The members of Club 44 hosted their “Presidential Affair: Celebrating Optimism and Hope” on Saturday, January 28, 2012 at the USF Embassy Suites. A cocktail hour preceded the 7 p.m. dinner. Club 44 members who entertained guests included: seated left to right, Evelyn Davenport Bethune, Bernadette Yee, Ruby Brown, Grace Jones, Eleanor Gilder, CaSandra Washington, Patricia Miles and Verneka Rhodes. Standing, Ruth Duncan Bell, Sonja W. Garcia, Ebba Wilson, Frances C. Sykes, Barbara A. Jackson, Pearlyne Wilson and Jacqueline Wilds. Not shown, Demoris Rhodes. (Photography by BRUNSON)
In the fall, members of the community were asked to cast votes for the 2012 Florida State Fair Wall Of Fame nominees. The votes have been tallied and the winners chosen.

On February 9, opening day of the Florida State Fair, two more names will be added to the Wall of Fame. This year, James Tokley, Sr., Poet Laureate for the City of Tampa, was chosen as the African American honoree. Ms. Carmen Santana Telesca was chosen for the Hispanic Wall of Fame. The will be honored at the 108th Annual Florida State Fair.

"I feel blessed to have so many friends and family members who believe in me and my talent, and to vote for me. I shall continue to strive for excellence in everything I do," Tokley said.

James Tokley became the city's first official Poet Laureate in 1996. Since that time, he has become a regular contributor to the arts scene locally and nationally. Tokley has served as English professor at Everest University, and is a Human Resource Trainer and Curriculum Specialist for Tokley and Associates.

The community of East Tampa, especially north of MLK Blvd., is the largest, most blighted area in the City of Tampa. This area has more horse and buggy roads than any other area in the Tampa city limits. The City of Tampa has neglected this area since this section of Tampa north of Buffalo Avenue, now known as MLK Blvd., was placed into the city limits in 1953, more than 58 years ago.

What East Tampa's Needs Are

Turning neighborhood roads into wider streets and avenues with curbs and sidewalks on both sides of the widened streets and avenues. More and better street lighting.

22nd Street retention pond (between Chelsea and Osborne Ave.).

Bus Bay at 22nd St. and Hillsborough Ave. (Walgreens).

Left turn lights on 22nd and MLK Blvd., and West bound at Nebraska Ave. and MLK.

Stop Wasting The Community Tax Dollars
From the first year of inception from 2004-2010, the East Tampa Community Redevelopment Agency, better known as the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) has received more than $27 million dollars. The major purpose of the CRA is to eliminate neighborhood blight. This agency supposedly has approximately $85 million dollars on hand. That means they have spent about $19 million dollars, in seven years.

Let me ask you the question: Do you see $19 million dollars worth of blight related improvements in East Tampa? According to my calculations, about $1.5 million dollars has been mishandled, misused or stolen by someone(s) employed with the City of Tampa. To illustrate my point, over $7 million dollars is set aside for the total 22nd Street enhancement projects, broken into 3 phases. Phase 1 was completed for $1.3 million.

Phase II, the roundabout, is allocated $1.7 million dollars to build a roundabout that most other cities spend only $2-4 hundred thousand dollars. That means, over $1.3 million dollars will be going into someone(s) pocket if the city council approves the building of the roundabout, Thursday, February 9, 2012. In addition, if Council approves the roundabout, it will be a slap in the face of the East Tampa community.


Two different votes were taken at different times, and each time, the community VOTED AGAINST the roundabout. PLUS the Council has totally and completely disregarded more than 100 signatures against the roundabout. In addition, millions will be wasted when the 22nd Street project is completed.

If the roundabout is built, there should be an investigation and audit as to why the wishes of the community was ignored.

WHAT EAST TAMPA DOES NOT NEED IS A PROPOSED 22nd STREET ROUNDBOUGHT.
If you agree with all or some of the needs listed above, then PLEASE SHOW UP TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

THIS IS THE FINAL MEETING ON THE ROUNDBOUGHT ISSUE. A VOTE WILL BE TAKEN.

The City Council meeting will be held at the Old City Hall, 3rd Floor, 306 East Jackson Street (corner of Kennedy Blvd. and Florida Ave.) at 9 a.m.

CURTIS BROWN

Note: Councilman Frank Reddick is behind this train, supported by Suarez, Capin and Miranda.
City Council Approves Purchase Of House For Roundabout

On Thursday, the Tampa City Council, in a 4-3 vote, approved the purchase of a house as part of the 22nd Street Enhancement Project. The purchase of the house is necessary for the roundabout part of the project, that still has not been approved.

