BY GWENDOLYN HAYES
Sentinel Editor

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An event-filled day is planned on Monday, Jan. 19, to honor the memory of slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The 18th annual parade, sponsored by Hillsborough County and City of Tampa employees, will be the highlight of the day.

Hillsborough County leaders, including Commission Chairman Ron Hagan, Commissioners Kevin Beckner and Mark Sharpe, County Administrator Pat Bean, Supervisor of Elections Phyllis Busansky and Clerk of Circuit Court Pat Frank will be taking part in the parade.

The parade will kick off at noon at 15th Street and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard in Tampa. The parade route will once again wind on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard to N. 22nd Street. The procession will then head north, ending at Middleton High School at 4801 N. 22nd St.

Monday's celebration gets underway with a leadership breakfast at 6:45 a.m. at the Hyatt Regency Downtown, 211 N. Tampa St., where Hillsborough County Attorney Renee Lee will be presented with the annual Leadership Award.

Dr. Laurence Wesley, a career educator with more than 25 years of service in the Florida Community College system, will be the keynote speaker at the breakfast. Dr. Wesley is currently an Academic Faculty Counselor at Daytona Beach Community College. He also serves as...

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By Gwendolyn Hayes
Sentinel Editor
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The document also stated, "The purpose and effect of these accounts and transactions was effectively to assist Ms. Yamanaka in hiding her assets and income from others, including her judgment creditors."

It further stated that the funds to purchase a home in Hawaii came from a combination of deposits made by Ms. Yamanaka including large cash deposits, a check and loans made in Judge Stringer’s name, but that had been arranged by Ms. Yamanaka or her associates.

The document also alleged that Ms. Yamanaka’s name was not included on the title of the property.

The document also alleges that Judge Stringer accepted an all-expense paid vacation from Ms. Yamanaka, failed to disclose the trip as a gift, allowed her to use bank accounts in her name in which she made large cash deposits; obtained a rent-controlled apartment in New York in his name on behalf of Ms. Yamanaka and allowed Ms. Yamanaka to pay expenses to New York that included lodging at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, all without disclosing the events as gifts.

Judge Stringer is also accused of not reporting two Rolls-Royce watches, one for him and one for his wife, and a customized 2001 Mercedes. He is also said to have falsely claimed the transfer of the vehicle to a friend, avoiding paying Florida sales tax and that the true name of the owner of the vehicle was intentionally hidden.

The document stated that the events, if accurate, violated the Code of Judicial Conduct established for sitting judges.

If found guilty of the charges Judge Stringer could face fines, suspension, or removal from office.

During an earlier interview, Judge Stringer said he met Ms. Yamanaka more than 15 years ago, but didn’t immediately know that she worked as a stripper.

He acknowledged that the two entered into a business partnership to purchase a home in Hawaii in 2004. He said she signed a lease and lived in the house with her husband. The home was sold in 2007 and the profits divided between the two of them.

Judge Stringer is a graduate of New York University, where he earned a degree in Mathematics. After serving in the military, he entered Stetson Law School in 1974, and became the first African American to graduate from the law school.

He became a pioneer in 1987, when former Governor Bob Martinez appointed him as
Local

Program Director Is 2009 DrumMajor Award Recipient
BY IRIS B. HOLTON
Sentinel City Editor

A popular Radio Program Director has been chosen as a recipient of the 2009 24th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr., Drum Major for Justice Award. The award will be presented during the Annual Banquet on Saturday, January 17th.

When contacted by the Sentinel, Ron Shepard, better known as the popular "Jomama Johnson," radio personality at WBT 95.7 FM the Beat radio station said, "I was surprised, humbled, and appreciative. After all of these years in radio, I have started to see the rewards."

A native of Lake Wales, Shepard began his career in his hometown and has worked in markets to Tampa, Birmingham, and Fort Myers. A 20-year veteran of the industry, Shepard said he has tried to make a difference in the community. Being chosen as the recipient of this coveted award, Shepard said being chosen as the recipient of this prestigious award means to him, "Someone is saying, 'This man is impacting lives in a special way.'" He also stated that the timing of the award was special. "This is a

Family Seeks Prayers For Business Owner

The family of Mrs. Felicia Winton Taylor is asking the community to pray for a speedy recovery. Mrs. Winton Taylor is currently confined to Brandon Regional Community Hospital.

Her husband, Rev. Nathaniel Taylor, said he is not requesting visitors or telephone calls. We want her to get rest so that she can recover.

Mrs. Winton Taylor is the former owner of Books For Thought Bookstore, located on N. 59th Street.

NAACP Plans WIN Organizational Meeting

Members of the Hillsborough County Branch NAACP will host WIN (Women In the NAACP) organizational meeting. WIN is an official committee of the NAACP.

The meeting will take place on Saturday, January 17, 2009, at 10 a.m., at the Branch Office, 308 E. M. L. King, Jr., Blvd., Suite C. The national meeting is "Con stretched Hands and Open Hearts to Women and Children."

Hillsborough County Offices Close For King Holiday

Ms. Dora Gardia, Chairperson of the NAACP County Branch WIN Chapter, is asking women interested in becoming a member of the organization to please attend the meeting. An official committee of the NAACP, the purposes of WIN are to enhance the leadership role of women, to serve as an advocate for issues affecting women and children, and to advocate for the positive development of children; and to support the ongoing work of the NAACP and its units, especially civil and cultural activities to enhance membership.

Membership in WIN is open to any person who is a member of the NAACP in good standing. For additional information call the Hillsborough County Branch NAACP at (813) 234-8645.

Inauguration Schedule Of Events

Saturday, January 17, 2009

Whistle Stop Train Tour

In the final leg of the President-elect's incredible journey to Wash­ington, DC, the President-elect and Vice President-elect will board the Whistle Stop Train, starting in Philadelphia, the city where our democracy was born.

10:00 a.m. - Philadelphia, PA Event

The President-elect holds an event in Philadelphia, PA before boarding a train known as the "Whistle Stop Train" bound for Washington, DC.

1:00 p.m. - Wilmington, DE - Open Event

The President-elect will stop for a public event with the Vice President-elect in the back of the Wilmington Train Station, 100 South French Street. Doors open at 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 18, 2009

Opening Inaugural Celebration at the Lincoln Memorial

2:30 p.m. - The Lincoln Memorial President-elect Barack Obama will host the Inaugural Ball, the centerpiece of the opening event.

Community Service Day Lunch

This event is invitation only. Please check back for more information about this event.

Youth Concert

That night Mrs. Michelle Obama, Dr. Jill Biden and their families will be attending the "Kids' Inaugural: We Are The Future" concert at the Verizon Center in Washington, D.C.

Bipartisan Dinners

President-elect Barack Obama will host a series of bipartisan dinners honoring Senator John McCain, General Colin Powell, and Vice President-elect Joe Biden at the National Building Museum, Union Station and the Capitol.<br>
Tickets are required.

Tuesday, January 20, 2009

Swearing-In Ceremony

The President-elect and Vice President-elect and their families will participate in the traditional inaugural cer­emonies and events. For the first time ever, the length of the National Mall will be open to those wishing to attend the swearing-in ceremony. If you're planning on attending, you can find more information here to help plan your trip.

Libraries will close Jan. 19, and reopen the next day for its regu­larly scheduled hours. Residential solid waste (household garbage, yard waste and recycling services) will be provided as normal Jan. 19.

For more information, Hillsborough County InfoLine will be open throughout the holiday at 813-277-2900.

Happy Birthday

Happy birthday goes out to my baby's daddy, Big Man, the #1 man in our lives and Port Tampa's finest. Gone, but not forgotten.

I will always be the Boss. We love and miss you. Love, your wife, Tesha and kids.

Happy Birthday

Big Man
Counting the minutes to the most historic presidential inauguration since the oath-taking of George Washington, America's cris-cross our excitement with the inauguration of Barack Obama and with the birthday and the historical presence of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. And the obvious question is asked. "Were he alive today, what advice would America's greatest Civil Rights leader give to America's first Black president, don't that mean we have overcome a great deal of the times of racism that you remember?" Answers Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., must say this morning, that racial injustice is still the Black man's burden and the white man's shame.

Dr. King continues, "It is an unhappy truth that racism is a way of life for the vast majority of white Americans, speakers and editors, acknowledged and denied, subtle and sometimes not so subtle... the disease of racism permeates and poisons a whole body politic. And I can see nothing more urgent than for America to work passionately and unremittingly, to get rid of the disease of racism."

Asks America, somewhat flustered, "Then what do you suggest we do? Dr. King, if you continue to think we are still a place of poisonous racism?" Answers Dr. King, with a smile, "Somewhere we must come to see that human progress never rolls in on the wheels of inevitability. It comes through the tireless efforts and the persistent actions of dedicated individuals who are willing to be co-workers for God. And that's why the work, time itself becomes an ally of the primitive forces of social stagnation. So, we must help time and realize that the time is always ripe to do right."

Finally asks America, "So, you do not agree that this moment - wherein we are about to do what no nation would ever believe we would have done - does not prove that we have truly overcome, regarding our national and spiritual racial redemption?" To wit, Dr. King responds, "We have difficult days ahead in the struggle for justice and peace. [Yes, our goal is free-dom, and I believe we are going to get there because however much she strays away from it, the goal of America is freedom.] I am reminded of what St. John of Patmos said when he caught vision of a new Jerusalem descending from God.'Behold, I make all things new — former things are passed away.' With that we present smile, Dr. King concludes, "God grant that we will be the instruments in this new world and this magnificent development. If we will do, it, we will have a Jerusalem, a peace, a justice, brotherhood and peace." Then Dr. King turns to his audience, places his hand on his shoulder and says, "Now, young man, go take the oath of office and make your ancestors proud!"

The Measure Of A Man

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., would celebrate his 75th birthday today. Unfortunately, an assassin's bullet ended his life just months after his birthday. His untimely demise left a void that has yet to be filled. Today, some 40 years after his death, his mark still vibrates throughout the land.

Dr. King was a visionary whose vision was reflected in his words. He was arrested more than 20 times during the course of standing firm on his beliefs. In 1965, he said, "The maximum measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

I believe he was so well respected because he didn't give his followers instructions while hiding behind the safety of walls. We would listen. And what we heard was the truth. Therefore, we were listening. Our ancestors proud!"

My Point Of View

By Iris Holton

The Exodus:

Ex-Slaves And Free Blacks Return To Africa!

PART II OF II

As the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., commemorations and Black History Month celebrations begin, my heart and thoughts focused on Africa and on the "Black to Africa" movement that involved the return of ex-slave and free Blacks in America to seek a better life in the African Motherland from the late 1800's until now.

A mass return to Africa by free Blacks was first mentioned by Thomas Jefferson (then an antiblack) and he was a slave owner. It was during the American Revolutionary Period when he "proposed relocating Blacks beyond the boundaries of the new nation." No doubt, the continued increase in the number of Blacks in the population engendered fear in many of the Colonists at that time. However, the pro-colonization movement began to take hold when Paul Cuffe, a mind of Quaker ship owner of Black and Native American ancestry, advocated for his voyage of settling of freed African slaves in Sierra Leone, West Africa, a British colony. Cuffe's idea was supported by the British government that had already sent freed slaves and Black Americans to Sierra Leone, decades earlier (1792), free Black leaders in America and members of Congress.

Indeed, Freetown, Sierra Leone was first settled by 400 freed English and African American slaves, and liberated Africans and West Indian slaves who were sent from England under the sponsorship of British abolitionists. Today, example.

When he learned of the death threats made on his life, he could have said, "I can't do this anymore. I have a wife and four small children to think about." Instead, he said, "If physical death is the price I must pay to free my white brothers and sisters from a permanent death of the spirit, then nothing can be more redemptive." So, perhaps Dr. King did know what the future held. It appears that his life and death was pre-ordained. While his peers were sophomores, Dr. King graduated from high school. By the time he was 22, he had earned his Ph.D., from Boston University. So, it appears that Dr. King had been chosen to bring a message that many were not ready to hear.

So, he withstood the water hoses, the police dogs, the beatings, bombings, and the arrests. He withstood having his motel rooms and telephones being bugged. He withstood the constant historic walk, one can't help but wonder what manner of man was he? What man would knowingly give his most precious possession — his life — for those not yet born? His mission was clear, the path he must take laid out at his birth. Of his impending death in his most famous speech, "I've Been To The Mountain Top," Dr. King said, "I've told you, nobody, I would like to live a long life. Longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will. And He's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over, and I've seen the Promised Land... So I'm happy tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing anythings..."

Freetown is the capital of Sierra Leone, and is the largest city in the West African country. Thus, Cuffe sailed for Freetown, Sierra Leone in 1816, on what was to become an annual voyage of emigration and trade with 38 black passengers aboard. When Cuffe died in 1827, the voyages ended.
Big Concert Bash Announced For MLK Weekend

Former Tampa Bay Buccaneers Greg Spurz' company, Prestigious Global, will present a huge Martin Luther King, Jr. Concert Bash Sunday, January 18th at Club 112.

The show will be hosted by Meech Dog, and performing live will be the biggest boss, Rick Ross, along with local artists Tom G. Lord Drak, Big Lee, and the hottest group anywhere, Military.

Meech Dog said because he was born in 1973, he doesn't know all the history of Dr. King, and it wasn't discussed a lot in his school.

