EAST GIRLS’ ALL-STARS WIN UNCF BASKETBALL GAME

The Wilkes and McHugh 26th UNCF All Star High School 2011 Basketball Classic was held Friday, March 11, 2011 at Jefferson High School. The East Squad, coached by Dexter Bryant, Head Coach at Brooks-DeBartolo Collegiate High School, won the game, 45-33. Senior players from the west side of the county went up against girls from the east side of the county. Members of the team and the schools they represented are: Shaunice Hobbs, Tampa Bay Tech; Caitlin Doone, Chamberlain; Taylor Broadnax, Durant, 3-point contest winner; Layla Johnson, East Bay; Keyann Powell, Brooks-DeBartolo; Raven Quarterman, Brooks-DeBartolo; Shamaria Engram, Strawberry Crest; Diana Mitchell, Wharton; Tashana Bludsaw, Hillsborough High; Liana Pugueuo, Spoto, and Brianna Thomas, Spoto, East MVP. The winning girls’ squad is shown with coaches Bill Richardson, Brooks-DeBartolo assistant; Curtis Folsom, Middleton High girls’ coach; Dexter Bryant and George Kimbell, Brooks-DeBartolo assistant.

(Photograph by Toby Scott)
HART Probe Launched Amid Allegations Of Wrongdoing

BY IRIS B. HOLTON
Sentinel City Editor

On Monday, March 14, the HART Board of Directors met in a special board meeting. The meeting, which will take place at the HART Administrative Offices, 1201 E. 7th Avenue, 3rd Floor Conference Room, pertains to allegations of wrongdoing.

WALLACE BOWERS, Secretary of the HART Board of Directors, confirmed that there is an investigation underway, but declined to say what the investigation centered on or who was being targeted. However, he did say that it was being handled by a law firm.

"The purpose of the investigation is to determine facts from allegations. After the investigation is complete, then I can talk about it," Bowers said.

The Board has a policy that all written complaints must be investigated. In his position as Secretary, Bowers is obligated to pursue all written complaints. The complaints reportedly were filed by current and former employees.

Although Bowers did not give details about the investigation, the special meeting planned for March 21st, at 8:30 a.m., is posted on the HART web page.

The first meeting agenda item states, "Special Board of Directors Meeting, RE: Complaint Pursuing HART Policy Chapter 410.06."

Chapter 410.06 pertains to the Whistleblower Policy.

The Sentinel has learned that the complaint centers on promotion and promotions given by David Armiyo, CEO of HART.

The allegations include a claim that one employee was hired in March 2010, at a salary of $65,500, and then promoted seven weeks later. However, policy dictates that an employee must complete a 6-month probation period before he or she is qualified for promotion. The promotion reportedly came with a $15,000 a year raise.

Another concern is the recent hiring of a Communications Specialist for HART. According to documentation the Sentinel received, the position is for 12 hours weekly, work at home post that carries a salary range of $50,689.60 to $63,356.80 per year. The position was advertised, "In House Only" and the dates in which an applicant could apply was from February 28th to March 9th.

However, information received through a public records request, the position posted with a salary of $50,689.60 to $63,356.80 per year.

"He reported that he had received written complaints that were submitted directly to him from past and recent employees. The employees feel that there is a conflict with the immediate supervisor, which could be investigated by the Board in accordance with the Board Policy Manual Section 410.06, and asked for confidentiality. It was during that meeting the decision was made to oblige the services of an attorney."

According to the webpage during the meeting, "Mr. (Clark) Jordan-Holmes stated it would be appropriate for an attorney to be involved and confidentiality preserved to the extent permitted by law. He noted that the greatest area of confidentiality and potential litigation is where Counsel is to be involved. Mr. Jordan-Holmes commented that it is appropriate to make a recommendation that Director Bowers meet with an attorney to further discuss the issue."

"Director (Allison) Hewitt urged the Committee to be proactive and listen to the employees before public exposure."

"Director (John) Byczek noted that General Counsel could make determination if it is a labor issue and could advise Director Bowers of his next actions."
Rally Planned Saturday: Community Leaders Pull Out All The Stops To Get Out The Vote In Crucial Election

By Tameca Johnson
Freelance Writer

The future of Tampa lies in the hands of registered voters. That’s the word from community leaders who are working around the clock to get residents to the polls now through Election Day. Saturday marks the final day of early voting in the city’s run-off election and plans are in place for a major “Get Out The Vote Rally” this weekend.

The event is open to the public and takes place from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Ragan Park, 1200 E. Lake Avenue on Saturday, March 19, 2011. Community and business leaders will attend, along with mayoral candidate Bob Buckhorn.

Buckhorn is in a tight race against Rose Ferlita and grassroots worker, Mitch Kate is convinced residents in East and West Tampa will be the deciding factor. “So far, the votes are exceeding what they were in the primary. Interest is high and the African American community has been doing extremely well coming out to vote. Everything is trending exactly where it should be.”

Community leader Marvin Knight spent weeks organizing the rally and says this election is the most important one of our time. “There is a need now more than ever to cast our ballots. The future of jobs, our neighborhoods, development and the direction of the city depends on our next leader.”

As of Wednesday, March 16, 2011, 4,978 early votes had been cast.

In addition to free food, entertainment, a meet and greet with candidates, current and former city officials, Mr. Knight and his team are providing free transportation for registered voters who need a ride to the polls, Drivers will be on hand Saturday at Ragan Park transporting voters to early voting sites and will provide home pick-ups to polls on Election Day, Tuesday March 22.

For more information call (813) 531-2306 anytime day or night now through Tuesday.

Man Whose Name Was Used For County’s Desegregation Suit Dies At Age 58

By Gwen Hayes
Sentinel Editor

The man whose name was used to file the desegregation suit against Hillsborough County Board of Education died last week. He was 58 years old.

Andrew L. Manning was admitted to the hospital last Sunday, March 6, 2011, and died on Monday, March 7, 2011 of congestive heart failure, a caregiver stated.

Court documents state that with the assistance of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, Attorneys Constance Baker Motley, Thurgood Marshall and others, the Manning family and the family of Shayron R. Reed filed suit in 1958 to take Hillsborough County to court. The 4 African American parents (Andrew and Willie Manning and Sanders and Sandra Reed) said they were not allowed to send their children to schools in their neighborhood. In 1962, the federal court said Hillsborough County was operating an illegal segregated school. Desegregation was ordered in 1971 in the Middle District of Florida by Judge Ben Krentzman.

Manning would go on to attend and integrate MacFarlane Elementary School. He graduated from Leto High School. He also attended St. Petersburg Jr. College.

Throughout his life, Manning loved the field of disc jockeying. He was 16 years old when he first started as a deejay at WTMP Radio, using the stage name “Jerry Walker.” He spent several years at WLXY Radio and WTMP Radio.

Manning got involved in drugs at one point in his life and dealt with many health issues. He went on to write a book, “From The Crack House To The Church House,” which entailed his call into the ministry more than 20 years ago. He returned to WTMP as a gospel DJ, using as his theme song, “Victory Is Mine.” His ministry was named Victory Ministries.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, March 19, 2 p.m. at Rest Haven Memorial Park Cemetery. Wilson Funeral Home is in charge of service.

Among his survivors is a brother, Thomas Manning of Tampa.
Faith-Based Prison Set To Close: Why?

W e heard it and for the life of us, we can't recall who said it, but whoever made the statement said, “Prison is slavery by choice.” That remark came to mind as we read a news release about the recent closing of several Florida correctional facilities, including one of the State of Florida’s few prisons, which has logged a successful record of rehabilitating its inmates.

The Hillsborough Correctional Institution in Riverview, Hillsborough County’s only state prison, houses 300 inmates and 141 full-time employees. It has become legendary for — through Bible-study, anger management and humanistic treatment — to do what prisons throughout America have promised to do: to restore humanity to psychologically and spiritually wounded human beings. Unfortunately, however, a brilliant track-record is not enough to keep this facility alive.

Once again, money talks! According to prison officials, closing the women’s faith-based facility along with other state prisons will save more than $30 million to a yearly $8 billion budget. Nonetheless, it is a proposal our state cannot refuse, even though, according to one official, Hillsborough County correctional facilities, at full-capacity, would still not be cost-effective.

So, what is our County to do with 141 additional employees out-of-work? What is our County to think, given the fact jails and prisons are receiving more customers than Wal-Mart? Whose idea was it to shut down a sure-thing, anyway? A slight wind blows through the microphone — our Governor grins, but nobody says anything.

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America needs to stop being the world cops. We have to stop trying to make the world tailor-made to the desires of our country. The war in Afghanistan is so costly to us here in America that we are talking about cutting Social Security, Medicare and Education, among other things.

At the risk of sounding un-American, I truly believe the time has come to end our involvement in that country and get back to taking care of American citizens.

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Today, we have countries talking smack to the United States who would not dare to breathe a few years ago. That is because America can’t really afford another full-scale war.

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America can’t tell me why we are spending so much for that war. Heck, America doesn’t really know.

Another View

Why Is America In Afghanistan?

The war in Afghanistan is still not cost-effective. Is the fact jails and prisons are receiving more customers will they finally close? Are we the only country in the world that they hate or are mad at? What about Russia, China, Iran or Germany? Do they have a beef with Afghanistan? Are they worried about being attacked by them? For the life of me I cannot understand why America is in that country.

We have been there for 10 years and it is very questionable as to how much longer our troops will be there. It is becoming more and more apparent that the American people are tiring of this long and apparent unwinnable war.

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The Sole-Man Speaks

What People Are Now Willing To Talk About

Talk to anybody who knows, and he or she will surely tell you: In the South, candidates who run for political office are the only people who speak to each other, after the campaign is over. Don’t worry about it. You couldn’t change it, even if you wanted to. But hopefully, now, in the domain of the City of Tampa, some of the swelling has gone down . . . and people whose tongues had stuck to the roofs of their mouths with anguish, anger and sur- prise, may now find that their tongues, once swollen, are now loose enough to talk . . . or at least to scream, “WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED?”

So, what, indeed, did happen? Let’s talk about it? Tampa’s most recent mayoral campaign will go down in history as being one of the first political occurrences in memory wherein everyone who ran would have been elected, hands-down, if he or she had run against anyone else, but the people who were in the race. And that, most certainly, speaks exceedingly well for all of the mayoral candidates. What was sad however, was what was inevitable. No matter how magnificent the field, only two could compete, and only one could win. So, what does that say about the ones who lost? We can talk about them now.

So, let’s talk about Reverend Thomas Scott. A polished veteran of the pulpit for the past three decades as well as a recognized public servant, Tom Scott, had he won, would have become Tampa’s first Black mayor. But Tampa’s more than 40,000 Black voters either would not be moved, or would not be moved collectively, and the voters of South Tampa could not be convinced. So, Mayor Thomas Scott was not to become a reality. But who knows what tomorrow may bring? Amen?

So, next we consider Ed Turanchik. To think of the future of Tampa without including the name “Ed Turanchik” is simply not possible, is not possible. Indeed, Turanchik is to our growing city what Benjamin Franklin was to an infant America.

Then comes former Mayor Dick Greco. Compare him, please, to James Tiberius Kirk, Captain of the Starship U.S.S. Enterprise. Cockey, confident, abrupt and unfailingly optimistic, James T. Kirk and Mayor Dick Greco have two things in common: They know first-hand, the feel of the captain’s wheel. And they mistakenly believe that everybody loves them for the fact they are so good at what they do.

Tiny voters don’t like what part of human beings are not comfortable with heroes.

So, what will become of Rose Ferlita and Bob Buckhorn? One will win and the other will lose. But the few of us who vote will once again carry on as long as possible before we kiss and make-up . . . because such is the tradition of elections in the American South. And we are, indeed, children of antebellum America.
By Danny J. Bakewell Sr., Chairman, NNPA

I have recently been shocked and appalled by ads in several major newspapers confirming that Toyota spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to advertise in white mainstream daily newspapers “THANKING” their general market consumers for their loyalty and patronage to Toyota during their time of major controversy and concerns over the safety of Toyota’s vehicles. Thanking their customers is not unreasonable for the Toyota’s American market share, and with a $1.2 billion annual advertising budget it is not unreasonable for the Black Press to always expect to have a stake in Toyota’s advertising.

Nevertheless, Black newspapers were left off Toyota’s latest marketing campaign, sending a clear and direct message that the Black consumer is still being taken for granted and Black people are still being disrespected and undervalued. This is disappointing behavior from a company who was all too eager to send us their press releases and ask us to write stories and editorials to influence Black America to stay with them in their time of trouble. Toyota should note that it is going to take more than a passing grade on a Federal Transportation report card to bring back the consumer safety confidence they have enjoyed. (So when the decision was made to advertise in mainstream newspapers from coast to coast “THANKING” their customers for their loyalty, where was Toyota’s loyalty to it’s 10% African-American consumers?)