Council members took weeks to decide on whether to approve the purchase, because the owner was asking for $65,000, $37,000 above its $28,000 appraised value. However, with East Tampa Tax Increment Finance (TIF) dollars being used to cover $28,000 of the purchase, Council approved the city’s $37,000 portion, plus $5,000 in closing costs.

Among the arguments by some Council members was where the $37,000 was coming from for the purchase. However, according to the city attorney, the funds had already been appropriated by previous Council members, and had been set aside as a part of the expenditure for the enhancement project.

Council members opposing the purchase were Mary Malherbe, Harry Cohen, and Lisa Montileone, who all felt it was wrong to pay anyone above the appraised value for any property. Councilwoman Lisa Montileone said she’s concerned that a precedent has been set for others to ask the city to purchase property above its appraised value.

Father Of Two Found Shot To Death

Tampa Police Homicide Detectives are investigating the death of a 19-year-old man found shot to death early Monday morning.

According to reports, Trey Anglin was found at 4:20 a.m. sitting in a car in the driveway of his home with a bullet wound to the head. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Homicide detectives have ruled Anglin’s death as unexplained, but did say an eyewitness told them he shot himself.

Anglin’s mother, Marva Anglin, said what the police have told them, and what the witness told them don’t make any sense.

“I was sitting in my office in the front of the house with the shades pulled back all night long, and I never heard a gunshot. No one else in the neighborhood heard a gunshot, so what the witness said doesn’t make any sense.”

Ms. Anglin said the gun found in the car did belong to her son, but he’s right handed, and the gun was found under his left arm and pointed in the wrong direction for someone who had just shot himself.

“We all looked forward to him cooking breakfast for us, especially after he and his sisters had been out partying.”

Ray Williams Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements, and they would appreciate any help they can get from the community.
PHYSICIAN IS FIRST CHIEF OF GYNECOLOGY AT VA HOSPITAL

BY IRIS B. HOLTON
Sentinel City Editor

When he arrived in Tampa in 1982, Dr. Commedore said, “Many of the people I met in the emergency rooms became my patients, and their families, for more than 20 years,” Dr. Commedore said.

In 1992, Dr. Commedore visited Russia with Dr. Harry Reich, the physician who invented the laparoscopic hysterectomy procedure. The procedure is the minimally invasive method of removing the uterus. In 1993, Dr. Commedore became the first doctor to perform this surgery at the St. Joseph’s Main Hospital. The procedure allows faster recovery, it calls for smaller incisions, and it allows the physician to see if there are any other problems. It reduces the time a patient is hospitalized and in many cases, the patient can go home the same day,” Dr. Commedore said.

Eventually, Dr. Commedore established his own practice and treated patients for several years. He closed his practice to accept the position as the Director of the Office of Minority Health where he served for two years. Now, he works with the Physicians Network to ensure that doctors have more representation in healthcare.

Throughout the years, Dr. Commedore and Dr. Harris have performed countless surgeries. In some instances, women were able to conceive and give birth because the reproductive organs were spared.

Today, the two doctors have become partners again. Dr. Commedore is a part-time Gynecologist at the University of South Florida and responds to emergency room calls. He also assists Dr. Harris, who is the Chief of the Gynecology Department of Veteran’s Affairs at the James A. Haley Veteran’s Hospital.

A native of New Orleans, Dr. Commedore completed his undergraduate studies at Vassar College and the University of New Orleans, earning his degree in Chemistry. Dr. Commedore graduated in 1981 from Louisiana State University, School of Medicine, and completed his residency at Charity Hospital and Tulane University Medical School, both located in New Orleans, Louisiana.

HILLSBOROUCHE COUNTY’S 20TH BLACK HERITAGE CELEBRATION SALUTES HEALTHCARE PIONEERS

Hillsborough County is proud to host its 20th Annual Black Heritage Celebration on Friday, Feb. 10, 2012, at noon, in Joe Chillura Courthouse Square, located across from the County Center at 601 E. Kennedy Blvd. in downtown Tampa.

This year’s program theme is “Your Health – Our History” and will pay tribute to the many pioneers from the African American community that provided years of health care services to Tampa Bay.

One pioneer being recognized is Clara Frye, an African-American nurse who ran the Clara Frye Hospital for 20 years in the early 1900s. A pavilion at Tampa General Hospital is named for her.

A second pioneer is Dr. Roche Williams, who was the first African-American to perform major surgery in Tampa in 1921 at the Clara Frye Hospital. Williams Middle Magnet School is named in his honor.