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Senior Citizens Celebrate Inauguration

The seniors citizens attending the City of Tampa’s recreation program at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Complex, located at 2200 N. Oregon Avenue, will be celebrating the Presidential Inauguration on Tuesday, January 20 beginning at 10 a.m. with a luncheon and will share reflections on past elections.

NAACP Youth Council Meeting Planned

A meeting for members of the Tampa Youth Council (Hillsborough County NAACP) will be held on Saturday, January 17th, at the NAACP Office, 308 E. M. L. King, Jr., Blvd., Suite C. The meeting will begin at 1 p.m. and is expected to last about an hour. Ms. Karen Hoyes, Youth Advisor of the organization, is asking all members and youth interested in becoming a member to attend this meeting. She is also encouraging the parents of the youth to attend the meeting.

Several activities, including participation in the M. L. King Parade, are on the agenda.

Mayor Iorio Challenges Health Concerns During Heritage Festival

The 2009 Tampa Bay Black Heritage Festival and State Farm Insurance are utilizing the Street Festival to highlight, and address, healthcare issues in the African American community and the need to emphasize healthy living and healthy lifestyles. The Mayor’s 2K Challenge, a 2K walk or run, will start at 9 A.M. Saturday, January 17 at Al Lopez Park located at 4810 N. Himes Avenue, Tampa, FL 33602. Registration will begin on site at 7:30 A.M. The Mayor’s 2K Challenge is a free event, and everyone is invited to participate.

The Mayor’s 2K Challenge, a spin-off to the 2008 Festival’s partnership with State Farm Insurance and Dr. Ian Smith, founder of the 50 Million Pound Challenge, has previously drawn over 300 participants in a brisk, healthy walk. In the absence of Mayor Iorio, walkers will be led by former County Commissioner and current City Council Chairperson Thomas Scott. Having been recognized as a 2009 Top 20 Event by Southeast Tourism Society, the Festival’s remaining Saturday activities will provide a focus on health issues, will feature health screenings, and will also challenge participants to make healthy choices. In coordinated effort with Moffitt Cancer Center, a Health Village will be furnished to facilitate health screenings and the distribution of literature.

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Carlton Burgess has worked with choirs most of his life, and had the opportunity a few years ago to direct the Million Man March Choir on the steps of the U. S. Capitol. Kristen Patterson, Field Cast Director and Choreographer for this year’s Super Bowl recently contacted Carlton about coordinating a 100-voice gospel choir to perform “América the Beautiful” with Faith Hill and possibly the National Anthem.

“We are looking for individuals who have experience singing with choirs,” Burgess says. The choir members should be between 18 and 50 years of age. They will be required to register at no cost by calling or visiting the Burgess School of The Arts located at 2218 3rd Ave. in the Ybor City area. The phone number is 813-242-8383. Calls will be accepted between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

“This is an opportunity for the great talent of the Tampa community to shine,” Burgess states and he is honored to have the opportunity to coordinate this choir.

Carlton Burgess Tapped To Coordinate Gospel Choir 43rd Super Bowl

Church, Radio Station Provides ‘Free’ Ticket To Inauguration Celebration

BY GWENDOLYN HAYES
Sentinel Editor

Tuesday, January 20, 2009, will be an exciting date for all of America. The 44th President of the United States of America will be sworn into office in Washington, D.C.

“Whoever won’t watch the swearing in at 12 noon and millions more will view on television. Bible-Based Fellowship Church of Carrollwood and 95-7 The Beat have partnered to provide the public with an opportunity to enjoy a program and “live” feed from Washington, D.C.”

Rev. Arthur T. Jones, D.Min., Senior Pastor of Bible-Based, said, “this is a monumental and historic event. Many, prior to 2008, didn’t think we’d live to see this in our lifetimes, especially those 40+. Whether there’ll be another is unknown, but want to be a part of this time. “Thanks to technology, we’ll be able to be a part of the Inauguration Celebration through our partnership with 95-7 The Beat,” he stated.

“Local legends and luminaries have been invited to talk about where we’ve been, where we are and where we’re going.”

Attorney Delano Stewart who has seen transitions over the years has been invited; Dr. Walter Smith, who has been in the forefront of education through community colleges and the university system; advocate and activist from Bayshore to West Tampa, Bob Buckhorn; and Gonzolo Cruz, head of a Hispanic church, will participate in the discussion.

“This is a multicultural group intentionally because Barack Obama will be the President of all Americans.

“We invite the public to join in our live feed starting at about 11:30 a.m., and we hope to conclude about 12:30, have some refreshments and everyone can return to work.

“It’s not a holiday, but any sensitive employer can recognize the importance of this time,” he concluded.
The late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. prayed that the day would come when a person would be judged by their character instead of the color of their skin. He also felt after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in 1963, his days were numbered. With his seat in heaven assured; what would Dr. King say today about this country's first African American President, Barack Obama, being elected so overwhelmingly?

Valerie Washington: “I never thought I’d live to see the day this would happen. It is a joy to my heart to have experienced this. I’m sure Dr. King is saying, Free at Last, Free at Last, thank God almighty, we’re free at last.”

Frank Reddick: “I think Dr. King’s first response would be, ‘we finally reached the mountain top.’ He would hope that the door of opportunity is open wide for all people of color, and if you set your mind and focus on what you want to achieve, it can happen. There are no more excuses.”

Carl Warren: “Dr. King would say we’ve come a long way baby, but we haven’t gotten there yet. The reason is when we look at Colorado, that was a good sign of progress. However, the increased shootings of young Black males for no reason says for some of us seeing the mountaintop is in a distance. Others are still in the valley and in the fog.

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“When you look at what Dr. King did and what he said, he saw this day coming. He knew the mindset of the country and what direction the country was going. There should be a required course on Dr. King in every school.”

State Rep. Betty Reed: “Dr. King is saying, ‘everyone seems surprised. I have seen the promise land and I knew this day would come. Now, President Obama, go peaceful and do the work of your Father.’”

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Look Who’s Turning Two!

Local

Happy birthday goes out to our beautiful daughter, Maddy-Cake, who turned the big 2 on January 12th.

The celebration will take place at Chuck E. Cheese with family and friends.

Loving wishes are coming from: her parents, Marlon and Rhodda; siblings, Doobie, Mercedes, Cra’Tiana, Remus, Marshannon, Kelisha, DeMarlon and Lil’ Marlon; grandparents, Charlie Mae Dorsey, Jessie and Yvonne Davis, and Arthur and Myra Young; great grandparents, Prince and Eloyce Stone; Auntie Nadine; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and other family. We love you, Matt-Matt!

Happy Birthday

TRACI And TREVOR

Happy 32nd birthday,
Sweetie.
Love always. From kids
and your man, Trevor.

Birthday Wishes To
Granddaughter

ANILIYA M. LETT
Born: January 13, 2008

There are moments in our lives when the time begins to fade.
Placing faith in Jesus Christ, Aniliya Lett has now been made.
Through her, the Lord has answered prayers. Through her a joy has come to life. Through her, granddaddy shows his love with me. I’m grandmommy and a wife.

What’s going on with RAP
Retired And Proud

Activity Schedule 2009

Friday, January 16, 2009 - Luncheon - 12 Noon
Tampa Palms Country Club Golf, New Tampa

Thursday, February 19, 2009 - 8:00pm - Get Ready for a fabulous evening with the “Temptations & Four Tops” at Ruth Eckerd Hall, Clearwater, FL.

Friday, February 27, 2009 - Luncheon & Tour
Special Tour of the Beautiful NEWLY DESIGNED Innisbrook Golf and Country 12 Noon

Tuesday, March 24, 2009 (*note Tuesday)
Tampa Bay Downs Racetrack - Oldsmar
11:00am track opens
Horse Races & Lunch - Drinks not included

Friday, April 24, 2009 - 12 Noon
Jackson’s Bistro Luncheon - SPECIAL Recognition of Our RAP Charter Members

Friday, May 29, 2009 Luncheon - 11:30am
The CRUISE SHIP sails at Noon
STARSHIP Cruise - Channel Side, Tampa

Friday, June 26, 2009 Luncheon - 12 Noon
Historical Tampa Yacht & Country Club, Tampa

July & August (No Luncheons)

Saturday, September 26, 2009 Luncheon - 12 Noon
Beautiful view on the Bay at Oystercatchers - Tampa

Friday, October 30, 2009 Luncheon - 12 noon
Saddlebrook Country Club Resort - Wesley Chapel

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Drug Deal Gone Bad Leads To Shooting

Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office spokesman, D. Bowles, said Monday, a warrant has been issued for the arrest of a man in a shooting that left the victim critical.

On Tuesday, the St. Petersburg Police report they have found the body of a 16-year-old, Malaysia Kierra Gamble. Gamble's mother, Coretta Gilmore, had called police December 6, 2008, to report her daughter as a runaway.

On Friday, police responded to a call of a body found in a vacant lot.

Investigators found Gamble with a gunshot wound to her upper body.

Residents in the area told police they heard a man and woman arguing the night before in the neighborhood, followed by several gunshots.

Investigators aren't sure if the information about the argument and gunshots are related to the murder.

Man Who Spent Mother's Social Security Gets 2 Years in Prison

On Tuesday, U. S. District Judge Susan C. Williams sentenced Elmore McDonald, 71, to two years in prison and a $5,000 fine for conversion of his mother's Social Security benefits.

On October 20, 2008, the day his trial was to begin, McDonald pleaded guilty to Social Security fraud to become the representative payee for his mother. Lillie Mae McDonald, who lived in a nursing home and was unable to manage her own affairs. As representative payee, McDonald was given his mother's Social Security benefits, which were to be spent solely on her behalf. Instead, McDonald converted approximately $27,502 in benefits paid on his mother's behalf and spent the money on himself.

According to court documents, McDonald applied to Social Security to become the representative payee for his mother. Lillie Mae McDonald, who lived in a nursing home and was unable to manage her own affairs. As representative payee, McDonald was given his mother's Social Security benefits, which were to be spent solely on her behalf. Instead, McDonald converted approximately $27,502 in benefits paid on his mother's behalf and spent the money on himself.

The court found that McDonald abused a position of trust and that his elderly mother was a vulnerable victim based on her advanced age and mental status.

Police Find Body Of Missing Teenage

On Tuesday, police reported they had found a body, a 16-year-old Hispanic man was found laying in a wooded area near Fowler Avenue and 15th Street. He had been shot in the face and chest, and is reported to be in critical condition at a local hospital.

Callaway said an attempted first-degree murder warrant has been issued for Travis R. James, 22.

Callaway said the shooting appears to be the result of a drug transaction that went bad.

The victim's name wasn't released, because next of kin hasn't been notified.

Teenager Critical After West Tampa Shooting

According to the Hillsborough Sheriff's Office, Curtis Norris, 30, was found guilty October 15, 2008, on drug charges, and today received a life sentence.

Norris is reportedly the leader of a group known as The Drak Boys.

U. S. Attorney's Office spokesman Steve Cole said Norris was sentenced on a charge of conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine.

Curtis Norris and his stepbrother, Hakieem Clark, 23, sold 20 grams of marijuana to an undercover officer at the Kenneth Court Apartments on February 15, 2008. Later, Clark sold crack to undercover officers at the same location.

The subsequent investigation revealed Norris supplied Clark with the drugs and had been earning a living for nearly a decade selling drugs.

Alarm reports indicate Clark was also arrested on federal drug charges, one when he was present during a transaction.

Clark has not been sentenced at this time.

Burned Body Found In Mobile Home Park

The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office reports that a passerby called them at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday and reported a suspicious discovery in an abandoned mobile home park at 11441 Jefferson Road.

Deputies arrived and found a body. The body had been burned and it is unknown if it was a man or woman.

Detectives are waiting for autopsy results to determine the cause of death.

The death is being treated as a homicide.
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She leaves to cherish her memory: children, Myra Hosea (Patricia), Colomon Wilson, Jr., Lawrence and James Wilson, Sr. and Lawrence Wilson, Jr.; grandchildren, 35 great grandchildren and 4 great, great grandchildren; sister, Loretta Woods of Columbus, GA; sisters-in-law, Angie Olive Williams, Susie Hittris and husband, Ray; and family, Mildred Curtis and husband, Kenneth Sherman, Oscar Grubbs; Lawrence, Jr. (Francine); 3 brothers-in-law, Rev. Dr. T. W. Jenkins, pastor; and a host of other sorrowing relatives and friends.

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Homegoing celebration for Sister Malinda (Stroman) Walker, who passed away on Tuesday, January 6, 2009, when God plucked another beauty from her garden, will be held Saturday, January 17, 2009, at 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church of College Hills, 1201 College Hills Drive, Tampa, 33610, with Rev. S. Howard Stroman, Sr., five brothers, Howard Stroman, Jr., Reche Stroman, John Lott Stroman, James (Buck) Stroman and Henry Stroman; and son, Bay Walker; and husband, Cyler Stroman.

Malinda relocated to Tampa during her teenage years, and completed her studies at Tampa Senior High School. She was joined in marriage to Cyler Stroman in the 1960s, and they blessed three children: Willie Nathanial Walker, Marvin Dwanye Walker and Bernard Walker. Malinda received Christ at an early age. Upon her arrival to Tampa, she joined Grace Mary Missionary Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Williams. Around the early 1970s, she participated in the leadership to First Baptist College of Hillsborough County. Her goal was to keep the family committed to the church and Pastor Abraham Brown, Pastor Burrows, and the entire church body. She remained in fellowship until her death.

