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Miss Senior Debutante

Seven young ladies competed for the title of "Miss Senior Debutante" during the 4th Annual Cotillion Debutante Awards and Scholarship Extravaganza. The winner of the competition was Christina Hutson, a recent graduate of Tampa Bay Technical High School. Christina plans to attend West Florida College in the fall, where she will major in Pediatric Medicine. Antonio Hayes was her escort for the event that took place at the Holiday Inn Lakeside Ballroom on April 29th. Christina is the daughter of Ms. Lavorian Hutson and Errol Hutson. Mrs. Mary Cooper is president of the organization. (Photograph by George Streets).
Jean's Drapery And Upholstery:

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Many families in the Tampa Bay area can boast of the fact that Jean's Drapery & Upholstery is responsible for the interior décor of their homes. Or, there may be other residents who have had the roof of their cars or repairs of their boats done by Mac's Boat Tops.

Mrs. Dorothy Jones was owner of Jean's Drapery and Upholstery (her middle name), while her husband had the expertise in boat tops. The couple died within 10 days of each other; he on Mother's Day, May 13th and she on May 23rd at Tampa General Hospital. He was laid to rest last Saturday and funeral arrangements are incomplete for her at this printing.

Mack Jones, 66, died from complications caused by diabetes. According to the couple's daughter, Tichnia Diggs, her dad had been ailing for the past 5-6 years. He started Mac's Boat Tops in 1971 and operated the business until 2005.

Mrs. Jones, 63, started the upholstery business in 1984 and traveled throughout this community doing upholstery for homeowners and businesses. Her business will continue as daughter, daughter-in-law, Maria Jones and brother-in-law, Major Jones have been operating in her stead.

Mrs. Jones learned that she had cancer about a year ago. Mrs. Diggs said the last chemotherapy treatment seemed to really drain her. She was hospitalized again last Friday. She was aware that her husband had passed, but was not able to attend his funeral service.

Harmon Funeral Home will be handling services for the family.

Other than her daughter, Mrs. Jones is also survived by a son, Albert Jones; mother, Mrs. Catherine Seymour; 2 sisters, Margie Pearson and Mack London; brother, Howard Seymour and numerous other relatives.

CLARIFICATION

An article that appeared in Tuesday's Sentinel reported that Attorney Clinton Paris had been appointed as hearing master for the City of Tampa Human Rights Board. It should be noted that Attorney Paris will serve in a voluntary capacity as needed and will continue to practice law.
FEATURES

HIV/AIDS Town Hall Meeting Planned

On Friday, June 1st, members of the community will gather at Bethel Baptist Institutional Church, 1006 W. Cypress Street, for a town hall meeting. The 10 a.m., meeting is to address the spread of HIV and AIDS in the African American community.

Among the panelists slated to attend the meeting are: Ms. Leisha McKinney, Prevention Program Advisor for the State of Florida Bureau of HIV/AIDS Prevention; Ron Henderson, Statewide Minority AIDS Coordinator, Bureau of HIV/AIDS Prevention; Ms. Mellita Mills-Kendrick, Regional Minority AIDS Coordinator; and Rev. W. James Favorite, Pastor of Bethel Baptist Institutional Church and President of Pastors On Patrol.

Rev. Favorite, Ms. Sharon M. West, Manager for the City of Tampa Housing and Community Development Program, and Ms. Marion Cole, President of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women are hosts for the meeting.

A report concerning the spread of HIV/AIDS released by the State of Florida last September stated that although Blacks make up approximately 12% of the U.S. population, 4% of the new HIV/AIDS diagnoses are among African Americans. In Florida, in 58 Black men and 1 in 83 Black women are infected with HIV. It is also the leading cause of death among those between the ages of 25 and 44.

Statistics pertaining to Hillsborough County reflect that in 85 people are infected with HIV. This statistic makes Hillsborough County the 15th county in the state with the greatest impact of HIV among Blacks, compared to 20 other counties rating highest with the illness.

Ms. Mellita Mills-Kendrick, Regional Minority AIDS Coordinator, said, "Special emphasis has been placed on Black communities in this report for the purpose of mobilizing a response to the HIV crisis at the individual and community level. In order for us to take back control of our communities, as well as reduce the transmission of HIV, there has to be a greater commitment to "Breaking the Silence" by engaging in prevention efforts."

The meeting will give those in attendance an opportunity to hear from both state and local community leaders who committed to preventing the spread of the disease.

Anyone interested in attending the meeting is asked to reserve a seat by Wednesday, May 30th, by contacting the Hillsborough County Health Department at (813) 307-8015; or by contacting Ms. Lynn Johnson at (813) 794-7949; or by e-mail at lynn.fohnson@tampa.gov.net.

Reporters Iris B. Holton can be contacted at (813) 248-1921 or by e-mail at iris@flsentinel.com.

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Several years ago, Father James Clements, a Catholic priest, founded the "One Church, One Child" concept with the adoption of a child. The late Pope Paul gave him permission for the adoption.

A single adoption led to another, and today, the adopted youngsters have matured into three intelligent college graduates. One son graduated from Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona.

While this adoption required special permission because Father Clements was a priest, each state governs the adoption of children permanently placed in state custody.

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Reverend Lane is asking every pastor or his representative to attend an organizational meeting of "One Church, One Child." The meeting will be held on Monday, June 21st, at Bethel AME Church, 3000 Cumberland Drive.

She further stated that Governor Charlie Crist, Senator Rhonda Storms, Senator Herbert Bassett, "One Church, One Child" State President and President, Pastors On Patrol.

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One Church, One Child's Goal is to find a home for the children, waiting to be adopted. Black children are disproportionately over-represented in the foster care system. And they will most likely remain there longer because a Black child is more likely to be referred for neglect or abuse.

"I challenge, or invite each church in the City of Tampa and Hillsborough County to adopt one child. There are hundreds of Black children needing homes that will offer them love, peace, and the presence of God within the hearts of a mother and father.

"We must find a home for our children. Pastors and their churches are the key to finding homes of love for our children. Please help by becoming a member of One Church, One Child."

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Black American History

By RUDOLPH HARRIS

Civil Rights Responsibilities Of Black Lawyers

Tampa: The recent wrongful death lawsuit filed in Tampa by Atty. Barry Cohen quoted: "We have a responsibility, especially in the African-American community, is really a scathing indictment of practicing Black lawyers."

The late Johnnie Cochran commented on the subject saying, "If any lawyer wants to get rich, go over into the Black community because the police violate their civil rights on a daily basis." Atty. Cochran went on to say he got to be a millionaire long before the O.J. Simpson trial. By taking police brutality cases against Black people in South Central, Los Angeles. With such as a backdrop, we must raise the question: Why? Out of over 60 practicing Black lawyers in Tampa-Hillsborough County, and the institutionalized Edgecomb Bar Association at hand, why does history show only one such police-brutality case taken by a Black lawyer during this dreadful historical time.

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The problem could be the lack of a strong civil rights curriculum in the law schools that turn out our Black lawyers. Tampa now has a law school, Stetson University, recently built downtown. How many Blacks are enrolled, and are the professors teaching an adequate Civil Rights curriculum? We need fighting Civil Rights Black lawyers to change this dreadful circumstance.

And until an Assistant to the Mayor of Tampa is restored, we will continue to suffer in this critical area.

My Point Of View

MS. IRIS HOLTON

A Little Memorial Day History

O nce again, we are on the verge of celebrating Memorial Day. It's a national holiday that pays tribute to the men and women who served honorably and died while in the U.S. Military.

The first Memorial Day was known as Decoration Day and was created to honor Union soldiers, neither was the FBI.

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A Belated Birthday Greeting!

To our shame, we forgot it. Nobody is perfect. Everybody makes mistakes. Therefore, we apologize and hope this belated birthday is received by you and by his memory, with forgiveness and sincerity.

Last Saturday, May 19th was Malcolm X's birthday, a.k.a., Malcolm Little, a.k.a., El Hajj Malik El Shabazz. He would have been 82 last Saturday had he lived. Indeed, the term 'had he lived' seems to sum up the stories of too many of our brightest Black young men through the years. Martin Luther King, Jr., 'had he lived.' Harry T. Moore, 'had he lived.' Medgar Evers, 'had he lived,' etc., etc., etc. Truthfully, we at the Sentinel have grown steadily tired of having to refer to the men, women and martyrs who gave their lives for racial, economic and political progress, 'had they lived!'

Nevertheless, had he escaped the slings and arrows of America's blood thirsty and racism traditions, Malcolm X might have become another prominent elder of the Black Experience. He might have been similar to what Rev. Joseph Lowery has become, or to what an elderly Andrew Young is becoming and an aging Rev. Al Sharpton will no doubt, never become. Had he lived, no doubt Malcolm X would have become a living icon. Yet, fate was not so willing and according to rumor, Malcolm X was murdered...
The Sole-Man Speaks

Everybody Dies!

Perhaps, St. Paul said it best. “I do daily.” It would’ve been interesting to read what St. Paul might have had to say about the passing of Reverend Evangelist Jerry Falwell. St. Paul would probably have said, “I hope he didn’t have to go through it personal!”

Was it Gen. Douglas MacArthur who said, “Old soldiers never die; they just fade away”? Well, perhaps the same might be said about so-called “old preach- ers.” Take Billy Graham for example... not dead, but fading away. There were many before Graham. Indeed, in these parts, there was a man called Billy Sunday, a fiery clergyman. He died, though unceremoniously. And who can forget the notoriously famous Elmer Gantry? Played by Hollywood actor, Burt Lancaster, during one of his ugliest moments. The real-life evangelist was said to first have succumbed to the bottle, before succumbing to obscurity and finally the cemetery.

And then we have a list of clergy – famous on air, like Jerry Falwell – whose wisdom we were forced to for- abiding sunshine of media notoriety and who plummeted earthward, consumed by flames of promiscuity, homosexuality and general house wrecking. To all these maladies and mishaps, Falwell proved immune if not oblivious. Indeed, his only sin was his predilection for political conservatism. JERRY LOVED THE STUFF! He couldn’t get enough of it! On the air, in print, on the internet, the divine evangelist never failed to let it be known that he believed God was a Republican... or close to it anyway. And that is when he became dangerous... not only to himself, but to the Constitution of the United States, and the principles on which it stood! (Am I still alive?)

Yes, it’s simple. Believe it or not, there is a reason why great minds more than four centuries ago agreed that life would be better if there was an unceasing channel between Church and State! Perhaps, they owned a crystal ball! We’re not sure. The only thing we know is that in words plain and urgent, cre- ators of what would become part of our modern Democracy insisted we take great care to make certain, “In God We Trust” and “Under God, Indivisible” did not become the absolute measures of all American governmental decisions and procedures. Most certainly. Rev. Falwell disagreed.

With his fatherly gaze and lowland Virginia drawl, Falwell methodically set about weaving a fabric where “American,” “Republican,” “Conservatism,” and “Baptist” were all one word! And from that one comprehensive and fretfully whisperable word (The “Religious Right,” shhhhhhh!), all things in America and around the world were measured. And what did Falwell think about Black people? He had many Black friends who were preachers of great and high distinction. Rev. Al Sharpton was not one of them. Does that answer your question. For you who may not know, Rev. Jerry Falwell died recently. He will be missed, as he has always been missed. However, I am quite certain he, Billy Sunday and Elmer Gantry will be having a great time taking one of the many Bible Religious Classes made mandatory in the Hereafter! Call it God’s answer to In-Class Suspension!

Where Were They?

I don’t scare easily. In my 50-plus years on this earth, I’ve been missed or read some things that would keep other people up all night. I’ve also known some people who are scary in their own right.

When I picked up a daily public- ation this past weekend and read a story of 6 children (and I stress children) robbing people in Ybor City late Friday night, that scared me.

The children are between the ages of 15 and 16, and according to police, were armed with handguns. During one of the robberies, police said an older teen instructed a younger one to “do it” when one victim refused to hand over her purse.

The fact that six children were out at 11:30 p.m. on a Friday night with guns rob- bing people is scary enough. What’s more scary is where their parents? How can you not know what your chil- dren are doing that time of night, and how can you not know they have guns? What’s equally scary is this act is indicative of what we can expect this summer. Every summer, a child is murdered senselessly, and the person on the ‘other end of the gun is usu- ally another child.

I usually try to be lenient toward parents when their chil- dren pull off these kind of stunts. But, there has to be some accountability, and if the children can’t be accountable, then it has to fall on their par- ents. Where were they? I hope this act isn’t an indica- tor of parents losing control of their children, or being more concerned about their own lives than what’s going on with their children. If that’s the case, then we’re in serious trouble. As parents, you have to be in control of your house and your children. If you can’t deal out the discipline that will keep them from taking someone’s life or having their own lives cut short, then give them up. There is no excuse for six chil- dren to be running around Ybor City with guns robbing people. There is no plausible explanation as to why these children weren’t doing what normal children do on a Friday night.

Fortunately, no one was hurt in their foray, and these six criminals will be dealt with in our Juvenile and Criminal jus- tice systems. But, it shouldn’t have come to this. It shouldn’t have come to these children becoming another statistic.

Parents, please listen to your children and pay attention to what they are doing and who they are doing it with. Put them first instead of what’s impor- tant to you. When something happens to them, you will have no one to blame but yourself.

Another View

East Tampa: A Third World Country

Almost everybody is talking about eco- nomic development, and the physical revitalization of East Tampa. The mayor of the city has com-mitted to improvements in the city. City Council is supposedly on board, and several East Tampa organizations are working to make life better there.

Travel the beaten path of East Tampa, and one can easily get the impression that life gets better in the large area populated by thousands of Black people. But get off the main drags. Travel the back streets, the side streets and the forgotten streets.

In many areas of East Tampa, it resembles a third world country. Unpaved streets, dirt roads and no sidewalks are common. Overgrown lots, illegal dumping, decaying housing and piles of junk are also common.

Poverty, a lack of educa- tion, despair and hopeless- ness are also common traits of these back street commu- nities. What makes this even worse is so many of our elected officials are unaware of these existing conditions.

The reasons for some of them is that they don’t come into East Tampa, while oth- ers come but they only travel the safe streets and the ones that get the most attention.

All elected officials should take a tour of East Tampa to see the conditions that they have never seen, and don’t know that they exist. When I say third world conditions, am I over reacting? I certain- ly am not. Check it out.

Parts of East Tampa have been ignored for years. This has created third world con- ditions. I have been told that there are houses in East Tampa that still have septic tanks. Just think, Tampa has been called the next great city. Now I wonder what they mean by great city.

By no means am I suggest- ing that we forget about the rest of the city, and concen- trate only on making East Tampa a better place to live. I do want all elected officials to be aware of that area, and become dedicated to making some changes.

The City of Tampa is expe- riencing a marvelous eco- nomic boom that is bringing physical improvements to our city. But for the most part, it is passing East Tampa and African Americans by. Enough! Enough and enough.

Hood Time

By Leon Crews

Where Were They?
A Snake In The White House

I wonder what they're thinking now? The people who voted for George W. Bush have to be having second thoughts. I'm not talking about the ones who were fooled in 2000. I'm referring more to the ones that turned around and re-elected him in 2004. They can't possibly be feeling good about themselves. I can only imagine what goes through their mind as they rearrange their monthly budgets to accommodate continuously rising gas prices. I mean did they actually believe that "W" did a good enough job during his first four years to warrant a second term? Maybe they overlooked the little conflict in the desert that started over a bogus report about WMD's (Weapons of Mass Destruction). That memo must not have reached them.

There had to be some sort of miscommunication because I'm still trying to figure out how a president who lied to the American people and took the economy into a nose dive, was able to keep his job?

I remember someone once telling me that they didn't participate in the election process because they believed that their choosing to vote or not was of no consequence. I could understand their skepticism after the Bush and Gore debacle, but trying to tell that to the 3,000 families whose loved ones were killed in Iraq while fighting for the private interest of an oil-happy administration.

It has to be an even harder pill to swallow for the Bush supporter whose son or daughter is serving in the military. In the back of his mind, this parent realizes that if his child doesn't make it home, the death certificate may have been signed years earlier in a voting booth. A folded flag, a framed picture and a few medals will be the only reminder of a future that could have been.

While I have empathy for anyone who loses a family member in combat, I have about as much sympathy for a Bush supporter. I have some sort of empathy for the old lady who was bitten by a dying snake that she nursed back to health... she should have known what she was getting into when she picked him up.

Just like that dying snake, Bush's presidency should have been left withering on the side of the road a long time ago. Instead, it was resurrected and this country has been slowly dying from its bite ever since.

Clarence Barr, II (43110-018) at Edgefield Federal Correctional Facility, P. O. Box 725, Edgefield, SC 29824.

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As family, we are all appealing to the community to support the investigative efforts of the Tampa Police Department. As is true, in most cases, someone is aware of what happened on that day and can help solve this case if they would come forward and share case breaking information. The Tampa Police Department has insured that confidentiality will be in place for anyone who shall come forward and provide information that will assist in solving this case. If you know something - please come forward. If you know someone who knows something - please urge them to come forward.

We are forgiving as commanded by GOD (Matthew 6:14). Those that committed this heinous crime should not be on the streets for it is obvious that they consider themselves above the civil law ordained (Romans 13:1) by GOD. The family is offering a $2,500.00 reward for information that will lead to an arrest and conviction. If you have any information, please contact the Tampa Police Department at 813-354-6600 or 813-276-3594 and be assured that anonymity shall be observed for anyone willing to help solve this case. Do it for your community, so that we can further insure the safety of our loved ones - especially our children.

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Senator Spearheads Passage Of Black Business Loan Program

Senator Arthenia Joyner (D - Tampa) authored legislation to promote the development of Black business enterprises in Florida. The bill unanimously passed the Senate and House of Representatives and it creates a black business loan program to be administered by the Governor's Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development (OTTED), in collaboration with the Florida Black Business Investment Board, Inc. (FBBIB), to address studies that found a growing disparity of access to conventional bank capital by black business enterprises in Florida. To support the program, Senator Joyner helped secure $3.0 million in the legislative budget.

"We have solidified the crucial role that black businesses play in our state's economy with the passage of this bill," commented Joyner, "and we have further ensured that opportunities for diversity abound."

Under the program, OTTED would disburse funds appropriated by the legislature to regional Black Business Investment Corporations (BBICs), who would utilize these funds to provide, loans, loan guarantees and equity investment to qualified Black business owners seeking to expand and grow their businesses.

BBICs would also provide assistance in obtaining management skills. Black business enterprises in the Tampa and St. Petersburg areas may seek assistance through the Tampa Bay Black Business Investment Corporation, which is expected to receive funds under the program.

The legislation also charges the FBBIB with serving as an advocate and information clearinghouse, on behalf of qualified Black business enterprises, by seeking to eliminate market barriers, which restrict the business development among Black Floridians. Part of this advocacy will include a report to the Florida Legislature outlining the capital needs of Black businesses enterprises and entrepreneurs in Florida.

As Keevin Williams, President of the FBBIB, states "the legislation reflects the commitment of Senator Joyner and her colleagues in ensuring that all of Florida's citizens participate in the growing prosperity of the state."

Key to this is the legislation's creation of the Black Contractors Bond Program, from which Black contractors, particularly those receiving state and local government contracts, would seek surety bond coverage, which is often needed to participate in larger government contracts.

