Mrs. Jacqueline Wilds celebrated her 40-year teaching career with a ceremony at Greco Middle School and a reception later that evening at her husband's business, Blue Shark in Ybor City. Mrs. Wilds spent 36 of the 40 years at Greco and touched the lives of many. She retired as the head of the English Dept. Mrs. Wilds is shown with family and friends: Judge Lisa Campbell, Dr. Margaret Fisher, Angela Scott, son, Garnell Wilds, Aramis Jackson, grandson, Garnell Wilds, Jr.; honoree Jacqueline Wilds; her husband, George Wilds; Ruby Adams and Jean Collins. (Photography by Brunson)
Mother Of Infant Killed In Accident Was Newlywed

No one was happier than Tyisha Jones when she and Michelin Jones were married 7 months ago, 3 days before the birth of her first girl and their first child together, Indira. Mrs. Jones has three other children, one of them, Drenlin Pittman, 6.

Last Friday, Mrs. Jones said she and her husband talked to each other by phone as he was driving home with Indira and Drenlin.

“We talked for a while, then I stopped by a relative’s house for a while before getting back on the road. When he called back later, he said there had been an accident, but couldn’t give me any details at that time. He was too shook up.”

According to the Florida Highway Patrol report, the tire separated on the 2005 Ram truck driven by Jones and that caused him to lose control. The vehicle began to spin clockwise after leaving the paved roadway, then overturned at least 3 times before coming to rest in an overturned state.

As the vehicle overturned, Indira, who was strapped into her car carrier in the right-rear seat, was ejected from the vehicle. Drenlin received minor injuries. Both were transported to a local hospital where Indira was pronounced dead.

Mrs. Jones said unfortunately, her husband is blaming himself for the accident.

“A tire separating. While you’re driving is not something you plan to happen. It’s not his fault, and that’s something I’ll have to work with. “He talks about Indira passionately. She was his first child.”

Mrs. Jones said Drenlin is with family members in Dade City and is doing all right in spite of the traumatic experience he was involved in.

Funeral arrangements are still underway and will be handled by Milton Funeral Home of Dade City.

Renowned Gospel Artist Got His Start In Tampa

Michael Jackson has died at age 50 after being rushed to UCLA Medical Center, NBC News has confirmed.

Los Angeles Fire Department Capt. Steve Ruda told the L.A. Times that Jackson was not breathing when paramedics arrived at his home and CPR was performed.

TMZ.com reported that he may have suffered cardiac arrest.

Jackson had been due to start a series of comeback concerts in London on July 13 running until March 2010. The singer, whose hits included "Thriller" and "Billie Jean," had been rehearsing in the Los Angeles area for the past two months.

The shows for the 50 London concerts sold out within minutes of going on sale in March.

His lifetime record sales tally is believed to be around 750 million, which, added to the 13 Grammy Awards he received, makes him one of the most successful entertainers of all time.

He lived as a virtual recluse since his acquittal in 2005, on charges of child molestation.

There were concerns about Jackson’s health in recent years but the promoters of the London shows, AEG Live, said in March that Jackson had passed a 4-1/2 hour physical examination with independent doctors.

A life in music

Jackson was born on August 29, 1958, in Gary, Indiana, the seventh of nine children. Five Jackson boys (Jackie, Tito, Jermaine, Marlon and Michael) first performed together at a talent show when Michael was 6. They walked off with first prize and went on to become a best-selling band, The Jackson Five, and then The Jackson 5.

Jackson made his first solo album in 1972, and released "Thriller" in 1982, which became a smash hit that yielded seven top-10 singles. The album sold 21 million copies in the United States and at least 27 million worldwide.

The next year, he unveiled his signature "moonwalk" dance move while performing "Billie Jean" during an NBC special.

Dr. Milton Biggham

On Sunday, June 28, 2009, the Tampa Bay area will be graced with the presence of its own gospel legend, Dr. Milton Biggham in "Up Close & Personal" at the College Hill Conference Center (formerly known as New Philadelphia M.B. Church) on 1003 East Martin Luther King Blvd. near Nebraska Avenue at 4 p.m.

"Up Close & Personal"

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Popular Promoter Credits God With Saving His Life During Robbery

When local promoter, David Gay, was robbed at gunpoint Tuesday morning, he had no idea that events surrounding the robbery would put him in harm's way.

According to the Tampa Police department, Gay was at the Tampa Live Night Club, 2620 East 1st Avenue, Tuesday morning. Gay said he was there to transport someone to a doctor's appointment.

"The guy I was transporting suffers from diabetes. I went to the office to get his prescription and get information from the club's owner."

"The man I was there to transport was at the front door getting some air, because the air conditioning inside the club wasn't on. He had been cleaning up inside the club before that."

Gay said because the man was standing with the door open that's how the robbers got inside.

"When I went back to the front door, I was confronted by three guys, two of them with guns. They took me to the office area. When we got there, the safe was already open, they came in, and made me empty my pockets. They also took items from the office."

Gay said if the incident had staying a simple robbery, he would have never let the police deal with it.

"But, when one of them took my cell phone and threatened me and my family, it became personal. He ran out of the door after he said that, and I went after him."

"When I went after the car, all I wanted to do was confront the one who threatened my family."

Gay said when one of them started shooting, he knew he had to react and that changed his initial plan.

"When I was pursuing them in my car, I rammed them, they drove off, and I went after them again, ramming their car twice. All that was on my mind was the fact they had my cell phone with all my personal information inside and access to my family." Gay said when he rammed the car the last time, it crashed and they bailed out of the car.

"They started shooting at me, and when the shots stopped, I went after the guy that was doing the shooting. I chased him down, caught him and the cell phone he had was ringing."

Gay said that's when he took the phone, answered it, and told the guy on the other end to come pick him up.

"He asked me how much money did we get, and I told him he got it all and to come get me. When he arrived, police were on the scene and arrested him."

Gay said he's glad he wasn't hurt, and although he was robbed, he's glad the guys didn't get into a shootout with the police.

"I'm glad the police didn't have to shoot them. I feel bad for their families. What they did was thoughtless and stupid."

"At the time, I didn't realize how many people saw me running after these guys. I want to thank all the people who helped me catch them. I thank them from the bottom of my heart."

"None of the bullets hit me or my car. That was God watching over me. I give God all the praise and thanks. He was watching over me that day, and if you believe in God, things will always turn out alright."

Police arrested all four suspects and charged them with armed robbery with a firearm and conspiracy. They are Curtis Marsh, 17; Joshua Walker, 20; Davonttae Davis, 16, and Michael Williams, 30.

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A Farewell To Phyllis

Don't let our color fool you. We are not simply a newspaper for Black people. We are a newspaper for all people. And as such, we reserve the right and the reason to speak on all issues and individuals who have contributed to the well-being of our society. Phyllis Busansky has been one such person. Whether you liked her or you didn't, you always knew where she stood. Hillsborough County's most recent Supervisor of Elections, Phyllis Busansky, in another life, might well have been named Rocky Balboa, the underdog who gave as good as he was given, and who, had touched the mat without one helluva fight. Busansky's passion for public service and became part of her personal expression. Her laughter is no longer with us. We miss you!

Cancer Research Is Back Again

Congratulations and a hearty "Thank you" are in order to the University of South Florida and to the Moffitt Cancer Center for landing a $6 million grant to study health disparities in Black people and Hispanic women. Funded by the National Institute of Health (NIH), the five-year grant is one of 50 national grants which will be used to create National Centers on Minority Health and Health Disparities. We are both pleased and excited that national attention and funding are being given to study the disproportionate rates of prostate cancer in Black men and breast cancer in Black and Hispanic women. Here locally, we have supported numerous forums on these issues. In addition, workshops have been held regarding the high incidence of cancer, diabetes, high blood pressure, obesity and kidney failure among Blacks. In fact, we have written many newspaper columns calling for action. Breast and cervical cancer rates and late diagnoses of these diseases among Blacks and Hispanics.

"Black men are 71 percent more likely to develop prostate cancer than white men; white men in Florida," an "..." three times more likely to die from the disease," prostate cancer has become a personal family matter for many of our readers.

And Black women "are more likely to be diagnosed with late-stage breast cancer" and 30 percent of them die from the disease, breast cancer is a constant nemesis in the Black community. So again, we say to the University of South Florida and Moffitt Cancer Center, "Bravo and thank you!" May your renewed research lead to needed cures for all prostate and breast cancer victims.

Will We Ever Recover?

Local government officials are scurrying to find ways to maintain employees during this recession. Most are hoping that the country will begin a recovery process soon. Many experts feel that this recession will be around for a while. Of course, President Barack Obama is doing everything humanly possible to turn the economy around, ranging from encouraging people to buy American made products to his stimulus package. The problem is, it took several years for the economy to completely tumble into despair and it will take just as long, if not longer for it to turn around. Meanwhile, we continue to hear local officials talking about the budgets and how many jobs may be lost by September 30th, when the fiscal year ends. In the past, if budget cuts resulted in job loss, those with seniority usually didn't have to worry. But those days are gone because officials are eliminating entire divisions and longevity no longer offers a safety net for employment.

People are afraid because we've never been here before. If the past jobs were lost, but after a few years the beginnings of a recovery could be seen. That is not the case now. Instead, nearly on a daily basis, we read about another giant company has fallen. No one would have ever thought that General Motors would be in the fix it's in today. No one ever thought that newspapers that have been around for over 40 years would suddenly close their doors.

But they have and more major companies are probably going to collapse before this is over. As jobs continue to disappear, the need for assistance grows.

And, the cost of everything seems to rise on a daily basis. We are holding our collective breaths and hoping that the price of gasoline will stabilize.

At some point, things will turn around, but we can't help but wonder if individual cities will survive or if they will crumble under the strain. Will we ever recover, no one knows.

A Black Family On The Titanic: Joseph and Juliette Laroche!

For some reason, I was always deeply touched by every version of a movie or documentary about the sinking of the Titanic, the most notorious maritime accident in the world. However, there was never any indication or reference to a Black family being on the ship, which sank on April 15, 1912, after hitting an iceberg in the Northern Atlantic Sea. So, for most of our lives, many Blacks never even knew that there were Black people on the maiden voyage of the Titanic.

Exactly nine years ago, the June 30, 2000 issue of Ebony magazine featured a story titled "What Happened to the Only Black Family on the Titanic?" after the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry, and the Titanic Historical Society featured the information in an exhibit on the Titanic. Indeed, the interracial family of Joseph Philippe Lemercher Laroche, who included his pregnant wife, Juliette Lafarque Laroche and their daughters, Louise and Simone, had boarded the Titanic with second-class reservations. Laroche was a Haitian native and his wife was French. No doubt, many of our Haitian brothers and sisters have known about the Laroche family, for generations.

Born in Cap Haitien, Haiti in 1886, Laroche was a member of the president of Haiti's family (Dessalines M. Cincinnatus Leconte). Laroche left Haiti at age 15, to study engineering in France. According to Encyclopedia Tintanicia, "racial discrimination prevented Joseph from obtaining a high-paying job in France," even though he had an engineering degree. With a wife and two children to take care of, Laroche and his family decided to move to Haiti. Sources state that tickets for the trip on the ship La France were given to the Laroche family as a "welcome home gift by Joseph's mother. However, "because of La France's strict policy regarding children," the Laroche "were in the Titanic's second class."

Believed to be the only Black family on the Titanic, Laroche made sure his wife and children were loaded onto a lifeboat after the ship struck the iceberg. Laroche did not go down with the ship sank, though his body was never found.

Luckily, when Juliette Laroche and her children reached New York City, they received medical attention and assistance with money, clothes, food and housing from philanthropist Hugh Kelly. After returning home to France to live with her father, Juliette gave birth to a son Joseph Lemercier Laroche, Jr., who was said to look exactly like his father. Six years (1918) after the Titanic sank, the shipping company paid Juliette Laroche and her family a $32,119 ($254,374, in today's money) settlement. She used the money to open a home-based fabric dyeing business to support her family. She lived out the rest of her life in France.

In 1980, Juliette Laroche died.
The Sole-Man Speaks

Should We Take Action in Iran?

Well, he finally said it. After hours and days of Conservative needle-picking, personal invention and historical soul-searching, President Barack Obama finally made a statement about the situation in Iran.

As always, his comments were well-ordered, specific, thought-provoking and predictable. This is what he said: "I am appalled and outraged by the deaths and intimidation in Tehran's streets."

When probed as to whether or not his words were fresh, a press flunky, Presidential Press Secretary Robert Gibbs, said, "We did not speak to our staff, to our senior advisors, to our legal team. We did not speak to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. As we stood over the bodies of those executed, we did not speak to the Reagan administration."

But as the world listened to President Obama's words, surely a feeling of déjà vu crept into the minds of many Americans. And the measured, professorial voice of President Obama began to take on a deeper, more menacing connotation.

For some unknown or unspoken reason, we do not see ourselves in the great revolutionary upheavals that sprout like flowers in a field, around the world. When a lone Chinese citizen stopped a phalanx of armored tanks in Tiananmen Square, we did not see Crispus Attucks. When the young Iranian woman, Neda was gunned down by a nameless assassin on a street in Tehran, we did not recognize the assassin as the same one who shot Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. As we stared via modern technology, into Neda's sightless eyes and her blood-splawing mouth. We did not recall the untold slaying of civil rights worker Viola Liuzzo.

Indeed, I don't know what it is about us Americans who, for the most part, tend not to recognize the one thing other than jazz, blues or rock 'n roll we have exported around the world.

And that one thing is the love of Liberty and the dogged determination to possess it, by any means necessary! From Thomas Paine to Malcolm X, from Thomas Jefferson to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; from Patrick Henry to Harriet Tubman, we have echoed these universal words, "GIVE ME LIBERTY OR GIVE ME DEATH!"

There's nowhere in the world where liberty of any kind is not an issue. Wherever you go, there's a country where people want to be free. We have to stand with them.

Now we're praying for the rain, and for the tens of millions to drop along with the humidity.

Yes, summertime is here, and that means the beaches and roadways will be full. It also means the temperaments of people will be shorter.

Republican and Conservative talking heads never said a mumbling word. Today, many of these same talking heads are demanding that President Obama do something about this stolen election in Iran.

What do they want Obama to do? Do they want him to make the Iranians change their decision on the election outcome? Do they want the U.S. President to declare a winner, make Iran hold another election or as John McCain once said, and paraphrase: Bomb, Bomb, Iran?

The U.S. is already fighting wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and we may end up fighting one in North Korea, so we surely don't need one in Iran.

Of course these people should know plenty about stolen elections. They stole one right here in the U.S.A. President Obama, don't be influenced by these people. Understand that you can't do anything right in their opinions. Stick to your guns.

Another View

A Stolen Election? Sounds Familiar?

The country of Iran recently held a presidential election. A large number of the Iranian people believe the election was unfair, and have taken to the streets to demonstrate their displeasure with the election. The regime government has resorted to violence and brutality in an effort to get the election thrown out.

The United States President has condemned the violence and the government's attempt to silence the Iranian people. In the same breath, he has been careful not to be seen meddling into the Iranian election. The President realizes that it is all over he will have to work with whomever the president is.

By the same token, the United States would not want Iran meddling in one of its presidential elections. The Republicans and conservative talk show hosts and hostesses say President Obama is being too timid, too weak, and not tough enough on the Iranian government.

They have even said that the election was stolen. Stolen? Hmm? Stolen election — the sound of that word familiar? The United States should be familiar with stolen elections.

I seem to remember a presidential election that took place right here in the U.S. back in 2004. The two candidates were George W. Bush and Al Gore. The election was not decided by the voters. As I remember it, that election was declared in the courts. Votes that would have given the election to Al Gore were not counted. The term election election hit the headlines. Many Americans were upset, but they did not take to the streets in protest. Instead, we mostly accepted the decision of the courts. You remember that don't you?

Even though many Americans thought that the election was stolen and the wrong man was given the presidency, no foreign country intervened. So I remember.

Hood Times

Summer Time Is Here

This past Sunday, June 21st, marked the first day of summer. But as far as we native Floridians are concerned, summer started long before that date. Blistering hot temperatures started during the last week of May, and lately we've seen daytime temperatures in the 100s.

We respond to them by blowing the air conditioning and drinking lots of water. But you have to remember we are living in the humidity that makes it so uncomfortable. When you watch the weather on television, pay close attention to the dew point values. The higher they are, the more humid the air will be.

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It's strange how certain criminal acts tend to escalate during the summer. It's also a shame that each year warnings are broadcast for par­ents to keep an eye on their children near swimming pools, but drownings still occur.

Motorists are running their air conditioners on high in spite of the high gas prices. The reason, we all have in our homes.

When this hot, it can never really get comfortable, and you can never take enough showers.

The number of house fires grow during the summer, and although we have had enough showers, we still have to worry about the grass catching fire.

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Bay City Elks Lodge 268 To Host Veterans Workshop

Bay City Elks Lodge 268 will host its third Veterans Question and Answer Workshop on Saturday, June 27, 2009. The workshop will be held 2 p.m. at the lodge on the corner of 49th St. and Columbus Dr. (4904 B. Columbus Dr.).

Air Force Retired Technical Sergeant Ann Jenkins is encouraging all veterans who are having problems with the VA and can't get answers to their questions to please attend. Senior Benefit Advocate, Ramon Bruce and James L. Ferguson, Jr., Hospital Service Coordinator of Disabled Veterans Services, are expected to be in attendance. Also invited have been Dr. Kimberly Kinsler, a licensed Psychologist and Clinical Social Worker; and Dr. Kevin T. White, the new Chief of Spinal Cord Injury in charge of the Michael Hill-rakis Spinal Cord Injury Center.

Ms. Jenkins, who is also a disabled veteran, says the community workshops have had a positive impact on the veterans. "Every time we conduct these workshops, we learn more about the disabilities that we can file for that we never knew existed."

She credits Exalted Ruler Elgin Franklin and Daugh ter Ruler Ernestine Hicks for allowing the veterans to use the Elks Lodge for the workshops. They encourage veterans to come with their paperwork for the VA representatives. If there is additional information needed, please contact Daughter Jenkins at (813) 770-3411.

To The Nomination Committee Of 100 Black Men Of Tampa Bay, Inc.

I certainly regret not being able to attend the "Juneteenth 2009 Rediscovering Fatherhood" Celebration that was sponsored by your organization on this past Sunday. But I did not want to miss the opportunity to thank those individuals who thought that I was worthy of a nomination as well as the honor of being chosen in the Exceptional Leadership category of Economic Development.

There is quote that I recently ran across that says: "A man should always consider how much he has, ore than what he wants..." This recognition certainly acknowledges the caliber of support that I have from the community where I grew up and continue to live. My own individual accomplishments would certainly lack luster if my business and personal efforts were not inclusive of others succeeding.

Sol Davis Printing, somewhat like your organization, has embraced its own "Chronicles of Black Wealth," with a belief that being supportive of black businesses in the community only helps us all!

Thank you again for this honor and for the valuable service 100 Black Men Of Tampa Bay provides to our community.

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Selection Of New Elections Supervisor Rests With Governor Crist

Phyllis Busansky

Phyllis Busansky was elected Hillsborough County’s Supervisor Of Elections in November 2008 to replace Buddy Johnson. One of her first duties was initiating an investigation into alleged improprieties that occurred during Johnson’s campaign to retain his job.

On Monday night, Busansky was attending a conference of Florida elections supervisors in St. Augustine.

According to Hillsborough Supervisor Of Elections Office spokeswoman, Sigrid Tidmore, she was with Busansky before she went to sleep about 8 p.m. or 9 p.m. She said Busansky was not complaining of any pain. When she didn’t respond to phone calls Tuesday morning after not showing up to the conference meetings, hotel security went to check on her and found her dead, Tidmore said. She was 72.

