defending Champ Florida Gets Top Billing**

**Horn Promises To Be A Leader For Atlanta**

The teacher has arrived in Atlanta. Joe Horn joined the Falcons and said Thursday he has come to educate the team's receivers.

Horn signed a four-year, $19 million contract with Atlanta.

This Joe Horn, a mature veteran in the twilight of an 11-year career, wants to show Michael Jenkins and Roddy White what it takes to become a Pro Bowl receiver.

Horn earned four invitations to the NFL's annual all-star game as a Saint, and he sees no reason why Jenkins, the 29th overall draft pick of 2004, and White, picked No. 27 in 2005, should not have the same story.

**Horn Promises To Be A Leader For Atlanta**

**Pats Sign WR Donte' Stallworth**

PHILADELPHIA - Donte' Stallworth will be catching passes from Tom Brady instead of Donovan McNabb next year.

Stallworth and the New England Patriots agreed Sunday to a multiyear contract. The deal was confirmed to The Associated Press by a person familiar with negotiations who spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal had not been announced.

ESPN.com reported Stallworth's contract could be worth $33.1 million over six years, including a guaranteed $3.6 million for 2007.
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Snoop Dogg Held Overnight In Sweden

STOCKHOLM, Sweden - Snoop Dogg was held by police overnight on suspicion of using illegal narcotics but was released after questioning and drug tests, a police spokesman said Monday.

The artist was heading to a party after a concert in the Swedish capital when police stopped the car he was riding in around 1:30 a.m., said Mats Brannlund, of the Stockholm police. He said Snoop Dogg and a female companion showed signs of drug use and were taken to a police station.

"I don’t seem to be under the influence of narcotics," Brannlund said.

A small amount of narcotics also was found in the car, but Brannlund could not specify which kind of drug and said it was unclear whether it belonged to Snoop Dogg.

"He underwent some tests that will now be sent away for analysis," Brannlund said. "In two to three weeks, we'll know if he was on something." After tests, Snoop Dogg was released shortly after 5 a.m. but could face a fine if his drug test comes back positive, Brannlund said.

In Sweden, which has some of the strictest narcotics laws in Europe, minor drug offenses are punished with fines.

Snoop Dogg, who performed with P. Diddy in Stockholm’s Globe Arena late Sunday, was the latest international artist to get in trouble with the law following a gig in Sweden.

Bishops Jones And Jakes Reach Suge Knight

Is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob really about to work a miracle on Marion "Suge" Knight? No one knows for sure, but the imposing founder of Death Row Records, who has done time for attempted murder and is in the throes of bankruptcy, says he's ready to let go of the troubled label and "put the label behind him.

"I don’t want to be tied up with this for years. I want to move on with my life in a more positive direction," said Knight.

"Suge Knight" has been in bankruptcy court since Lydia Harris won a $10 million judgment against Death Row by claiming that her husband, Michael, now doing 28 years in prison, co-founded the label and was entitled to 50 percent of the proceeds.

Knight was able to give Harris a check for $1 million several years ago, "but once the money ran out, she sued again," he said.

Instead of hanging on to Death Row Record 11 reorganization as advised by the bankruptcy court, Suge says he now wants to liquidate his publishing rights, pay off the creditors, and put the label behind him for good.

Naomi Ready For Janitorial Duty

NAOMI CAMPBELL

As Naomi Campbell’s date with a mop draws near, the supermodel has adopted a positive attitude toward cleaning the floors of New York’s Sanitation Department for five days.

"lm happy to do it," she tells People magazine of her court-ordered punishment for assaulting her former maid with a cell phone. "lm never spoke about what I wouldn't do, and what I would do is I'm just doing what I'm told to do and that's it."

The 36-year-old, who begins mop duty on March 19, also says she plans to sell off her own clothes and donate all of the proceeds to various charities.

Busta Banned From NY Film Set

Busta Rhymes, born Trevor Smith, was all set to begin shooting his new film “Order of Redemption” in Manhattan Saturday during its first day of production when the New York Police Department, citing security concerns, stepped in to block his participation.

The production agreed that Busta Rhymes would not be participating in the scenes shot here after the Police Department raised public safety concerns," said Julianne Cho, associate commissioner with the Mayor’s Office of Film, Theatre & Broadcasting.

The exact nature of the security concerns were not disclosed by the NYPD, who happens to have an existing beef with Rhymes after he refused to cooperate with an investigation into the shooting death of his bodyguard Israel Ramirez last year. His murder is still unsolved.

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PARRISH, Malcolm

05/02/2006

NOTICE OF AN ADVISORY HEARING ON PARENTAL RIGHTS PROCEEDING

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TO: Unknown Father Residence/Whereabouts Unknown

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Dated this 1st day of March, 2007.

PAT FRANK
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: /s/ LINDALEPELLETIER
DEPUTY CLERK

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY
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Dated this 13th day of February, 2007.

PAT FRANK
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By: /s/ LINDALEPELLETIER
DEPUTY CLERK

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY
JUVENILE DIVISION

FFN: 505579
Case ID: 03-1073; 06-0519
Division B

In the Interest of:
Becerra, Annaelsa

(dob 06/09/06)
MINOR CHILD

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DEPUTY CLERK

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Sealed Bids for MONROE MIDDLE SCHOOL, BUILDING #6 AND #7, HVAC MODIFICATION PROJECT will be received by the School Board of Hillsborough County, Florida in the Office of the Supervisor of Purchasing, Third Floor, School Administrative Center, 901 East Kennedy Boulevard, Tampa, Florida until 3:00 PM Tuesday, March 27, 2007. (The mailing address is P. O. Box 3405, Tampa, Florida 33601.) Bids will not be accepted after 3:00 PM of the above date. Bids will be opened and read aloud in the Purchasing Department, located on the third floor of the School Administrative Center.