County Administrator Mike Merrill will present the 2012 Legacy Award to Gayl P. Williams, who retired in 2009 as the County’s Equal Opportunity Administrator after a 31-year career in public service. Ms. Williams helped the County Attorney’s office draft the County’s first comprehensive Human Rights Ordinance. The Legacy Award recognizes former County employees who have made a significant contribution to County government and the community.

Entertainment will be provided by international gospel recording artist Dana Mackey, Tyrone Hill, an employee in the County’s ITS Department, will read a selection from his self-published book, Poetic Reflections.

The annual Black Heritage Celebration is hosted by the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners and the Black Heritage Celebration Committee. This year’s sponsors include 20 News, Bright House Networks, Florida Sentinel Bulletin, Oriental Fish Company, and Pepsi Cola Bottling Company. 10 News anchor Reginald Roundtree will emcee the celebration.

In case of inclement weather, the celebration will be moved across the street to the County Center, 2nd Floor, with lunch served in the 26th Floor Conference Room.

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A Fox Is Caught In The Henhouse

Abraham Lincoln would not be pleased. Neither would thousands of Floridians who, throughout this state's history, have put their lives in danger or have given it a day of their lives to vote for the representative of their choice.

Just recently, for all to see, one of this state's most blatant pieces of voter disenfranchisement was caught in the spotlight like a roach with the lights turned on.

Two elections supervisors, National Bar Association and LULAC officials, a student government president and a former State Senator, testified that the confessions of voter fraud, which was used as a reason for reenacting the democratic process of voter registration was itself a fraud.

Volusia County elections supervisor, Ann McFall told the committee the story of a school teacher who was disqualified because she missed the 48 hour deadline for submitting the voter registration forms of her 12th grade students.

Then Vietnam War veteran and former Secretary of State, Bruce Smathers, who implemented voter reform during the 1970's, said the new laws are designed "to punish more voters" and are "voting eroding and suppression legislation.

We listened to the proceedings regarding the newly proposed statutes which will limit voter registration and will frustrate voters who relocate to a new address.

What we heard and saw reminded us bitterly of what we witnessed more than 50 years ago when cleaver rights did everything they could to stop Black folks in the state of Florida from voting.

And now, the fox is back. But this time, we are guarding the henhouse.

Gov. Scott Is No Dr. Martin Luther King

So much has happened lately, that we plead to talk about you to get lost in our archives. But this one, this time, was too precious to let go. Just in case you were wondering, late last year it was President Barack Obama's birthday. And then she said, "And I can't think of anybody currently in my right life now that more epitomizes the values and vision of Dr. King than Governor Rick Scott."

We're not through. Said Lieutenant Governor Jennifer Carroll also a former Governor Scott, "He looked at the content of my character ... integrity ... work ethic, and what I brought to the table. This is true of Dr. King, what was, what I was for me. They, who heard her words first-hand, insist that what followed sounded not like a sob, but sounded like a nervous gulp from a big drink of water.

Most certainly, Ms. Carroll should get out more often if our dear Governor Scott is the closest person she can find to "epitomize" the life and vision of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

No disrespect, but we doubt if Dr. King would have turned his back on millions of federal dollars that could have put thousands of Floridians back to work and would have provided health insurance for poor children, or would have cut education funds for all of Florida's children. And we know Dr. King would not have supported eroding and suppressing Floridians' voting rights.

Excorius, I.T. Gov. Carroll. But we beg to differ regarding your comparison between Governor Scott and Dr. King. What you saw was not a dream. It was a nightmare.

But would I dare grant Gingrich the halo of being transparent? What with his three wives, countless counties on Capitol Hill desks, and his personal similarity to William Shatner's Star Trek captain, James Tiberius Kirk? E-gad, do I dare???

Perhaps, the term "invisible" would be a more fitting choice for our current GOP wannabes. Notice how the word is defined: "Incapable of being seen, invisible". Now, certainly, these are words with substance, especially when referring to substantial and insubstantial realities. "Invisible," whose synonyms include "concealed, veiled, shrouded, cloaked, unnoticed, and unobserved," would gladly have embraced the shenanigans of Herman "Who, me?" Cain. And who might be a better fit for "inconspicuous, inconspicuous"? It's like letting Pinxemfl himself, "Newt Gingrich, the Original Midnight Creeper?"

Finally, one settles upon Mitt Romney, man of many hours. Has he run so many times, maybe, a moment of invisibility would do him good.

In the meantime, on the other side, President Barack Obama continues to accomplish all, but one thing that has to do with him, that is to get to the White House. And that one thing is the fact that regardless of his success, he will always be Black. Call it transparency. Call it invisibility. I call it prophecy!