Malinda was employed by the Universal Community Hospital, in Tampa, in the Home Health Department. She worked diligently in that department and other areas of the hospital for more than 30 years.

Malinda was well loved by ALL. Her title could have read, “Mama” or “Sis.” She was86 years old and was the 11th child of the family. She also worked part-time catering in that regard. All of Godwin’s self discipline and hard work were rewarded. She left Georgia and moved to Florida in 1977 where he attended Ft. Valley State College. In 1979, he left Georgia and moved to Tampa to finish his studies at the University of Tampa. Upon completion of the University of Tampa, he also attended Tampa College where he earned his Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration. All of Godwin’s self-discipline paid off in 2008, where he started his own Insurance Company which provides friendly service. Godwin was a pillar in the community and he would try to help anyone that the Lord led him to help or service.

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Visitation for Godwin Omowele will be held from 6-8 p.m., Friday, January 16, 2009, at Church of Christ Temple Cct., 8309 40th Street, Tampa. Arrangements entrusted to MORNING GLORY FUNERAL CHAPEL of St. Petersburg.

Jackson

Homegoing celebration for Ms. Andrea Marie Davis, who passed away on January 9, 2009, in a local hospital, will be held Saturday, January 17, 2009, at 2 p.m. at Church of Christ Temple Cct., 8309 40th Street. The interment will follow at Rest Haven Memorial Cemetery. Godwin Omowele departed this life on February 14, 2008.

Ms. Godwin Omowele was born in Benin City, Nigeria, on October 15, 1968, to Omonjele and raised by the late Alifo Ocomo of Nigeria.

Godwin came to Georgia in 1977 where he attended Ft. Valley State College. In 1979, he left Georgia and moved to Tampa to finish his studies at the University of Tampa. Upon completion of the University of Tampa, he also attended Tampa College where he earned his Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration. All of Godwin’s self-discipline paid off in 2008, where he started his own Insurance Company which provided friendly service. Godwin was a pillar in the community and he would try to help anyone that the Lord led him to help or service.

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Morning Glory

Ray Williams

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Andrea was born in Naples, FL, on April 30, 1969. She attended the public schools of Hillsborough County. Andrea was a devoted mother, daughter and she will be missed.

She was the daughter of John Christopher and Selena Manning of Tampa.

She leaves behind to cherish her memories: four loving children, Porchia Davis, Victoria Davis, Infreda Davis and Norman McPherson; 14 sisters and 73 nephews; Eddie Mae Gooden, Ethel Christopher and Nocia Salt; unto, Leon Christopher and Terence relatives and friends.

Visitation will be Friday, January 16, 2009, 4:00 P.M. at Jackson Funeral Home, 4605 N. 34th Street, Tampa, 33610, and will receive friends from 6-7 p.m. on that day.

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Ray Williams

Mr. Nathan S. Cutler

Mr. Nathan S. Cutler of 5238 W. St. John Street, passed away, Monday, January 12, 2009. Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, January 17, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Ray Williams Memorial Chapel, 501 N. Howard Avenue. A native of Opelika, Alabama, and a resident of Tampa for many years. He was educated in the public schools of Hillsborough County and later attended H.S. Plant High School. Mr. Cutler was a Custodian with Crum Maintenance. He leaves to cherish his memories: his brother, John Cutler; two other nieces and nephews; and a host of other relations and friends.

Mr. Frank Goynes

Mr. Frank Goynes, Pittman and husband, Michael, of Tampa; great-grandchildren, Bridey Goynes and Dominique McCray, Eshony Smith, David Smith, Jr., Dasha Smith, Devin Smith and Danielle Smith; 40 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren; godchild, Evelina Williams; brothers, Forster Green (Nancy), Donnell Green (Beverly) and Robert Green; sister, DeVern Smith; cousins, Guisse Curry of Mount Dora, FL, Debra Calkoway of Dade City, FL, Ezekiel Green (Vera), Virginia Green of Greenville, FL, Phyllis Hayes, Nancy Keys, Joyce Keys, Keys Keys, Keneth Keys, Irene Keys (Charles), Tommy Keys, Lorenzo Keys, Lonnie Keys (Gertru) and Lillian Keys; nieces and nephews, Virginia Walton (Michael), John Knight (Coretta), Courtney Nima (Pedro), Joye Smith (Kevin Nixon), Donnell Green and wife, Mykell Green and wife, and Bryan Green; devoted brother-in-law, Elmo Green; close friends, Ann Jackson (Charlotte), Mary Malcolm, Debra Gough, Shadine Clark, Patricia Gilbert, Patricia CypRESS, Jarnina, Diane Mott and wife, and Woodrow Andrews, Arthur Mc Daniel; and his host of other sorrowing relatives and friends.

Mrs. Diann Smith

Mrs. Diann Smith of Tampa, passed away, Monday, January 5, 2009. Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, January 17, 2009, at First Baptist Church of Progress Village, 8616 Progress Boulevard, with Dr. Samuel Maxwell, Pastor. Arrangements will be handled by RAY WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME, Rhodes & Northern, Owners.

Wilson

M/Sgt. Adrian K. James, Sr.

Funeral services for M/Sgt. Adrian K. James, Sr., (U.S.A.F. Retired) of 1915 Grace Street, who passed away Tuesday, January 13, 2009, will be held Monday, January 19, 2009, at 12:30 p.m. at St. Chad's Episcopal Church, 3509 N. 29th Street, with Father, Christian Villagomez, officiating. Interment will follow in Garden of Memories Cemetery. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Nathan (Eula Perry) James; wife, Kathleen James; a daughter and brother, and others, relatives, St. Chad Church Family and friends who include, Henry and Martha Humble.

A native of Yonkers, New York, Mr. James has resided in the Tampa Bay Area since 1942. While on active duty in the United States Air Force, Mr. James was a Payroll Clerk. M/Sgt. James was a former member of St. Chad's Episcopal Church and at the time of his death was a member of St. Chad's Episcopal Church.

Mr. James will repose from 5-7 p.m., Sunday, January 18, and 12:30 p.m., January 19, 2009, at Ray Williams Funeral Home, 501 N. Howard Avenue. (Please note: no viewing hours from 7:30-8:30 p.m., Sunday, January 18, 2009, at Ray Williams Funeral Home). Arrangements entrusted to RAY WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME, Rhodes & Northern, Owners.
MOTHER LUE DELL BOSTON MOORE

Homage service for Mother Lue Dell Boston Moore of Ruskin, Fl., who departed this life peacefully at home on Saturday, January 10, 2009, will be held Saturday, January 17, 2009, at 12 noon at New Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 3107 E. Lake Avenue, with the Rev. H. L. Daniels is pastor, with Pastor Wallace Bowens, officiating. Interment will follow in Rest Haven Memorial Park Cemetery.

Mrs. Moore was born in Sykesville, Ga., on May 31, 1925. She moved to Tampa, in 1948. She was educated in the public schools of Sykesville County, Georgia. She worked as a cook at Mrs. J. Williams, 29th Street. She retired from Hillsborough County District Schools System as a bus driver after 12 years. She was a faithful member of the St. Mary’s M. B. Church. Moore was a member of an Association Sunday School Teacher’s Board, 1 Congress Women’s Convention. New Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 2 a devoted member of the Board Directors. Mr. Moore was a strong supporter of the Arnett’s R & S Society.

The remains will rest in Vineyard, Ga., on Friday, January 9, 2009. Interment will follow in Rest Haven Memorial Park Cemetery.

MRS. MARY L. HUDSON THOMAS

Sr., officiating. Interment will be held on Sunday, January 18, 2009, at 1 p.m. in Macedonia Cemetery in Thomasville, Georgia.

Mrs. Thomas was a native of Thomasville, Georgia, but had resided in Tampa, most of her life. She attended School in Leon County, and retired from the Unive rsity of South Florida after 30 plus years. She was a faithful member of St. John Progressive Missionary Baptist Church and was the Mistress of Ceremonies of the Sarah Lawrence Choice Union for several years.

She leaves to cherish memories of her devoted son, Frank Thomas (Mar lina); devoted granddaughter that she raised, JoAnn Thomas Kohn, Bryantville, Fl.; other grandchildren, Nicole Thomas, Texas; Carol Thomas Pallin, Maine; Frank Thomas, Jr., Markie and Wayne Thomas, Tampa; grandchildren, Keesha McArthur, Tampa, Rachel and Monica Pallin, Maine; devoted nieces, Julia Tillman Ivey (Theo Ivey, Ph.D.), Thomasville, GA; D.R. S. Thomas, Melbourne, Fl.; nieces, Terri Thomasville, GA.; and a host of other cousins from Tampa, Ft. Lauderdale, Ft. Myers, Hillsborough County, and more.

Mrs. Thomas was preceded in death by: her parents, Robert and Mamie Hudson; grandparents, Allen and Lavinia Hudson; nephew, Eddie Davis; and grandson, Gregory Thomas.

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MRS. ROSEMARY McARTHUR WALKER

attending. Her nephew, Bishop A. J. Richardson, of the and Episcopal District of the A.M.E. Church, will deliver the eulogy. Born in Tampa, Mrs. Walker attended Azusa Pacific College and Pacific Union College. During her husband’s career in the Air Force, she served in Patton, VA, and Beaufort, SC. She graduated from Middle Tennessee State University in 1948. She was a member of the Bethel AME Church, West Tampa, where she served faithfully as a Steward and with the Young People’s Department, before her health declined. She was also a member of Phi Beta Kappa Sorority, Inc.

Mrs. Walker was well known as a community activist in the Old West Tampa Neighborhood/Crime Watch. She worked on numerous committees in conjunction with the City Council, and the police department.

The remains will repose after 10 a.m., Friday, January 23, 2009, at 11 a.m., Saturday, January 24, 2009, at the Rev. B. A. M. Church, 2004 Cumberland Drive, with the pastor, Reverend Beverly Lane, officiating.

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4/18/1889 - 1/15/1988
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IN MEMORIAM

MRS. ANNETTE C. WALDEN 'NANA'
3/14/41 - 5/29/98
It's been 4 years since the good Lord called you home. This would have been your 68th birthday. We all miss you very much. May the wonderful memories of you be in our hearts always.
Happy birthday to my dear wife and a loving mother.
Love, Charlie Walden, Jr. and family.

IN LOVING MEMORY

LILLIAN J. BOLEN
Jan 4 - Jan 20, 2005
It's been four years since your body left us. We thank God your spirit is still with us.
Looking forward to the soon coming of Christ so that we can all meet Him in the air.
We love you, Herbert, Ardrea, Ophelia, James, Brandon and Nita.

IN MEMORIAM

DEACON LOUIS ROBERSON
Louis, a year has passed (January 14, 2008), but it seems like only yesterday. When we are together now, as a family, we often reminisce of your spiritual filled prayers and incredible singing voice.
Your presence is missed, but we rejoice in knowing that you loved the Lord! Your Family.

HAPPY 56TH BIRTHDAY, MOM

NANCY LORENZANO YATES

IN LOVING MEMORY

WILLIAM H. MING, JR.
Born: 1-19-32 - Died: 4-8-02
Happy birthday Dad. Love you and miss you.
Chiffon Pratt and family.

BIRTHDAY MEMORIAM

RET. MSGT. JOHNNIE JACKSON

BIRTHDAY MEMORIAM

ELIZABETH (COOKIE) MARIE JONES YORK
The family of Elizabeth (Cookie) Marie Jones York would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, telephone calls, visits, food and other acts of kindness during our time of bereavement. May God continue to bless you.
Love, the York and Jones families.

CARD OF THANKS

OSCAR LEE TAYLOR
We, the family of Oscar Lee Taylor, would like to take the time to thank everyone for their telephone calls, food, prayers, flowers, cards, and other expressions shown during our time of sorrow.
Special thanks to: Pastor T. W. Jenkins of New Hope Mt. R. Church and church family, also Evening Star Mt. R. Church.
Thanks to the staff of Ray Williams Funeral Home. Your participation and God's love gave us the strength to carry on.
Thank you all. From, the Family.

CARD OF THANKS

JOE NATHAN GRADY
The family of the late Joe Nathan Grady, who passed away 11/4/08, would like to thank each and every one for your kind expressions during our bereavement.
Special thanks to: Rev. Willie J. Cook and the Allen Temple Church Family, the Hillborough Mass Choir, Dr. Ramesh and Shalini Shah and staff, Dr. Ajay Kotwal, St. Joseph Cancer Center and staff, Jeffrey Rhodes and Ray Williams Funeral Home and staff and Portsmouth.
God bless. Sis Joanna Grady and Family.

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SIS. ROSA LEE FOWLER
The family of Sis. Rosa Lee Fowler would like to take this opportunity to express our deepest gratitude for your prayers, visits, calls, and all other acts of kindness during our time of bereavement.
Special thanks to: Pastor James C. Rivers and church members, and A.G.A. Funeral Home.
The Fowler Family.

