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NEW SUBSTATION DEDICATED

The new substation for Tampa Police Department Uniform District III was dedicated on Wednesday, August 23. All local officials were in attendance, including Mayor Pam Iorio. From left to right are: Ed Johnson, Manager, East Tampa Development; Sam Kinsey, Chairman of the East Tampa Revitalization Partnership; and Major Robert (Bob) Guidara, who will command District III. (Photograph by Jerry Brunson)
Family Of Man Killed Outside Home Feels He Was Setup

Charles Johnson told his stepdaughter and her mother he wanted to move out of the rooming house on 44th Street because it wasn't right for him. He never felt comfortable living there.

On the night of August 17th, Johnson, 40, was at the rooming house when he was told by a resident someone wanted him on the phone.

According to his stepdaughter, Tanina Williams, for some reason he stepped outside of the rooming house to talk on the phone and that's where he was shot to death.

Williams said after they talked to a resident of the rooming house they believe Johnson was set up.

"We believe whoever he was talking to on the phone told him to step outside, and that's the same person who shot him."

Williams said no one understands why anyone would want to shoot Johnson. Her mother, Debra Jones, had visited him Friday, and said his mood was fine.

"He told her he'd see her on Sunday. We always spent Sunday's together. "He had lived with us up until about 9 months ago. We stayed in constant contact with him, and he and my mother were trying to get an apartment together."

Johnson spent most of his life in Rochester, New York where his family lives. His only child was his stepdaughter, Tanina.

Johnson has 3 siblings who will arrive in Tampa and take him back to Rochester for services. Williams said she and her mother will not be attending services in Rochester, but will stay close to the phone in contact with detectives.

"I hope someone will come forward. I know everyone is saying they didn't see anything, but there had to be someone outside who saw what happened. We hope they will speak out so we can be at peace with all this."

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Sentinel Editor

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The family is in the process of establishing a scholarship fund in his name at Blessed Hope. Those wishing to contribute to the fund may send donations to P.O. Box 310387, Tampa, FL 33610, Attn: Scholarship.

Bishop Johnson is survived by his wife of 27 years, Dr. Rosemary C. Johnson, mother, Dorothy Hopkins; children and other family members.

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"The Voice of Our Community Speaking for Itself"
NAACP Joins Effort To Insure Children

In an effort to help children receive needed health care, members of the Tampa Chapter of the NAACP are joining forces with other organizations. On Friday, (today), parents will be able to enroll their children in the Florida Kidcare program.

The enrollment efforts will take place at five locations throughout the city between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Parents can enroll their children at any of the locations.

The enrollment will be held at: Iglesia De Dios, 5850 North Church Avenue, (813) 987-9879; Tampa CDC, 2651 E. Lake Avenue, (813) 248-9738; Computer Mentors, 2802 E. M. L. King, Jr., Blvd., Suite F, (813) 236-1991; YMCA, 8950 W. Waters Avenue, (813) 249-8210; and Metropolitan Ministries, 2005 North Florida Avenue, (813) 209-1264.

This is just our way of trying to do something about closing the health care gap and making sure that Black kids have the opportunity to get adequate healthcare," Curtis Stokes, President of the Tampa Chapter of the NAACP said.

He further stated that the group plans to have a series of such events, with at least one every quarter.

Representative Betty Reed, the Hillsborough County Chapter of the NAACP, the Latino Coalition of Tampa Bay, HealthEase Kids, and Staywell Kids, are sponsoring the event.

Reporters Iris B. Holton can be contacted at (813) 248-1021 or by e-mail at iris@flsentinel.com.

City Councilman Requests Workshop On WMBE Ordinance

City Councilman Thomas Scott has requested a workshop for discussion and responses be held on the WMBE Ordinance presented to them for consideration Thursday. Councilman Scott has asked the workshop be scheduled October 25th, and at least a 2-hour discussion take place before a final decision is made.

Councilman Scott requests that a breakdown of the numbers that show Black, white and Hispanic disparities that exist now be provided.

"I also want to know what has happened post-disparities which has been done since 2004 to improve the disparity study numbers."

Councilman Scott wants to know how the Ordinance addresses construction projects under $200,000 and professional services projects under $100,000.

"I want to know how minorities benefit from the SBE Ordinance as it appears to expand the pool of contractors beyond the limits of the Ordinance to include Pasco, Manatee, Pinellas and Polk Counties, thereby reducing the opportunity for minority contractors."

"I'd like to see what procedures that will be used to create opportunities for projects more than $200,000 and what is the target of the ordinance." Councilman Scott said he's seen nothing that measures the success of the ordinance and it does not waive bid bonds.

"There also seems to be no voluntary utilization and no target goals for the WMBE Certification Program."

Councilman Scott's request for the workshop was sent to City Council Attorney Mike Shelby.

Reporters Leon B. Creas can be reached at (813) 248-0724, or e-mailed at leon@flsentinel.com.

Sexual Battery Charge Dropped Against Funeral Director

On June 25th, Tampa Police arrested a 40-year-old man and charged him with sexual battery. He was released from jail a month later.

However, the charges against Tebbie Singleton were dropped on August 14th.

A spokesperson for the Hillsborough County State Attorney's Office said, "The charges were dropped due to a lack of evidence."

According to police, Singleton was taken into custody after an unidentified woman accused him of attacking her. The woman told police she met Singleton while experiencing car trouble at the intersection of M. L. King, Jr., Blvd., and Nebraska. He is alleged to have followed the woman home, where the alleged attack took place. Police said Singleton and the woman left her home and went to the Red Lobster Restaurant on Busch Blvd., where they became involved in an altercation.

Singleton allegedly left his vehicle at the restaurant and was taken into custody a short time later.

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Calling All Black Men: Million Father March Insures School Success For Children!

Kudos to David Denson, a local father who coordinated the Million Father March last Monday, the first day of school. Under the auspices of the Suncoast African-American Chamber of Commerce, Denson encouraged African-American fathers in the area to take their children to school on the first day of school each year. For the first time, this year, Tampa joined 20 other cities, including New York, Chicago and Los Angeles in participating in the initial event.

The Million Father March, which began on the first day of the 2004-2005 school year, is sponsored nationally by the Kellogg-owned non-profit Black Star Project. The event has grown out of recognition of the power of male involvement in the education of Black students. Moreover, at least 10 Black men have posted near the front doors of elementary, high schools, Headstart programs, and private schools with large Black student populations. Billed as an opportunity for Black men to show their commitment to the educational lives of their children on the first day of school and throughout the school year, the Million Father March has been hailed as a major step forward in the remaking of the image of Black fathers, nationwide.

Furthermore, research has shown that children whose fathers take active roles in their educational lives have higher test scores, higher grade point averages, higher attendance rates, higher graduation rates, enjoy school more, have lower suspension and expulsion rates, experience fewer problems and use drugs, alcohol or engage in premature sex. For these reasons, we urge every father, grandfather, stepfather, other male relative, male cousin and male family friend to take a child to school, at least once a week for the entire school year. From all accounts, we just might be able to stem the tide of our children falling into prison, and help them to claim their rightful place at the head of the class.

Yes, as David Denson has proven, we can save our children, if we only believe! Think about it. Pass it on!

Made In America, One More Timel

Remember the time when WalMart touted its pride in selling only American made goods? Well, continued recall of food, toys, and household products made in China causes us the question to note the time to recall manufacturing jobs back to America. Global recalls of Chinese made products, including blankets (too much formaldehyde) in Australia and Argentina and vinyl baby bubs with Koala Baby, especially for Baby and Disney Baby labels (too much lead) here in the United States have prompted us to raise this question and wave it like a red flag, in the face of our readers.

Earlier this week, SpongeBob journals with wire binding containing too much lead have raised the question of substantial imports even higher, on our lists of things to scream about. Moreover, the time has come when we believe we Americans must ask ourselves just how big a price are we willing to pay for off-shore, cheap goods and cheap labor. When our food supplies, our children's toys, the tires on our cars, our vitamins and medicines (bogus diabetic testing strips) and pet foods all threaten our health and well-being daily, certainly the threat of terrorism pales... unless we are entertaining a newer phase of a different kind of terrorism. Consider that millions of Americans are vulnerable to silent killers that we import into our homes, daily. Without question, the time has come for this to stop.

Our federal government must put teeth in the Food and Drug Administration's ability to monitor and test imported food and other products for harmful toxins and general defects. What's more, America needs to reopen our manufacturing plants and produce our own goods and foods until we feel comfortable buying products made in China or elsewhere. Besides, our economy could stand the boost in jobs, which the reopening of our own manufacturing plants would bring. Think about it. Look for "Made-in-America." Pass it on!
Greetings, Tampa-St. Petersburg and all the ships at sea! So, what shall we talk about, today? Shall we talk about the local NAACP giving both the City of Tampa and Hillsborough County a clean bill of health, despite on-going rumors that 80% of the City employees recently laid off in East Tampa, Black and minority employee percentages were too low? But critics contend, that still doesn’t answer the question of what was the percentage of Black and minority employees who were laid off, out of the total number of full-time employees who were laid off? So, we have the NAACP, who reviewed City and County stats, “with a fine-toothed comb,” and found no wrongdoing. Yet, many people are shouting copy as to why people continue to be suspicious, do you think so? 

Or maybe, we could talk about East Tampa’s new Tampa Police Department District Headquarters. I mean what an edifice! Located just north of what was once known as ‘Cousin!’ Most certainly, it continues to be a station. But in private, she really seems to be a packed auditorium. Hillsborough County’s first magnet school, MaryEllen Elia recently got kissed on the toe, then slapped on the knuckles by her very own school board who awarded her a record raise totaling more than $50,000, then with the same hand, slapped her face with stingy remarks regarding an illness-at-ease “GONE MY WAY-OR-THE-HIGHWAY” attitude, supposedly. To quote, Jack LaJo, Elia’s Board chair mam, “It blew my mind! I didn’t know it was coming!”

I was referring to a nine-item ‘report card’ that rated that superintendent from “1” (Least Acceptable, or Outstanding, or something similar). Well, poor MaryEllen didn’t pass, according to sources who said that regarding areas of policy, governance, communications and community relations, one of her boardmember peers gave her a 2’s, except for the area of instructional leadership, where Elia received a 4. It seems, one of the superintendent’s perceived shortcomings was her “rigid and unyielding demeanor” (OUCH!). The same peer later wrote, “I wish I was out of MaryEllen’s way or the highway!” No, I have never met Ms. Elia... although, having read these recent comments, I would swear she’s a distant cousin! Moreover, it continues not to be easy being a woman and being in charge!

Ask former mayor Sandy Lamb, former HARTLINE CEO Sharon Don’t, current Mayor Pat Bean or current Mayor Pam Iorio. If you wear a dress, most people presume you should be “MOTHERING” all the time. And that’s rubbish! Truth is, Elia seems to be holding her own, as Hillsborough County’s first female superintendent. Those who know her best say, she says what she has to say in public. But in private, she realizes that the fight for school desegregation is far from over... she realizes PCAT is not the answer. But most of all, she understands administrators, teachers, parents, and students are her strength. Correction: I did meet MaryEllen Elia once, in the supermarket. She smiled and said, “Hi!” I marked it on my calendar!

W hether they have it or not, I am sure that every parent and every teacher knows the key to educating and raising good children is discipline. I am talking about good discipline.

There are three keys to good discipline. Teachers and parents will do well to learn these three keys and use them.

Disciplining children is never easy and I don’t intend to imply that it is. Discipline will be much easier and more effective if it is applied fairly, and consistently. It starts by establishing policies or rules and regulations. Then make sure the children understand them.

Discipline using these three keys must start immediately. Neither parents or teachers should ever let go or ignore any behavior that they don’t intend to continue to put up with. Children need to be reprimanded every time they violate the rules or exercise unbecoming behavior. Parents and teachers need to avoid embarrassing children before their friends and peers.

Experience says that to do so will more than likely draw an unwanted reaction from the child. Whenever possible, children should be called to the side when being disciplined in any manner.

Never promise to do anything to children that you know you can’t do or won’t do. This can get to be an embarrassing challenge.

Discipline must be consistent. What is wrong and unacceptable today must be wrong and unacceptable every day. It can never be all right today and unacceptable tomorrow.

Consistency will let children know what behavior is unacceptable. Discipline must be fair. The punishment must fit the infradention, and it must apply equally to all children. Parents nor teachers should be guilty of having pets who can do no wrong.

Discipline should be no joke and no laughing matter. It must be serious and firm. Parents and teachers should not engage in word-for-word arguing with children. Adults say what you’ve got to say and be through with it. Move on to something else.

Teachers should be ready to start class as soon as students come into the room. Do not let them just sit there idle or they will find something to do and that something may be disruptive. Get busy Immediately.

Generally, children expect to be disciplined. Generally, they don’t mind if the discipline is firm, fair and consistent.

It is never too late to use these three keys to good discipline. The longer you wait the harder it becomes.

Children may dislike you at first, but they will become accustomed and appreciate you later.

I nasmuch as we’ve noticed how things have changed around us, sometimes we ignore that things really haven’t changed at all.

The game of politics remains the same today as it’s been for centuries.

Politics is used to either rebuild a community or rape it of its resources. It can be used to displace thousands of people in favor of another group, and can be used to help a particular group into one area or purposes of control and containment.

Politics can be used to silence those who would reach empowerment, and forever tie the hands of those who can make a difference.

Politics decides what school your children attend, who teaches them, and what they do while in school.

Politics decides where you spend your money, how much you spend, and on what products. Politics dictates the fine line between being homeless and barely making ends meet.

Politics decides the people who represent us when it comes to dealing with government, and whether our loved one lives or dies during times of war.

Politics decides who gets rich from drug trafficking, and who goes to prison. It decides where drugs will be sold and to whom and in what quantity. It decides whose hands the guns go into and whose hands the money goes into.

Politics decides how our children grow up, how they will be punished, and for how long. It determines what our children can get away with, and how we will be punished if we don’t raise our children the way the state tells us.

Good old fashioned politics is something we might as well learn to live with. Even more so, we need to understand. Since it controls everything we do, we need to know how to deal with it, and how to make it work for us. Either that, or we will continue to be victims of it, and it will continue to alter itself to justify its purpose.
There should be a way that you could duplicate a prison scenario on the street. A simulation that places a person in an environment that accurately conveys the experience of being incarcerated. To me, it's the only way someone who has never been incarcerated can truly understand the experience. It is only then, when our senses are overwhelmed, do we see others for who they are, and the bottom has fallen out from under our lives. It is the moment of realization that things are not what they truly are. We have a certain sense of relief.

There's no doubt in your mind that if anything happens to you, you enjoy and the family you belong to, these support groups will run to your aid immediately, regardless of the circumstances. But are you sure?

Can you say with absolute certainty that the people who claim to love you now will still be around if an injury, illness, or unfortunate situation left you debilitated?

We want to believe in the loyalty of those we hold dear to our hearts. But the reality is that we never know what anyone is truly made of until their feet are placed firmly into the fire. It is only then, when our backs are against the wall and the bottom has fallen out from under our lives, do we see others for who they really are. Up until that point, everything depends on blind faith, pledges of camaraderie and flattering pillow talk to determine the level of trust we should instill in the individuals who occupy our inner circle.

Prisons test these relationships to the fullest extreme. They're the only entities on earth that can place a level of strain on a commitment that will either break it completely or make it even stronger. From the way people act when you're sent to one of these institutions, you would think you were eulogized rather than sentenced. The friends you thought you had suddenly develop amnesia as to your whereabouts. The woman who acted as though she couldn't breathe without you, conveniently finding someone else to feed her oxygen. And as far as family is concerned, even they have the propensity to leave you stranded when you need them the most.

This situation is unlike anything you could possibly imagine. But the saving grace (if that's what you want to call it) is that once you've gone through the betrayal, the backstabbing, and the double-crossing, you feel a certain sense of relief.

It is almost like going through a purification process. Those who weren't as thorough as you thought are exposed for what they truly are. While the rest of the pretenders and fakers, who would have otherwise continued to maintain relationships with, fade off into memory.

What you're left with is a clean slate to start all over again. The game-consciousness you learn during the process allows you to stay "sucker-free" and more focused on the people who love you instead of the ones who abused the love you tried to give.

For comments; write Clarence Barr, II, (43110-018) at Edgefield Federal Correctional Institution, P.O. Box 725, Edgefield, SC 29824 or email cbarr@oasisoyola.com.

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East Tampa Group Celebrates Employer Appreciation Day

BY LEON B. CREWS
Sentinel Staff Writer

On Saturday, August 18th, the Heart of East Tampa Front Porch Council, Incorporated held their "Employer Appreciation Day Ceremony" for several organizations and companies that participated in the youth program known as Youth Empowerment, Leadership and Development Academy (YELDA).