A funeral service for Busansky will be held today (Friday) at 11 a.m. at Congregation Shaarai Zedek, 3303 West Swann Avenue.

Governor Charlie Crist has 90 days to appoint an interim Supervisor Of Elections to serve from now until 2010.

Hillsborough County Commissioner, Rose Ferlita, said the interim person will serve until the next election in 2010.

“An election will be held at that time and a new Supervisor Of Elections will be elected. They will serve a 2-year term, and in 2012, the general election will determine who will serve the regular 4-year term.

“Prospective candidates must submit their names for consideration as an Interim Supervisor Of Elections to Governor Crist. For the 2010 elections, you have to follow regular procedures and file to run for that office.”

It’s been reported that Rosemary Goudreau, a former Tampa Tribune editorial page editor, will apply for the interim position.

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Tampa Chapter Of The Links, Inc. Wins Top Youth Programming At Southern Area Conference

Tampa Chapter Vice President, Ruth Bell, left, and Services to Youth facet chair, Sonja W. Garcia accepted the youth programming award on behalf of the Tampa Chapter.

Tampa Links also attending were: Dr. Juel Smith and Margarette Spears.

Tampa chapter of Links members who attended the conference were: Dr. Mimi Stamps, Teresa Brown, Sonja Garcia, Ruth D. Bell, Verneka Rhodes, Patsy Greene, Evelyn Bethune and Patricia Miles.

The Links, Incorporated, founded in 1946, is one of the oldest and largest volunteer service organizations of women who are committed to enriching, sustaining and ensuring the culture and economic survival of African Americans and other persons of African ancestry. The Links, Inc. has a membership of over 12,000 professional women of color serving in 273 chapters in 42 states, the District of Columbia, Germany, South Africa and the Bahamas. Through its philanthropic arm, The Links Foundation, Incorporated, the organization has contributed more than $22 million dollars to charitable causes since its founding. In 2006, members contributed more than 500,000 documented hours of hands-on service hours to assist communities throughout the United States, Africa and in developing countries.
Mt. Pleasant Middle School Prom

The young people at Mt. Pleasant Standard-Based Middle School enjoyed their prom just before the break for summer. The young ladies were elegantly dressed and the young men were handsome in their shirts and ties. Proud teachers and administrators were on hand to support the youth. (Photos by Julia Jackson)

Young ladies who attended the prom were, kneeling: Ladaysha Wiggins, Jinisha Hunt, Dwayne Robinson, Olivia Freeman, Aaliyah Parker-Brown and Angelina Givens. Standing, Cassandra Fowler, Dominique Green, Dejah Davis, Trellany Daniels, Raquel Lindsey, Dwayne Robinson, Kayla Williams, Allese Riggins, and Ana Calderon.

Teachers in attendance were R. Niles, M. Wynn, D. Williams, T. Williams, Y. Waitress, Principal; J. Parker-Brown, R. Moorer and M. Jerome.

Proud young men who attended the prom were: kneeling, James Staten, William Bans, O'Shaun Young and Devin Temper. Standing, Aaron Peoples, Turhan Johnson, Demetrius Adams, Joshua Bell, Rhaquelle Bostic and Billie Anderson.

Bible-Based Fellowship Church To Host Conference And Praise Concert

The Bible-Based Fellowship Young Adult Ministry Carolland invites young adults of the Bay Area (18-30) to the Inaugural YALE Conference and New Generation of Praise Concert this Friday, June 26th through Sunday, June 28th. Bible-Based will be on fire with young adults, sharing their thoughts, concerns and testimonies.

The Rev. Kerwin B. Lee, Senior Pastor of the Berean Christian Church, will be the keynote speaker.

For more info, please call Stacy - 404.394.2873 or Natalie - 813.785.8495.

The event will kick-off at 6 p.m. on Friday and wrap up at Sunday's 10 a.m. fellowship service. Rev. Dr. Arthur T. Jones is the Senior Pastor.
Retirement Celebration For Willie D. Williams, Jr.

A retirement celebration for Willie D. Williams, Jr. was held May 30th at the Embassy Suites Hotel. Williams retired after 18 years with Portland Cement and 21 years with Yuengling Brewery. (Photos by Julia Jackson)

Retired honored, Willie D. Williams, Jr.

James and Betty Simmons attended the retirement celebration for Willie D. Williams, Jr.

Among the guests in attendance were Albert and Fannie Lee.

Mrs. Jacqueline Wilds ended her career of 40 years with the School District of Hillsborough County. A retirement ceremony was held at her school, Greco Middle School, where she has taught for 36 years.

A retirement celebration followed later the same evening at her husband’s (George Wilds) business, Blue Shark in Ybor City.

Mrs. Wilds, who is active in several community organizations and her church, Tyer Temple UM Church, said she will have the opportunity to travel more, take extended trips, time with the family and get some relaxation. (Photography by Brunson)

Jackie Wilds Retires From Hillsborough School District

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Gala Celebrates Legacy Of Black Lawyers In Florida

BY IRIS B. HOLTON
Sentinel City Editor

Blacks in Florida have a rich history of contributions in various professions. One of those fields is in the practice of law. However, until now, no one has taken the opportunity to compile accomplishments of Black lawyers into a single reference.

However, on Saturday, June 27th, members of the legal community will gather in Orlando for Florida’s First Black Lawyers Legacy Gala. During the event at the Orlando World Center Resort, a book chronicling the history of Black community will gather in Orlando for Florida’s First Black Lawyers Legacy Gala.

The book is the brainchild of Florida Chief Justice Peggy Quince, the first African American to serve in this capacity. Shortly after becoming Chief Justice, she announced plans to create the Book of Jim Walter Homes. The book also pays tribute to others in Florida such as Senator Artthenia Joyner, who with a 39-year career has practiced law longer than any other Black woman in the state; retired Judge Thomas Sturinger was the first African American to graduate from Stetson School of Law in 1974; and others from Hillsborough County including Francisco A. Rodriguez, William A. Fordham, S. J. Kennedy Rogers, Delano S. Stewart, Warren Hope Dawson, Judge Perry A. Little, T. Carlton Richardson, the late Judge George Edgcomb, Kaydell Q. Wright-Douglas, Judge Charles R. Wilson, Theodore N. Taylor, Nathaniel Tindall, and Robert B. Morrison, Jr., among others.

For additional information on the gala visit the website at www.vhfcnba.org.

Family Feels Justice Denied In Athlete’s Sentence For DUI Manslaughter

BY LEON B. CREWS
Sentinel Staff Writer

On July 25, 2005, former Tampa Bay Bandit Darion Conner was sentenced to 15 years in prison on a charge of DUI manslaughter. Conner reportedly caused the death of Jonathan Conklin by driving impaired and striking him with his vehicle.

Family members don’t deny the accident occurred, but say the facts of the accident were twisted and fabricated for the sake of the victim’s family.

“What’s the difference between what my brother did and what Jennifer Porter and Dontel Stallworth did,” said Isham Conner.

“Porter got no time, and Stallworth was sentenced to less than a year; yet, we had clear-cut evidence in those cases, but not in the case of my brother.”

Isham Conner said the officers screwed up the investigation and couldn’t prove where the accident occurred.

According to court records, the witness said they didn’t actually see Darion hit someone.

However, the outcome was the same when he was re-sentenced to 15 years in prison on May 30, 2009.

“We’re trying to see what we can do to get his sentence overturned,” said Isham.

“We’ve been told we can’t hire a private attorney and that a public defender will represent him. Since he’s already sentenced, why would he need a public defender?”

Isham said they hired someone to reconstruct the accident scene and everyone left with a different perspective.

“Inconsistencies with witness statements and other factors have motivated us to make sure justice prevails. The state never proved their position and Darion was convicted based on inconsistent witness testimony.”

He points to the fact that on the night of the accident, the officer at the scene didn’t write Darion a ticket or citation.

“He actually asked Darion if he needed a ride home. But when the insurance companies and Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD) got involved, things switched around and in the end, Darion was charged and convicted.

THE JACKSONS
Sadly missed on this Father’s Day. No matter where our paths may wind, those childhood days we left behind are within my heart and mind, as I remember you.

You’re a wonderful husband and a friend to me and a wonderful father to your family. Maurice, I’m with you through thick and thin. Just cause they gave you 10, Mrs. Jackson is with you to the end.
Women Create Reality From A Dream

By Leon B. Crews
Sentinel Staff Writer

Pat and Miss Tre have both been involved in some form of entertainment for years. Yet, both women felt there was so much more that could be done, especially in Tampa.

Four years ago, Pat had a dream about what she wanted to do to change the image of modeling.

"I was searching for something more diverse. My vision was to open the eyes of everyone to accept all the talent we have, give that talent an outlet, and even more important, recognize that talent."

That vision resulted in a creation she and Miss Tre call Allure.

Both ladies said there are so many levels of the entertainment industry that can be taken advantage of.

"We want to travel all over the country and show everyone what Allure is all about," said Pat.

"We want to market Allure everywhere, and we want the talent to come from everywhere."

Pat said their biggest challenge is getting others to see their vision and step out on faith.

Miss Tre said she’s been involved with the music industry for a long time as a promoter and talent scout.

"She’s also had a company in Polk County.

"Now, I’m venturing into another aspect of the entertainment industry."

"Pat and I are business partners in Allure and because I am a past performer, I can look at it more from an inside perspective and identify the talent. I will also have a hand in the actual production aspects of Allure."

I’ve done some modeling (Exotic Elegance) and gained great experience in the fashion industry.

This summer, Pat and Miss Tre are going to introduce new talent, new fashions, and promote the hot artists that have joined them to help them make Allure possible.

On Friday, July 3rd from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. at the Comfort Inn, 80 East Busch Boulevard, the ladies will present the "Rip The Bay Hair And Fashion Affair."

Housing Help Workshop

Florida’s Chief Financial Officer, Alex Sink has put together a Financial Action Team to assist with families who are facing foreclosure at housing waver users.

The Housing Help Workshop will be held Saturday, June 27, 2009 at the University Area Community Development Center, 14013, N. 22nd St., 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Lenders and HUD Certified counselors will review possible solutions to foreclosure with homeowners.

There will be special speakers to include Bill Sanchez, Tampa Bay Community Development Corporation; Joey Henderson, Credit Union Housing Partners; Jody Jenkins, Corporation to Develop Communities of Tampa, Inc; Brandi Byrne, IRS, David Fierke, Dept. of Financial Services; Elvin Torres, Fannie Mae; and Sharon West, City of Tampa Housing and Community Development.

There will also be several vendors, financial lenders and other agencies on hand to offer assistance.

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SEVDA

It’s summertime, the temperatures are hot and so is this week’s Spotlight feature, Sevda. This young lady knows how to cool off during the balmy days of summer and has no problem inviting her friends to come along. Sevda is an up and coming celebrity that everyone will be hearing about in the near future. But don’t think for one minute there isn’t a serious side to this young lady. She’s very intelligent and has definite goals set in life and plans to achieve them all. Sevda enjoys the company of a man who is respectful, handsome, self-sufficient and understanding. Congratulations to Sevda as this week’s Spotlight feature.

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All About You

AMISHA

Another year has gone by. Happy 20th birthday MiMi.
Love, family.
We’re missing you Grandma Mary.

Gettin' Older And Wiser

And like a vintage wine, I get finer as I age. I will be celebrating my golden birthday on June 27th, where I’ll be turning 27 years old.
Happy birthday to me!

Look Who’s Turning 4?

Happy birthday to Jeremiah Woods, who’ll be celebrating his 4th birthday tomorrow with family and friends at Walt Disney World.

Birthday wishes are extended to you: from your mommie, Marianna; your daddy, Peanut; your brother, Lomont; Grandma Mena; and Pop-Pop James.

Local

88th Birthday Celebrated

Mother Lillie Mae Williams celebrated her 88th birthday recently surrounded by family and friends. (Photos by Sylvester Harris)

Birthday honoree, Mother Lillie Mae Williams is surrounded by some of her family members: Vivian Harris, David Bostick, Eugene Harris, Betty Harris, Sylvester Harris, Evelyn Davis and Melvin Davis. Not shown, Yoncele Bostick and Glenda Bostick.

Mother Williams’ pastor, Bishop Matthew Williams was at the party to wish her a happy birthday.

Birthday honoree, Mother Lillie Mae Williams, center, is shown with longtime friends, Mother Thurman and Mother Alberta Baker.

Raleigh Harris recited a poem for Mother Williams.

From a dictionary:
Any time somebody redacts or alters a medium, it is censorship. Whether or not it is legal depends upon who did it and why.

When a TV or radio station prohibits the content of a commercial, or program which is not a message to overthrow the government, or child pornography, it is censorship. Check around, every program that may contain content that station ownership or print medium ownership is not in agreement to, has a disclaimer run before the program and after, which relieves the responsibility of the company running the ad or program.

Michelle Patty has been an integral part of the Tampa Bay area, for years. She has stood for good solid principle and the growth in a positive way for the people in this city. Michelle Patty has helped a lot of people become better off as the results of her efforts to help people. I have seen first hand, people flood to Ms. Patty, because many of them had nowhere else to turn. She has been a pillar in the Bay area, and many politicians, as you know reach out to Ms. Patty, because of her influence. The recent situation with Michelle Patty has been a slap in the face to the people who need Michelle Patty, when they are in trouble. For the years that I have been in Tampa, I have never heard negative comments about Michelle Patty. I have known her to be strong, positive and forthright. I have experienced her honesty, and I know for a fact, she has helped people when they have met with troubled times.

To put a hand around Michelle Patty’s mouth, is closing the door to a lot of people’s tomorrow. Michelle Patty is not wrong, she is so very right, and probably why, people are trying to stop her. Maybe you should take a closer look at some of them.
Bucs’ Rookie CONTENDS FOR STARTER

Tampa Bay Buccaneer rookie and first round draft pick, Josh Freeman was drafted as the Bucs quarterback of the future. Veterans Byron Leftwich and Luke McCowan was supposed to hold down the starting position until Josh was ready. Right now, things are changing. Freeman is currently in the thick of the race for the starting quarterback position. I know starting spots are not won in mini-camps but Freeman has been making a big impression on his coaches and his teammates. It appears that young Mr. Freeman is getting comfortable with the Bucs offense. Josh may well be on his way to being the quarterback of now.

Obama To Throw Out First Pitch At 2009 MLB All-Star Game

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama plans to throw out the ceremonial first pitch before the Major League Baseball All-Star game at Busch Stadium in St. Louis on July 14. The White House said on Tuesday that MLB’s focus on community service matches the central theme of the 2009 All-Star game is community service, celebrating the extraordinary work being done by ordinary people,” MLB Commissioner Bud Selig said. “We are thrilled that we can come together with President Obama, who has encouraged a renewed spirit of national service, and illustrate a call to action in our communities. President Obama will continue a great tradition that joins our nation’s leader with our nation’s leader and the national pastime.”

Obama, a Chicago White Sox fan, will be the fourth president to throw out the first pitch at an All-Star game, following John F. Kennedy (1962 in Washington), Richard Nixon (1970 in Cincinnati) and Gerald Ford (1976 in Philadelphia).

Glover Retires After 13 NFL Seasons

ST. LOUIS — Veteran defensive tackle La’Roi Glover is retiring after 13 NFL seasons.

Glover, who turns 35 on July 4, spent the past three seasons with the St. Louis Rams. He was not re-signed following the 2008 season, when he had 30 tackles only one-half sack.

He was selected by Oakland in the fifth round of the 1996 draft. After a year with the Raiders, he played five seasons in New Orleans and four in Dallas before signing with the Rams as a free agent prior to the 2006 season.

Cornerback Bryant Retires From NFL

PITTSBURGH — Fernando Bryant, a corner and former first-round draft pick who played 10 NFL seasons with the Jaguars, Lions and Steelers, is retiring.

Bryant started 109 of the 112 NFL games he played, making seven interceptions, and recovering nine fumbles.

Bryant, from Alabama, was the No. 26 overall pick by Jacksonville in 1999 and played five seasons with the Jaguars before signing with the Lions as a free agent in 2004.

The 32-year-old Bryant was cut by the Patriots in training camp last year but signed with Pittsburgh on Nov. 11, playing in two regular season games. He was not activated for any of the Super Bowl champion Steelers’ playoff games.

Bryant signed a one-year contract with the Steelers in March after starting cornerback Bryant McFadden left to play for Arizona.

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Booth 4 Rent

Tampa Bay Buccaneers running back Earnest Graham, No. 34, races his family down Riptide at Adventure Island in Tampa Bay. The Graham family, including niece Monique Faber, and daughter Aiyana, 7, visited Tampa’s water park on Friday as part of their Father’s Day celebration. Adventure Island is family fun for all ages. Stay and play Friday and Saturday nights during Island Nights, a celebration of the music, food and fun of the islands. For more on Tampa’s water park, visit AdventureIsland.com. (Photo by Jason Collier/Busch Gardens Tampa Bay)
Junior Jordan Dropping Basketball For Studies

The second-year player who walked on with the Illini said Wednesday he plans to focus on his studies. He says he’s ready for “life after basketball.”

Jordan got a scholarship before the 2009 spring semester. In all, he appeared in 39 career games, totaling 58 points, 42 assists and 24 rebounds. A defensive specialist, Jordan averaged 8.4 minutes as a sophomore after playing 5.3 minutes per game as a true freshman.

Coach Bruce Weber says he appreciated Jordan’s work ethic and supports the decision.

Nike, Hall Of Fame Sued Over Michael Jordan Line

BOSTON, MA — A Massachusetts company has sued Nike and the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, claiming it has been cut out of the sportswear business related to Michael Jordan’s upcoming induction into the Hall of Fame.

SportsFuzion Inc., of Westwood, claims plans by Nike and the Hall of Fame for a line of Jordan sportswear violate a contract SportsFuzion says gave it exclusive licensing rights to the Hall of Fame’s logos, trademarks, designs and photos for use in sportswear.

Nike is expected to release its Air Jordan Hall of Fame collection this summer, its Air Jordan Hall of Fame trademarks, designs and photos for use in sportswear.

The lawsuit, filed Monday in Norfolk Superior Court in Dedham, seeks damages in excess of $10 million.

Judge: Jayson Williams To Remain Free On Bail

JEFF AND MICHAEL JORDAN

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Michael Jordan’s son, Jeff, will not be playing basketball at Illinois next year.

Jeff will attend his final year of his rookie contract.

Jefferson, a second-round draft pick in 2006 who has blossomed into one of the league’s most dangerous receivers, was a key to the Packers’ 19.6 points in his one season with the Bucks. The trade gave both sides what they needed: Milwaukee needed to cut its payroll, and the Spurs needed a young and healthy offensive threat.

Judge: Jayson Williams To Remain Free On Bail

SOMERVILLE, NJ — Retired NBA star Jayson Williams will remain free on bail after a judge on Monday rejected a prosecutor’s request to revoke the bail and send him to prison for covering up the shooting of a hired driver more than seven years ago.

Prosecutors asked the judge to reconsider the sentencing delay due to Williams’ recent run-ins with the law, saying he has become “unpredictable.”

In April, police used a stun gun on Williams during an altercation in a New York hotel room, and in May he was arrested in North Carolina and charged with assault for allegedly punching someone in a barroom dispute. Earlier this year, his wife filed divorce papers claiming he was abusive and had a drug problem.

Packers Finalize New Deal With WR Jennings

GREEN BAY, Wis. — The Green Bay Packers have accomplished perhaps their most important goal of the offseason: signing wide receiver Greg Jennings to a contract extension.

The Packers announced Wednesday that they had struck a new deal with Jennings, a second-round draft pick in 2006 who has blossomed into one of the league’s most dangerous receivers.