Historically, there has always been an imbalance between what goes out of the Black community and what comes in. Despite the fact that the buying power of America’s Blacks is reported to be roughly $1 trillion this year! And it is highly doubtful that Black-owned businesses will report revenue numbers that are the same and/or reap any of the benefits proportionate to our buying power. However, the question still remains, why is Toyota undervaluing the Black consumer and showing our community such blatant disrespect?

Tried, True, and Tested — the NNPA (Black Press of America) remains the gatekeeper for reaching the Black community. Corporations and advertising agencies wanting and needing to reach the African-American consumer must understand the relationship of the Black Press with Black people. They must remember to place their advertising messages on the pages of Black newspapers throughout America, and Black consumers will respond in kind (Black advertising agencies could help them with this).

The days of being silent and complaining among ourselves regarding these unethical and immoral business practices are over. When Toyota wanted our help, it had no problem seeking all 200 Black newspapers in America to do just that. Their message to Black people was — PLEASE HELP US, WE VALUE YOUR BUSINESS. We do not want Toyota to use us for editorial coverage and then overlook us with their advertising dollars.

Black newspapers are not afraid to demand fair representation and a seat to dine at Toyota’s table, especially when their food is purchased with approximately 10% of Black consumer dollars. If you want to thank Black consumers for our loyalty and keep our business, do it on the pages of the Black newspapers that Black people READ, RESPECT, TRUST AND OWΝ!!

Danny Bakewell Sr. is the Chairman of the National Newspaper Publishers Association, parent organization to the NNPA (Black Press of America).
Urgent Appeal: Help Some Young Man Go On A College Tour

Please consider this letter as an urgent appeal for you to support a very worthwhile effort.

I am a member of a male youth mentoring ministry (The Tampa District Sons of Allen) TDSOA, which is part of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. This group has worked to show young men a better slice of life via various activities outside of their neighborhoods.

We are asking, soliciting, begging and otherwise letting people know about the 40-195-60 plan. Consider this: plans have been made to take 40 boys for $850 each (which includes transportation, hotel and meals) on a 60-hour trip to......Florida Atlantic University, Florida International University, Florida Memorial College, The Miami Job Corps Center, The Black History Museum in Ft. Lauderdale and Bethune-Cookman University during spring break, April 23-27, 2011.

We are competing against certain elements: parents who have gone into debt to get their children Christmas gifts, students who have spent lots of $ to send their kids to the Florida State Fair and now the Florida Strawberry Festival. Children should have fun.

However, in the midst of all of this spending (with income tax refunds coming in every day), when it comes to education, many parents have spent out, or "so they tell me. I am wondering about the priority for education by some parents.

I do believe they want the best for the children, but how can you not set aside $ for the young man in your family who is at risk of becoming a negative statistic. When people react with "sticker shock" about the cost of the college and career tour I often ask them to take $195 and replicate the same path conducted by the TDSOA for such a trip --- especially with the "price changing daily" for gasoline. Once you do the math you will find that it is difficult unless you stay in a sub-standard motel or in a camper.

If for some reason the trip has to be cancelled consider this: isn't it better to invest in a young man's education than bail bonds, attorney retainer fees, probation or revocation, drug rehab and associated expenditures? I am optimistic that folks in this market will respond (Citizens in Florida) and with Florida being the 4th largest state in the country, surely we have the collective resources make this happen.

So what will it be Tampa Bay: more spending on one top of the line set of 26" wheels ($10,000) or funding this year's college tour? By the way, that price is just what the college tour costs. Do we say "man, that dude has some bangin' wheels" or do we say "that's a shame what happened to Pookie and Ray-Ray". One organizer said "if not you, who? And if not now, when? Should you be inclined to help support this effort, you may simply call or text Joe Lundy, President of the Tampa District Sons of Allen, at 813-409-7273.

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Class Size Will Affect Students At James And Robles

BY IRIS B. HOLTEN
Sentinel City Editor

The parents of students attending an East Tampa school are being asked to attend a meeting about the school's boundaries. The meeting will take place Thursday, March 24th, 6:30 p.m., at James Elementary School, 4302 E. Ellicott Street.

Steve Ayers, Director of Community and Parent Relations for the Hillsborough County Public School District said, "Letters have already been sent to the parents with a map looking at adjusting the boundaries to give some relief to James Elementary School and use the space that is available at Robles Elementary School."

As of this school term, about 57 students in grades k-5 will be affected by the boundary changes. If adopted, this will make the first boundary change to comply with the 2002 class-size amendment in Hillsborough County.

The meeting on Thursday will allow parents the opportunity to ask questions about the boundary changes and to provide their input.

Robles Elementary School is located at 4405 E. Sligh Avenue, about 1-1/2 miles from James Elementary School.

Currently students who attend James Elementary who live north of Hillsborough Avenue and East of N. 56th Street would be affected if the proposal meets approval.

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Last Day of Early Voting
March 19th

Please Vote!

"GPS Systems are common these days however my friend Chris Hart has never needed one to find our communities. If we are serious about unvisited neighborhood intrigues, keeping our children from being locked out of city parks and recreation centers, viable economic development for all, then the most accessible, experienced and honest candidate I know is Chris Hart." -- Pete Edwards

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I support Chris, an old friend, a person of extreme integrity and people skills with extensive service to his country and to his community and a gentleman who embodies service to our community.

Carl H. Norton, II

Chris Hart
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East Tampa TIF Dollars Purchase Home On 22nd Street

BY LEON B. CREWS
Sentinel Staff Writer

With hopes of completely revitalizing the area, last week the Tampa Community Revitalization Agency (CRA) agreed to purchase the home at 2924 North 22nd Street. The $80,000 purchase price was paid through Tax Increment Finance (TIF) dollars from a portion of property taxes collected within the East Tampa district. The East Tampa Community Revitalization Partnership oversees all East Tampa development projects, including the purchased properties.

East Tampa Development Manager, Ed Johnson, said this latest purchase was the 13th made in the East Tampa area. "There are no immediate plans for development, but I'd love to see a grocery chain and banking service in the area. "With the enhancement projects nearing completion, we hope this will attract more businesses to the area. I'm already receiving calls, but the market is holding back a lot of investors right now." Johnson said he hopes the purchases and enhancement projects will drive other residents and business owners to step up and get their properties spruced up.

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City Officials are reviewing proposals that could lead to development of affordable apartments for low and middle income tenants. The project would benefit from $10 million in federal stimulus money that was granted last year along with $28 million to the Encore project under construction on the site of what was formerly Central Park Village.

PUBLIC NOTICE - SERVICE CHANGES
The Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority (HART)
will implement bus service changes effective Sunday, March 20, 2011.

CHANGES OR ADJUSTMENTS ARE BEING MADE TO THE FOLLOWING ROUTES

Route 1 - Florida Avenue
• Last southbound trip will end at Highland Avenue and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and not proceed to Marion Transit Center.
• Check the March timetable for modified evening weekday, Saturday, and Sunday times.

Route 2 - Nebraska Avenue
• Last southbound trip will end at Nebraska Avenue and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and not proceed to Marion Transit Center.
• Weekdays northbound and southbound trips will be revised from 8 am to 10 am.
• Check the March timetable for modified evening weekday and Saturday Sunday times.

Route 4 - Palms Ceia/MacDill AFB
• Schedule time point northbound and southbound at MacDill Avenue and Gandy Boulevard is removed from the schedule. Route will continue to serve the stops at that location.

Route 5 - 40th Street
• Route will no longer directly serve USF Administration Building. Route will turn onto or off of Alumni Drive at Leroy Collins Boulevard.

Route 6 - 56th Street
• Last southbound trip will end at HART Operations Facility and not proceed to Marion Transit Center.

Route 8 - Progress Village/Brandon
• Route will serve 78th Street and Causeway Boulevard on street instead of pulling into shopping center. Schedule time point moved to street side stop instead of shopping center.

Route 13 - 22nd Street
• Last southbound trip will end at 22nd Street and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and not proceed to Marion Transit Center.

Route 16 - Waters Avenue
• Schedule time point eastbound and westbound at Hillsborough Avenue and Memorial Highway is removed from the schedule. Route will continue to serve the stops at that location.

Route 18 - 30th Street
• Last southbound trip will end at 29th Street and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and not proceed to Marion Transit Center.

Route 30 - Town 'N Country/Airport
• Schedule time point eastbound and westbound at Memorial Highway and George Road is removed from the schedule. Route will continue to serve the stops at that location.

Route 31 - South Hillsborough County
• Route will no longer enter Riverview Oaks Shopping Center but will serve the location from street side stops.
• The schedule time point northbound and southbound at Riverview Oaks is eliminated. A new schedule time point is established at the Gibsonton Road Walmart.

Route 34 - Hillsborough Avenue
• Schedule time point eastbound and westbound at Hillsborough Avenue and Memorial Highway is removed from the schedule. Route will continue to serve the stop at that location.
• Schedule time point eastbound and westbound at Hillsborough Avenue and 40th Street is removed from the schedule. Route will continue to serve the stop at that location.

Route 36 - Dale Mabry Highway/Himes Avenue
• Weekdays - First southbound trip will leave Britton Plaza 5 minutes earlier.

Route 46 - Davis Islands/West Brandon
• Route will serve 78th Street and Causeway Boulevard on street instead of pulling into shopping center. Schedule time point moved to street side stop instead of shopping center.

Minor schedule changes on Routes 5, 6, 8, 12, 14, 15, 16, 18, 30, 31, and 34.

Please consult the HART website or Customer Service.

New route schedules are available at www.goHART.org, on board buses, HART Customer Service Centers or by mail.

Call the HARTInfo Line, Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. - 8 p.m. or Saturday and Sunday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. for further route information and for trip planning assistance.

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ED JOHNSON

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BY LEON B. CREWS
Sentinel Staff Writer

Rap artist Prophit knows how lucky he is. He understands how some artist work for years and never get that one opportunity that opens the right doors for their future.

Thanks to his producer, Isaae Opus, Prophit (real name Reginald Wilks) will have his single, “This My Club,” played in the soon to be released movie, Limitless.

Prophit said he started thinking seriously about his career about 5 years ago.

“A lot happens when you’re trying to be a successful rap artist. You get put off by a lot of people, you meet the wrong people, and you even get into business arrangements with the wrong people. It makes you feel like quitting, but I was determined to keep going.”

Prophit has since released five mix tapes, won a talent showcase, and opened for several national artists. He recalls getting the news that his single would be on the soundtrack for the movie. “My manager called and I didn’t take him seriously at first, but when I got e-mails with details, I was speechless. This came totally unexpected for me, and I am so grateful.

“This is the reward for working hard and not giving up. You also have to make sure you have the right people guiding your career, and making sure you know everything that’s going on.”

Prophit said he hopes this opportunity will give him more exposure and better opportunities in the future.

“I never gave any thought to what I’d be doing if this hadn’t worked out.

“I record all of my own music at home with my own equipment.”

Prophit is the father of three children (one on the way) and just celebrated his 21st birthday March 9th.

“I also need to thank Jerry Means of JMB Entertainment. As my entertainment lawyer, he’s done a great job.”

Prophit

PROPHIT
Gospel Singer Feels Destiny Is Around The Corner

BY LEON B. CREWS
Sentinel Staff Writer

Growing up in Fayetteville, North Carolina, LaTrel Maloy was always a showman. He would get the attention of his hometown by dancing and singing, and everyone knew he had what it took to be a success story.

Maloy started singing at the age of 5, and he was inspired by several artists, like Otis Redding, Smokey Robinson, Al Green, and Stevie Wonder.

"I performed at talent shows and won several trophies and awards. After singing at a talent show when I was in the 6th grade, I was asked to join the school chorus. That's where I learned to read music."

When Maloy was in the 9th grade, he sang along with a group of brothers called the Moore Boys. When he graduated from high school, he and one of the group members decided to record a song, "All I Ever Need."

Maloy later relocated to Tampa where he metDavid Gay, CEO of Isabomb Records. He recorded as a featured artist with that label.

"I had the opportunity to meet Kirk Franklin. We talked for a long time, and he gave me some great advice. He also invited me to join him in the future, and that's something I am definitely looking forward to."

Maloy said he'd like to work more on drawing the Gospel community closer together, and will be performing a lot over the summer in the future.

"Because I'm a young man, I'll definitely appeal to the young people. I want them to see there is a better life out there. All they have to do is accept it."