YELDA was designed by the Florida Department of Community Affairs, Office of Urban Opportunity, to help students develop strong professional skills. Over the course of the program, students were exposed to numerous essential tools they will be able to use throughout their lives.

Grace Miranda, Community Liaison, said they received 35 applications from students interested in participating in the initiative. "The students had to meet certain criteria to qualify for the program. They had to answer a couple of questions and prepare essays. The questions were, 'Why should I be selected to participate in the YELDA Program?" the other was "What do I expect to gain from this experience, and how will I apply it to my life?" Ten students were selected based on scores from their grade point average, whether or not they lived in Tampa, the essays, and their family income level.

"The idea was to create an initiative to get summer jobs for a selected group of youth from area schools," said Miranda. "We would have received more, but we got a lot of calls after the deadline. Our funding was also limited."

Miranda said the employers were very receptive and they had more employers who wanted to be a part of the initiative than students.

"This was the first time this happened in Hillsborough County, and we’re hoping we can do this annually if the funding is made possible."

Miranda said the sponsors were great to step up and make this possible, especially with the fact that there were some things state funds couldn’t be used for. The students, ages 15 to 17, were mentored for 9 weeks by their employers.

Employers participating with the students were: All Sports Community Services (Tyrone Keys and student Danielle Reed), Tampa Bay Black Business Investment Corporation (Frances A. Wimberly and student Jasmyne Aris), Corporation to Develop Communities of Tampa,Inc., (Toni Watts and student Colin Carter), City of Tampa Housing and Community Development (Sharon West and student Darryl Jones), Tampa Bay Community and Family Development Corporation (Dr. Maxine Woodside and student Juanesha Battle), Florida Sentinels Bulletin (Kay Wells and Gwen Hayes, and student Shanaya Taylor), Law Office of Nathaniel Tindall (Nathaniel Tindall, III and student Andre Hope), Sol Davis Printing, Inc. (Sol Davis, Sr. and student Jacoby Dallas), Sheehy Ankle and Foot Care Center (Dr. Paul Sheehy and student Shaquone Herrien), and Abe Brown Ministries, Inc. (Robert Blount and student Isaiah Reed).

Supervising the students were Christina Whidden (All Sports), David Jones (CDC of Tampa, Inc.), Precious Davis (Tampa Bay Community and Family Development Corp.), Gwendolyn Haynes (Florida Sentinel Bulletin), Adrian McFees (Law Office of Nathaniel Tindall), Violet Bent (Sheehy Ankle and Foot Care Center), and Crystal Hammond (Abe Brown Ministries).

Sponsors for the initiative were Regions Bank, Priority Printing, Inc. (Sol Davis, Sr. and student Jacoby Dallas), Sheehy Ankle and Foot Care Center (Dr. Paul Sheehy and student Shaquone Herrien), and Abe Brown Ministries, Inc. (Robert Blount and student Isaiah Reed).

Heart of East Tampa Front Porch Council Board Members: (1 to r) Josephus Jenkins, Evangeline Best, Ida Williams-Campbell, and Ronald Brookins.

Student Darryl Jones, with Grace Miranda.

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Student Darryl Jones, with Grace Miranda.

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First Baptist Church of Progress Village
Rev. Dr. Samuel Maswell, Pastor

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Saturday, August 26, 2007 4 p. m.

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First Baptist Church of Progress Village, Rev. Dr. Samuel Maswell, Pastor

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Sunday, August 26, 2007 11 A.M.

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. J. S. Hardie New Mt. Zion M. B. Church, Lakeland

Heart of East Tampa Front Porch Council Board Members: (1 to r) Josephus Jenkins, Evangeline Best, Ida Williams-Campbell, and Ronald Brookins.

"Everyone is Invited To Share In This Momentous Occasion!"

We Are Expecting To Have A Glorious Time In Jesus’ Name!
Christian Comedian
Signs Record Deal

For 18 years, Lynwood Williams has traveled all over the country, appearing in virtually every venue imaginable. All of this was done with the hope that one day he'd sign with a major record label. A month ago, Williams finally got his wish.

Williams signed with MCG Records out of Alpharetta, Georgia, a deal he feels was a long time coming.

"I love what I do, so I wasn't going to quit. No matter what happened, I was going to continue performing."

Now, Williams feels signing with a major label will enhance his touring and now he expects to be busier than any other time in his life.

"This is the biggest contract of my life and what I've been working for. I'm proud to represent Tampa and have them salute one of their own for a great achievement."

Williams said he doesn't have any local performances planned for this year, but he'll be busy preparing new material and getting ready to spend a lot of time in the studio.

"Now that it's finally happened, I expect to be taken to another level as a professional, and I have to get busy. I'm looking forward to working closely with Steve Harvey, Martin Lawrence and others in the industry."

Williams' debut release will be called "The Funny Man." It was recorded live at the COGIC Temple of Deliverance in Memphis, Tennessee.

As the 8th of 9 children growing up in tiny Two Egg, Florida, Williams credits his mother with encouraging him to pursue a career in comedy after watching him keep both his family and the entire community doubled-over in laughter at his stories and antics.

Reporters Leon B. Crews can be reached at (813) 248-0754, or e-mailed at leon@sentinel.com.

"Lyrics Of Life" Spoken Word Contest

The "Lyrics Of Life" Spoken Word Contest will be held at the Manifestation Wisdom Center, 3859 Central Ave., St. Petersburg on Saturday, August 25, 2007, 7:30 p.m.

There is an entry fee and admission price. To register, call (927) 433-4414, or email: lyriesoflife@yahoo.com. Prizes will be awarded. Visit the website to get more information at www.manifestation-wisdomcenter.com.

Other contests dates are September 8, November 11 and December 8, 2007.

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COME AND JOIN US!
Children's Board of Hillsborough County To Hold Town Hall Meeting

The Children's Board of Hillsborough County - in partnership with the United Way of Tampa Bay, Hillsborough County Government, and Seniors in Service - invites all local service providers to a Town Hall Meeting to discuss the impact of budget cuts on local supports and services to families, and to develop strategies to address priority needs within the community.

The meetings will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 28th from 7 to 8:30 a.m. and on Wednesday, Aug. 29th from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Children's Board of Hillsborough County, 1002 E. Palm Ave. in Ybor City.

Current and future budget conditions are forcing all local funding agencies to think outside the box,” said Luanne Panacek, C.E.O. for the Children's Board. "Most agencies have already reduced their budgets, but the possibility of even greater cuts makes it necessary for all funders to work collaborative-ly so that children and families can continue to receive supports and services despite the looming reductions.”

The Town Hall Meeting Topics will include:

- A. Tax Reform and the State Budget Deficit
- B. Short and Long Term Impact on Local Social Services
- C. Q&A - Provider Support Strategies and Ideas
- D. Funding Collaborative
- E. Shared Advocacy Agenda and Strategies

Register by Monday, Aug. 27th by calling Trish Charo at 813-201-2720.

Final Reunion Planning Meeting

The final reunion planning meeting for the Middleton High School Class of 1967 will be held on Saturday, August 25, 11 a.m. at the Jackson Heights Recreation Center, 3210 E. Lake Ave. All Hospitality Committee members, and volunteers are needed to prepare souvenir bags.

The registration deadline for the cruise is Saturday, August 21, 2007 – October 30, 2007 • 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.

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Services
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Mt. Calvary M. B. Church
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Rev. Reginal T. Webb, Pastor
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New Bethel Progressive Missionary Baptist Church
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Tampa, Florida 33610
813-238-4339
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"Winning Souls for Christ, One Sinner at a Time"
Black Men Not Attending Church Is Forum Topic

By Iris B. Holton
Sentinel Staff Writer

This month, the topic is "The State Of The Black Church, Why Black Men Don't Go To Church?"
The invited panelists are: Dr. Mark T. Jones, Sr., Apostle, Representative of the Black Church; Mrs. Anesia Kelly, wife and mother to Black males that don't attend church; and Jarvis El-Amin, Muslim follower of the Quran and the traditions of the Prophet Muhammad.

Maurice stated that the event is designed to discuss socially conscious issues. We had the first airing of The Combination TV Talk Show (which airs at www.thecombination.com) on May 16th and the first forum was held in June, with an audience of more than 100 people. Maurice said that the forum attracts most members of the community who are 40 years old and up. "There are less younger people there. But I feel that it is really appreciated because the audience has the opportunity to address the issue and give their opinions. We are averaging about 100 people and we are planning to double the size of that audience.

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EBONY FOSTER AND CANDY LOWE.
Syndicated Cartoonist Among Few Blacks in Nation

BY IRIS B. HOLTEN
Sentinel Staff Writer

As a young child, Charles Gary discovered that he had a talent for drawing. And he always knew that he wanted to be an artist.

That would have been a pipe dream for some growing up as one of seven children in a poor neighborhood in Orlando. However, Gary had a mother who believed in him, who encouraged him, and who wouldn't give up or allow him to give up on his dreams. "I would not be in this business today if it weren't for my mother. She always made us think we could do anything. You have to believe in yourself, but when you have a parent that believes in you, you can do anything," Gary said.

The fourth child born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Julia) Gary, the young man graduated from Orlando Technical High School and continued his education at the University of Toledo. He graduated with a B. A. Degree in Studio Art in 1995.

Even as an adult, when Gary becomes discouraged, he remembers the words of his mother, regroups and starts all over again. He said the work of about 200 cartoonists appears in newspapers all over the country through syndication. Less than a dozen of those are African American.

Gary believes that he is the only African American who writes and draws two cartoons to run in the local newspapers, especially in the Tampa Bay area newspapers. When asked why he said, "I'd like for my cartoons to run in the local papers, especially in the Tampa Bay area, but I don't know why they don't!"

Married to Ms. Agustina Guerero, the 38-year-old enjoys jazz and lists among his personal heroes Malcolm X, Nelson Mandela, and his mother. Gary is the recipient of numerous awards and was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize in 1990.

Charles Gary is the author of two syndicated cartoons that appear in about 30 newspapers throughout the country.

Chicago and was later obtained employment at the Chicago Tribune as a Graphic Artist. It was then that Gary was given the opportunity to create his comic strip. "The paper was running a strip it didn't like and they challenged me to do better. And that was the creation of which was followed by "Cafe Con Leche."

"I submitted my strips to syndication for 10 years and was rejected. After I submitted "Working It Out," I was accepted. As an African American, it was even harder. Editors would see you work and try to dissuade you. You have to be 10 times as good as your counterparts to be taken seriously as a cartoonist."

Gary moved to Tampa nearly two years ago as a Graphic Artist for the St. Petersburg Times. But his work doesn't appear in any bay area newspapers. When asked why he said, "I'd like for my cartoons to run in the local papers, especially in the Tampa Bay area, but I don't know why they don't!"

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Business Investment Corporation Celebrates 20th Year Serving Community

BY BILLY WHEELER
Sentinel Freelance Writer

It has been said that entrepreneurs have two basic assets: their creativity and their relationships. Most often, obtaining a loan to start a business is a hard-fought process. In this area, the African-American segment of the population has been historically underserved.

The Tampa Bay Black Business Investment Corporation, Inc. (BBIC), is a non-profit, public/private partnership incorporated to assist in the process. Located at 2105 N. Nebraska Ave., the agency serves people in both Hillsborough and Pinellas Counties.

The BBIC recently celebrated 20 years of existence. Their primary focus is to advance the economic well-being of Hillsborough and Pinellas County residents through financing and identifying business opportunities for businesses owned and operated by African-Americans.

Funding for the agency comes from State appropriations, Bay Area financial institutions, and local contributors. New business owners may obtain services and funding through an application process.

Ms. Frances Wimberly, Agency Director since 1990, is originally from New Jersey by way of Georgia. She decided to relocate to Tampa with her young son during the infamous Atlanta murders of 1981. A former Vice-President and Commercial Loan Officer for SunTrust Bank of Tampa Bay for nine years, she also worked on loans for the city as part of Tampa’s commitment to the African-American community.

Ms. Wimberly continued, “There are two main myths that I want to address concerning the BBIC:

Myth #1 is that the agency doesn’t do anything. Our initial funding was $1.5 million in a one-time shot. Taken from that small pot, then, we have made in excess of $8 million in loans by leveraging the money. We will continue in this way while I knock on doors for banks to invest or, until the Legislature appropriates new funds.

Myth #2 is I’m Black, therefore they’ll give me a loan. Wrong! It’s not a giveaway. There is a $150 application fee and like a bank loan, we analyze the application to see if repayment can be made. The owner must have a business plan. Nine out of ten times, it’s for owners to see how to get from point A to point B without getting lost. Our goal is to help the business develop and mature in a realistic manner, working for long-term growth and success. Also, we look at credit and tax payments since the IRS takes precedence. There are quite a few success stories,” says Wimberly.

Writer and humorist Mark Twain once said, “When everyone’s looking for gold, it’s a good time to be in the pick and shovel business.” If you are an African-American with the desire and determination to start your own business, contact the BBIC at (813) 374-7995 or, log onto the City of Tampa website @www.tampafl.org to download an application.

In The Spotlight

CERISSA

This week as our Spotlight feature, we bring you the lovely Cerissa. Standing 5’5” tall, this young lady enjoys shopping, hanging out with the girls, and watching sports. Her future plans are to stay strong and move on. Cerissa’s philosophy of life is, “Let it go, and be anxious for nothing.” With favorite stars like Wayne and Jeezy, Cerissa knows how to be entertained. The man in her life must be genuine, stable, passionate, and sensual. Congratulations to Cerissa as this week’s Spotlight feature.
Residents Say: It's Time For Change

BY DAWN GARDENER
Sentinel Freelance Writer

“We’re dealing with two Tampa’s — one where state funds flourish, the other where funds stagnate.”

This was the sentiment uttered by Ms. Connie Burton, host of Straight Talk. At a recent community action town meeting in Sulphur Springs, hosted by Tampa Black Business Tour President Candy Lowe, Ms. Burton’s comments were not just heard, but felt. This was the call for action initiated by Reverend Laura Bell Harris, Staff Minister, St. Paul A.M.E Church.

The necessity for an economical transformation and demand for greater infrastructure in our inner city, primarily in the public housing area, evolved from a desire to ensure fair distribution of funds being used by the City of Tampa and holding the city leadership accountable for their self-imposed standard of “providing quality services.”

Reverend Harris is quite skeptical when it comes to the city providing equitable distribution in “quality in services,” especially towards residents of public housing. She hesitates for a moment, “I’m not sure if Jerome Ryans and Mayor Iorio are marching to the beat of the same drum. In other words, I’m a bit concerned about their collective passion and determination on this platform of quality. The way I see it, we have two mayors, one for the city in the form of Mayor Iorio, and one for the residents of public housing, Mr. Jerome Ryans. If there’s any disconnect between their views and execution of their mission towards providing quality services, the residents of public housing will lose.”

To assist with strengthening this argument was Mr. Neil Cosentino, a representative of Camelot Florida Think Tank. He offered immediate focus: “establish a community Think Tank as a means of creating and establishing feasible and realistic solutions to take to the politicians and agencies elected and established to serve you: Betty Reed, Jerome Ryans, Mayor Pam Iorio, HUD, and the Tampa Housing Authority. It’s time to commission residents and activists to bring their expertise towards solutions. This is your community, own it.”

When it comes to community ownership, no one is more adamant than Ms. Candy Lowe. “I have additional concerns. About the businesses surrounding public housing. Black businesses need our help to retain and strengthen their economic presence because they, too, play a major role in pushing this agenda forward. Strong economics speak volumes, especially in the political arena, just ask any special interest group. We represent the largest sector of consumer spending in this country, and it’s no different in our local community.”

In the end, Reverend Harris stressed, “This meeting is about creating a more powerful presence in the community. I’m not here to waste anyone’s time, nor am I here to just have people give their opinions. I want us to develop some tangible solutions when we walk out this door. Ladies and gentlemen, we’ve watched public housing go from flourishing to malnourished because we don’t understand we have the power and the right to hold our city leaders accountable. It’s time to fight for what’s ours. We have to leave something for our children; we must be concerned about the legacy we leave behind; our children deserve fair and equitable housing, access to health care, clean and safe schools, and our tax burden should be a strong call for better representation. We’re not asking for anything we have not earned or deserve.”

The representation at the meeting was indicative of the people needed to push this train forward — small business owners, social activists to include poet, Life; authors, mothers, fathers and grandparents. You didn’t have to ask why they came together. One look at these faces and their attentive disposition to every word clearly echoed we’re here because it’s time for a change.

So what’s ahead? Please contact Reverend Harris at 813-285-2439 for more information.