Terms were not disclosed, but the new deal was expected to put Jennings among the NFL’s highest-paid receivers.

Jennings originally was due to make $235,000 in 2009, the final year of his rookie contract.

Spurs Acquire Jefferson From Bucks

SAN ANTONIO, TX — The San Antonio Spurs needed a scorer and they needed to get younger. They got both in one deal.

Milwaukee sent swingman Richard Jefferson to San Antonio on Tuesday for Bruce Bowen, Kurt Thomas and Fabricio Oberto, taking three aging bench players with expiring contracts to unload Jefferson and the $29.2 million owed in the final two years of his contract.

Milwaukee then dealt Oberto to the Pistons for forward Amir Johnson.

The trades give the Bucks more financial flexibility, the Spurs a proven scorer and the Pistons a veteran big man at a lower cost than Johnson.

Jefferson, 29, averaged 19.6 points in his one season with the Bucks. The trade gave both sides what they were after: Milwaukee needed to cut its payroll, and the Spurs needed a young and healthy offensive threat.

after a long distinction as the NBA’s oldest team.

"His age helps us transition our team into a new era," Spurs general manager R.C. Buford said.

Spurs guard Tony Parker welcomed Jefferson into the fold, alongside Tim Duncan and Manu Ginobili. San Antonio is coming off its shortest playoff run since 2000 and faded down the stretch with Duncan, 33, hobbled and Ginobili, 31, sidelined by injury.
The Golden State Warriors

CLEVELAND, OH — The Cleveland Cavaliers and the Phoenix Suns have come to an agreement in a blockbuster trade that sends Shaquille O'Neal to Cleveland to team with LeBron James, according to sources.

The deal has been agreed to in principle and is expected to be finalized soon.

Cleveland will send Ben Wallace and Sasha Pavlovic to Phoenix for the future Hall of Famer. The Suns will also receive the 46th pick in Thursday's NBA draft and $600,000.

Shaquille O'Neal's first full year with the Phoenix Suns, in which the team won nine fewer games, was an abomination when looking at his history with new teams.

The trade gives the Cavs a player they've coveted since February. With center Zydrunas Ilgauskas starting to break down, adding Shaq to the roster gives them a dominant force in the middle. The Cavs were obviously unhappy with their ability to defend Dwight Howard in the playoffs and bringing Shaq into the fold should help. O'Neal averaged 17.8 points and 8.4 rebounds per game last season and made his 15th All-Star game.

The Cavaliers were also in talks with New Orleans about obtaining Tyson Chandler. If they had not made the trade for O'Neal, they would have traded for Chandler.

The Cavaliers are not done making moves. They still want to re-sign power forward Anderson Varejao and they also would like to add a long, athletic wing player via free agency.

The trade is a pretty strong admission by the Suns that the trade of Shawn Marion for Shaq in February of 2008 was a mistake.

Marion was a free agent this summer and, had they let him walk, their savings would've been $21 million — not the $5.5 million they're saving in this deal.

Tampa — The Tampa Bay Buccaneers have reached contract agreements with two more draft picks, signing fourth-round selection Kyle Moore and seventh-round selection B.J. Bigger to four-year deals.

Moore is being counted on to add depth at defensive end after leading Southern California with five sacks last season. Bigger is a corner-back who had seven interceptions for Western Michigan.

The deals Tuesday leave the Bucs with two unsigned draft picks - first-rounder Josh Freeman and third-rounder Roy Miller.

Hawks On Verge Of Acquiring Warriors Guard Crawford

Julius Peppers Signs Franchise Tender

CHARLOTTE, NC — With one signature, Julius Peppers went from a disgruntled star seeking to leave town to a rich man who may stick around in Carolina for awhile.

Peppers signed his one-year, $16.7 million tender with the Panthers on Wednesday, five months after the four-time Pro Bowl selection first announced he wanted to play elsewhere next season.

And while the moves means Peppers won't hold out of training camp, agent Carl Carey indicated late Wednesday that Peppers is happy with his lucrative one-year deal and is no longer opposed to discussing a long-term deal with the Panthers.

The Double Standard In Sports Reporting

BY LEON B. CREEWS
Sentinel Staff Writer (An Analysis)

Sports figures like Ryan Leaf (arrested for burglary), Matt Jones, Michael Phelps and Bernie Kosar make the news when there's something going on in their lives that warrants public notice.

However, Donte Stallworth, Michael Vick, Adam Pacman Jones, Brandon Marshall, Plaxico Burress, Vince Young, Terrell Owens and Chad Ocho Cinco warrant not just a few lines, but an entire series and background investigation by sports reporters.

The double-standard in sports reporting is so obvious. But when it's mentioned on sports radio talk shows (Outside The Lines, Jim Rome, and Mike and Mike), the fact is shot down and turned into gossip or just another racial issue.

They don't show it once on ESPN, they run the same show for a week. They make sure you catch it one of those days. One week, it's Brandon Marshall, the next week, Vince Young. The list goes on and on.

The double-standard is much more than that. It is the intentional act of corporate sports networks to reach into the lives of Black athletes and paint them to be thugs or criminals.

With so many African American athletes playing professional football and basketball these days, it has become an art form to put them all under a microscope.

This is the 21st century, and although a lot of progress has been made, the cycle of regression continues when it comes to Black athletes and their backgrounds, versus white athletes and their backgrounds.

As far as ESPN and the other sports networks are concerned, you'll continue to do whatever you feel will draw viewers, and that means putting the tattooed, braids and dreadlock wearing Black athletes out there so the country can see what urban America looks like.

Why aren't white athletes tarred and feathered in the media like Black athletes? Probably because the powers that be think troubled Black athletes make headlines, not white athletes.

The Black media must take a stand to combat this type of biased reporting. It's time we went upon us to correct this wrong and put the real stories out there.

Hawks On Verge Of Acquiring Warriors Guard Crawford

While we'll have to wait a few years for the pro debuts of Sam and Charlie Woods, another Woods will be making her first professional start this week at the Wegmans LPGA. Tiger's 18-year-old niece, Cheyenne, a freshman at Wake Forest, received a sponsor's exemption and will tee it up with a field that includes Michelle Wie, Paula Creamer and Natalie Gulbis.

In an interview with The Buffalo News, Woods said she doesn't feel any pressure being Tiger's niece.

"There is the expectation of Woods," the 18-year-old said. "I've grown up with it. I'm used to having the title put on me. I'm used to having the tattooed, braids and dreadlock wearing Black athletes out there so the country can see what urban America looks like."

Cheyenne's father Larry, also 18 years old, is playing this week in the Discover Classic of Ohio. Larry Woods is the only 18-year-old to win an LPGA event.

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Funerals

MR. RENO BUTLER

Homegoing services for Mr. Reno Butler of 11721 N. 35th Street, who passed away, Wednesday, June 17, 2009, will be held Saturday, June 20, 2009, at 11 a.m. at J. T. Myers-Riggins Chapel, 6401 North Linebaugh Avenue, Tampa. Interment will be in Rest Haven Memorial Park Cemetery.

Reno was born June 18, 1940, in Quincy, FL, to the late Jerome Butler, Sr. and Florence Butler. He attended Carter Patterson School in Quincy, and moved to Tampa, in 1968. He worked for Florida Steel Corporation for over 24 years.

Mr. Butler had a lifetime passion for fishing and cooking.

He was preceded in death by: his parents; and sister, Alberta Thomas.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his loving devoted wife of 39 years, Cora McNeal; children, Barbara Perry (Lu), children; grandchildren, Jeremy Butler, Sr. (very special uncle), Neil Young (Annette) and Ophelia Young; uncles, Liverpool George, Jr.; cement; Lakithia, Keith, Jr., Camicia, Keyana, My Vu,and Eldred.; brothers, Rufus and Walter Young; sisters, Mary and Ophelia Young; nieces, Dorothy, Mamie Simmons-Riggins, officiating.

Mrs. Loy Mae Perry was preceded in death by: her parents, Rufus and Mary Young; grandmother, Rosa Neal; grandfather, Willie Young; and grandparents, Tommy and both Mae McClendon.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her husband, Woodrow George, Jr.; children, Keith George, Sr. (Lacresia); and Woodrow George, II (Camillie); grandchildren, Keyana, Keion, Camicia, Keivontae, Kelvin, Keiaerial, Latorian and Kenyen; great grandchildren, Kevanna, My Vaund and Eldred.; cousins, Robert Arrington of Ft. Myers.

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She was preceded in death by: her parents, Rufus and Mary Young; grandmother, Rosa Neal; grandfather, Willie Young; and grandparents, Tommy and both Mae McClendon.

She leaves to cherish her memory: her husband, Woodrow George, Jr.; children, Keith George, Sr. (Lacresia); and Woodrow George, II (Camillie); grandchildren, Keyana, Keion, Camicia, Keivontae, Kelvin, Keiaerial, Latorian and Kenyen; great grandchildren, Kevanna, My Vaund and Eldred.; brothers, Rufus and Walter Young; sisters, Mary and Ophelia Young; nieces, Dorothy, Mamie Simmons-Riggins, officiating.

Mrs. Loy Mae Perry was preceded in death by her husband, Woodrow George, Jr.; children, Keith George, Sr. (Lacresia); and Woodrow George, II (Camillie); grandchildren, Keyana, Keion, Camicia, Keivontae, Kelvin, Keiaerial, Latorian and Kenyen; great grandchildren, Kevanna, My Vaund and Eldred.; brothers, Rufus and Walter Young; sisters, Mary and Ophelia Young; nieces, Dorothy, Mamie Simmons-Riggins, officiating.

Mrs. Loy Mae Perry was born April 17, 1919, to the late, Mrs. Thomas Young and Robert Arrington of Ft. Myers.

Loy Mae Perry, 3220 N. 47th Street, was a quite woman that enjoyed the gift of life and caring for others while she could. Her legacy has left a lasting impression on those that were close and dear to her.

Loy Mae Perry was preceded in death by her husband, Woodrow.

She is survived by: her devoted cousin, Gloria Eloise Moody Hutchins and husband, Luther Hutchins; and step granddaughter, Ms. Warreneta Perry; along with the surviving children of her late husband, Warren Perry; and a host of cousins, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Mrs. Loy Mae Perry was granted her angel wings at the golden age of ninety on June 20, 2009, at a local hospital.

She leaves to cherish her memory: a loving and devoted son, Jaylon Tyrick Barnett; parents, Deborah Barnett, and Bobby Barnett (Yvonne); grandparents, Mrs. Victoria Brown; siblings, Bobby, Jr., Devin, Jamille, Camille Barnett and Travis Perdue; stepcousins, Eltoni and Elton Gregory, Jr.; aunts, Neferti “Veete” (Bobby) Winston, Tampa, Sondra Brown-Hedges, Tampa, Kathy (Randall) Tisdale, Sr., Jacksonville, and Mattie (John) Nathan, Ft. Myers; stepdaughters, Nathaniel (Christine) Brown, Tampa, Marcus “Tony” (Deneitra) Brown, Live Oak, FL, and Eugene Barnett; great aunts, Carrie Govan, Earnestine Harris, Barbara (George) Johnson and Diana Ramroop; great uncle, Glen Brown; cousins, Sherry Lynn, Crystal, Victoria, Andre', Michelle, Dan'e, John Michael and Makiya Tim, Stacey, Marion, Amey, Willie Paul, Jr., James, Mary, Joseph, Marcus, Katronda, Nesha, Alvin, Nita, Larry, Keyse, Cornelius, Latoya, and Arick. Barnett; aunts, Charkeena McKinnie, Danielle Bryant and Leticia “Shorty Cole” family friend, Pamela Bass; and a host of other relatives and friends.

The remains will repose after 5 p.m., today, Friday, June 26, 2009, at Ray Williams Memorial Chapel.

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Funerals

Ray Williams

Ms. TAMEKA J'QWAY CAMPBELL

Ms. Tameka Ja'Qway Campbell of Tampa, passed away Thursday, June 18, 2009. Services will be conducted Wednesday, July 1, 2009 at 12 a.m. at Ray Williams Memorial Chapel, 301 N. Howard Avenue. Viewing will be Friday, June 19, 2009 from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Ray Williams Funeral Home, 6935 Silver Run Drive, Tampa, Florida 33617. Homegoing services will be conducted Saturday, June 27, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. at Ray Williams Funeral Home, 6935 Silver Run Drive, Tampa, Florida 33617. Mrs. Tameka Ja'Qway Campbell was born May 16, 1980, in Tampa, to Mr. Thomas John Campbell, Jr. and Ms. Holly Bennett. She was educated at Mt. Calvary Academy and in the public schools of Hillsborough County. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Titus Campbell and Bessee M. Campbell; her aunt, Pamela Hamilton; her grand uncle, James C. Hamilton; and her cousin, Justin Emmanuel Campbell. She leaves to cherish her memory; mother, Holly A. Bennett; father, Thomas John Campbell, Jr.; sisters, Shakayla Hamilton and Ja'Lisa Longworth; brother, Bernard Bennett, III; grandparents, Mable Hamilton; grandfather, Thomas John Hamilton, Sr. (Serenia); grandmother, Bertha Hamilton, Sr. (Serina); great-grandfather, Melvin Hamilton; godmother, Ollie Woods; great-granduncle, Melvin Hamilton, Sr., Eric Melvin Hamilton, Sr., Eric Melvin Hamilton, Jr.; great-grandniece, Vontrilla Hampton of Stroudsburg, PA; great-great_uncle, Eugene Lewis, all of Tampa, Florida 33608. She brought so much to all of our lives. There are no words to express the love and compassion that we are experiencing. Thank you for loving us. She is survived by: 2 children, Tamara and Tamecka; a grandson; mother, Vivian and Harold Robinson.

Mrs. TAMEKA J'QWAY CAMPBELL

Angela Michelle Draughn

Ms. Angela Michelle Draughn of 6822 Wyck Court, passed away Tuesday, June 23, 2009. Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday, June 30, 2009, at 3 p.m. at St. John Cathedral, 3401 N. 28th Avenue, with Bishop Eddie Newkirk, officiating, and Pastor Dwight Newkirk, eulogist. Interment will follow in Garden of Memories Cemetery. She was preceded in death by her father, Claude Draughn. Her giving spirit, love, and compassion for others will be sorely missed by all who knew her and loved her. The remains will repose from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, June 29, 2009, at Ray Williams Funeral Home. Arrangements entrusted to RAY WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME, 6935 Silver Run Drive, Tampa, Florida 33617. Mrs. Vivian INEZ DOMACA' HICKY

A funeral service for Mrs. Vivian Inez Domaca' Hickey will be held on Saturday, June 27, 2009, at 3:30 p.m. at Ray Williams Funeral Home Chapel, 301 N. Howard Avenue, Tampa, Florida. Mrs. Hickey was born June 7th, 1959, in Athens, Tennessee. She resided in Tampa for the last 18 years of her life. She brought so much to all of our lives. There are no words to express the love and compassion that we are experiencing. Thank you for loving us. She is survived by: 2 children, Tre'Nadia and Natham; all of Memphis, TN. She is also survived by numerous other family members, neighbors and friends. The remains will repose after 5 p.m. today, Friday, June 26, 2009, at Ray Williams Funeral Home and the family will receive friends from 7-8 p.m. at the chapel. Arrangements entrusted to RAY WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME, 6935 Silver Run Drive, Tampa, Florida 33617. Mr. TONY J. MANGUAL

Mr. Tony Mangual of 6395 Silver Run Drive, passed away Sunday, June 21, 2009. Homegoing services will be conducted Saturday, June 27, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. at Ray Williams Memorial Chapel, 301 N. Howard Avenue, with Reverend Lenwood Clatt, officiating. Interment will follow at Orange Hill Cemetery. Mr. Mangual was a native of Memphis, Tennessee, Mr. Levy was born to the union of Mrs. Rose Moses and Husband, Moses Woods, Sr., and his wife, Marlene "Wendell" Woods, Miriam, Miranda and Marion. Mr. Levy leaves to remember his love and cherish his memories with: his wife of 24 years, Mrs. Vivian Inez Levy, daughter, Mrs. Jafuanna Braxton; 3 sons: Arkil, Eddie, Jr. (Eddy), and Steven Levy; 5 grandchildren; his mother, Mrs. Rose Woods of Memphis, TN, his brothers, Moses (Darlene) Woods, Jr. and child, Shandrick; his sisters, Kathryn, Jessica, Ryon, and Ryan, all of Memphis, TN, and Darrel (Sherry) Woods, Jr. and child, Tre’Nadia and Natham; all of Memphis, TN. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, brothers-in-law, and sisters-in-law, too numerous to name. Among them are: Derelove Glover, Millie Roberts, Sherely Kelly, Angela Melvin Hamilton, Elizabeth Carras Harris and Mona Williams, and their families. Mr. Levy leaves to cherish his love and remember his love for his family, neighbors, and friends. The remains will repose after 5 p.m. today, Friday, June 26, 2009, at Ray Williams Funeral Home and the family will receive friends from 7-8 p.m. at the chapel. Arrangements entrusted to RAY WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME, 6935 Silver Run Drive, Tampa, Florida 33617.

Mrs. TAMEKA J'QWAY CAMPBELL

Eddie Lee LEVY, SR.

Mr. Eddie Lee Levy, Sr. of Tampa, passed into eternal rest on Sunday, June 21, 2009. Funeral Services will be held Monday, June 29, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Heart Song Community Church, 4208 N. Florida Avenue, Pastor Darrel Levy, Pastor of New Mount Hermon M. B. Church, West Memphis, Arkansas, will officiate. Interment will follow at Orange Hill Cemetery. A native of Memphis, Tennessee, Mr. Levy was born to the union of Mrs. Rose Anna Woods and the late Mr. Levy left behind a host of relatives and friends, including his wife of 15 years, Mrs. Cherylene Levy; and a host of relatives and friends. Mr. Levy was a Minister of Progressive Primitive Baptist Church, where he attended the family will receive friends from 4-8 p.m. today, Friday, June 26, 2009, at Ray Williams Funeral Home and the family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. at the chapel. Arrangements entrusted to RAY WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME, 6935 Silver Run Drive, Tampa, Florida 33617. Mr. Wayne Levy.Mrs. TAMEKA J'QWAY CAMPBELL

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Mr. Gerald Mitchell

Mr. Gerald Mitchell of 2406 E. Hanna Avenue, passed away Tuesday, June 16, 2009. Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, June 27, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Peace Progressive Primitive Baptist Church, 2628 E. Lake Avenue, with Elder Timothy J. Kemp, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow in Rest Haven Memorial Park Cemetery. Mr. Mitchell was a native of Tampa where he attended the public schools. He was employed as an International Longshoreman.

He leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Joan Harvey; stepson, Jonathan Harvey; stepdaughter, Niki Hamilton; children (Vicky) Mitchell, Willie (Joyce) Mitchell and Freddie (Sandress) Mitchell; three sisters, Anna Mae (Robert Young of Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania), Mary (Bryan, and Ryan, all of Memphis, TN. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, brothers-in-law, and sisters-in-law, too numerous to name. Among them are: Derelove Glover, Millie Roberts, Sherely Kelly, Angela Melvin Hamilton, Elizabeth Carras Harris and Mona Williams, and their families. Mr. Levy leaves to cherish his love and remember his love for his family, neighbors, and friends. The remains will repose after 5 p.m. today, Friday, June 26, 2009, at Ray Williams Funeral Home and the family will receive friends from 7-8 p.m. at the chapel. Arrangements entrusted to RAY WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME, 6935 Silver Run Drive, Tampa, Florida 33617.
Specialist Fourth Class (Sp4) Robert L. Moore of 2002 Rome Terrace, passed away Thursday, June 18, 2009. Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, June 27, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Ray Williams Memorial Chapel, 3000 N. Howard Avenue, with Reverend Xavier L. Johnson officiating. Interment will be Monday, June 29, 2009, at 11 a.m. in Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, Florida.