There will be a Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting on Monday, March 19, 2007 at 10:00 AM at the school located at 4716 Montgomery Avenue, Tampa, Florida 33616.

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March 14, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. - The Elections Office will meet to canvass absentee ballots for the City of Tampa Second Municipal Election and receive queries from the public about the absentee ballots. All absentee ballots received for this election prior to and on March 13, 2007 will be canvassed at 10:00 a.m. Any member of the public who wishes to examine these ballots should be present no later than 10:00 a.m. on March 14, 2007. The results of these ballots will begin on Friday, March 23, 2007, however, they will not be counted until 7:00 p.m. on March 27, 2007.

March 24, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. - The Elections Office will meet to process the absentee ballots received for this election prior to and on March 23, 2007 that were canvassed during the previous meeting on March 23, 2007. These ballots will be opened and processed, however, they will not be counted until 7:00 p.m. on March 27, 2007.

March 26, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. - The Elections Office will meet to canvass absentee ballots received subsequent to the last Elections Office meeting on March 23, 2007. Any member of the public who wishes to examine these absentee ballots should be present at the office of the Elections Service Center located at 2514 North Falkenburg Road. Process of these absentee ballots will begin immediately after they are canvassed; however, they will not be counted until 7:00 p.m. on March 27, 2007.

March 27, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. - The Elections Office will meet to canvass absentee ballots received subsequent to the last Elections Office meeting on Monday, March 26. Any member of the public who wishes to examine these ballots should be present no later than 1:00 p.m. on March 27, 2007. The Elections Office will begin tabulation for all ballots and will canvass all remaining absentee ballots for the City of Tampa Second Municipal Election returns.

March 30, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. - The Elections Office will reconvene to canvass and process the provisional ballots cast in the City of Tampa Second Municipal Election and certify the official results for this election.

The Elections Office may need to reconvene a meeting during the week of March 26 through March 30, 2007. Any meeting will be at the Elections Service Center located at 2514 North Falkenburg Road, Tampa, Florida. The date and time will be posted at the main office of the Supervisor of Elections located on the 16th floor of the County Center at 601 E. Kennedy Blvd. in Tampa, at the Elections Service Center, in the lobby of the Hillsborough County Courthouse and on the Supervisor of Elections website www.votehillsborough.org.

If any elector or candidate present at the above meetings believes that any absentee ballot is illegal to due any defect apparent on the Voter's Certificate, he or she may, at any time before the ballot is removed from the envelope, file with the Elections Office a protest against the canvass of the ballot. No protest shall be filed if the protest is received after the ballot has been removed from the mailing envelope.

NOTE: Persons are advised that if they wish to appeal any decision made by the Elections Office during the canvass of absentee ballots, provisional ballots or incorrect vote tabulations, they will have up to two weeks to appeal. For and such purpose, they may need to ensure that a valid return address is provided on the ballot which record includes the address of the voter and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based, Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes.

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CRIME NEWS

Jacksonville Jaguar Receives Arrested In Ybor City

Late Saturday night, Tampa Police arrested two men in Ybor City on grand theft charges.

According to the report, police were patrolling parking lots in Ybor City when they stopped a vehicle that was stopped on 21st Street.

When the officer approached the vehicle, he reported seeing a loose marijuana in the lap of Jobidiah Crawford, and the vehicle was subsequently searched.

Sitting in the driver’s seat of the vehicle was Charles Sharon, 25, a receiver for the Jacksonville Jaguars. The officer also reported finding a stolen handgun under the driver’s seat. The officer reported the handgun was stolen from an Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agent.

Tampa Rescue Crews try to stabilize this building on the southeast corner of 21st Street and Columbus Drive.

Tampa Police at the scene report that the Suzuki was heading east on Columbus Drive and ran the red light, causing it to strike the truck that was southbound on 21st Street.

Police said German will be cited for running the red light.

Rescue crews at the scene used braces to stabilize the damaged building. Structural engineers assessed the damage to the building and a tow truck was called to remove the semi truck.

Warrants Issued For CD Counterfeiters

According to the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, the suspect is a man and was arrested on drug possession.

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Deputies said an investigation resulted in a search warrant being used, and over 7,200 counterfeit music CDs and miscellaneous equipment used to counterfeit was collected.

Deputies charged with possession of crack cocaine with intent to sell, possession of marijuana, and other drug paraphernalia.

Deputies: rayed Four With Drug Possession

Last Thursday, March 8th, the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office Street Crimes Unit and SWAT team executed a search warrant at 11511 E. Old Tampa Bay Road in South Fort Lauderdale.

A 7.62 caliber rifle.

Warrants have been issued for Antonio Richards, 26, for cocaine possession.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of the two men is asked to call the Sheriff's Office at (813) 947-8300 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-873-8477.

Rapist Sought

ST. PETERSBURG - The St. Petersburg Police Department's Personal Violent Unit is asking citizens for help locating a suspect that has committed two residential burglaries and sexual batteries.

Based on a number of distinct similarities, police said both cases involved elderly or middle-aged women residing alone in apartments or condominiums. The assaults took place during daylight hours and the suspect in both cases entered through unlocked front doors.

The description of the suspect in the assaults is a Black male, 25 to 35 years old with a low cut afro, 5’8” tall, clean shaven, and with a muscular build.

Deputies Now Seek Man with Intent to Sell, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia

Warrants have been issued for Shown Howard, 22, of Ybor City, and Damien Hunter, 26, for cocaine possession.

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