Female Rites Of Passage Program Kicks Off Saturday

BY GWENDOLYN HAYES
Sentinel Editor

Students have returned to school this week and those affiliated with Derrick Brooks Charities Youth Programs Auxiliary thought this is the proper time to kick off the Female Rites of Passage Program for girls 7-18 years old.

The program is slated for Saturday, August 25, 2007, 10 a.m.-12 noon, at The New Place (Cornerstone Family Ministries), 5811 N. 17th St. This is a mandatory parent/participant meeting. The program last school term had 35 participants at the end of the program.

The Derrick Brooks Charities Youth Programs Auxiliary is a group of volunteers who spend time providing leadership, character building, the importance of education, etiquette, setting goals, community involvement and much more.

“As the girls enter the program, they will have a 9-month journey through the Rites of Passage Program, which will give them the opportunity to develop and have an awareness and understanding of self,” states Tresa Boykin, Coordinator of the Female Rites of Passage Program.

“[The program does not cost anything, only a commitment in the program and support from all the participants’ families],” she added.

“Our vision is to empower and encourage young girls with morals and values that will last a lifetime while building character that will enable them to transition into successful women,” Ms. Boykin concluded.

For more information, contact Derrick Brook Charities Program at (813) 238-8117 and ask for Courtney, or Ms. Boykin at (813) 361-4559, and leave a message.
Democrats Want To Keep PIP Insurance

On April 25, 2007, Cedric “CJ” Mills was shot to death in the front yard of his parents’ home in Carver City. The person or persons responsible are free, and his family continues to pray for someone to step forward and help capture those responsible.

CJ’s grandmother, Lucy Mills, said she’s very grateful for the outpouring of love and support she’s received, and tonight (Friday), she will probably wind up in tears.

That’s because the Jefferson Dragon Football team will pay a special tribute to “CJ” before their 7:30 p.m. game. CJ was a star on the team and according to coaches, destined for success at the next level.

A close friend, a member of the family, Allene Dock, said although CJ’s voice has been silenced, he’s still speaking volumes from beyond the grave.

“He’s roaring like a mighty lion. He’s saying to his slayers, you will never find peace on earth again and that he reigns victorious over them, even in death.”

Ms. Dock said the people who killed CJ, will have to constantly look over their shoulders and they’ll never know who they can really trust, not even their loved ones.

“I remember CJ saying it was fine to set goals and have dreams. He was also very spiritual and we all believe the cowards that killed him had to cover their faces to do the work of the devil.”

“I want them to know that the devil cannot deliver them from God’s justice. I’m in awe of the accomplishments of this young man. He had goals for success, he had plans for his parents in society and was known for his generosity.”

All friends of CJ are asked to attend the game tonight at Jefferson High School to be a part of the tribute to CJ and out of respect to those he left behind.

Jefferson High Football Game To Feature Tribute To CJ Mills

City Parks and Recreation Dept.
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Additionally, the cuts resulted in a loss of 67 full-time staff members, 30 part-time staff members and 101 seasonal positions.

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SPORTSIDE WITH RANDY

**Buccaneers Take On Dolphins**

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers will continue their effort to get ready for the upcoming season by doing battle with the Miami Dolphins. The game will be played in Miami. The Dolphins are 2-0 in the pre-season while the Bucs are 1-1. The Bucs first team offense and defense have looked good so far.

Jeff Garcia has nailed down the starting quarterback job and Luke McCown appears set as the backup. Bruce Gradkowski and Chris Simms must battle for the team.

The powerful Lakeland Dreadnaughts from Lakeland High School are in town tonight (Friday) for a tussle with the also powerful Hillsborough Terriers. The Dreadnaughts are three-time Class 6A State Champions and the reigning #2 ranked high school in the nation.

In all, 75 stories of character will be presented during the year through an exhibition game, a win is important for both of these annual powerhouse football teams. The game is at 7:30 p.m. tonight.

**Vick-less Falcons Struggling**

The Michael Vick-less Falcons are struggling even in practice as they prepare for a season without their star attraction. The Falcons are trying to replace Vick with a quarterback that has been a bust in both Detroit and Miami as a starter.

Falcon players are talking about moving on without Mike. Down inside, they know that to be impossible. Heck, they caught the devil trying to move when they had Mike. The Falcons have only a 16-game schedule to look forward to. The lucky Bucs have them on the schedule twice. That is two victories.

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Lakeland lost some talented players from last year’s undefeated team but Lakeland has helped me with my education, and others who have involved in his life are due a lot of credit for him receiving this special recognition. I owe a lot to my high school and Mississippi State for nominating me. Mississippi is my home state, and when I signed to attend the school, I was fortunate to have mentors that gave me vision outside of the football field. With my mother being an educator and raising 3 boys, her guidance was instrumental.

**Keys said everything he’s accomplished he believes is in the potential of every student-athlete.**

"It’s always been my belief that we should all give back. This is more about those who will follow in my footsteps. The young people need to know this is what you can expect when you give back. I share this with everyone that has helped me with my education, and others who have allowed me to help them."
**Bonds’ 756th Ball Going To Auction**

SAN FRANCISCO — No. 756 is going to auction. Barry Bonds, the home run king, said Tuesday that Glenn Murphys figure for Bonds record-tying blast from Aug. 9 will be sold online, and the baseball will be held at SCP Auctions.

**Sheffield To Miss Remainder Of Tigers’ Homestand**

DETROIT — Gary Sheffield will miss the rest of the Detroit Tigers’ homestand because of a sore right shoulder.

"It’s too bad to play with right now," Sheffield said Wednesday. "It’s more inflamed than it’s ever been. I’ve gotten the last cortisone (shot) I could get. Sept. 1 is just around the corner. If not, I go on the DL ."

The slugger said he would be out for at least the remainder of the team’s current homestand, which ends Monday night. That means Sheffield will miss the upcoming four-game series against the New York Yankees, which begins Friday. Sheffield played for the Yankees in the previous three seasons.

The designated hitter is batting .279 with 24 home runs and 71 RBIs in 114 games this season. Sheffield originally injured the shoulder while playing the outfield on July 21 when he collided with Detroit second baseman Placido Polanco. Sheffield also missed five games with the injury Aug. 3-7.

**Sprewell’s 70-Foot Yacht Repossessed**

MILWAUKEE — A federal marshal has seized a $1.5 million yacht that belonged to former NBA star Latrell Sprewell after he defaulted on the mortgage.

Sprewell, 36, played 13 NBA seasons and was a four-time All-Star. The Milwaukee native has not played professional basketball since turning down a three-year, $21 million extension from the Minnesota Timberwolves during the 2004-05 season.

The marshal acted on a court order requested by a New York bank that plans to sell the boat to pay off $1.3 million it says Sprewell owes on the mortgage.

Sprewell’s firm, LSF Marine Holdings, hasn’t made its $10,322 monthly payment on the boat, according to court documents show. Sprewell bought the boat in 2003.

He had to have it freed by tugboat last summer after it ran aground near Atwater, just north of Milwaukee. Sprewell owns a home in River Hills, a suburb about 20 minutes north of the city.

**Glenn Won’t Play In Preseason, But Could Be Ready For Opener**

IRVING, Texas — Dallas Cowboys receiver Terry Glenn won’t play in the preseason, but could be ready for the regular season.

Glenn hurt his right knee on the fifth day of training camp and had arthroscopic surgery Aug. 1 to remove loose cartilage from the knee. Coach Wade Phillips said Tuesday that Glenn "probably will practice the day after we play Minnesota." Dallas plays the Vikings in its last preseason game Aug. 30, which is 10 days before the Sept. 9 season opener against the New York Giants.

**FormeKer Timberwolves Forward Dies In SUV-Train Crash**

HOUSTON — Former Minnesota Timberwolves forward Eddie Griffin died last week when his sport utility vehicle collided with a freight train in a fiery crash.

"The cause of death and manner of death, which also includes toxicology results, is pending," said Beverly Begay, chief investigator for the Harris County Medical Examiner’s office said Tuesday.

Investigators used dental records to identify Griffin, 25, who began his tumultuous pro career with the Houston Rockets in 2001. He was waived by the Timberwolves in March.

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Griffin, a five-year veteran who was the No. 7 pick in the 2001 NBA draft, had battled alcohol problems since coming out of Seton Hall. He was suspended by the league for five games in January for violating its anti-drug program.

"Basketball was never an issue with him. He needed more life lessons, and unfortunately he was never able to reach his potential," former Timberwolves coach Dwane Casey said.

Houston police said in a report that the driver of the SUV ignored a railroad warning and went through a barrier before striking the moving train about 1:30 a.m. Friday. The resulting fire burned the SUV and the side of a railcar carrying plastic granules, police said. The driver’s body was badly burned and there was no identification.

"I was able this afternoon to get some dental records from the one dentist he had gone to see in Houston, and they were able to use that apparently to positively identify him," said Derek S. Hollingsworth, an attorney who has represented Griffin in criminal cases. Hollingsworth said he was spoke with Griffin’s mother, who was devastated by the news.
Eagles Release 4-Time Pro Bowler Trotter In Surprise Move

PHILADELPHIA — Jeremiah Trotter, one of the fiery leaders of the Philadelphia Eagles defense for much of the last decade, was released Tuesday in a surprise move that may lead to his retirement.

Trotter, a four-time Pro Bowl selection at middle linebacker in two stints with the team, learned of the decision in a meeting with Eagles coach Andy Reid on Monday night that both men described as emotional.

"It's a tough pill to swallow, but everyone gets to this point in their career at some point or another, and now is my time," the 30-year-old Trotter said at a news conference. "I'm just thankful that I spent this many years in Philadelphia. I truly believe that if you were to cut me, I'd bleed green."

With his hard hits and emotional outbursts, including the claim that he would pantomime afterbig plays, Trotter was a crowd favorite in Philadelphia.

"Jeremiah Trotter will go down as one of the all-time greats in Philadelphia Eagles history," Reid said. "He's a top-notch person.

His release before roster cuts will give Trotter a chance to catch on with another team - if he doesn't choose to retire.

"This keeps his options open here where he's not officially retired," Reid said. "If he chooses to go to another team, he can. If he chooses to retire, he can."

Trotter said he has not yet made a decision.


Two days after being criticized on national television by Barber for a lack of strong leadership, Manning ripped his former teammate and current NBC football analyst Tom Coughlin.

"I guess I'm just happy for Tiki that he's making a smooth transition into the TV world," Manning said. "You know, I'll be interested to see if he has anything to say (about a team) besides the Giants, and what his comments will be on that."

Normally reserved and never one to criticize a coach or teammate, Manning seemed to enjoy going after Barber, the Giants' all-time leading rusher who retired after last season at age 31 to pursue a television career.

Speaking during the halftime show of the Sunday Night Football game between the Giants and Baltimore Ravens, Barber had said that Manning's attempt to land an offensive meeting in the 12th week of the last season was "comical" at times.

Manning didn't find the comment funny.

"It's just one of those deals. I'm not going to lose any sleep about what Tiki has to say," Manning said. "I guess I could have questioned his leadership skills last year with calling out the coach and having articles about him retiring in the middle of the season, and he's lost the heart (to play)."

Tiki Barber vs. Eli Manning

Nurse Shot In Head In Las Vegas Sues 'Pacman' Jones, Strip Club

LAS VEGAS — A New York nurse who was shot in the head after a scuffle at a Las Vegas strip club involving Adam "Pacman" Jones has sued the suspended Bengals wide receiver for "attack, battery and assault.

Natalie Jones claimed in her suit, filed last week in Clark County District Court, that "Jones and his entourage" were responsible for firing a semi-automatic weapon after a fight inside the Minx strip club spilled outside. The gunfire struck her and two of the club's security guards, one of whom was paralyzed.

She claims she required three weeks in intensive care to recover from her injuries and lost wages as a result of missing work as a registered nurse. She said she was in Las Vegas for the NBA All-Star weekend, visiting friends.

Adam Jones, suspended for the 2007 season by the NFL, is said to have been an "innocent bystander" in the shooting. He has said he does not know the person suspected of firing the gun.

Jones' lawyer, Manny Arora of Atlanta, Ga., said he was "skeptical" of the claim, especially since police have said Natalie Jones was treated and released from hospital within a day. "I sort of demean the whole process when you start making fantastical claims you can't prove," Arora said.

RNAHIE LEWIS

Sports

Bengals Coach Marvin Lewis Needs Surgery For Torn Ankle Tendons

CINCINNATI — Bengals coach Marvin Lewis will have surgery Wednesday to repair torn tendons in his left ankle.

Lewis, whose ankle has been wrapped during training camp, isn't sure how much time he'll miss because of the surgery. The team is scheduled to practice Wednesday.

Assistant head coach Paul Alexander will fill in for Lewis.

"The timing of this is not what I wanted," Lewis said in a statement. "But I've been counseled it's the best plan to ensure that I can be fully productive during the regular season."
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MRS. ALMA JANE HOLLOWAY

Homegoing services for Mrs. Alma Jane Holloway of 2464 Walton Way, who passed away Monday, August 20, 2007, will be held Saturday, August 25, 2007, at 11 a.m., at Church of Christ Highland Avenue, 2011 N. Highland Ave., Pastor Orum Thompson officiating. Interment will be in Orange Hill Cemetery.

Alma Jane Holloway was born on September 19, 1918, in Georgia. She grew up in a small town located just outside of Tifton, Georgia. Her parents, Charlie and Nellie Shorter had thirteen children, all of which preceded her in death.

She was distinctly known as the matriarch of the family. She was married to the late Wiley Holloway. To this union two children were born, Mary Holloway their only daughter, who preceded them in death, and son, Howard Holloway.

Alma Jane Holloway was educated in the public school system in Tifton, Georgia. She was an entrepreneur, owners of a restaurant and contracting business. She was also a gospel singer, a member of the Florida Soul Stirrers; a member of the Church of God in Christ. Jesus, Robbins, North Carolina. Holloway understood the importance of family, friends, education and the Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband; mother, Ada Gaddy; father, Herbert Brower; stepmother, Bertha; brothers, Leonard, Bernard, Berice, Evelyn, Estelle and Annie Jane; brothers-in-law, Berrie, Lura, Berrie; daughter-in-law, Linda Tyson; sons-in-law, Terry, Tommy, Ted; nephews, Henry Telford, niece, Patricia Harris; cousins, Donnie Gaddy and Angel Letterlough.

She leaves to mourn her precious memories: children, Charles Ronald Tyson, Freeport, NY; Carolyn Bach; Linda Tyson, East Rockaway, NY; Janet Genevau Holloway-Vines, Tampa, Gayle Louise Bailey, Tampa, and Michael Theodore Holloway, Bedford, NY; grandchildren, Rhonda Tyson, Michael Tyson, Charity Holloway, Tyisha Holloway, Steven Tyson, Ronald Holloway, Michelle Holloway, Demetrius Key, Thomas Holloway; great niece, Tysia Bass; great nephews, Jamari Mosby, TJ Bass, and twins born on 8/18/07, Duran, Brittany Nicole Holloway, Alexis Aikens-3, will be held by Courtney Alexandria Thompson, Summer C. Duran, Brittany Nigual Holloway, Ashlee Michelle Holloway; nephews, Sadie Sinclair; great grandchildren, Ali, Miaia and Malcolm Bacon, Kenya Roberts, and nephews, Convertia Holloway, Jaden, Thomas, Tyshawn, Tyrion, Tyrone and Tesha Haynes; and twins born on 8/18/07, Duran, Brittany Nicole Tyson; sisters, Elia Mae, Robbins, NC; Louise, Elizabeth City, Goldie, Gadsden, Robbins, NC; aunts, Mary Sawyer, Robbins, NC (age 102), and Geneva Smith, Brooklyn, NY; other relatives and special friends, Jacquie and Issac Lee and family (husband's niece); daughter-in-law, Linda Holloway; former-in-law, Howard Holloway; and host of nieces, nephews and special friends.

Family and friends are asked to assemble at the church approximately 10:45 a.m. Saturday, August 25, 2007, at Aikens Funeral Home Church, 2708 E. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd., Tampa, FL 33610.

VISITATION WILL BE HELD FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 2007, FROM 5-9 P.M., AT MRS. JEWELL LOUISE HORTON

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The homegoing celebration for Mrs. Jewell Louise Horton, "Mama of a Lady," November 23, 1893, to January 11, 1993, who passed away Saturday, August 25, 2007, at 11 a.m, at Aikens Funeral Home Church, 2708 E. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Blvd., was held Saturday, August 25, 2007, at 11 a.m., at Aikens Funeral Home Church, 2708 E. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Blvd., Pastor Frederick Brinson, officiating.