Mr. Moore was a native of Tampa, and attended the local public schools. He enlisted in the United States Army and received an Honorable discharge for his service.

Mr. Moore leaves to cherish his memory: his loving mother, Betty Dean; father, Robert Moore (Mattie); daughter, Robyn Moore; stepson, Ernest Nations; Sandra T. Dean, Yvonne McQuadin, Lynette Canady (Melvin), and Cynthia Broady (John); sister-in-law, Sharon Dean; uncle, Johnny Campbell (Doris); nieces, Keshia (Rafus); 34 first cousins, and Sandie, Bishop and Rafus; cousins, James Allen (Jacqueline) (Melvin), Mr. McQuadin, Malcol and Gail; a host of great cousins, nephews and friends; and special friends, Kenny, Lucille, Ron, David, Larry, Charles, Rick, and Jemmie.

THERE WILL BE NO VIEWING AFTER THE EULOGY. The remains will repose after 5 p.m. today, June 26, 2009, at Ray Williams Funeral Home. Arrangements entrusted to RAY WILLIAMS FUNERAL HOME, Rhodes & Northern, Owners.

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MSGT. CHARLES W. (U.S.A.F., Ret.) WARD

MARGT. Charles W. Ward (U.S.A.F., Ret.) went home to be with his Heavenly Father on Sunday, June 21, 2009.

One grandchild, Cekayla Alexander, preceded him in death.

He leaves to mourn: his wife of 25 years, Sandra F. Ward; children, Leah, Charis, Adrian and Anthony; grandchildren, Kevonna and Monique Davis and Charles Alexander; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Viewing was held on Thursday, June 25, 2009, from 5-8 p.m. at Wilson Funeral Home, 3000 N. 29th Street, Tampa.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, June 27, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 3500 Jones Street, Alexandria, Louisiana. Interment will follow in Alexandria Memorial Gardens, Alexandria, LA.

The remains will be sent to Boyce Community Funeral Home, 704 Longford Street, Boyce, LA, 71409, Phone: (318) 613-8659, Fax (318) 454-4835, for services and interment.

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MS. DINA ELIZABETH WILLIAMS

Homegoing celebration for Ms. Dina Elizabeth Williams of 4302 N. 97th Street, who passed away Sunday, June 21, 2009, at Melcher Hospice, House of Temple Terrace, will be held Saturday, June 27, 2009, at 3 p.m. at New Life Tabernacle, 2225 E. 109th Avenue, with Rider Willie Davis, officiating.

Interment will follow in Rose Hill Memorial Park Cemetery.

She was preceded in death by: her father, Frank Harris; grandparents, Leonard J. Walters, Sr. and Mary E. Walters; and aunts and uncles, Arthur, Neal, Diane and Phyllis Walters.

Those left to cherish memories of her are: a son, Preston D. Judkins, daughter, Tanessa V. Judkins, and their father, Michael Juudkins; 2 grandchildren, Jaurice Daniels and Breanna Daniels; mother, Florence L. Williams; 3 brothers, Earl Williams, Sr. and Lawrence N. Copeland, Sr. and wife, Cookie; 9 sisters and nephews, Kavon, Tiquana, Earl, Jr., D'Shea and Ke'Shawn Moore; son, Shawn Freeman, Michelle Dix, Cassandra Reed and Bellina Hilley.

Mr. Williams was born March 19, 1964, in Tampa. He was educated in the public schools of Hillsborough County. As a young child, he accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior at St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church of Port Tampa.

After graduation, he served in the United States Army for four years and was honorably discharged.

The remains will repose after 5 p.m. today, June 26, 2009, at Wilson Funeral Home, 3000 N. 29th Street.

Friends are asked to assemble at the funeral home at approximately 10:05 a.m.

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MR. ALONZA JAMES WILLIAMS

Homegoing celebration for Mr. Alonza James Williams of 7305 S. Swoope Street, who passed away Friday, June 19, 2009, at his residence, will be held Saturday, June 27, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Wilson Funeral Home Chapel, 3000 N. 29th Street, with the Reverend Charles A. Perry, officiating. Interment will follow in Rest Haven Memorial Park Cemetery, with military honors.

He was preceded in death by his father, Albert Williams, Sr.

He leaves to cherish memories of him: a loving and very supportive mother, Vera Mae Williams; sister, Glottasteen Hope and husband, Wendell of Tulsa, OK; brother, Albert Williams, Jr. and wife, Carmen of Tampa; nephews, Wendell Hope, Jr., Dimitrius Williams and Kevin Williams; nieces, Jennifer Hope; aunt, Everlena Hemmingsway and husband, Lawrence of Tampa; Marie Williams of Sarasota, and Bernice Hall of Washington; DC; sponsors and fellow veterans at Bay Pines VA Hospital and James A. Haley Veterans Hospital; and a host of cousins and other close relatives and friends.

Mr. Williams was born March 19, 1964, in Tampa. He was educated in the public schools of Hillsborough County. As a young child, he accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior at St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church of Port Tampa.

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Death Announcement/Memoriams

**GOD CAME AND TOOK HIS ANGEL**

MARY M. MATHIS  
Sunrise: 11/25/46  
Sunset: 6/18/09

This is to acknowledge the departure of Mary Mathis on June 18th, 2009, in Atlanta, GA. She is survived by: husband, Perry, Sr.; 5 children, as well as a host of grandchildren and family, who love her and will miss her.

**DEATH ANNOUNCED**

PHYLLIS REDDING JACKSON

An announcement that funeral services for Phyllis Redding Jackson will be held on June 27, 2009, at 2 p.m. at St. Mary Missionary Baptist Church, 2104 Railroad Avenue, Largo, 33778. For detailed information, call (813) 686-4831.

**IN MEMORY OF**

NETTIE RUTH MORRIS  
June 25, 2005

"Precious Mother"

You are remembered when the flowers bloom in Spring. In the summertime remembered in the warmth and joy it brings.

You are remembered when fall brings leaves of gold. In the wintertime, remembered in the stories that are told.

You are remembered each day right from the start, for the memories that we shared, forever live within our hearts.

"Love and miss you," Jessica, Charles, Jr., Rawn, Shannon, Erna, Charlene, Jessie, Thermon, great grands and family.

**IN LOVING MEMORY**

PAULA ANN TAYLOR

A memorial will be held at Melech Hospice House, 11125 N. 52nd Street, Temple Terrace, 33617, June 27, 2009, from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m.

She was the daughter of the late, Mary Scott and Alvin Ray.

She leaves behind a loving family: husband, Jurodt Taylor; a daughter, Tawanna Kalu; 3 sisters and 3 brothers; a granddaughter and a grandson; and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, PAT**

PATRICIA ANN PRINGLEY  
June 26, 1953 - February 15, 2007

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IN MEMORIAM

BYRON L. HARDEE
August 10, 1960 - June 22, 2008

It's been a year since you left us, but you will always remain in our hearts, thoughts and our daily conversations. We miss you so very much.

The Hardee Family.

IN MEMORIAM

VIOLA RUSSELL
August 24, 1914 - June 24, 1983

"You were always there with a listening ear and gentle words so wise."

Sadly missed by your children, Tommy, Rondal, Dorthy, Carl, Gregory, Lawrence, Ines and Lorraine; sisters, Lula Mae and Emma; and grandchildren and other relatives and friends.

IN MEMORIAM

SIS. RUTH GRIFFIN
Sunrise: June 25, 1929 - Sunset: May 30, 2004

Happy birthday to a sweet mother and grandmother. From, all of your family and friends. We love you, but God loved you best.

IN MEMORIAM

ANNA MARIE 'DODIE' SHEPHERD

It has been a year since your death. We love you and miss you very much. There is not a day that goes by you're not in our hearts. You were our everything. But God shall answer our prayers. Rest in peace.

Your mom, Martha Shepherd; aunt, Edith Shepherd, Calvin, Anita, Kirk and Ken Shepherd, Malik and Daquan Wilson, Shaquille Andrew and Angel White, Wyana and Abreanna White and the Hawkins, Moses and Wilson families and friends.

TRULY MISSED

JOHN 'FLUTIE' LARRY, JR.
June 29, 1982 - November 1, 2008

We still can't believe you're gone. The time we had with you was too short. The pain we feel without you is so strong. Life just isn't life without you.

Happy birthday, Brus.

Love always, your big sis, "Lisa."

CARD OF THANKS

ALFRED W. MACK, JR.

The family of the late Alfred W. Mack, Jr. wants to thank everyone very much for all of the kindness and love shown to us during the passing of our loved one.

Alfred was a very loving and kind person! We thank you all for the phone calls, the food, monies, and the visits.

Thanks to Jackson Funeral Home and family, and our church family of Greater Mt. Carmel AME Church. Special thanks to Rev. Washington and family and our neighbors.

We feel blessed to have had so much love shown. May God bless each of you. The family.

CARD OF THANKS

BROther ALLEN McNEAL, SR.

The Family of Brother Allen McNeal, Sr.

"Blessed are they that die in the Lord for they rest from their labor and their works follow them into the presence of an almighty God."

Words can never express our gratitude and appreciation for the kindnessrendered during this time of our great loss. We were strengthened and encouraged to press-on because of your prayers and other acts of kindness during this inevitable season in everyone's life. We thank our St. John Progressive M.B. Church Family, Reverend Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr., pastor, and the entire church staff, members and friends. We give God all the praise, honor and glory for such an anointing and presence of the Holy Spirit for the Homegoing Celebration Service. The Lord used Reverend Dr. C. T. Kirkland as a vessel to deliver a powerful and comforting message for his people. We are also grateful to the Ray Williams Funeral Home owners and staff. Weeping may endure for a night but joy comes in the morning. Our morning is coming. Praise God.

The Entire McNeal Family.
New Details Released In Murder Of Jennifer Johnson

On Thursday, new details involving the murder of Jennifer Johnson were revealed in court. Attending the hearing were family members of Ms. Johnson, including her mother, Alma Dorsey.

Johnson, 31, was found dead in a home in Lakeland in November 2008. Prior to the discovery of her body, Johnson had been seen arguing with her former boyfriend, Vincent Brown, 38, at a 40th Street nightclub. Police also discovered Johnson's cell phone call, the location of the cell phone towers, and text messages sent to her phone were revealed in court.

Brown, now facing murder and kidnapping charges, is being held without bond.

On Thursday, details of Johnson's cell phone call, the location of the cell phone towers, and text messages sent to her phone were revealed in court.

Texas Strip Club Sues 14-Year-Old

SAN ANTONIO — A strip club in Texas that hired a 14-year-old as an exotic dancer says it was swindled and is suing the seventh-grader and her parents.

The girl allegedly exposed her breasts while working at Cheesecake Club in Corpus Christi, a violation of state law.

San Antonio police have released sketches of two of the four men believed to be in their 20s.

Police: 4 Men Abduct, Rape Woman

MIAMI — Police in Miami are searching for four persons of interest after a woman reported that a group of men abducted her at gunpoint and then sexually assaulted her.

Police have released sketches of two of the four men, all of whom are believed to be in their 20s. Investigators said the men are considered "persons of interest," and police want to identify and speak to them.
Crime

Detectives Uncover Marijuana Grow Houses

ERIC THARPE

On Tuesday, Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office detectives raided two residences and found marijuana growing inside. Two men were arrested.

At the first residence, 6512 Runningwoods Drive, detectives seized 13 marijuana plants with a street value of $128,000. The plants had been converted into grow plants with a street value of $128,000. Two bedrooms inside. Two men were arrested.

Detectives then discovered the resident was drawing so much power, a nearby transformer was melting and on the verge of exploding.

Rafael Guerrero, 35, was arrested and charged with cultivation of marijuana. At a second residence, 1423 Sandlake Drive, detectives seized 13 marijuana plants with a street value of $14,900. Someone tipped law enforcement to the apartment after noticing a strong odor of marijuana coming from the unit. The suspect had been ventilating the growing operation into the walls of his apartment, creating a strong stench and health hazard to the other residents.

Eric Bryant Tharpe, 35, was arrested and charged with cultivation of marijuana.

Woman Enters Guilty Plea In Theft Of Scholarship Money

MÁRVA DENNARD

ST. PETERSBURG - Márva Dennard, a St. Petersburg educator and activist, pled guilty to charges she stole more than $250,000 from state scholarship programs intended to help low income and disabled students.

Dennard went on trial Tuesday for grand theft and an aggravated white-collar crime.

The Florida Department of Financial Services reported that Dennard was supposedly helping students get money for college when she fraudulently took funds from the John M. McKay Scholarship for students with disabilities program and the Corporate Tax Credit scholarship program. She was arrested in 2007.

Under a plea deal, Dennard faces a maximum of 69 months in prison. She has agreed to pay $200,000 in restitution. Sentencing is scheduled for August 10th.

3-Year-Old Needs Surgery After Abuse

AJA FEAGIN ANGELA HAMMOND

Last Friday, caregivers for a 3-year-old boy called the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office to report that the child had bruises and a large, open sore on his buttocks that was infected and required surgery, deputies said.

As a result, the child’s mother and her girlfriend were arrested.

Deputies said the boy’s mother, Aja Feagin, 24, was arrested Friday and charged with child abuse by medical neglect and violating probation on a previous child abuse charge.

Deputies said Feagin’s girlfriend, Angela Hammond, 26, beat the boy because he soiled his pants. She was charged with aggravated child abuse Tuesday.

The child is now in protective custody and the investigation is continuing.

Reward Offered For Suspect

Christopher O’Donnell

LEANDRO MARTINEZ

Tampa Police report that on Monday night, residents of 2326 West Walnut were having a dispute over parking with the residents of 2330 West Walnut.

Police said two men were on the front porch of 2326 West Walnut and called over Leandro Martinez, 25, Martinez, accompanied by Christopher O’Donnell, 24, and Jermaine Cann, 36, approached Pedro Luna, 22, and Eric Garcia, 26.

The men began arguing about the neighborhood parking issue and during the argument, police said one of the victims pulled out a handgun. At that point, O’Donnell also pulled out a handgun and fired several shots at Luna and Garcia.

Luna was shot in the chest and Garcia was shot in the head. The suspects were still on the scene when police arrived.

Two Men Shot After Argument Over Parking

Courthouse Capers

JOSHUA R. LEE, 30 Poss. Of Cocaine Poss. Of Cocaine w/intent to deliver

HENRY SMITH, 18 Battery (Domestic Violence)

ROVINNEW ALLEN, 44 Poss. Of Cocaine Poss. Of Drug Paraphernalia

ARTHUR FELTON, 34 Child Abuse Poss. Of Cocaine Robbery

FREDERICK RUSSELL, 26 Delivery Of Cocaine Poss. Of Cocaine Sale Of Cocaine

JERMAINE CANN

Maurice Myers, 23 Poss. Of Controlled Substance

RONALD CHRISTIAN Trafficking In Cocaine

Luna and Garcia were transported to a local hospital and Luna was reported to be in serious, but stable condition and Garcia is listed as critical, but stable.

Homicide detectives investigated the incident. O’Donnell, Martinez, and Cann were charged with aggravated battery with a firearm.

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FAST RELIABLE SERVICE
Zeta Chapter Hosts 1st Annual Blue Ribbon Luncheon

Tau Pi Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. presented its First Annual Blue Ribbon Scholarship and Awards Luncheon on June 13, 2009. The event was held at Hunt’s Community Center at Al Lopez Park. Zeta Bonnie Belford presided.

Other Zetas on the program were: Beverly Lane, Carolyn Hill (President), Michelle Lemons, Ilena Torres, Andrea Hankerson, Pauline Williams, Alma Hires, Betty Wimbley, Thelma Canty and Marlene York-Monroe (Chairperson). Ms. Billie Williams sang a solo.

Members of the Tau Pi Zeta Chapter are: Sameka Bailey, Daphne Bayard, Bonnie Belford, Barbara Bell, Monica Benton, Alicia Brathwaite, Helena Brown, Sheila Bryant, Thelma Canty, Shennell Coffin, Debra Davis, Betty DeVore, Jennifer Finlayson, Stephanie Finlayson, Marian Flowers, Barbara Foster, Cynthia Franco, Annette Gibson, Ruth Hall, Andrea Hankerson, Chakita Hargrove, Hazel Harvey, Carolyn Hill, Alma Hires, Willgette Hollinger, Ginnette Hoz.

Also, Ola Johnson, Tamasha King, Beverly Lane, Leah Laquain, Cecelia Martinez, Anita McPherson-O’Harrow, Tamischa Mitchell, Lena Moore, Ellen Robinson, Michelle Neal, Terlynn Olds, Dorothy Reed, Kenisha Reese, Marquita Rucker, Shirley Sawyer, Tomeka Smith, Emma Thomas, Tracy Thompson, Victoria Thompson, Claudia Turenne, Pauline Williams, Carol Williams, Betty Wimbley-Manuel, Grace Windham, Marlene York-Monroe and Rachel Young. (Photos by Julia Jackson)
Several hundred women joined Pastor Deborah Powe at Revealing Truth Ministries last week for the 'Women In Pursuit of God' Conference. The free "Women Changing, Evolving and Maturing Conference" attracted women from throughout the south for the two-day conference, June 17th and 18th.

(Photography by Brunson)

These ladies who attended the women's conference at Revealing Truth Ministries are: Beverly Harris, Jilliane Brayboy, Pastor Christal Ferguson, First Lady Te-Kisha Ferguson, Hazel Alexander and Robbie Hughes.

Peggy Dorvil, Claire Desir, Vierge Julien and Veronica Jacques at the women's conference hosted by Pastor Powe.

Sounds of Victory from Savannah, GA who attended the conference: Cheryl Perry, Tonya Jackson, DiKenya Clark and Cassandra Reid.

Nekea Fleming, with tools in hand, makes her way into the women's conference.

Karen Chester and Tanara G. Ashley at the women's conference.

Veronica Bryant and K. Franchiel Jemison-Barnes.

Ladies in attendance included during the Thursday morning session when Judith Matthews was the guest were: Ethel Doby, Lillian Batson, Doris Adams, Ebony Branton, Stasia Branton and Martha Crenshaw.

Jackie Brown, Irlande Marius and Jutlande Eliassaint at the women's conference at Revealing Truth Ministries.

Emily Malcolm, Rose Chevallier, Ingrid Johnson and Nadeige Belony at the women's conference.

Toy R. Walker and Terri Dickerson at the women's conference at Revealing Truth Ministries.
Drama Group To Present 'A Raisin In The Sun'

This weekend, Rory Lawrence, founder of RL Productions, will be presenting one of his toughest challenges to date and that is to bring to life Lorraine Hansberry's classic play 'A Raisin In The Sun'. The cast will consist of actors who have years of experience and some who are taking the stage for the first time ever. This is a part of the vision of RL Productions and that is to give everyone a chance who is willing to come out and put in the work necessary.

The cast is as follows:
- Walter Lee Younger is played by David Wharton, who is currently attending Hillsborough Community College seeking a degree in Dramatic Arts.
- Lena Younger (mama) is played by Simone Richardson, who has been in several independent films and was in the hit performance 'The Trip' also presented by RL Productions.
- Beneatha Younger is played by Chicago native, Lakiesha Moore, who has appeared in 'Law and Order' and the hit stage play, 'The Colored Museum.'
- Bobo is played by Tony Stinyard, who debuted in RL Productions' first showcase and has since gone on to be in several commercials and independent films.
- Joseph Asagai is played by Rory Lawrence who is directing, producing, and acting in this show.
- The rest of the cast are all first timers.