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JACQUELYN HAMILTON KING
The family of the late Jacqueline Hamilton King wishes to thank each one of you for your prayers, cards, telephone calls, food and all acts of kindness shown them during the homegoing of their loved one.
Special thanks to: Ray Williams Funeral Home, Pastor C. Davis and congregation of College Hill COGIC Church, Greater Mt. Carmel A.M.E. Church Choir No. 1 Mass Choir, Rev. Harry Lee Dawkins, Pastor, Florida Memorial College of Miami, the A.K.A.'s Sorority and all other organizations.
Special thanks to Carolyn Plummer Riley, Claudia Hayes Bell, Ilia Denise Taylor and Marion Reeves, Thank you all, The Hamilton and Abrams families.
The family: children, Kimberly and Kolbe Reeves; granddaughters, Alexander, Amber, Warren and Kolbe Reeves, Jr; mother, Ms. Dorcous Bell Foster, and Owen Robinson.
Thank you, we love you all. The Family.
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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File No.: 049365.006
Certificate No.: 117977-06
Year of Issuance: 2008

Description of Property:

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Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, 801 E. Kennedy Blvd., Tampa, Florida, 33602 on the 26th day of February, 2009, at 10:00 A.M. (excluding holidays). If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Clerk's ADA Coordinator, (813) 276-8100, extension 4205, two working days prior to the date the service is needed. If you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.

Dated the 23rd day of January, 2009.

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Saturday, January 17, 2009
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- Drum Major for Justice Award Banquet
- Soul Roll Invitational Skate Jam

Sunday, January 18, 2009
- Plant City MLK Leadership Breakfast
- Jazz Sunday Street Festival
- 24th MLK Battle of the Bands
- Soul Roll Invitational Skate Jam

Monday, January 19, 2009
- TOBA MLK Leadership Breakfast
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Thursday, January 22, 2009
- Genealogy Brown Bag Lunch
- Heritage Movie Q&A

Friday, January 23, 2009
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Saturday, January 24, 2009
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Mother and daughter of Harram Court #96, Betty Baker and Bertha Baker.


Les Miller, Jr., City Councilwoman Gwen Miller, attended the ball with Mr. and Mrs. Les Miller, III.

Walter and Diane Washington was among the guests who attended the Potentate Ball.

Nobleman Pyles escorts Gloria Drungo.

Daughter of Isis member from Harram Court #96, Eunice Butts.

Gina Sanders and Jacqueline Smith were among Potentate Ball guests.

Potentate Ball dinner guests included Mr. and Mrs. (Selphenia) Hudson.

Illustrious Potentate Dwayne "Cool Daddy" Jones is surrounded by brothers of the organization. He was the honoree for the ball.

Nobleman C. P. Wilson, Jr. and wife, Sanjo, Ms. Pat Robinson Miller; Maxine Toombs, Mrs. Curtiss Wilson, Robin Paschal and J. D. Hismith.

Gwen Houston, Nobleman Freddie Pulphus and Antonette W. Smith.

Newly appointed Noblemen take their first march together.
Feature

Honor Student Attends Seminar During Inauguration

BY IRIS B. HOLTON
Sentinel City Editor

During the week of the presidential inauguration, 10 HCC Honors Institute students will be in Washington, D.C., to attend a seminar. During their visit, the students will visit the Capitol, embassies, and the Washington Center. Among the 10 to make the trip is Ms. Taraneisa Grant. Taraneisa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman (Minister Delethia) Grant, said she

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MS. TARANEISA
"TARA" GRANT
...To attend conference in Washington, D.C. during Inauguration Week

was chosen to attend the seminar by Dr. Lydia Lyon, the Director of the Honors Institute.

"I volunteered at the National Honors Conference in San Antonio, Texas in September. She said I had done so well that I would be a good choice to attend the seminar.

The seminars will focus on the influence of the media and how it had an impact on the election. Companies such as CNN are slated to attend the seminars. Taraneisa will return home on January 21st.

She further stated that those chosen to attend had written their Congressmen for tickets to the inauguration, but had not received a response at the time of the interview.

A native of Manchester, New Hampshire, the Grant family moved to Tampa six years ago because of job relocation. Taraneisa, who plans to become an Architect, graduated from Tampa Bay Technical High School in 2007. She is slated to graduate from Hillsborough Community College in the fall of 2009.

Taraneisa is a member of Cepeca McKay and the Anointed Voices, a singing group active at St. Paul AME Church, and a board member of Arete, which is part of the Honors Institute. She is also the founder and current director of the Hillsborough Community College Gospel Choir. She is also employed as McDonald's Restaurant.

She is excited about attending the seminar and said, "I am truly blessed and I hope that my accomplishment can inspire other students to succeed as well."

When time allows, Taraneisa Grant enjoys spending time with her parents, sister, Tia, and brother, Quinton.

The School District of Hillsborough County recently announced plans to offer free SAT testing to high school seniors. The students can take the test during the months of March, May and June. Ms. Kristin Jernigan, spokes person for the Hillsborough County School District said, "The students can sign up to take the test during March, May, and June. The school district will pay the $45 test fee for each student."

Most colleges require that students who are planning to attend college submit either their SAT, (Scholastic Aptitude Test) or the ACT, (American College Test) test score for admission. This year, the school district has partnered with the College Board to offer the test free of charge to the students. Students who cannot afford to pay for the test can apply for a fee waiver.

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It has been 12 years since I was blessed with your birth. I love you and I hope God blesses you with many more.

Javanta will be celebrating his birthday on Saturday night with family and friends at United Skates.

Love, Mom.

Happy Birthday, Malik

Birthday wishes are being sent out to Christopher Malik Williams, who will be turning 13 on January 12.
It's your day, "Lil Lik," enjoy yourself.
Love, mommymy.

Happy 30th Birthday

Happy 13th birthday to my little brother, Malik 'GQ' Williams.
From your big brother, Deontae '3D' Williams, and the rest of your extended family, Prettygirl and Diva.

Who God Puts Together No Man Can Separate!

A very special happy birthday to a very special lady, who will be turning a year older and a year wiser, stronger and better, because I never would have made it without Jesus.
Happy birthday to Marzette. From, family, friends and grandchildren.
We love you.
Also, the love of my life is gone on to heaven. I miss you every moment. Love you, Payne Williams.

Look who's turning 2: Ms. Se'Davia Smiley and Lil Tyson, who will be spending their big day together at Busch Gardens with family and friends.
Birthday wishes also go out to Grandma Sheila on her big day.
From, your proud parents, Selena and David, Tyson and Sylvia.

My baby is my lady and my lady is my baby and I'm babysitting tonight.
Happy birthday. Love, Spike.

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Joyous Birthday Gathering

By TONIA TURNER

In a Florida Sentinel article published Dec. 12, 2008 titled "December Babies' Feel Cheated During Holidays," Ricky Wade, expressed that he had only had one birthday party in his life, when he was a young boy - 6 or 7 years old.

When a close family friend, Ms. Turner, read the article, she was compelled to make the suggestion to one of his daughters, Mrs. Ronika Bagley that his family should plan a birthday celebration for him.

The planning commenced for Ricky's 52nd birthday, which was December 29th. On December 28th, his family and friends pulled off the surprise of a lifetime, right under his nose! Unbeknownst to Ricky, his wife, Brenda; children, Jazmyne, Ronika (Chad) Bagley, Tarnisha, Rick, Michael, Darryl and Robert Wade; grandchildren, Ambrielle Johnson, JerShawn, Darryl, Jr., Camron, Kesli and DeShawn; and close family friends, Ms. Turner and daughter, Teria Skinner and her son, Master Henry, V, all gathered at his home to help celebrate his natal day.

When Ricky got home, he was temporarily distracted at the door by his son, Darryl, because all of the guests had not yet arrived. When Ricky opened the door, everyone began singing "Happy Birthday" to him. As Ricky opened his presents and cards, he humbly and graciously expressed his joy, and thanked everyone for the birthday party. He also said that he was completely surprised!

Afterwards everyone enjoyed a wonderful dinner and of course a big slice of Mr. Wade's delicious birthday cake! (Photos by Ronika Bagley.)
Religious

Give Him Room To Work

This week’s lesson in Joshua 3:1-13 is a lesson that provides information about moving from one place to another in a quest to be where God would have you to be. Throughout history God has had His people on the move. No matter where He moved them to, He always provided leadership.

This lesson gives insight and information to the people of God who are in transition. Many people have the spiritual or miss out on blessings because they cannot handle the transitional period. More important than having good leadership is having good “followship.”

In this transition God uses Joshua. Joshua is the successor of Moses. For this journey God changed leadership. If He wanted to He could have prolonged Moses’ life and allowed him to lead the people across the Jordan.

Sometimes churches and other organizations miss the mark because they cannot handle the change in leadership. Change is a part of growth. God uses different people for different phases of transition.

As the people of God it is your responsibility to reach the place and destination of God regardless of the leader He chooses. By not following the leader God chose, you might die in the wilderness.

As God moved them He gave them specific instructions. The instructions included how to line up and the distance to follow (vv. 3, 4). The Ark of the Covenant they were carrying and following represented the presence of God. In essence, they were not following the man, they were following God. Always remember that you are following God not man!

They were instructed to follow the ark at a safe distance. The distance was about two thousand cubits (vv. 4). This was about a half mile. There were several reasons for this safe distance. One, it was important for them not to get too close to the ark and accidentally touch it. Two, God wanted them to know which way to go to cross over.

Following God at a safe distance is necessary and important. As you follow God you want to be close enough to see Him, but yet far enough back so that you don’t crowd Him. As you follow God you want to leave enough space for unknown situations. God does not need you close up on Him perhaps because you might start thinking that you are equal to Him.

Thirdly, you want to follow at a safe distance because you are going somewhere you have not gone before (vs. 4). Since you have not been there before, it is important that you be a good follower. Just give God room to work.

As you give God room to work you will discover that there are some things you may not have to deal with. The text says that when the priest stepped into the Jordan, God stopped the waters. The waters were not stopped in that exact spot. They were stopped miles upstream (vv. 10-13).

Although the waters were not stopped at the spot in which they were standing, because they were following so far behind, by the time they got to where God was, the water had dried up. When you allow God to work in your life and give Him room, you will discover that God has dealt with the flood waters of your life long before you get there.

As you live your life and press toward the mark, follow God. As you follow Him make sure that you follow those who He has placed in leadership. As you follow Him make sure that you give Him room to work!
Duo Donates $5,000 For Scholarships

BY LEON B. CREWS
Sentinel Staff Writer

J. Stuck and J.
Freeman, owners of J & J
Sports Marketing, will be
donating $5,000 for 10
$500 scholarships that will be
warded to students in Hillsborough County.
The men have joined
Romey Battle, formerly with the CDC of Tampa, in
identifying the students that will qualify for the
scholarships.

"We've always given
back to the youth with
different events, so we just
consider this another way
of reaching out to the
young people and giving
them an opportunity to
further their education," said
J. Stuck.

"We haven't worked out
a formula of how they will
be awarded at this time,
but we are committed to
helping out where we can," said J. Stuck.

Growing up in Braden-
ton, J. Stuck said it has
always been his dream to
help kids.
"I could see when I was
growing up how the chil-
dren were being ignored.
Everyone seemed so
con- 

"When I started my
company, my success was
always a result of what I could
give back. If you don't give anything
back, you're not showing
any appreciation for
the people responsible for
where you are."

Battle said he will
always be committed to
helping students, especial-
ly athletes, reach the
next level.

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By Inaidean London-Biggs

Social

Let's Celebrate

January Birthday Celebrants

Uplifting Prayers
Let us pray for each other: Willie Ed Chaney, Donald Underwood, Candycye Jorden, Frank Coles, Marjorie Guest, Annie Mae Thomas, Clarence Vickers, Della Vickers, Dr. Junius and Dr. Ferne Moore.

Get Well Wishes
Get well wishes are extend ed to the following Sentinel readers: Mrs. Mozelle Debose, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kitchen, Mrs. Lula Philon, Mrs. Eloise Lecks, Mr. and Mrs. Dan (Willie Mae) Wright, Mrs. Marjorie Guest, Mr. Henry Sanders, Stella Hunter, Alma Fields, Islay Streeter, Ronald Gillespie, Elder Albert and Barbara Turner, Rev. Reva Taylor, Helen Mond, Rosa Lee Marshall, Robert E. Taylor, Althea James, Tameka Campbell, Lynette McAnuff, Janie Jackson, Ledora Blake, Ellen K. Jenkins, Masie McKeller, Cynthia Edmond-Niles, James and Ethereda Johnson and Mark August.

I pray that each of you will soon be up and around and getting stronger each and every day.

Happy Anniversary
Congratulations to the anniversary celebrants: Robert and Cathy Cooper celebrated on 1/15, and Claude and Peach Brooks and Peter and Zeldra Holmes, who will be celebrating today, 1/16.

48th Church Anniversary
Rev. Joe L. Gay, the Pastor, and congregation celebrated their 48th Church Anniversary. The theme was, "It Is A Good Thing To Give Thanks Unto The Lord." Psalm 92:1.

The programs were as follows:
• Monday, January 5th - A Memorial Service.
• Tuesday, January 6th - Unity AME Church, Rev. Rick Polk and congregation. Rev. Polk was the speaker.
• Sunday, January 11th at 7:30 a.m. - First Baptist Church of Progress Village and congregation. Rev. and Dr. Samuel Maxwell was the speaker.
• Sunday, January 11th at 11 a.m. - Mt. Olive AME Church and congregation from Beaville. Rev. Raleigh Allen was the speaker.