Another View

By Randy Kinsey

Standardized Tests Dominate Education

How well are teachers teaching? Check the results of standardized tests. How well are the schools educating students? Check the results of the standardized tests.

The moral of this story is that a test in a nutshell boils down today to standardized tests.

I can remember a school teacher who was able to pass a standardized real estate test in a weekend. The person could pass the test, but not be able to do a closing statement.

Likewise, I can remember an insurance school that could teach a person to pass a standardized insurance test. The person could pass the test, but couldn't put together an insurance program for a business.

Standardized tests in the schools present the same problem. Students are taught to pass the test, but they make poor grades on their class work.

Standardized tests don't count for students who enter the third and fourth grade levels below their assigned grade and above two grade levels. Even though the student advances at least one grade level in education, the teacher and the school are raised and the student doesn't pass the test.

I ask you, is this fair? Is this right? The standardized tests completely disregard class participation, class test scores; homework and special projects. If these things are not important, then why do we care if they are?

I can answer that. They do these things because students need to do these things in order to get a high school diploma and teachers and schools recognize that only grades on standardized tests count, they teach strictly to the test. The question is, whether or not this is educating students?

We certainly want to make schools as test driven as possible. Yes, we want to do a better job of educating our students. What we don't want to do is have them fall victim to standardized tests.

Standardized tests are fine, but they can't be the only standard that we measure. We need to be able to measure the progress of students. Everything educational that a student does should be considered in grading the students' educational progress.

I urge some lawmakers to listen and not rely on standardized tests so heavily.
I find humor in almost anything. For instance, something that's been tickling me recently is the outrage I've been witnessing Black men exhibit every time they see a Black woman with a white guy. It amuses me because, usually, the Black men I hear disgruntled the most are the same men who once told me how much of a fetish they had for white women themselves. And each time they get heated, I seem to have to remind them that, "bruh, you can't have it both ways.

To me, it's the classic example of the unethical, jealous boyfriend. He doesn't really want his girlfriend anymore. He has no intentions of doing right by her. Yet he doesn't want anyone else to have her either.

The idea that these guys, with their own white lust fingers ruffled whenever they see women like Halle Berry, Kerry Washington, Keshia Chante, Zoé Saldaña, or Venus Williams involved in an inter racial relationship is ironic, blatantly hypocritical and like I said before, funny.

For years, I've watched Black women play second fiddle to these self-conscious, brain washed brothers who have a long history of being overly captivated with women of different nationalities. Now that the tables have begun to turn, many of these men are having a hard time coping. Granted, Hollywood and Madison Avenue have done their part to perpetuate the situation by creating waves of movies, television shows, commercials and print ads, which have been unusually open recently in regard to promoting the coupling between white men and Black women. But, that shouldn't come as a surprise. Ninety percent of everything we watch, read or hear is, in some form or fashion, produced or decided upon by men who are melanin challenged. And since these white boys have been digging Black girls since Marc Anthony made moves on Cleopatra, it makes sense that they would use all of the tools at their disposal to execute an agenda that best suits them.

They recognize the dilemma in either a hard time finding themselves. Along with Mother Nature already providing for the birth of more female infants than males, Black & white women also have to deal with the additional burden of watching a significant number of her potential mates being systematically removed from the pool of eligibility by factors such as incarceration, homicide, drug addiction and homophobia. I say that leaves her competing with 20 or more other Black women for the affection and companion ship of one Black man. If that man then chooses to overlook them all in favor of something he sees as more exotic, then she's left with one of two options: knowingly or unknowingly sharing the men who are left or stepping outside of her comfort zone to experience "something new."

In the end, many Black women patiently wait to seize upon this unique opportunity. They use savvy campaigns and send subliminal messages that say: "We're just as cool. We're just as fun. We won't disrespect you. And if size and comparable performance is a concern, we have products like Enzyte and Extends to assist in that department as well. Come to us."

It all boils down to the fact that times are changing and as uncomfortable as it may feel to some, it is what it is. The average successful Black woman today is deciding to move on with her life instead of continuing to chose for what would-be African king to get his act together.

So faris, the next time you see a Black woman with a white dude, don't get mad. That is what happens when you haven't prized possessions unprotected. And don't forget, you were the first one who couldn't wait to hop the fence. She just followed your lead to see what all the fuss was about. Anyway, attempting to contact Clarence Barr can reach him at: Clarence Barr, II, 43210-18; Bennettsville F.C.L; P. O. Box 52020; Bennettsville, SC 29512; or by email at Clarence.barrz98@gmail.com. Reality On Ice is © by the Florida Sentinel Bulletin Publishing Company.

meant to hurt Blacks, Hispanics and young voters at the polls.”