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Travis Younger is played by Jacob Gonzales, who has been in several independent films and is making his acting debut, and Karl Lindner is played by Jason Saal, who is a partner at Scope Marketing, an internet advertising agency that will also be debuting in this production.

The cast has been training vigorously under the directing/ coaching of Jayne Trinette, who recently moved to the Tampa area from New York after touring on Broadway in 'The Lion King'. Ms. Trinette has an extensive background in acting, singing, dance, and coaching.

The play will be Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 3:30 p.m. at the Masque Theatre in Temple Terrace.
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All About Us

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I’d love to wish my husband, Big Reco, a happy 36th birthday on June 22nd. May you have many more, my love. Your wife, Terri. And also wishing you a happy birthday is our son, Lil Reco, Chuck and Joel, and our grandson, Mondre.

Back In The Day

BOBBY YOUNG

Happy birthday, Bobby Young, better known as, King Duck Domino Player. P. S. Skipper, Will, Tater Bug and Hardy. Bring it on.

Princess Aniyah

ANIYAH

Happy birthday, Aniyah. Hope you have a wonderful birthday. From, your mother and father. We love you!

Happy Birthday

TAMMIE BELL-MICKENS And SHANNON MAHONE

Big birthday wishes going out to my godmommy. Love, Shannon Man.

TAMMIE MICKENS

You’ll always be the first lady in our heart. Happy birthday. Love, Jonecia and family.

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Missing you, but we know it’s just a matter of time before you’re home. We’ll celebrate the next birthday with you. Love you, Grandma, Breasia, mom and all the rest of the family.

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All About You

Happy Birthday, Bae!

MR. AND MRS. BOONE

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Love always, your wife, Ky'Zian, Van'Nyah, Ter'Quyanna, Wil'Nyah, and goddaughter, Kimora.

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CHRIS

A very special birthday going out to Ms. Chris.

P.S. Thanks to the media for making me a better woman.

NYOBIE AMAZA

Happy birthday Little Miss Nyobie Amaza Fleming, you will be two years old. We love you very much.

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We are living in a day and time when people are suffering from high blood pressure, increased stress levels, and panic attacks. These individuals are not just the unsaved and the unchurched. There are many people who are in the church, saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost who are dealing with these issues. These things are not new to the body of Christ or the people of God. This week’s lesson from Exodus 14:25-29 shows that children of Israel suffered from unnecessary stress and panic, even Moses the leader.

This lesson teaches the people today who believe in the power of God not to worry because He has them covered. The lesson this week will give you several reasons why not to worry when you find yourself in various trying situations and problems seem to be increasing.

Why are you crying? Move forward (vs. 15). God speaks these words to Moses. He said them for Moses’ benefit and the people. Why are so many of God’s people crying about their situation? Why are they so stressed out about small problems and big situations? God said to Moses, move forward.

God does not want you to keep sitting in your situation pouting and crying. He wants you to know that He is in control and has the power to deliver you from what you are facing now just as He delivered you from what you were against before. Move forward!

I will harden their heart and make them follow you so I can gain honor and glory (vv. 16-18). Have you ever considered that some of your problems, issues, and situations really have nothing to do with you? Here is a thought: God is just using your life to get glory for Himself.

God is in control of you, your situation and your enemy. He is working this plan. He is doing what He wants to do. The sooner you accept this fact and trust Him, your stress and panic level will decrease. No matter what, the enemy will not get you.

Why? The angel and the pillar of cloud that were in front of them went and stood behind them. And a cloud of darkness stood between them that the enemy could not see them (vv. 19,20). You know the enemy is near you. You can feel his presence and hear the sound of his host. But the assurance you have is that he can’t get to you. God stood between the Egyptians and the Israelites. Although you see and hear your enemy you don’t have to fear and worry because God is standing between you and them and they can’t get to you.

As the Egyptians followed the Israelites, their chariots had trouble and could not travel ahead. They realized that it was the Lord fighting for the Israelites (vv. 23-25). Even if your enemy tries to pursue you, he cannot go where you go. The path God has made is for you and if your enemy tries to follow you he will have difficulty.

That is why you see in your life today that when some people try to come after you, they always have a problem to show up in their own life. What God has made for you, is for you.

The Egyptians realized that it was the Lord who was fighting for the Israelites. Oftentimes your enemy will recognize that the Lord is fighting for you before you do. The people can’t see God covering them because they are too busy focusing on their situation.

God has you covered. He has your back. In the vernacular of the kids, “He’s got yo’ back.” Don’t fear! Don’t feel Stop Crying! God has you right where He wants you. You just keep moving forward. Whatever is behind you is behind you. Most important, you have to know that God is behind you.
Local Podiatrist Announces Grand Opening Of Laser Nail Solutions

DR. PAUL SHEEHY, JR.

Local pediatric surgeon of the Foot and Ankle, Dr. Paul L. Sheehy, Jr., is announcing the grand opening of the Laser Nail Solutions on July 6, 2009. This will be a new service by the Sheehy Ankle and Foot Center of Tampa Bay. A diplomat of the American Academy of Wound Management and Board Certified by the academy of Ambulatory Foot and Ankle Surgery, Dr. Sheehy will celebrate 20 years as a physician. His new office will be located at 812 West Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, Suite 101. The new office will provide a new advanced laser treatment for fungal nails.

Dr. Sheehy said nail fungus is very common. “About 85% of patients over 60 have it, and younger people get it because of unsanitized pedicures. The primary reason for getting the fungus is it’s hereditary. Secondary, it is an environmental problem like athletes that go to the gym.”

Dr. Sheehy said the new treatment was developed in California 5 years ago, and is just entering the market. “There are no after effects with this treatment. Before this procedure, it was treated through oral medication and that does have side effects. A patient who prefers the pill must have their liver monitored monthly.”

Dr. Sheehy said a person with the fungus will notice their toenail turning yellow, getting thick, and white debris under the nail. The new laser treatment procedure is painless and takes only 30 to 45 minutes to perform. It is considered a cosmetic procedure.

Dr. Sheehy has been using laser treatments for two decades, and is very comfortable with the procedure.

Reporter Leon B. Crews can be reached at (813) 248-0724, or e-mailed at lcrew @flsentinel.com.

Local Obama Supporter Spreads News About Health Reform

Ms. Theresa Brown, “Organizing For America” volunteer, is announcing a Health Reform Initiative gathering for this Saturday, June 27th from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Paul Sanders Park, 3310 South Kings Avenue in Brandon.

Ms. Brown is a Community Health Advisor for the Health Department’s “Getting Into Fitness Today” (G.I.F.T.) campaign, as well as a member of the Rivers of Life Church Ministries Health and Healing Ministry, a YMCA-trained fitness instructor, and a retired federal civil servant employee. The event is part of the “Organizing For America” Tampa Team effort to spread the message about the president’s health reform initiative.

“By responding to the president’s call to host a "Health Reform Initiative Day," I’ve reached out and urged local churches, organizations, friends, neighbors, and the community to get involved,” said Ms. Brown. “I’ve put in a lot of hours organizing this initial step to promoting health care equality in Hillsborough county and make change a reality.”

The event will offer an important opportunity for the layperson to tell his or her real story to Washington, D.C.

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New Branch Of Fifth Third Bank Opens In East Tampa

Last week, members of the community gathered for the grand opening ceremony of the newest branch of Fifth Third Bank. The newly constructed building is located at 2602 E. Hillsborough Avenue, and its opening marks the first new bank in the area in several years. (Photography by BRUNSON and Cherylene Levy).

Among those in attendance at the Grand Opening of the new Fifth Third Bank were Evangeline Best and Beverly Grant.

‘Juneteenth’ Spirit Alive At Detention Center

On June 19, 2009, Hillsborough County teachers and the Hillsborough Juvenile Detention West staff provided education and fun activities for the students.

The students engaged in a Civil War trivia and a watermelon eating contest with other students and staff members. They also got the chance to see a reenactment of the Civil War performed by the 39th North Carolina Team.

As the day preceded, Mr. Albert Greer, Retired Army Civilian, talked with the students about education before the Civil War and how very important it is to get an education today.

Detention Center staff leader, Darlene Babineau, participates in the watermelon eating contest.

This is the Civil War Reenactment group that travels all over the state. To the far right is Albert Greer.

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IndeXed Chamber Of Commerce Meeting

The Independent Chamber of Commerce held its recent meeting at the new Fifth Third Bank. (Photography by Brunson)

From left to right are: Martin Anderson, Candy Lowe, Brian Allen, Jason Mims, Roosevelt Robinson, Tim Brown and in the rear, David Winston and Ed Aikens.

Assistant Vice President Kevin Bryant.

Representing radio station WTMP, midday disc jockey, Aminta Goynes and station manager, Jim Kozlowski.

Alysha Cobb, Rebekah Moosey and Connie Melton attended the Independent Chamber of Commerce meeting at the Fifth Third Bank.

Gary Onzy attended the meeting hosted by the Independent Chamber of Commerce.

Ernesia Woodard, Jewel A. Miller and Deidra Simmons attended the Independent Chamber of Commerce meeting.

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Local bikers took a 'ride with a purpose' from Hooters at Channelside to Nephews BBQ on 40th St. The event also included a community yard sale at 4401 N. 40th St. The community was invited to come out and help with this event.

All proceeds were donated to Moffitt Cancer Center Witness Project, Faces of Courage and Felecia Wintons-Taylor, owner of Books For Thought. Each received a $200 donation from the event. (Photography by Brunson)

Those responsible for putting together this breast cancer fundraiser were from left, Ken Underwood, Iselyn Dallas, Shanice Underwood and Lyndon Dallas.

On hand for the fun and to be a part of the fundraiser were Candy Lowe, Loretta Pruitt and Rick Houston.

Bikers on the scene were Ferry, Nina and Ms. Bodatus.

From left, Otis Allen, Ken Underwood and Randall C at the breast cancer fundraiser held at Nephews BBQ.

Dina Hargrove, Felecia Wintons-Taylor and Iselyn Dallas at the breast cancer fundraiser.

Several from the community set up tables to display their wares. Shown here are, Regina Williams, Doris Williams and Taylor Williams.

Those who attended the event were Mrs. Bebley, Anguella and Daliza.

Enjoying the fun and festivities at Nephews BBQ were Dr. Pat E. Dunar, Sheila Turner and Tiffany Turner.

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**Gout?**

What is gout?

Gout is a kind of arthritis.

It can cause an attack of sudden burning pain, stiffness, and swelling in a joint, usually a big toe. These attacks can happen over and over unless gout is treated. Over time, they can harm your joints, tendons, and other tissues. Gout is most common in men.

What causes gout?

Gout is caused by too much uric acid in the blood. Most of the time, having too much uric acid is not harmful. Many people have high levels in their blood never get gout. But when uric acid levels in the blood are too high, the uric acid may form hard crystals in your joints.

Your chances of getting gout are higher if you are overweight, drink too much alcohol, or eat too much meat and fish that are high in chemicals called purines. Some medicines, such as water pills (diuretics), can also bring on gout.

What are the symptoms?

The most common sign of gout is a nighttime attack of swelling, tenderness, redness, and sharp pain in your big toe. You can also get gout attacks in your foot, ankle, or knees. The attacks can last a few days or many weeks before the pain goes away. Another attack may not happen for months or years. See your doctor even if your pain from gout is gone. The buildup of uric acid that led to your gout attack can still harm your joints.

How is gout diagnosed?

Your doctor will ask questions about your symptoms and do a physical exam. Your doctor may also take a sample of fluid from your joint to look for uric acid crystals. This is the best way to test for gout. Your doctor may also do a blood test to measure the amount of uric acid in your blood.

How is it treated?

To stop a gout attack, your doctor can give you a shot of corticosteroids, or prescribe a large daily dose of one or more medicines. The doses will get smaller as your symptoms go away. Relief from a gout attack often begins within 24 hours if you start treatment right away. To ease the pain during a gout attack, rest the joint that hurts. Taking ibuprofen or another anti-inflammatory medicine can also help you feel better. But don’t take aspirin. It can make gout worse by raising your uric acid level in the blood.

To prevent future attacks, your doctor can prescribe a medicine to reduce uric acid buildup in your blood. If your doctor prescribes medicine to lower your uric acid levels, be sure to take it as directed. Most people continue to take this medicine for the rest of their lives.

Paying attention to what you eat may help you manage your gout. Eat moderate amounts of a healthy mix of foods to control your weight and get the nutrients you need. Avoid regular daily intake of meat, seafood, and alcohol (especially beer). Drink plenty of water and other fluids.

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**Ten Steps To A Healthy Heart**

These 10 important tips will ensure that men remain healthy and fit for life.

1. Eat healthily. A diet, low in fat but high in fruits and vegetables.
2. Get physical. At least 30 minutes of physical activity at least 5 days a week.
3. Annual physical exam is a must. Black men that are 40-plus should make an appointment to be screened for colorectal cancer, the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the country.
4. Love the skin you’re in. Skin care cancer is highly preventable, yet it’s the most common form of cancer in the US.
5. Click It or Ticket. Safety first — wearing a helmet while biking and a seatbelt in the car can protect men from serious injury and even death in the event of a crash.
6. Drink Responsibly. Contrary to popular belief, alcohol is a depressant that slows down the body and mind — impairing coordination and vision and slowing reaction time and clear thinking. Never drink and drive.
7. Say No to Tobacco. Avoid tobacco of all kinds to dramatically reduce your risk of premature death and disability from a myriad of ailments.
8. Prevent Arthritis. The most common type of arthritis is osteoarthritis. Men can lessen the pain through weight control and injury prevention as well as early diagnosis and an appropriate management plan.
9. Not Just For Kids. Get Vaccinated. An astonishingly high number of adults become ill, disabled and die each year from diseases that could have easily been prevented by vaccines.
10. Spend a Little QT. Play time is never over! Activity and recreation are investments for a healthy mind and body.
Foods That Fight Allergies And Hay Fever

Imagining your doctor giving you this prescription for your nasal allergies or hay fever: “Eat some grapes and call me in the morning.” Well, it’s not that far-fetched.

Here’s how the anti-inflammatory properties of some typical foods on the Mediterranean diet protect against allergies.

**Nuts.** These are a great source of magnesium and vitamin E. Studies show that magnesium helps increase lung function and may also protect against wheezing in patients with asthma, which causes inflammation of the lungs. Vitamin E is an immune booster and has been shown to reduce the risk of upper respiratory infections, especially the common cold. As an antioxidant, Vitamin E protects the body from damaging free radicals. Free radicals can cause oxidative tissue damage, which triggers inflammation and problems like allergies and asthma.

**Apples, Oranges, and Tomatoes.** These three fruits are super sources of another antioxidant, vitamin C. Researchers found that they gave protection against allergies and asthma in the Crete diet study. This is important because nearly half of people with asthma also have allergies.

**Grapes.** The skins of red grapes in particular are filled with antioxidants and resveratrol, which reduces inflammation and problems like allergies and asthma.

**Eating Fish To Reduce Allergies.** The omega-3 fatty acids DHA and EPA, found in cold-water fish, algae sources, and supplements, are touted for decreasing inflammation in the body.

So, go fish. Wild salmon, mackerel, trout, herring, sardines, and albacore tuna are good sources of marine omega-3 fatty acids. If you don’t eat fish, consider fish oil or omega-3 and algae supplements.

**Can Breakfast In Bed Reduce Allergies?**

Drinking hot tea with lemon and honey first thing in the morning activates movement of the nasal cilia, which helps prevent early morning sneezing with allergies or hay fever. Blocking the “sneezing cascade,” reduces the need for allergy medicine. Herbs such as “fenugreek, fennel, anise, or sage” may stimulate nasal cilia even more, another diet boost for allergies.

Green, white, and black teas are also full of flavonoids — plant compounds that reduce inflammation. Tea also boosts immunity by increasing proteins in the body that fight infection.

**Zinc: Allergy Relief At The Oyster Bar**

Oysters, lean beef, shrimp, crab, legumes, whole grains, and tofu are high in zinc. Zinc has an antibacterial and antiviral effect in the body that fight infection. The skins of red grapes and call me in the morning. “Eat some grapes and call me in the morning.” Well, it’s not that far-fetched.

**Broccoli**

This root may help make mucus less sticky. Horseradish The root of this plant contains a chemical similar to the one in decongestants.

**Does Milk Make Mucus Worse?**

Many people with allergies eliminate milk from their diet. They complain that milk makes them have more mucus or makes mucus thicker and harder to expel. Unfortunately, there is really no good data to support this.

In other words, milk still does a body good — even with allergies and hay fever.

F.Y.I.

- Eating a few spoonfuls of plain, sugar-free yogurt daily helps sweeten your breath by reducing odorous sulfur compounds.
- To ease your risk of stomachache, only use one pancake at a time.
- Add the scent of jasmine to your bed linens to help you fall asleep faster, sleep better and feel less stressed the next morning.
- Sleeping on your side in one way to cut back on sleep apnea and snoring.
Pure maple syrup uses go beyond morning pancakes or waffles — it adds depth of flavor and complexity to everything from beverages and main dishes to salads and desserts. It also contains vitamins and antioxidants, which can delay or prevent free radical induced diseases.

Maple-Glazed Salmon & Pineapple Salsa

4 salmon fillets

Marinade:
1 tablespoon each of maple syrup and teriyaki sauce
1 tablespoon each of pineapple juice & minced ginger
1 clove garlic, mashed

Directions: Place salmon fillets in a resealable plastic bag. Combine marinade ingredients in a non-reactive bowl or measuring cup. Pour marinade over filets and refrigerate from 1 to 24 hours.

In a grill basket sprayed with cooking spray, grill the salmon, skin side down, over hot coals. Flip after 2 to 3 minutes and cook for another 1 to 3 minutes, or until desired doneness. Serve with pineapple salsa on the side.

Pineapple Salsa:
1 tomato, chopped into cubes & ¼ cup chopped red bell pepper & 2 pickled jalapeno pepper slices, deseeded and chopped
¼ cup pineapple chunks, fresh or canned & 1 teaspoon salt & 1 tablespoon sugar

DIRECTIONS: Place all ingredients in a small, non-reactive saucepan. Simmer over low heat for about 5 minutes. Cool. Refrigerate until ready to serve with the salmon.

Mixed Greens & Maple Vinaigrette

1 head lettuce & 2 endives & 1 apple & 1 red onion, sliced in rings
1 or 2 mandarin oranges & ¼ cup yellow or red pepper, chopped
¼ cup cashew nuts, whole & 3 tablespoons golden raisins
2 tablespoons lemon juice

Vinaigrette
4 teaspoons cider vinegar & 3 tablespoons olive oil
2 tablespoons pure maple syrup
½ teaspoon Dijon mustard & Salt and pepper, to taste

DIRECTIONS: Wash and dry lettuce. Remove endive leaves, set aside. Halve the apple, core and slice. Mix apples, raisins and lemon juice. Add segments of peeled mandarin oranges, lettuce, endive leaves, onions, pepper and cashew nuts. Sprinkle with maple vinaigrette and serve. Vinaigrette: Mix salt, pepper and mustard. Add vinegar and mix well to dissolve the salt. Add oil and maple syrup. Store until ready to serve.
Mapletini

2 shots Irish cream liqueur
1 shot brandy
½ shot cinnamon schnapps
1 teaspoon maple syrup
Ice & Cinnamon stick, for garnish

DIRECTIONS: Place all ingredients in a cocktail shaker with ice. Shake and strain into a martini glass. Garnish with cinnamon stick.