First Baptist Church Of Progress Village News
Every third Saturday of the month between 8 a.m. - 12 noon, the church gives away donated clothes, toys and household items at 8616 Progress Boulevard (between 78th St. and Faulkner Rd.).

My Brothers 2 Keep Ministry
Inmates can request a FREE Bible and greeting cards by writing to: My Brothers 2 Keep Ministry, F. O. Box 4618, Tampa, FL, 33677-4618.

Congratulations to the New Changes:
Antonio Ross became an Ordained Minister, receiving his certificate from the Universal Life Church.

Michael Annen received a Certificate of Accomplishment from Pride Enterprises for successfully completing his training in Raw Material Expeditor and Furniture Industry. Pride recommends that Michael receive a 60 day incentive gain time for his educational achievement.

Dacola Paul was baptized on December 28, 2008. He's asking for Christian Encouragement.

Parent Information Meetings
Program representatives provide magnet, School Choice and Career & Technical Education program information and explain the application process.

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Visit choice.mysdhc.org or call the Choice Information Line at (813) 272-4692 for details.

Hillsborough County Public Schools has an array of educational options to offer families. Please join us at a Parent Information Meeting to learn more about magnet programs, School Choice and Career & Technical Education Programs.

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Local

What’s Your Home Worth in 2009?

The most accurate way for home sellers to determine home values and to discover the optimal asking price is to get a CMA or Comparative Market Analysis.

In a recent article posted in a popular PC magazine it was revealed that even Microsoft’s own employees had problems with its newest operating system Windows Vista. As colorful and promising it may be, Vista has caused a great deal of embarrassment and early misfortune for Microsoft. Many people complained that it is too slow and buggy for their everyday use.

One frustrated lady who has been running a small Real Estate business for some time recently complained to me that none of her printers will work with Vista and the cost of replacing them is too great so she would rather keep the old XP machines. To make matters worse don’t expect to walk into any retail stores like Best Buy and find any new Windows XP computers for sale these days. Perhaps this is why the new Everex computers were met with such great embrace by consumers when they became available this year. Dubbed the “Cheap Computers,” or “gPC” so far being carried by Walmart only for $190. The gPC is preinstalled with GoogleOS, Google’s first mainstream operating system. You may also purchase the computers online at sites like www.buytechless.com.

The GoogleOS unlike Windows is built on the Linux Kernel, but much like Vista is very colorful with large icons for easy access which includes Facebook and YouTube at your fingertips. For consumers who are looking to save money on the purchase of that second computer for “Little Jermaine or Jennifer,” get—getting ready for high school the Everex is a nice attraction and a great alternative. Unlike Microsoft costly applications all the software for the computer can be downloaded on the web for free which includes, MP3 software, video editing software, speech coach, e-mail, instant messaging and even a word productivity suite is available at no discomfort your wallet. Go to Openoffice.org for a free download of the word productivity suite or by phone at (813) 223-6151. (Pin on 2016. E. M.L.K. Blvd. - Tampa, FL 33610 813-234-8100 Salon - 813-234-8188 Barbershop)

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Health

Have You Heard Of Pre-Diabetes?

Pre-diabetes occurs when blood glucose levels are higher than normal but not yet high enough to be diagnosed as diabetes. Before developing the serious health condition of type 2 diabetes, a person will almost always be pre-diabetic beforehand. But pre-diabetes is a condition without symptoms, meaning that many people can have it without even knowing it. Left unchecked, pre-diabetes can lead to full-blown type 2 diabetes, heart disease and stroke. Luckily, pre-diabetes can be diagnosed with a simple test, and treatment can prevent many health problems and complications. Here’s what you need to know to control pre-diabetes before it gets control of you.

Who's At Risk?
Over 30 million African Americans over the age of 20 have pre-diabetes, according to the American Diabetes Association. If you have any of the risk factors for type 2 diabetes, including uncontrollable factors like age and race, and/or controllable risk factors like obesity and physical inactivity, then you are also at risk for pre-diabetes.

Most of the time, pre-diabetes is asymptomatic (shows no symptoms), but some people will experience some general diabetes symptoms like extreme thirst, frequent urination, fatigue and/or blurred vision.

Testing & Diagnosis
There are two tests commonly used to diagnose pre-diabetes: a fasting plasma glucose (FGP test) and an oral glucose tolerance test (OGTT).• The FGP test will measure your blood glucose level after an eight-hour (overnight) fast. A result less than 100 mg/dL is considered normal, but anything above that level is diagnosed as “impaired glucose tolerance” (IGT). Between 100 mg/dL and 126 mg/dL is considered pre-diabetes, while 126 mg/dL or higher is full-blown diabetes.
• The OGTT will measure your blood sugar after a fast and then again after drinking a glucose-rich beverage. Two hours after the beverage, a result less than 140 mg/dL is considered normal, but anything above that level is diagnosed as “impaired glucose tolerance” (IGT). Between 140 mg/dL and 199 mg/dL is considered pre-diabetes, while 200 mg/dL or higher is full-blown diabetes.

Treatment & Prevention
While pre-diabetes in itself isn’t necessarily dangerous, the fact is that many people with pre-diabetes will develop type 2 diabetes within 10 years. If you have pre-diabetes, realize that you’re fortunate to have found out while there is still a lot you can do to prevent or delay the development of type 2 diabetes. Here are some preventative measures:
• Lose weight.
• Eat sensibly.
• Drink moderately.
• Quit smoking.
• Exercise regularly.
• Get active.
• Avoid tobacco.
• Drink moderately.

If you have pre-diabetes, work closely with your doctor to create a plan of sensible lifestyle changes that will work for you. The complications of diabetes-heart disease, stroke, blindness, and more-can be avoided by taking these proactive steps today.

Immunity Stronger At Night

The immune system’s battle against invading bacteria reaches its peak activity at night and is lowest during the day according to Stanford researchers who presented their findings at the American Society for Cell Biology (ASCB) 48th Annual Meeting, Dec. 13-17, 2008, in California. In phagocytosis, the innate immune response targeted by the Stanford researchers, specific immune cells engulf and destroy the bacteria invading the body. In humans, immune responses such as phagocytosis are not only involved in clearing bacterial infection but also are implicated in a growing number of human diseases, including cancer and neurodegenerative disorders.
Recipes

As we acknowledge the life of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., on January 19th, let us celebrate with our family and friends, and enjoy a few of Dr. King’s favorite soul foods.

**FRIED CHICKEN**

2 frying chickens, cut into 8 pieces
salt & black pepper
2 cups all-purpose flour
2 tablespoons paprika
peanut oil

**DIRECTIONS:** Trim the excess fat and skin from each piece of chicken. Sprinkle the pieces with salt and pepper. Stir the flour and paprika together in a bowl. Dredge the chicken pieces in the seasoned flour to coat on all sides. Shake off the excess flour. Pour enough peanut oil into a heavy deep skillet to fill it to 2 inches. Heat over medium heat. Add only as many of the chicken pieces as will fit without touching. overcrowding will lower the temperature of the oil and make your chicken crispy. With a long-handled fork or tongs, turn the chicken pieces until they are golden brown on all sides and cooked through, about 6-8 minutes. The easiest way to tell if the chicken is cooked is to poke a fork down to the bone near the thickest part - if the chicken is cooked the juices will run clear, not pink.

Remove the chicken pieces from the skillet to drain. If you have to fry the chicken in batches, keep the fried chicken warm on a baking sheet in a 250°F oven.

**COLLARD GREENS**

1 each smoked turkey (legs, wings or necks)
4 cups water
2 pounds collard greens
1 tablespoon salt
1 teaspoon prepared yellow mustard
2 cups grated sharp American cheese
2 cups grated sharp American cheese
3/4 to 1 cup milk
Salt and pepper to taste

**DIRECTIONS:** Put the turkey in a pot with the water. Heat to boiling, then reduce to a simmer. Prepare the collards and wash thoroughly. Drain and chop (or tear) them. Stir the collard greens, onions and bell peppers into the pot and add the salt, pepper; and sugar. Cook, covered, at a lively simmer until the collard greens are tender, about 45 minutes. Turn off the heat and re-seasoning if necessary.

**MACARONI & CHEESE**

1 (8 ounce) package elbow macaroni
1 cup margarine
1/4 cup grated cheese
1 teaspoon prepared yellow mustard
2 eggs, slightly beaten
1 cup sour cream
2 cups grated sharp American cheese
Salt and pepper to taste

**DIRECTIONS:** Cook macaroni as directed on package. Drain well. In a large saucepan over low heat stir in margarine, mustard, and milk. Mix well. Add eggs; then stir in cheese until melted, add sour cream and continue mixing well. Add salt and pepper to taste. For a more creamier dish, add more milk and cheese. Sprinkle top with American cheese. Bake in a 350°F oven for 20-25 minutes or until bubbly and slightly brown on top.

**PECAN PIE**

3 eggs
1 cup brown sugar
1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
1 cup corn syrup
2 tablespoons butter
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 1/2 cups pecans
1 (9 inch) unbaked pie shell

**DIRECTIONS:** Preheat oven to 350°F. Place pie shell in a 9-inch pie pan. In a medium bowl, gently beat eggs. Stir in sugar and flour, then the syrup, butter and vanilla. Fold in pecans. Pour mixture into pie shell. Bake for 50-60 minutes; knife inserted in pie will come out clean when done.
Irvin: Men Pulled Gun, Talked Cowboys

MICHAEL IRVIN

DALLAS — Hall of Fame receiver Michael Irvin says he calmly chatted with a gunman in another vehicle after the armed passenger turned out to be a Dallas Cowboys fan.

Irvin, who was not harmed, says he was "very afraid." A Dallas police report says Irvin was stopped at a red light Monday night in North Dallas when two men in a truck pulled up next to him.

The driver rolled down his window, so Irvin did the same, thinking the two men recognized the radio talk show host and television commentator.

The passenger flashed a gun. Then the retired NFL star heard one of them call out his name and mention being a "huge Cowboy fan."

Irvin says he began talking with the men about the team's disappointing 9-7 season and Dallas not making it to the Super Bowl.

"I tell you what, I'm glad he was a Cowboy fan," Irvin told the Morning News.

Howard Shines And Magic Make NBA-Record 23 3s As Orlando Cruises

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Even the guys at the end of the bench were making 3-pointers on a record-setting night for the Orlando Magic.

Seldom-used Jeremy Richardson's lone basket proved the most memorable Tuesday night, a 3-pointer with 2:20 left in the fourth quarter that gave the Magic an NBA-record 23 3s in a 139-107 victory over the Sacramento Kings.

The Magic made 23 of 37 attempts (62 percent) in breaking the old mark of 21, set by Toronto on March 13, 2005, against Philadelphia. Orlando rang up its highest point total since scoring 152 at Milwaukee on Feb. 20, 1995. Making A Point

The Magic went 23-for-37 from 3-point range. That the most 3-pointers made in a game in NBA history. The Raptors had the previous record with 21 made 3-point FGs on March 13, 2005 vs. the 76ers.

The Magic proved unstoppable from the perimeter in part because Dwight Howard was so dominant inside. Despite spending the entire fourth quarter on the bench, Howard had 25 points and 15 rebounds in helping Orlando win its fifth straight game and improve to an NBA-best 15-5 on the road.

Despite Calf Strain, Polamalu Will Play

TROY POLAMALU

PITTSBURGH — Pro Bowl safety Troy Polamalu potentially could miss practice time this week after injuring his calf before the Steelers' 35-24 victory over the San Diego Chargers, but coach Mike Tomlin said Polamalu is expected to play in Sunday's AFC Championship Game against the Baltimore Ravens.

Polamalu strained his calf during pregame warm-ups and barely made it on the field in time for the opening kickoff against the Chargers. He played the entire game but finished with only three tackles.

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COLUMBIA, S.C. — Several months after he was charged with raping a South Carolina woman, former NFL running back David Meggett was in jail Wednesday on allegations of another sexual assault.

Meggett, 42, was arrested and charged with raping a 21-year-old woman in her North Charleston home, authorities said.

Meggett had been out on bond in connection with another sexual assault charge in South Carolina. Both arrests occurred while Meggett was serving out two years' probation for a 2006 sexual battery charge in North Carolina.

The woman told police she woke up at 1 a.m. Tuesday and found a man known as "Mike" sitting on her bed, according to an incident report. The man demanded that she give him $200 she owed him and raped her when she said she didn't have the money, police said.

Afterward, the man told her he was sorry and that she didn't have to repay him. The woman drove herself to the hospital, where Meggett later met her and was arrested, according to police records.

Meggett, who is listed as living in North Charleston, had been out on bond in connection with another sexual assault charge.

In September, he was charged with third-degree criminal sexual conduct after a 17-year-old North Charleston woman told authorities she was raped by a man she knew as "Michael," according to police records.

Both South Carolina arrests occurred while Meggett was serving out two years' probation for a 2006 sexual battery charge in North Carolina. Authorities there allowed the Charleston native to serve his sentence in South Carolina and have been notified about both of Meggett's recent arrests, said Pete O'Boyle, spokesman for the South Carolina Department of Probation, Parole and Pardon Services.

The running back played for the New York Giants, the New York Jets and New England during his 10-year NFL career. He was denied bond Tuesday night on charges of first-degree criminal sexual conduct and first-degree burglary, said Spencer Pryor, spokesman for the North Charleston police. He was being held Wednesday in the Charleston County jail, and it was unclear if he had an attorney.