Jewell was born in Robbins, North Carolina. She migrated to Freeport, New York, in 1938. Jewell married John Horton in 1938. She was a life long member of the Little City Church of God in Christ, Jesus, Robbins, North Carolina. Jewell valued the importance of family, friends, education and the Church.

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Mr. Walter Grant Roberts, Jr.

A memorial service for Mr. Walter Grant Roberts, Jr., born on January 23, 1935, and known as "Chopper", of 2417 N. 13th Street, who departed this life on Saturday, August 18, 2007, will be held Saturday, August 25, 2007, in Quincy.

Mr. Roberts was born March 12, 1935 in Quincy, to the late Walter and Hattie Roberts. He was educated in the public schools of Gadsden County. He relocated to Tampa, in 1966.

He was preceded in death by: his parents; brothers, Carl Roberts; and sister, Fannie Mary Roberts.

He leaves to cherish his memory: three sons, Jarvis (Tracy) Roberts, of Gainesville, Florida; Terrance Roberts of Tampa, and Carlos Daniels of Jacksonville; two daughters, Petita (Roberts) Ruffin and Stevey Roberts, both of Jacksonville; nine grandchildren; and a great grandson; three brothers, Charles (Jerry), of Quincy, Theodore Roberts (Vivian) Roberts, of Tallahassee, Florida; four sisters, Julia Jones, of Quincy; Price of Tampa, Mary Roberts of Tallahassee, and Ollie Roberts of Jacksonville; special friend, and host of nieces, nephews and special friends.

Aikens Funeral Home

Morning Glory

BISHOP DR. ELLIOTT LAMONT JOHNSON

Funeral services for Bishop Dr. Elliott Lamont Johnson will be Saturday, August 25, 2007, at 12 noon at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 2800 N. Highland Ave., Pastor Orum Thompson, officiating. Interment at Florida National Cemetery.

On Monday, August 20, 2007, Bishop Dr. Elliott Lamont Johnson entered into his heavenly home to rest in glory. He was born on December 24, 1934 in Detroit, Michigan, to Elmo and Dorothy Johnson.

His father, Elmo; two brothers, Elmo Jr. and Franchot; and daughter, Jewel, preceded him in death.

Elliott Lamont Johnson was educated in the Detroit Public School System. He also attended culinary art school, host of nephews, nieces and grandchildren. He was a devoted husband of 27 years, Dr. Rose Robinson; also regarded as the “Chopper”, he left a legacy of innovative ideas along with the vision for the ministry, which will be honored and carried forth by his devoted wife of 27 years, Dr. Rose Robinson, and other faithful servants that he put in place to fulfill his purpose.

Those left to cherish his memory includes: a loving mother, Dorothy Hopkins Johnson of Atlanta; mother-in-law, Mrs. Nancy Johnson of Detroit, Michigan; sister, Sharmon Colson; brother, Gary; nieces and nephews, Teryi or Rosalinda Aikens Johnson; special friend, and host of other relatives and friends.

Visitation will be held Friday, August 24, 2007, from 6-8 p.m. at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, 3005 E. Ellicott, Tampa, FL.

A MORNING GLORY SERVICE,

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CAPTAIN ROYAL REX RANGE

Funeral services for Captain Royal Rex Range, a resident of Habana Health Care, passed away Sunday, August 19, 2007, will be held Saturday, August 25, 2007, at 7 p.m. at Mount Tabor Missionary Baptist Church, 2606 W. Grace Street with Pastor T. D. Leonard, officiating. Interment will follow in Garden of Memories Cemetery.

He was preceded in death by: a brother, James Earl Miller, Jr.; and grandparents, Mattie Williams and James Miller.

Ms. Mattie Pearl Miller-Green leaves to cherish in loving memories: a daughter, Shawanna Bryant of Tampa; mother and father, James Earl Miller, Sr. and Willie Ruth Miller of Tampa; grandmother, Estelle Miller of Greta; uncles, R. J. Rux (Mary) of Newark, NJ; Moses Rux, Sr. of Havana; Arthur Miller (Norene), Douglas Miller (Dulecy); Walter Lee Miller, all of Tampa and Larry Miller (Bridget) of Philadelphia; FFA; aunts, Gladys Rux of Hardaway; Willie Mae Jenkins of Miami; Margaret Rux of Greta; Lula Mae Hobbs, Jewel Williams (Joshua); Ida Hughes (James) and Patricia Ann Williams all of Greta; Gloria Ann Cres and Mattie Mae King (Nathaniel), all of Quincy; and a host of loving cousins, friends and church family.

A native of Quincy, (Gadsden County). Ms. Green had resided in the Tampa Bay area since 1967. She attended the public schools of Montgomery County.

The remains will repose from 5-9 p.m. and wake services from 9-11 a.m. on Friday, August 24, 2007, at Wilson Funeral Home, 3907 W. Spruce Street. The family will receive friends from 5-8 p.m. at Hoods Memorial Hall at Wilson Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Rest Haven Memorial Park Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Mt. Tabor Missionary Baptist Church, 2606 W. Grace Street, before proceeding to Rest Haven Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Range was a native of Greta, Georgia, and was a graduate of Tifton, Georgia, and was a graduate of Taylor College High School. Mrs. Range was a member of Mt. Tabor M.B. Church, where she was a devoted Choir member for many years. She leaves to cherish her memory: sisters, Willie Mac Range and wife, Alejandra and husband, Marvin, Gloria Walton, Antanda Whitehead and husband, Idris "Tony" Toure and wife, Bahja of College Park, GA. Great grandchildren, Leila A. Garcia, James Harriett Range and wife, Alejandra and Georgia Antonia Range.

Also left to mourn him are: 10 grandchildren, Lawrence A. Range and wife, Kellen, Dennis A. Range and wife, Darlene, Rene L. Range, Jerry D. Range and wife, Wanda, Ruth, John W., Annette Y. Archer, Sylvia A. Co) and spouse, Dr. Charles Cody, Letia A. Garcia, James Christopher Range and wife, Hannah, Christopher Range and wife, Sholten, Darron, Lula D. Hartman of New York and Idra "Tony" Toure of the Bahamas.

Interment will follow in Rest Haven Memorial Park Cemetery.

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Ray Williams

Mr. Staley Bryant, Jr. of 2314 Climbing Ivy Drive passed away on Wednesday, August 22, 2007. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, August 28, 2007, at 11 a.m. at Greater Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, 2027 N. Jefferson Street, with Reverend Oscar Johnson, Jr., Pastor officiating. Arrangements entrust to Ray Williams Funeral Home, Rhodes & Northern, Owners.

MRS. SARAH MAE PRINGLEY

Mrs. Sarah Mae Pringley of 3910 W. Pringle Street, passed away Sunday, August 12, 2007. Public funeral services will be conducted Saturday, August 25, 2007, at 11 a.m. at Mount Tabor Missionary Baptist Church, 2606 W. Grace Street with Pastor T. D. Leonard, officiating. Interment will follow in Garden of Memories Cemetery.

Mrs. Pringley was a native of Sierra, Georgia, and was a resident of Tampa for 61 years. She was educated in the public schools of Tifton, Georgia, and was a graduate of Taylor College High School. Mrs. Pringley was a member of Mt. Tabor M.B. Church, where she was a devoted Choir member for many years. She leaves to cherish her memory: sisters, Willie Mae Kyle of Knoxville, Tennessee, and Florence Bradshaw of Ashburn, MD; aunt, Perry Lee Reynolds; nieces and nephews, Rosalyn Walton and husband, Johnnie, Whitehead and husband, Ohie, Theodore Walton and wife, Angela, Louise Walton and wife, Regina, Charlie Walton and wife, Cathie, Annie Williams, Keith Walton and wife, Terri, Gloria Walton, Amanda Hunter and husband, Gaylord, Jacqueline Shelton and husband, Marvin, Charles, John, Timothy, William and Julia; a devoted neighbor, Margaret Mount; devoted friend, Margaret Allen; a devoted church family; and a host of great nieces, great nephews, other relatives and friends.

there will be no public viewing.

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I bid you my children, to prepare yourself to meet me one day in that prepared place for God's prepared children—are you yet saved?

Well, Diana said some good things to think about. But I'd rather have you as these words, God be with you until we meet again. Yes, until we meet at Jesus' feet; God be with you until we meet again—that's truly endless love and endless life.

Goodnight, until the morning my children, Juanita, Leatricea, Earlees, Valvutha, Maggie, Norma, and Michelle; all the grand-grandchildren, "The Rascals."

Happy Birthday

ROBERT LEE WALKER
It's been 2 years, August 23rd since you left us, but it seems like yesterday. We love you, always.
Your wife, children and grandchildren.

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Happy birthday, August 29th. It has been 6 years since you left us. You're thought of each and every day. We love and miss you.
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3/2/47 - 8/28/04
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The family.

IN LOVING MEMORY

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It's been 1 year today since God called you home. So sadly missed, we can't help but wonder what could have happened if we could turn back time, but then we all remember there is a Higher Power and we all thank God for the time He did give you to us. You are so sadly missed by all your loved ones, but we know you are at home in a better place.

With love: Byron, Jr., Carlos, De-Lanish, Jeriah, Relise, Kayneola, Effie (mom), Shameece, Stanley, Jr., Stanley, Sr. (dad), Roberta (grandma), uncles, cousins and a host of friends.

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Noted Gospel Singer Beaten By Husband

ATLANTA, GA — Revered televangelist Juanita Bynum nearly came this close to meeting her maker after suffering a near fatal attack at the hands of her estranged husband yesterday.

Authorities said that the nationally renowned clergywoman was assaulted by her preacher husband in the parking lot of an Atlanta hotel early Wednesday morning.

According to published reports, Thomas W. Weeks III, who is the founder of Global Destiny churches, met with Bynum at Renaissance Concorde Hotel near Atlanta's airport to try to reconcile, police said.

About 4 a.m., they broke out in fisticuffs in the parking lot until a hotel bellman pulled Weeks off, Officer Ronald Campbell told the Associated Press.

"She was bruised up and battered," Campbell said. "She had purple bruises around her neck and upper torso."

No charges had been filed by Wednesday night against Weeks, who left the scene according to police.

Bynum, a Pentecostal preacher who was born in Chicago and lives in Hempstead, N.Y., has administrative offices in Waycross, Georgia.

The former homemaker, hairdresser and flight attendant got a break when Bishop T.D. Jakes invited her to speak at one of his conferences several years ago.

After the two reportedly had a falling out, Bynum's ministry blossomed further after her "No More Sheets" sermon on breaking free of sexual promiscuity at a single's event.

It became an anthem for female empowerment, galvanizing her into the stratosphere of the Black celebrity clergy elite with best-selling books, inspirational cds and dvds and sold out speaking engagements. She has used terms as "Prophetess" and "Dr." as a prefix to her name.

Bynum recently shared the national stage with Yolanda Adams, Pastor Shirley Caesar, Fantasia, Smokie Norful, Fred Hammond, Coko, The Caravans and Dr. Bobby Jones on BET's Celebration of Gospel.

Bynum and Weeks were married in 2002 in a televised wedding.

The couple is shown here during happier days at their wedding in 2002.


Texas Executes 400th Inmate

MANCHESTER, NH — A Manchester woman reported that she woke up Wednesday morning to find a man standing in her apartment.

Rijiena Rongie, 31, said that she and her four children were sleeping inside their Groha Street apartment at about 4 a.m. when she woke up to find a stranger standing in her bedroom. She said she was terrified that he was there to kill her.

"When I opened my eyes, I saw him coming like this to me and I said, 'What's happening? What do you want? Who are you?'" Rongie said.

"He said, 'No, No.' I said, 'It's my home.'" Rongie said.

"He then apologized and left the apartment," Tessler said.

"When police responded, they found a window open, and a damaged screen was leaning up against the wall. So that's the likely point of entry," Tessler said.

Police said they believe the man had to climb over two sleeping children to get inside the apartment. He then walked across the kitchen, past a locked door and into the master bedroom.

Investigators said they don't know why the man was there, but they said evidence suggests that it wasn't an honest mistake.

Johnny Ray Conner, 32, died by lethal injection Wednesday.

HOUSTON, TX — Texas, which leads the nation in carrying out the death penalty, has executed the 400th person since the state resumed capital punishment in 1982.

Johnny Ray Conner, 32, who was convicted in the shooting death of a convenience store owner in Houston in 1998, was on Wednesday the 21st man put to death by lethal injection in Texas this year. He spent nearly eight years on death row.

Texas resumed the practice after the Supreme Court lifted a moratorium on it in 1976. Since then, 1,092 people have been executed in the United States, including Conner, according to statistics from the Death Penalty Information Center.

Dymond Alexander on Wednesday after hearing her brother Johnny Ray Conner was executed.

Conner's execution in Huntsville, located north of Houston, has drawn sharp criticism from death penalty opponents who argue that the practice is inhumane and does not serve as a deterrent to crime.

"It's a pretty sad day for the progression — or lack thereof — for human rights in this state," said Rick Halperin, president of the non-profit Texas Coalition To Abolish the Death Penalty. He called the state-ordered executions "barbaric and outdated."

The couple is shown here during happier days at their wedding in 2002.

The family of the late, Mr. James Barr, Sr. wishes to acknowledge with grateful appreciation and sincere thanks for all acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy extended to them during their bereavement.

The many cards, visits, telephone calls, flowers and other sympathetic gestures are sincerely appreciated. May God bless and keep each of you.

The Barr Family.
4th Teen Indicted In West Palm Gang Rape

WEST PALM BEACH — An 18-year-old man was held Friday without bail on charges that he participated in a brutal gang rape and beating of a woman and her son in a crime-ridden housing project.

Tommy Lee Poindexter, 18, was indicted Thursday on 14 counts, including sexual battery, kidnapping and burglary. He is accused of participating in the rape of a 35-year-old woman and her 12-year-old daughter. Ramirez is one of nine other suspects whom police believe are all teenagers.

Three other teens — Jakariss Taylor, 15; Nathan Walker, 16; and Avlon Lawson, 14 — are also held without bail after being indicted last month. All face possible life sentences in adult prison if convicted.

Prosecutors have said they plan to seek the maximum penalty and will not negotiate any plea deals.

The woman told police the first she knew about her son and daughter was when she saw a military chaplain at her door... The family just suffered another loss. Exactly two months before Zandra was killed, another sister died from a cancerous brain tumor.

The mother and three surviving sisters said that funeral plans are still being finalized.

INDIANAPOLIS — A 4-year-old girl lived alone for several days after her mother and baby sister died at home, according to police and relatives.

The girls' grandmother, Mary Fuqua, discovered the horrible situation Sunday evening. The girls' mom, Memory Fuqua, 26, died several days ago, possibly as early as Aug. 11, likely from an asthma attack, police said.

A police report indicates Poindexter's mother, Harriet Rogers, 44, said her son was home with her on the night of the attack. "Even his dad knew (Whipple was already dead)," Rogers said.

Poindexter did not yet have an attorney. A bail hearing was set for Saturday.

Larry Clay, Memory's aunt, said she thinks she knows how long the woman and daughter were dead in the home.

"She was in there since last Saturday, apparently, and the baby has only been dead for a couple of days," Clay said.

Clay speculated that an asthma attack killed Memory. Police said she was found in the bedroom and the baby was on a sofa.

"It looks like she was trying to get to it to use it," said Indianapolis police Lt. Jeff Duhamell. "We won't know the cause of death until after the autopsy."
Reward Offered For Capture Of Burglars Who Attacked Elderly Resident

Crime Stoppers of Tampa Bay is offering a reward of up to $1,000 for information that leads to the arrest of the unknown suspects responsible for burglarizing a home in the 6000 block of Collins Spring Cove in Riverview.

On August 15, 2007, two unknown suspects were seen inside the residence. The suspects were confronted by the 72-year-old neighbor who was watching over the residence while the homeowners were out of town. The suspects struck the victim and threw him to the ground. They then fled in an older model vehicle, possibly a 4-door dark blue Fostir with a partial tag of VMG.

A witness described the vehicle as having faded paint and it rattled very loudly when in idle.

The victim was transported to a local hospital for treatment.

Arrests Made For Illegal Alcohol Sales

The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office has concluded their "Operation Back To School" initiative as a safety initiative to top the sale of alcohol to minors.

Deputies around the county checked on 108 stores and arrested 38 people for sale of alcohol to minors. The businesses included convenience stores, gas stations and bars.

In one case, a 13-year-old working behind the counter for his relatives was arrested for selling beer to an undercover operative. This occurred August 17th.

Bank Robbery Suspects Sought

Crime Stoppers of Tampa Bay is offering a reward of up to $1,000 for information that leads to the arrest of the unknown suspects responsible for robbing the Colonial Bank, 1707 South Parsons Avenue on August 13th.