Maple Pepper Pecans

½ stick unsalted butter
¾ cup maple syrup
1½ teaspoons table salt
1 teaspoon cayenne pepper
3 cups pecan halves

DIRECTIONS: Melt the butter with the syrup, salt and cayenne pepper in a pan over a gentle heat. Add the pecans and stir to mix, leave them on the heat for 2 to 3 minutes. Spread the pecans on a silicon pad, parchment paper, or piece of foil to cool. Put the pecans in bowls and serve.

Risky Whiskey

3 parts whisky
¼ part maple syrup
Splash sweet vermouth
Splash lime juice
Dash bitters
Ice cubes

DIRECTIONS: Combine all ingredients in a pitcher filled with ice. Stir and strain into ice filled glasses.
Man Gets 21M For False Imprisonment

CHICAGO — A man who spent eleven and a half years in prison for a murder he did not commit has been awarded $21 million in a wrongful conviction case.

Johnson says he is grateful to the jury and his attorneys for the large award.

The 39-year-old says he was framed by a Chicago police detective who specialized in gang investigations.

Johnson was convicted and eventually acquitted of beating to death a man with a two-by-four. Despite that, city of Chicago lawyers do not believe Johnson is innocent. "Statesville is pure hell. You are surrounded among the worst. I don't expect to survive. I gave up hope," said Johnson.

He may have given up hope but Juan Johnson's lawyers never did. Johnson was 19 when he was sentenced to a 30 year prison term for a 1989 Humboldt Park murder he says he didn't commit. Five years ago, a jury acquitted him in a retrial and on Monday, a federal jury awarded Johnson with the largest wrongful conviction jury award in Chicago history.

"What we proved in this federal case that his conviction was not an accident but he was the victim of police misconduct by Officer Guevara," said Jon Loey, Johnson's attorney.

Johnson's attorneys claim the now retired Area 5 Chicago Police Detective Reynaldo Guevara framed Johnson.

"This is a murder that happened in a public place. There were 150 witnesses, there's all kinds of physical evidence. He managed to close it in a couple of hours, getting people who who didn't even see it to point the finger at Juan Johnson," said Loey.

James Berry

WASHINGTON -- The Voting Rights Act, the government's chief weapon against racial discrimination at polling places since the 1960s, survived a Supreme Court challenge Monday in a ruling that nevertheless warned of serious constitutional questions posed by part of the law.

Major civil rights groups and other defenders of the landmark law breathed a sigh of relief when the court ruled narrowly in favor of a small Texas governing authority while sidestepping the larger constitutional issue.

After argument in late April, it appeared the court's conservatives could have a majority to strike down part of the law as unnecessary in an era marked by the election of the first African-American president.

But with only one justice in dissent, the court avoided the major questions raised over the section of the voting law that requires all or parts of 16 states -- mainly in the South and with a history of discrimination in voting -- to get Justice Department approval before making changes in the way elections are conducted.

The court said that the Northwest Austin Municipal Utility District No. 1 in Austin, Texas, could apply to opt out of the advance approval requirement, reversing a lower federal court that ruled it could not.

The district appears to meet the requirements to bail out, although the high court did not pass judgment Monday on that point.

Three months after Barack Obama became president, Chief Justice John Roberts said the justices decided not to determine whether dramatic civil rights gains means the advance approval requirement is no longer necessary. But, Roberts said, "is a difficult constitutional question we do not answer today.

Attorney General Eric Holder called the decision a victory for voting rights and said the court "ensured that the law as unnecessary in an era marked by the election of the first African-American president."

Principal, Assistant Principal Arrested

INDIANAPOLIS — A woman was arrested over the weekend after she left four children in a sweltering hot van as she went shopping at a mall, police said.

Lafayette Square Mall security officers noticed the children in the van Saturday evening, WRTV reports. "They were left alone with their car, and that's when they got in the mall. They dressed in their pajamas and their shoes and blanket," said a police spokesperson.

Two children were in the front of the van and two more were in a cargo area in the back. Wolff said the air conditioner was not on, and when he opened the door, he could feel how hot it was inside.

"The air just hit me in the face -- hot, humid air -- and I realized then it was a serious situation and the kids had been there for quite a while," Wolff said.

The children, ages 11, 9, 7 and an infant, were cooled up in the van with no adults in sight, said Indianapolis police Sgt. Bryce Wolff, who was working security at the mall.

Wolff approached the van and said to a frightened 11-year-old girl inside. "She asked, 'Am I in trouble? Did I do something I wasn't supposed to?'" Wolff said. "I assured her I was only going to get her out of the car and I would be behind. I would be OK." The girl unlocked the van's door, and that's when Wolff saw she wasn't alone.

Police: Woman Left 4 Kids In Sweltering Van

JAMES BERRY And DORETHA ALEXANDER

ATLANTA — Police say a suburban Atlanta principal and his assistant principal have been arrested in connection with an investigation into whether student test scores were altered to improve school performance.

Former Atherton Elementary principal James Berry was arrested at home Friday. Assistant principal Doretha Alexander turned herself in to police and was later released on bond.

They face charges of altering public documents.

The arrests follow an audit last week that found a high number of eraser marks on tests from four Georgia schools, including Atherton. State officials have said the higher scores helped the schools meet federal standards.

Berry resigned last week, while Alexander was reassigned by district officials. Neither has returned multiple calls seeking comment.

The Governor's Office of Student Achievement preliminary audit results revealed that someone altered grades for students.

No Garbage and Recycling Collection On Friday, July 3rd, 2009.

The City of Tampa Department of Solid Waste and Environmental Program Management WILL NOT provide make-up garbage and recycling collection services for residential customers whose regularly scheduled collection falls on Friday, July 3rd, 2009. Garbage and recycling collection for these customers will resume on Tuesday, July 7th.

For more information on this change in service, please contact the City of Tampa Department of Solid Waste and Environmental Program Management customer service team at (813) 348-1111. Thank you.
Happenings At Reatha's Place

Activities have picked up at Reatha's Place. Ms. Reatha is making sure her guests are getting the best in entertainment and beverages. (Photos by Julia Jackson)

The bartender who greets you with a smile, Janice.

Tory Cummings at Reatha's Place.

Enjoying the evening at Reatha's Place were Orea Scott and Thomas Lewis.

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Maxwell Set To Release First Album In Seven Years

Maxwell

NEW YORK — Sade did it. It’s been nine years since she released “Lovers Rock,” which sold 3.2 million copies in the United States, according to Nielsen SoundScan. D’Angelo did it. It’s been the same amount of time since he put out his platinum-selling set “Voodoo.” Lauryn Hill did it. The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill — six-times platinum — came out 11 years ago.

A vanishing art has become practically de rigueur for R&B musicians of a certain caliber (although Sade and Affiliated will feature some special guest MCs, a first for a Plies album).

Plies told us in April that there were three Big Apple spotters he was thinking about reaching out to for his album. “I was open about being a big supporter of Jadakiss,” Plies said of the LOX member. “I met him in Philly, but like I told him, I was f—ing with him for a while. I never forget the line he used about how he was ‘the first man to cook base on a Foreman grill.’ That was the ah—! And then I’m a big Mafioso fan, as well as [Fabolous]. Those three dudes I always f— with.”

The two rocked the concert the same night and, for Gucci Mane and Young Jeezy. The two rocked the concert last year and, for Gucci, it was almost like a coming-out party — the focus was on his album along to all his mixtape hits and Mane reestablished himself as being very hot in the streets, it was definitely an elevation to the next level of his career — already huge in the hood, the Snowman gave the mainstream a wake-up call, bringing out his Grammy Award-winning peers Usher and Kanye West to join him onstage. Young stole the show and was rewarded with the headlining spot at this year’s Bash.

Recently, problems that Young and Gucci have had with each other in the past have been brought back to the forefront with the release of Mane’s The Writing’s on the Wall mixtape and Jeezy’s retaliation song, “24-2” (Kanye, Lebron). “So would these two bring the beef to the Bash?”

No dis records — just good music, as both Gucci and Jeezy showed up with big sets. Jeezy did it again, with undoubtedly the biggest surprise and most talked about moment of the night — bringing out Lil Wayne. The two, who are going out on tour this summer as part of the America’s Most Wanted Music Festival, shook hands and center stage. Wayne hit the crowd with a nice set-up job, his verse and chorus to Birdman’s “Always Strapped,” then ended his mini-set and the show with one of rap’s summer anthems, “Every Girl.”

Shortly before bringing out Wayne, Jeezy introduced Mary J. Blige to the audience. The Queen of Hip-Hop Soul didn’t perform, but expressed adulation for the Snowman as she told the crowd he was “Mr. Birthday Bash.” Jeezy was actually on the forefront of the country with the release of his debut, White on the Wall mixtape and Jeezy’s retaliation song, “24-2” (Kanye, Lebron). “So would these two bring the beef to the Bash?”

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Jamie Foxx Thanks Halle Berry For Awards Show Kiss

When the Spike Guys' Choice Awards aired Sunday night, men celebrated the beauty that is Oscar winner Halle Berry by honoring her with the Decade of Hotness award. But it was Berry who used the awards show as a platform to show the world her comedic side when she intensely kissed presenter Jamie Foxx, parodying the 2005 Oscars moment when Adrien Brody kissed her after winning the Best Actor trophy. The kiss and the show, which taped last week, made their big debut on Sunday.

And Foxx, as you might imagine, isn’t complaining about it. “Halle Berry’s very attractive and has very soft lips. I just really appreciated the fact that she got a chance, you know, because it was very intense,” he told MTV News. “Things happen.”

Foxx described the whole thing as a “great joke,” but was also fully aware of the countless men who would’ve killed to be in his place.

“To be honest, it was a great joke that Halle did. It was funny . . . because people sorted of misunderstood the pictures that came out,” said Foxx, who will host the BET Awards on Sunday. “But it was a joke - respect to her and her family and everything like that. It was a funny, funny joke.”

Joking aside, he admitted that he was honored to have been on the receiving end of that kiss. “She really got one over on me,” he said. “She actually imitated what Adrien Brody did to her on the Oscars, and she did it to me on the [Guy’s] awards. So thank you for that, Halle. My life will never be the same.”

Soulja Boy Tell’em Inspired By Michael, Impressed By Eminem

This is going to be a huge weekend for Soulja Boy Tell’em. On Saturday, he’s one of the performers gracing the stage at Atlanta’s Hot 107.9 Birthday Bash, and he’s also set to perform on Friday at the SuperJam concert for Greensboro, North Carolina’s 102 Jamz. This summer, the 19-year-old will be traveling all across the country, along with Young Jeezy, Drake and Lil Wayne for the America’s Most Wanted Music Festival. Performing such high-profile sets on the same bill as A-list rap superstars is never a worry for the then hitmaker - the fans will remember him by the time they leave the building.

“I don’t really look at nobody as competition,” Soulja said. “I feel like I got my own lane, and I don’t have to worry about nobody. Anybody I feel is competition, I gotta knock them out the box. If there’s anybody that ever crossed my mind - [where] I say, ‘Man, he might be a problem for me,’ then I’mma have to get rid of him. But as far as getting my inspiration for stage performance, it has always been Michael Jackson. I remember I watched the DVD ... Michael Jackson came and stood offstage for 10 minutes. They was screaming the whole 10 minutes. I actually imitated that a couple of times in my show.”

Soulja, who’s working on his The Don Draddy LP, also said he wouldn’t mind hitting the road with another icon, Eminem. If Slim Shady should tour, Soulja says he wants in.

“I like his new music,” he said. “It’s different from what’s out. I think it’s good. It’s good for music. I’d open up for Eminem - lot of cheese right there.”

Soulja says he’s respected from early on in the Detroit legend’s career.

“Back in the days, I was tuned in to it,” Soulja explained. “I wasn’t too heavy into it, but he’s got some classic stuff. He used to come on TV, I used to be like, That white boy go hard. Real hard.”

| Jamie Foxx And HALLE BERRY |

50 Cent Reveals His Plan To Bring Back Hard-Core Hip-Hop

50 Cent has a mission: to make sure hard-core rap music thrives. 50 is about to hit us with his War Angel LP. The G-Unit dropped its first record, “Redrum (Murder)”, real soulful, real hard. According to 50, this is going to be the mixtape ... er, street album of his career. The project is available for free download via 50’s Web site.

Essential Info: Polow Da Don and Timbaland were so excited about the project, they almost gave so tracks. Foxx, who will host the BET Awards Show on Sunday. “But it was a joke - respect to her and her family and everything like that. It was a funny, funny joke.”

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As if releasing two albums in one year isn’t enough, Eminem is also planning to reunite his Detroit crew, D12, and release the first new album from the group in five years.

Slim Shady said on BET’s “Rap City: The Reelapse” special on Friday that D12, Kon Artis, Kuniva and Swiftly, “It’s like, as far as the future of D12, we’re gonna be back in the studio soon.”

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RATINGS

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

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Transformers: Revenge Of The Fallen — The Ultimate in special effects and action. You definitely can’t miss this one. Make sure you catch it the second time around at an IMAX theater. [****]

The Proposal — Sandra Bullock comes through in this well-written comedy about an office romance between the boss and assistant. Worth Seeing! [****] No. 1 at Box Office - $34M [****]

Land Of The Lost — This oft-overused comedy starring Will Ferrell is pretty funny. [****] No. 2 at Box Office - $27M [****]

The Taking Of Pelham 123 — Denzel Washington and John Travolta deliver a powerful suspense/thriller. Worth Seeing! [****] No. 3 at Box Office - $23M [****]

Drag Me To Hell — This movie is Eddie Murphy’s best family comedy in a long time. Didn’t do well at box office. Enjoyed it [***] No. 4 at Box Office - $14M [***]

Drag Me To Hell — A loan officer refuses to give an old woman a loan! [**] No. 5 at Box Office - $13M [**]

Night At The Museum — Ben Stiller tries to save the museum pieces from being stalked by a temp worker (Ali Larter) in a moving to federal storage. Fell asleep on this one. No. [**] No. 6 at Box Office - $10M [**]

The U.S.S. Enterprise goes back to the beginning. Grade A [****]

An Xbox origin movie. Wolverine (Hugh Jackman) and soon a hit single with the inevitable paparazzi and chauffeur-driven Bentley, the star created a buzz at the normally staid Vinexpo, the wine and spirits trade show in Bordeaux this week.

Even Melvin Dodge, head honcho at Southern Wine and Spirits and ranked by Decanter as the fourth most important man in the wine business, could be seen patiently waiting in line with his family for a photo op and autograph.

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As part of the plea deal struck by Chris Brown on Monday (June 22), the singer was issued a “stay away” order by Judge Patricia Schnegg that requires the singer to avoid his former girlfriend for the next five years, according to Rihanna’s attorney.

Donald Etra told a group of reporters outside the courthouse that his client didn’t think the “stay away” order was necessary. Rihanna was previously granted an order of protection against Brown, but the pair briefly reunited at a Miami mansion owned by Diddy following the alleged assault.

Now, however, the two will be required to keep their distance. Under the guidelines of the order, Etra said the pair won’t be able to have even a distant, cordial relationship. Brown could contact Rihanna at all, while Rihanna reaching out to Brown would be considered a violation of the court order, punishable by law. Should they both appear at an event, Brown would be required to stay at least 10 yards away from her former girlfriend.

Etra said the order was issued for the duration of Brown’s five-year probation, although the judge said he would reconsider the issue when Brown is sentenced in August.

Brown pleaded guilty to felony assault charges and will be sentenced tomorrow to 180 days of community service in Virginia. Had he been tried, Brown could have faced up to four years and eight months in prison. Brown must also enroll in domestic-abuse courses.

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Today's Birthday - Delegate the management of a hotbed to somebody else. Hire a coach who will whip your team into shape and inspire them to do more than expected. You can't capably support someone else so tell them to do it without you. Someone else can do the yelling.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Somebody else can end an awkward relationship better than you can. You're too reluctant to say it out loud.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Your bosses are pleased by your good, imaginative work. If they seem to be yelling at you, it's enthusiasm, not anger.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - A loved one's suggestion works out well. You gain the support you need to take action in a new arena. You'll do fine.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Although you're a good negotiator, conditions are tough for that now. Take a break and set up a long-range plan.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Your studying is paying off. A fellow student may let you have the information you need to win the argument.

**SCOPIN' THE SOAPS**

Toby Goldstein

All My Children: When a drunk David tells Jesse that his accident was harmless, the top cop leaks that Krystal's in the hospital. David demands that a near by Liza get him released so he can hurry to see Krystal. Hearing from Tad about his mother, Marissa rushes to the hospital with J R by her side. Tad gives David a hard time when he arrives and insists on seeing Krystal. After Zach has a few choice words with him, Kendall announces that she needs both of their help to stay out of jail.

As the World Turns: Sage isn't happy to see her mother kissing Craig and runs to the farm to tell Jack. When Carly calls to invite him and Janet to a barbecue, he reluctantly agrees. After the guests arrive, Parker spots his mother secretly pouring herself a drink and finds the hidden bottle of booze. He confronts her mother and later, when Craig learns what she's done, he warns them both that he might have been mistaken to think Carly had solved her drinking problem. When Jack interrupts and asks what they're arguing about, Parker covers. After Jack and Janet leave, Carly thanks Parker and Craig for their help with Jack. Craig tells Carly that Jack is not the problem. She pours out the alcohol to show she's licked her problem but Parker's not impressed.

**Sentinel's Top 20 Albums**

1. The E.N.D. ... The Black Eyed Peas
2. Production Of Marcus Cooper .... Pleasure P
3. Relapse ... Eminem
4. Congo Square ... Teena Marie
5. The Escatic ... Mos Def
6. No Security ... D-Block
7. Epiphany ... Chrisette Michele
8. In A Perfect World ... Keri Hilson
9. Blackout! 2 ... Method Man & Redman
10. Back To The Rock Ross ... DJ Quik & Kurupt
11. BlaQkout ... Busta Rhymes
12. Intuition ... Jamie Foxx
13. I Am ... Goddess
14. The Last Kiss ... Jadakiss
15. Murder Was The Case ... Gucci Mane
16. Uncle Charlie ... Charlie Wilson
17. Love VS Money ... The-Dream
18. The Point Of It All ... Anthony Hamilton
19. Just Go ... Lionel Richie
20. The Information You Need To Fabulous Discovery Gives You Win The Argument.

**Sentinel's Top 20 Singles**

1. Best I Ever Had ... Drake
2. Knock You Down ... Keri Hilson Featuring Kanye West & Ne Yo
3. Every Girl ... Young Money
4. Birthday Sex ... Jeremih
5. Blame It ... Jamie Foxx Featuring T-Pain
6. Ego ... Beyoncé
7. Boyfriend #2 ... Pleasure P
8. sobeautiful ... music soulchild
9. Pretty Wings ... Maxwell
10. Back To The Birdman Featuring Lil Wayne
11. I Need A Girl ... Trey Songz
12. Halle Berry (She's Fine) ... Hurricane Chris Featuring Superstars
13. Water (Callin' You Daddy) ... Twista
14. Swag Surfin' ... Fast Life Yungstaz (F.L.Y.)
15. Last Chance ... Ginuwine
16. The Ocean ... K'Jon
17. Epiphany ... Chrestelle Michele
18. Day 'N' Nite ... Kid Cudi
19. Not Anymore ... LeToya
20. This Isn't Love ... Jennifer Hudson

The Bold and the Beautiful: When Brooke asks Ridge when they can be together, Ridge claims that being with her reminds him of Rick and the death of his daughter. After he hangs up, Ridge confronts his daughter about her decision to go back to Rick. He insists that Rick has changed. Back at the beach house, Steffy announces to Rick that she's made a decision to help him handle her parents' reaction to their relationship. Meanwhile, Ridge goes home and finds Taylor has a romantic dinner waiting.