LaTrel Maloy (smiling) and Kirk Franklin (glasses).
Teenagers Invited To Participate In Talent Show

BY IRIS B. HOLTON
Sentinel City Editor

Teenagers from throughout the county are invited to participate in a Teen Talent Show. The Hillsborough County Public Library System is co-sponsoring the event.

Teenagers will have an opportunity to showcase their talents leading up to the talent show planned for Saturday, April 2, at 2 p.m. First and Second place champions will compete against other contestants on Saturday, April 9th, at the John F. Germany Public Library, in downtown Tampa.

Ms. Renelda Sells, Chief Librarian, said, “The talent show is an excellent way to showcase the talents of some of the young people in our community.” The first place prize per division is $100; $50 for the second place prize, and $25 for the third place. The prizes are doubled for the event on April 9th.

On Saturday, March 19th, at 3 p.m., youngsters can take part in the talent show at the SouthShore Regional Library, 15816 Beth Shields Way, Ruskin. On Saturday, March 26th, at 12 noon, a talent show will take place at the Bloomingdale Regional Library, 3910 South Manhattan, at 3 p.m.

The following talent show will take place at the West Tampa Branch Library, 2321 Union Street, on Saturday, April 2nd, at 2 p.m. Teenagers interested in registering can compete individually, as a duet, or in a group with not more than 5 members.

Popular Electrician Dies Suddenly

CHESTER BROOKS

Professionally trained electrician, Chester Brooks, was very popular in the East Tampa area. Property owners depended on his services, and he was always dependable and his work came highly recommended.

On Monday, Brooks was working on an air conditioning system at a house on East Mallory. He was in the crawl space of the house when he became ill. He was pulled from the crawl space by residents of the house, and another man attempted CPR, but Brooks was later pronounced dead. He was 52.

According to his brother, Michael Brooks, Chester came to Tampa from his native St. Louis, Missouri years ago. "The only medical problems he had were high blood pressure and he was diabetic."

Chester Brooks said he’s still in the process of making final arrangements for his younger brother, and they haven’t received a report from the Medical Examiner’s Office on what caused his death. Chester Brooks has six siblings, and one child, a daughter.
New Youth Football Team Creates Opportunities For Area Youth

BY LEON B. CREWS
Sentinel Staff Writer

A new youth football team, the Tampa Hurricanes, are about to begin their season and have vowed that they are "not afraid to take a stand." Formerly known as the Copeland Park Saints, the new team is part of the Mid-Florida Football Conference and practices at Woodlawn Terrace Park, 8400 North 3rd Street.

Team President, Tracie Dawkins, has been volunteering since 2003 and served for five years as commissioner of the Saints.

"We were part of another league, but we decided to switch to give ourselves more independence. We also like the fact this is a bigger league that's more competitive and requires less travel."

The mission of the Tampa Hurricanes is to provide the youth, regardless of race, color or creed, the opportunity to participate in controlled athletic competition.

"We also want to instill the belief of fair play, good conduct and sportsmanship at all times," said Ms. Dawkins.

"We want to teach the youth the values of integrity, honor, respect, loyalty, personal courage, and teamwork."

One important aspect the team is proud of is their scholastic initiative that says during registration, they require report cards and they will target players with grade averages of D. A scholastic coordinator will reach out to parents with avenues for tutoring, and to assist them in obtaining better grades. The player will also be required to submit weekly progress reports.

NJEMA

This week as our spotlight feature, we bring you a new face, NJEMA. This young woman says her favorite star is First Lady, Michelle Obama, and her hobbies are singing and writing poetry. In the future, NJEMA plans on being focused on her goals and constantly pushing herself to further success through God's help. NJEMA's philosophy of life is: "I believe that if you are a good person, good will come to you." The 5'8" tall Taurus said the man in her life must be honest, God-fearing, and humble. Congratulations to NJEMA as this week's new spotlight feature.

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Adrian Peterson: NFL Like ‘Modern Day Slavery’

back Adrian Peterson made some controversial comments about the NFL labor situation.

‘It’s modern-day slavery, you know? People kind of laugh at that, but there are people working at regular jobs who get treated the same way, too. With all the money,’ Peterson continued. “The owners are trying to get a different percentage, and bring in more money.”

First African-American Polo Team Wins National Title

A polo team from Philadelphia became the first all African-American team to win a national title.

Muhammad Ali Makes Appeal To Iran To Free American Hikers

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Boxing champ Muhammad Ali is asking Iran to release two American hikers held since 2009 on spy charges.

Ali, arguably the most prominent U.S. Muslim, on Wednesday released a letter he wrote to supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei in February.

The letter asks Khamenei to release Josh Fattal and Shane Bauer, who were arrested while hiking in northern Iraq near the Iranian border. A third hiker, Sarah Shourd, was released on bail in September, shortly after another letter Ali wrote to Khamenei.

Ali’s latest letter asks Khamenei as a brother in Islam to show the same mercy and compassion for the two men.

Vick Co-Defendant Back In Custody Pending Hearing

RICHMOND, Va. — A co-defendant in the Michael Vick dogfighting case is in custody again, being held on alleged probation violations.

Quanis L. Phillips arrived at a hearing Tuesday without a lawyer. U.S. District Judge Henry Hudson appointed an attorney and rescheduled the hearing for March 28.

Phillips was shot in the leg after a birthday party for Vick at a Virginia Beach nightclub in June. A probation officer says in court papers that Phillips lied when he denied speaking with the Philadelphia Eagles quarterback that night. He also says Phillips failed to report run-ins with police, skipped a required mental health appointment and tested positive for marijuana use.

In November 2007, Hudson sentenced Phillips to 21 months in prison and three years of probation.

Vick was sentenced to 23 months in prison.

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Tyson Didn’t Expect To Be ‘A Fat Crackhead’

During an interview Mike Tyson was asked how he was able to get back down to his former fighting weight, to which the heavyweight champ replied: “I became a vegan, then I lost 140 pounds... I always thought if you did cocaine, you’d stay skinny. I didn’t know you’d turn into a fat crackhead, and you know it’s nothin’ like a fat skinny. I didn’t know you’d...”

Vikings’ Cook Says Argument Led To Arrest

MINNEAPOLIS — Minnesota Vikings’ Mike Tyson corner back Chris Cook says he did not pull a gun on a neighbor during an argument that led to his arrest.

Cook says that he was riding his bike near his Lynchburg, Va. home Saturday when a neighbor began yelling at him. He says the neighbor wrongly believed Cook had called police about the neighbor’s brother. Cook said he had recently received a license to carry a concealed weapon, but denied pulling a gun on the man. The team is not allowed to have contact with Cook because of the NFL lockout.

Ochocinco Ordered To Pay Ohio Store $12,000

CINCINNATI — An Ohio judge says Cincinnati Bengals wide receiver Chad Ochocinco dropped the ball when it came to paying clothes bills.

Hamilton County Municipal Judge Bernie Bouchard ordered Ochocinco to pay Exclusive Wear $11,717 for clothing the Cincinnati store says he never paid for.

The store, which is owned by AMM One Inc., says that on shopping trips in late 2008 and early 2009, the player took items including a $575 Al Wissam Bomber coat, $400 Mauri alligator shoes and $550 Laguna beach jeans, but never paid for them.

Attorney Joseph Honerlaw said Wednesday the store reminded Ochocinco repeatedly that he needed to pay up before filing legal action in December.

Judge Bernie Bouchard ordered the default judgment Tuesday after a jury found Marni Yang, 43, guilty of first-degree murder and intentional homicide of an unborn child.

Yang faces a life sentence when sentenced later this year.

Fire Damages Bengals Player Odom’s Ohio Home

MASON, Ohio — The suburban home of Cincinnati Bengals football player Antwan Odom has been heavily damaged by fire.

Fire officials in the city of Mason north of Cincinnati say the defensive end and his family were out of town at the time.

Firefighters responded just after 2:30 a.m. Tuesday to what they describe as a very serious fire that collapsed the home’s roof.

They say hot spots and unstable areas are delaying their investigation into the cause.

The Warren County auditor’s web site estimates the home’s value at nearly $1.2 million. It was built in 2000 and has nearly 6,000 square feet of space.

Woman Found Guilty Of Murdering Pregnant Girlfriend Of Former Bear

WAUKESHA, Ill. — A woman was convicted Tuesday of killing the pregnant girlfriend of former Chicago Bear Shaun Gayle in what prosecutors alleged was a meticulously planned execution of someone she viewed as a rival for the football player’s affection.

After nearly four hours of deliberation, the Lake County jury found Marni Yang, 43, guilty of first-degree murder and intentional homicide of an unborn child.

Yang faces a minimum 45-year prison term when sentenced later this year for the October 2007 shooting of Rhoni Reuter, 42.
Popular Comedian Announces Return To The Stage

**ARTHUR THE COMIC (Arthur Hopson)**

**BY LEON B. CREWS, Sentinel Staff Writer**

It’s been almost 8 years since **Arthur The Comic** has performed on stage. **Arthur** (real name **Arthur Hopson**) has been traveling with his daughter’s step team, working with an adult skate team, acted as a Master of Ceremony for an array of events, and has done a little promotional work. He accomplished all of this while maintaining his job with the City of Tampa’s Parks and Recreation Department for the past 12-1/2 years.

“What I want to do now is work. He accomplished all of his talent shows in the early 1980s, and that gave me my first break.

“I figure all I need to do now is rebuild, because my name is still well-known in the area. I meet people all the time who ask when I’m returning to the stage.”

**Arthur** said he has a lot of material he’s been working on, and he feels this summer will be the perfect time to let everyone hear it.

“I haven’t arranged any appearances at area lounges or comedy clubs. At this point, I think it’s more important for me to prepare myself properly for a return as a standup comedian, and get more involved in promoting shows.”

If you want to check out what **Arthur The Comic** is up to, visit his website at arthurthecomic@gmail.com.

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**Nate Dogg Dead At Age 41**

Hip-hop lost another great one, **Nate Dogg** is dead at the age of 41. The cause of death has yet to be determined, but Nate did suffer a stroke in 2008.

**NATHANIEL DWAYNE HALE** crooned his way in our hearts with a distinct sound and gangsta melodies in the early 90’s.

He added the right notes to songs like "Regulate" and " Ain’t No Fun" and provided memorable hooks to many of the Death Row records in that era. The Long Beach native began in the group 213 with Snoop Dogg and Warren G and throughout his career he lent his vocals to stars including Eminem, 50 Cent, Ludacris, Tupac and Dr. Dre.

He was nominated for four Grammys for collaborations and the most successful of his four solo albums was Music & Me.

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**Jermaine Jackson Has Book Deal About His Brother**

**JERMAINE JACKSON**

A long-rumored memoir by Jermaine Jackson’s brother, **Michael** is finally coming out. Touchstone announced that **Jermaine Jackson**’s "You Are Not Alone: Michael: Through a Brother’s Eye" will be released this fall. Touchstone, an imprint of Simon & Schuster, promises a "faithful and loving portrait," but one with "no subject off limits."

**Jackson** spoke in 2003 of wanting to write a memoir and reports surfaced again after **Michael**’s death, in 2009. Sisters Janet Jackson and La Toya Jackson also have books out this year.

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**Usher Sex Tape For Sale**

R&B star **Usher** (and teen popstar’s mentor) is the subject of a sex tape being offered for sale in Hollywood. The tape is of **Usher** and ex-wife, **Tameka Foster**.

In December 2010, the star, real name **Usher Raymond IV**, reported $1,000,000 in valuables, mostly jewelry and two laptops, stolen from his SUV in Atlanta. Sources close to the star claim that, if the tape is indeed his, it could have been taken during that robbery.

The tape, if it does feature the Raymond and his ex-wife, would probably have to be a number of years old, the singer filed for divorce from Foster in June, 2009. Raising two young children in a dissolved marriage, **Naviyd** and **Usher Raymond V**, the star and his ex-wife have been ordered by the court to work together for their kids.

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**Reggae Artist Smiley Culture Dies In Britain**

**LONDON --** British media are reporting reggae star **Smiley Culture** has died during a police drug raid on his home. The London-born musician — whose real name is **David Emmanuel** — reportedly died from self-inflicted wounds Tuesday when police officers swooped on his home in east Surrey.

The reggae singer had appeared before magistrates in September last year charged with conspiracy to supply cocaine.

Britain’s police watchdog said formal identification has not yet taken place.

**Culture** shot to fame in the 1980s with hits including "Cockney Translation" and "Police Officer."

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Janet Jackson Signs Film Deal With Lionsgate

While she has sold over 100 million records and is a five-time Grammy award winner, many people forget that Janet Jackson got her start acting. And though the star has come a long way since first filming the 1976 television series, The Jacksons, it seems she is getting back to her roots.