Authorities said two unknown Black males and a Black female entered the bank armed with handguns and demanded money. The suspects fled in a stolen 1997 Plymouth. The vehicle and two handguns were later recovered by Hillsborough County Sheriff's deputies.

One of the suspects, Steven Brown, 17, was arrested but the other two escaped.

One suspect is described as a Black male, 17 to 20 years old, 5'10" to 6 feet tall, weighing between 150 and 160 pounds. The second suspects is described as a Black female, 17 to 20 years old, 5'3" to 6'5" tall, weighing between 220 and 250 pounds.

Sexual Offender From Washington State Arrested

Pinellas County Sheriff's deputies have arrested a sexual offender absconder from Washington State.

Christopher Collie, 43, was arrested Wednesday morning after absconding from Washington State in October 2009.

Deputies from the Sexual Predator Offender Tracking Unit received information that Collie, 17, may be in Pinellas County.

Deputies, along with the U. S. Marshall's Service and FDLE developed leads as to Collie's whereabouts and surveillance was set up outside a residence in the 2000 block of 20th Avenue, South. Collie was seen leaving the residence in a vehicle in a residential area.

Recap:

**Man Shot To Death During Robbery**

POLK COUNTY - The Polk County Sheriff's Office reports that a man shot inside his residence during a robbery, died 15 minutes later at a local hospital.

Deputies report at 11 p.m. Wednesday night, two armed and masked Black males entered the home of Robert Cameron at 714 Magnolia Place in Winter Haven. Along with Cameron were two friends visiting him at the time.

Deputies said the suspects demanded property from Cameron and his two friends, and Cameron resisted. That's when one of the suspects shot him before fleeing the residence.

The two friends of Cameron were also robbed but neither was harmed during the incident.

If anyone has information about this incident, they are asked to contact Heartland Crime Stoppers at 1-800-226-TIPS.

**Shooting In Bradenton Believed To Be Gang Related**

BRADENTON - The Bradenton Police Department reports for the second time in less than a month, a shooting has left people hospitalized.

Late Wednesday night, 3 men were shot on 20th Street. In investigating, two men were shot in the head and another received a neck wound. The men suffering from the head wounds were taken to a local hospital and reported to be in critical condition.

No suspects have been arrested in the shooting, that occurred on the same block as a shooting August 8th that left a teenage gang member seriously injured.

The shooting victims were identified as Jose Agustin-Mojica, 30, Marion Mojica, 37, and Fernando Agustin, 25.

Prior to the shootings, police said the victims has circled the 2000 block of 11th Avenue, East twice, and on the third time around, two unknown suspects shot them. One of the victims reported seeing one of the suspects come from a parked green pickup truck and another from a brown van.

The crime scene was searched by detectives several shell casings in the street and a loaded 9mm magazine near the crime scene where the first victim was found.

Police said the area where the shootings have occurred were involved in a lot of suspected gang activity and rival gangs appear to be involved in the shootings.

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Gamma Theta Omega Chapter AKA Hosts Traveling Exhibit Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The ladies of Gamma Theta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. hosted more than 300 guests on Saturday evening, August 4th. The occasion was the Centennial Traveling Exhibition Premiere and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. The event opened to the public on Sunday, August 12th.

The event was held at the John F. Germany Public Library, downtown Tampa.

The International Centennial Planning Committee spent 3 years researching information for the exhibit, including information on the first line, recreating the dorm room where Alpha Kappa Alpha was founded. The exhibit was unveiled at the 2006 Boule in Detroit. The final exhibit has 30 panels of history, photos and maps with their Signatures of Service. The 26th (Linda M. White) and 27th (Barbara A. McKinzie) presidents gave leadership in preparation of the traveling exhibit that honors 100 years of the organization’s existence.

Gamma Theta Omega Chapter is grateful for its partnership with Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners Library Services Dept. and the County Attorney’s Office, who both helped to insure this historical event became reality, stated Chapter President, Gwen Myers.

The local committee spent 1/2 years preparing for the exhibit to come to Tampa, stated Mrs. Sonja W. Garcia. Tampa Site Project Director, Centennial Traveling Exhibit Committee, she expressed gratitude to all of the local committee members and sponsors of the event.

The private ribbon-cutting ceremony featured several special guests. The mistress of ceremony for the evening was Mrs. Marsha Lewis Brown, South Atlantic Region Heritage Committee Chairman,Premiere Committee Planning Chairman. The invocation was by Mrs. Josephine Hubbard. Ms. Norma Solomon White, LHD, 25th International President, Chairman, International Centennial Celebration Committee; Joe Stines, Director, Tamp-Hillsborough County Public Library System; and the Honorable Frederica Wilson, Florida Senate, District 33.

Ms. White and Mrs. Lucretia Payton Stewart, Ph.D., 13th South Atlantic Regional Director, Chairman, South Atlantic Region Centennial Committee, shared information about “100 Years of Service: The Alpha Kappa Alpha Story.” Ms. June Mustiful, Ph.D., Chairman, Centennial Traveling Exhibit Committee, shared information on the exhibit design and overview. Tampa’s Poet Laureate, James Tokley, shared a fitting poem with the audience.

Participating in the ribbon cutting were: Ms. White, Ms. Wilson, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Garcia, Ms. Mustiful, Mrs. Myers, Mrs. Brown and Mr. Stines.

A reception followed on the first floor of the library.

(Photographs by Julia Jackson)
BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Happy Birthday August 24, 2007

TAMEKA HAYES And JASON FRIESTER

It’s been years that have gone by. So today is that special day that we would love to wish you my Queen, Ms. Tameka Hayes a happy 25th birthday. Let the light shine bright and hard on a well deserving mother of two, who deserves it all.
Happy birthday Baby. Love, Jason.

Happy 45th Birthday

TAMEKA HAYES, KENNETHIA And SAARIA

Happy birthday to my wife, Ms. Nisha, who will be celebrating tonight at Club 112.
Happy birthday to our son, Terik Smith, who turned 11 on August 11th.

TERIK SMITH
Happy belated birthday to our son; Terik Smith, who turned 11 on August 11th.
Love, mom and dad, Tony and Nisha.
Go Jr. Bucs, #2 is back.

MRS. NISHA SMITH
Happy birthday to my wife, Ms. Nisha, who will be celebrating tonight at Club 112.
Have fun baby. I’ll be home soon.
Love, your hubby, Tony Smith!

Happy Birthday!!!

EVANGELIST TWANDA BROOKS

The Word Of Life Ministries would like to wish their pastor, Evangelist Twanda Brooks, a very special birth­day today.
Pastor, God has your back, you have touched so many lives. But today your fiance, Mr. Jimmy Berry, would like to touch your heart and let you know I love you Sweetheart, for all the reasons of God on your special day today.
Pastor Brooks, you are my angel of light. I love you.

Happy Belated!

MR. DONNIE PAUL HICKS

Birthday wishes are being sent out to Mr. Donnie Paul Hicks, who will be 71 years young on August 26th. God bless you Mr. Hicks. We all love you.
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MIN. CALVIN And DAPHNEY DOUGLAS

To my wife, Daphney Douglas, you’re my angel, you’re the wife of my dreams, and I’d like to thank God for giving you to me for 20+ years.
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MOLLIE JOHNSON

Celebrating her 85th birthday on August 27, 2007, and looking ever so beautiful, Mollie Johnson, wife of (the late) Otto Johnson, desires to share with her friends and family that she is doing fine.

Born August 27, 1922, in Lake City, Mollie is loved by her daughters, and three sons, along with three grandchildren, and one great granddaughter.

When asked how she feels about this moment in time, "thank God for my 85th blessing!"

SHAHTIA BRANTLEY

Congratulations to Shahtia Brantley, who received her Master of Science degree in Journalism with a concentration in Broadcast during the 253rd academic commencement at Columbia University in New York City on May 16, 2007.

While at Columbia, Ms. Brantley reported various stories from the streets of New York, such as business politics, crime, and public health. During the Spring semester she interned at CBS Evening News Weekend Editions with Russ Mitchell.

Ms. Brantley received a Kaiser Foundation Media Internship and is working for BET News this summer in New York, producing health reports on subjects relevant to the African-American community such as diabetes, obesity and AIDS.

This Fall, Ms. Brantley will begin her full time job with NBC News in New York. She was selected as one of six journalists to participate in the highly competitive and prestigious news associates program. This year over 750 applicants across the nation competed for six slots. She will produce stories for Nightly News with Brian Williams, Today Show, Dateline and MSNBC.

Ms. Brantley is a 1993 graduate of Dougherty Comprehensive High School. She earned a B.S. in Accounting from Albany State University in 1997 and received her MBA from the Ohio State University in 1999. She worked for UPS and Accenture, an international management consulting firm in Atlanta for seven years prior to pursuing her passion for broadcast journalism. She is the proud daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brantley of Albany, Georgia. Ms. Brantley is also the proud niece of Ms. Pauline Kemp of Tampa.

Ms. Brantley would like to thank Aunt Pauline for all of her support, guidance and encouragement over the years. "I would not have made such a bold move to change careers without your support. I thank you for everything and love you very much."

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Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday Mommy

MS. BOO

It’s time for all stars to report to the Zanzi, where it will be going down August 25th at 10 p.m. Wear your plaid! Everyone is invited. See you there.

Love, Big Ronald, Tyreah, Tyreon, Lil Ronald and J’Ron.

P. S. Happy birthday Grandma Nan, we miss you. It’s almost over.

MS. BOO

Happy birthday to me. Yes, God has blessed me another year to be the star that I am. So, for all my fans, make a wish!

Miss Nyessa Douglas

This is the glamorous Miss Nyessa Douglas, who was 4 on August 22. Happy birthday. From your mom, Candy, Rashah, Rakla, Carlos and Nanna.

MUSICAL

Theme: "Unrestricted Praise"

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Don’t Miss Out On This Anointed And Appointed Time For Renewal And Celebration. Mark Your Calendars And Be There!
The Day Is Coming!

Do you recall from your years of growing up, a special day in your life? Do you remember how you felt knowing that a special day was coming? You waited with great excitement and anticipation.

In life today, a day is coming. Regardless of how you live life, a day is coming when people will make positive change. The day is coming when the just will be saved, and the wicked will be judged and the righteous will be rewarded.

In this week’s lesson recorded in Malachi 3:15-18, Malachi writes to warn, let the people know that the day of the Lord is coming. The day is coming when God will visit his people and make them accountable for their living. The best thing for His people to do is to live right before He comes.

Many people have talked a good talk. The day is coming when God will be judgments according to their actions. Listen to the indictment made by God against His people, “You have wearied me with your words” (vv. 17). God has become sick of people’s actions. He is not pleased at all. They say they love Him, but their actions are something different.

God does not want His people to just talk about righteouness. He wants them to “be about it.” Be holy for the Lord is holy (Lev. 19:2). God does not want His people to talk about faith, but He desires that they live by it (Habakkuk 2:4).

They ask God, “How have you wearied You” (v. 21). Asking, how is a good question. By asking why they will find out what they did wrong and how to correct it. When you are accused of a sin or wrong, ask why? They wearied God by thinking that all people are good regardless of what they have done (v. 17). Throughout their lives they always said this, especially when the wicked seemed to prosper. Because God does not punish people when we think He should, does not mean that He is pleased or they have gotten away.

The day is coming when we think He should, does not mean that He is pleased or they have gotten away. Because He has not responded to the wickedness of people means the days is coming.

The Lord says to them, “I will send my messenger before Me” (v. 12). People are looking for the Lord but overlooking the messenger. In the time of Malachi there were prophets. In today’s time there are pastors, preachers, and priests. They are all messengers of God. These people have the task of preparing the way for the Lord. They preach and teach to get you ready to meet Him.

God asks the question when He does come who will be able to endure the day (vs. 21)? When God does come who will be able to stand before Him. People want God to come and judge the deeds of the wicked, but they must understand that the ways of the righteous will be judged first.

When He comes He is going to deal with everybody. He will address everyone’s issues and sins. Who can stand before the Lord? The only ones who can stand are those with clean hands and a pure heart (Psalm 24:4,5).

In this time of living, the people who God had saved and delivered had faults too. The people were trying to fool God. They were trying to give what was wrong as though it was right. God will come and judge us as well as the known deeds of the wicked. Who can stand?

It is good for the people in the church to read this book of Malachi. The day is coming when God will come. He will come to judge the wicked and the righteous. He has sent messengers before Him to help you to get your house in order because when He comes he will examine everyone. Are you ready for that day? The day is coming.

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New Hope M. B. Church Back-To-School Event

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church held its Back-To-School event on Tuesday, August 14th. Several school administrators were available for the event. (Photos by Jerry Brunson)

Reverend Dr. T. W. Jenkins, Pastor of New Hope, and Dea. Otto Strickland, Jr. at the Back-To-School event.

School District Administrator, Gwendolyn Luney, left, and School Board member, Doretha Edgecomb attended the Back-To-School event at New Hope M. B. Church.

Carolyn Hill, left, Principal of Sheehy Elementary, is shown with Samantha Paris.

Mrs. Miriam J. Smith, center, and daughter Kierra Smith, left, with Mrs. Ovetta Williams at the New Hope M. B. Church Back-To-School activity.

Tonya Coleman and Erin Coleman at the Back-To-School event at New Hope.

Franceline Wilson and Shayla Plair picked up school supplies at New Hope M. B. Church.

Tatyana was one of those who received a backpack of school supplies from New Hope M. B. Church. She is shown with Evelyn McFadden, Head Start Supervisor, and Andrew Smith.

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Minister Edna Barlow
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11:00 a.m. Messenger

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Pastor: REV. RONALD FORTUNE
MC: MRS. ALMA MCBRIN

Chairperson: GLORIA PILCHER SHAW
August Birthdays

Happy birthday to: Mrs. Anna Williams, Barbara Wright, Phyllis Wood, Beverly Moore, Melinda Darby and Adrian Kimberly.

Birthday accolades are sent to Reginald D. Anderson, former Villager, who now resides in Phoenix, AZ. Happy birthday, “Reggie.” From your Florida family.

Also celebrating her natal day is Mrs. Yolanda Anderson-Best, who recently celebrated her birthday on August 14, 2007. We hope the day was an enjoyable one, with all your Florida family.

Mrs. Helen Grace Stacey is celebrating the very special birthday of her mother, Mrs. Mamie Young Fort. As we pour out the love of Mr. James Gatin, our sympathy is extended to his family.

Sympathy Our heartfelt sympathy is sent to the family of Mr. Andrew and Young Johnson, Jr.; grandchildren and great grands along with other family members and friends, including the church family of Mt. Olive. This special occasion was enjoyed by all.

Mr. Young Johnson, Sr., we wish you many more!

Sick List Our prayers go out far and near as we remember that God is everywhere, to: Alethia King, Lena Daniels, Dorothy York, Willie Chanyey, Bro. and Sis. Willie Moore, Alfonso Johnson, Sr., Sis. Lula Bell Tucker, Lella Felder-Moss, Dan Wright, Willie Mae Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnye Theartt, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby (Valerie) Trotman, and Willie Mae Wright (Tandem of Brandon).

We are happy to see Sister Deborah Rodrigues up and back on task again, as she was shut-in for awhile.

Sympathy Our heartfelt sympathy is sent to the family of Mr. Ender Boyd, who recently passed away. He was an avid supporter of the Florida Sentinel. His funeral services will be tomorrow, Saturday at First Baptist Church of Progress Village at 11 a.m. Serenity Meadows is handling the service.

Deepest sympathy is extended to the Bohler family in the loss of their husband and father, Mr. Henry Cabot Lodge Bohler. Services were held Sat., Aug. 16, 2007, at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church.

Our very sincerely sympathy goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence (Yvonne) Fort and family for the loss of their mother, Mrs. Mamie Young Fort.

As we pour our the loss of Mr. My Brothers, we express our sympathy extended to his family.

My Brothers 2 Keep Ministry “FREE” Bibles and greeting cards are available to inmates by writing to: My Brothers 2 Keep Ministry, P. O. Box 4618, Tampa, 33677-4618.

Harris Family Reunion “We’ve connected the links and produced the Harris family,” was the theme for the Harris Family Reunion held on July 28-29, 2007, in Tampa, Ira and Adeine Harris who produced 14 children had families from Newark, NJ, Alpharetta, GA, Eustis, Riverview, Brandon, Temple Terrace, Gibsinton, Lutz and Tampa, to celebrate a joyous time in meeting so many nieces, nephews, cousins, grands, great grands and great, great grands.

We send out a very special thank you to family members Earl and Debra Harris for the use of their facility, “Earl Harris Karate Academy” and also to Alvin, Sr. and Renita Hadley for the use of their lovely home. There was a time for eating, dancing and fellowship shipping and worshipping at New Salem M. B. Church in Hyde Park where Dr. Henry Lyons is pastor.