The legislation must be signed by the Governor and takes effect July 1, 2007.
Behind The Pulpit:


Dr. T.W. Jenkins became pastor of the church in 1995, and he serves on several religious and civic organizations in the Tampa Bay area. The church located at 3005 E. Ellicott Street has ministries geared towards health care, education, families, evangelism and local youth, and has a reported membership of over 1,500 people.

“We offer over 30 ministries, all of which are open to visitors searching for a spirit-filled place to call home,” said Pastor Jenkins. “We’re located in a densely populated urban area, and we minister to the needs of individuals as well as the community.”

Pastor Jenkins holds a B.A. Degree from American Baptist College and Theological Seminary, a Masters of Theology from Southern Baptist Seminary Institute, a Doctorate of Ministry from Christian Bible College and Seminary and a Doctorate of Humanities from Blessed Hope Bible College.

Dr. T.W. Jenkins is married to the former Vera M. Moore. He has three children, Claudia Darice, Teresa Renee (Ricky) Robinson and Jason Cortez. He also has two grandchildren, Jazlyn and Tadarain.

For more information on New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, please call (813) 236-3611.

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Tampa Native Is Flourishing As A Nationally Published Author

Clifford Roberts has experienced a lot over the course of his life, but his ultimate ambition was always to become a writer. The 65-year-old retiree has worked as a soldier, a singer, a journalist, a housing contractor and a real estate investor. Now the Tampa native is finding success as a nationally published author. Roberts has published five books, and is in the process of completing a sixth. The book titles include Run Lee Run, Poison Blood, OR3, Red Rum Murders and In A Killer’s Eye.

"I’m still fairly new as an author, but writing is something that I love to do. I hope that these books will captivate people," said Roberts. "Many people have classified my books as suspense and mystery novels, but I just hope that people will enjoy them."

Roberts was raised in New York City, and discovered he had a passion to write poetry and short stories over the years despite hectic schedules, and though he’s now disabled, Roberts believes this is an ideal time to write his novels. "I think that I’m going to stick to writing. I feel like I’m living my dream right now," said Roberts. "I’ve gotten great responses from people who have read my book, and I continue to be inspired to write so this is very satisfying for me. My main objective now is to catch the ear of other people who enjoy reading a good book."

Members of the Association For The Study Of African-American Life and History, Inc. (ASALH) - Tampa Bay Chapter invites the public to attend a summit at the College Hill Public Library, 2607 E. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd. on Wednesday, May 30, 6 p.m.

Tampa Bay Chapter President Francis T. Alexander announced recently that the group soon will request that Hillsborough County School Board officials name a public school in honor of ASALH Founder Dr. Carter G. Woodson. One possibility is the former federal post office and courthouse building at Florida Avenue and Zack Street in downtown Tampa, should that building become a high school.

"Because Dr. Woodson is acknowledged all over the world as the individual who made Black History Month, which now each February is called Black History Month, we can think of no person more worthy of this honor,” she said. “We invite churches, civic and social organizations, public and elected officials and all interested persons to come to this summit.”

The meeting also will introduce to those present ASALH’s mission statement, goals and strategies. Membership is open to the public. This International organization was founded September 9, 1915, by Dr. Woodson.

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As a teenager growing up in Baltimore, Maryland, Dowridge was the most unwanted student at his elementary school, and later when he moved to Tampa, and his high school.

"I was attracted to every negative aspect of a young man's life. I was attracted to the gangs, drugs, and the abuse of drugs and alcohol. Being incarcerated was a badge of honor for me, because that's the way the other guys portrayed it."

However, Dowridge was to have an awakening, and after finally getting his diploma and a degree in business marketing, he found the one place he could serve the best.

"As a motivational speaker, I felt that was the best way to reach these young minds and reveal to them my own experience. That way, they'd see what I've gone through is no different than what they're experiencing now. If I could overcome it, they can too."

In 1992, Dowridge founded DLD Enterprises, a nationally recognized, innovative and dynamic corporate entity specializing in strategic research, planning, and building self-esteem.

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Mental Health Care For Children Needs More Attention

BY LEON B. CREWS
Sentinel Staff Writer

With the entire month of May being set aside as "Mental Health Month," most people tend to think of those with young or older adults. However, there is a segment of society that is in dire need of these services, and more professionals are needed to provide for them.

Dania Brown is a Licensed Mental Health Counselor, and has been working with children for more than two decades. Her clients are children who've been victims of crimes, but she also is concerned about other children.

"My biggest concern is the ones who don't fit the category as being victims of crimes. They need these services as well.

"There are a lot of factors that can contribute to a child needing mental health counseling, and they aren't all related to criminal activity."

Ms. Brown points to the fact that child abuse has been around since the beginning of time, and she sees a lot of children who are in need of counseling services but don't get them.

"Awareness has increased as far as attention to child abuse is concerned. The school system and law enforcement have played an important role. But, they only deal with the criminal aspects of child abuse, not the psychological damage it has on a child."

Anyone who wants to know more about mental health care for children can contact any licensed mental health facility with a pediatric program, or a licensed mental health professional.
Greater Mt. Carmel AME Church Celebrates 100 Years

Sparks of excitement are flying high at Greater Mt. Carmel African Methodist Episcopal Church as a charged up congregation readies itself for a momentous day of reverence, prayer, praise and recognition commemorating its 100th anniversary.

Senior Pastor Harry L. Dawkins, Chair of the West Coast Conference Board of Examiners, and the centenary committee, under the auspices of the theme, “Vision of a New Generation – Embracing the Challenge of a New Centennial,” have labored diligently to ensure that the magnitude of its historical impact will stand the test of time. The enthusiastic, capable chairperson of this unprecedented occasion is Mrs. Patricia Hall, Greater Mt. Carmel’s First Lady, Mrs. Clatties Dawkins, and Rev. Patricia Mosley are the proficient co-chairpersons.

On Sunday, May 27, 2007, the Tampa Bay community is graciously encouraged to lend its support by participating in the landmark ceremonies. The day’s activities will kick off with Church School at 9 a.m. Morning worship service will follow at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Ella Edwards, inspirational Pastor of Ivey Chapel AME Church, Nocatee, is programmed as the guest messenger.

The afternoon timetable will begin with a ceremonial procession at 3:30 p.m., which is scheduled to span a three-block area, beginning and culminating at the church. Bishop McKinley Young, Presiding Prelate of the Eleventh Episcopal District, is the honored dignitary and featured messenger for the commorative service, which will begin at 4 p.m. Guests will continue to rejoice during a specially prepared repast at the conclusion of the service.

Mrs. Elsie Livingston, who turns 100 in eighteen months, has personally participated in the church’s development. Her affiliation with the church began as a young teenager, under the leadership of Rev. A. W. Smith.

Looking back over the years she says, “We’ve had some ups and downs but through it all, God has been with us and brought us through the sunshine and the rain ... I know God will continue to take care of Greater Mt. Carmel.”

Another milestone was reached on May 26, 1963, when energized congregants moved into the current sanctuary, located at 4209 North 34th Street.

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The New Testament - God’s Final Revelation

God says some very definitive things in His word the Bible. He makes it very clear that the New Testament is His Final Revelation. John 16:13 “Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth; for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will shew you things to come.”

II Peter 1:3 “According as His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue.”

II Timothy 3:16-17 “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.”

Notice what the above verses affirm. The truth (which is absolute) is given by God through the Holy Spirit to the New Testament apostles and prophets: (1) provides us with all truth; (2) gives us all things that pertain to life and godliness; (3) completely furnishes us unto every good work. That being true, observe what that says about later prophetic and revelational things like Joseph Smith’s Book of Mormon, Doctrines and Covenants and Pearl of Great Price. What that says is, Joseph Smith is a FALSE PROPHET and the books on which he put his stamp of approval are FALSE.

The same is true regarding Muhammad and the Koran. FALSE. To his credit, Joseph Smith at least was willing to accept the fact that Jesus was the Son of God, which Muhammad and his followers deny. My friends, the Bible is the final revelation from God.

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Official Settles Election Violations

During their regular meeting in February, members of the Florida Elections Commission found probable cause that Hillsborough County Commissioner Kevin White had violated 14 election laws during his campaign for office. As a result of the civil ruling, he could face up to $38,000 in fines.

During a telephone interview on Thursday, Commissioner White said the case has been settled with the Florida Elections Commission. "The final chapter is over and done with and I can now move on. I will not make that mistake again."

Commissioner White was accused of using campaign contributions to purse clothing and purchasing a computer. He said officials ruled that the computer was a reasonable and necessary purchase.

However, Commissioner White said, he was found in violation pertaining to the purchase of suits valued at more than $6,100 while campaigning for office. Commissioner White said he felt the purchases were within the guidelines. He later repaid the money to the campaign. Commissioner White was fined $9,500.

The Commission launched the investigation after receiving a complaint from Lawrence R. Schuler. Reporter Iris B. Holton can be contacted at (813) 348-1921 or by e-mail at iris@flsentinel.com.

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Community Activist Surprised For 80th Birthday

She is the first to admit, that it's not easy to surprise her, nor is it easy to hide anything from her. However, it was a total surprise last month when the family of Mrs. Queen Miller hosted an 80th birthday party for her at the Gadsden Historical Society in Quincy. Daughter Yolanda Trigg and other family members were busy preparing her birthday party and she had no knowledge of it. The party was on April 21st and her birthday was April 25th.

Among those on the program were: Grady James, Marquia I. Trigg, violin soloist; awards and accolades from her church, St. John Progressive M. B. Church, Rev. Bartholomew Banks, Pastor; St. John Deaconess Board, Hillsborough County Chapter NAACP, Tampa Mayor Pam Iorio, Tampa Police Dept.; tributes from friends, teachers, students, family and grandchildren and remarks from the honoree. The closing remarks were from Yolanda Trigg.

Helping to make the program a success were Mr. Shar'Ron Brown, Mrs. Mary Davis and Charles Brown, Sr.

Mrs. Miller was an instructor in the Gadsden County School System for many years, retiring in June, 1989.

Locally, Mrs. Miller has been very active with Neighborhood Watch and other police-community organizations.

Mrs. Queen Miller cutting her 80th birthday cake, adorned with her photo.

Deacon Grady James of Quincy.

Seated, granddaughter Turquoise Wilson with great-granddaughter, Taylia Wilson and standing, Mrs. Miller's cousin, Mrs. Kathy Bredwell.

Mrs. Yolanda Trigg, mistress of ceremony, daughter of Mrs. Miller, and Mrs. Mary Davis, who represented the Gadsden County School Board.

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First, not even Phyllis Dukes condones the things her son, Elijah, has been accused of. But, she does offer a better understanding of why her son has anger issues, and the true causes of his emotional outbursts.

"When Elijah's father went to prison, he was only 10 years old. They were very close, and Elijah was his first born. They did everything together. But, he got angry when his father wasn't around anymore, and blamed everyone."

Ms. Dukes said she couldn't work at that time, because she spent so much time at her son's school. "Elijah has always been big for his age, and they intimidated him. He was never a bully, but he was picked on so much, and that only made him angrier."

"It was my idea in 1995 to get him involved in baseball. I hoped it would help him deal with his anger issues. He started out at Belmont Heights Little League, then went to North Seminole, the Yellow Jackets, then back to Belmont Heights. Although he'd get angry over some calls, the problems weren't as bad then."

Ms. Dukes said at that time, someone suggested Elijah was on steroids because of his size. That made his anger issues resurface again.

"People know the right buttons to push to set him off, and that's what she's done."

Ms. Dukes said she and NiShea have spent good times together, but they've also had their problems. "Those things are untrue and unfair. I have nothing to do with the problems she and Elijah are having."

Ms. Dukes said no one has bothered to talk to Elijah and hear his side. "No one has bothered to talk to him and find out what's really bothering him. No one seems concerned about what makes him angry. All they want to do is make him out to be some kind of monster."

"Dukes is still a member of the Tampa Bay Devil Rays, and played in a game Thursday. He had been leading the American League in rookie home runs, and is still a top hitter and fielder for the team."

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Ms. Lang decided that the best way to express herself was through the one constant in her life: music.

Known professionally as Lady J, Ms. Lang started singing at age 7 in her native Ft. Pierce, but didn’t realize she could sing until age 9.

“My mother was a pastor, and I was a member of the youth choir. That’s when I realized I could actually sing.”

What Lady J wasn’t prepared for was two years later. Her mother passed away, and at the age of 9, she was basically left to care for herself.

“I started living on my own at the age of 12. That experience taught me a lot and made me a strong woman. It also gave me the inspiration and the love for music and my life.”

Now a 24-year-old single parent, Lady J recalls going to high school during the day, and working at night as a waitress to take care of herself and her children.

“That’s why I named my first born, Precious. She is truly a precious bundle of joy.”

Throughout her experiences, Lady J continued to sing and write songs. She also never left the comfort of the church.

In 2006, things started turning around for Lady J. Her life became more stable, and she started feeling the music even more.

“I’ve written between 50 and 100 songs, but I have about 23 that will be looked at to go onto my first album, Lady J, The Rebirth.”

Lady J said she’s been categorized as an R&B singer, but she says her style is totally different.

“You may want to call it R&B, but I have a little swagger to it. I do know I’m what the industry has been missing.”

Lady J’s first show was in Lake Wales. On June 2nd, she’ll be appearing in Vero Beach.

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SPORTSIDE
WITH RANDY

Trail Blazer Win NBA Lottery

Last Tuesday night, the National Basketball Association held its annual draft lottery to see what order the 14 teams with the worst win-loss record would draft. The Portland Trail Blazers emerged as the big winner.

Just how big was the win? Try 7 feet and 280 pounds as, in Ohio State's freshman Greg Oden. The Trail Blazers ping-pong came up #1 and gave them the rights to Oden, says the Mets may play George, the team's manager.

Jamboree will have a representative from the Tampa area.

League Urban Initiative of 24-1 for the season. Keith

Little League Team To Play In Pennsylvania For Jamboree

BELMONT HEIGHTS LITTLE LEAGUE TEAM

The 4th Annual Little League Urban Initiative Jamboree will have a representative from the Tampa area.

The Mets of the Belmont Heights Little League will be heading to Williamsport, PA this Friday to participate in the jamboree event. The team consists of 10-12 year olds, and they have a record of 2-1 for the season. Keith George, the team's manager, says the Mets may play any of the 13 teams from around the country that will be in attendance.

"The team has done a great job this year. I believe that they deserve this because they have worked so hard all season," said George.

"Around the beginning of the year we learned that we were being considered, and after we won our last two playoff games they let us know that we were invited." The Jamboree will consist of several games, instruction and other events. Well-known Major League Baseball manager Dusty Baker will be in attendance, and participate in the event. The team is scheduled to play in the City Finals when they return from Pennsylvania.

George credits his assistant coaches, Woodrow George and Dola McCloud, for helping the team reach their current level of success. He also credits Sol Davis, owner of Sol Davis Printing, Inc., for sponsoring the team, and helping in a variety of ways.

"Sol Davis has done a lot for this team. He loves kids, and it shows. We plan on throwing him a picnic and barbeque when we get back," said George. "We want to go up there and represent Tampa right, and have a good time. It's a great honor, and we're going to do it."

Reporters / Writers Antione Davis can be reached at (813) 248-1591. He can also be reached at adavis@flsentinel.com.

16th Annual BAYTAF Classic Competition Set For Weekend

On Memorial Day Weekend, athletes, coaches, parents, and spectators will converge on the Sam Horton Stadium, 4401 W. Cypress (Jefferson High School), for the 16th Annual BAYTAF (Bay Area Youth Track and Field, Inc.) Classic Memorial Day Weekend Track and Field Events. The event is one of the largest track and field meets in the nation.

This year, more than 1,800 athletes from throughout the Southeastern United States and Caribbean Islands will converge on Tampa beginning on Friday, May 30th. The event is a three-day event.

This year, the organization will recognize and pay tribute to Rev. Thomas Scott for his outstanding public service and commitment to the track and field community. "Councilman Scott took the initiative to get the Hillsborough County Board of County Commission to fund the construction of all-weather tracks at several schools," said the public is invited to attend. Anyone wishing to obtain additional information may call (813) 232-8788, after 7 p.m., or go online to http://www.baytaf.org.

Rev. Thomas Scott

Reporters Iris B. Holton can be contacted at (813) 248-1921 or by e-mail at irish@flsentinel.com.

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SPORTS
**Bengals Waive Nicholson**

COVINGTON, Ky.—The Cincinnati Bengals waivered linebacker A.J. Nicholson on Monday, hours after he pleaded not guilty to a charge accusing him of hitting his girlfriend.

Nicholson was a fifth-round draft pick from Florida State in 2006 but played in only two games because of a hamstring injury.

Nicholson was charged with domestic assault and harassment on Friday after his girlfriend, Victoria Johnson, told police he choked and beat her. On Monday, she asked a judge in Kenton County District Court to allow her to move out of the home he shared with her, but a judge did not allow it.

Outside of court, Johnson said Nicholson never hit her, and that she got a mark under her eye when she grabbed a cell phone from him.

Nicholson so hard that she struck herself with the phone. "I was emotional and I was mad at A.J.," Johnson said. "Like a lot of other couples, we had been arguing. But I am to blame here. I exaggerate the situation. The police officer misinterpreted my upset and emotional demeanor."

Nicholson remains free on his $5,000 bond. A preliminary hearing was set for May 31.

**Keyshawn Retires**

LOS ANGELES — Keyshawn Johnson has caught the damn ball in the NFL for the last time.

Johnson, who played a great game and talked one as well during an 11-year career, retired Wednesday despite several offers to continue playing.

He'll soon be expressing his strong opinions on ESPN. "I wouldn't trade my career for anyone's," Johnson said at a news conference on the University of Southern California campus, where he starred before the New York Jets made him the first overall selection in the 1996 draft.

"I've done everything I wanted to do in my career," he said. "I just couldn't find one thing that could drive me back to playing football. As I learned from Bill Parcells — the circus doesn't stay in town very long."

Johnson has agreed to a multiyear contract, and will appear on several ESPN telecasts, including pre-game shows on Sundays and Monday nights, and do some radio work as well.

"We're still working on all the different platforms they want me to be a part of," he said.

Johnson, who turns 35 in July, released three weeks ago by the Carolina Panthers. He said at least a half-dozen teams offered him a new job.

"Those guys were terrific, from Lane Kiffin to Bill Belichick to Jeff Fisher," Johnson said, referring to the coaches in Oakland, New England and Tennessee, respectively. "They all wanted me to play football for them. At the end of the day, it just didn't fit into what I wanted to do now."

Jerome Stanley, Johnson's agent, said his client agreed to terms on what he called a substantial deal with ESPN.

"We're very, very pleased," Stanley said, adding that the Titans offered close to $8 million for two years, with most of the money guaranteed.

Fisher became friends with Johnson while he played at USC and Johnson was a ball boy.

Johnson became the 18th player in NFL history to reach 800 career receptions and the 26th with 10,000 receiving yards. last season, when he caught 70 passes for 816 yards and four touchdowns for the Carolina Panthers.

He finishes with 814 receptions for 10,971 yards and 64 touchdowns in 167 games.
Chris Henry has been arrested four times over a 14-month period.

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**Dukes Benched**

ST. PETERSBURG — Tampa Bay rookie Elijah Dukes was held out of the lineup Wednesday night against Seattle following a public argument in which he threatened Seattle's 22-year-old outfielder.

The St. Petersburg Times reported Nick She Gilbert filed suit for protection after receiving a threatening message on her cell phone on May 2, as well as a text message that included a picture of a handgun.