According to reports, Janet and her production company, jdj Entertainment, has signed a production deal with Lionsgate to select, develop and produce one feature film for the independent studio.

Sam Cooke Film Moving Forward, Script Complete

News: A Sam Cooke biopic has taken a significant step toward becoming a reality. The screenwriters behind the all-Beatles musical "Across the Universe" have finished their adaptation of Peter Guralnick’s definitive biography of Sam Cooke for ABKCO, which owns Cooke’s publishing and the bulk of his master recordings. ABKCO CEO Jody Klein is now looking for a director.

Lloyd Joining Diddy-Dirty Money On Tour

In addition to preparing for the release of his King Of Hearts album, Lloyd is set to hit the road with Diddy-Dirty Money for their "Coming Home" tour.

The ATL singer/songwriter has just been added to the group’s BET Live and Ciroc sponsored tour which will be held in intimate venues. Lloyd, Diddy and his ladies will travel to Chicago, Toronto, New York and Los Angeles before wrapping up May 15 in St. Louis.

Tour Dates in Florida are:
4/28 - Jacksonville @ Puls
4/29 - Melbourne @ Levelz
4/30 - St. Petersburg @ James Landing
5/1 – Orlando @ House of Blues

G-Unit Opens Office In Europe

50 Cent’s G-Unit records is taking a step in the direction of global expansion.

50’s enterprise is partnering with PIAS Entertainment Group and opening a headquarter office in the United Kingdom.

Tyra Banks Dishes Dorm Life At Harvard Business School

When Tyra Banks was accepted to Harvard Business School, she imagined she’d be living “at the Four Seasons down the street.” But staying in the dorms is mandatory — even for a high-profile ex-supermode model with her own TV franchise.

While she has her own bedroom, the 37-year-old shares a living room, kitchen and study area.

Though she claims she freaked out at first, now she “wouldn’t have it any other way,” Banks said. “It’s like summer camp. Every term ends, I get withdrawal. I miss my friends. I miss my professors. I miss living in these dorms.”

Bobby Brown In Talks To Star In Mafia Film

Controversial R&B singer Bobby Brown has been tapped to star in a film about organized crime.

The former New Edition front man is in talks to play a role film chronicling Roy DeMeo’s infamous crew of Gambino hit men.

The murderous posse nicknamed “The Murder Machine” reportedly killed over 200 rivals before DeMeo himself was brutally murdered.

Also featured in the flick will be rapper Tony Testa, whose biological uncle Patty Testa, whose biological uncle Patty Testa, is a former member of the Lucchese Family.

Actor Armand Assante (American Gangster, Striptease, Gotti) is also reportedly working on the film.
Top 20 Hip-Hop Singles

1. Moment 4 Life... Nicki Minaj Featuring Drake
2. Look At Me Now... Chris Brown Featuring Lil Wayne & Busta Rhymes
3. Love Faces... Trey Songz
4. 6 Foot 7 Foot... Lil Wayne Featuring Cory Gunz
5. Fall For Your Type... Jamie Fox Featuring Drake
6. All Of The Lights... Kanye West
7. Down On Me... Jeremih Featuring 50 Cent
8. Did It On'em... Nicki Minaj
9. No BS... Chris Brown
10. You Be Killin Em... Fabolous
11. Pretty Girl Rock... Keri Hilson
12. Where You At... Jennifer Hudson
13. Far Away... Marsha Ambrosius
14. Aston Martin Music... Rick Ross Featuring Drake & Chrisette Michele
15. Love Letter... R. Kelly
16. Can't Be Friends... Trey Songz
17. Walking... Mary Mary
18. No Hands... Waka Flocka Flame Featuring Rozay Dash & Wale
19. Groove St. Party... Waka Flocka Flame Featuring Kebo Gotti
20. Lay With You... El Debarge Featuring Faith Evans

Battle: Los Angeles — The aliens come back to earth with a bad attitude. A Black Hawk Down type filming of movie. Action-packed. Must see! No! 1 at box office. Made $32M. (Budget $76M). • 1/2

Rango — A lizard (voice of Johnny Depp) discovers adventure in this animated Western. Well-written. Made $68M. (Budget $123M). • 3/4

The Adjustment Bureau — Matt Damon and Emily Blunt star in this crazy love story about two people who fight against the Bureau to stay together. Who is the CEO? Made $38M. (Budget N/A). • 1/2

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Movie Reviews/Soaps

ALL MY CHILDREN - Ricky notices Zach’s crumpled letter in Griffin’s bag; Ryan may finally find Annie; Scott kisses Madison. David tries to reestablish himself in Pine Valley; Ricky reports back to Diane that he’s planted seeds of doubt about Griffin in Kendall’s mind; Emma lashes out.

BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL - NO UPDATES AVAILABLE

DAYS OF OUR LIVES - Jennifer tells Abigail that she is filing for divorce; EJ crosses a line with Kate. Melanie vows to Will that she’ll make Darío’s life a living hell; Daniel takes off his wedding ring; Gabi and Will enlist Justin’s help. Impostor Rafe loses it with Sami; Daniel gives Nathan strong advice about moving on; EJ apologizes to Taylor; Justin and Adrienne plan their wedding; impostor Rafe suggests to EJ that they get rid of Darío.

GENERAL HOSPITAL - Sam learns the tragic end of a Balkan henchman; Liz gets important news; Dante and Jason come into conflict over Michael’s future. Thea and Suzanne at-

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Mrs. Blaine was born on December 26, 1928, in Haines City, FL, to Ruth Caldwell and the late Freddie Lee Caldwell, Sr. She attended Hillsborough County Public Schools and Florida School For The Deaf And Blind in St. Augustine, FL, where she graduated. She was preceded in death by her father, Freddie Lee Caldwell, Sr.; and her brothers, Anthony Elijah Caldwell and Freddie Lee Caldwell, Jr.

She leaves to cherish her memories: mother, Ruth Caldwell; sisters, Varina Scarlett Caldwell, Christopher Blaine and Cheryl Vanessa Blaine; grandchildren, Chris Cameron William, Love Everett and Ani­jah Flowers; brothers, Ronnie Caldwell (Patricia), Daniel Caldwell and Travis Caldwell; sisters, Charolette and Sandra Sessions; stepbrothers, Mary Thomas and Sandra Sessions; niece, Betty Boo and Mary Knotts; and a host of cousins, other relatives and friends.

The viewing will be held at Rest Haven Memorial Park, 6201 Old Tampa Bay Parkway, Pinellas Park, FL, on Friday, March 18, 2011, from 4-8 p.m. The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. Friends planning to attend the homegoing for Mrs. Veronica Caldwell Blaine are asked to assemble at the Friendly Missionary Baptist Church at 11:45 a.m. for the service.

A HARMON BURIAL

MRS. VERONICA CALDWELL BLAINE

MS. KATHERINE J. BURNS

Homegoing celebration for Mrs. Lois M. Green (Toot-A-Munk), who passed away Friday, March 11, 2011, will be held Saturday, March 19, 2011, at 1 p.m. at Friendly Missionary Baptist Church, 3050 E. 16th Avenue, Tampa, with Pastor Johnnie Miller, officiating.

The viewing will be held at Guiles Funeral Chapel, 4050 E. Pembroke Avenue, Tampa, 33610.

Lois was born on December 14, 1944, to the parents, Robert and Irma Lawson. She passed away on March 10, 2011.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her husband, Peter Green; nieces, Betty Jo Manley; a host of other relatives and friends.

The viewing will be held at Alkins Funeral Home from 5-8 p.m. on Friday, March 18, 2011.

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MRS. LOIS M. GREEN (TOOT-A-MUNK)

Funeral services for Mrs. Lois M. Green (Toot-A-Munk), who will be held Saturday, March 19, 2011, at 1 p.m. at St. Mary's Mis­ sionary Baptist Church, 3050 E. Laurel St., Tampa, 33607, Pastor Wallace Z. Bowes.

The viewing will be held at Alkins Funeral Home, 2708 E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Tampa, 33610, Rev. Eugene Garnett, pastor, and Rev­ erend Ernest Washington, officiating. Interment will follow at Rest Haven Memorial Park, 6201 Old Tampa Bay Parkway, Pinellas Park, FL.

Lois was a resident of Tampa for 43 years. She attended Servion County Public Schools and worked for the Hillsbour­ough County School System for over 35 years.

Katherine Burns was a member of North Bay Mission­ ary Baptist Church and sang in the No. 1 Choir.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Cy Walker; and two sisters, Caretha Jordan and Martha Johnson.

She leaves to cherish her memories: her aunt, Lorene Caldwell; her nieces, Betty Green; her sisters, Antion­ ion; her sister, Amy Jackson and husband, Raymond; her brother, Earl Johnson and wife, Rhonda.

She also leaves devoted children: 6 children, An­ thony Johnson of North Caro­ lina, Remelle Johnson (Delmas) of Tampa, Robert Sessions (Patricia) of Tampa, Tisha Caldwell of Tallahassee, Florida, Marvin Sessions of Florida, Tisha Caldwell of Tallahassee, Florida; 2 grandchildren, Shenika, Late­ nia, Antoine Wilson, Shelly, Shelton, Robert, Ambreia, Rick­ eisha, Jadin, Eric, Adren, Antwan, Julissa, Leslie, Bobbi, Christopher, Marique, Imani and Tylar; 6 great granddaughters and several nieces and nephews.

She also left devoted friends, Freddie Garcia and Jackie Boise; cousin, Georgia Mae Covington; Yvonne Jones and a host of other relatives, other friends.

The remains will repose from 6-8 p.m., Friday, March 11, 2011, at Jackson Funeral Home, 4605 N. 34th Street, Tampa, Florida 33610.

Family members are asked to meet at the church for the service at 11:45 a.m. on Saturday, March 12, 2011, for the homegoing service at Jackson Funeral Home. 

"A JACKSON SERVICE"
MRS. ELIZABETH N. ROBINSON

Mrs. Elizabeth N. Robinson of 150 E. 26th Avenue, Tampa, passed away Thursday, March 10, 2011.

Funeral services will be con­
ducted Saturday, March 26, 2011, at 11 a.m. at St. John Pro­
gressive Missionary Baptist Church, 6230 W. C. Green Street, with Rev. Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Sr., and Donald Lott, Jr., officiating. Interment will be held in Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL, on Monday, March 21, 2011.
THE BROKEN CHAIN

MS. HELEN KINER

Ms. Helen Kiner, a Florida native, and former resident of Belmont Heights Estates, passed away on February 25, 2011, at 5:30 a.m. peacefully in her sleep at the Pavilions, 3763 St. Augustine, N.J. She lived a full life of 85 years.

MRS. SUSIE BURNEY

We little knew that day God was going to call his own.

We love you, you did not go alone, for part of us went with you, the day God called you home.

Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same, but God calls us to go on.

Love, your children, Clifford, Darlene, and Cynthia, and family.
MS. RUBY MAE GREEN-DAVIS

Ms. Ruby Mae Green-Davis entered into eternal rest on Friday, March 11, 2011, in Columbia, SC.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, March 20, 2011, at 3 p.m. at the Heritage Christian Community Baptist Church, 14801 N. 15th Street, Lutz, FL, Pastor Deloris Cain.

Ms. Ruby Davis is a retired educator of the Hillsborough County Schools and a member of the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority.

Ms. Davis is a native of Charleston, SC, where she has been laid to rest.

Left to cherish her memories are: a son, Rashawn Davis; a brother, Edward (Evelyn) Green; a special nephew, Dr. Aurelio D. Givens; a special friend, Ron Dingle; and other relatives and friends.

Johnson-Halls Funeral Home of Mt. Pleasant, SC, were entrusted with the arrangements.

MY DADDY, JOSEPH

Daddy, these two years without you have not been good. Your child has been missing you like crazy. But, I know you're in a better place, smiling down on me.

Love always.

Your one and only child, Valencia.

IN MEMORIAM

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VIVIAN GUZMAN

BRANCH

7/1/15 - 3/15/03

IN MEMORY OF OUR LOVED ONES

WILLIE BUSTER

SMITH

7/15/15 - 3/16/08

JAMES TAFT

GUZMAN

5/14/49 - 3/19/09

We love and miss y'all dearly. I think about you Baby all the time. I love you very much. Your family, the Smiths, Guzmans and Nortons.

IN MEMORIAM

ANNIE MAE YOUNGBLOOD

Sunset: 3/14/99

We shared so many memories that will never be forgotten. We love you and miss you.

Husband, Rubin and family.