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Plaxico Burress told police that he had no knowledge of a 2005 shooting incident in the Bronx in which two people were seen firing off rounds from a sport-utility truck the New York Giants star borrowed from a dealer.

The oft-troubled wide receiver was slated to show up for a civil trial Wednesday in Pennsylvania in a dispute with the dealer over what the player should pay for damage to the 2004 Chevrolet Avalanche.

NEW YORK — Jennifer Hudson is using sports' grandest stage — the Super Bowl — to make her return to the spotlight following the slayings of her mother, brother and 7-year-old nephew.

Hudson will sing the national anthem at the Super Bowl in Tampa, Fla., on Feb. 1.

Hudson, who had released her self-titled debut album shortly before the killings, is also scheduled to sing at the Grammy's MusiCares event in Los Angeles a few days later. She is nominated for four awards at the Feb. 8 Grammy Awards.
Report: Former Driver Suing Knicks' Curry for Harassment

EDDY CURRY

NEW ORLEANS — A man who worked as a driver for Eddy Curry is suing the New York Knicks center, contending Curry owes him money, sexually harassed him and0erated him with racist slurs.

Curry denies the accusations.

Dave Kuchinsky alleges in the lawsuit filed Monday in U.S. District Court in Manhattan that Curry owes him $98,000 in back pay and expenses. Newsday reported Tuesday that Kuchinsky is also seeking $6 million in compensatory damages.

Kuchinsky also accuses Curry of exposing himself and harassing the former driver and said Curry referred to his Jewish heritage in a derogatory way, calling him a "cracker," "white slave," "white devil" and "grandmaster of the KKK."

Curry said he never made such comments.

Curry portrayed the lawsuit against him as a desperate play for money by Kuchinsky, who was his employee for three years ending last October.

Tiger Woods Says He's Hitting Irons And Driver

TIGER WOODS

According to a report on Tigerwood.com, the world's top-ranked player has been practicing at Isleworth Country Club near his home in Orlando, Fla, and is making progress toward a return to the PGA Tour.

According to the Web site, Woods has played a few holes under the supervision of his swing coach Hank Haney, but has set no timetable on his return.

"So far my knee has held up well, but I don't know when I'll be able to return to competition," he said. "I'd like to thank everyone for their support and concern and I'm looking forward to rejoining the PGA Tour when I think that I'm ready."

Lebron To Appear On GQ Cover

LeBron James' GQ cover for February. INDEPENDENCE, Ohio — LeBron James has raised his fashion game.

James, who takes great pride in his wardrobe and tries to stay ahead of the style curve, will appear on the February cover of GQ Magazine — another first for the NBA superstar whose career has been defined by firsts.

Posing in a slate gray suit, pink shirt and gray tie, James added the GQ cover to his run of magazine fronts from Sports Illustrated to Fortune to Vogue, in which he was the first black male to appear on the cover of the influential fashion magazine's 116-year history.

Kentucky Downs Tennessee Behind Meeks' 54 Points

KNOXVILLLe, Tenn. — Jodie Meeks was just trying to get a victory. He didn't fathom having a chance at earning a spot among Kentucky's greatest players.

Meeks scored a school-record 54 points to help Kentucky cruise to a 90-72 win over Tennessee on Tuesday night.

Dan Issel had one of the great seasons in Kentucky history in 1969-70. Jodie Meeks is rivaling that after breaking his single-game scoring record on Tuesday.

Meeks, who broke Issel's 38-year-old record of 53 points set at Mississippi, was mobbed by his Kentucky teammates in the middle of the Thompson-Boling Arena court, where the Wildcats (13-4, 2-0 SEC) handed the
Local Entertainment

Tampa Live Monday And Friday
Mondays and Fridays are popular nights to be at Tampa Live in Ybor City. The place jumps with the latest sounds and plenty of friendly conversation. (Photos by Julia Jackson)

MACK AND SHAWNA THOMAS
RICARDO PRINDREL
LANCE MURRAY
RODGER WRIGHT
TWINA LEERKS

Popular Radio Station Hosts Christmas Party
Radio Station WTMP, 1150 AM and 96.1 FM, hosted a Christmas party for the community at the Comfort Inn. There was a steady flow of guests to keep the party lively. (Photos by Brunson)

Handling the "wheels of steel" during the midday is Aminta Parnell.

Angela, Courtney and Shannon enjoyed their night out.

These professionally dressed ladies are Jimitta Lakes-Niles, Maurenda Crews, Brittany Niles and Kitty Gilbert were among the guests.

Lynette Darrell, Bridgetta Cummings and Cheryl Johnson at the WTMP Christmas party.

Kianne, Dionne, Matt and Alex were among the guests.

Audition for the Bright Star Senior Talent Show

Wednesday, January 21, 2009
9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Brandon Community Center
502 East Sadie Street
Brandon, FL 33510
635-8179

Restrictions: Participants must be at least 55 years young. Only solo and duet acts, no groups please. Please bring your own instruments and your own tape/cd player, or an accompaniment to the audition. There is no entry fee.

Ten acts will be chosen from the audition to perform in our Senior Star Talent Show at the HCC Theatre, Brandon Campus. The date of the show is February 21. Tickets will be on sale after the audition at the Theatre and at any Bright House Networks location.

Audition for your chance to shine!
Motown Turns 50, Proud Of Musical, Social Legacy

Motown records founder Berry Gordy poses outside the company’s headquarters in Detroit, Michigan in this circa 1960 publicity photo.

DETROIT – Motown has always been about more than music. As the soul empire turned 50 this week, its founders are looking back at its brand of music dubbed the “Motown sound” that remains popular today and the record company’s role in breaking down racial barriers in America.

Founded in 1959 in Detroit by songwriter and entrepreneur Berry Gordy using an $800 family loan, Motown plans a year-long celebration with record releases, documentaries and exhibitions. There is even talk of a Broadway musical in 2010. Originally called Tamla and operating out of a two-story house, Gordy changed the name to Motown to reflect the auto industry that dominated Detroit.

He often likened his method of grooming black talent to an automobile assembly line that transformed plain metal frames into gleaming motorcars. His management style, which involved weekly “quality control” meetings and makeovers for Motown stars, chafed with some of his biggest acts. But, especially early on, it worked.

In the 1960s and 1970s, Gordy helped to make stars of the likes of Stevie Wonder, Marvin Gaye, Smokey Robinson, Diana Ross, the Supremes, the Temptations and the Jackson 5.

Motown boasts nearly 200 No. 1 songs worldwide and in its heyday produced classics like “My Girl” - “What’s Going On,” “Dancing in the Street” and “Superstition.”

“I think you can hear Motown in almost every song that’s played on radio,” said Geoff Brown of music magazine Mojo.

Jay-Z, Bruce, Miley Providing Inaugural Soundtrack

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JAY-Z

LOS ANGELES — HOVA’s in the (white) house.

Jay-Z has unveiled plans to stage a special one-off gig in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 19, the night before President-Elect Barack Obama’s historic inauguration.

“In Concert on the Eve of Change” will feature the rap superstar and his live band at the intimate, 1,847-capacity Warner Theater. Jigga had been a fixture on the campaign trail, joining with Mary J. Blige and Diddy to help get out the vote in support of Obama. The incoming commander in chief is not expected at the show.

Meanwhile, the Washington Post reported that another big-time Obama becker, Bruce Springsteen, is going to jam Jan. 18 on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial. The concert will be free and open to the public.

But that’s not all. Jessica Alba has just been tapped as the host of nonpartisan, nonprofit youth voter group Declare Yourself’s inauguration kick-off event on Jan. 18 that will feature a performance by Maroon 5 and DJ-ing by Lindsay Lohan and Samantha Ronson.

Surprise guests are also promised. Tickets are going for $250.

According to Fox News, the Jonas Brothers and Miley Cyrus have been invited to play an official inauguration kick-off event on Jan. 19 at the Verizon Center. While Stevie Wonder and Barbra Streisand are said to be in talks to play other official inauguration gales.

Unofficial parties going on in D.C. in and around inauguration time include one being thrown by Dionne Warwick featuring George Clinton and Chaka Khan at the Mandarin Oriental; a Jan. 18, concert headlining Alicia Keys; a free show being put on by Aretha Franklin at the Kennedy Center; and a glitzy ball organized to make the creative Coalition being attended by dozens of celebrities and featuring musical performances by Sam Moore, Sting and Elvis Costello.

Kanye West’s Mother’s Plastic Surgery Jailed For One Year

The man who performed plastic surgery on Kanye West’s mother Donda, shortly before she died—has been jailed for a year for drunken driving.

Adams pleaded guilty to the charge last year, after he drove his car the wrong way on Interstate 680. His blood alcohol level was .20 percent, reports the Associated Press.

When he performed West’s surgery, the Medical Board of California was seeking to remove his license to practice because of multiple alcohol-related arrests. There were also two malpractice judgments against him.

West died a day after having surgery for a breast reduction, tummy tuck, and liposuction. The autopsy cited heart disease and complications that arose from the surgery as the cause of death.

LUPE FIASCO

Rapper Lupe Fiasco is rumored to have started a post-punk band called Japanese Cartoon.

Fiasco, who hinted on several occasions in 2008 that he would soon retire, is still working on what he says will be his final album as a rapper, Lupe.ED.

It is now being rumored that after Eclipse’s release, Fiasco will continue making music with Japanese Cartoons, under the name Percival Fats.

Three songs, including a cover of the Prodigy’s forthcoming album title track “Invaders Must Die,” have been posted on the band’s MySpace site. The Prodigy cover and original track “Heirplanes” feature vocals that sound eerily similar to Lupe Fiasco’s, although they are sung in a forced English accent.

However, blogs on the star’s MySpace site deny that Fiasco is part of the band.

One, posted on January 4 says: “Percival Fats (born Percival Hindenburg-Fats) is NOT Lupe Fiasco (born Wasalu Muhammad Jaco). Although he is a dear friend.”

The blog continues: “Lupe does finance the band but is not, I repeat, not, the singer in Japanese Cartoon. He is, however, the producer and we value his participation very much.”

Lupe Fiasco Abandons Rap And Launches Post-Punk Band?

“Nothing has ever been better, nothing has ever been worse than this,” Lupe Fiasco said in a Monday post on his MySpace page. “And its not even the music.”

Fiasco says he will release his third album under a new persona. His chosen moniker? Percival Fats. The blog continues:

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No other movie has ever been this B.I.G.

“The Voice Of Our Community Speaking For Itself”

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Life After Death For Rapper On B.I.G. Screen

LOS ANGELES — When Christopher Wallace, a.k.a. the Notorious B.I.G., died in a hail of bullets in March 1997 at age 24, he left behind a compelling yet contradictory legacy as one of hip-hop’s premier personalities. So it is with “Notorious,” a riveting but strangely elusive biopic that opens on Friday via Fox Searchlight.

The film brings aboard many of the key players from his life as producers but can’t quite solve the mystery of who was “Biggie.” Nevertheless, this is the first gotta-see movie of 2009. It has terrific performances, a powerful soundtrack and eye-catching visuals. Normally, such a film will turn out hip-hop-y, but Fox Searchlight knows Biggie’s managers and its core audience.

Jamal Woolard as Christopher Wallace, a.k.a. the Notorious B.I.G., in Fox Searchlight’s “Notorious.”

— Creators.

Los Angeles as Biggie leaves a party after a music awards show, then flashes back through his life with the young rapper acting as narrator, almost as if he were telling his own story as his life flashes before his eyes.

And flash it does. One minute he’s an overweight kid in Brooklyn’s poor Bedford-Stuyvesant hood, sitting on a stoop writing song lyrics — the kid is poignantly played by Biggie’s own son, Christopher Jordan Wallace — and the next he’s a streetcorner pusher, then a father, convicted and, upon release from prison, a man who sees hip-hop as a way to channel street smarts into fame, fortune and just possibly maturity. “Notorious,” which features C. Malik Whitfield and Kevin Phillips as Biggie’s managers and Derek Luke as Combs, catches much of the soul and spirit of this larger-than-life figure cut down before his prime. But you don’t only wonder what if; you also wonder — who was that guy?

CeCe Winans, Others Honored For Gospel Music

NAISHVILLE, Tenn. — Gospel stars CeCe Winans, Elberinita “Twinkie” Clark and Donald Lawrence will be saluted by their peers in a musical tribute in Nashville.

The story begins on that March night in Los Angeles as Biggie leaves a party after a music awards show, then flashes back through his life with the young rapper acting as narrator, almost as if he were telling his own story as his life flashes before his eyes.

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T.I. is using his upcoming MTV reality show to scare teens straight, and it’s not part of the 1,000 hours of community service he must complete before facing a prison sentence March 27.

The 28-year-old rapper told the Television Critics Association on Friday that he’s put in 864 hours so far. He said: “This show is in addition to (that).”

T.I., whose real name is Clifford Harris, was sentenced to one year in prison on federal weapons charges after he was arrested in Atlanta in 2007 for allegedly trying to buy automatic weapons. The show began filming in June and will continue to shoot until March.

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Angelou Eager To Watch Obama Inauguration - On TV

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Poet Maya Angelou, who recited one of her works at Bill Clinton’s first inauguration, won’t be on hand when Barack Obama takes the oath of office. But she says she won’t miss a “minute of it.”