Happy Anniversary Happy 30th anniversary to Dea. Eli Rodgers and Fannie Harris Rodgers, who recently celebrated 30 years of wedded bliss. Alvin Hadley, Sr. and Renita Williams Hadley recently celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary.

Happy 20th anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie (Sandra) Jackson who are celebrating in Las Vegas, NV. We pray for them a safe trip, there and back and also great winnings!

Reunion Meetings The Don Thompson, Howard W. Blake classes from 1945-1959 will meet on August 30, 2007, at the DoubleTree Hotel on Cypress Street.

For more info, contact Flora Dawson at 238-6282 or Edith Randolph at 495-0102 or Erma Griffin at 232-8661.

Scripture “Behold, I have given thee a wise and understanding heart; so there will be none like thee before or after thee...and I will also give thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches and honor...and as thou walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and commandments, I will add length unto thy days.”

1 Kings 3:12-14.

Thought For Today “Beware of little expenses, a small leak will sink a great ship.”

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Welcome back Titans, it’s a new year with new challenges along with new obstacles. Congratulations to the class of 2008 for making it to their senior year, a lot has happened in the past three years leading up to this point, so now it’s time to live Tech with a bang. To the incoming class of 2011, it’s just the beginning of the best years of your life, so enjoy it while you can.

Congratulations to SGA for putting on a great fashion show for the whole student body. The fashion show is a tradition streaming from years before. Everyone, every year looks forward to it. It displays the dos and don’ts of the dress code set forth in the student handbook. The purpose of the show is to inform the student body of the policies in an entertaining way, getting the point across of the importance of the rules.

Just recently the Varsity and Junior Varsity cheerleading squads were selected. The 2007-2008 Varsity squad consists of: (Seniors) Paulethia Bryant, Valencia Solomon, (Juniors) Annastaja Davis, Jessica Frank, Amansi Green, (Sophomores) Jessica Clatt, Tonee Filer, Alicia Killins, Demelza Pendervis, Jaishah Stevens, (Freshmen) Markisha Green, Desire Jackson, Ciera Johnson, Daisha Jones, Aria Lane, Zenobia Large, Tatyana Mitchell, Shannon Siston, Ronelica Speights, Phelvia Williams.

The 2007-2008 Junior Varsity squad consists of: Aariontae Brown, Semline Delva, Triancia Hicks, Courtney Lynch, Aisha Fenton, Brianna Sampson, Kaylise Sellers, Shaquitta Sylvester. Good luck ladies on the season and make sure that the Titan spirit is in full effect.

All Titan fans come support the football team tonight in the first football game of the school year. Come watch the as we stomp out the Plant City High Raiders at 7:30 pm in the Titan Stadium. With a new Head Coach the football team is expecting a more promising year than the previous ones. So come support the team in a victory to remember.

Any Students interested in being apart of the historic Gamma Phi Gamma and Tau Beta Tech step team tryouts are scheduled to start next week. Come out and become part of a much-respected TBT legend. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Walker, club sponsor.

Also any junior or senior students interested in enrolling Dual Enrollment contact your guidance counselor for more information.

Well, I have come to the end of the road for this week; hope that everyone’s first week of school was great. Shout outs to my home girl Angel holding it down at NCCU, the Titan cheerleaders, Class of 2008 and Coach Lockett, Parks, Brooks, Mr. Reid, Mrs. H, Ms. Ogle, Tiffany, Valencia, Mechala, Lelc, Mookcy, Bowleg, Yodka, Dustin, Dez, Biggie, Mysha, PJ, Devron, Kess, Phil, Amber, Donta, Deejay, Spencer, Reggie...oh yeah... and Ammie...but if I forgot you sorry let me know and I’ll make sure to put you in here.

Well, until next week Peace, Love, and Good Fortune.
Robles Elementary Prepares For Back To School

Students in Hillsborough County returned to the classroom on Monday, August 20th. Last week, Robles and other schools were putting the final touches on registration, making sure the first day is smooth for most students.

(Photos by Julia E. Jackson)

Ronnie Singleton was in the office gathering more information on registration procedures.

Sonya Brock, Health Assistant and Assistant Principal Bonnie McDaniel were preparing for the arrival of the students.

Parents were busy registering their children: Eureka Carswell and Waleeler Lynn were among them.

Mrs. Erickson, data processing, and the front office administrator, Ms. White are preparing for the upcoming school year.

Jose Blair gets help from his sister, Sheila Blair about registering his daughter at Robles.
Motorcycle Club Hosts Back-To-School Activity

The Golden Hawks Motorcycle hosted its Back-To-School activity at Fair Oaks Park. Hundreds turned out to enjoy the food, fun and activities. (Photos by Jerry Brunson)

Toi Owens, Michelle White and Sandra Price at the Back-To-School activity at Fair Oaks Park.

Nee-Nee, Kay-Kay, Jonae, Tete, Nina and Twin enjoying the activities at Fair Oaks Park.

Members of the Golden Hawks Motorcycle Club.

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To qualify for the services, you must be 50 to 64 years old; meet income guidelines, and have cervical cuff or cervix (no hysterectomy).

All women who qualify are asked to call (813) 223-4300 to set an appointment.

The provider for the services is Estrella Clement, a member of Marti Maceo, Ybor City's Afro-Cuban Society since 1900.

Life Lessons From The Farm

Here are a few more lessons that can and should be learned from those currently on a farm.

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STAY COOL AFTER SCHOOL

From Tonia Turner

With the weather hitting all time record highs in Florida, both the kids and the parents need something to keep them cool... especially after school! So, try a few of these treats that are not only fun to make, they're also delicious to eat & drink!

Invisible Kool Pops

1 cup Splenda
1 pack Kool-Aid Watermelon & Kiwi Invisible Mix Ice cubes
Water
16 paper or plastic cups
16 wooden pop sticks

DIRECTIONS: Combine SPLENDA and soft drink mix in large plastic or glass pitcher. Add enough cold water and ice to equal 2 quarts. Stir until soft drink mix is completely dissolved. Pour evenly into paper cups. Freeze 1-1/2 hours or until almost firm. Insert pop stick into center of each cup. Freeze until firm.

Frozen Orange Pops

1/4 cup Tang Mix
1 cup warm water

DIRECTIONS: Mix Tang and water until dissolved. Pour in mold, cover & freeze.

Homemade Snowcones

1 cup boiling water
1 package Jell-O Gelatin (any red-color variety)
1 cup pureed strawberries
1/2 cup light corn syrup
8 paper or plastic cups
8 cups crushed ice

DIRECTIONS: Stir boiling water into gelatin in large bowl for 2 minutes until completely dissolved. Add strawberries, corn syrup and ice cubes; stir until ice is completely melted. Fill each paper cup with 1 cup of the crushed ice. Pour gelatin mixture evenly over ice.

Italian Sorbet

1 qt. cold water
1/3 cup Kool-Aid Mix

DIRECTIONS: Add water to mix and stir until dissolved. Put in dish. Freeze until firm, removing dish from freezer every 30 min. to scrape mixture from side of dish.

Fruity Kool Kubes

1/2 cup Kool-Aid, any flavor
1/2 cups water

DIRECTIONS: Mix soft drink mix powder and water in glass measuring cup; stir until drink mix is dissolved. Pour evenly into plastic ice cube trays lightly sprayed with cooking spray. Freeze 3 to 5 hours or until firm. Remove from ice cube trays onto plate or plastic tray.

Kool-Aid Fizz

2 tbsp. Kool-Aid, any flavor
1 cup cold club soda

DIRECTIONS: Place soft drink mix in tall glass. Gradually add club soda, stirring until soft drink mix is dissolved. Add kool cubes and enjoy.

Cookies & Cream Pudding Pops

2 cups milk
1 pkg. Jell-O (Vanilla Flavor)
1/2 cup thawed Cool Whip
6 Oreo Cookies, crushed

DIRECTIONS: Pour milk in bowl, add dry pudding mix. Beat with wire whisk 2 min. Stir in whipped topping and crushed cookies. Spoon into paper or plastic cups. Insert wooden pop stick or Freeze 5 hours or until firm.
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Mojito Slushes

1 pint lime sorbet or 1 can limeade from frozen juice section
8 shots light rum
1/2 cup mint leaves
1 tray ice cubes

DIRECTIONS: In a blender, combine 1/2 pint sorbet or 1/2 can of limeade with 4 shots of rum, 1/4 cup mint leaves and 1/2 tray of ice. Pulse, then blend on high until lime-mint slush is smooth. Pour drinks into 2 large cocktail glasses using a long handled spoon and repeat with remaining ingredients.

Cranberry-Citrus Vodka Slush

4 cups cranberry juice
2 cups fresh squeezed orange juice, strained
1 ½ cups vodka
⅛ cup lime juice, strained
1/4 cup orange-flavored liqueur (recommended: Grand Marnier)

DIRECTIONS: In a container with a pour spout, combine all ingredients. Seal and put in the freezer until frozen solid. Drink when it is slushy.

Jey Kiwi-tini

1 bottle Strawberry Kiwi Drink
1 ½ cups frozen strawberries
¼ cup cold ginger ale
¼ cup vodka

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

Champagne Cocktail

1 oz. cranberry juice
1 wedge lime
Champagne
Cranberries (frozen)

DIRECTIONS: In a chilled Champagne flute add cranberry juice and a squeeze of lime. Top off with Champagne. Garnish with 3 or 4 cranberries.

Coffee Float

3/4 cup hot Coffee
1 scoop coffee, chocolate or vanilla ice cream

DIRECTIONS: Pour coffee into large cup or mug. Top with ice cream.

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1/3 cup granulated sugar
1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
½ lime, zested
3 cups pineapple chunks
2 dried star anise pods
1 ½ tablespoons white rum
2 ½ cups dry white wine

DIRECTIONS: Heat a nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. In a bowl, combine the sugar, ginger, lime zest and the pineapple. Stir in the alcohol burn off, about 3 minutes. Remove from the heat and stir in the orange juice, scraping the bottom of the pan letting the alcohol cook off. Discard the anise. Puree the fruit mixture in a blender. Stir in the white wine and pour the mixture into ice pop molds. Freeze until solid, about 4 hours.

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LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT

Cha-Cha Slide Dance Contest

Interstate Lounge held its first Cha-Cha Slide Dance Contest recently. The event is held every Monday. If you like to slide and think you can, then you don’t want to miss this event.

DJ DADDY SOUL
Leroy Campbell

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Makou Brown and Nicole Bold enjoying the Cha-Cha Slide Contest.

Ms. Pumpkin and Bruce Phillips was among those who participated.
BY LEON B. CREWS
Sentinel Staff Writer

Staying in touch with the temperament of the music industry, Calvin “Poppa Doc” Kendrick knew that most aspiring artists find it difficult to shake the “street themed” hip-hop they seem drawn to.

As founder of Southern City Music, Kendrick said he wants to set the tone for all companies and artists. “We no longer have room in this industry for artists who insists on using the ‘N’ or ‘B’ words in their music. It’s time we started respecting each other more.”

Kendrick, along with his son Martavious “Bean” Kendrick and artists Willie Cherry, III, Zanyada Ghee, Hanif Perez, and Javier, want to join other companies who have decided that they have the responsibility of deciding what people want to listen to. “We know what’s popular on videos and what’s playing in cars. We also know the difference between club music that’s profitable.”

Kendrick and his son do all pre-production at their recording studio, Deep Productions, and all other activities are done in-house. “Each artist writes and handles the publishing and distribution. We are a complete company, and we work with urban, R&B, gospel, and any other artist who is talented and serious.”

Kendrick said all artists have to be auditioned by his son and himself, and they decide who they can work with. “The first album we release will be family oriented and we’re coming in humble about the families.” The artists say what sets them apart from the others is their unique creativity and the importance of releasing clean music.

The journey for Kendrick started in his hometown of Miami where he took courses at Miami-Dade Junior College. He credits his professor, Jerry Trapp, with having a major influence on his life. As far as their type of music is concerned, Kendrick said it’s not defined by what part of the state it comes from. “We are Florida music. We have a southern style and we like to have fun. I believe in keeping young people around as evidenced by the artists I’m working with. The youngest is 16 and the oldest is 22. We have a lot of growing to do together and we are prepared to learn from our mistakes and success. We take pride in knowing we have to start from the bottom, and we are prepared to learn from our mistakes and success.”

Kendrick warns that they won’t work with any artist if they don’t have talent, maturity and creativity. “You must have the heart to do this. This isn’t about egos. This is a family thing.”
**Surprised Foxy Brown In Trouble Again**

More and more we’re starting to think the definition of idiot, knucklehead, ass and mincepoop should be changed to Foxy Brown, complete with photo. And why would we want to go there? Read on.

Foxy Brown is now being accused of lying to police during the traffic stop, the latest addition to the rapper’s legal woes.

The Record of Bergen County, New Jersey reports that the rapper was driving a sport utility vehicle on Wednesday when she was stopped for talking on a handheld cell phone and failing to stop at a stop sign.

After a check showed the SUV’s registration had been suspended, the 27-year-old rapper, whose birth name is Inga Marchand, gave officers a variation of her real name and a date of birth that was a year off, authorities said.

When a search for the orange she gave turned up no records, the officers asked her again for the information, and she gave her correct name and date of birth, authorities said.

The officers then learned that Brown’s license was suspended, and she was taken to police headquarters, where she was issued seven traffic tickets and released on her own recognizance. She was to appear in municipal court in Mahwah on Sept. 4.

**Tiffany ‘New York’ Pollard Angers Waitress**

A waitress at New York club Home must have missed some key episodes of VH1’s first season of “Flavor of Love” and its spinoff “I Love New York,” or she would’ve known what was in store when Tiffany “New York” Pollard entered the building and sat at her table.

The staffer, who is white, told the New York Post that Pollard was acting “racist, overrated, and crazy” during her visit to the hot spot last Tuesday.

“I went to her table and told her I think she’s so cute and funny. Then I went to shake her hand and she looked me up and down, laughed at me and said I had a cold,” said the waitress. “But immediately after, she shook the hand of another waitress, who is black.”

Next, New York told the woman that she needed to keep visual contact with new drink glasses coming to her table from the bar to make sure they come directly to her.

“She told me someone drugs her drinks when she’s not looking,” the waitress said.

When the staff told her that wasn’t going to happen, New York reportedly dispatched her bodyguard to the bar for her cocktails, while bottles of vodka sat on her table.

“She acted like a rude, nasty pig all night,” the waitress concluded. A rep for VH1 said: “She was there but denied the claims about how she acted.”

**DREW-Z’S MOVIE REVIEW**

Invasion [***] Pretty good horror flick. Nicole Kidman makes it believable

Superbad [***] Funny, not for kids

Rush Hour [****] Very funny, your kids will enjoy it

Standoff [***] Wait for the video. Fairytale, moves slow

The Bourne Ultimatum [****] Action-packed thru movie

Hairspray [***] Good musical, funny, kids will enjoy it

Harry Potter [****] Too long and slow, Harry fans will love it

Transformer [****] Action packed

Live, Free or Die Hard [****] Action-packed, might be best action movie

No Reservations [****] Good romantic/drama

Spider Man [****] Pretty good action / movie too long (3 hours)

Ratatouille [****] Wait for video

I Now Pronounce You Chuck and Larry [****] Average comedy, not for kids

The Simpsons Movie [****] Wait for the video. Not a Simpson fan

Who’s Your Daddy? [****] Over the top comedy. Wait for video

Sicko [****] Good Documentary on Healthcare in America. Must See

Talk To Me [****] Don’t miss this movie. Only showing at Veterans 24

Fantastic Four [****] Enjoyed it. Black Director

Pirates Of The Caribbean [****] Poor action, but too long (3 hours)

**RATINGS**

*** Very Good ** Good ** Average * - Wait For Video

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**Kanye West Answer Gay Rumors**

Both Kanye West and Eve came out recently to deny gay rumors that have followed them throughout their careers.

West, in London for a surprise show Monday night, spoke to British-based publication NME about reaction he received after stating in an interview that hip hop was “too homophobic.”

"Speaking out against hip hop homophobia, some people were like ‘Oh, Kanye must be a nun. Look at the way he’s dressed! And why would he speak about it? He’s a gay rapper!’ I said the artist, whose new single "Stronger" just became his first No. 1 single in the UK. And my whole point is, I wouldn’t have spoken on that if I was gay or if I was in the closet. I would have stayed so far away from it.

And I’m still homophobic myself to certain an extent. You know, I wouldn’t go to a gay parade and feel comfortable. I wouldn’t ever go to a gay club or something and just be chillin’ and grab a drink.”