The Devil Rays said they were aware Dukes' marriage was ending, but that the allegations detailed in the story caught the team by surprise.

Manager Joe Maddon said he made the decision to sit Dukes on Wednesdays. Although the young center fielder was in uniform and appeared ready to play the game.

"It was my decision not to play him," Maddon said after he and Devil Rays executive vice president Andrew Friedman met with Dukes before the game.

Maddon also said he and his wife have been married since February 2006 and have two children, another factor that was threatening in the phone message.

Michael Vick and one of the dogs seized from his property in rural Surry County, Va. (Courtesy of The Virginian-Pilot)

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**Prosecutor: No Link Between Vick, Dog Fights**

chesapeake, Va. — The prosecutor investigating whether property owned by Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick was part of a dog fighting operation said Wednesday he still doesn't have solid evidence linking Vick to dog fighting.

"I know everybody is saying, 'When are those fools in Surry County going to get up off their butts and do something?'"' Gerald Poindeaster told The Virginian-Pilot, Norfolk on Wednesday. "But what are we going to do?"

Poindeaster said there are no eyewitnesses who could identify how the Falcons owner and Vick, a native of Newport News who starred at Virginia Tech, is a registered dog breeder.

He said he let a cousin, Davon Boddie, live at the house, and that he didn't know a large kennel on the property was involved in criminal activity.

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**Blazers Win NBA Draft Lottery; Seattle Gets 2nd Pick**

Greg Oden averaged 16.2 points and 9.2 rebounds during the NBA playoffs as UConn's team went on to win the NCAA tournament.

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"He’s been tested and cleared twice," Sanders said.

The Bengals said they were pleased with the latest news on Henry.

"The club is not aware of any circumstance in which Chris has not complied with his obligations to legal and NFL-related procedures that will be required if he is to return to active playing status during the 2007 season," the Bengals said in a statement.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello declined to comment Wednesday on Henry.

Henry undergoes drug screenings as part of his probation in Orlando, Fla., for carrying a concealed weapon and in Kenton County for letting a minor drink in a hotel room he rented. Kentucky state authorities screen Henry for Florida authorities.

Reports had circulated Monday that Henry, already suspended for eight NFL games and on probation in both Kentucky and Florida for crimes there, had failed a drug test. Henry’s agent denied the report, and the Kenton county prosecutor’s office conceded there were inconsistencies that made more testing needed.
JACKSON

Morning Glory

Funeral services for Mr. Elijah Caldwell will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 26, 2007, at Exciting Idlewild Baptist Church, 2973 N. Tampa Street, Tampa.

He was born November 30, 1921, and raised in Central Park Village, he was a security guard for Hillsborough County Schools.

Anthony leaves cherished memories with his mother, Frances McCloud; stepmother, Ruth Caldwell; stepfather, Anthony Session; Sr.; 3 daughters, Roshon Plummer (Rob) of Jacksonville, Antionette Jones Caldwell and Lisa Doris; son, Eric Hodges of U.S.S. Navy; grandchildren, Terrell Jones, Tyvasha Jones, Erold Jones, Terrell Caldwell, Denasco Caldwell, Da'Wana Cowhead and Aaliyah Plummer; great grandchildren, Devin Caldwell, Destiny Caldwell, Darrion Caldwell, Malik Anthony Caldwell will be with Caldwell; aunts, Eddy C. Caldwell, Louise Johnson and Delores Fletcher; uncles, Joseph Fletcher and Leon Fletcher; great aunt, Carrie Swain of Lakeland; sisters, Lynda Jackson (Charles), Sr., Tara Howell (Booby), Flavia Hardy (Angie), Angela Hamilton (Jerome), Sandra Reed, Mary Thomas, Veronica Caldwell, Islay Cutler, Betty Stewart, Margie Stewart, Sandra Simpson and Daisy Green; brothers, Robert Session, Patricia, Anthony Session (Ann), Randy Stewart (Ether) of Atlanta, GA, Eddie Session, Freddie Caldwell, Jr.; Joseph Jackson, Jr., Frederick Caldwell, Travis Caldwell, Tommy Stewart, Renaissance, Jesse Caldwell, Jr., David Stewart and Danny Stewart; 55 nieces, 43 nephews, 47 great nieces, 45 great nephews and 5 great, great nieces; a host of cousins, relatives and friends, Charlie Jones, Joseph Jones, Sr., David Stewart, Henry Kemp, Frank Kemp and families.

Visitation for Mr. Caldwell will be held from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, May 25, 2007, at Friendly Missionary Baptist Church, 1901 Central Avenue, Tampa, with the family receiving friends from 7-8 p.m.

Postell's Mortuary

Mr. James E. Howard

Funeral service for Mr. James E. Howard Sr., 80, of Tampa, who passed away on Wednesday, May 16, 2007, will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 26, 2007, at a private residence, 5816 Bruton Boulevard, Orlando.

He was a Foreman for Pace Construction Company until his retirement. He was a Veteran of the United States Air Force.

He is survived by: his mother, Ida Mae Benjamin; ex-wife, Jessie Mae Howard; children, Ronnie Douse (Kristie), James E. Howard, Jr., Carrie D. Howard (Garfield), Dwayne Eric Howard, Paula L. Howard-Connolly (Paul), and Bridgett Stewart; sisters, Minnie Evans (Watkins), Janual McCollom (Tommie), Shirley Morris, Mildred McGee, Brenda Ruffin (Thamas), Belle Ellis; brother, John E. Howard and Arnold Benjamin.

Visitation will be held on Friday, May 25, 2007, from 6-8 p.m. at the mortuary.

In Charge Of Services Is POSTELL'S MORTUARY, PINE HILLS CHAPEL, 811 North 83rd Street, Orlando, (407) 895-3857.

Ray Williams

Mr. William "Bill" Charles of Florida, was born on May 16, 1907, and passed away Saturday, May 19, 2007.

Funeral services will be conducted at 11 a.m. on May 26, 2007, at a private residence, 4101 N. Cameron, W. Tampa, Florida 33610.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, May 25, 2007, at Friendly Missionary Baptist Church, 1901 Central Avenue, Tampa, with the family receiving friends from 7-8 p.m.

Mr. Charles was a native of Bessemer, Alabama, and a resident of Tampa for over 30 years. He was a Veteran of the United States Air Force.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L.C. Charles, Sr.

He is survived by: his life-long companion and lifelong friend, Eunice Martin; his loving and devoted wife, Willie Sue Butts of N. Cameron, and stepdaughter, Debbie Johnson of W. Tampa, daughter, Edith Butts of Tampa; his family, Computer Consultant; his grandchildren, Chicemf Butts, William Butts, Kenneth Woods (Ivitta) and Vernon Colbert, all of Tampa; his nieces and nephews, Cheryl Butts, Erika, Michael, Maechele (LaAudraw), Robert, Dena (James), Camila, Vernon, Herman, Jermaine, Grover, and Ron and his nine children, Marthin,t, Waltel, Michael, Tony, Stellet, LaReese and Precious Grant (Tod); god-mothers, Victor Young, Brian Duncan and Kelly Parish; goddaughters, Rev. Beverly Green,

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THERE WILL BE NO PUB­LIC VIEWING.

The funeral cortège will arrange at 1905 W. St. Conrad Street at approxi­mately 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 26, 2007.

Arrangements entrusted to RAY WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME, Rhodes & Northern, Owner.

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MRS. ROSE MARIE SMITH

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It’s been 4 long years since you’ve been gone. We love you and miss you.

Your children, Selena and CeCe.

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Greatly missed, but not forgotten. You will always be loved by your daughter, Evelyn, family and friends.

IN MEMORIAM

JESSIE MANLEY 5/28/19 - 1/22/07

ALICE MANLEY 11/9/16 - 5/26/72

HENRY JAMES JACKSON, JR.

It has been five years, May 26, 2002. We all miss your smile. You will always be in our hearts.

Your mother and family.

EDDIE LEE DENSON, SR.

Dear Granddaddy, and greetings from London, England, it feels different without you here, but I know you are still in our hearts. We still miss your smile. You will always be in our hearts.

All my love, your grandson, Brandon C. C. Demer.

The family of the late Rev. Joseph Washington extend our heartfelt thanks and deep appreciation for the many expressions of sympathy and acts of kindness during the passing of our loved one.

We were overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and support from our friends, neighbors, relatives and members of the community. We appreciate the cards and resolutions from local churches that honored the life and death of a man whom we knew as husband, father and Pastor. You shared in our grief, helped us through our sorrow, and spoke of the promise we have in so great a faith of eternal rest with God.

Sincerely, the Washington family.

REV. THEOPHILUS JACKSON JAMES

Sunrise: 6/9/16
Sunset: 5/26/91

REV. JOSEPH WASHINGTON

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We were overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and support from our friends, neighbors, relatives and members of the community. We appreciate the cards and resolutions from local churches that honored the life and death of a man whom we knew as husband, father and Pastor. You shared in our grief, helped us through our sorrow, and spoke of the promise we have in so great a faith of eternal rest with God.

Sincerely, the Washington family.

22 Governors Asking Congress For Gas Prices Inquiry

TALLAHASSEE - Governor Charlie Crist has joined 21 other Governors in calling for a Congressional inquiry into the sudden, unexplained spike in gas prices.

"The pocketbooks of our citizens have already been stretched because of soaring fuel costs, and now people are having to stretch them even further," the letter is addressed to Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi; Representative John Boehner; and Senator Mitch McConnell, Majority Leader; and Senator Harry Reid, Majority Leader; and Senator Mitch McConnell, Minority Leader.

The letter was signed by governors from Connecticut, Kansas, Florida, Washington, Oregon, Maine, South Dakota, Vermont, Illinois, New Mexico, Michigan, North Dakota, Delaware, Iowa, Wisconsin, Arkansas, Utah, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Maryland, Arizona, and the U. S. Virgin Islands.

For the third consecutive year, Florida residents will be exempt from paying sales tax on items for the upcoming hurricane season. This year, the Hurricane Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday begins at midnight on Friday, June 11th and concludes at midnight on Tuesday, June 16th.

After signing into law House Bill 211, Governor Charlie Crist said, "I urge all Floridians to take advantage of the Hurricane Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday so that every person is prepared for the possibility of a storm. We have learned from experience that prepared residents and communities are key to surviving and recovering from hurricanes and other natural disasters."

Senator Carey Baker and Representative Peter Nehr sponsored the bill. This holiday is expected to save Floridians nearly $25 million in sales taxes.

Governor Crist also stated that this gives Floridians the opportunity to update their disaster plans and restock their disaster kits. Some of the items covered during the sales tax holiday are flashlights and other portable light sources that cost $20 or less; portable radios, two-way radios and weather band radios, that cost $75 or less; tarps that cost $50 or less; gasoline or diesel fuel containers that cost $25 or less; portable generators that cost $1,000 or less; storm shutter devices that cost $75 or less; and carbon monoxide detectors that cost $75 or less.

Other items that can be purchased during this 12-day period include non-electric food storage coolers; AAA, AA, C, D, 9-volt batteries that cost $30 or less; ice chests; any cell phone charger that cost less than $40; any cell phone battery, costing less than $60; and numerous other items. To obtain a listing of items qualifying for the tax holiday, visit www.myflorida.com.
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CRIME NEWS

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Howan Williams...died Thursday from February 7th shooting.

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Pain Sought In Convenience Store Robbery

PINELLAS COUNTY - The Pinellas County Sheriff’s Office is asking for help in locating two men wanted for the robbery of a convenience store.

On May 18th at 9:36 p.m., the Little Food Mart Store, 3085 64th Avenue, North, was robbed when a Black woman entered the store behind the clerk.

Deputies said the female suspect pulled out a weapon, ordered a witness to the ground and then pointed the weapon at the clerk, demanding money and lottery tickets. As the clerk complied, deputies said a second suspect, a Black male, entered the store bringing in another witness at gunpoint. That witness was also ordered to the ground.

Detectives said that witness was sitting in a vehicle parked in front of the store before he was ordered inside the store.

Both suspects fled and may have left the area in a white Pontiac.

The female suspect is described as appearing to be 25 years old with shoulder length black hair. The male suspect is described as having a thin build. No one was injured, and the investigation is continuing.
CRIME NEWS

Child Found In Car Of Copper Theft Suspects

Tampa Police arrested four people Monday on burglary charges, one of them a woman who had her 1-year-old child with her.

Police said units responded to the area of Cayuga and North Central Avenue at 11:20 p.m. in reference to a suspicious vehicle.

On arrival, police set up surveillance and within a short time observed 3 people carrying air conditioner parts back to the vehicle.

Initially officers confronted the subjects, who immediately fled. Two of the subjects were caught while the third fled into a residential area. A perimeter was set up and after a brief search, that subject was also arrested.

The fourth subject was the driver of the suspect vehicle and when she tried to flee the scene, she sideloaded an unmarked police vehicle.

Mother Of Two Charged With Child Neglect

Tampa Police arrested a woman Wednesday afternoon, charging her with child neglect.

According to the report, Nactine Maddy, 26, left her 14-month-old daughter and 4-year-old nephew unsupervised for an hour and a half while she went out on a job interview.

The 4-year-old was found by neighbors wandering in front of the house. The neighbors entered the house to locate an adult and found the 14-month-old sleeping in a crib and no adult in the home, police said.

The neighbors flagged down an officer on patrol. The 4-year-old was not injured and Maddy arrived 10 minutes after police arrived.

The Department of Children and Families was notified and an investigator responded.

Maddy was arrested and the children were released to their respective male parents.

Body Found Buried Behind House Identified

When Tampa Police were conducting sexual predator checks in Sulphur Springs on April 26, 2007, they received a tip that Nicki Hendrix, 36, had been killed by her former boyfriend and buried behind a home on North 18th Street.

Hendrix had been reported missing. Detectives searched the backyard of the home at 8217 North 18th Street.

On Wednesday police brought in a team of cadaver canines from Sarasota County and the dogs alerted to a specific area in the back yard of the house.

Detectives then brought in a backhoe and found Hendrix, identified by fingerprints, buried 6-feet below the surface.

Their investigation, detectives learned Robert Pollock, 38, had lived with Hendrix in the 18th Street home when Pollock allegedly shot and killed her, burying her in the backyard.

The medical examiner believes Hendrix was buried for at least a year.

Pollock is being held with no bond on a charge of second-degree murder with a firearm.

Uncle Sandy Says

3, 5, 7, 9, "This life is worth living. I trust 13, 16, 17, 22 we can say, 25, 30, 33, 36 since it is what we make it."

Man Surrenders To Police After 3-Hour Standoff

Jerald Stone had just arrived at his Frierson Avenue home Wednesday after participating in a Bible Study program.

When he entered his home, he said he was surprised to see his nephew, Steve Holder, standing in the living room.

Holder had been sought by police Sunday for questioning about a sexual battery charge. He fled from police, but they tried Monday to talk to him again. Police said he fled a second time.

On Wednesday, police got a tip Holder was at his uncle's home. As police and the U.S. Marshals' Task Force surrounded the house, they reported seeing Holder climbing out of a window with a handgun. When he spotted police, he climbed back into the house.

"I hadn't seen him since last year," Stone, 48, suffers from a variety of medical problems and had recently suffered a stroke. Sitting in his wheelchair, he watched his nephew pacing back-and-forth.

"I didn't know what was going on, so I told him to sit and rest his nerves. When I noticed police outside with guns pointing at my house, I wanted to know what was going on."

Stone said Holder had gone to the restroom and was standing by the door when he approached him. Holder had a gun in his mouth.

"I told him things couldn't be that bad and tried to calm him down. I started reading the Bible to calm him down and that helped. I didn't want him to kill himself. I didn't want my grandson to see that."

Stone said no one in the family knew what was going on with Holder until they heard the report on television. Stone said the ordeal upset him and he was concerned he wouldn't be able to get to his medicine as long as his nephew was in the house.

"I never believed he'd harm me or my grandson, but I didn't want my grandson to see anything that was going on."

After Holder surrendered to police, Stone was able to get his medication and reported his blood sugar and hypertension had gone up.

"I didn't need to go to the hospital, and I'm alright now."

"The family will stand by him through this ordeal. Being a Christian you have to forgive."

Holder is being held without bond on charges of being a felon in possession of a firearm, possession of a firearm, possession of a firearm, and armed kidnapping, police said.
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Pastors On Patrol Hosts First Annual Ministers' Conference

Pastors On Patrol hosted their First Annual Ministers' Conference May 7th and 8th at Beulah Baptist Institutional Church. More than 100 pastors and ministers attended the conference. There were live lectures and sermons. Invited special guests were Mayor Pam Iorio and Sheriff David Gee.

The conference was the brainchild of Rev. Dr. W. James Favorite, host pastor and president. The event was chaired by Rev. Walter Turner. Pastor Moses Brown chaired the Mayor's Committee.


Elder Charles Davis presided over the Tuesday session. Also on the program were Wachovia Bank representative, Third Federal Bank representative, Roy James Insurance, Harless Insurance, Rev. Dr. Florence Howell, Foster Lovett, CPA, Oscar Osborn, Rev. Dr. Earl B. Mason, Mayor Iorio, Sheriff Gee, Rev. Joe Johnson, Mac McDowell, Dr. Favorite, Earl Burrett, Rev. Willie Butler of Atlanta, GA, Rev. Dr. Maurice L. Gladney and the closing sermon by Rev. Dr. T. W. Jenkins. (Photographs by Julia Jackson and Streets and Streets Photography (Dana Bright))

Among the pastors and ministers captured with Mayor Pam Iorio at the conference were: Elder Charles Davis, Rev. Abraham Brown, Mayor, Rev. Dr. W. James Favorite, Rev. Evan Burrows, Rev. Willie Dixon, Rev. Caleb Batchelor, Pastor Moses Brown, Pastor Pat Hauser, Rev. Carnell Upshaw, Rev. Cynthia Forde, Rev. Larry Wright, Dr. M. L. Gladney. (Photo courtesy of Pastor Moses Brown)

Pastors honored were: left to right, Elder Charles Davis, Rev. Walter Turner, Dr. Mozella Mitchell, Rev. Dr. C. P. Epps, Rev. Abraham Brown, Elder Willie Fowler and Rev. Dr. W. James Favorite.

Rev. Aaron Wilds, Pastor, Christ United Methodist Church.

Rev. Eddie Nunn and First Lady Geraldine Nunn of Macedonia M. B. Church of Zephyrhills.

Pastor Donald Lott and First Lady Tiffany Lott of True Worship Christian Center.

Rev. and Mrs. Clarence (Dee) Nathan of Without Walls International Church.

Rev. Joe Johnson and First Lady Joyce Johnson of Trinity C. M. E. Church.

Rev. Carnell Upshaw, Pastor of Covenant M. B. Church.

Pastor Florence Howell, Pastor of Northeast United Methodist Church.

Dr. Thomas L. Hadden and First Lady Angie Hadden of People For Christ Ministries.

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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

1 DAY OLD

You see her! What else is there to say but happy sweet 16th birthday. Baby, continue to do you and always keep God first.
Love,Moms.

MS. COLLIE
May 27th

STACY MOORE
And Wife, KATRINA

MRS. JESSIE STARKS
Happy birthday to my Mom, who will celebrate her day, May 30. Thank God for such a wonderful, loving, caring, devoted and understanding Mom. May God continue to keep you in His care.
Love you deeply, your son, Reece'.

LAQUITA MOODY
Best wishes to a wonderful woman and mother on your special day. We love you!! P-Nut and the kids.