Days of Our Lives: Hearing Philip is out of town, Caroline urges Stephanie to forget about attending the funeral today. Stephanie vows to be there to show E.J. she's not worried about him. Bo and Hope arrive for Grace's memorial service and can't help but think about Zack's tragic death. Mia's boss Evan gives her a hard time about leaving work early at the Java Cafe so she can attend the memorial service. When Will points out he forgot his tie.

General Hospital: Claudia asks her Uncle Paul to make sure that Nikolas doesn't come back alive from his meeting with unhappy members of the family. Near Emily's grave, Nikolas agonizes as he tells Rebecca that because she is the twin sister of the only woman he's ever loved, he knows that they can't be anymore than friends. After he leaves, Monica approaches her and boasts that she knows she's not Emily and doesn't act like her. Hearing Rebecca thinks it's time to let go of Nikolas, Monic stops her and encourages her not to give up on him.

Guiding Light: Frank tells Rafe that he's got some ground rules for him living the re. After Rafe refuses to take a call from his mother, Frank warns Natachia that her decision to be with Olivia is confusing to Rafe and to many other people. Revealing that Henry is actually Shayne's son, Dina tells Jeffery that she is leaving town with him to help her. In the city, the idea but Dinah announces that she will pose as Lar a. After getting a fax showing Jeffery's name on the cremation order Mallett grabs the phone.

One Life To Live: Todd assures a skeletal Tea that he's hired the best attorney in Pennsylvania to keep her from being disbarred. He offers to help her take a shower. Blair wakes a hungry Dolan and tells her about Marge's decision to go back Starr's baby. As she considers the idea, Dolan warns her daughter that they have to keep quiet about loving the baby. She then suggests Todd move in with them because she thinks she can control Todd. Blair spoils Todd's effort to calm down Tea when she reveals the new custody arrangement.

The Young and the Restless: After Mary Jane spots Todd move in with the family. Near Emily's grave, Nikolas agonizes as he tells Rebecca that because she is the twin sister of the only woman he's ever loved, he knows that they can't be anymore than friends. After he leaves, Monica approaches her and boasts that she knows she's not Emily and doesn't act like her. Hearing Rebecca thinks it's time to let go of Nikolas, Monic stops her and encourages her not to give up on him.

**JUST FOR KIDS**

**SUMMER FUN WORD SEARCH**

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- FISH
- SWIM
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**FRIDAY, JULY 16, 2009**

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‘She Knows Where She’s Going’ Awards Luncheon

The 2009 ‘She Knows Where She’s Going’ Awards Luncheon, hosted by Girl’s Inc. of Lakeland was held recently. Program participants were: Michael Tamney, Chairperson, Board of Trustees, Girls, Inc., Lakeland; Dr. Judith Ponticell, USF Polytechnic; Antonisha Williams, Kathleen High School; Junior League of Greater Lakeland; and closing remarks by Chandra Frederick, Chairperson and Kay Fields, President and CEO.

Award Nominees were: Lolita Berrien, PCSB, Lincoln Avenue Academy; Diane Boczkowski, PCSB, Polk Life and Learning Center; Tory Bombard, Lakeland Electric; Crystal Brown, Crystal’s World of Dance; Monica Campbell, Girl Scouts of West Central Florida; Cassandra Denmark, Polk County Sheriff’s Office; Bea Dickey, Polk County Sheriff’s Office; Patricia “Patti” Harrell, Talk of the Town; Karin D. McKnight, Allen and Company; Londann Merrick, Polk County Sheriff’s Office; Ashley Metts, Volunteers In Service To The Elderly; Annette Miller, Owner, Sylvan Learning Center; Syndi Murray, Polk County Sheriff’s Office; Jennifer Ogg, Polk Court Sheriff’s Office; Teresa Olinger, Publix Super Markets, Inc.; Pamela Page, City of Lakeland Parks and Recreation; Christy Schaff, Riverside Bank; Terry Strong, PCSB, Winston Elementary School; Kathy Sullivan, Lakeland Regional Cancer Center; Edith Thomas, PCSB, R. Bruce Wagner Elementary School; and Mary Tidwell, Rooms To Go. (Photos by Gloria L. Jennings)
Beloved Father's Day

Hope your day was great:

Congratulations
We congratulate the Polk County school graduations, the household of Mrs. Betty Smith-Porter, Lakeland, a daughter graduated who is a member of the family members of the senior graduating class of Lakeland's Lake Gibson High School and Kathleen High School, was a busy lady going from graduation to graduate school.

of Miss Karonda Lanorah Sanders, 18-years-old, graduated from Lake Gibson. She is the daughter of Deacon John (Felicia) Sanders. The proud senior has earned a PTC certification.

Mr. Gregory Darnell Powell, II, graduated from Kathleen Senior High. He is the son of Gregory and onie Powell. Greg was also recognized among the Senior Class Officers as a member of the Senior's Group. Being one of the Polk laureates and commencement programs, Betty managed to take a flight to Washington, D.C. to attend Howard University commencement to see her niece, Ms. Peterson, Roberta King, Ms. Peterson and the late, Helen Peterson and sister of Betty.

New Riders
New riders boarding the Sentinel are: Mrs. Charlie (Queen) Battle. The duo are popular Country Western Caroling Guard at Lincoln Academy. Hope you enjoy your ride folks!

Weekly Hellos
Hello to the Sentinel reader: Ms. Matthews, Gladys Williams, Florida Mai Griffin, Florida Hinson Gerber, Tamara Casas, Geaton Gatin, Lena Lisbon, Helen Mallard, Jeanette Daniels, Nista Wilcox, Dorothy Robinson (10th St.), Pastor Barbara Gayle, Myrtle Bickette, Pastor William Bickette, Mary Robinson, Joyce Garible, Barbara Solomon, Mary Crawford (Club Kathleen's family business), Roberta King, Gloria Moore, Williama Simmons, Elizabeth "Sammie" Whits, Phyllis Ngets, Carolyn Williams (9th Street), Gussie Johnson, Lola King, Amanda Mildred Alexander (Providence Rd.), Barbara Seabron (Tandem Rehab Center), Sylvia Bowick, Yvonne Robinson-Roberts, Mary H. Bunch, Mrs. Carolyn Williams (Delores), Annie L. Phyll and daughter, Ms.Stubble, Shirley B. Love, Marle Ewing and Nedra Butler.

Gospel Extravaganza
Come join in on the First Annual Gospel Extravaganza of Seffner on July 10, 11 and 12, at First M. B. Church of Seffner, 6720 CR 579, Seffner, 33584.

2-12 - The Closing will feature Guest Minister Mario Webb and guests from Lexington, Kentucky at the 11 a.m. service. For detailed information please contact Brother David L. Harris at (813) 892-1335 or the church at (813) 667-0104 or REV. Love at (833) 635-0520.

Avon And More
The management of Avon And More places is proud to make a difference in the community. Their personal commitment is to work hard to assist a charitable organization to help foster their goals.

The company has given away 10% of their total in-store sales and match the donations with another 10% for a total of 20%. The 20% will be given to the chosen organization as a way to say thank you and to show Avon And More cares.

They are happy to announce Word Alive Ministries, Youth Sport's Center as the first beneficiary. July 11-12, 2009 and June and Girl's Inc. for the month of July. They look forward to helping each organization and would like to thank everyone for their support.

Saturday store hours are 10am-2pm. The company may also shop online at www.youravon.com or you can shop online at www. colorodecortic.com. Our staff will be here from 10am-2pm.

The owners are Harold and Verdell Silas.

Gloria's Things To Do
If you want a place in the sun, you must expect some blisters.

Health, Career
And Educatin Event Planned

The committee of the Fort Meade Southside community will host a community event, "Fun and Games Together" on Saturday, August 29, 2009 at Morrison's Park in Fort Meade. This Committee is a collaboration of the citizens of local churches, non-profit agencies and businesses who will share health/career/educational information, fun, games, dancing, singing, back to school supplies, free haircuts, free food, and much more. This event is solely sponsored through donations and in-kind services. This day is set aside to unite and empower the families of the Fort Meade Southside community.

For further information and/or to register for a booth, please contact Maurice Nelson at (863) 712-2774 or Doreatha Riley at (863) 670-4210.

Best Places to Go - Awards
In 2008, eight companies were recipients of Polk Works' first prestigious "Employer of Distinction Award," and this award was created by Polk Works to recognize companies that have shown consistent commitment to improving the quality of life for their employees and have been a leader in our community in developing a best-practice workplace that encourages their employees to put forth their very best work. The following companies were announced in August 2008: Brighthouse Networks, Keith Boots, Lakeland, Lakeland Regional Medical Center, Marriott Vacation Club, Polk County Board of County Commissioners, Polk County Clerk of Courts, W. S. Badcock Corporation and Winter Haven Hospital.

The Best Places to Work Employer of Distinction is a three-year recognition. These companies will be recognized through the year of 2010 and will not have to apply for the Best Places to Work annual award, however, they will be recognized during the Best Places to Work Awards at future Annual Meetings.

There is still time to apply for the Polk Works Best Places to Work Award. For further information, please contact Julia Garrett at (863) 506-1839 or julia.garrett@polkworxks.org.

District Assembly Held
'Higher in the Lord, Further in the Mission'. Joshua 1:8 was the chosen theme of the Church of God by Faith (COGFB)-Tampa West Coast District Assembly, Elder James E. Williams, III, District Superintendent, which was held May 29-31, 2009.

This District is made up of eight churches located in: Bradenton, Clearwater, Fort Myers, Lakeland, Plant City, Polk City, Tampa and one mission recently located in St. Petersburg. The host site of the assembly was Victory Temple COGFB in Lakeland, Elder Neal T. Phillips, Pastor.

The assembly opened on Friday, May 29th, with its Opening Ceremony. The Tampa WestCoast District Youth Choir under the direction of Sister Audrey Williams, Director, and Worship were - rendered immediately by Home District Youth Choir. The Tampa WestCoast District Praise Team and the Tampa WestCoast District Praise Choir under the direction of Sister Audrey Williams, rendered songs of Praise & Worship.

Birthday Greetings
So Other Things, and belated 'Happy Birthday' wishes to Mrs. Dee Axson of Lakeland, who celebrated her natal day on June 18th. Hoping that your day was filled with the desires of your heart and wishing you a year that is more birthdays! May the Lord continue to bless you with many, many more birthdays!}

Talk to Shaw-Nuf Talk
Send an e-mail to: shaw-nuf-talk@yahoo.com or calling (863) 513-8437. Shaw-Nuf Talk will share your exciting news with the readers!
On Friday, June 19, 2009, Luster-All Training Center of Hope (L.A.T.C.H.), in conjunction with Mt. Olive Freewill Baptist Church, Bartow, Reverend Andrew Farley, Pastor, hosted its second graduation for the year of 2009.

Program participants were: Dr. Allesandra Cole-Paulino, Larry Clark, Pamela Sams, Pastor Bob Carter, Commissioner Leo Longsworth, Dr. Harvey J. Lester, President/CEO of L.A.T.C.H., and Deloris Joiner, Director of Nursing.

The keynote speaker was Rick Elmorost, Anchor/Reporter for television station Bay News 9.

Graduates Denise Ricketts and Tatika Williams rendered Valedictorian remarks. Student Words of Encouragement were given by Shanna Harris-Jackson.

In his closing remarks to the graduates, Dr. Lester them that they are now ready to ‘come out among the chickens and soar like the eagles’.

Graduates were: Certified Nursing Assistant: Kaylee Allen, Moneca Bailey, La- Shandran Blue, Jacqueline Fainung, Emanie Filsaime, Edne Jean Forbus, Anita Francisco, Shanna Harris-Jackson, Rickia Hickman, Eugene Johnson, Latasha Johnson, LaMonica Laster, Tamika Mathurin, Sarah Moss, Martha Neport, Petal Persaud, Sarahann Peters, Gaitni Ramlogan, Daniel Rice, Denise Ricketts, Kenya Smith, Jean St. Helen, Jacqueline Sullivan, Carrie Taylor, Brenda Tompkins, Tatika Williams, and Tanita Zimmerman; Home Health Aide: Stacy Englert, Norma Gaskins and Mildred Young; and High School Diploma: Emanie Filsaime, Eugene Johnson and Latoryria Miller. (Photos by Shaw-Nuf)

Elated graduates Latasha Johnson (l) and Kenya Smith (r) with C.N.A. class instructor, Deloris Joiner, Registered Nurse (center).

Another happy graduate, Sarah poses with her proud father.

Luster-All Training Center of Hope staff and partners.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority presents Community Service Award 2009

Doretha Tillman was presented with the Community Service Award by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Lakeland Alumnae Chapter on May 23, 2009.

Mrs. Doretha Tillman was born and reared in Winter Haven. She is the Media Specialist at Discovery Academy of Lake Alfred. She has been in education for 34 years.

Mrs. Tillman is another unsung hero in community service. She started a monthly literacy program that serves parents of students in grades 6-8 during after school hours. The program teaches parents to help teach their children and it gets parents involved with their children’s education.

She has set up FCAT workshops with parents to teach parents testing strategies that would help them help their children.

She has brought high school counselors into the community to talk with parents and students about scholarships and preparing for college.

One of her quiet activities is working with abused women and children.

She has worked with Blood Pressure and Stroke Awareness, HIV/AIDS Walks. She has been a presenter at an Alzheimer’s Healthcare Seminar and she has volunteered at the Neighborhood Service Center, which is supported by the United Way (assisting with healthcare seminars for our mature citizens of Winter Haven).

Mrs. Tillman is a member of Hurst Chapel AME Church in Winter Haven, where she is a Sunday School teacher, Director of Christian Education, and a bible study teacher.

She is a member of the Polk County Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. She is a wife, a mother of three adult children, and she has three grandchildren.

Mrs. Tillman works quietly in the community, making a difference by working with the parents of students in the school system. She set her goal and achieved it.

Betty J. Woodard, Chairperson.
**Blake High School**

WINSTON PAUL LIGHTBODY, JR.

HONOR: High Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Winston, Sr., and Ellastine Lightbody.
GRANDPARENTS: Earl and Willie Mae Lane.
HOBBIES: Marching Band and Soccer.
CHURCH: College Hill Church of God In Christ.

**Broward Elem. School**

MAKAYLA BORDERS

HONORS: High Honor Roll, AR Reading, and Perfect Attendance.
PARENTS: Tiffany R. Session and Charles Borders, Jr.
GRANDPARENTS: Charles and Veronica Borders and Michael and Diane Young.
HOBBIES: Dancing and Reading.
CHURCH: Greater Mount Moriah P. B. Church.

**Burnett Middle School**

JAYLEN X. RODRIGUEZ

HONORS: Principal's Honor Roll, Green Team, AR Reading, and Perfect Attendance.
PARENTS: Tiffany and Charles Borders, Jr.
GRANDPARENTS: Paulie McMillan and Charles and Veronica Borders, Sr.
HOBBIES: Baseball and Reading.
CHURCH: Greater Mount Moriah Church of God In Christ.

**Carwise Middle School**

JAMESHA COBB

HONORS: Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance.
PARENTS: James and Toyetta Cobb.
GRANDPARENTS: Bertha Cobb, Ella Crawford and Johnnie Crawford, Jr.
GREAT-GRANDMOTHER: Bertha Crawford
HOBBIES: Dancing, Sports, and Computer Games.
CHURCH: New Life Baptist Church.

**Collins Elem. School**

MAKAYLA Z. NEWBY

HONOR: High Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Jason and Malia Martinez.
GRANDPARENTS: Dennis and Betty Newby.
HOBBIES: English and Science.
CHURCH: College Hill Church of God In Christ.

**Cleveland Elem. School**

ZEMIA G. GUITIERREZ

HONORS: Principal's Honor Roll and Citizenship.
PARENTS: Tonya Buchanan and DeVonti Gutierrez.
GRANDPARENTS: Tony and Sally Buchanan, Sherry Waters, and Amanada Gutierrez.

**Dunbar Magnet Elem. School**

MARGARET O. JACKSON

HONORS: High Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance.
PARENTS: Albert Jackson and Cheryl Brown.
GRANDPARENTS: Robert and Margaret A. Fisher.
HOBBIES: Computers, Board Games, Computer Games, Traveling, Swimming, Reading, Talking on the Cell Phone, Watching TV, and Shopping.
CHURCH: Tyer Temple United Methodist Church.

**Edison Elem. School**

DREW JOHNSON

HONORS: Principal's Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance.
PARENTS: Donnell and Tanya Williams.
GRANDPARENTS: Mr. and Mrs. Earline Williams, Jr.
HOBBIES: Praise Dance and Singing.
CHURCH: House of Praise COGIC.

**Learning is a lifelong experience.**

"Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one."
**Honor Roll**

**Ferrall Middle School**

**JASON ANTHONY FLUCKER WILLIAMS**

HONOR: Principal's Honor Roll, All-Ao.
PARENTS: Tameka Sherrill Tucker.
GRANDPARENTS: Freddie J. Tucker.
HOBBIES: Basketball, Baseball, and Music (Drums).
CHURCH: College Hill Church of God In Christ.

**Kimbell Elem. School**

**URIEL DIX**

HONOR: Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance, and Citizenship.
PARENTS: Matthew Dix and Regina Dix.
GRANDPARENTS: Leslie Hooks and Velma Bailey.
HOBBIES: Baseball, Reading, and Video Games.
CHURCH: Little Rock Church of God by Faith.

**Kenly Elem. School**

**ALEXIS WHEATLEY**

HONORS: Principal's Honor Roll and Citizenship.
PARENTS: Miranda and Anthony Wheatley.
GRANDPARENTS: Margaret Butler and the late William J. Butler, Sr., of Tampa; Jackie Bowman, Sandra McCaskill, and the late Andrew McCaskill, of Pittsburgh, PA.
HOBBIES: Cheerleading, Dancing Ballet, Tap, Hip Hop, and Singing.
CHURCH: First Union Missionary Baptist Church.

**Jennings Middle School**

**DOMINEA WESTLEY**

HONORS: Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance, and Citizenship.
PARENTS: Kia and Odell Jackson.
GRANDPARENTS: Sarah White, Rosita Brooks, and Hilton Harmon.
HOBBIES: Ballet, Going to the Movies, and enjoying her brother, RJ, and cousin, Latamera.

**Hillsborough High School**

**KENNY TUCKER, JR.**

HONOR: Principal's Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Jimmy and Sandra Tucker.
GRANDPARENTS: Mr. Booker and Mildred Tucker and Rev. D. L. and Mary Mosley.
CHURCH: The Church of the Kingdom of God.

**Foster Elem. School**

**RAIYANA MALONE**

HONORS: Principal's Honor Roll, citizenship, and Perfect Attendance all year.
PARENTS: Melinda Carson and Raimon Malone.
GRANDPARENTS: Barbara and Robert Carson.
HOBBIES: Computers, Skateboarding, and Writing.
CHURCH: Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses.

**Greco Middle School**

**ANTONIO D. MCCULLOUGH II**

HONOR: High Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Antonio McCullough and Sharonda Lindsey.
GRANDPARENTS: Ralph and Janice McCullough and Lee and Sylvia Lindsey.
HOBBIES: Football and Baseball.
CHURCH: House Of Praise Church of God In Christ.

**Lewis Elem. School**

**KRYSTIEN GREEN**

HONOR: Principal's Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Ms. Tametra Smith and Lee Green.
GRANDPARENTS: Mary and Delicia Gunn.
HOBBIES: Baseball and Video Games.

**Lopez Elem. School**

**CARACELLE S. MCCASKILL**

HONORS: Principal's Honor Roll, Citizenship, and High Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Fred and Melissa Bowling.
GRANDPARENTS: The late Gloria Key and Eva Lee Grady.
HOBBY: Writing.
CHURCH: College Hill Church of God In Christ.