"In being in the entertainment world, I meet so many different gay people who are actually nice people. Where I came from, Chicago, being black and being a hip-hop artist, we used to really disrespect gay people. And the thing is, we can’t get close to them with a 10-foot pole. And I realized, ‘Wow, how ignorant has this been?’

Meanwhile, writer Clay Cane spoke to rapper Eve about the subject in the new issue of IX, a glossy New York magazine covering gay nightlife. Here are excerpts:

* Do you get approached by a lot by women?

Yeah, I used to get more when I first came out. I’ve had people tell me straight up and down that I was gay—still get it from people. I get more accusations than I actually do get hit on now.

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Ving Rhames says his dogs mauled caretaker Jacob Adams to death on his property and were likely trying to move him after a sudden health issue had caused him to fall.

"My dogs are family dogs," Rhames told People magazine. "Jacob didn't have any bites on his face or neck. He had scratches to the middle of his torso as if the dogs were trying to pull him over.

"He had a few bite marks on his arms and legs, but there were only two imprints on the top and two on the bottom meaning the dogs didn't clamp down on him in an aggressive fashion."

A heart attack was initially mentioned as a possible cause of death. Also, a report issued Friday by the medical examiner stated Adams most likely did not die from the dog bites. However, Rhames released a statement expressing relief that his dogs were not the cause about a week before the report made public.

The actor, who was filming in Bulgaria at the time, says, "Los Angeles police and I were told there had been a labs in the area. They were hazardous areas, but detectives were questioning if the dogs had any part in Adams's death, reports People. Once Rhames returned to L.A., he says he contacted Adams's family in Toronto. About a week later, he says, police and the coroner told Rhames they had ruled out the dogs as well as the heart attack as the cause of death.

"There was such a lack of blood at the scene," Rhames explains. "They think possibly an aneurysm in the heart. They're doing a toxicology report. They will know [the results] in six to eight weeks. Closure for me will be when the coroner says what was the cause of death."

Meanwhile, Rhames's four dogs are back home from quarantine, but the actor says he may have them relocated to a friend's 12-acre estate in Texas.
Oprah's Staff Upset Over Employee Overtime Pay

"Oprah Winfrey Presents" has finally set a date for its production of "A Raisin in the Sun," a made-for-TV adaptation of the Broadway revival that starred Sean Combs, Phylicia Rashad, Audra McDonald, and Sanaa Lathan.

The film will premiere Feb. 25 on ABC, the night after the network's live broadcast of the 80th Annual Academy Awards. The aforementioned stars of the play are also featured in the TV film, along with "ER" actor John Stamos.

Based on Lorraine Hansberry's play, the story centers around a family living and struggling on Chicago's South Side in the 1950s. It was also announced Friday that ABC will air "Oprah Winfrey Presents: Mitch Albom's For One More Day" on Dec. 9. The film, based on the best-selling book by Mitch Albom, centers on a broken-down former baseball player (Michael Imperioli) on the verge of a suicide who gets to spend one more day with his departed mother (Ellen Burstyn).

Meanwhile, back at Oprah's Harpo Studios, staffers are said to be upset over an employee who managed to earn $65,000 in overtime pay within a 16-week period. This would mean the woman, Carla Bird, would have worked 18.5 hours a day, Monday through Friday, the New York Post calculated.

"Several weeks ago, it was discovered by accounting and human resources," a source told the newspaper. "Most employees would have been walked right out the door. Well, that's just not the case for good ol' 'Birdie.'

Bird, an assistant to Winfrey's co-executive producer Lisa Erspamer, filed for 800 hours of overtime from January through April of this year. Even if Bird had worked seven-day weeks for the three months (despite Harpo employees having the first week of January off), she would average just under 12.5 hours a day.
ALL MY CHILDREN: Kendall secretly gave Spike special vitamins provided by Dr. Happ. She advised him to tell secret, Anne. Watchful anxiety, suspicion that she, Ryan, Zach, Kendall and Spike live together. After receiving a disturbing delivery that may cause Ryan and Zach to make the transition to their new home, she'll handle it herself again. Coming: Ryan presses to learn Anne’s deep, dark secret.

AS THE WORLD TURNS: Gwen suffered a miscarriage and after being told she probably couldn't conceive again, wanted fertility treatment. Carly was crushed when Jack and Katie announced they were only trying to get Carly and baby Daniel. Kitty and her new beau, Mac, will let him go. Unable to conceal Dusty's gun with the cost being her marriage, Lily will soon be confronted. Before Andy was accidentally electrocuted, he revealed to Ridge that he had an accomplice who knows Brooke well. Ridge returned the kids to a grateful Brooke. Thornoe warned Stephanie to accept Donna, or lose him. Coming: Stephanie knows she has to cover her tracks.

DAY'S OF OUR LIVES: Andre almost killed Sami, Lucas and EJ. While, without a donor. Stephanie, who is nearly out of time, is torn between staging a funeral for Stefano, knowing a vengeful Andre would turn it upside down. Meanwhile, Beny was abducted and used in the latest competition to keep the soap from dying. He'll die until he was found just in time. Coming: Philip isn't going to let Belle easily walk out of his life.

GENERAL HOSPITAL: Trevor denied Sonny's accusation that he's in town to help a mob boss take over, but later reported to Anthony Zacchera about Sonny. After forcing Ric to drop the charges against Kab, Trevor wasn't pleased when she wouldn't sleep with him, and angrily noted her concern for Sonny. Jason vowed to kill an unremorseful Sam if she ever tries to harm Elizabeth again. Coming: Carly and Jack's reunion doesn't remain undisputed.

Mystic Stars

By Laeta Senjuk

If YOUR BIRTHDAY IS THIS WEEK ... expect unique reminders and enthusiasm. Special language or language nuances to feeling will require detailed commitments, public celebrations and social reviews. Romantic partners may be greatly motivated to pursue family improvements. Take time to thoroughly assess your needs, values and ideas. Agreements reached over the next few months will tend to remain for several years.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Yesterday's financial obligations may be called into question. Expect an expanded role or increased responsibilities for roommates or business partners to carefully review practical goals and shared agreements. Don't be unaware; others may need to publicly clarify their role. Stay focused and use this time to begin a probe into key official or private information. [Note: Sept. 23-Oct. 22.] Employment contracts will work strongly in your favor. After several weeks of stalled workplace negotiations, bosses and managers will respond positively to new suggestions. The road towards the goal will not be an easy public conflict. A friend or lover may announce travel or family plans. Offer enthusiasm. [Note: Oct. 23-Nov. 22.] Many Scorpios can expect a rare public commentary from a friend or colleague. Romance influences, hidden social information and power dynamics in the workplace may be more than you can handle. Don't believe all that is revealed; privacy and discretion will prove invaluable.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21). A close friend may need to examine difficult family or romantic choices. Be supportive but refuse to act as mediator or be drained by intense emotions. The personal dramas of loved ones will be misleading. Remain cherishably detached, if possible. This is not the right time to challenge strong opinions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Group activities are unexpectedly pleasant and productive. Focus on the present and call upon trusted friends to carry projects through. Unique business alliances or new introductions. Respond quickly to all invitations; potential friends will ask for your undivided attention.

SARONAS will experience a compelling wave of social contact and romantic insight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Long-term romance will experience a bumpy period. Expect loved ones to reveal lingering doubts or deep feelings of regret. Areas affected are broken promises, unfulfilled promises and a long absence of trusted friends. Your support is needed. Stay strong.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Family communications may be unexpectedly intense. Assert, loved ones will need extra time to adjust to changing home roles or late-arriving obligations. Areas affected are romantic or social planning and family support. Remain open and wait for clear signals.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Love relationships will no longer be concerned with social influences or family opinions. Expect a new wave of romantic acceptance in matters of social or family relationships. Toward Aries natives born late in March may also experience fast and fickle romantic situations.ム

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Family stories, past social history or unfinished relationships may be strong themes. Long-term friends will be asked to support you freely and yesterday’s links weaken. Expect that a key official or private information. [Note: May 21-June 21.] Rental agreements or short-term family arrangements may be briefly delayed. Pay special attention to last-minute cancellations or unfulfilled promises. Expect an expanded support, encouragement or revised promises. Be flexible. Friends and relatives may need to question the actions of authority figures. Don't hesitate to voice concern.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Public reputation, group diplomacy and personal influence are vital to business success. Expect key officials to rely heavily on your ability to resolve business or influence co-workers. Someone close may wish to move a relationship closer to you. Expect a wave of hidden support, encouragement and revised promises. Be flexible. Friends and relatives may need to question the actions of authority figures. Don't hesitate to voice concern.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Romantic influences may be undeniable. Watch for potential lovers to offer subtle invitations or seductive comments. Go slow, however, and wait for reliable public statements. Before mid-month, new love affairs will be delightfully intense but short-lived; pace yourself and ask for obvious signals.

Sentinel's Top 10 Albums

1. Underground Kingz... UGK
2. The Real Testament ... Pies
3. Finding Forever... Common
4. T.I. vs. T.I.P. ... T.I.
5. Sean Kingston ... Sean Kingston
6. Epiphany ... T-Pain
7. The Hills Have Eyes II ... Prince
8. From Nothin’ To Somethin’ ... Fabolous
9. NOW 25... Various Artists
10. Back 2 Black ... Amy Winehouse

Sentinel's Top 20 Singles

1. When I See U ... Fantasia
2. Let It Go ... Keyshia Cole Featuring Missy Elliott & Lil Kim
3. Do You ... Ne-Yo
4. Make Me Better ... Fabolous Featuring Ne-Yo
5. Can't Stop The Feeling ... Justin Timberlake
6. Almost Famous: The Sexy Lady EP ... Yung Berg
7. Timbaland Presents Shock Value ... Timbaland
8. Sex Love & Pain ... Tank
9. Ms. Kelly ... Kelly Rowland

Sentinel's Top 10 Rap Albums

1. Make Me Better ... Fabolous Featuring Ne-Yo
2. Shady ... Pies Featuring T-Pain
3. A Boy ... Hurricane Chris
4. Big Theme Tippin' (Do It) ... Soulja Boy
5. Party like A Rock Star ... Shop Boy
6. Look What You Made Me Do ... T.I.
7. Strength & Leg... Tupac
8. Young B... Young B Featuring Junior

Sentinel's Top 10 Rap Songs

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7. Rap-Murr-Phobe (The Fear Of Real Hip-Hop) ... Young B
8. Cold Blooded: The Authorized Mixtape... Young B
9. Strength & Leg... Tupac
10. We The Best... DJ Khalil

Top Video Rentals

1. The Number 23, New Line Cinema
2. 300, Warner Bros., R
3. Hot Fuzz, Rogue Pictures, R
4. Zodiac, Warner Bros., R
5. Premonition, Sony Pictures, PG-13
6. Pathfinder, 20th Century Fox, PG-13
7. The Hills Have Eyes II, 20th Century Fox, PG-13
8. The Contract, Furla Films, R
9. Firehouse Dog, 20th Century Fox, PG
10. Water, Paramount Pictures, R

Top Pop Albums

1. Finding Forever, Common, G.O.O.D./Geffen
2. Untitled, Keri, Virgin
4. Hairpray, Soundtrack, the
5. Hannah Montana 2: Meet Miley Cyrus, Walt Disney/Kollywood
6. Sean Kingston, Sean Kingston Heights/Koch/Epic
7. Kidz Bop 12, Razor & Tie
8. T.I. vs. V.I.P., T.I., Grand Hustle/RCA
9. The Duchess, Fergie, will.i.am/Interscope
10. Minutes to Midnight, Linkin Park, Machine Shoppe

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Toby Goldstein

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Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Family and friends celebrated the 93rd birthday of Mrs. Beatrice Austin-Sims with an elegant Dinner Party hosted by John and Joyce Austin. Mrs. Austin-Sims is a lifelong member of Mt. Tabor Missionary Baptist Church. She has been a faithful member for 57 years. Rev. T. D. Leonard is pastor.

Mrs. Austin-Sims was elegantly dressed in a floor length soft baby blue chiffon dress. She gracefully greeted each guest with a warm smile.

Mrs. Austin-Sims is the mother of John Austin, Inez Austin-Sims, Rhudine Austin-Curry, Shirley Austin, Betty Austin-Hammonds (deceased), Daughter-in-law, Joyce Turner-Austin; grandchildren, Atty. John Franklin and Linnell Franklin (Madison, Wisc.), Robert Austin (St. Pete), Dr. Felicia Austin-Tolliver (Houston, TX), Atty. Iyana Titus (Brooklyn, New York), Yvonne Curry-Aigoro, Sherif Aigoro, Harold Sims, Beatrice Sims, Tia Young, Victor Young and Tawanda Franklin. Great grandchildren are, Taylor Young and Jaimen Franklin.

In addition to the family, those in attendance at the Dinner Party were, Atty. and Mrs. Frank Stewart, Atty. and Mrs. Fred Rothenberg, Clarence Lee, George Turner, Lorenzo Turner (Jacksonville), Bob and Andrea Wimberley, Sandra Price Smith, Patricia Roberts, Bob and Lillie Samuels, Vera Cassell and Mr. and Mrs. Lomax McIntyre. (Photos by Lomax McIntyre)

Honorées, Mrs. Beatrice Austin-Sims (in chair); with host and hostess, John and Joyce Austin.
East Tampa Partnership Accepting Nominees For Executive Committee

The East Tampa Revitalization Partnership is now accepting nominations for election to the Executive Committee, the management team of the ETCRP.

Please submit all nominations to the Ad Hoc Nominations Committee Chair, Ronald T. Brooks, by fax (813) 315-6970. Nominations can also be sent to Brookins Pointe, 3554 North 29th Street, Tampa, Florida 33605.

In order to qualify for election and to secure voting rights, you must be a registered member of the ETCRP who has attended a minimum of two (2) consecutive meetings within the same year of the scheduled election.

Membership is open to anyone interested in participating in the implementation of the East Tampa Community Revitalization Plan and other activities that promote the mission of the ETCRP.

Any person can register with the city’s Division of East Tampa Development or during any ETCRP meeting. Registered members must sign-in on the official membership roster upon attendance of each ETCRP meeting to log individual attendance patterns throughout the fiscal year.

On August 28th at 6:30 p.m., a candidates’ forum will be held to allow candidates to present their platforms for the upcoming election. The ETCRP 2007 Elections Meeting will take place Tuesday, September 11, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. The location for both meetings is the Cyrus Green Park Community Center, 2007 East Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Boulevard.

For more information, please contact Ronald Brooks at (813) 247-6800.

Interns Get First-Hand Experience At Supervisor Of Elections Office

Hillsborough County Supervisor of Elections, Buddy Johnson, is shown with summer interns Shiva Threats, Briana Huggins, and Herold Lord.

When it comes to learning, nothing takes the place of hands-on experience. And for three bright young adults, that’s exactly what they received at the Supervisor of Elections Office.

College Students Briana Huggins, Shiva Threats and Herold Lord spent an event-filled summer as interns for Supervisor Buddy Johnson and came away with healthy respect for the office and the staff.

“I wanted to provide an opportunity for students to learn about the election process, leadership and team development,” Johnson said.

“There’s an enormous amount of work planning for and holding an election – it’s a year-round job,” said Briana, a sophomore at Florida International University majoring in international business.

Shiva was amazed at the number of workers needed during election time. She spent much of her summer helping Diana Jones, who is in charge of roster of some 5,000 poll workers. A political science major at Spelman University, she plans to enter law school upon graduation.

Herold partnered with Briana to help SOE staff analyze the new election laws passed by the Florida Legislature earlier this year.

Herold recently graduated from the University of South Florida and hopes to eventually go on to law school. Briana said she often hears students say their vote doesn’t count. “They don’t see the bigger picture. I just hope that our age group realizes the power we have to make a difference,” Shiva said.

The program was such a huge success we are exploring the possibility of expanding it next year and partnering with local colleges and universities. Having young people get involved in the elections office serves many purposes,” Johnson said.

Tampa Alumni Chapter FAMU

The Florida A&M University Tampa Alumni Chapter meeting will be held Saturday, August 25, 2007, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. at Greater Mount Carmel AME Church Fellowship Center, 4209 N. 24th St.

Rattlers, this is an important meeting to prepare for the Scholarship Gala September 22, 2007 and for football game trips.

Mary White Darby is President. For more information, please call (813) 231-2331.

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**Annual Back To School Giveaway Draws Large Crowd**

More than 3,200 people were on hand for the Seventh Annual Back To School Supply Giveaway, held on Sunday, August 12th, from 12 p.m. until 6 p.m. It was held at Regan Park Community Center, 1200 E. Lake Avenue.