TIARA
Happy 18th birthday.
We love you, daddy and ma.

STACY MOORE

MAY 25, 2007 - 6 P.M.

Guest:
Carlton Burgess School of Music String Ensemble, Mt. Olive's Silent Praise (Sign) Ministry and Youth Choir, Mary E. Sallard Gospel Choir, Jeremy Jackson, Kaelin Brinkley, Frontline Ministries Gospel Rap, Rev. Eddie Lake, Pastor of Mt. Zion AME (Hollywood, FL) and others

MAY 26, 2007 - 8:30 TO 3:30 P.M.

Community Family Conference
Stewart Middle School -1125 Spruce Street
Registration $20 13 and older $10 Ages 4 - 12 Family of Four $50
Includes Lunch, Kit and T-shirt

MAY 27, 2007 - 11 A.M.

FAMILY & FRIENDS Witness Hour
Hosted by Ole Mae Gonzalez and Family Mae Johnson Stewartes Boards
Guest Messenger-Rev. Isaiah Waddy
Pastor-St. Peters AME Church, Jonesboro, GA

Go Gemini, It's Your Birthday!

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BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

THERESA And JOE P.

Nobody wants to see us together. For all of you busters, guess what, I've still got her. Happy birthday, Baby.

Special birthday to Kavonna and Lil Gloria.
From, Uncle Joe P.

THEOUNCIYA, a.k.a., TUKY

5/28

Birthday wishes are being sent out to this Diamond Princess, who will be turning 6 and celebrating at Belmont Heights Park with a water bash. Be there or be square.

Love, mommie, Ms. KeKe, your sister, Arey, and grandparents, Ms. Cookie and Tyrone.

HEAVEN SANAA STEPHENS

Happy birthday to Heaven Sanaa Stephens, who will turn 6 on tomorrow, May 26th.

She's the daughter of Lance and Nikki Chancy-Stephens.

We would also like to congratulate our girl on her kindergarten graduation from King's Kids Christian Academy.

Happy birthday, Mommy!

DAKIMA And OMAR 'ISSY'

The picture explains it all, "Happiness." So, get over it and celebrate with us on his day.

Love always, Kima.

MARKAYLA BREVANNA WESLEY

The sunshine of our life is turning two and what a blessing you have been! Happy birthday Kayla!

Love, mommy, daddy and the entire family!

Wishing My Fiancée A Special Birthday

Happy birthday Baby, I love you and just sit tight because Daddy will be home soon.


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Wharton High Grad

THEODRICK ANDERSON

I would like to say congratulations to my first born son, Mr. Theodrick L. Anderson, who graduated on May 22, 2007. We made it! Love you always. Your mom, Alice.

Good Job!

MORQUEZ FOREST

Good job to Marquez Forest, who made High Honor Roll at Crossroad of Seffner.
Love ya, Mom.

Armwood Grad

LAPHILSHA-DERRICKIA LIN'ELEANORENEDA BOWLES, a.k.a., "LAPHIL"

Laphil graduated from Armwood High School, where she was in the National Honor Society and earned a 4.9 GPA. Laphil has been accepted into USF in which she was awarded the Florida Medallion Scholarship Award. Laphil is the daughter of a very proud mom, "Phyllis" and her sister, "Derrickcia." Keep reaching for the stars, "Laphil." Love, Mom.

East Bay High School Graduate

WE MADE IT!

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We're Proud Of You

GREGORY SOARREY, JR.

Gregory, we are so proud of you and we know that God guided you through your 12 years of school. Keep up the good work and keep the faith. We love you and congratulations.
Love, your family: dad, Gregory, Sr.; mom, Sheila; sisters, Candis, Shakeena and Shanitha; grandmothers, Eloise Tinsley and Catherine Soarrey; and all your cousins, nieces and nephews, uncles and aunts.

Tampa Bay Tech Grad

J'LISA T. J. MATHIS

J'Lisa's G.P.A. is 3.4. She graduated from Tampa Bay Technical High School. Her parents are: Cynthia Gray-Lee and stepfather, Richard Lee.
Her future plans are to major in Business Law.
Worship The Sender, Not The Messenger

Most of today’s churchgoers are concerned about the return of Christ. Often times their concern for His return is so great that they become so heavenly conscious, until they are no earthly good.

John writes few but powerful words in this week’s lesson as recorded in Revelation 22:6-21. The angel who is charged with showing John all that he is seeing and telling him all that he is hearing reminds and reassures John of the truthfulness and reliability of God’s word.

The angel says to John, “These words are trustworthy and true” (vs. 6). All that God speaks is true. All that has been spoken is true. If there is nothing else to be said about God’s word, one thing is for certain, it is reliable.

In the words of today’s clichés, “You can take that to the bank.” When God speaks you can be assured that what He says will come to pass. John’s action now becomes questionable and we today make the mistake that he made thousands of years ago. John recognized the blessings from all that he has seen and heard. He knows that he has been blessed.

John knows that after all he has seen and heard, worship is the honorable thing to do. He knows that he has found favor in the sight of God. He knows that everything is a part of God’s will and plan.

We must learn from John and others that as we realize the return of Christ. Often times their concern for His return is so great that they become so heavenly conscious, until they are no earthly good.

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We must learn from John that regardless of what blessings we receive in our lives, not to get so caught up that we begin to worship the messenger and not the sender. People will come into your life to be an agent of God to bring revelation.

God sends preachers, pastors, bishops, evangelists, missionaries, and angels to bless you and speak words into your hearing. Although they are sent from God, do not lose focus and begin to worship the messenger. We must all see that regardless of who speaks, it is to worship. We must all learn from John and see that we are blessed by God and have found favor in His eyes, there is a need to praise and worship. We must all worship and praise God for all that he has done and spoken to us.

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May Birthdays
Happy birthday to: Gracie Jones, Akifon Hill, Roselyn Peterson, Thelma James, Georgina Spottoeford, Antonio Carter, Derek Whitehead, Tiawanda Miller, Ashley Davis, Candace Jackson, Brittany Mobley, Jasmine Taylor, Amber Hall, Kimberly Morgan, Sharon Upshaw and Jeraldine Massey.

Belated birthday wishes go out to Darrell Days, whose special day was May 7th.

Happy birthday wishes coming from Madison, Miss. From mom, Alice Temple to her son, Darryl Temple. He is celebrating his 22nd without mom, but granddaddy, Johnnie and grandmamama, Bonnie, along with sister, will help you to celebrate your special day!

Sick List
Let’s keep our sick and shut-ins on our prayer list. Curtis Griffen, James Miller, Alfonso Johnson, Sr., Cleo Sheffield, Col. Armstrong and Virginia Griffen.

Congratulations
Adrian Williams, will be honored by the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority of the Bet Sigma Zeta Chapter for the 26th Annual Sir Debonair/Sir Lord-Men of the 21st Century. The presentation and reception will be held on Sunday, June 10, at 5 p.m. The attire is dressy. There is a charity donation.

Congratulations are in order for Christine Williamson of Plant High School for winning three state championships (one at Plant and two at Bayshore Christian). She is named the Player of the Year in Volleyball. She will play in Miami in the Fall. She finished her season with 347 kills, 86 blocks and 132 digs. The Plant fans call her The Eighth Wonder of the World!

Annual Nurses Day
St. James A.M.E. Church and Rev. Joe Gay, Pastor, observed their Annual Nurses Day on May 20, 2007. The theme was, "Nurses Serving Well." The speaker was Sister Gibson, R.N. The Chairlady was Sis. Allie B. McPherson, R.N.

Health Fair
First Baptist Church of Progress Village and Dr. Samuel Maxwell were host to a free community Health Fair held at the Civic Center in Progress Village on Saturday, May 19th. Mark your calendars because every 3rd Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, there are free clothes, shoes and house items given away at the Little Park on 86th Street adjacent to the church. Bring your own bag or box to carry your items home.

My Brothers 2 Keep Ministry
For inmates, get your free Bible and cards by writing: My Brothers 2 Keep, P.O. Box 4618, Tampa, FL 33667-4618. For large print Bibles, you will be given an address.

Poems from inmates are being received to be published in a book by a local publisher. Send the poems to the My Brothers 2 Keep Ministry at the same address.

Thought For Today
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Final payment is due January 28, 2008

*Prices are based on double occupancy and include cruise fare, port charges, government taxes and document handling fees. Rates (U.S. dollars) are per person, based on double occupancy. Government fees/taxes and optional air transportation are additional for all guests. Rates are subject to availability and may change without prior notice. Restrictions apply.
Katina And Frank’s Marriage

Katina and Frank James were married on April 26, 2007 before immediate family and best friends, but celebrated their marriage on April 28th with a host of family members and friends. (Photographs by Jerry Brunson)

Mr. and Mrs. Frank James with the officiating minister, Elder Keith Boyekins.

Mrs. Katina James with her parents, Larry and Lynda Parker.

The groom, Frank James with his parents, Frank and Denise James.

Young ladies shown with the bride are: left to right, LaShawn, Barbara, Talissa, Klee, Robin, Tesheea, Katina (bride), Bunny, Erika and Lias.

Newlyweds Frank and Katina James.

Groom, Frank, right with “34”.

Bride Katina James, center, with her mother, Lynda Parker, and sister, Santell Parker.

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The University of South Florida's fledgling Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE) team earned a trophy after finishing second runner-up in the opening round of competition in their first national competition held in Dallas, Texas, May 6-9. The strong showing follows being named Regional Champion at this year's SIFE USA Regional Competition in April in a narrow victory over Flagler College. These achievements place USF's SIFE team among the top 60 teams out of 950 in the United States.

"According to SIFE representatives, teams appearing in their first national competition typically do not win an award during this level of competition, so we are very pleased," said Dameion Lovett, assistant director, student financial aid and SIFE co-advisor. "This is an incredible achievement after being in existence for just a little over two years and going up against teams who have been competing for many years. In fact, Flagler College has represented the United States in the SIFE World Cup and we set out knowing that team was the one to beat."

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Association Seeks Recommendations For Community Projects

East Tampa residents and business owners are invited to a meeting on May 31 to recommend projects for funding in the 2007-2008 fiscal year. The meeting will be held at 6:00 at the Cyrus Greene Community Center, 2101 E. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard. Selected projects will be funded through TIF (Tax Incremental Financing) initiative. ETBCA is one of 13 neighborhood associations, which will submit requests for projects. The requests will be screened by the East Tampa Community Revitalization Partnership (the Partnership) before being submitted to the CRA (Community Revitalization Agency). Projects will fall into four categories: street resurfacing, sidewalks, lighting, and aesthetics and beautification of major corridors. Persons are asked to submit written recommendations in order of preference.

Sam Kinsey is chairman of the Partnership, and Marc Hamburg is President of ETBCA.

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Franchise Owner Thriving In Tampa's Downtown Area

BY ANTONIE DAVIS
Sentinel Staff Writer

One of the most successful sandwich shops in the city resides in the Downtown Tampa area, and is Black-owned and operated.

Franklin Green has run the Quiznos on the corner of Kennedy Boulevard and Franklin Street since 2001, and it is consistently one of the sandwich chain’s top sellers in the Tampa Bay area. The Cincinnati native says that his shop regularly ranks in the top five among the 60 Quiznos in the Tampa Bay area.

“The work is hard, but the business has been very good here,” said Green. “I love great food, and I love the business of serving great food to customers.”

The 44-year-old operated the Quiznos at 302 E. Kennedy Blvd. with his wife Jennifer, and has a predominantly African-American staff.

Green decided to go into business for himself after working as a Restaurant Operations Manager for the Indianapolis Zoo. He and his wife became interested in Quiznos after a brief visit to the Tampa area in 2000.

“There were no Quiznos where we were staying at the time. We were invited to the franchising seminar, and things have been great,” said Green.

Green says that he also plans on starting an investment group specializing in commercial real estate and eventually hotels. However, he says that he is highly satisfied with his current investment into Quiznos.

“I’ve learned a lot about this business along the way,” said Green. “I’ve been able to build a lifestyle that I enjoy. My advice to anyone interested in doing this is to get a mentor in the business, and prepare for some hard work, but the benefits can be great.”

Zeta Barbara Bell Is One Of Best Moms

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1/2 teaspoon salt
2 large russet potatoes, cut lengthwise into 8 wedges each
Salt
1 tablespoon minced green onion
Sour Cream and Onion Sauce (recipe below)

Seasoning:
2 tablespoons smoked or Spanish paprika
1 1/2 teaspoons sugar
1 1/2 teaspoons chili powder
1 teaspoon ground black pepper
1/2 teaspoon ground red pepper

DIRECTIONS: Combine seasoning ingredients in small bowl; remove and reserve 2 tablespoons. Press remaining seasoning evenly onto beef steaks; set aside. Combine reserved seasoning, oil and salt in large bowl. Add potatoes; toss to coat.

Place steaks in center of grid over medium, ash-covered coals; arrange potatoes around steaks. Grill steaks, covered, 9 to 14 minutes for medium rare to medium, turning occasionally. Grill potatoes 13 to 15 minutes or until tender, turning occasionally.

Carve steaks into slices; season with salt, as desired. Sprinkle green onion over potatoes. Serve potatoes with Sour Cream and Onion Sauce for dipping, if desired.

Cook’s Tip: To prepare on gas grill, preheat grill according to manufacturer’s directions for medium heat. Place steaks and potatoes on grid as directed above. Grill steaks, covered, 9 to 14 minutes for medium rare to medium doneness, turning occasionally. Grill potatoes 13 to 15 minutes or until tender, turning occasionally.

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1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 tablespoon liquid smoke
1 can (6 ounces) frozen lemonade concentrate, thawed

DIRECTIONS: Place pork in 4-quart Dutch oven. Add enough water to cover pork. Heat to boiling; reduce heat to low. Cover and simmer about 1 hour 30 minutes or until tender.

Meanwhile, in 2-quad saucepan, heat ketchup, chili sauce, brown sugar, vinegar, lemon juice and liquid smoke to boiling; reduce heat. Simmer uncovered 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat, stir in lemonade concentrate. Set aside.

Remove pork to rectangular baking dish, 13x9x2 inches, or resealable food-storage plastic bag. Pour marinade over pork; turn pork to coat. Cover dish or seal bag and refrigerate, turning pork occasionally, at least 4 hours but no longer than 24 hours.

Heat coals or gas grill for direct heat. Remove pork from marinade; reserve marinade. Grill pork, meaty sides up, uncovered and 4 inches from medium heat about 30 minutes, turning and brushing frequently with marinade, until glazed and heated through. Discard any remaining marinade.

Fantastic Grilled Corn on the Cob

4 ears of corn
1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter, softened
2 Tbsp. grated Parmesan cheese
1 tsp. chopped fresh parsley

DIRECTIONS: Preheat grill to medium-high heat. Huk corn; remove silk. Rinse under cold water; shake off excess water. Wrap corn individually in foil. Grill 15-20 min. or until corn is tender, turning occasionally. Remove from grill; unwrap corn. Mix butter, Parmesan cheese and parsley; spread onto corn.

Lemonade Tea

2 cans (12 ounces each) frozen lemonade concentrate, thawed
3 quarts iced tea
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2 tablespoons chili powder
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1 1/4 teaspoons ground red pepper
1 teaspoon garlic salt
1 teaspoon ground cumin
1 teaspoon pepper
Sour cream, if desired

DIRECTIONS: Fold tips of chicken wings under opposite ends to form triangles.

Place remaining ingredients except sour cream in heavy-duty resealable plastic food-storage bag. Seal bag and shake to blend seasonings. Add chicken. Seal bag and shake until chicken is coated with seasonings. Refrigerate at least 30 minutes but no longer than 24 hours.

Heat coals or gas grill for direct heat. Remove chicken from bag. Cover and grill chicken 4 to 6 inches from medium heat 20-25 minutes, turning after 10 minutes, until juice of chicken is no longer pink when centers of thickest pieces are cut. Serve with sour cream.

Grilled Onion Cheeseburgers

2 pounds ground beef
2 tablespoons chopped fresh thyme
1 tablespoon minced garlic
2 large yellow or white onions, cut into 1/2-inch thick slices
1 to 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
Salt and pepper
4 hamburger buns, split
3 ounces shredded cheese

DIRECTIONS: Combine ground beef, thyme and garlic in medium bowl. Shape into patties. Brush both sides of onion slices with oil.

Place patties and onion slices on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill patties, uncovered, 11-13 minutes until no longer pink in center and juices show no pink color, turning occasionally. Grill onions 15-20 minutes or until tender, turning occasionally and brushing with oil.

Season patties with salt and pepper. Top burgers with desired cheese and serve with onion.
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Ginger: Avert Nausea

Ginger can prevent stomach upset from many sources including pregnancy, motion sickness, and chemotherapy. A potent anti-inflammatory, ginger works by blocking the effects of serotonin, a chemical produced by both the brain and stomach when you're nauseated, and by stopping the production of free radicals, another cause of upset in your stomach.

It Might Also: Decrease your blood pressure, arthritic pain, and cancer risk. Ginger helps regulate blood flow, which may lower blood pressure, and its anti-inflammatory properties might help ease arthritis. Ginger has been shown to have an anti-inflammatory power that helped power ginger kill ovarian cancer cells as well as—so far better than—traditional chemotherapy.

Maximize The Benefits: For nausea, ginger is best taken between meals. Ginger powder or ginger tea should be consumed at least 30 minutes before departure. The recommend dose is between 300 to 1,000 mg of dried ginger every 4 hours, up to a maximum of 4 g daily.

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- **Take warm, not hot, showers.**
- **Take fewer and shorter showers during the colder months.**
- **When you wash your hands, slather on hand cream right away.**
- **Wear rubber gloves when washing dishes.**
- **Always wear gloves when you’re outside.**
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**50 Cent And T. I. Speak Their Minds On Lyric Censorship**

Top rappers 50 Cent and T.I. spoke their minds about the recent controversy over inappropriate language in hip-hop May 16 during a press conference to announce the 2007 BET Awards nominees. As previously reported, a group of urban leaders has urged the music industry to censor the words "bitch," "ho" and the "N-word" from future hip-hop albums.

"It's not really a tragedy to me that that's happening," 50 Cent said. "I think for a moment a lot of people forgot that our country's at war. They'll point to usage of content in music like hip-hop and say it maybe influences violence on some levels and not point to actual films that are released and have similar content. I personally believe on every level it's easier to attack an individual than it is to go after a corporation. They'll go after a specific artist opposed to a Paramount or a Columbia Pictures.

A journalist pressed that 50 Cent had repeatedly promoted his upcoming album, "Curse," during the Q&A, hadn't truly answered the question, adding, "Do you feel compelled at all to get with the program and not use certain words?"

"Music is a mirror and hip-hop is a reflection of the environment we grew up in, the harsh realities," 50 Cent said. "If I ask you to paint a picture of the American flag and not use the color red, you'd have a difficult time. So to capture what we're trying to do, in this art form, I'm sure some conservative Americans can't actually ID with it because of their lifestyle and the way they've been brought up. They haven't been exposed to these realities. I understand it. I'm actually angry at some points when I'm confused or I don't have information. Again, I understand why I'm constantly being attacked on some levels. It's difficult to find hip-hop that has had any success that hasn't had content on some level that was a little racy."

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**Prince, Andre 3000 Bolster West's 'Never Forget'**

Dr. Cornel West's upcoming album, "Never Forget: A Journey of Revelation," touches down at a time when renewed debate over hip-hop lyrics and video imaging is still swirling in the air.