Angelou, 80, said she’ll be at her home in Winston-Salem, N.C., next Tuesday, watching the ceremonies on television. “I shall enjoy those and not miss one flicker of the camera. Not one flick,” she told the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette. “I shall be somewhere between crying and praying and being grateful and laughing when I see faces I know.”

When Clinton was inaugurated in 1993, Angelou wrote and read an original composition for the occasion, “On the Pulse of Morning.” She was the first poet to read at an inauguration since Robert Frost did so for John F. Kennedy in 1961.

Jermaine Dupri Says Island Def Jam Chief L.A. Reid Was ‘Jealous’ Of Him

Jermaine Dupri and Island Def Jam Records parted ways last week, and like with most high-profile breakups, plenty of people want to know what happened.

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Comedian Chris Rock Has A Book Deal

NEW YORK — Chris Rock is making a comeback, as an author. Grand Central Publishing says Rock’s new book—yet to be titled—will be full of “comedic observations.” It’s tentatively scheduled for release next year.

His “Rock This!” was published in 1997.

Drew Barrymore

INTRODUCTION

The Unborn — A young woman cursed by her unborn twin. Had the potential to be scarier, but fell short. (***)
Yes Man — Jim Carrey stars in this light comedy about a guy who loves to use the word “No.” Enjoyed it! (****)
The Curious Case of Benjamin Button — Brad Pitt (Best Actor) and Taraji P. Henson (Supporting) should get an Oscar for their roles. Very good movie, different, but a little too long. (2 hrs. 47 mins.) (****)
Stardom Millionaire — Worth Seeing! Golden Globe Winner (Best Picture) (****)
Valkyrie — Based on a true story, Tom Cruise is a Nazi colonel who launches an attempt on Hitler’s life. Enjoyed it! (****)
Bedtime Stories — Adam Sandler is aoglobally handicapped who realizes that the bedtime stories he tells his sister’s kids are coming true. Kids Loved it! (****)
Seven Pounds — Will Smith stars in this intense drama about an IRS agent with serious secrets. A definite tear-jerker. (****)
The Day the Earth Stood Still — This remake was a dud. Accidentally fell asleep on this one. Disappointed. (****)
Four Christmases — A gentle: Jan vampire falls in love with the new girl in town. A must-see movie about a record label who is making a comeback. Worth Seeing! Golden Globe Winner (Best Picture) (****)
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Jr. said he quickly learned to use the word “No.”

Christine Baranski —在上海读过的中文，但他说她不会错过一个电影。他和唐娜·斯考特星期五在他的家里，在温斯顿-塞勒姆，北卡罗来纳州，下星期二，将观看林肯纪念堂的就职典礼。他在那里将会看见朋友的脸。

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ASK Deanna!

Dear Deanna!

I've been falling into a relationship with a guy who is very protective and caring. I'm not sure if I'm ready for this kind of commitment just yet. What do you think?

Deanna:

It's great to feel loved and secure in a relationship, but it's also important to take care of yourself. Make sure you're spending time on your own and doing things that make you happy. When you're ready, you'll know it, and then you can take the next step.

HOROSCOPES

Capricorn (Dec. 21-Jan. 19) - Your motivation is good and the path ahead is clear. You've been through some tough times, but you're strong now and can handle anything that comes your way.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - You've been very busy lately. Take some time to relax and enjoy your hard work.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - It's easier to bring the money in. You'll notice that more work and more opportunities are coming your way.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - It's back to the same old same, same old. Do the work and earn the money. The good news is that you can, and the bad news is that you must. Turn it into a cash machine.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - You're stronger now, but can you stand up to powerful situations? You can. You're stubborn, but you're also very determined. Besides, you have friends who will help.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Something you've been avoiding is lurking there in your inbox.

SCOPIN' THE SOAPS

ALL MY CHILDREN: Zach's gunshot left Josh brain dead, forcing Erica to make a painful decision and allow David to perform surgery giving Kendall Josh's heart. As the depth of her feelings for Zach unsettled Reese, Bianca was certain she was ready to marry Reese. Stunned by a positive pregnancy test, Amanda had no idea that fathered the baby and intended to terminate. However, see­ ing a photo of her water off the docks, Amanda jumped in and saved him, prompting JR to race to the hospital to stop her. Amanda later told JR she was pregnant and he fabricated the truth. When Ange­ lvon confronted David about the illegal drugs, he turned the tables and had her arrested for breaking and entering, then suspended her from the hospital. Annie remembered killing Richie. Coming: Tad is furious with Kry stal.

THE WORLD TURNS: Craig stunned every­ one with the news of his and Carly's engagement. Emily offered to marry Dusty to derail Craig's scheme to get custody of Johnny, but Dusty turned her down, hurling Emily by bringing up past, their ongoing problems keeping Paul and Carly apart. This alleviates the stress working, however.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES: When John, faced with the decision to stop his therapy, an enraged the pawnbroker denied any knowledge but later revealed to the truth, decided to stop his therapy, an enraged the pawnbroker denied any knowledge but later revealed what he had done. However, at the hospital, Kay's identity is the ring. However, under which you've been labor­ ing an extra nap. Don't do that at the hospital.

GENERAL HOSPITAL: Narrowly escaping being caught by Sonny, Claudia seduced Rick, who revealed Anthony's true agenda. Meanwhile, Sam was determined to infiltrate Anthony's organization to help Jason and Spinelli. On Emily's birthday, Nikolas revealed that his experiences in Vietnam have made him a changed person. However, Nikolas was less interested now because he's on the move. Sam and Morgan are to be together again, following his attack plan. Nick's "benefactor" was revealed to be a devil. YOUNG AND RESTLESS: Amber realized the passionate kiss she shared with Owen. She visited Todd as part of Bo and Nora's trap for her.
Polk County News

Ambassadors For Christ-Church Of The Living God Hosts First Annual Christmas Celebration

The Ambassadors for Christ-Church of the Living God, Inc. in Lakeland, Minister Bobby Shaw, Pastor, hosted its first annual Christmas Celebration on Saturday, December 20, 2008. The theme was “It’s A Family Affair.” Brother Norman Widamen served as the Master of Ceremony. (Photos by Shaw-Nuf)

Pastor Elizabeth Hobbs and Deacon Jimmie Hobbs enjoyed the Christmas celebration.

Miss Georgia is a faithful supporter of the church.

Deacon Richard Pelzer and Sister Louise Pelzer, guests from Winter Haven.

Deacon Nathan Anderson and Pastor Christine Anderson were among the guests.

Minister Minnie Hamilton rendered the Welcome Address.

Demoney Watson starred as ‘Joseph’ in the Christmas play entitled The True Meaning of Christmas.

Master of Ceremony Norman Widamen with his wife, Vernisha and son, Jairequan.

The theme for the class of 1978’s 30th Class Reunion, held December 27, 2008, was “The Final Voyage.”

The best did come to the class of 1978, Kathleen High School’s 8th Grade Class of 1978’s 30th Class Reunion.

The classes of 1978 outdid themselves as they welcomed family and friends to the Lakeland Civic Center, looking swellegant in black and silver attire.

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Many thanks to: Attorney Cassandra Denmark, Polk County Judge, Louis, Darrell, James Lovett, Phillip Griffen, Elaine Roundtree-Munford.


The class officers are: Charlotte Campbell Haggins, Joyce Marie Rich for a dual celebration for Miss Rich, her class reunion and birthday, December 27, 2008.

Charlotte Campbell Haggins and Deedie Quirky-Quary. Members were well represented at the event: Linda Lankford, Dale, Lauderdale, Ocala, and Georgia.

Lakeland Senior High School’s colors are orange and black. Kathleen Senior High School’s colors are red and black.

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Banow Mission Hosts Annual Christmas Banquet

The Bartow Mission Church of God by Faith, Elder Thomas Faison, Jr., Pastor, hosted its annual Christmas Banquet on Saturday, December 13, 2008. The host site for this seasonal occasion was the Polk Street Community Center in Bartow. Minister Caroline Hird served as the Mistress of Ceremony. The keynote speaker was Evangelist Punch Baldwin. (Photos by Shaw-Nuf)

Elder Thomas and First Lady Mother Margaret Faison.

Curtis Logan served as Devotional Leader to open the banquet.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric (Kimberly) Townes enjoyed the banquet.

Keynote Speaker, Evangelist Punch Baldwin with her husband, Sam Baldwin.

Zariah Campbell (front) with her sister, Zikiria Campbell.

Youth musicians, Jay, Quincey, Michael, Shelton (back) and Wilbur, just kickin’ it after the banquet.

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JANUARY 15, 1929 - APRIL 4, 1968
January 15, 1929 - April 4, 1968

Three hundred and eighty-nine years after 20 Black hand¬
ed at Jamestown, 143 years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation, and 31 years after the Supreme Court banned segregation, the United States of America - North and South, Black, Brown and White - will stop for 24 hours to honor the memory and the light of a Black American.

Because he lived and dream¬
ed and died, many factories, offices, and schools and all fed¬
eral and many state agencies will be closed.

All over America, men, women and little children will link hands and hopes in an unprecedented national holi¬day for Martin Luther King, Jr., a grandson of a former

father and a son of sharecroppers, the students, and the Rosa Parks who made him what he was.

This is the tradition and hope that the King, and Martin Luther King, Jr., during his life journey to the White House and to the washerwoman who helped him when he was down.

This is the King's dream. The crucial point here and elsewhere is that this is not a holiday for rest and frivolity, and play. This is a day for study and struggle for the victory to come. It is a day set aside for measuring ourselves and America against the terrible yardstick of King's hope. And if we have loved him, we will use this time to mobilize against the evils he identified in his last article - the evils of racism, militarism, unemployment, and violence.

It is on this deep level, and in the context of personal responsibil¬ities, that the King Holiday assumes its true meaning. It is not enough to celebrate King; it is necessary also to vindicate him by letting his light shine in our own lives.

It was King's genius to sug¬gest that every man, woman, and child is responsible for his/her own freedom. "A man who won't die for something," he said, "Is not fit to live."

And the only question before us in this holiday season is what are we doing and what are we prepared to do to ensure that King did not dream and die in vain.

Beyond all that, we are chal¬lenged in this month to remember one of his greatest legacies; hope. For he never gave up hope. He never ceased to believe that the Dream and the dreamers could prevail. And if he could speak to us this morning from beyond the grave, he would tell us that nothing can stop us here if we keep the faith of our fathers and mothers and walk together and dream other.

It is with this understanding, and this hope, that we dedicate this day to the memory of an American giant who will be remembered, to appropriate the words of poet Robert B. Hayden, "not with statues' bell ringing, rhetoric, and not with legends and poems and wreaths of bronze alone, but with the lives grown out of his life, the lives fleshing his dream of the beautiful, needful thing."
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On the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, King evoked the name of Lincoln in his "I Have a Dream" speech, which is credited with mobilizing supporters of desegregation and prompted the 1964 Civil Rights Act.

I say to you today, my friends, even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream.

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal."

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice. I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.

I have a dream today. I have a dream that one day, not long after this, not long after this, every valley shall be exalted, and every hill and mountain shall be made low, and the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all flesh will see together.

This is my dream. This is the faith that I have. With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day.

This will be the day when all the God's children will be able to sing with a new meaning, "My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim's pride, from every mountain side, let freedom ring."

And if America is to be a great nation this must become true. Let freedom ring from the golden hills of New Hampshire. Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York. Let freedom ring from the bright beaches of California. Let freedom ring from the snow-capped Rockies of Colorado. Let freedom ring from the curvaceous slopes of California. But not only that: Let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia. Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee. Let freedom ring from every mountain and molehill of Mississippi. From every mountainside, let freedom ring.

And when this happens, when we allow freedom to ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, "Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!"
King's Timeline

January 15, 1929

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was born to Rev. and Mrs. Martin (formerly Michael) Luther King, Sr., on at noon on January 15, 1929. Parents: The Reverend and Mrs. Martin Luther King, Sr. He spent the first 12 years of his life in this home at 501 Auburn Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia.

1944

Graduated from Booker T. Washington High School and was admitted to Morehouse College at age 15.

1948

Graduates from Morehouse College and enters Crozer Theological Seminary.

Ordained to the Baptist ministry, February 25, 1948, at age 19.

1951

Enters Boston University for graduate studies.

1953

Marries Coretta Scott and settles in Montgomery, Alabama.

1955

Received Doctorate of Philosophy in Systematic Theology from Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts, on June 5, 1955. His Dissertation was entitled, “A Comparison of God in the Thinking of Paul Tillich and Henry Wieman.”

Joins the bus boycott after Rosa Parks was arrested on December 1. On December 5, he is elected president of the Montgomery Improvement Association, making him the official spokesman for the boycott.

Dr. King with his wife and 4 children.

On December 1, 1955, Mrs. Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a city bus to a white man. She was arrested and booked into the Montgomery Jail. A meeting was held and the Negroes agreed to boycott the bus system. The boycott lasted for more than a year.

On December 10th, the Bus Company stopped services in the Negro neighborhoods.

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1956
On January 26th, Dr. King is arrested and charged with driving 30 mph in a 25 mph zone. After being jailed for the first time in his life, he is released on his own recognition.

On January 30th, a bomb is thrown onto the porch of the King home. Mrs. King, her daughter, Yolanda, and church member Ms. Lucy Williams are in the house. No one was injured.