IN LOVING MEMORY

SHADDIE A. MILLER

June 5, 1915 - March 17, 2009

In has been two years since the Lord called you home to be with Him in paradise. We miss you, love you and will always cherish you.

Your son, Hillsborough County Commissioner Lesley "Les" Miller, Jr. and wife, Tampa City Councilwoman Gwendolyn "Gwen" Miller; grandson, LeJean Harper and husband, Thomas, Sr.; grandson, Lesley Miller, III and wife, Dr. Alyndria; great-grandchildren, Thomas Harper, Jr., Tempest Harper, Lesley Miller, IV and Kaineron Miller; son-in-law, Vincent Gooden; and other relatives and friends.

IN MEMORIAM

LEGEND ALTON RIVERA

To my precious baby boy, Legend Alton Rivera, you will be missed dearly, but forever in my heart.

Your loving mother, Ashley Eubanks; and big brother, Anthony Stephenson.

You also leave behind to cherish your memories: a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents, friends and family.

IN MEMORIAM

KELLY BEST

3-21-2010

Loving memories are forever in our hearts. You will never be forgotten. We miss you.

Your loving wife, children, grandkids, great grandkids and family.

IN MEMORIAM
MISSING YOU

MAUD RAE AKINS WATERS
Sunset March 19, 2009

IN LOVING MEMORY

JESSIE DAVID
"POP" LATSON
May 4, 1947 – March 15, 2010

It's been one year ago that the Lord took you home to be with Him. Our loving memories of you will never fade. We will continue to carry all of your love in our hearts until we meet again. You are deeply loved and missed.
Your loving family.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

MARY DARBY
February 9, 1926 - March 21, 2010

For Madear 'The Memory'
In remembrance of a beautiful lady. She was called home to be with her Maker. She meant everything to me, but more to my mother. You can have a myriad of siblings, but only one mother.
Took away silently without a peep, I solemnly swear she went home in her sleep. A peaceful way to go; no homicide. She just relaxed and took a heavenly ride. The experience she had could not be compared.
If we wore the same shoe size, her footsteps would still be too large to wear. How sweet to have known a woman like her. She never knew how to drive, but she drove me, I concur.
The wisdom she possessed is very possessive. If hard work measures potential, then she was very successful. She worked all her life and never lamented.
If I had a dictionary of adjectives, she still would not be fully complimented.
Eighty four years, what a life to live. That is nearly a century, which is some praise to give. I'm a third of that, and I wanna live strong for her. I looked up at the sky and that is what she prefers.
I live on through her, what a shadow to follow. Tell your loved ones you love them today because you are not promised tomorrow.
The love she distributed could never be matched. She was like a breath of fresh air with the wind attached. I can feel her now in my spirit.
The trumpets are sounding, can't you hear it? She is celebrating with the greatest Man to live. You can make it too if you learn how to forgive.
She lived through generations and raised different kids. Our different generations experienced the greatest mother ever lived.
Love always, Mom.
By Matthew Hepburn.

CARD OF THANKS

YOLANDA LOUISE FREEMAN WARMACK

Our family acknowledges heartfelt appreciation for every act of kindness extended to us during this time.
Your prayers, phone calls, visits, food, flowers and all acts of kindness gave us much comfort.
May God richly bless each of you.
The Warmack Family.

CARD OF THANKS

MR. WILLIE D. COLEMAN, SR.

The family of the late Willie D. Coleman, Sr., would like to express our sincere thanks for the many cards, prayers, donations, flowers, and all acts of kindness.
Special thanks to: Rev. W. D. Sims and the St. Matthew Church family, and Ray Williams Funeral Home staff.
Your continued prayers are appreciated.
Mrs. Fannie Coleman, wife; and the entire Coleman family.

CARD OF THANKS

ABNER (ABBY) FRANCIS

Abner (Abby) Francis left his earthly home for his heavenly home (4/24/20 - 3/18/06). Gone, but not forgotten.
JOIN 14144 And 16.
Love you always. From: your loving wife, Ruby; children and grandchildren.

IN MEMORIAM

MOZELL BOONE
3/19/2010

It's been a long year, we miss you so much. Gone, but never forgotten.
Love, Choc and your great and grandchildren.

BIRTHDAY MEMORIAM

VALERIE 'COOKIE' BOYD

IN MEMORY OF

ABNER (ABBY) FRANCIS

Abner (Abby) Francis left his earthly home for his heavenly home (4/24/20 - 3/18/06). Gone, but not forgotten.
JOIN 14144 And 16.
Love you always. From: your loving wife, Ruby; children and grandchildren.

IN MEMORIAM

ROBERT GORDON, III (FELLA)

My God, time has passed by. Eleven years you've been gone.
So loved and missed. We know you are looking down from heaven watching over us.
With Tamayo, son; Tyrell and Rashad; and daughter, Yolanda.
**CARD OF THANKS AND BIRTHDAY MEMORIAM**

**MARTHA HEPBURN-CALL**

The family of Martha Hepburn-Call wishes to extend sincere thanks for all your phone calls, visits, cards, flowers, food, prayers and acts of kindness during our time of bereavement.

Special thanks to: Aikens Funeral Home, Memorial Hospital, Mt. Sinai A. M. E. Zion Church, Cheryl (Shae) Hicks and Cynthia Hunter.

Today is your birthday. Happy Birthday, mom.

We love you and miss you, but God loves you best. Alva, Veronica, Frank, George, LaiSharn, special grandchildren, Cassandra, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

May God richly bless each of you. From, the Call, Williams and Hepburn families.

**CARD OF THANKS**

**MR. GARFIELD L. FARQUHARSON**

February 15, 2011

Your passing left a void, nothing can fill. We think of you every day. Your loving wife and family knows you are resting in peace with our Heavenly Father.

We would like to take this time to extend our sincere love and appreciation and thanks for your many prayers, cards and flowers during our time of bereavement.

Thank you all for the celebration of life that was shared in loving memory of our husband/father whom we loved so dearly.

Special thanks to: St. John Progressive M. B. Church, Rev. Dr. Bartholomew Banks, Pastor and Vanessa Banks, First Lady, Much appreciation to Brandon Regional Hospital ICU Team, Hospice Indigo Team, friends and loved ones.

Your wife, family and grandkids.

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**Suspect Charged In Jackson Court Shootings**

**Tawanna Williams, 18, and James Wade, 15. Williams was 8-months pregnant at the time of the shooting. Hospital officials said she and her baby boy are doing fine. Wade sustained a gunshot wound to his leg and was hospitalized for treatment.**

**QUINTON THOMPSON**

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**Suspect Arrested In 2009 Murder Case**

**QUINTON THOMPSON**

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**Suspect Sought In Murder**

**ST. PETERSBURG - St. Petersburg Police report that early Thursday morning, officers responded to the parking lot behind 1149 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Street on a call of a person being shot. It was later determined that Marquell Burge, 30, had been shot in the upper body. He was pronounced dead at the scene. At this time, detectives are working leads and information is limited.**

**MARQUELL BURGE**

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The City of Tampa Black History Committee hosted a youth summit at the NFL YET Center at the Jackson Heights Recreation Center. There was a full day of activities and a guest speaker. (Photos by BRUNSON)

Dr. John Loblack was the guest speaker.

Captain Tom Forward, Chief of the Tampa Fire Dept., offered advice to the young people.

Kirsty Grant of Metro Wellness & Community Center.

John and Rose Saxton attended the summit.

"Know Thyself Kommunity" representatives Aleous Kujichagulia and Hassan Wajd.

Hillsborough Community College Collegiate 100 was represented by Patrick Sneed, Beverly Higdon, Walter Pickens and Evelyn Wilson.

Youngsters in attendance included Nathaniel Garcia, Carlo Nafa and Dewaun Mays.

The Potter’s House Community Development was represented by Denise Jackson, Gloria Beck, and Jerome Smith.

Celeste Gibbons-Poeples, City of Tampa Black History Committee, Sylvia Bell, Alexis Sharp and Richelle Fertig.
Residents Complain of Loud Music From Nearby Lounge

BY LEON B. CREWS
Sentinel Staff Writer

The Carver City/Lincoln Gardens community is a collection of family homes and some retirees. The West Tampa community has seen its share of invasive development projects through the years, many infringing directly into their community.

Dr. Maurice Harvey, Carver City/Lincoln Gardens Neighborhood Association President, said now they have another problem to deal with.

Dr. Harvey wants to protest the efforts of area clubs to extend their hours to 3 a.m. instead of 2 a.m.

“I'm definitely not in favor of this, and I believe the City Council is revamping their rules to allow the clubs to stay open later.”

Causing problems with loud music and voices is the Green Iguana Lounge, located close to the Lincoln Gardens community.

“Residents have been complaining about the noise coming from the club for a long time,” said Dr. Harvey.

“I’ve called at least three times myself, and nothing has changed.

I haven't approached anyone at the club about the disturbance and I think it’s like Ybor City West over here.

They don't have any respect for the community, and at 2 a.m., no one wants to be awakened from their sleep because of loud music and traffic.”

Dr. Harvey said most residents feel nothing will happen, because nothing happened when they complained about Joe Redner’s business.

“Our business with Redner is over for now, but I will say the complaints we brought before the City Council have come true. The traffic has been awful, and just the other night, there were more than 500 people at his brewery.”

Dr. Harvey said he plans on talking with City Councilwoman, Yvonne Capin about the problem.

“I don't think the residents of Carver City and Lincoln Gardens would come before City Council again about a problem. They still feel betrayed from the last time, and have no confidence in the Council, with the exception of a few members.”

F.Y.I.

St. Peter Claver School Organizational Meeting

St. Peter Claver Catholic School is planning an organizational meeting of all graduates and former attendees to establish an alumni association. The meeting will take place on Saturday, March 19, 2011, 12 noon at the school, 1401 Governor St.

For more information, please call (813) 324-0865.
Happy 3rd Birthday

Kamar loves to say, "I gotta go to work." But, he will play now and work later.

Kamar turns 3 years old on March 18th and will celebrate his special day March 19th with family and friends.

Happy birthday, Kamar! We love you!

Meet The Robinsons

KELISHA And D-LO

Even when your hugs and things are gone. I’ll be by your side still holding on. And even when the jailhouse stops visits and I can’t feel your kisses, I’ll still be waiting.

Your 1st lady still riding, still seeing eye-to-eye... happy birthday, Bae.

Love. (My) Nuggie, XOXO, Woman and Wife.

LOVERS And FRIENDS

Happy Birthday

My Terrible Two

Happy birthday to you, Doodlemann.

Shine 'til you can't shine no more!

Celebrating with family and friends this Saturday at Chuck E. Cheese in Brandon.

Love, mommy, daddy and woe, "Gen Gen!"

DUBUG And GEN GEN

Meet The Robinsons

DANIKIA, JOYCE, JENNIE And ROSS

Ba, it's been 11 whole years and despite our trials and tribulations and heartaches God has continued to bless our relationship.

So, on your special day the kids and I wish you a happy birthday and many more.

Love, Danikia, Joyce and your wife.

Happy Birthday, Ms. Blondie

TRECE And CREW

Happy birthday to the one and only, Ms. Trece, who will be turning the big 30 on March 18.

She will be celebrating her birthday in the M.I.A. with family and friends.

MS. TRECE, a.k.a., MS. BLONDIE

#1 Mom

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MS. KELA
FSU Student Financial Aid, Tax Help Workshops Set

On Saturday, March 19, U.S. Representative Kathy Castor will host a student financial aid and tax help workshop. The Tampa event will take place at the Hillsborough Community College, Dale Mabry Campus, 4001 W. Tampa Bay Blvd., from 10 a.m. until noon.

The event planned for St. Petersburg will take place at the Enoch Davis Center, 1111 18th Avenue, South, from 10 a.m. until noon.

Students in attendance will get on-one help from student financial and professionals. They can also complete the free application for the Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at the workshop. In addition to obtaining help with Federal Student Aid, parents can obtain assistance with filing their taxes. Those in need of assistance should bring their 2010 IRS 1040 tax returns and W-2 statements.

They should also bring their social security number; records for untaxed income for 2010, such as Social Security, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), welfare, or veterans' benefits. They should also provide bank statements, driver's license or alien registration card; any 2010 business or investment mortgage information; business, farm, stock, bond or other investment records.

The tax services are provided free to qualified families.
St. James House Of Prayer Heart Day

St. James House of Prayer Episcopal Church celebrated Heart Day during February. (Photos by Julia Jackson)

Heart surgeon, Dr. David Sheffield, was the guest speaker for Heart Day at St. James. He is shown with the pastor, Rev. Ernestine Flemister.