Due in stores June 19, "Never Forget" will be the first release on Hidden Beach's new Hidden Beach Forum label. Tapping into R&B/hip-hop's historical role as a social force, the recording is the brainchild of Black Men Who Mean Business, an organization established by West, his brother Clifton and songwriter/producer Mike Dailey.

"I'm trying to get young people to wake up and recognize they're part of a great tradition of struggle, to become organized and fight for freedom and justice," said 50 Cent.

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**Hip-O Takes Another Look At Gaye's 'Lifetime'**

Hip-O Select will on June 19 unveil an expanded edition of Marvin Gaye's 1981 album "Lifetimes," his final studio release for Motown. In addition to the original album, the new "Love Man" edition includes three outtakes, the non-album "Ego Tripping Out" single and an alternate, previously unknown mix featuring a different running order.

Of most interest for fans will be seven tracks Gaye intended for an earlier version of the album, a party-themed effort he planned to call "Love Man." Only "Ego Tripping Out" ever saw the light of day from those sessions, with Gaye-opting to tackle more personal issues on what eventually became "In Our Lifetime!"

Although it is generally regarded as one of Gaye's stronger late-period albums, "In Our Lifetime!" topped out at No. 32 on The Billboard 200, and spawned a lone top 20 hit on Billboard's R&B charts, "Praise." It would be followed in 1982 by "Midnight Love," the last album Gaye released before his shocking 1984 murder.

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Paula Abdul Breaks Nose In Dog Mishap

LOS ANGELES — Talk about bad timing. Paula Abdul broke her nose this weekend just days before the season finale of "American Idol" - when she fell while trying to avoid stepping on her Chihuahua.

Abdul was recovering from the mishap and planned to appear on Tuesday and Wednesday night's shows, her publicist, David Brokaw, said Monday. (Two "Idol" contestants remain - Blake Lewis and Jordin Sparks.)

"She's a little sore, but is doing fine," Brokaw said.

Abdul, 44, told syndicated entertainment TV show "Extra" that she tore cartilage in her nose and fractured a toe.

"I took a nasty fall ... trying not to hurt my dog. I bruised myself on my arm ... my chest, my waist all the way down to my hip. All from my little chubby Tulip," she said.

"I was so excruciating that even my hair touching my thumb caused me to scream," Abdul said of the yearlong ordeal.

Rapper Eve Pleads Not Guilty In DUI Case

LOS ANGELES — Eve has pleaded not guilty to misdemeanor drunken driving charges stemming from a traffic accident in Hollywood last month.

The rapper-actress (real name Jihan Jeffers) did not attend the arraignment Tuesday. Her attorney entered the plea on her behalf.

Eve was charged with driving under the influence, driving with a blood-alcohol level of .08 or above, and failing to provide proof of insurance, city prosecutors said.

The charges stem from an April 26 arrest in which officers stopped Eve at 2:40 a.m. after her gold Maserati struck a raised concrete center median on Hollywood Boulevard.

A breath test showed her blood alcohol level was above the legal limit, prosecutors said.

Eve's next court appearance is scheduled for June 25.

Diddy Brushes Off 'Chair Assault' Allegations

Sean "Diddy" Combs says a recent complaint filed against him by choreographer Laurie Ann Gibson is full of "false allegations and is nothing more than an attempt to "take advantage" of his fame.

According to the San Francisco Chronicle's SF Gate Web site, Diddy's lawyer is laughing off the official complaint Gibson reportedly filed with the New York Police Department after the mogul allegedly threatened her with a chair on April 25 during filming for his MTV reality show "Making the Band."

"This is just another example of a false accusation by someone trying to take advantage of Sean's success and celebrity status," Diddy's lawyer, Benjamin Brafman told The New York Daily News.

A spokesman for the NYPD confirmed a complaint had been made on May 11, but no criminal activity had been found following an investigation.

As previously reported, Gibson told police that she had gotten into a heated argument with Diddy and guest judge Michael Bivins while filming for his "Making the Band" reality show.

"I haven't heard anything back from her or her lawyer at this point," Brafman said.

"But then my sister said, 'I think you should call your father.' I called him and it turned out he was writing a book. The worst part of it was him saying, 'I meant to tell you I've been working on it.'"

Vernon Winfrey - who took in his 14-year-old, pregnant daughter after her mother in Milwaukee grew frustrated with her bad behavior - is indeed "working on" a book tentatively titled, "Things Unspoken," reports Rush & Malloy.

The elder Winfrey has been quoted as saying he should have been tougher on teen Oprah, because she was "out of hand and an unruly child."

Upon hearing news of the book, Oprah told thecolumnists: "I was upset. I won't say 'devastated,' but I was stunned. The last person in the world to be doing a book about me is Vernon Winfrey. The last person."

The talk show host has always given Mr. Winfrey full credit for straightening her behind out and teaching her the importance of education.

"I have a good relationship with him," Oprah said Sunday, when she received the Elie Wiesel Foundation Humanitarian Award in New York. Though she hasn't seen her father since he tagged along on her trip to Africa a few months ago, she added, "We talk, we talk, we talk."

That's why "I would have preferred to have known my father was working on this. It would have been a nice gesture, a courtesy," she said.
Beyonce Gets Nominated For Six BET Awards

LOS ANGELES — Beyonce earned a leading six nominations Wednesday for the 2007 BET Awards, including nominations for top female R&B artist, video for "Irreplaceable" and duets with Jay-Z on "Deja Vu" and "Upgrade U." "Dreamgirls" Oscar winner Jennifer Hudson, R&B singer Ciara, hip-hop's Akon and the group Gnarls Barkley all had three nominations.

The Black Entertainment Television Awards in music, television, film and sports will be presented June 26. Mo'Nique is slated to host the show on cable's BET Network from the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles. Performers include 50 Cent and T.I. Diana Ross will be honored with BET's Lifetime Achievement Award and Don Cheadle will be given the Humanitarian Award for his efforts at ending genocide in Darfur.

The list of nominees include:


Female R&B: Beyonce, Mary J. Blige, Ciara, Jennifer Hudson, Corinne Bailey Rae.

Male R&B: Akon, John Legend, Gerald Levert, Ne-Yo, Robin Thicke.

Group: Gnarls Barkley, Mary Mary, Outkast, Pretty Ricky, Three 6 Mafia.

New Artist: Lupe Fiasco, Gnarls Barkley, Jennifer Hudson, MIMS, Corinne Bailey Rae.

Ike Turner Jailed On Old Warrant In LA

LOS ANGELES — Ike Turner spent a night in jail after he was arrested on a 1989 narcotics warrant that turned out to be invalid, police said.

The 75-year-old musician and ex-husband of Tina Turner was spotted on Interstate 405 in the San Fernando Valley about 11:45 p.m. Tuesday. Police officers agreed the 2002 silver Mercedes-Benz S-50 doing more than 80 mph and straddling lanes, Officer April Harding said Thursday.

The car was stopped after it left the freeway and officers ran a check for warrants, which is routine, Harding said.

They found he had an old felony narcotics warrant and Turner was arrested and booked into a downtown jail, Harding said.

"He had court yesterday and I guess that they deemed it was an old warrant that was never removed from the system," Harding said.

Turner was freed from jail about 3 p.m. Wednesday.

Rep: Washington Remaining On ‘Grey’s’

LOS ANGELES — Isaiah Washington’s Dr. Preston Burke packed his bags on the season finale of "Grey’s Anatomy" but that doesn’t mean the actor is being dumped by the show, his publicist said Friday.

"We fully expect to be back in the fall," spokesman Howard Bragman said. "The deal’s not done but we have no reason to believe he won’t be putting on the scrubs."

A furor over Washington’s use of an anti-gay slur had provoked speculation that his job might be in jeopardy. He said the word backstage at the Golden Globe Awards in January while denying he’d used it previously against castmate T.R. Knight.

Thursday’s finale seemed to open the door for the departure of Washington’s character. Burke was on the verge of marrying Dr. Cristina Yang (Sandra Oh), but her doubts at first delayed and then derailed their splashy wedding.

"I’m up there waiting for you to come down the aisle and I know you don’t want to come," Burke told a shocked Cristina. "If I loved you, I wouldn’t be up there waiting for you. I would be letting you go."
ALL MY CHILDREN: When Colby was deeply hurt to learn that Sean has been sleeping with Ava, he harshly rejected Ava, who then accepted an offer from Adam to keep Sean away from Colby. Anne stood up to Greenlee and warned her to stay away from Greenlee. Greenlee had no intention of giving up. Coming: Greenlee is out to get even with a long list of adversaries.

AS THE WORLD TURNS: Having figured out that Lucinda poisoned him, Craig's price for stopping the war and returning WorldWide is for Meg to marry him. Unaware of Meg's dilemma, Paul had a disturbing vision of Meg as a bride. Jack and Katie made love following his assurance that she's over Carl and only wants her. Coming: Clee keeps her agenda hidden, especially from Gwen.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES: Even though Nick was lied to, he persisted with his claim that the police were holding the wrong man. Ridge finally confessed, and Nick was freed. Eric was ashamed of Stephanie for her behavior. Constantine offered comfort to P çok. Shawn was shocked at her father's confession and his breakup with Rick. Coming: Rick is caught in a romantic dilemma.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES: John regained consciousness and told EJ that he remembers what happened at the boatshouse. Sami attempted to forge a truce by offering $2 million to DiMera in return for an end to the vendetta. Stefano turned down the money and turned down new threats. When Bo and John turned up at the DiMera mansion without a warrant, Tony kicked them out. Coming: Sami's near miss escalating the conflict.

GENERAL HOSPITAL: Lulu was an emotional wreck when, despite her family's best efforts to keep her away from the courthouse, she heard Nikolas' testimony at the hearing over Laura's guardianship. Luke attempted to damage control with Lulu and delivered a warning to Scott. Ric threatened to charge Jax as an accessory if he doesn't turn against Jerry. Coming: Jax puts his foot down regarding his brother.

GUIDING LIGHT: Plagued by continuing nightmares about Griff, Mallet revealed to Dinah that he had been a bit man, and got a rush of killing someone. Just as Mallet felt that he finished up his past, Griff turned up. Harley attempted to stop Dylan and Natalia. Reva realized that Cassie switched the paternity test results and agreed to keep her secret after Cassie explained why she did it. Coming: Mallet is still not finished with his past.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE: As Jessica's condition deteriorated, it was discovered that Antonio has the only liver her body would accept as a donor. Nash located Antonio, who had been away, and offered him a huge sacrifice if Antonio undergoes the operation that could save Jessica. Marty insisted that she had killed Spencer and questioned David without success about why he confessed. Coming: A paired star forces herself to show clear of Cole.

PASIONS: After walking in on Chad having sex with Vincent, Whitney would not listen to any excuses, announcing that their marriage is over. Stunned when a DNA test revealed he isn't little Ethan's father, Julian intended to use the results against Theresa in order to become head of Crane, and told her to vacate Crane Industries. Coming: Lulu's time is running out.

YOUNG AND RESTLESS: Gloria convinced Kevin to find her other woman's sam... in order to avoid being nailed for the tainted face cream. After William married Gloria, she saw her hand Ethan a check inside a pen and realized he'd see the same thing before, in regards to the DNA test. Kay named Jil Min as CEO of Jabot with Jill coming. Coming: Gloria's world to avoid coming ungodly...

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MYSTIC STARS

IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS THIS WEEK... Home renovations and revised living arrangements will bring positive gains in the months ahead. Look for those gains to outline new family plans, financial goals or property aspirations. Money luck is high and will provide obvious routes to success. Large purchases and shared investments will work to your advantage.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Family relations begin a phase of serious discussion and new social planning. Areas affected are work settings, long-term relationships and promises to lovers or friends. Expect loved ones to ask for greater involvement in vital home and financial decisions.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A close friend or relative may be unknowingly pressuring you to stay on your toes with a routine or set social life. Encourage new choices and watch for slow improvement. Social relationships and group activities will expand, remain open to new ideas. Loved ones will make plans to travel, and friends or lovers may propose new living arrangements. Home relocations, renovations, and shared finances will be a top priority. Don't hold back; joint family ventures will continue, and new opportunities are calculated with your best interest in mind.

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SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22). Business ventures and financial planning will provide unique rewards. Some Scorpios will be presented with a rare opportunity to rework a failed venture or relationship. Options may be accentuated. It is possible, finalize all workpaper by mid-June; new offers will demand fast results.

BAGUETTIERS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21). A recently stabled friendship or romance will make you feel forward. Past memories and broken promises need to fade. Expect loved ones to provide a passionate glimpse into their private lives and long-term desires. Be receptive; your response will be closely studied.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20). Workplace relocations may be a subtle but bothersome theme. Expect key officials to announce new assignments or other personnel changes. Remember to review plans and team goals, although controversial, will strengthen group loyalty, stay involved and refuse to avoid paperwork.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19). Career partnerships and creative work areas will work to your advantage. Previously reluctant or uncooperative colleagues may adopt a surprising attitude of acceptance. Team members, once looking to develop you, may begin to view you as a valuable resource. Your contributions will be recognized with new opportunities, and you will be courted. Personal growth will be a focus.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20). Repeated family patterns need to be permanently resolved. Expect loved ones to communicate a deep need for lasting change. Long-term experiences, social planning and financial security may be all key influences. Encourage lengthy discussion; this is the right time to openly state your future goals and daily needs.

ARIES (March 21-April 20). Flirtation or romantic conflict will be ongoing themes. Many Aries natives will experience a rare social challenge. Expect the unexpected, family interference and last proposals are all accepted. Stay focused and refuse to be emotionally derailed; this is not the right time to abandon your own goals or values.

TAURUS (April 21-May 20). Poorly defined work contracts will require added attention and diplomacy. Expect unique proposals from authority figures and an ongoing review of agreements. Some Taurus will be asked to expand their business influence. Remain dedicated to original goals and all will work to your advantage.

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SENTINEL’S Top 20 Albums

1. Special Occasion.................. Bobby Valenzino
2. Strength & Loyalty................ Bone Thugs-N-Harmony
3. Because Of You.......................... Luvranch
4. Mised Soundtrack.................. Fantasia
6. 3000.......................... Yolanda Adams
7. A Desert Love.......................... Lloyd
8. B'Day.......................... Beyoncé
9. Back To Black.......................... Amy Winehouse
10. In My Song.......................... Gerald Levert
11. Buck The World.......................... Young Buck
12. Fantasia.......................... Fantasia
13. Dreamgirl.......................... Soundtrack
14. Get Money Stay True.............. Paul Wall
15. Future Me & My Girl.................. Justin Timberlake
16. Timbaland Presents Shock Value... Timbaland
17. We're About The Business........... Chuck Brown
18. Special Occasion.................. Bobby Valenzino
19. Lost Without You.................... Robbin Thicke
20. I'm A Flirt.......................... Fantasia

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SENTINEL’S Top 20 Singles

1. Buy U A Drank (Shawty Snappin').............. T-Pain Featuring Yung Joc
2. Lost Without You.................... Robbin Thicke
3. I'm A Flirt.......................... Fantasia
4. Sold Out Hi Cece...................... Tank
5. I Give It To Ya.......................... Lloyd
6. Peg, Lick & Drop...................... Rick Ross
7. Buddy............................. Musiq Soulchild
8. Like A Boy............................ Ciara
9. Party Like A Rock Star................. Nelly
10. Because Of You..................... Ne-Yo
11. Same Thing With You.................. R. Kelly Dueting With Usher
12. Outta My System.........Bow Wow Featuring Polow Da Don
13. Don't Matter.......................... Akon
14. When I See U......................... Rich Boy
15. Rock Yo Hips.......................... Lil Scrappy
16. Like Tele...................... Like Tele Featuring Lil Scrappy
17. Wipe Me Down.............. Lil Boosie Featuring Foxx & Weebs
18. 2 Step............................. Usher
19. Music Is My Savior.................. K Camp
20. Get Me Bodied......................... Shawty Lo

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SENTINEL’S Top 10 Rap Singles

1. Strength & Loyalty................ Bone Thugs-N-Harmony
5. Rich Boy.......................... Rich Boy
6. The Inspiration...................... Young Jeezy
7. Last Bone And Bizzy Bone...... Bone Brothers 2
8. Music Is My Savior.................. K Camp
9. Wailin' To Inhale............... Devine The Dude
10. Power.............................. Two-9

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More than 200 members of the community were on hand for the Annual Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Luncheon held at the Tampa Marriott Westshore on May 5th. The Tampa Metropolitan Section of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. (NCNW) sponsored the event.

The theme for the event was "75 Years Challenge and Achievement, Living The Legacy." Denise White, Co-Chairperson for FOX 13 was the Mistress of Ceremony. Electa Davis, First Vice President and Program Chairperson introduced her.

Bishop James H. Howell, of Cathedral of Faith Church, gave the invocation while Attorney Barbara Twine-Thompson extended the greeting. Bishop P. H. Leonard of Christ Gospel Church, St. Petersburg, said the grace.

Shirley Fox-Knowles represented the Office of Mayor Pam Iorio and presented the Proclamation to President Geraldine Twine. Alicia Green, a potential NCNW Youth Group member, entertained the group with a sign language dance.

Dr. Phyllis Tucker-Wicks performed a dramatization on the life of Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune. Dorothy Oxendine, of St. Peters Church, sang a solo.

State Representative Frank Peterman, Jr., the guest speaker, was introduced by his daughter, Syndeese. Rep. Peterman is also the founder and Pastor of The Rock Of Jesus M. B. Church.

Rev. Peterman captured the attention of the audience as he gave a skilful presentation, with Biblical connotations.

Josephine Townsend presented an Education Award to NCNW Youth Group member, Shaudene Williams.

Antonia Barber presented NCNW member, Pauline L. Grant, with an Outstanding Community Service Award.

President Twine presented Alma Childs with an NCNW Service Award, prior to giving the closing remarks. President Diane Speight and several members of the St. Pete Section of NCNW were recognized along with other distinguished guests.

After the audience sang, "Lift Every Voice And Sing," Bishop Leonard gave the benediction.

Among Tampa Section NCNW members in attendance at the luncheon but not shown were: Amanda Anthony, Estella Green, Anna Ecles, Eddy Dawson, Loren Hart, Molbert Scivens, Ethel Chester, Yvonne Fraizer, Geraldine Rellis, Alma Morris, Norene Miller, Eloise White, Moezi Walker, Jacqueline Grant, and Mildred Harvey.

The NCNW holds its meetings on the first Saturday of each month, beginning at 10 a.m. The meetings are held at the Lee Davis Neighborhood Service Center, corner of N. 22nd Street and E. 26th Avenue.

Gloria W. Davis is the Publicity Chairperson. (Photos by Jerry Brunson).

President Geraldine Twine is shown with State Representative Frank Peterman, Jr., who was the guest speaker at the Annual Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Luncheon, sponsored by National Council of Negro Women, Inc.

Mother and daughter, Josephine Townsend, Chairperson of the Education Department and Electa Davis, 1st Vice President and Program Chairperson of Annual Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Luncheon.

Erma Griffin, Leola Tillman, Co-Chairperson, and Gloria Philmore were among those in attendance at the Annual Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Luncheon.