Ms. Tonya Lewis, founder of Children With A Vision, Inc., and event organizer, was joined by more than 200 business owners who donated time, energy, financial contributions, or supplies to make the event a success. (Photos by Jerry Brunson.)

Ms. Tonya Lewis, founder of Children With A Vision, Inc., is shown with businessman Joe Redner, one of the sponsors of the event.

Ms. Tonya Lewis, founder of Children With A Vision, Inc., at the event.

D. J. Tony provided music for the event.

Clera Dupree and Nicole Reese were in attendance at the 7th Annual Back To School Supply Giveaway sponsored by Children With A Vision, Inc.

Ms. Marisol O'Bryan and Ms. Darlene Johnson represented Bank of America, and little Zion Avery.

Natalie Richards, left, and Renee Brown, owner of Ladies Of The Sea Restaurant.

Charmaine, Heisman, Jenall, Tre, and Stephanie were among those in attendance at the back to school giveaway.

Kashondra and Devin Carter were among the hundreds of people on hand for the back to school giveaway held at Regan Park.

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Those in attendance at the event were entertained by Everyone's Youth United Marching Bobcats and Gilt-It Girl Dancers.

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The Hillsborough County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) will hold a Public Hearing to adopt funding priorities for the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for Fiscal Year 2012/2013 on Tuesday, September 4th, 2007, at 9:00 a.m., in the County Commission Chambers, 2nd floor, 601 East Kennedy, Downtown Tampa.

The MPO is responsible for determining priorities for federal money allocated to transportation projects within Hillsborough County. The TIP public hearing offers an opportunity for interested parties to provide comments to the MPO on transportation project priorities.

More information and a list of the TIP Priorities will be available 7 days in advance of the meeting:

- On the web at www.hillsboroughmpo.org
- In person at the Planning Commission Library, 10th Floor, County Center, 601 East Kennedy, Downtown Tampa.
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The Grand Chapter Meeting of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., convened July 10-15, 2007 in Minneapolis, MN. Several Tampa Kappas and their Silhouettes (wives) were in attendance.

The National Silhouettes, an auxiliary of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., donated $8,000 to the Kappa Foundation, a non-profit, tax-exempt entity of the fraternity. The mission of the foundation is to improve the quality of life for African American communities through physical, intellectual, economical and spiritual pursuits. Tampans, Gwen Miller, wife of Kappa brother, Lee Miller and Lucille Morris, wife of Kappa brother,

Kappa Silhouettes Attend Grand Chapter Meeting

GWENDOLYN MILLER
National Silhouettes President

Harry Morris are Silhouette national officers.

At the foundation luncheon on July 13th, the Silhouettes raffled $1,300. National Executive Assistant, Lucille Morris, assisted by National President, Gwen Miller, announced the winners:

- Ron McFarland, East St. Louis, $1,000
- Dawn Peterson, Riverview, FL, $100
- Howard Clarence, Brookland, NY, $100

President Miller presented an $8,000 check on behalf of the National Silhouettes to Grand Polemarch, Samuel Hamilton.

President Miller was elected at the 41st National Silhouettes meeting in Charlotte, NC. She called her first executive board meeting to order on July 9, 2007 at the Hilton Hotel in Minneapolis. More than 125 Silhouettes registered, including 11 widows.

Meetings were strictly business and important issues were debated. However, there were numerous enjoyable activities to share: Midtown Global Market, Shopping Extravaganza, Community Health Fair, Job Fair, Comedy Knight, Twin Cities Tour, Grand Chapter Concert, Fitness Walk, Kappa Midnight Cruise on the Mississippi, Silhouettes Derby Hat Day, Step Show, Kappa Choir Concert, Red and White Family day Cookout, games for all ages and plenty of home cooked food at the Loring Park. There were also vendors that had lots of Greek paraphernalia. The Black and White Ball concluded the convention.

Tampa Alumni Silhouettes registered were: Constance Drew, Lucille Morris, Barbara Regin, Susan McArthur and Gwendolyn Miller.

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Church's Anniversary Pre-Musical Celebration

Greater St. Paul Missionary Baptist Institutional Church, Inc., held their Church's 91st Anniversary Pre-Musical Celebration on Sunday, July 8, 2007, at 6 p.m.

The ceremony was as follows: Rev. Larry Roundtree, II - Master of Ceremony; Devotional Moments; Scripture - Min. Tone' R. Lundy, I; Prayer - Rev. Hugh Strafford; Congregational Selection; Introduction of Master of Ceremony - Bro. Christopher Anthony; Welcome - Sis. Shynea Anthony; Choirs and Soloists in Concert, Part I; Offering - Bro. Kenneth and Sis. June Zipperer, and Dea. Donald and Sis. Sonya Royster; Choirs and Soloists in Concert, Part II; Invitation to Discipleship; Appreciation - Sis. Sameye Roundtree; Announcements; and Closing Remarks and Benediction - Pastor Dr. N. S. Sanders.

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Gospel Recording Artist
From Lakeland

Members of Greater St. Paul's Choir.

REV. LARRY ROUNDTREE, II
Master of Ceremony

Guest soloist/organist and Minister of Music, Raynell Driver, Church of Refuge, Lakeland, with host members from Greater St. Paul.

BRENTA YOUNG
New Jerusalem M. B. Church

Guest Sister Church members from Harmony M. B. Church, Lakeland.

LUCILLE POE
Pianists

Ms. and Mrs. Chatmon, guest duo from Church Without Walls, Lakeland, are in-laws of the Master of Ceremony, Rev. Larry Roundtree, II.

TIM ROUNDTREE
Greater St. Paul Pianist/Organist

Ms. Young's Gospel Group members from various churches.
Get Well
Get well wishes to Mr. Charles ‘Bubba’ Hamilton, Sr., who is confined to a nursing facility, and to his spouse, Mrs. Deloris Hamilton.

August Celebrants
Happy birthday to those celebrating their natal day in August.

First Baptist Inst. Church
Rev. Alex Harper, Sr., Presented by pastor and wife at birthday greetings to: Brothers Steffery “Chuck” Johnson, 98, who is now a resident of Delray Beach; Misses Susannah, Macbryde Fields, Danielle Wright, Latha Speed, Darnuyett Brown, and Earlene Horgan.

Christ Community
Pastor & Sunday School Class on Aug. 18, 2007, was dedicated to the birthday of sister, Lavelle Brown. Sister Brown is a member of the Christ Community Sunday School Class.

A Day Of Celebration
A Day of Celebration with Evangelist Retha Johnson, who was honored for her 30 years of service to the Polk County's Greatest Gospel Soul, and Anointed Evangelist will be held on Sunday, August 26, 2007, at 4 p.m. at New Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 33666, Rev. Gina Griffin-Brown is pastor.

Gloria's Things
For info visit the website nufnews.com or call (863) 686-4204.

Gloria's Things & Other Things
Good Answer
Let's Smile Awhile!
A reporter was interviewing an 104-year-old woman and asked, "And what do you think is the best thing about being 104?" She simply replied, "No peer pressure."

Business Beat
Debra L. Weight has joined the Blackmon Roberts Group, Inc. (BGR) as Business Development Director. BGR is a national Public Planning and Management Consulting firm located in Lakeland and Miami.

Cindy Sharp, a Crime Prevention Practitioner with the Lakeland City Commission, is responsible for presenting crime prevention presentations to the neighborhoods.

The Learning Resource Center (LRC) of Polk County held its bi-annual Board Retreat on July 10th at the Casa Loma Clubhouse.

Birthday Greetings
Wishes for a Happy Birthday go out to: Tyler "T.J." Strong; Roland Rowlinson, Sr., and Dr. Michael Jackson, Sr., who is confined to rest.

Many thanks to Earl Haynes, Judith Haggins, Angola Harvey, Rosa Gant, Peggy Payne, Rodney Ford, Naquisha Davis, Todd S. Peterson, Jr., Vanessa Johnson, and John Doles for 'showing the love' on a special day! And on that evening, at church, I enjoyed pizza after our Back-To-School LIFE/Kids Night Out with our Pastor, Elder Shelton Faison, Leading Lady, Katrena Faison, Deacon, Johnnie Wilterson, Youth Leaders, Mary Rogers, Alexis Dickerson and Rose Gant (again); and some of our youth, Ebony, Jarroce, Shavonna, Keonna, Khyla, Ladarius, Sheltone, and Jessica-Faye.

Birthday Celebration
August 17, 2007 was truly a great day for me. For I celebrated 48 years of life on this earth.

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Greater St. Paul M. B. Inst.'s 91st Church Anniversary

BY GLORIA L. JENNINGS

Pastor N. S. Sanders and members held a remarkable and spirited 91st Church Anniversary gala, spearheaded by chair, Sis. Willie M. Hargrett.

The festivities began with a Pre-Anniversary Musical celebration on July 8th. They continued the celebration and worship services with three guest churches, in and around Lakeland.

The grand conclusion celebration was Sunday, July 15, 2007 at the 11 a.m. service, heralded by Greater St. Paul’s First Family and Friends Day Ever! Special guest organist, Bro. John McWhorter of Kansas, Missouri, who mesmerized the congregation with his inspirational accompaniments, the choir and pianist.

Pastor N. S. Sanders’ brief message came from Ephesians 4:1-7 and St. John 13:15. Sister Alice Walker, staunch member, presented a new Bible to be used in the pulpit.

Morning services continued after the benediction, with a delicious soul food dinner with all the trimmings, including: baked turkey, chicken, yellow rice, mouth-watering dressings with gravy, salads, tea, and a homemade assortment of cakes.

The special guests who were seated and dined lavishly were our dedicated senior citizens. Others enjoyed conversations that flowed while waiting to be seated and served. Colors for this grand occasion were royal blue infused with a variety of shades of blue, silver and white.

The theme was, “The Church Building Stronger Relationships (Connections) Through Love.”

Mrs. Betty Sanders
First Lady

Mrs. Mary H. Bunch, member, rendered a beautiful reading honoring the Church’s Anniversary and the First Family & Friends Day at St. Paul.
Greater St. Paul M. B. Inst.’s 91st Church Anniversary

Rev. Dr. N. S. Sanders and Associate Ministers.

Looking elegant, Mrs. Johnnie M. Anderson, is shown with Brothers Clifford Johnson and Curtis Palmore, as they enjoyed dinner in The Dr. N. S. Sanders Fellowship & Life Center after the 11 a.m. service.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., National Convention

The Rosen Shingle Creek Resort in Orlando, was the setting for the 101st Anniversary Convention of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, August 9-13, 2007.

Alpha Brothers from around the world were in attendance and had a grand time, while taking care of the business at hand. The historic and precedent setting Martin Luther King, Jr., Memorial fundraising effort is on schedule, and ground will be broken in 2008. This $100 million monument, spearheaded by the Alpha Brothers, will be located on the Mall in Washington, DC. For full details, please visit the website www.buildthedream.org.

Alpha Phi Alpha, this nation’s oldest, largest and only predominantly African Americans Fraternity founded on an Ivy League Campus, began on December 4, 1906, at Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. The brothers celebrated the Alpha Centennial last year. Polk County Brothers (Mu Zeta Lambda Chapter) in attendance in Orlando were: Randy Barnes, Lynwood Bell, Anthony Broadnax, Donzell Floyd, Attorney Ken Glover, Attorney Larry Hardaway, Reginald Hutcherson, Ernie Ivey, Laveral King, Rev. Thomas Lunsford, Rev. Howard Mathis, and Phillip Walker.

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**WORKPLACE SURVIVAL TIP #69**

Unless your supervisor calls you the “N-word” or physically assaults you, you will need to prove that you were discriminated against by presenting “circumstantial” evidence of racial discrimination. But sometimes Judges or Courts will try to limit the type of circumstantial evidence that an employee can present to prove discriminatory intent or motive. Don’t let them get away with it.

In Patterson v. McDonald (Supreme Court, 1989), Patterson, an African-American woman was laid off after 10 years of employment. A similarly-situated white female employee was not laid off but received a promotion. The lower court ruled that Patterson could not present evidence that she was in fact more qualified than the white employee.

The Supreme Court, however, overturned the lower court. The Court clearly established that a plaintiff may present all sorts of evidence to prove discriminatory motive or intent: previous bad treatment, policies or procedures, qualifications and resumes, witness statements or affidavits, etc.

Therefore, you can present all types of relevant evidence to prove racial discrimination. You should make sure that you keep notes of any discriminatory incidents (including the date, time, nature of incident; and witnesses present), and secure any eyewitness statements as soon as possible. These items will serve as valuable evidence later on whenever you bring you claim or lawsuit.
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LEGAL NOTICES

HILLSBOROUGH TRANSIT AUTHORITY
HART RFP R07015
21st Avenue Rehabilitation Project

The Hillsborough Transit Authority (HART) will be accepting proposals until 2:00 P.M. eastern time, October 1, 2007 for 21st Avenue Rehabilitation Project.

The RFP documents will be available for download from HART's website at www.hartline.org after 11:00 AM, on Monday, August 27, 2007. The documents can be located under the Purchasing Section. All inquiries pertaining to the specifications or any questions in reference to the proposal must be directed to: Cathy Zickelrose, Procurement Manager, Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority, 4305 East 21st Avenue, Tampa, Florida 33605 (813) 623-5835 ext. 1187 or e-mail at cordovad@hartline.org.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
Competitive sealed qualifications will be received by the Southwest Florida Water Management District, Brooksville, Florida, and publicly opened on the specified time and date.

RFP 451-07 - LAKE WIMAUMA - A HYDROLOGIC EVALUATION TO INVESTIGATE THE MINIMUM LAKE LEVEL. Responses are requested to be submitted by September 26, 2007 at 2:30 p.m.

Specifications may be obtained for a fee from the District's Internet website at http://www.watermatters.org/purchase or purchased from the Purchasing Office, Southwest Florida Water Management District, 2379 Broad Street, Brooksville, FL 34604-8989, by calling 352-796-7211, extension 4132, or 1-800-423-1476 (Florida only) or TDD ONLY 1-800-231-6103 (in Florida).

Respondents requesting packages through the District will be charged copying and shipping/handling costs in accordance with District Policy 13-2 - Administrative Fees.

The District reserves the right to reject any or all responses received with or without cause.

Anthony Hudson
CPO, CPPB
Contracts Administrator

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY AVIATION AUTHORITY
PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Hillsborough County Aviation Authority (Authority) is hosting a community meeting to inform the local business community of the following topics:

- Revised Disparity Study Results
- Construction Contracting Opportunities
- Purchasing Opportunities (Goods & Services)
- Small Projects Group
- DBE Certification - Unified Certification Program (UCP)
- On-Line Business / Supplier Registration
- Airport Concession DBE Program

All businesses are encouraged to attend this meeting. The community meeting is scheduled for:

Date: Saturday, August 25, 2007
Place: West Tampa Public Library
Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

NOTICE TO DESIGN-BUILD FIRMS

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY AVIATION AUTHORITY

The Hillsborough County Aviation Authority hereby requests, pursuant to the Consultants Competitive Negotiation Act, Florida Statutes 287.055, letters of interest from Design-Build firms desiring to render Design-Build services on the following project:

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AND RELATED WORK TAMPA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
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Services to be furnished will include, but not be limited to, all architectural design and all engineering related to structural, mechanical, plumbing, fire protection, electrical, electronic and information technology systems, baggage claim devices, architectural/engineering services during construction, construction by a qualified contractor and related surveys, permitting and testing. A more detailed scope of services will be included in the formal request for qualifications (RFQ).

Significant Dates:
Letters of interest due: By 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 14, 2007
RFQ posted on web site: After 12:00 noon on Thursday, September 20, 2007
Mandatory pre-qualification conference: At 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 11, 2007
Qualification Proposals Due: By 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 31, 2007

For additional information on submitting letters of interest, location of pre-qualification conference and other project details, please access the Authority website at www.tampaairport.com; Quick Links, Airport Business, Request for Qualifications/Proposal (RFQ/RFP).

Notices will be posted at the Tampa International Airport Impound Vehicle Storage Lot located at 4812 W. South Avenue, Tampa, Florida, and in the Administrative Office lobby areas on the third floor of the Main Terminal and second floor of the Service Building at Tampa International Airport, 5503 W. Spruce Street, Tampa, Florida.
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Please submit a cover letter and résumé to: jobs@management.com Subject line to read CFH Director. Must be received by August 20, 2007 @ 5pm.

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TAMPA PORT AUTHORITY ENVIRONMENTAL DIRECTOR

Tampa Port Authority seeks an experienced professional to direct the environmental activities of the TPA Environmental Department including regulatory compliance efforts, management of sovereign submerged lands and wetlands, administration of permitting program, liaison with local, State and Federal Environmental agencies on technical issues related to ecosystems and department budget.

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