Airman Andrew W. Bush recently completed all requirements and graduated from basic military training. The ceremony was held at Lackland Air Force Base, in San Antonio, Texas.

Airman Bush is the son of Shirley Bush, of Tampa, and a 2000 graduate of King High School.

Charles Mizer, Earl Kirk and Peter King enjoy refreshments after the service.

Ellaine Rollack, Marie Tarham and Jackie Grant.

Leila Mizer and Gina Sanders at the Heart Day service.

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The Young Will Lead Them

This week's lesson (1 Timothy 4:6-16) gives insight to the qualities Paul continues to reveal to Timothy about good leadership. Paul desires for young Timothy to grow in and mature in the things of God and make sure that he teaches what is good, right and pleasing to God.

The people to whom Timothy is called to minister have been led astray by false teachings. Paul admonishes Timothy to help them by reminding them of the words of God that have already been spoken.

A good leader will teach and remind the people of God of the word of God. As leaders, the people must be led by the word of God and the word of God only. Paul lets Timothy know that teaching the word of God to the people will classify him as a good leader worthy of the calling.

Paul says to the young leaders, don't allow them to do so. If you are young and in leadership, don't allow those who are older make you feel that you are worthless and do not have anything to contribute.

A church with no young leadership is a church soon to hit a dead end. The word of God is the word of God regardless of the age of the one who preaches. A young deacon who has sins is no worse than an old one who does the same thing.

Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD. Psalm 32:10

To those young people who God is calling to provide leadership in the church and the body of Christ, Paul says do not allow anyone to despise you. He says be examples to the believers through word, conversation, charity, spirit, faith, and purity (vs. 12b).

God has called and chosen you leadership, you must walk worthy of the calling. If there are no examples of how a leader must behave, then you be the example. If you are hearing that the deacons, elders, or stewards are not doing what is right, then you become one and be an example.

You are called to serve God by serving humanity. Your church experience is not limited to the church you grew up in, but it is as open as the Kingdom you are called to glorify.

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Family And Friends
Day At St. Matthew M. B. Church

Ms. Bernell Brown was chairlady for the annual Family and Friends Day at St. Matthew M. B. Church. Rev. W. D. Sims is the pastor. (Photos by Julia Jackson)

Pastor Rev. W. D. and Mrs. Arsie Sims, Queen Inetta Williams, King Willie Taylor and Bernell Brown, Chairlady of the Family and Friends Day event.

Milki Chambers and Ruby Williams.

Barbara and Ted Mitchell at the Family and Friends Day service.

S. Barnes and Joan Dawson.

Allen Temple AME Church
Hosts Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, March 9th, was Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, 40 days before Easter. St. Paul/Gregg Temple AME Church, Presiding Elder, Rev. Henry Green, Jr., pastor, worshipped with Allen Temple AME Church, Rev. Michael K. Bouie, pastor, for the Ash Wednesday service.

The Voices of Allen, under the leadership of James Robbins, Jr., rendered song selections. The message, delivered by Rev. Bouie, was taken from Job 30:16-19, "The Dust and Ashes Attitude." (Photos by Lomax McIntyre)

Rev. Michael K. Bouie of Allen Temple AME Church and Presiding Elder Rev. Henry Green, Jr. of St. Paul/Gregg Temple AME Church.

Patrick Crews and Wilbert Malphus attended the service.

Krystal Sesler and Andre Sesler were at the Ash Wednesday service.

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Friday before the 2nd Sunday 7 - 11 p.m.
March Birthdays


Sick And Shut-Ins

Let us not forget the sick and shut-ins: Sadie Floyde, Phyllis Akes, Arlean Evans, Mildred Moore, Maurine Green, Beatrice Rodriguez, Homer Hemmingway, Eloise Leeks, Geneva Lucas, Annette Killins, Chester "Gay Papa" Miles, Beryl Wilson, Marie Benson, Linda Lee Parker and Henry Sanders.

Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to the entire Sheffield family in the passing of their loved one, Mrs. Clara C. Sheffield, who was funeralized Saturday, March 5, 2011, at St. James AME Church, Rev. Michael B. Price, pastor, officiated. She will be greatly missed by family, friends and neighbors. We wish the family a peaceful repose in sleep.

Civic Council

A Progress Village Civic Council meeting will be held Monday, March 21st at 7 p.m. at the Civic Council Office on Flower Avenue. The installation of officers will be held at the meeting.

Congratulations

First Baptist Church of Progress Village had a beautiful ribbon-cutting ceremony, dedication and celebration as they opened their doors of the new church on Sunday, March 6, 2011, at 5 p.m. All praises and glory goes to the Heavenly Father for bringing about this beautiful vision.

Dr. Samuel Maxwell, Senior Pastor and congregation thank you for this beautiful building in our neighborhood. The new church address is 8722 Progress Blvd., Tampa, 33619. It is a sight to behold!

First Baptist Church of Progress Village News

The new Larry Sanders Progress Village Sports Complex recently opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The 120 acres includes four baseball diamonds, two football fields and several batting cages. It looks awesome!

St. James AME Church of Progress Village

The Community Hour of Power Bible Prayer Band meets each Thursday morning at 10:30 a.m. This is a group of God’s children gathered together on our accord to learn the Word of the Father. Everyone is invited to come and share.

First Baptist Church Of Progress Village News

Every third Saturday of the month between 8 a.m. and 12 noon, the church gives away donated clothing, toys and household items at 8616 Progress Blvd. (between 78th St. and S. Progress Blvd., E.).

They will hold their 2011 Women’s Conference on March 18-19, 2011, at 8722 Progress Blvd. Tampa, 33619.

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Bible Study: 7:30 P.M.

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High School Student Publishes Her First Novel

BY IRIS B. HOLTON
Sentinel City Editor

When talking to Camry Moore about her first novel, one would think she is far older than her 15 years. She is one of those rare teenagers whose vivid imagination belies her years. With the help of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl (Cherrie) Moore, Camry recently published book. Not only is her first publication, it is her first full-length novel as well.

The novel, entitled “The Sun In Her Eyes,” explores the emotions of teenage love. It talks about a young girl who is unceremoniously dumped by her boyfriend. The young woman experiences all of the emotions of disappointment and loss of trust. “She is left broken and lost,” the young artist said.

Then along comes another young man who has experienced pain, yet refuses to allow it to consume his life. But, because of the gift, which the emotions of teenage love bring, it is her first full-length novel. It is her first publication, as well. This book is perfect for those who are not used to reading very long books,” she said.

Camry Moore, ... Author of “The Sun In Her Eyes”

Camry Moore, the youngest of five children, is the only girl in the family. An honor student, she credits her mother as her inspiration. “My mother pushes me to do most of the things I do. She has been a huge part of my success so far and she deserves credit.”

Camry Moore was encouraged to write and read about happier things in life. She is one of the rare teenagers whose writing is about heartbreak and love in general. She wanted something they can relate to when they do read. This book is perfect for those who are not used to reading very long books,” she said.

Camry Moore began writing at nine. She said some of her original creations were so realistic that her teachers and peers became concerned.

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The novel, entitled “The Sun In Her Eyes,” consists of 18 chapters and 299 pages. Camry Moore said it took her about 2½ years to complete the novel that started out as a short story.

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Local

Black, Brown And College Bound

Hillsborough Community College hosted the 2011 Black, Brown and College Bound Summit at the Renaissance Hotel February 23-25. The theme this year was "Courageous Conversations: Taking It To The Next Level With African American and Latino Males."

Speakers included Jose Antonio Rico, Robert Jackson, Tim King, Esquire, Dr. Juan Gilbert, Dr. Calvin Butts, III, Dr. Luis Ponjuan and Victor Antonio. (Photos by BRUNSON)

Also in attendance were Rogacena Stinvil and Guy-Manno Ane.

Cynthia Brady and Tim King, Esquire, speaker and founder of an all-male school in Chicago with 99% of the grads attending college.

Dr. Valschka Dabney and JaNice Marshall at the Black, Brown and College Bound Summit.

Ron Brown and Rhonda C. Hall at the summit.

Ross Anderson and Ty Russell attended the summit.

Dr. Ken Ray and Dr. Keith Berry and the Black, Brown and College Bound Summit.

Young men in attendance included Derek Jones, Elijah Pope and Dewayne Padas, Jr.

These ladies who attended the summit are Crystale Fleming, Dr. Lisa McBride and Nisha Carter.
Residents Share Opinion On Teacher Tenure Legislation

BY IRIS B. HOLTON
Sentinel City Editor

In upcoming weeks, the Legislators could pass some type of bill that will affect the tenure of classroom teachers, require them to sign yearly contracts, and base their pay on student performance.

Some Sentinel Readers shared their opinion on the question, “Do you feel this is fair legislation?”

Howard Harris said, “Unfortunately, the Florida Legislators seems hell bent on making our teachers and teacher unions scapegoats for the ills of our schools when they should be blaming themselves.”

“Florida gets what it pays for. The Florida Center for Fiscal and Economic Policy gives Florida an “F” for student funding; Florida ranks 15th from the bottom of the states in funding per child; and Florida ranks 9th from the bottom of the states in high school graduation rates. The Center gives Florida a “D,” for student achievement and an “F,” for college readiness.

“Yet, despite these statistics, Gov. (Rick) Scott wants to cut education funding by 10% and further stress our teachers into wondering each and every year if they will have a contract for a job come September. Dumb! Dumb! Stupid! Stupid!”

Ms. Tina Wright said, “Why the RUSH to pass a bill that is producing so much controversy? The Legislators should allow input from all of the affected parties and, then create a suitable bill.”

Dr. Samuel Wright, Sr., said, “Our schools are comprised of capable principals and lead teachers who are trained to evaluate teachers in our schools. Why is it that the Florida Legislature and everyone else in this country are experts on teacher education issues?

“We must empower educators now and forever to determine their own destiny; it is obvious that every other profession does it, why not education? I strongly disagree with this legislation as do most educators.”

Chief Tom Forward said, “The concept of classroom teacher tenure, while on the surface may appear to be a notable concern. It is impractical to invoke legislation on such a serious matter that has such tremendous impact on our community, state, and nation’s most valuable resource, the education of our children and our nation’s future. This is not the time to employ such rash or “knee jerk” rationale to such an important initiative.”

Danny Green said, “We cannot place the students’ success solely on the teachers. The Merit Pay Increase plan will not be fair to teachers who have students that do not want an education, or who have difficulties in school. Is it fair for the teachers not to receive merit increases based on not being able to teach these children, because they simply don’t want or care to learn? Absolutely not! I believe that every child is capable of learning, but, some have better advantages in home environments which increase their capabilities for learning.”
Local

Health Fair At Local Grocer

A Health Fair during Black History Month was held in the parking lot at Sweet Bay Supermarket, Nebraska Ave. and Martin Luther King Blvd. Several agencies provided information for those in attendance. (Photography by BRUNSON)

Tony O. and Tony M. at the health fair.

Major Gerald Honeywell of the Tampa Police Dept. and Tom Forward, Fire Chief of the Tampa Fire Dept.,

Tony Molina, Angela Blaylock and Marion Orr.

Shirley Sawyer, Chairman of the Board, Tampa Bay Black Chamber of Commerce, Inc., with Tanya and Elizabeth.

Carla Williams had information to share on transportation.

Tonya Lewis and Cindy Niyio of Children With A Vision.

Brezin, Kaoni and Kasla at the health fair.

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| 1 cup halved grape tomatoes & 3 scallions, sliced |
| 3 peeled and diagonally sliced carrots         |
| 1/2 cup frozen peas, thawed                    |
| 1/2 lb. peeled, deveined, cooked shrimp, tails off |
| 2 Tbsp. red wine vinegar                      |
| 2 Tbsp. Refrigerated Pesto with Basil         |
| 1 clove garlic, minced                        |
| 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil          |
| 1/4 teaspoon each sea salt & fresh black pepper |
| Fresh baby spinach leaves                     |

**DIRECTIONS:** Prepare ravioli according to package directions. Drain and rinse quickly with cold water; drain again. Combine ravioli, grape tomatoes, scallions, carrots, peas and shrimp together in a large bowl. Whisk together red wine vinegar, pesto and garlic. Slowly in a thin stream, whisk in olive oil until dressing is emulsified. Season with salt and pepper. Pour vinaigrette over ravioli mixture. Cover; refrigerate for 30 minutes. Serve over baby spinach leaves.