NCNW members and others at the Annual Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Luncheon, recently sponsored by National Council of Negro Women, Inc., were seated: Lucille Morris, Carolyn Watson, Janie Sherry, Luella Carrington, Doris Scott, Bertha Kemp, and Rosalie Jones. Shown standing were: Selphenia Hudson, Deloria Singleton, Beavelyn Lewis, Charlotte Smith, Antonia Barber, Cheryl Gibbons, and Alveta Maultsby.
LOCAL

Former Tampa Resident Has Experience Of Lifetime At Kentucky Derby

BY TIFFANY GREENE

Everyone is dressed in their “Sunday’s Best.” Colorful, big-brimmed hats accented with a flower, classy spring dresses and sear-sucker suits with a bowtie to tip it off. Now imagine seeing a sea of more than 150,000 people who fit that mold filling Churchill Downs. May I introduce you to the 2007 version of the Kentucky Derby.

I would like to rewind and share a very condensed version of my weekend experience that changed my life. It is my first time going and probably will be my most memorable. I learned about how “hip” the Derby was through my good friend, Lt. Karl Davis. He told me of his aunt who put on a big, influential party that I couldn’t miss. Always up for a new experience, I made it a point to be there this year.

Turns out, it’s a great decision! Friday, May 4th, I arrive in Louisville and the activity slated for the evening is the VIP Reception held at the Muhammad Ali Museum. The guest list includes athletes like Michael Jordan and Vince Young, to business moguls/billionaires Bob Johnson and Donald Watkins, to actresses Regina King and Lynn Whitfield - just to name a few.

My friends and I prepare for Derby Day at Churchill Downs. On the way, we are pulled over, not because we violated any traffic laws, rather the Queen of England was to be arriving anytime. Therefore, the streets are closed for Her Highness.

We finally get to the Downs, and oh remember those hats, dresses and suits I referenced earlier, they are in full force when I arrive at the track. I quickly realize they are just like you and me.

The VIP Reception is a great networking opportunity, to be in the room with such influential people, and even more encouraging, they looked like me, quite awesome to be around. Believe me, the inspiration didn’t stop there!

The decorations are elaborate, the food is delicious and the entertainment is timeless. Peabo Bryson sings smooth melodies and Charlie Wilson brings everyone to their feet with an electrifying performance. It is commonplace to see former NFL star Eddie George or Star Jones getting down on the dance floor.

This weekend changed my life forever. The positive, prosperous and professional people are inspiring and encouraging. It showed me a different type of lifestyle, one that I aspire to live in. Thank you Rohena Miller for allowing me to experience life, the way it should be lived.

Tiffany Greene currently resides in Savannah, GA. She’s a Sports Reporter for WTOC-TV.

On the way to the Derby are from left: Tiffany Greene, Haley Hill (used to live in Tampa) and Juanita Jubity (Tiffany’s classmate from FAMU).

Allan Houston, formerly of the New York Knicks, Juanita Jubity, Tiffany Greene, Michael Jordan and Haley Hill.

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Julie and Robert Pollard on May 26, Betty Harris and Tiffany Nelson on May 27, Kaye Byrd and Melvin Cobb on May 28, and Shirley Robbins on May 29 and Bill "Pudge" Ross, Sr. of Detroit on May 31.

Spring Grad Congratulations, Ms. Delsha Stewart, who graduated from Spelman College, Atlanta, Georgia, on May 20, 2007. Delsha holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English. She is the daughter of Attorneys Delano and Carolyn House-Stewart.
Way to go, Delsha!

Anniversaries Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kevin (Shalynda) Mathis, who will commemorate their marriage on May 27, 2006 nuptials un Sunday. Wishing joy, peace and prosperity to Andrew Kevin and Shalynda Mathis, as you celebrate 1 year of marriage!


Scholarship & Awards Banquet Gamma Xi Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. in conjunction with The Crescent Foundation, will host its Scholarship & Awards Banquet 2:00 p.m. on May 27, 2007. It will be held at The Rusty Pelican, 2425 N. Rocky Point Drive. For tickets and/or more information, please contact Mr. Jermaine Hankerson, President @ (813) 335-1914. To learn more, visit their website @ phi brothers-mu.com.

Sir Debonair/Sir Lord Sigma Beta Sigma Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated will present the 26th Annual Sir Debonair/Sir Lord: Men of the 21st Century Presentation/Reception on Sunday, June 10, 2007, 5:00 p.m. at the West Tampa Convention Center, Windell Nelson, 2006 Sir Lord, and Trent Rivers, 2006 Sir Lord, will reenact their crowns. For tickets and or additional information, please contact Mrs. Betty Kinsey, Chairperson. Dr. F. P. Leonman, M. D., is Chapter Basileus.

A Parade Of Hats Greater Mount Carmel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 4209 North 44th Street, presented "Women With Hat " (tribute) on May 20, 2007. Reverend Pierce Ewing, the Senior Pastor of Bethel A.M.E. Church, Lakeeland, was the guest speaker. Reverend Gary H. Dawkins introduced him. Sister Bernadette Robinson sang a solo. The Bethel A.M.E. Church, Lakeeland and Greater Mount Carmel A.M.E. Choirs rendered musical selections.

As the women of the church and their honored guests showcased "A Parade Of Hats", the question on everyone’s lips became Girl... "Where did you get that hat?" Mrs. Demetria Merritt-Bell, who provided a history of millinery, also won first place in the hat contest. Miss. Geraldine R. Dixon was recognized for wearing the "hat with the most unique style from the past". Mayor Patricia A. Hall was recognized for wearing the "hat with the most beautiful color". Mrs. Minnie Sullivan also won an award for her hat. Program participants included: Reverend Joseph Burns, Mrs. Judy Owens, Reverend Patricia Mosley, Ms. Jasmine Green, Mrs. Demetria Merritt-Bell and Reverend Gary H. Dawkins. Mrs. Patricia A. Hall was Chairperson; Mrs. Tracey Butler was Co-Chairperson; The Reverend Gary H. Dawkins, Sr., is Senior Pastor; Reverend Theodore Andrews is Presiding Elder of the Tampa District of the AME Church; Dr. Dorothy Jackson Young is Episcopal Supervisor of Missions and Bishop McKinley Young is Resident Bishop of the Eleventh Episcopal District.

Scholarship Program Tampa Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated presented its May Week Scholarship Program and Reception on May 3, 2007, at Tampa Electric Company’s CEO Hall. The theme was: "Intelligence is the Torch of Wisdom." Scholarships were presented to several deserving young people.

Mrs. Gwendolyn Henderson presided over the Scholarship & Book Stipend Awards Presentation. Dr. Sandra Wilson presented the Helen Greene Wilson Scholarship in the amount of $300.00 to Brenna Kelly of East Bay High School. School Board Member Doretha Edgecomb and her daughter, Assistant Principal Allison Edgecomb presented the George Edgcombe Scholarship in the amount of $200.00 to Angel Everett of King High School. Willie C. Thomas and Mrs. Janine Whitman-Times presented the Sam & Mattie Whitman Memorial Scholarship in the amount of $125.00 each, to Ashley Williams of George S. Middleton High School, Shacana Jones of Thomas Jefferson High School and Daliah Parker of Brullo Alonso High School.

Jefferson High School and Dahlia Parker of Brullo Alonso High School, Tampa Alumnae Scholarships for $500.00 and $1250.00 were presented to Danielle Weaver-Rogers of Brullo Alonso High School and Jasmine Earls of Thomas Jefferson High School, respectively.

Ten Gamma Mu Sigma Scholarships, which honor the memory of the 1947 Charter Members in the amount of $500.00 each, and twelve Tampa Alumnae Book Stipends for $300.00 each, were also presented.

Son and Daughter Awards in the amount of $350.00 each were presented to Andria P. Fields of Riverview High School, Cecily E. Staples of Brullo Alonso High, Rashad J. Brown of Tampa Technical High and Bernard Dexter Lewis, Jr., of Howard W. Blake High Schools.

Mallory Davis of Florida State University was guest speaker. Janelle Richardson of Howard W. Blake High School sang a solo, and State Poetry Champ Ariel A. Danley of Thomas Jefferson High School recited original poetry. Other program participants included: Ms. Sandra Cooke, Chairperson, Ms. Brenna Woods, First Vice-President and Dr. Marian Lauria-Davis, President.

Recipients of the Gamma Mu Sigma Scholarships and Tampa Alumnae Book Stipends were: Briana Bell and Rosalinda Medina, Blanche Armwood High School; Aglenidia Wiggins, Howard W. Blake High School; Shannon Curry and Jasmine Oliver, Bloomingdale High School; Nichola Burney and Christina Tyler, Vivian Gaither High School; Kawanda Foster, Hillsborough High School; Kaleeisha Brent, Adria Benton, Jalecia Billingsley, Sharae Hart, Kyra Montaque, Lakeisha Simmons and Tracie Williams, Thomas Jefferson High School, Alexandria Bruce and Nana Yaa Marfo, C. Leon King High School; Cynthia Akagboss and Kiahnn’ L. Jackson, H. B. Plant High School, Sharone Dexter, Plant City High School; Stephanie Green, Walter L. Sickles High School and Brittany Dexter, Tampa Bay Technical High School.

Thought For The Week "Why do reason, logic and truth seem to play a diminished role in the way America now makes important decisions?" Albert Gore, Jr., former U.S. Vice-President

This column welcomes and encourages your input. Please submit any news of interest that you would like to appear here. Contact Frankencie Favors-Daniels @ (813) 843-3258, or e-mail tellittampabay@aol.com. Thank you.

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Non-Profit Has Chance To Provide Computers And Employ Local Youth

BY ANTONIE DAVIS
Sentinel Staff Writer

A few minutes online could help employ two local youths for the summer, and provide 50 computers for non-profit organizations in the Tampa area.

The Computer Mentors Group (CMG) is in the running for a $5,000 grant from Hamburger Helper. All they need is for members of the community to go online, and support the effort with comments that would be a good idea," said Ralph Smith, Founder and Executive Director of CMG. "It will only take a couple of minutes, but will employ two youths for the entire summer and help positive causes throughout the city.

The Computer Mentors Group is in competition with other non-profits from around the nation for the grant. Thus far, CMG has received over 100 comments from the Tampa community since May 21st, but is still asking for more support. "The response that we have received thus far has been no less than fantastic. Whether we receive this grant or not, the comments themselves are worth so much to us," said Smith. "They alone are worth more than the money. Hopefully, the present and future responses will help us receive the grant."

Please go to www.myhometownhelper.com, or call the Computer Mentors Group at (813) 236-1191.

8th Annual Veteran's Memorial Day Program Planned

BY IRIS B. HOLTON
Sentinel Staff Writer

On Monday morning, members of the community will gather at the Rest Haven Memorial Cemetery, 4615 E. Hanna Avenue, for the 8th Annual Memorial Day Program. The event is slated to begin at 10 a.m., and is designated to pay tribute to fallen soldiers.

The program is being hosted by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 1339, in conjunction with the American Legion Post 187, and the Buffalo Soldiers, Woods and Wanton Chapter, Inc. The program honors veterans and demonstrates support and prayer for those who are in harm's way to keep the country safe.

Melvin L. Collins, Commander of Veterans Of Foreign Wars, Post 1339, said he got the idea of paying tribute to fallen soldiers in Tampa after attending several ceremonies. "The first program was started in 1998. I had attended several ceremonies, but when I came through the cemetery, there were only 2 flags on graves. I got with the owner and we began placing flags on the graves. "My concern is that we are remembered. We all can't be at Bay Pines or Arlington Cemetery. There are veterans in private cemeteries all over the country and I just want us to be accounted for. I feel these veterans should not be overlooked."

Collins said more than 1,500 veterans are buried at Rest Haven Memorial Park Cemetery. On Saturday morning, beginning at 7:30 a.m., members of various organizations throughout the community will gather at the cemetery and place flags on the graves of those identified as veterans. A standard military issued headstone identifies the graves of the veterans. Marking the graves takes up to two hours depending on the number of volunteers participating, Collins said.

"We're asking everyone to please come out and support us. Let's take pride in our community in remembering our friends and loved ones who have served and made this a great nation," Collins stated.

Anyone wishing to obtain additional information about the program can contact Collins at (813) 238-5627, or by cell phone at (813) 293-8313.
Tampa Artist Becoming The New Face Of Celebrity Gossip

Although only in its second season The GuestList (formerly PinkTV), a popular music program in New York City that focuses on Hip Hop and urban culture is already breaking records, as it has managed to cause more than a million people to tune in. The show showcases independent artists in profanity free music videos.

It is hosted by Tampa native Devlyn “Buffy” Rachelle, and her anonymous co-host, Mr. 600. She is truly becoming the “go to girl for industry controversy.” “Buffy” known as “Miss Mouth” or “The Diva” and Mr. 600 are strong, unique artists who have their own opinions, and anyone around them would think they are debating the fate of the free world when they argue. It’s that mix that goes into each show.

Dealing with her newfound success, Buffy said, “I’m trying to be the Juke City Ambassador and expose our underground music scene to the mainstream industry. If you think they are hating on The South now wait till they get a load of Tampa. That’s also why I particularly play videos from Florida artists, I’ve had the whole spectrum on my show...I prefer my Florida boys any day.”

Buffy is one of a few rare artists, whose vocal style evokes the soul and spirit of classic R&B, while firmly grounded in the world of Hip Hop and Rap.

She started as a dancer on her uncle’s weekly cable series “Kidfest,” a Mickey Mouse Club styled program for inner city youth, in Durham, North Carolina. She developed a reputation as a Michael Jackson impersonator.

Later, working beside her older sister, Renee, they wrote and recorded comedy skits that would gain notoriety and airplay on local and college stations in Tampa.

In high school, Buffy experienced her first exposure to “rhymin” and it proved to be a major success. This led to her becoming the sole female emcee in the hottest Hip Hop crew in Tampa, “The Black Plague.”

While vacationing in Miami, Buffy and her “partner in crime,” Renee, met with an A&R representative and he was able to get them cast as extras in the box office smash Any Given Sunday.

She has opened for several acts including Mystikal, Lil Kim, Scarface, Dru Hill, Juvenile and Twista.

In 2002, Buffy moved to Harlem, New York, with just $2,500 and a map, to pursue her ambitious dreams. Renee, now a publicist, introduced her to an A&R rep from Rawkus Records, who hired her to write for a new R&B artist.

Recently, she was featured on the album of Da IRS, the premier artist signed to Hip Hop label Armory Records, on a track entitled Dime, Nickel and Penny. Her promotional album release Centerstage is now available for FREE DOWNLOAD and she has a number of other works already in progress, including a new album and her first novel entitled “Sunshine”. Currently, Buffy is also the host of her own TV show broadcasting on Manhattan’s MNN cable network entitled The GuestList.
ALL ABOUT YOU!

Happy Birthday

MR. OLIVER MAYO (POP), JR.
May 26

Loving birthday wishes to our wonderful father who we have love, respect and honor for. You are the best father ever. We are blessed to have you for our father. We thank you for all the love, happiness and support you have given us all through our lives.

Celebrating your birthday with you will be a great occasion. "This is your day," O.M., Jr.!

We love you always, your daughters, Virginia (John), Theresa, grands, great grands, family and friends.

MR. OLIVER MAYO (POP), JR.

LINA And GINUWINE

"I told y'all I was going to bump like this."

HEAVEN STEPHENS

Congratulations Boogey, this is only your beginning. God bless you mommy, we love you.

Grandma, Carol Chaney, Auntie Keylon and Uncle Maceo, III.

LINA And GINUWINE

MARTHA WALKER

Look who’s 75 years young!!!
Happy birthday, Grandma.
Love, Beani.

MARTHA WALKER

GARNELL WILDS, JR.

Happy birthday to Garnell Wilds, Jr., who will be turning 4-years-old on Saturday, May 26, 2007.

Parents, Aramis Jackson and Garnell Wilds; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George and Jacqueline Wilds, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Starka, Ms. Ola Lott and Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie D. Jackson, II.

GARNELL WILDS, JR.

MARIA REYES

Happy birthday grandma! We love you!
Love, all your grandchildren. Birthday wishes are going to a mother who we truly love.
Happy birthday, Ma!
Love, your girls, Evelyn, Rosie and Tien.

SANDRA NEAL ALVAREZ
And ANDRE P. WALKER, SR.

Mrs. Elizabeth Teagle, would like to congratulate and announce the engagement of her daughter Sandra Neal Alvarez to Andre P. Walker, Sr., the son of Ms. Josephine Nelsoiff and Ms. Barbara Gay of Tampa, Fl.

The couple will be united together as one on December 8, 2007. The wedding will be held at Springhill M. B. Church, 8119 Dr. Martin Luther King Blvd., Tampa. The couple will reside in Land O’ Lakes.

"We celebrate the love and life of this couple."
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MONICIA And D'ERRIKA

Happy birthday to the best mom ever! We love you! Monicia and D’errika.

MONICIA And D'ERRIKA

Happy birthday the best mom ever! We love you! Monicia and D’errika.

MONICIA, MONIQUE, DERRICK And D'ERRIKA

To my lover, friend and the mother of my children, happy birthday, Monique! Love, Derrick.

MONICIA, MONIQUE, DERRICK And D'ERRIKA
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**MEAT & PRODUCE**

Your neighborhood fresh market!

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ALL ABOUT YOU!

Congratulations To One Of Tampa’s Finest!!

Derrick Deondrae Hernandez graduated from Tampa Bay Tech High School on Thursday, May 24, 2006.

Derrick is the son of very proud parents, Litonya Jones and Eugene Hernandez; the grandson of proud maternal grandparents, Linda Brown and Archie Daniels; and paternal grandparents, Dorothy Hernandez, Roma Lee Rucker and Norman Shamburger.

Derrick was an integral part of the Tampa Bay Tech High School basketball team for the past 4 years, as well as a member of the Tampa Bay Tech High School football team his senior year. He was also an active member of the Future Business Leaders of America Club at Tampa Bay Tech. Derrick has been an outstanding example as a Student Athlete at Tampa Bay Tech.

Derrick plans to attend Hillsborough Community College in the fall of 2007 and in 2 years transfer to the University of Florida in Gainesville, FL, where he plans to apply his skills as a member of the Florida Gators basketball team and earn his degree in Business and Accounting. It is Derrick’s dream to one day have his own accounting firm.

Derrick, we are proud of you for the accomplishments that you have made during your high school career and know that you will excel in your college years and all throughout your life. We know that you had some good days and some bad, you’ve had some happy and some sad... but you never complained... and through the struggle you made it baby and we’re proud!

Derrick, continue to do your thing! Your destiny is success! Remember that if you put God first you shall have the desires of your heart and through Him all things are possible. Don’t ever let anybody tell you what you can’t do. Believe in yourself and do it! Also, always remember that we believe in you and we love you. Congratulations, Derrick! Your loving and proud family.

SOCIAL EVENT

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Painted Atlanta Pink And Green

AKA Step Team shown from left to right Neosha Woodson, Alicia Williams, Riquetta Lomax, Gwen Myers, President, Carroll Wood, Martha Sylla, Chairman, LaToya Dowdell, and Monica Williams Conley, Esq.

During the days of February 21-25, the City of Atlanta, Georgia, dazzled and shined with a sea of pink and green. The city hosted the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., South Atlantic Regional Conference, where over 3,000 attendees converged to focus on all things AKA.

Tampa’s own Gamma Theta Omega Chapter (GTO) of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., participated in the conference and also competed in various competitions with regional AKA Chapters. Needless to say, Gamma Theta Omega Chapter returned to Tampa Bay as winners.

Evelyn McFadden, First Vice President of GTO, won a first place award for her scrapbook and Deirdre Jones, Second Vice President of GTO, won a second place award for her scrapbook competition.