**JIMMY TUCKER, JR.**

HONORS: Advanced Band Musician, Perfect Attendance, and Citizenship.
PARENTS: Jimmie and Sandra Tucker.
GRANDPARENTS: Mr. Booker and Mildred Tucker and Rev. D. L. and Mary Mosley.
CHURCH: The Church of the Kingdom of God.

**HONORS:** Advanced Band Musician, Perfect Attendance, and Citizenship.
PARENTS: Jimmie and Sandra Tucker.
GRANDPARENTS: Mr. Booker and Mildred Tucker and Rev. D. L. and Mary Mosley.
CHURCH: The Church of the Kingdom of God.

**RAIYANA MALONE**

HONORS: Principal's Honor Roll, citizenship, and Perfect Attendance all year.
PARENTS: Melinda Carson and Raimon Malone.
GRANDPARENTS: Barbara and Robert Carson.
HOBBIES: Computers, Skateboarding, and Writing.
CHURCH: Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses.

**GRAYDALE J. TUCKER**

HONOR: Principal's Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Miranda and Anthony Wheatley.
GRANDPARENTS: Margaret Butler and the late William J. Butler, Sr., of Tampa; Jackie Bowman, Sandra McCaskill, and the late Andrew McCaskill, of Pittsburgh, PA.
HOBBIES: Cheerleading, Dancing Ballet, Tap, Hip Hop, and Singing.
CHURCH: First Union Missionary Baptist Church.

**GRANDPARENTS: Barbara Carson and Robert Carson.**

**HONORS: Principal's Honor Roll.**

**PARENTS: Tameka Sherrill Tucker.**

**GRANDPARENTS: Freddie J. Tucker.**

**HOBBIES: Basketball, Baseball, and Music (Drums).**

**CHURCH: College Hill Church of God In Christ.**

"An education isn't how much you have committed to memory, or even how much you know. It's being able to differentiate between what you do know and what you don't."  
Anatole France  
(1844 - 1924)
Honor Roll

Madison Middle School

DA' METERIUS JONES
HONOR: High Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Mary Presley and Willie Jones.
GRANDPARENTS: Tommy Lee Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Jones.
HOBBIES: Basketball, Football, Soccer, Playing the Trumpet, DSI and Swimming.

Oak Park Elem. School

KAYLA MCCRAY
HONOR: Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Tarsha Neal and Ralph McCray.
GRANDPARENT: Gloria Peace.
HOBBIES: Dancing and Shopping.
CHURCH: New Salem Primitive Baptist Church.

Horne Mann Middle School

ANTHONY WHEATLEY
HONORS: High Honor Roll and Citizenship.
PARENTS: Miranda and Anthony Wheatley.
GRANDPARENTS: Margaret Butler and the late William J. Butler, Sr., of Tampa; Jackie Bowman, Sandra McCaskill and the late Andrew McCaskill, of Pittsburgh, PA.
HOBBIES: Basketball, Baseball, and Football.
CHURCH: First Union Missionary Baptist Church.

Orange Grove Middle School

JESSICA CLARK
HONOR: High Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Felicia Smith and Dwayne Clark.
GRANDPARENTS: Lois Smith and Carolyn Clark.
HOBBIES: Singing, Dancing, Cheering, Math, English, and Reading.
CHURCH: College Hill Church of God In Christ.

Potter Elem. School

ALIYAH BARROW
HONORS: Principal's Honor Roll.
PARENTS: TreashaNeal and Lewis Davis.
GRANDPARENTS: The late Willie and Rosa Lee Ward.
HOBBIES: Cheerleading, Reading, hanging out with friends and shopping.
CHURCH: New Hope M. B. Church.

Plant High School

TIFFANY L. NEAL-DAVIS
HONOR: Principal's Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Cheryl D. Ward and Lewis Davis.
GRANDPARENTS: The late Willie and Rosa Lee Ward.
HOBBIES: Cheerleading, Reading, hanging out with friends and shopping.
CHURCH: New Hope M. B. Church.

Alcoa

ALECIA EDWARDS
HONORS: Principal's Honor Roll; Citizenship; Honors Award; Sportsmanship Award; President's Education Award (signed by President Obama); Principal's Honor Award; Progress Award; AAA School Safety Patrol; and Character Recognition.
PARENT: Bernetha Williams.
GRANDPARENTS: Bernice Williams Thomas, and Andrew Thomas.
HOBBIES: Singing, Cheerleading, Reading, Computer.
CHURCH: Revealing Truth Ministries.

Progress Village Middle School

CHELSEA ALICE VIRGIA BREWINGTON
HONOR: High Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Marco and LaQuinda Brewington.
GRANDPARENT: Chloe King.
CHURCH: College Hill Church of God In Christ.

Sacred Heart Academy

J'KOBI REDDICK
HONOR: High Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Janeka Brooks and the late Collins Reddick, Jr.
GRANDPARENTS: Janice Hagans and Donald Womack, and Virgil and Olivia Brooks.
HOBBIES: Basketball, Football, and Reading.
CHURCH: Sacred Heart Church.

Sheehy Elem. School

RAMIYA PARSONS
HONORS: Principal's Honor Roll and Citizenship.
PARENTS: Bernetha Williams and Isaac R. Parsons.
GRANDPARENTS: Bernice Williams Thomas, and Andrew Thomas.
HOBBIES: Reading, Cheerleading, and Computer.
CHURCH: Revealing Truth Ministries.

Philip Shore Magnet

CEDRICA W. JACKSON
HONORS: High Honor Roll and Citizenship; honored 4 years every nine weeks; Honor Roll and Citizenship Medals.
PARENT: Cedric Jackson.
GRANDPARENTS: Joseph and Renita Williams and Robert Troupe.
HOBBIES: Riding Bike, Playing with the Lap Top Computer, Reading and Writing.
CHURCH: Bible Study at home.

"The strength of the United States is not the gold at Fort Knox or the weapons of mass destruction that we have, but the sum total of the education and the character of our people."

"Everyone has a right to a university degree in America, even if it's in Hamburger Technology."
Clive James

Memorial Middle School

KEITH LEWIS
HONOR: High Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Tametra Smith and Keith Lewis.
GRANDPARENTS: Mary Smith and Betty Lewis.
HOBBIES: Swim, Travel, Weightlifting, and playing Football.

The Church of the Kingdom of God.
HONORS: Honor Roll, Citizenship, and Perfect Attendance.
PARENTS: Robbin Henry and Leonard Walker.
GRANDPARENTS: Jackie and Wardell Butler, and Chris and Johnny Moore.
HOBBIES: Skating, Basketball, and Video Games.
CHURCH: New Mt. Zion Church.

PRINCE LITTLE, JR.
HONOR: Honor Roll.
PARENT: Katrena Mitchell.
GRANDPARENTS: Cookie, Inez, and Simuel Howard.
HOBBIES: Helping Others, Football and Swimming.

AYLA ANDREWS
HONOR: Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Mr. and Mrs. C. Blythe (Sylvia) Andrews, III.
GRANDPARENTS: Mrs. C. Blythe (Gloria) Andrews, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Peterkin (Jeanette) Berry.
HOBBIES: Karate and Computer Games.
CHURCH: Beaulah Baptist Institutional Church.

C. BLYTHE ANDREWS, IV
HONOR: Honor Roll.
PARENTS: Mr. and Mrs. C. Blythe (Sylvia) Andrews, III.
GRANDPARENTS: Mrs. C. Blythe (Gloria) Andrews, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Peterkin (Jeanette) Berry.
HOBBIES: Karate, Golf, and Computer Games.
CHURCH: Bethel AME Church.

In Honor Of Those Who Succeeded

In honor of those who enjoy success; In honor of those who scored high on all the tests. In honor of those who never quit; In honor of those who stand tall and never sit. In honor of those who didn’t mind being smart; In honor of those who gave from the heart. In honor of those who only settled for the best; In honor of those who worked hard without rest. In honor of those who enjoyed it all; In honor of those who stumbled but refused to fall. In honor of those who enjoy something new; In honor of those who don’t mind being the few. In honor of those who took the extra step; In honor of those who never ran out of pep. In honor of those who know they are different; In honor of those who understand and here’s a hint. In honor of those who deserve the grace; In honor of those who never rushed ahead in haste. In honor of those who only want to grow; In honor of those who really know. In honor of those who will be the first to achieve; In honor of those who made doubters believe. In honor of those who thought it would be hard; In honor of those who drew the trump card. In honor of those with pomp and circumstance; In honor of those who will sing and dance. In honor of those who make us all proud; In honor of those who can sing out loud. In honor of those who will become a future leader; In honor of those who appreciate the teacher. In honor of those we owe so much; In honor of those who prevailed in the clutch. In honor of those we’ll be hearing from later; In honor of those seeking to become even greater. In honor of those who succeeded; In honor of those who knew exactly what they needed.

“Education is what survives when what has been learned has been forgotten.”
B. F. Skinner (1904 - 1990), New Scientist, May 21, 1964
FAMU Alumni Hosts Annual Seafood Fest

Alumni and friends of Florida A&M University Alumni Association, Tampa Chapter, gathered at the center at MacFarlane Park for their annual seafood fest. It was a well attended affair with several activities. (Photography by Brunson)

Gathered at the seafood fest hosted by the FAMU Alumni Association were from left, Marvin Martin, Chandra Hayes, Congressman Kendrick Meek, Jette B. Wilds, Jr. and Ana Cruz.

Attorneys Patricia Dawson and Jeraldine Williams-Shaw were in attendance for the seafood fest.

The DJ for the affair was Randall C, right.

Active alumni members James Green and Mary Darby.

Dr. and Mrs. Rayfield McGhee at the annual seafood fest.

Bridgette Cummings attended the seafood fest with her granddaughter, Amani Johnson.

John Barnes, Valerie Barnes, Hedy Jackson and Edward Jackson at the seafood fest.

Ashley Dixon at the seafood fest.

Dennis and Francis Alexander were all decked in their FAMU gear.

Justin Green, VP of the alumni association, and Uronka Armstead.

The Preston family: Rodney Preston, Sr., Leandra Preston, Rodney Preston, Jr., Frederick Preston, Sr. and Betty Preston at the alumni seafood fest.

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Dr. Theresa Lewis Celebrates Her Graduation

Dr. Theresa Lewis received a Ph.D. in Education from the University of South Florida. A ceremony and reception for her was held in the Education Building at USF. (Photos by Julia Jackson)

Dr. Theresa Lewis with her mother, Mrs. Marilyn Short, after the graduation.

The hostess for the ceremony and reception was Ruby Jackson.

Rev. T. L. Williams and Mrs. Gwen Williams (Dr. Lewis' middle school teacher) attended the reception.

Sarah Velvale, Dr. Lewis' best friend, was also in attendance.

Good friend and church sister, Gailly Bagley attended the reception.

Jaquan Lucas did the praise celebration with songs of praise.

Aunt and uncle of Dr. Lewis, Johnnie Mae and Tony Collins.

Host, toastmaster, gospel comedian and playwright, Melvin Coleman.
Barbara Birt and Carolyn Monroe, aunts of Keith Batchelor, hosted a graduation party for Keith and Clarence Wilson, III. The black and white affair was held at the West Tampa Convention Center. The two young men were among the graduates of Tampa Catholic High School. (Photography by Brunson)

Graduation party honorees, Keith Batchelor and Clarence Wilson, III with Arielle Keith.

Keona and Dominique were among the guests at the graduation party for Keith and Clarence.

Tierra and Ralynda at the graduation party.

Clarence Wilson, III, center, (also known as Bubba) with graduation party guests Salon Peace and Shakena Berrien.

Keke at the West Tampa Convention Center for the graduation party for Keith Batchelor and Clarence Wilson, III.

Big Money, D-t and Super G living it up at the graduation party.

Keith Batchelor and Clarence Wilson, III are shown with classmates from Sacred Heart Academy.

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Your Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public comment period starting on June 26 through August 5 to take public comments on the 2009-2010 Annual Action Plan and the amendments to prior year Action Plans as part of the 2006-2011 Consolidated Plan for Hillsborough County.

The Annual Action Plan is a document required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and is used to guide housing and community development efforts in Hillsborough County during the next fiscal year (October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010). The Annual Action Plan is a component of the Consolidated Plan which specifies how funds should be spent during a one-year period. The Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan documents provide information on how the County will achieve the outlined goal of providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities for very-low, low and moderate-income individuals and households.

The proposed FY09-10 Annual Action Plan will include information on projects funded with $5,112,661 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), $2,747,380 in HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and $263,394 in Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) grant funds and anticipated program income.

2009-2010 Action Plan Activities

Activities in this plan include infrastructure and park improvements, housing rehabilitation, acquisition and development of real property, demolition and clearance, code compliance inspections, homebuyer assistance, housing construction, public services, homeless prevention and support services, and other activities eligible in accordance with programmatic rules and regulations.

Priority Year Action Plan Amendments

The following amendments are proposed for prior year Action Plans:

- Amend the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) Substantial Amendment to the 2008-2009 Action Plan to include Financing Mechanisms that will allow NSP funds to be utilized for homebuyer financing of NSP-acquired properties; initiate activity in the secondary target area immediately, and allow for the acquisition of abandoned and vacant properties in addition to foreclosed properties.
- Amend the 2007-2008 Action Plan to cancel the Radio Lane subdivision development project ($501,000 in HOME) that will now be funded with CDBG-R.
- Amend the 2008-2009 Action Plan to cancel the Self Reliance Thrift Store project ($400,000 in CDBG).
- Amend the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) Substantial Amendment to the 2008-2009 Action Plan to include an additional mechanism that will be utilized for NSP-acquired properties; delineate activity in the secondary target area immediately; and allow for the acquisition of abandoned and vacant properties in additional to foreclosed properties.

The proposed Prior Year Action Plan Amendments (incorporated therein) will be available for review at the following locations from June 26, 2009 through August 5, 2009:

- Affordable Housing website: www.hillsboroughcounty.org/affordablehousingoffice/resources/publications/home.cfm
- Affordable Housing Department: 1208 Tech Boulevard, Suite 300, Tampa
- University Area Community Center: 14013 22nd Street, Tampa
- University Area Community Center: 2902 West Bearss Avenue, Tampa
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A Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, August 5, at 2 p.m. to receive final comments and adopt the Action Plan and Action Plan Amendments. This hearing will be held at the Frederick B. Karl County Center, 2nd Floor Boardroom, 601 E. Kennedy Blvd., downtown Tampa.

All meeting facilities are accessible in accordance with the Americans With Disabilities Act. Any additional necessary accommodations will be provided with a 48-hour notice.

For more information, please call Maureen Calderaro
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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids will be received from bidders by the Authority in the Service Building front office located on the second level/Blue side, Tampa International Airport, for the project listed below, until 9:30 a.m., July 29, 2009, at which time all bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Service Building Lobby Conference Room B, second level/Blue side.

Airports Name: Tampa International Airport
HFAA Project Number: 4215-09
FAA AIP Number: 3-12-0078-52-009, 3-12-0078-50-009
Project Title: Relocation of the Airport Surveillance Radar (ASR-9)

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held in the Authority boardroom, located in the Landside Terminal Building, third level/Blue side on July 9, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. For more information regarding the bidding of this project, please access the Authority’s website at www.tampaairport.com; Quick Links, Airport Business, Notice of Solicitations.

To receive automated e-mail notifications of future business opportunities, please visit our website at tampaport.com and register using the Authority’s Business and Supplier Registration Program.

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TAMPA PORT AUTHORITY

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)
GENERAL ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING CONSULTANT SERVICES
PROCUREMENT DOCUMENT NO. Q-005-09

In accordance with the Florida Consultant’s Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA), the Tampa Port Authority (TPA) is soliciting statements of interest with qualifications from firms interested in providing general environmental engineering services on an as-needed basis at the Port of Tampa.

The Consultant team shall have proven experience in port related environmental matters. Work under the agreement(s) will be assigned on an as-needed basis. Any issued work orders may vary in range of scope and tasks.

A Mandatory Pre-Qualification Meeting will be held Wednesday, July 1, 2009 at 10:00 a.m., in the Tampa Port Authority’s Board Room located on the 1st floor, 1101 Channelside Drive, Tampa, FL 33602. Respondents not attending this mandatory meeting will be precluded from submitting a response to this RFQ.

All firms interested in becoming qualified to participate in this RFQ shall obtain a copy of the RFQ Instructions and Submittal Documents and submit a completed response to the Tampa Port Authority, 1101 Channelside Drive, 4th Floor, Tampa, FL 33602. Submittals are due by Friday, July 17, 2009 at 2:00 pm. Responses will be opened at that same date and time.

TPA encourages the use of registered Small Business Enterprise (SBE) firms to the greatest extent possible on TPA projects, and has a goal of nine percent (9%) SBE participation. TPA will consider SBE participation when evaluating the responses.

Firms failing to submit the required RFQ Documents may be deemed non-responsive. The RFQ is available through a link on the TPA web site (www.tampaport.com), and from the DemandStar System (www.demandstar.com). Questions concerning this RFQ should be directed to Donna Casey of the TPA’s Procurement Department, at (813) 905-5044, or e-mail at dcasey@tampaport.com, or faxed to (813) 905-5050.

TAMPA PORT AUTHORITY
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
DOCUMENT NUMBER P-014-09
GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

The Tampa Port Authority is requesting proposals (RFP) from firms qualified to furnish all labor, materials, equipment and services necessary or incidental to maintaining the exterior landscaping (approximately 300 acres) at TPA facilities. Interested firms must have an established reputation for experience, reliability and the ability to provide the required services.

All firms interested in participating in this RFP shall obtain a copy of the RFP Instructions and Submittal Documents and submit a completed response to the Tampa Port Authority, 1101 Channelside Drive, 4th Floor, Tampa, FL 33602. Submittals are due by Wednesday, July 29, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. Responses will be opened at 2:00 pm on the same date.

A MANDATORY PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE / TOUR will be held on Wednesday, July 8, 2009 at 8:00 am. Proposers not participating in the mandatory pre-proposal conference will be precluded from submitting a proposal for this project. See Section A - paragraph 1.2 of the RFP for mandatory pre-proposal conference details.

RFP Submittals shall include a letter indicating the firm's interest and completion of the RFP Documents. Firms failing to submit the required RFP Documents may be deemed non-responsive. The RFP is available through a link on the TPA web site (www.tampaport.com) or directly from the DemandStar web site (www.demandstar.com).

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Questions regarding this solicitation may be directed to Authority's Contracting Office at 813 253-0551, ext. 390.

There will be a pre-bid conference on Thursday, July 9, 2009, from 9:00A.M., in the Seminole Park Apartments located at 1319 North Florida Avenue, Tampa, Florida 33602.

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Woman Fined $1.92 Million Dollars For Downloading 24 Songs

The recording industry says she willfully violated music copyright laws by illegally downloading over twenty-four songs. Now the RIAA wants her to pay over $80,000 per song. Ms. Jammie Thomas is being penalized in part by a U.S. copyright law, which states someone who illegally downloads music can be fined up to $150,000. This is disturbing news for many internet users who occasionally download songs without purchasing them.

The case originally went to court in 2007 in Minnesota and the RIAA is holding to their guns demanding that Ms. Thomas pays every bit of the fine, however the case is still set for appeal. The RIAA is also not content with going after individual file sharers but decided instead to work directly with Internet Providers to investigate users who are downloading pirated music files.

AT&T and other ISP's are already working with the RIAA to disclosed information about its customer's Internet activity. Cox Communications is also believed to be working with the RIAA. Comcast so far has denied that they are working with the RIAA. The whole process falls under the Digital Millennium Copyright Act. Once the ISP has reason to believe a customer is downloading music files for free they will send letters of warnings that they are about to terminate your high-speed connection. In some cases customers receive more than one warning before actual disconnection occurs but very rarely happens.

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