On February 4th, a lawsuit is filed in federal district court asking that Montgomery's segregation laws be declared unconstitutional.

On February 21st, Dr. King, 24 other ministers and more than 100 others are indicted for being involved in the boycott. They were charged with being party to a conspiracy to hinder the operation of business without "just or legal cause."

On June 4th, a U.S. district court ruled that the racial desegregation on city bus lines is unconstitutional.

On November 13, the Supreme Court rules that bus segregation is illegal, ensuring victory for the boycott.

1957
King forms the Southern Christian Leadership Conference to fight segregation and achieve civil rights.

On January 27th, an unexploded bomb is discovered on the Kings' front porch.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is welcomed to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church by Rev. Clifford Ansgar Nelson, Senior Pastor and Chairperson of the 1957 Minnesota State Pastor's Conference.

1958
The U.S. Congress passed the first Civil Rights Act since reconstruction. King's first book, Stride Toward Freedom, is published.
Here's to a man who taught us all to think differently about the world. Celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, 1.19.09
1959
The Kings visited India to study Mohandas Gandhi's philosophy of nonviolence.

Resigns from pastoring the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church to concentrate on civil rights full time. He moved to Atlanta to direct the activities of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

1960
Becomes co-pastor with his father at the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, Georgia.

Lunch counter sit-ins began in Greensboro, North Carolina. In Atlanta, King is arrested during a sit-in waiting to be served at a restaurant. He is sentenced to four months in jail, but after intervention by John Kennedy and Robert Kennedy, he is released.

Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee founded to coordinate protests at Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina.

1961
In November, the Interstate Commerce Commission bans segregation in interstate travel due to work of Martin Luther King, Jr. and the Freedom Riders.

Congress on Racial Equality (CORE) began first Freedom Ride through the South, in a Greyhound bus, after the U.S. Supreme Court outlawed segregation in interstate transportation.

1962
The Albany Movement leaders included, from left, Slater King, the president of the movement; Elza Goldie Jackson, the recording secretary; the Reverend Sammie B. Wells, the chairman of voter registration; Thomas Chatmon, the director of voter registration; and Robert Thomas, a local barber and active volunteer.

On April 13, the Birmingham campaign is launched. This would prove to be the turning point in the war to end segregation in the South.

During the unsuccessful Albany, Georgia movement, King is arrested on July 27 and jailed.

1963
On Good Friday, April 12, King is arrested with Ralph Abernathy by Police Commissioner Eugene "Bull" Connor for demonstrating without a permit.

On May 10, the Birmingham agreement is announced. The stores, restaurants, and schools will be desegregated, hiring of blacks implemented, and charges dropped.

On June 23, MLK leads 125,000 people on a Freedom Walk in Detroit.

The March on Washington held August 28 is the largest civil rights demonstration in history with nearly 250,000 people in attendance.

Quote...
"If physical death is the price that I must pay to free my white brothers and sisters from a permanent death of the spirit, then nothing can be more redemptive."

On learning of threats on his life, June 5, 1964
1963

At the march, King makes his famous I Have a Dream speech.

Quote...

"Discrimination is a hell hound that gnaws at Negroes in every waking moment of their lives to remind them that the lie of their inferiority is accepted as truth in the society dominating them."

From a speech given to the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Aug. 16, 1967

On Sunday morning, September 15, 1963, the congregation of 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama was busy preparing for Youth Day, an annual opportunity to honor the children by giving them roles in conducting the service. After Sunday school five girls stood checking their appearance in front of a mirror in the ladies room in the basement. At 10:22 a.m. a tremendous blast shook the entire church. The bomb was so powerful that the outside brick and stone wall collapsed into the basement. Out of the rubble staggered 12-year old Sarah Collins, calling the name of her sister Addie Mae. Partially blinded and riddled with 21 pieces of broken glass, she was the only one in the room to survive. Four other children died: Denise McNair, 11, Addie Mae Collins, 14, Carole Robertson, 14, and Cynthia Wesley, 14. As news of the bombing spread across the nation, and around the world, people of all races were moved to outrage by the tragedy.

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1963

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy in the White House Rose Garden following President Kennedy’s meeting with leaders of the civil rights movement, 1963.

On January 3, King appears on the cover of Time magazine as its Man of the Year.

President John F. Kennedy poses Aug. 28, 1963, at the White House with a group of leaders of the March on Washington, including Martin Luther King Jr. and union leaders A. Philip Randolph, an AFL-CIO vice president and principal organizer of the March on Washington, and Walter P. Reuther, then-president of the UAW. From left: Whitney Young, National Urban League; Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Southern Christian Leadership Conference; John Lewis, Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee; Rabbi Joachim Prinz, American Jewish Congress; Dr. Eugene P. Donnaly, National Council of Churches; A. Philip Randolph, AFL-CIO vice president; Kennedy; Walter P. Reuther, UAW; Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson, rear, and Roy Wilkins, NAACP.

On November 22, President Kennedy is assassinated.

1964

President Lyndon Johnson met with prominent black leaders on January 18, 1964, to discuss his war on poverty. From left to right are: Roy Wilkins, Executive Director of the NAACP; James Farmer, National Director of the Congress of Racial Equality; Martin Luther King Jr., head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; Whitney Young of the Urban League; and Johnson.

On March 26th, Dr. King and Malcolm X are shown at a press conference in Washington, D.C.

1965

On February 2, King is arrested in Selma, Alabama during a voting rights demonstration.

On February 18th, 2-year-old Jimmie Jackson was shot and killed by Trooper James Bonard Fowler during a demonstration in Marion, Alabama, Mrs. Coretta Scott King’s hometown.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and associates lead a procession behind the casket of Jimmy Lee Jackson during a funeral service at Marion, Ala, in this March 1, 1965 file photo. From left are: John Lewis, the Rev. Ralph Abernathy, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the Rev. Andrew Young.

Protesters march to bridge where police are waiting in Selma, Alabama.

Meeting Before the March

Quote...

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

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King's Timeline

1965

On "Bloody Sunday," March 7, 1965, some 600 civil rights marchers headed east out of Selma on U.S. Route 80. They got only as far as the Edmund Pettus Bridge six blocks away, where state and local lawmen attacked them with billy clubs and tear gas and drove them back into Selma.

On March 9, 1965, Dr. King leads symbolic march to Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama.

On March 25, Mrs. Viola Liuzzo, a wife and mother, was shot and killed while driving a marcher from Montgomery to Selma.

After President Johnson signs the Voting Rights Act into law, Martin Luther King, Jr. turns to socioeconomic problems.

1966

On January 22, King moves into a Chicago slum tenement to attract attention to the living conditions of the poor.

In June, King and others begin the March Against Fear through the South.

On July 10, King initiates a campaign to end discrimination in housing, employment, and schools in Chicago.

1967

The Supreme Court upholds a conviction of MLK by a Birmingham court for demonstrating without a permit. King spends four days in Birmingham jail.

On November 27, King announces the inception of the Poor People's Campaign focusing on jobs and freedom for the poor of all races.

1968

King announces that the Poor People's Campaign will culminate in a March on Washington demanding a $12 billion Economic Bill of Rights guaranteeing employment to the able-bodied, incomes to those unable to work, and an end to housing discrimination.

Dr. King made his first appearance in Memphis during the strike on March 18 at Mason Temple. He met with AFSCME International president Jerry Wurf (right). AFSCME field representative Jesse Epps has his hand on Wurf's shoulder. Behind King is AFSCME's national director of field services, P.J. Ciampa (rising from his seat).

The Rev. Ralph Abernathy, right, and Bishop Julian Smith, left, flank Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., during a march on behalf of striking sanitation workers in Memphis, Tenn., March 28. Rev. P.L. Rowe is at far left. The dignity of the march soon gave way to disorder. Witnesses said a group of about 200 youths began breaking windows and looting along Beale Street about 20 minutes after the march began. Police moved in with tear gas and nightsticks.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. held a press conference Thursday, March 28, 1968 after a march in support of striking sanitation workers broke up in disorder. He was joined by Rev. James M. Lawson Jr. (left) and Dr. H. Ralph Jackson. He said people "on the sidelines" started the trouble, not the marchers. The three leaders vowed the protests would continue. At another press conference on March 29, before leaving for Atlanta, King vowed to return to Memphis to lead a peaceful mass march.
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1968

During the Civil Rights era, Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., made five public appearances in Durham. The most dramatic was on February 16, 1960, as the sit-in movement swept across the Jim Crow South. After visiting the Durham Woolworth's, located on Parrish Street, which had closed its lunch counter after demonstrations the previous week, Dr. King addressed a standing room only crowd of 1,200 people at White Rock Baptist Church.

On April 4, 1968, Dr. King was scheduled to visit Durham, but cancelled at the last minute.

The daily sanitation strike marches resumed March 29 - one day after rioting left Main and Beale littered with bricks and broken glass and dappled with blood. The city was taking no chances on a repeat of the violence: National Guardsmen in armored personnel carriers equipped with 50-caliber machine guns escorted marchers.

Black leaders accused the police of brutality while police officers said they did what was necessary to restore order. In the wake of the violence, a curfew was imposed and more than 3,800 National Guardsmen were rushed to the city.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., resting in the Lorraine Motel following the March Against Fear, Memphis, TN, 1966, reading the Memphis Press-Scimitar. Headline reads, King Takes Over For Meredith; Suspect Jailed - $25,000 Bond. Less than two years after this photo was taken, Dr. King was assassinated outside of his room on the balcony of this motel. At sunset on April 4, Martin Luther King, Jr. is fatally shot while standing on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee. Riots break out in 125 cities, leaving 46 dead... (Photo by Ernest C. Withers).

Mourners line the street waiting for the funeral procession of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., to pass.

Mrs. Coretta Scott King is shown at the funeral of her husband, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
**King’s Timeline**

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s widow, Coretta Scott King, and three of the couple’s four children - Yolanda King (left), Martin Luther King III and Dexter King - led a march through downtown Memphis Monday, April 8, 1968. The march, originally planned to refocus attention on the sanitation strike, became a memorial to Rev. King.

King’s funeral on April 9 is an international event.

Within a week of the assassination, the Open Housing Act is passed by Congress.

1986

**On November 2, a national holiday is proclaimed in King’s honor.**

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**Poems**

**Was It All In Vain**

**BY MARVA GATHERS WILLIAMS**

If Martin Luther King was alive today; Standing at the podium as he may.
Would be say, “This Is My Dream,” Or would he look at our young people and scream?

Would he look up with tears and not make a sound, Or cast his eyes down with a weary frown;
Knowing that his work may have been done in vain, Would he be livid or just go insane?

Maybe he’d reach out to some for the cause, Knowing that the battle was already lost. Or maybe he’d sit back watchful and pray, Checking to see what all had to say.

Would he say, “What was I fighting for?” “I don’t know these people, or who they really are.” The drugs, the coke, the crack, the dope, the violence, the muggings, the cutting of throats ——

The guns that they carry so proudly with fear; The lives that they take from some of their peers; The quitting of school that they do each day; Not thinking about who paved the way.

In any case, his dreams were all shattered; Some say, “Oh well, it really don’t matter.”

He did not do these things for me, I was not born yet, can’t you see?

The sit-ins, the walks, the fights, and the battles; The pushing and shoving not caring what’s the matter; The speeches that brought fresh tears to our eyes; The marches that braced us as we walked side by side.

And when it was over, we had him to thank; For jobs, for dreams, however we rank.

Our lives are much better as you can see, but, our kids are destroying us, you and me.

They don’t know the difference between wrong and right, and show no remorse regardless of the fight. So what do we do? Do we leave them alone?

Knowing that one day, they will fail on their own?

Surely you would not turn them away, Martin wouldn’t have done this, even today.

The time he spent was worth his while, not to mention all those stressful miles.

So don’t give up hope, reach out to some child; Even Martin would surely look down and smile; Knowing that you have touched someone and that your job has just begun.

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**Martin Millennium**

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Who is this man called Martin whom the people talk about? Someone take me to him so that I may find him out!

So, they took me to his birthplace & they showed me his room 
& They showed me where his body lies a-moldering in the tomb
They took me to a place that had his pictures, everywhere . . . I looked at all his pictures, But I did not find him there.

I said Where is this man called Martin whom the people talk about?

So, they drove me to a boulevard which proudly bore his name & though I waited on the corner, Bro. Martin never came.

I wandered through the lonely streets in hopes that he might come 
But because it was his birthday, streets were closed up like a drum!

I said Where is this man called Martin whom they killed, not long ago? Please tell me, has he risen? If it’s true, I’ve got to know!

So, they took me to a playground With a hundred youthful eyes . . .

We visited young women, swelling urgently with child
& I saw a baby born that I could swear had Martin’s smile!

We visited every school & We shook the children’s hands

I spent some time with working men and women, in their space . . .

I found each one possessed the spark that once warmed Martin’s face!

For, you cannot kill the prophet, Then kill the prophet’s words & You can’t ignore the moment once the moment has been heard & You can’t deny an act of God, whose time to act has come!

To Dr. King – our lightning rod – Ten million daughters and sons!

I sought a man called Dr. King
The Truth, his words to see But face-to-face, I found him
An American, just like me!

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"Let us not despair. Let us not lose faith in man and certainly not in God. We must believe that a prejudice mind can be changed, and that man, by the Grace of God, can be lifted from the alley of hate to the high mountain of love."
M.L.K., Jr.

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