### Chicken Pasta Primavera

| 2 cups cut-up fresh vegetables (green peppers, zucchini, broccoli, carrots) |
| 2 Tbsp. olive oil                                                              |
| 1 pkg. (6 oz.) Deli Fresh Grilled Chicken Breast Strips                        |
| 4 oz. linguine, cooked, drained (about 2 cups)                                  |
| 3 Tbsp. Grated Parmesan Cheese                                                 |

**DIRECTIONS:** Cook and stir vegetables in hot oil in large skillet on medium heat 5 min. or until crisp-tender. Add chicken and linguine; cook 2 more min., stirring occasionally. Stir in the cheese.

### Lemony Chicken Pasta Primavera

Prepare as above but add the grated peel and juice from 1 medium lemon before stirring in the cheese.

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The recommended daily value is 5,000 IU (International Unit). 5,000 IU is too much for women with relatively healthy diets, which is why most multivitamins cut that amount in half.

B Vitamins
B6: 2 mg (milligrams)  
B12: 6 mg  
Riboflavin: 1.7 mg  
Thiamin: 1.5 mg  
Niacin: 20 mg
B6 is in plenty of foods, especially vitamin-spiked cereals, so there is usually no need for more.

Vitamin C
The recommended amount is 60 mg. You can get more than enough from one glass of OJ, which packs 120 mg of Vitamin C.

Vitamin D
800 IU. Without Vitamin D, your body can't absorb calcium. Because it's not in a lot of foods, it's hard to get through your diet.

Vitamin E
30 IU and research is being performed to find out if extra vitamin E protects against cardiovascular disease and/or cancer.

Folic Acid
400 mcg. Folic Acid is recommended for all women of a child bearing age, as it is said to prevent birth defects.

Calcium
1,000 mg. Calcium is key in building and maintaining healthy bones.

Iron
18 mg. African American women tend to be low in Iron. Be careful with taking in additional Iron because the body stores Iron and you don't want to reach the toxic level of 45mg, which can cause diarrhea in the short term and problems like heart disease over time.

Vitamin K
100 meg (micrograms). Vitamin K works with Vitamin D and calcium to build bones, yet some multivitamins leave out Vitamin K altogether because it can interfere with blood thinning drugs that are used to treat heart disease. If you are at risk, check with your doctor before taking extra K.

Folic Acid
400 mcg. Folic Acid is recommended for all women of a child bearing age, as it is said to prevent birth defects.

Calcium
1,000 mg. Calcium is key in building and maintaining healthy bones.

Iron
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Magnesium
400 mg. Most African American women don't get enough of magnesium, which protects against heart disease, diabetes and colon cancer.
Whooping Cough: More Dangerous Than Ever?

Pertussis, commonly known as "whooping cough," has been on the rise for some time now. Pertussis is a bacterial infection (caused by a bacteria named bordetella pertussis) that enters the body through the nose, mouth or throat from secretions expelled by coughing or sneezing.

In many instances, pertussis can seem like a simple cold, with symptoms such as a runny nose, a low-grade fever, and a mild cough. The name "whooping cough" denotes the severe and spasmodic coughing that often results from infection with the bacteria, and symptoms can often last for months and be resistant to all cough syrups and medicines until pertussis is diagnosed and proper treatment is begun.

For adults, it is now highly recommended that all adults between 19 and 64 receive a Tdap vaccination once instead of their usual tetanus vaccine. For adults, it is now highly recommended that all adults between 19 and 64 receive a Tdap vaccination once instead of their usual tetanus vaccine. If you or your family members are uncertain about your vaccination status, speak with your health care provider.

Fat Burners

- Dancing - Burns 221 calories in 30 minutes. This is an excellent metabolism booster.
  - The key is to keep the tempo high, choosing songs with fast rhythms like Latin or Bollywood, and don't rest between songs.
  - Begin with an upbeat inspirational song think, and then move on to songs with increasingly faster tempos. Slow the beat toward the end to cool down.
  - Boost The Burn: Use your arms! Raise them in the air and move them to the beat.
  - Walking Vigorously - Burns 170 calories in 30 minutes. A leisurely stroll with a friend won't cut it. You should be walking briskly enough that it's difficult to keep up a steady conversation.
  - To get the most from your biggest calorie-burning muscles -- legs, butt, and core -- take short, quick steps, keep your torso upright, and pump your arms back and forth (not side to side) in time with your stride. With each step, land on your heel and roll through to your toes.
  - Boost The Burn: Alternate two minutes of brisk strides with one minute of as-fast-as-you-can-go walking (or jogging).

Is Stress Affecting Your Skin?

No one is immune to stress. In small doses, stress can be good because it motivates you to get things done and keeps you on your toes. But ongoing stress can wear you down and make you sick, both inside and out.

Ways To Reduce The Effects Of Stress On Your Skin

- Don't neglect your skin.
- Get regular exercise -- it's for your body and your skin.
- Take time for yourself to do something you enjoy -- even if you only have ten minutes.
- Practice stress management techniques, such as breathing exercises, yoga, meditation, or visual imagery.
- Stay well-hydrated.
- Get regular sleep -- 7-8 hours each night is ideal.
- Learn to say no. Don't feel pressured to do an activity if you don't have to.
- Talk to someone. If you have something that is weighing on you or you feel overwhelmed by life's demands, seek support from a friend or a professional therapist.

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If you have an adjustable-rate mortgage (ARM) and you think that rates will rise or you want the security of knowing exactly how much your future payments will be, you may want to consider refinancing to a fixed-rate mortgage. Or you may want to get another ARM that has more favorable terms, such as a lower adjustment rate cap—a cap that limits the adjustment to no more than 2 percent above your starting rate. (There are also "lifetime caps" specifying the maximum your rate can ever be over the life of the loan.) If you've built up a good deal of equity in your home, you may want to do a "cash-out refinancing" to get money for home improvement or other major purchases. In any case, you'll need to consider the cost of refinancing including application fees, closing costs, and even pre-payment penalties against the savings you will make through lowering your interest rate and monthly payment. Finally, all these calculations need to be seen in the context of how much longer you continue to live in your present home.

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From Almost To Fully

"Almost cannot avoid; almost is but to fail! Sad, sad that bitter wail—almost..."

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Empowered greetings. Bishop Darrell Hines recently preached on the topic of “Living on the Right Side of Almost.” He stated any percent of almost is a 100% of nothing. He illustrated that a fish that was almost caught is a fish that 100% got away.

How many people are living almost committed lives. Almost is defined as within a small degree of, very nearly, not exactly or entirely. When it comes to living a life on purpose you must be 100% committed, not almost. There is nothing worst then living life committed to almost. I almost stopped selling drugs, stealing, etc., means you are still 100% criminal. I almost gave my life to Christ means that you’re 100% without salvation. I almost launched out and started my business, means you are still 100% working for somebody else or unemployed.

As we approach the end of the first quarter of the year put an end to almost. Move from “almost” living to being fully committed. Get fully committed to achieving your goals. Get fully committed to your marriage and family. Get fully committed to developing your business. Get fully committed to Christ. Get fully committed to living a full and satisfied life.

I implore you to choose today not to live an “almost” life. Almost is not enough; you need to go all the way. Give it all or nothing, because any percent of almost equals 100% of nothing.

Ineffective Assistance Of Counsel?

For many criminal defendants an ineffective assistance of counsel claim is the most, if not the only, meritorious legal issue in their case which may warrant relief. So what is ineffective assistance of counsel?

The Sixth Amendment provides that in all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to have the assistance of counsel for his defense. The Sixth Amendment Right to counsel applies to all federal and state criminal prosecutions in which the defendant is accused of a felony. Similarly, the right to counsel applies if the defendant is charged with a misdemeanor and a sentence of incarceration is actually imposed on the defendant.

Generally, the right to counsel attaches at critical stages of a criminal prosecution after the initiation of adversarial judicial proceedings against the defendant. A criminal defendant is guaranteed not only to the assistance of counsel, but also to the effective assistance of counsel by the Sixth Amendment.

In the landmark case of Strickland v. Washington, 466 U.S. 668, 104 S. Ct. 2052, 80 L. Ed. 2d 674 (1984), the United States Supreme Court established a two-prong test to assess ineffective assistance of counsel claims. To obtain relief under the Strickland test, the defendant must first demonstrate that his counsel’s performance was deficient, which requires the defendant to demonstrate that counsel’s performance was so serious that counsel was not functioning as the “counsel” guaranteed to the defendant by the Sixth Amendment.

Second, the defendant must show that his counsel’s deficient performance prejudiced his defense. If a defendant fails to satisfy one of the Strickland prongs, the court need not examine the defendant’s case further. Additionally, when deciding whether counsel’s performance was ineffective under Strickland, the court considers the total circumstances.

In evaluating the prejudice prong of the Strickland analysis, courts rarely presume prejudice. Therefore, in the vast majority of cases prejudice need not be presumed and instead must be shown. If prejudice is not presumed, the defendant must demonstrate that counsel’s errors were so prejudicial that they deprived the defendant of a fair trial.

This burden generally must be met by a showing that the outcome of the proceeding would have been different but for counsel’s unprofessional errors.

In the context of pleading guilty to a crime, a defendant can satisfy the prejudice prong of the Strickland test by demonstrating that but for counsel’s deficient performance, a reasonable probability exists that the defendant would not have pleaded guilty and instead would have insisted on going to trial.

As you can see, an ineffective assistance of counsel claim can be difficult to prove.

Criminal Defense Attorneys Mark O’Brien, Esquire and T. Federico Bower, Esquire, both former Miami prosecutors, handle exclusively federal and state criminal defense cases, select state criminal defense cases and federal and state criminal appeals. Contacting them via mail at 511 West Bay Street, Suite 330, Tampa, Florida 33606 or by phone at (813) 250-3533.

All questions if possible will be answered and those questions relevant to most people will be featured in an upcoming newspaper article.
Pres. Obama Still Steers Clear Of Action On Guns

WASHINGTON - Pres. Barack Obama once said it was a "scandal" that then-President George W. Bush did not force renewal of a federal assault weapons ban. Now it is Pres. Obama himself who is steering clear of that and other politically sensitive gun-control measures, even while calling for a new discussion on weapons and "how we can keep America safe for all our people."

The president asked for the new conversation on gun safety in an opinion column in Rep. Gabrielle Giffords' hometown paper, the Arizona Daily Star, over the weekend. He proposed strengthening and enforcing existing laws requiring gun sellers to perform background checks.

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Sendai, Japan — Japan worked against the clock on Tuesday to avert nuclear fallout, as relief workers cranked up their searches for survivors of last week's massive and deadly earthquake and tsunami.

The Asian economic powerhouse reeled as the death toll spiked to 3,373 and the stock market plummeted for a second straight day — a 10 percent drop this time — during what Japanese Prime Minister Naoto Kan said was the country's worst crisis since World War II — when American jets dropped nuclear weapons on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Shell-shocked people huddled in cramped shelters, grieved over lost loved ones, and worried about missing next of kin lost throughout villages and towns inundated by the powerful tsunami waves spawned by the 9.0 magnitude quake off the east coast of Honshu on Friday.

The body of 44 year old Rhonda Wells was found dumped in Mt. Caramel Cemetery in Memphis, Tennessee along with 28 year old Jessica Lewis; both within days of each other.

Both women were well known prostitutes in the community although some residents didn't know of their double lives.

Police aren't confirming a connection between the two murders but they don't rule out the possibility of one killer.

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Class Of 1971 Meeting Scheduled

The Rochelle/ Kathleen/ Lakeland Minority Class of 1971, Inc. "Class of Distinction" will host its monthly meeting and social event on Saturday, March 19, 2011, beginning at 5 p.m.

The host-site will be the Lake Ridge Community Center, 325 West Second Street in Lakeland. A special drawing will be held at 6 p.m.

Theodis Preston is the President, and George Edwards Jr., is the Vice President.

Polk County News

SHAW-NUF TALK
By Cynthia Zorn-Shaw

Partner Management
Meeting Held

On February 24th, Polk Works hosted its quarterly partners meeting. Representatives of various Polk County human services agencies were in attendance: Alicia Frometa, Fare and Care; LaSheila Nelson, Loretta Cameron, West Area Adult School; Linda Willis, Lakeland Housing Authority; Jennifer Robinson, Lakeland Housing Authority; Nilda Blanco, Polk Works Young Leaders; and Shelia Stewart, Polk Works.

Others include: Colleen Shedd, Nilda Soto, Farmworkers Program; Rick Rhodes, Theresa Murvin, Carlos Ortiz, Rob Evans, Ameshia Jackson, and Nancy Vaughn, Alliance for Independence; Traci Hall, Arlalia Wesley, Polk Works Development Board; Levonia Wyn, West Bartow Front porch, and Jasmyne Huewitt, Lakeland Housing Authority.