Last, but certainly not the least, the crown and shining glory came when Gamma Theta Omega’s Step Team won first place at the AKA South Atlantic Regional Step Show Competition. Gamma Theta Omega Chapter continuing to Exemplify Stellar Perfection!

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On Saturday, April 21, 2007, at 6:30 p.m., Pilgrim Rest Freewill Baptist Church held their 4th Annual Spring Banquet at the Dr. Henry J. Rodmon Life Center, 1052 North Kettles Avenue, Lakeland. The theme was: "78 Years And Still Serving." Scripture: "... but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15.

The Banquet Programme was as follows: Mistress of Ceremonies - Sis. Tonia Oldham, Musicians - Des. David Baker and Jr. Des. Xavier Melton, Welcome - Sis. Cheryl Lovett, Invocation - Dr. Frankie Baldwin, Occasion - Sis. Regina Rodmon, the elegant dinner served on fine china, crystal goblets and beautiful silverware consisting of: Roast Pork, Baked Chicken, tasty Green Beans, Yellow Rice, Rolls, Salad, Tea and Strawberry Shortcake.


Pilgrim Rest members enjoying the banquet were Mr. and Mrs. George (Glenda Charlene) Baker, the Assistant Secretary at Pilgrim Rest.

The Culinary Staff at Pilgrim Rest: the best in Lakeland according to Gabbing With Gloria, Christine Harris, Eva Laneair, Mo. Besse Melton, Mo. Mary Shaw and Mo. Earline Willis.

The Male Chorus members who doubled as the Banquet Waiters for the evening.

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News From New Bethel
AME Church

Vacation Bible School in the
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Ewing, is Pastor, invites you to
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for all age groups.
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Jesus Diploma, the Jesus way.
Bring your neighbors with you.
Jean Johnson, Staff
Member, Christian Ed. Dept.

June Celebrates
Happy birthday to the June
celebrants, whose natal days
are June 1-25. The flower is the
Rose and the birthstone is the
Pearl.
Sentinel readers celebrating
birthdays and anniversaries
this month are: Alexander
Jenkins, Miss Gabrielle
Parhs, Royal Davis,
Arthur Ralph Laidler and D.
Jean Johnson.
Mr. and Mrs. Johnny
(Nadine) McFarland, owners of
McFarland's on Walker Street are
celebrating their wedding anniversary
on June 17, 2010.
The Society Inc. has two celeb-
trants: Sonji Coney and
Elizabeth Williams.
Hurret Chapel AME Church
Rev. Renee Clark, Pastor and
members send birthday
Greetings to: Vera Allen,
Virginia Bowens, Ulysses
Cuyler, Kenneth James, Lila
M. Davis, Larita G, Bouie,
Edward Vincent, Rosz
Parnell, Annette Thomas,
R. W. Davis, Catherine
Turner, Eddie Dixon and
Debra Smith.

Great St. Paul Church
Happy June 1st birthday to
celebrant, Rev. N. S. Sanders,
Pastor, along with Kenneth
Zipperer and Elizabeth
Moody.

New Mt. Zion M.B. Church
The congregation and Pastor
J. L. Hardie extend birthday
wishes to: Dea. Willie Scott,
De. Allen Perry, Velma
McCalpin, Shirley P. A.
Williams, Shirley M.
Williams, Kenneth Nathaniel
Robinson, Doris Henley,
Mr. David Simpkins and
Mr. David Simpkins, III.

A Judge is A'Coming
Yes, retired Justice Charles
Z. Smith, from the Washington
State Supreme Court, Olympia,
Washington, will be the speak-
er at the 14th Annual Edward
W. Murray Scholarship
Banquet on June 2, 2007, at 7
p.m. at the Simpson Park
Community Center.
He was born in Lakeland in
1927, and attended Wakulla
Park High School through the
9th grade before leaving
Lakeland to complete his high
school education elsewhere.
He holds a Bachelor of Science
degree from Temple University,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
(1955) and a Juris Doctor
degree from the University of
Washington School of Law,
Seattle (1965).
He retired November 1986
from the United States Marine
Corps Reserve with the rank of
Lientenant Colonel.

The Washington Park / Rochelle High School Alumni
Association, Inc., is the sponsor
of this evening of wholesome
fellowship that honors scholar-
ship awardees from the public
high schools in Lakeland.
To obtain tickets please call
(863) 687-8711, 680-2099, 686-
7628, 682-6736, 686-5688, 866-
7592, 688-6333 or 688-2100.
Officers and members of the
Washington Park / Rochelle High
School Alumni Association, Inc., are:
Freddie C. Austin, Dorothy
Harris- Robinson, Dorothy Miller-
Moore, Lona Smith-Pickett,
Beverly Brooks-Bowtait, Barbara
Strange-Holman, James Johnson,
Petrie Williams, Bernice Smith-
Smith, Anny Phyal and J. T.
McCreyer, Sr.

Beulah M. B. Church Inc.
Beulah M.B. Church Inc.
Rev. Brenda Robinson, Pastor.
The Women of Beulah M. B.
Church, Inc. of Mt. Febe, will
host the 30th Annual Family
Day on Sunday, May 27, 2007,
at 4 p.m. at the Mt. Febe
Community Center. The theme is:
*National Tea and Talent Extravaganza.
A tea for sale in advance
and at the door. For infor-
mation, please contact Sis.
Carolyn Williams at (863) 838-4348.

Gloria's Things & Other Things
Wasn't feeling well over Lh e
weekend. Keep me in your
prayers. Love you, too!

Baby Shower Held
On Saturday, May 12, 2007,
Stacy Johnson was
treated to an afternoon that
showered her with lots of
love, fun and baby gifts.
Tracy Johnson served as her
hostess for this sister's baby shower
which was held at the Holiday Inn
Conference Room in Lake City.
Guests in attendance were
numerous friends and family
members that included:
father-to-be, Elton Fortson; Stacy's
mother, Carolyn Johnson;
aunts, Karen Johnson and
Sandra Williams; and uncle,
James Johnson. Pastor Ronnie
Johnson, Evam Samuel,
Sharon Williams, Louise Fead,
Alma Jean, Jamal and
Sheree Williams, Dominick,
Mr. Tootie, Tamajani,
Jerrica Hamilton,
Brassaw, Tonya Taylor,
Sharonya Martin, Ella
Taylor, Candice Smith,
and Rainsa Smith.

On the menu was fried
chicken drummettes, finger
sandwiches, cheese chunks,
deviled eggs, pickle pears,
beverages and fruit bowls.
Guests participated in baby
shower games that included:
Baby Things Word Find
(Winner-Candyce Smith),
The Cotton Ball Game
(Winner-Sharonda Martin),
Don't Get Caught with Your
Legs Crossed (Winner- Ella
Taylor) and Guess Mommy's
1nny Size (Winner-Shereen
Williams, Joel's Dessert
Bowl (Winner-Tamika
Brushell). All winners
received door prizes.
The little bundle of joy's expected
arrival date is June 1, 2007.
Upon arrival, her name will
be Erin Elyse Fortson.

Congratulations
Shaw-Nuf Talk extends
CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!
to all graduates of the Class
of 2007! Whether your gradua-
tion was from kinder-
garten, fifth grade, eighth
grade, twelfth grade, college,
or otherwise, know that you
have made an accomplish-
ment in your life.

National Cancer Survivors
Day 2007
Come celebrate National
Cancer Survivors Day 2007
at the Lakeland Regional
Cancer Center on Sunday,
June 3, 2007 from 1 p.m. -
3 p.m. The celebration will
include "The C-Word: A Life-
Meets-Art Cancer Story," per-
formed by Barbara Bates
Smith. The C-Word is a
humorous and poignant story
of Smith's role in the play
"Wil," of her own breast can-
cer and her long-term rela-
tionship with a hospice patient
who died from cancer. There
will also be a Butterfly
Garden Release and Butterfly
Release. To RSVP by May 30th, call (863) 687-
1400. Refreshments will be
served. The celebration is
free and open to the commu-
ity.

Housing Assistance
The Lakeland Housing
Authority opened its Public
Housing waiting list for three
(3) and four (4) bedroom
apartments on Monday, May
14, 2007. Walk-in applica-
tions will be accepted Monday through Friday
between the hours of 9:00 a.m.
and 4:00 p.m. The wait-
ing list will close on Thursday,
June 14, 2007 at 4 p.m.
Persons who are inter-
cested can complete an appli-
cation at 430 Hartsell Avenue.
Lakeland. The Lakeland Housing
Authority offers affordable housing and
encourages elderly, disabled (30)
and other special needs families to
apply for its spacious apartments.
For further information call
(863) 687-2911 Ext. 217.

Heart E. Mae Says
It is not wise to be defined
by the kind of car that you
drive, the size of your house,
your job title or the amount
of money that you earn. For
me, my company down-size
would change all of that.
then who would you be?
"Set your affections on things above, not on things
on the earth." Colossians 3:2

Anniversary
Shaw-Nuf Talk extends
wishes for many more years
of marriage to Reverend
Van Green and wife,
Sheila, and Elder Shelton
W. Faison and his wife,
Katrena. The Green's cele-
bated their 20th
anniversary on May 16th.
The Faison's celebrated their
12th anniversary on May
20th.

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Tell Shaw-Nuf Talk about
your church events, birthday
celebrations, weddings, fami-
ly reunions, baby showers,
accomplishments, etc., that
you want to share with the
readers of the Florida
Sentinel Bulletin, and I'll talk
about it in Shaw-Nuf Talk.
You can contact me via e-
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Frank ‘C’ Is Polk County’s ‘Living Radio Legend’

Frank Clarke is considered a living “radio legend” in Polk County. He has been with radio station WWAB for 32 years. He is one of 5 African Americans considered first with local Black radio in Polk County. The native of Quincy attended NYSA Broadcast School during the late 60s. He also attended NYSA Broadcasting School during the late 60s.

Frank ‘C’, as he is known, held several positions before landing at WWAB. With a passion for news, Frank ‘C’ says, he would love to see more African American women involved in the broadcast industry. Currently, he hosts an hour talk program on Saturday mornings, 11:30 a.m., “Citizen’s Point of View,” with co-host, Sarah Williams Smith.

Frank ‘C’ enjoys entertaining friends and that special lady in his life, Ms. Dira Dell Bush. He also loves to listen to blues, jazz and gospel music. When time allows, he also enjoys traveling, and all kinds of sports. Frank is a member of St. Mark U.M. Church.

Willie Speed Is Hall Of Fame Inductee

Speed received a plaque bearing his likeness to commemorate his induction into the Hall of Fame.

U. S. Air Force Promotion Ceremony

Family members from Lakeland who attended the United States Air Force Promotion Ceremony on April 2, 2007, at the Pentagon, Room 46516, for Staff Sergeant LaToya Hawkins were: Mr. Sylvester Little (an uncle), Mrs. Teresa (Tina) Little-Brown, and her mother, Ms. Barbara Little. Equally proud of her granddaughter is Mrs. Gertie Little of Lakeland, who was unable to attend the ceremony.

Sergeant Hawkins grew up in Lakeland and entered the Air Force in July, 1997. Her assignments included tours to North Dakota, Korea and Colorado. She is a Suspense and Information Administrator assigned to Headquarters Air Force, Executive Secretariat at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

Major Awards and Decorations received by Sgt. Hawkins are the Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster and the Air Force Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters.

The ceremony was as follows: Arrival of Official Party, National Anthem, Remarks by Colonel Mary L. Purdupe, the Director, Executive Secretary, Headquarters U.S. Air Force and who was the Presiding Officer during the ceremony. Promotion Order, Oath of Enlistment, Remarks by Sgt. Hawkins followed by a reception.
New Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 1321 N. Webster Avenue, Lakeland, (863) 866-8783, where Dr. J. S. Hardie is Pastor, and congregation were hosts to Choir #1’s Annual Musicale Extravanganza, “Music In Church, A Joyous Time For All,” on Sunday, April 22, 2007 at 4 p.m. The theme was, “Shout For Joy To The Lord, All The Earth, Burst Into Jubilant Song With Music.” Psalm 98:4

The program was as follows:
Call To Worship - Rev. Michael Rue, Processional - Choir #1, Devotional - Deacons In Charge, Scripture - Psalms 98 Verses 4 - Rev. George Edwards, Welcome/Occasion - Sis. Edith Gatlin, Mistress Of Ceremony - Sis. Armentra McMillian, Selections - Choir #1, Solo - Miss Anisha Loyd, Selections - Pilgrim Rest Male Chorus, Worship God In Giving - Dea. Eugene and Mrs. Marjorie Byron and Dea. Jesse and Mrs. Geanie Moore, Selections - The Greater Refuge Temple Choir, Solo - Sis. Silena Gant, Selections - Choir #1 and Th e Refuge Temple Choir.

Invitation To Discipleship - Dr. J. S. Hardie, Remarks - Sis. Laurastine King, President, Pastoral Remarks / Benediction - Dr. J. S. Hardie. Refreshments were served in Class Room #1.
Program Coordinator were: Sis. Laurastine King, Sis. Mamie Smith and Sis. Almeta Jones. The Publicity Committee was Choir #1.

Special thanks to: Sis. Armentra McMillian, The Refuge Temple Choir and Pastor, Bishop Gentle Groover, Sr., Pilgrim Rest Male Chorus and Pastor, Bishop Henry Rodmon and Miss Anisha Loyd.

Thanks are also extended to the musicians and directors: Sis. Francine Jones, Sis. Susan Davis, Sis. Edith Gatlin, Sis. Elua Dixon, Bro. Anthony Breach and Bro. Ray Driver, along with the Ushers, Hospitality Committee and Culinary Committee.
Sis. Laurastine King, President and Sis. Betty Lazard, Vice President.

Looking on with approval at Choir #1 marches in is Pastor Joe S. Hardie.

New Mt. Zion M. B. Church Choir #1 marching into the sanctuary are led by Gail Fields and others. Ms. Francine Jones, renowned gospel singer, is at the left in the audience along with Mrs. W. Scott.

New Mt. Zion M. B. Church Choir #1’s Annual Musicale Extravaganza was, Lord, All The Earth, Burst Into Jubilant Song With Music at Greater Refuge Temple, Lakeland.

Sis. Laurastine King, President.

Rev. Michael Rue, Rev. George Edwards and Dr. J. S. Hardie, Pastor of New Mt. Zion M.B. Church.

Solola, Little Miss Starlett, Miss Anisha Loyd is shown with her mom, Mrs. Betty Loyd.

Choir #1 member, Sis. Denise Hartley, Lead Soloist.

Bro. Ray Driver, Minister of Music at Greater Refuge Temple, Lakeland.

Members of The Refuge Temple Choir where Bishop Gentle Groover is Pastor.

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Pension benefit plans not only provide retirement income but may also be structured to provide for the deferral of income pending illness, disability or pre-retirement termination of employment.

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For more information, mail all employment law questions to RODERICK FORD, Attorney-At-Law, P.O. Box 173057, Tampa, Fl. 33572; email: laboradvocate@ford-laworg, or call (813) 229-4460.

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Notice of Public Hearing

A public hearing will be held by the Land Use Hearing Officer, pursuant to Hillsborough County Land Development Code, beginning at 9:00 a.m., June 15, 2007, at the Board Room, 2nd floor of the County Center, 601 E. Kennedy Blvd., Tampa, to hear the following requests.

Copies of the applications, department reports and legal descriptions are available for public inspection in a master file maintained by the Planning and Growth Management Department and the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners. All interested persons wishing to submit testimony or other evidence in this matter must submit same to the Hearing Master at the public hearing before him/her. The decision of the Land Use Hearing Officer will be filed with the Clerk within fifteen (15) working days after the conclusion of the public hearing.

ANY PERSON WHO MIGHT WISH TO APPEAL ANY DECISION OR RECOMMENDATION MADE BY THE LAND USE HEARING OFFICER OR THE GOVERNING BODY REGARDING ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT THE FORTHCOMING PUBLIC HEARING OR MEETING IS HEREBY ADVISED THAT THEY WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS AND FOR SUCH PURPOSE, THEY MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS IS MADE AS IT WILL INCLUDE THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE UPON WHICH SUCH APPEAL IS TO BE BASED.

Additional information concerning these requests may be obtained by calling the Department of Planning and Growth Management at (813) 276-2058.

VARIANCE REQUESTS

The following petitions will be heard beginning at 9:00 a.m.:

Petition VAR 07-0762-EGL, Dick J. LaRosa, Jr., P.E. - Hamilton Engineering & Surveying, Inc. is requesting a Variance to the flag lot and easement requirements in an Urban Service Area for property located at 4309 W. Humphrey St., zoned RSC-6.

Petition VAR 07-0953-BR, William D. & Tammy L. Law are requesting a Variance to the flag lot and easement requirements for property located at 1218 & 1224 Bloomingdale Ave, zoned ASC-1.

Petition VAR 07-0959-APL, John A. Pulcini is requesting a Variance to setback requirements and to allow an accessory dwelling in a legal non-conforming lot for property located at 17014 Paula Lane, zoned ASC-1.

Petition VAR 07-0953-BR, William D. & Tammy L. Law are requesting a Variance to the flag lot and easement requirements for property located at 1218 & 1224 Bloomingdale Ave, zoned ASC-1.

Petition VAR 07-0966-VR, Derrell R. Curry is requesting a Sign Variance for property located at 2505 S.R. 60 East, zoned CG.

Petition VAR 07-0989-BL, William Streit is requesting Variances for the setback requirements for property located at 6010 N. 49th St., zoned RSC-6.

Petition VAR 07-0992-CW, Teresa A. Zimmerman is requesting a Variance to setback and fence requirements for property located at 801 Monaco Dr., zoned RSC-6.

Petition VAR 07-0993-VR, Michael Rustenberg is requesting Variances to the utility and easement requirements for property located at 228 N. Dover Rd., zoned AS-1.

Petition VAR 07-1048-EGL, John Paul Jones is requesting a Variance to the setback requirements for property located at 2519 W. Knollwood St., zoned RSC-6.

Petition VAR 07-1049-PR, Wayne N. Smith is requesting a Variance to the setback requirements and to allow an accessory dwelling in a legal non-conforming lot for property located at 2310 Riverview Dr., zoned AS-1.

Petition VAR 07-1059-NWH, Milqueya Pimentel is requesting a Variance to the setback requirements for property located at 8006 Beaty Grove Dr., zoned AS-1.

Petition VAR 07-1063-TNC, Irwin Cordova & Yaquelin Quintano, are requesting a Variance to the setback requirements for property located at 6722 Gateway Dr., zoned RSC-6.

Petition VAR 07-1064-ABP, Stan Kroh is requesting a Variance to the buffer and screening requirements for property located at the SW corner of Dickman & Noonan Branch Rd., zoned AR & RSC-6 (MH).

Petition VAR 07-1066-PR, Marcos J. & Esther P. De La Huerta, are requesting a Variance to the setback requirements for property located at 1328 Walklil Way, zoned RSC-9.

Petition VAR 07-1073-KO, Thomas & Lesley Cordleone are requesting a Variance to the setback requirements for property located at 17014 Paula Lane, zoned ASC-1.

Petition VAR 07-1075-CW, John A. Pulcini is requesting a Variance to the setback requirements for property located at 1927 Floresta View Dr., zoned RSC-4.

Petition VAR 07-1077-CW, Maje Baker is requesting a Variance to the setback requirements for property located at 3218 Nundy Rd., zoned RSC-6.