On Sunday, February 27th, New Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Lakeland, Reverend Kendrix J. Gardner, Senior Pastor, celebrated Black History Month with a program that recognized the numerous accomplishments of local and national African American. Willie Horton of the Detroit Tigers Baseball Club, Inc., was the guest speaker. The honoree was Mr. James T. McCrery II, a Lakeland civil rights warrior and activist. Katressa Gardner served as the Mistress of Ceremony.

Public Invited To
Open House

The Lakeland Police Department will host an Open House on Saturday, March 19, 2011. The festivities will begin at 10 a.m. at Lakeland Police Department, 219 N. Massachusetts Avenue in Lakeland.

Condonences Extended

Shaw-Nuf Talk extends condolences to Pastor Shelton and Katylna Faison, family and friends in the passing of your father, the late Reverend Stanley Carter.

Prayer Request

Let us remember the families who have suffered loss as a result of the recent tsunami. Let us pray for Japan.

Happy Birthday

Shaw-Nuf Talk extends a special "Happy Birthday" greeting to young St. Petersburg Gentleman Evan Samuels, who will celebrate his 14th birthday on March 25th.

These guests enjoyed the evening with The Jennings.

Holiday Gathering Held

Edward (Ed) Jennings, Jr., HUD Regional Administrator and his wife recently hosted a quaint holiday gathering in Atlanta, Georgia.

The guests list included a few family members, friends and HUD personnel. (Photos by Shaw-Nuf).

Ed Jennings, Jr., and his wife, Heidi.
LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF MEETING
AUDIT COMMITTEE
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY AVIATION AUTHORITY

A meeting of the Hillsborough County Aviation Authority Audit Committee has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 30, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in the lobby A conference room located on the 2nd floor of the Service Building at Tampa International Airport to evaluate proposals received in response to a Request for Proposals for Financial Audit Services and rank and recommend to the Hillsborough County Aviation Authority Board the most highly qualified firms to conduct the Authority's annual financial audit.

PLEASE NOTE: Anyone who desires to appeal any decisions made at this meeting will need a record of the proceedings and for that purpose may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made which includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based. Additionally, Florida law requires public agencies to provide access to a public meeting upon receipt of a written request by a person with a physical disability at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Any person requiring accommodations to attend or participate in a meeting of the Hillsborough County Aviation Authority should contact the office of Joseph W. Lopano, Executive Director at Post Office Box 22287, Tampa, FL 33622 or via facsimile at (813)875-6670. If you have any questions, please call Connie Mundsak at 813-601-6040.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
2012 Older Americans Act Program

The West Central Florida Area Agency on Aging, Inc. (WCFAAA) is seeking Letters of Interest and Statements of Qualification from qualified agencies and organizations interested in providing an array of supportive, nutrition, and caregiver services under the Older Americans Act (OAA) to older persons residing in the planning and service area known as PSA 6. PSA 6 encompasses Hillsborough, Polk, Manatee, Highlands, and Hardee Counties. Interested agencies are required to have the capability of providing an array of services throughout the entire county of interest effective January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012.

The "Request for Letters of Interest and Statements of Qualification" (RFI) process will provide WCFAAA with information concerning the availability of qualified contractors for OAA services in the five county planning and service area. The information received from qualified contractors will be used to determine if a full Request for Proposal (RFP) is necessary (due to interest from two or more qualified service contractors for the same services in the same county) or if a sole source procurement process will be used.

The services to be provided include: Adult Day Care, Caregiver Support Services, Congregate Meals, Grandparent Support Services, Health Support, Homemaker, Home Delivered Meals, Housing Improvement, Legal Assistance, Nutrition Counseling (Individual), Nutrition Education, Outreach, Respite (In-Home and Facility Based), and Transportation. Caregiver Support Services, Grandparent Support Services, Housing Improvement, and Legal Assistance may be bid as part of the array of services or as individual services in each county.

Details for the RFI may be obtained beginning Friday, March 18, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. (EDT) at the office of the West Central Florida Area Agency on Aging, Inc., or by accessing the Resources link on the agency's web site (www.agingflorida.com).

Responses to this Request for Letters of Interest and Statements of Qualification are due at the office of the West Central Florida Area Agency on Aging, Inc., located at 5905 Breckenridge Parkway, Suite F, Tampa, Florida 33610-4239, by 3:00 p.m. (EDT) on April 1, 2011.

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR BIDS
Hillsborough Community College is accepting sealed bids for the following:

- RFB # 2571-11 Lawn Care Services
  - Brandon Campus
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ELECTROSTATIC BUS SHELTER PAINTING

The Hillsborough Transit Authority (HART) will be accepting bids for electrostatic painting of bus shelters.

The bid documents will be available for download from HART's website at www.goHART.org after 5:00 PM on Tuesday, March 15, 2011. The documents will be located under the Business Opportunities section. All inquiries pertaining to the specifications or any questions in reference to the solicitation must be directed to: Daniel Marti, Contracts Specialist, Hillsborough Transit Authority, 4305 East 21st Avenue, Tampa, Florida 33605, (813) 449-4658 or e-mail at martid@goHART.org.

Additional deadlines and requirements are provided within the solicitation posted on HART's website. It is the responsibility of the proposers to review the documents posted in their entirety.

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Mayor Leaves City Proud Of Her Accomplishments

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In less than two weeks, Pam Iorio will walk back to her life as a private citizen. Her two-term tenure as Mayor for the City of Tampa ends on March 31st. On that day, she will leave with a smile, knowing that she has had a major impact on the city and in many ways, left it better than she found it. When asked what she considers her greatest accomplishment, she points to the crime rate. "It is a tremendous drop of 61.5% over an 8-year period." That makes me feel very good. I’m very proud of the police department.

She also takes pride in the fact that she was able to solve the problems of N. 40th Street. "The repairs for that street were 40 years overdue. But we set for to do something about it."

The project costs $103 million and it involved a lot of communication with property owners along the corridor to obtain property rights. Instead of viewing the problem as insurmountable, she decided the city deserved it and the citizens needed to know that someone would listen to their concerns.

"This demonstrates that we tried very hard to make investments all over the city. It was a hard project. But when you tackle the hard stuff, you will find that the rewards are greater." One of the last things she will do in her official capacity as Mayor for the City of Tampa is the fact that she was able to accomplish in East Tampa. Cyrus Greene Park was renovated, work completed along the N. 22nd Street corridor, both Spring Hill and Sulphur Springs received recreation centers, and a new, community-oriented District 3 Police Station came about during her administration.

When asked if there was something she would handle differently, she points to the issue of the museum. Although she is pleased with the outcome, had she the opportunity, she would approach arriving there differently.

Mayor Iorio counted the high notes, but she also reflected on the low notes. She remembers the loss of four police officers, Detective Juan Surneno, in February 2006; Cpl. Michael Roberts, in August 2009; and in June 2010, Officer Jeff Kocab and Officer David Curtis as the darkest days of her administration.

“I feel a tremendous responsibility to police officers. When they died, it felt like members of my own family had been killed, grief changes you in all respects,” she said.

As with any situation where time limits are imposed, it seems the time expires before the “to do” list is completed.

For Mayor Iorio, transportation heads the list of unfinished business. She’s disappointed that voters defeated the light rail system, and even more disappointed that Governor Rick Scott rejected $2.4 billion for the high speed rail system.

“We can’t give up on transit. If we are going to continue to grow and prosper, we must have a better transit system,” she said.

And, she leaves advice for her replacement with the following advice: “Pay attention to every part of the city and make decisions that will benefit the people in the long run. Always think long term, and do the things are hard. By taking on the hard stuff, you can really see progress."

As for leaving office, Mayor Iorio said she will miss the people she has come to know during her tenure.

“I have loved being Mayor and feel it was a complete honor being a public servant. I’ve met a lot of people and it was just wonderful having the opportunity to serve.”

Biography

A native of Waterville, Maine, Mayor Iorio moved to the bay area with her family as an infant. She attended the public schools of Hillsborough County and graduated from King High School.

Mayor Iorio continued her education and earned her degree from American University in Washington D.C., with a B. S. Degree in Political Science. She earned a Master’s Degree in History from the University of South Florida in 2001.

Mayor Iorio is married to Mark Woodward, and is the mother of two adult children.

Political Career

In 1985, Mayor Iorio became the youngest person ever elected as a Hillsborough County Commissioner. She was 26 when she launched her political career. She served in this capacity until 1993, when voters chose her as the Hillsborough County Supervisor of Elections. After serving three terms, Mayor Iorio set her sights on the Mayor’s Office.

Her first term began in 2003, with her becoming the second woman to serve in this capacity. Mayor Iorio was re-elected in 2007, Term limits prevent her from seeking re-election.

Mayor Iorio, who will celebrate her 52nd birthday on April 27th, credits her success to family support. She has not revealed plans for the future.
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Scenes From Blake Semifinals Basketball Game

Fans crowded into the Lakeland Civic Center to watch the Blake High School Yellow Jackets take on the Leesburg Yellow Jackets. Blake High School Yellow Jackets entered the tournament ranked number one in Florida Class 4A, and took a 28-2 record into their matchup with Leesburg. Leesburg walked away with the championship title, but the Tampa Yellow Jackets held their own until the end. (Photographs by Toby Scott).

Andre Smith, (#3) right, looks on as Joe Morris, #5, shoots a takes a free throw.

Brandon Channer concentrates as he prepares to take his shot.

Quinton Brewer is shocked by the referee’s decision.

Andre Smith is clearly in charge in this shot.

Ray Palmer shows unyielding team supports as he urges the Yellow Jackets.

JULIO DOUGLAS "Team Dad"

Brandon Channer, Clarence Peterson, Quinton Brewer, Joe Morris, and Andre Smith and prepared to take to the court and represent the Yellow Jackets.

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Some of Blake High School Boys Basketball members at the game were Brandon Channer, Clarence Peterson, Joe Morris, Xavier Alston, Quinton Brewer, Andre Smith, Chris Thompson, De'Shea Williams, and Curtis Fountain.

Dr. Marian Lauria-Davis, wife of Coach Winston Davis, Jacqueline K. Haynes, Blake High School Principal, Carol Sivard, Media Specialist at Blake and Sandra Cooke, classroom teacher, and Judy Richman, classroom teacher were in attendance at the Blake Semifinals game.
The Patel Conservatory Youth Theater will perform a new, contemporary version of The Wiz Thursday, March 31 through Saturday, April 2 at the Straz Center for the Performing Arts' TECO Theater. A live five-piece band, led by Patel Conservatory music instructor James Crumbly, will accompany performers. Crumbly is chair of the Music Dept. at Middleton High School.

The exhilarating William F. Brown and Charlie Smalls retelling of the famous L. Frank Baum classic, The Wonderful Wizard of Oz, features loveable characters and a powerful contemporary score of songs like “Ease on Down the Road,” “No Bad News” and “Home” and an inspirational message of love and self-belief.

“We’re taking it a step further with our progressive, modern version, to a place over the rainbow where Dorothy enters 2011, a pop-culture playground of Oz characters with sass. Our set, costumes, choreography and effects reflect a modern Oz to appeal to audiences of all ages.”

The Patel Conservatory Youth Theater cast of 18, ages 13 to 19, have been meeting since September. “It’s a Wiz for the new millennium, celebrating heart, soul, and the message of ‘there’s no place like home!’” Fisher said. The Wiz will be performed Thursday and Friday, March 31 and April 1, at 7 p.m., and Saturday, April 2, at 2 and 7 p.m.

As part of the non-profit Straz Center for the Performing Arts, the Patel Conservatory offers classes for children and adults of all experience levels in all kinds of dance, music and theater. More information about the Patel Conservatory is available by calling 813.222.1002 and by visiting www.patelconservatory.org.
The Tampa Police Department Black History Program was held recently at the Ragan Center. (Photography by BRUNSON)

Maryanne Hunsberger, Neighborhood Liaison, Sheila Wade and Crystal Sampson at the Tampa Police Dept. Black History Program.

Left to right, Gregory Hart, City MBD Officer, Shirley Foxx-Knowles, City Clerk; Andrea White, Bright House Networks, and Dr. Sam Wright, Sr., USF administrator.

Deputy Velma Glover, Major Curtis Flowers and Capt. Willie Parker of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office attended the Black History Program.

Police Officer Susan Bowers and Tonia Bright, CSO, at Ragan Park Center for the Tampa Police Dept. Black History Program.

Rebecca Jones and Lisa Timmer.

Sonja Wise and Mark Holloway.

Jonathan Parker, Sr. with BillCurrie.com.

Sherri Brown, Tampa Bay and Company and Regina Williams at the Police Dept. Black History Program.

Local bank official, Machelle Maner.

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. C. P. Epps were among the guests at the City of Tampa Black History Program.


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