Petition VAR 07-1078-PR, Wayne N. Smith is requesting a Variance to the setback requirements for property located at 7009 S. 24th Ave., zoned RSC-9.

Petition VAR 07-1079-ER, Anna & David Connell, are requesting a Variance to the setback requirements for property located at 4704 Bird Rd., zoned AS-1.

Petition VAR 07-1085-BLD, SCR of Tampa Bay, LLC is requesting a Variance for the location of a dumpster for property located at 4310 Bell Shoals Rd., zoned PD-MU (ZC 92-362).

Petition VAR 07-1085-TH, Brenda I. Teron is requesting a Variance to allow a fourth lot on an existing easement for property located at 12415 McIntosh Rd., zoned AS-1.

Petition VAR 07-1105-CW, Robert Foster is requesting Variances to the required minimum lot width & to allow septic tank(s) in the Urban Service Area for property located at 14109 Lake Magdalene Blvd., zoned RSC-4.

Petition VAR 07-1106-EL, Robert Pound is requesting a Variance to the setback requirements for property located at 5010 N. Falkenburg Rd., zoned RDC-12.
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Tuesday, June 5th at 9:00 a.m.
County Center Building, 2nd Floor,
601 E Kennedy Blvd, Downtown Tampa

The Hillsborough County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), responsible for a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive long-range transportation planning process for Tampa, Temple Terrace, Plant City and Hillsborough County, will hold two consecutive public hearings to:

A. Amend the 2025 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) to comply with federal regulations & to add five roadway projects to the cost affordable plan.

The following roadways are proposed to be added to the 2025 LRTP:
- Bell Shoals Rd
- Widen to 4 lanes from Bloomingdale Ave to Fishhawk Blvd
- (4) Amend the 2025 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) to comply with federal regulations & to add five roadway projects to the cost affordable plan.
- Columbus Dr extension
- Construct new 4 lane road from Falkenburg Rd to east of US 301

Flshhawk Blvd
- Widen to 4 lanes from Bell Shoals Rd to Lithia Pincrest Rd

Lithia Pincrest Rd
- Widen to 4 lanes from Bloomingdale to Lithia Ridge/Adelade

Race Track Rd
- Widen to 4 lanes from Countryway to Nine Eagles to S Mobility

B. Adopt the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Fiscal Years 2007/2008 - 2011/2012.

The TIP lists transportation projects to be funded by federal, state, and local government agencies and private business.

For more information, please call 813/273-3774 X320. For special accommodations to participate in these hearings, please call 813/273-3774 X320 at least three business days in advance.

These public hearings will be broadcast live with closed captioning on HTV-22.

Thursday, June 7th at 2:00 p.m.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES

REQUESTS FOR BIDS AND/OR PROPOSALS

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

JUNE 22, 2007 - 2:00 P.M.
S-0283-07 (EM) DAVIS BACON CONSULTING SERVICES

PLEAS NOTE: THE ABOVE BID IS A HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL PURCHASING COUNCIL BID

Some or all of the above bid(s) may have Pre-Bid Conferences. Information on these and other Requests for Bids, along with Bid/Proposal results may be accessed via the following:

(1) The Internet at www.hillsboroughcounty.org/procurementservices, or
(2) by coming to the Department of Procurement Services office located at the address listed below.

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

Questions regarding the above projects may be directed to Hillsborough County Board of Commissioners, Department of Procurement Services, 601 E Kennedy Blvd, 1st Fl, County Center, Tampa Florida, 33602, (813) 272-5790, during regular business hours.

INVITATION TO BID / SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE SOLICITATION

This is a Small Business Enterprise Solicitation under Executive Order 2002-48 for the City of Tampa. For information on becoming certified as a Small Business Enterprise firm, please call the Minority and Women Business Enterprise Office at 813-274-5522. Sealed Bids from City of Tampa Certified Small Business Enterprises for the furnishing of the following will be received by the Director of Purchasing, City of Tampa, in his office until

2:30 PM ON 6/7/07
LANDSCAPING OF COURTYARD CAMPBELL, CAUSEWAY RIGHT OF WAY PROJECT MEETING TO BE HELD AT 10:30 AM ON 5/3/07

Then and thereafter to be publicly opened and read. Bid documents are available at the Purchasing Department (Phone No. 813/274-3531).

DATED: 5/26/07
Gregory K. Speaman, CPPO
Director of Purchasing
City of Tampa, FL
308 E Jackson Street
Tampa, FL 33602
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Hillsborough County Tax Collector’s Office is soliciting proposals from qualified abstract companies or title companies to provide the office with Owner and Encumbrance Reports (O&E reports) that meet the standards as set forth in the applicable Florida Statutes and the Florida Department of Revenue Administrative Code Rules as they pertain to the tax deed application process.

Detailed specifications and the entire RFP package may be obtained from www.hillstax.org or from Preston Trigg at the Hillsborough County Tax Collector’s Office at trigg@hillstax.org.

The completed proposal must be received in the Tax Collector’s Office, 14th Floor, County Center, 601 E. Kennedy Blvd., Tampa, FL, 33602, no later than noon, June 15, 2007. Only proposals received on or before that time will be considered.

The Tax Collector reserves the right to accept or reject any and all offers.

Doug Belden
Tax Collector

REQUEST FOR LETTER OF INTEREST (RLI)
GEO-TECHNICAL, INSPECTION, TESTING AND ENGINEERING SERVICES
FOR TAMPA PORT AUTHORITY

In accordance with the Florida Consultant’s Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA) and the Tampa Port Authority’s policy and procedures for contracting professional services, the Tampa Port Authority TPA is soliciting letters of interest with qualifications from firms interested in providing geo-technical, environmental, inspection, testing, and engineering services.

TPA contemplates engaging one or more firms under a “continuing contract” as defined by the CCNA. Florida Statute 287.085(1)(g), and in accordance with the TPA’s Procurement Policy, to perform special engineering services in the areas of geo-technical, Inspections, testing, and engineering services. Work under the contract(s) will be assigned on as-needed basis, and TPA gives no assurance that any work will be assigned.

Work under the agreement(s) will be assigned on an as-needed basis. The Tampa Port Authority provides no assurance that any work will be assigned. The Tampa Port Authority may also choose to advertise and contract separately for consultant services for any future large or special projects. The Consultant shall engage professionals and technicians who are licensed, certified, and qualified to perform the work. It is expected that the Consultant’s team will have offices within twenty-five (25) miles of the Tampa Port Authority.

It may be necessary during the course of any Agreement, to use Consultant professionals at the Port’s office to assist with aspects of the Port’s Capital Improvement Program. Any such use will be at a lower multiplier, which will reflect the lower overhead and personnel costs associated with domiciling staff at the Port office.

The Port Authority encourages the use of registered Small Business Enterprise (SBE) firms to the greatest extent possible on Port Authority projects. The Port Authority has a goal of 9% SBE participation. Firms must consider this when submitting on this project, as this will be considered by the Port Authority when evaluating the RLI submittals. Firms shall submit a completed form SBE-1, which will provide the details of the firm’s SBE Outreach Action Plan.

All firms interested in submitting an RLI on this project must register with the DemandStar System in order to receive any changes or addenda to this RLI. Electronic copies of the RLI may be obtained from the Tampa Port Authority web site (www.tampaport.com). This copy is made available through the DemandStar System.

The deadline for firms submitting on this RLI is 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 27, 2007. Submit one (1) original and seven (7) copies of the completed RLI document.

Submittals must be marked: “Sealed Response for Geo-Technical, Inspection, Testing and Engineering Consultant Services”. All responses will be delivered to The Tampa Port Authority, 4th Floor, 1101 Channelside Drive, Tampa, FL 33602. Any questions concerning this project should be directed to Donna Casey, TPA Procurement Office, (813) 905-5044.

The Tampa Port Authority intends to select the most qualified and experienced firm(s) for the contract(s), considering all factors, including team qualification, experience, capabilities, adequacy of personnel, past performance and record; ability of professional personnel; willingness to meet time and budget requirements; recent, current and projected workloads of the firm; volume of work previously awarded to the firm by the Tampa Port Authority with the object of effecting an equitable distribution of contracts to the most qualified and experienced firm(s); and local presence. The Tampa Port Authority reserves the right to reject any and all submittals, and/or not award a contract(s).

The TPA Procurement Policy limits the term of all contracts to no more than three (3) years duration. It is anticipated that the continuing contracts resulting from the RLI would have a three (3) year term, but with a clause allowing for termination at the convenience of the Tampa Port Authority.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES

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

JUNE 14, 2007 - 2:00 P.M.
P-0277-07 (DV) CLASSROOM SUPPLIES

Some or all of the above bid(s) may have Pre-Bid Conferences and other Requests for bids, along with Bid/Proposal results may be accessed via the following:
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TAMPA BAY WASTE WATER

Tampa Bay Water, Tampa Bay Water, A Regional Waste Supply Authority (Tampa Bay Water), is requesting written sealed bids from vendors who are able to provide Corrosion Control Monitoring Services, Contract No.: 2007-047, according to Tampa Bay Water’s specifications.

Written sealed bids must be supplied on forms provided by Tampa Bay Water and bids will be received until 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 14, 2007, at our Clearwater office located at 2575 Enterprise Road, Clearwater, FL 33763, at which time the sealed bids will be opened.

Bids packages may be obtained at Tampa Bay Water’s office located at 2575 Enterprise Road, Clearwater, FL 33763 or by contacting our Records Department at 727-796-2355 or fax request to 727-724-8413 and include a contact name, company, address, telephone and fax number.

A Pre-BID Conference will be held at 3:00 AM, Monday, June 4, 2007 at TAMPA BAY WATER’S Regional Operations Center, located at 8855 Pump Station Road, Land O’ Lakes, FL 34639. Attendance at the Pre-BID Conference is not mandatory.

Bid Security in the amount of two and one-half percent (2.5%) of the Proposed Total Contract Price must accompany each Proposal in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI)

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Orlando Airports District Office on April 5, 2007 issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the proposed Property Acquisition (Northwest Commerce Park) for future Runway 17-35 Runway Protection Zone at Tampa International Airport, Tampa, Florida. Copies of the FONSI are available for review by the public at the following locations:

Federal Aviation Administration
Orlando Airports District Office
6591 Heritage Lane Drive, Suite 400
Orlando, FL 32822-5024

Hillsborough County Aviation Authority Office
Tampa International Airport
Main Terminal - Third Level
Tampa, FL 33622(813) 870-6721

And any other location as may be subsequently deemed appropriate and convenient.

REQUEST FOR LETTER OF INTEREST (RLI)

GENERAL ENGINEERING CONSULTANT SERVICES

FOR TAMPA PORT AUTHORITY

In accordance with the Florida Consultant's Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA) and the Tampa Port Authority's policy and procedures for contracting professional services, the Tampa Port Authority (TPA) is soliciting letters of interest with qualifications from firms interested in providing general engineering, architectural, and planning services on an as-needed basis for the Tampa Port Authority.

The Tampa Port Authority contemplates engaging one or more firms under a "continuing contract" as defined by the CCNA, Florida Statute 287.055(2)(g), and in accordance with the TPA's Procurement Policy, to perform general engineering, architectural, and planning services for the Tampa Port Authority. The Consultant team shall have proven experience in facilities design for coastal engineering and seaport infrastructure, including, but not limited to, deep water marine structures (piers and wharves); dredging roads; railroads; utility systems (electrical, lighting, security systems, fire water, potable water, storm water, sanitary sewer, lift stations, force mains, etc.); cruise terminals; warehouses, office buildings, and other facilities associated with deepwater seaports. The successful Consultant team will have qualifications for the broad range of disciplines and expertise (i.e., architects, civil engineer, structural engineer, traffic engineer, environmental engineer, coastal engineer, mechanical engineer, electrical engineer, port planner, artist render, construction manager, surveyor, inspector, certified dive inspector, cost estimator, etc.) as may be needed for performing the work.

Work under the agreement(s) will be on an as-needed basis. The Tampa Port Authority gives no assurance that any work will be assigned. The Tampa Port Authority may also choose to advertise and contract separately for consultant services for any future large or special projects. The Consultant shall engage professionals and technicians who are licensed, certified, and qualified to perform the work. It is expected that the Consultant’s team will have offices within twenty-five (25) miles of the Tampa Port Authority.

It may be necessary during the course of any Agreement, to use Consultant professionals at the Port’s office to assist with aspects of the Port's Capital Improvement Program. Any such use will be at a lower multiplier, which will reflect the lower overhead and personnel costs associated with domiciling staff at the Port office.

The Port Authority encourages the use of registered Small Business Enterprise (SBE) firms to the greatest extent possible on Port Authority projects. The Port Authority has a goal of 9% SBE participation. Firms must consider this when submitting on this project, as this will be considered by the Port Authority when evaluating the RLI submittals.

Firms shall submit a completed form SBE-1, which will provide the details of the firm’s SBE Outreach Action Plan.

All firms interested in submitting an RLI on this project must register with the DemandStar System in order to receive any changes or addenda to this RLI. Electronic copies of the RLI may be obtained from the Tampa Port Authority's website (www.tampaport.com). This copy is made available through the DemandStar System.

The deadline for firms submitting on this RLI is 2:00 p.m., Thursday, June 28, 2007. Submit one (1) original and seven (7) copies of the completed RLI document. Submittals must be marked "Sealed Response for General Engineering Consultant Services". All responses will be delivered to The Tampa Port Authority, 4th Floor, 1101 Channelside Drive, Tampa, FL 33602. Any questions concerning this project should be directed to Donna Casey, TPA Procurement Office, (813) 805-5044.

The Tampa Port Authority intends to select the most qualified and experienced firm(s) for the contract(s), considering all factors, including team qualification, experience, capabilities, adequacy of personnel; present performance and record; ability of professional personnel; willingness to meet time and budget requirements; recent, current and projected workloads of the firms; volume of work previously awarded the firms by the Tampa Port Authority with the object of effecting an equitable distribution of contracts among qualified firms provided such distribution does not violate the principle of selecting the most highly qualified firm(s), and local presence. The Tampa Port Authority reserves the right to reject any and all submittals, and/or award a contract(s).

The Tampa Port Authority Procurement Policy limits the term of all contracts to no more than three (3) years duration. It is anticipated that the continuing contracts resulting from this RLI would have a three (3) year term, but with a clause allowing for termination at the convenience of the Tampa Port Authority.

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES

REQUESTS FOR BIDS AND/OR PROPOSALS

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

JUNE 8, 2007 - 2:00 P.M.
T-0249-07 (JM) WATER METERS

Some or all of the above bid(s) may have Pre-Bid Conferences. Information on these and other Requests for Bids, along with Bid/Proposal results may be accessed via the following:

(1) the Internet at www.hillsboroughcounty.org/procurementservices
(2) by coming to the Department of Procurement Services office located at the address listed below.

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

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

SECTION 0020 - INVITATION TO BID

Sealed Bids for furnishing of all labor and materials and performing all work necessary and incidental to the construction of Playcourt Improvements at: Adams Middle, 10201 N. Boulevard; Clair Mel Elementary, 1025 S. 78th Street; Greco Middle, 8928 E. Fowler Avenue; Jefferson High, 4041 Cypress Street; Leto High, 4409 W. Sligh Avenue; McLane Middle, 306 N. Knights Avenue; Pizzo Elementary, 11701 Bull Run (at USF); Shaw Elementary, 11311 E. 15th Street; Town 'n' Country Elementary, 8029 Hanley Road will be received by the School Board of Hillsborough County, Florida in the Office of the Supervisor of Purchasing, Third Floor, School Administrative Center, 10100 E. Kennedy Boulevard, Tampa, Florida, until 3:00 PM, Friday, June 22, 2007. (The mailing address is P. O. Box 3408, 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 Office, located on the third floor of the School Administrative Center.

Contractors desiring to bid this project are subject to an Encouragement Affirmative Action Plan as identified within the bidding documents.

There will be a mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting on Tuesday, June 12, 2007 at 9:00 A.M. at the Maintenance Operations Center, Conference Room, 3638 N. 50th Street, Tampa, FL 33605, phone (813) 636-1133. Non-mandatory site meetings may follow.

IT IS THE BIDDER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO SEE THAT BIDS ARE DELIVERED TO THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT AS REFERENCED ABOVE. BID SECURITY MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH BID. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS.

NOTICE TO ALL BIDDERS: The School Administrative Center is a "security" building, therefore, visitors will be required to obtain a Visitors Pass prior to entering the building. A photo identification will need to be presented at this time.

Bid documents, plans and specifications may be obtained after Friday, May 25, 2007 from the engineer at a cost of (Twenty five dollars) $25 per set.

No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of thirty days after date set for bid opening.

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INVITATION TO BID
Pursuant to Chapter 69-1119, Special Acts, Laws of Florida, sealed Bids will be received by the Director of Purchasing, City of Tampa, in his office until:
2:30 PM ON 6/5/07
FORD REPLACEMENT PARTS
3:00 PM ON 6/12/07
TOOL TRAILER, SPEC. NO. 55-07
then and thereafter to be publicly opened and read. Bid documents are available at the Purchasing Department (Phone No. 813-274-8351).

It is hereby made a part of this Invitation for Bid that the submission of any Bid in response to this advertised request shall constitute a Bid made under the same conditions for the same contract price and for the same period as this Bid to all public entities in Hillsborough County.

Dated: 5/25/07
Gregory K. Spearman, CPPO
Director of Purchasing
City of Tampa, FL
306 E. Jackson Street
Tampa, FL 33602

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
Pursuant to Chapter 69-1119, Special Acts, Laws of Florida, sealed Request for Proposals will be received by the Director of Purchasing, City of Tampa, in
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then and thereafter to be publicly opened and read. Request for Proposals are available at the Purchasing Department (Phone No. 813-274-8351).

Dated: 5/25/07
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LEGAL NOTICES
TAMPA PORT AUTHORITY INVITATION TO BID (ITB)
BERTH 213 EXTENSION, TPA CONTRACT NO. 07-06207
Notice is hereby given that the Tampa Port Authority (TPA), an equal opportunity employer, will receive sealed bids up to and until 2:00 p.m. June 28, 2007 at its office at 1101 Channelside Drive, 4th Floor, Tampa, Florida 33602, for the project entitled “Berth 213 Extension, TPA Contract No. 07-06207.” (Note: The project name is provided for identification purposes only and is not intended to limit the scope of the project.)

This is a marine construction project that will extend the Port’s deepwater wharf at Berth 213 by approximately 270 feet. The project includes, but is not limited to construction of steel pipe-4

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held May 31, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. at the Tampa Port Authority 3rd Floor Conference Room. Prospective Bidders are encouraged to attend.

The TPA encourages the use of registered Small Business Enterprise (SBE) firms to the greatest extent possible on TPA Projects. TPA has a goal of 9% SBE participation. Bidders must consider this when submitting their bids. Bids submitted below this goal will be considered by the Port Authority when receiving and evaluating bids. Bidders submit a completed Form SBE-1, which will substantiate bidder’s good faith efforts made to provide SBE’s to the greatest extent possible.

A current sworn statement on Public Entity Crimes, pursuant to Section 287.133(3)(a) Florida Statutes, must be on file with the Port Engineer or accompany the bid.

All firms interested in submitting a Bid on this project must register with the DemandStar System in order to receive any changes or updates on this project. The Un“ ersity of South Florida does one of menca cononal dc:grce. 

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