Here are the changes to the law impacting minority voter performance.

- Reduced early voting days from 14 to 8 days eliminating Sunday, the day Blacks and Hispanics vote more than any other race/ethnic group.
- Dramatic reduction in time for submission of voter registration, burdensome paperwork, for glassy for voters to register, and minorities. Those groups include the League of Women Voters, NAACP, teachers and a host of civic groups who have been discouraged by the penalties in particular.
- Disallow change of address at the polls and making voters vote by provisional ballots. This change disproportionately impacts college students, the military and minorities. Upwards of 40% of provisional ballots are likely to be discarded.
- Only Republican Supervisor of Election for Seminole County Paul Ertel attempted to defend the law. He said he depurized school principals so they would avoid the $1,000 penalties by missing registration deadlines. Volusia County Supervisor of Elections, Ann McFall said the law is designed to discourage third parties from participating in the process. "The fact is a number of states including Florida have made it harder for some people to vote," said Sen. Nelson.
A U.S. District Court panel is reviewing the law and the US Justice Department will likely have the final say and determine if the law is a violation of the Voting Rights Act.

Hundreds of Floridians packed a Hillsborough County courtroom for an unprecedented hearing on changes to Florida's election law passed last spring by the Republican dominated Florida legislature. The first ever field hearing on legislation that critics say dramatically alters voter participation and actually suppresses minority votes was conducted by U.S. Senator Dick Durbin, Chairman of the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Human Rights Committee.

U.S. Senator Bill Nelson of Florida was sworn in to participate in the hearing. Sen. Nelson derided the law when it passed last spring, challenging its undemocratic reform to election laws resulting from the 2000 election debacle.

According to sworn testimony during the hearing, the impact of HB 1335 is weighted heavily against Blacks, Hispanics, the elderly and students who vote democratically and turned out in unprecedented numbers in 2008 for President Barack Obama. Florida’s law is considered the most onerous and because it is the largest most influential state of the 35 with voter changes made by Republican legislatures nationwide.

Senator Durbin extended an invitation to Governor Rick Scott to attend and discuss the changes to the law but, Gov. Scott did not appear. Republican members of the committee were also no shows. Testimony from a host of elections experts revealed that Senators Nelson and Durbin called an obvious “voter suppression act,”
Organizing For America Opens New Offices
BY MICHAEL HODGES

Organizing For America – Florida (OFA), a project of the Florida Democratic Party continues to see growing support across Florida for the re-election of President Barack Obama.

Supporters of the President hosted a variety of voter outreach events last week throughout the Sunshine State. The opening of offices in St. Petersburg, Boca Raton, Tampa and other Florida cities, provide supporters of President Obama a local place to gather and work to organize these communities.

Additionally, there will be phone banks, canvases and other outreach activities across Florida.

Since the President announced his re-election campaign in April, OFA Florida has committed to a smart, strong and strategic organizing strategy that touches every community in the state in preparation for November 2012.

 Floridians looking to get involved can connect at FL.BarackObama.com, facebook.com/OFA.FL, and on twitter at OFA_FL.

FAMU Update

FAMU President Suspends Membership Intake And Cancels Band Camp

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Florida A&M University (FAMU) President James H. Ammons announced Tuesday that he will temporarily suspend the induction, enrollment, initiation, membership, intake and recruitment for all student clubs and organizations until fall semester 2012. Ammons also announced the cancellation of the 2012 Summer Band Camp.

“Our top priority is the health, safety and well being of students,” said Ammons. “We are convening a panel of experts and outstanding thinkers to provide advice and recommendations on the operation of student organizations. Before we enter into a new student intake process, we should have the benefit of the work coming from the committees and the investigations.”

Ammons made the decision to suspend intake and other membership activities after discussions with student leaders, advisors and other university personnel.

“I totally support this effort,” said Breyon Love, president of FAMU Student Government Association. “This issue of hazing has had a far-reaching impact on the university and I believe that we need to pause for a moment to make sure that all of our students are ready to seriously move in a direction which will result in a complete culture change. We want to make sure every student knows about the personal responsibility they have in making sure we wipe out hazing on our campus.”

According to Ammons, the temporary suspension on initiation and membership intake is effective as of January 31, 2012. Ammons delivered the news at a mandatory campus wide forum on safety which included a panel discussion by a group of campus administrators who focused on the assistance available to the campus community when safety issues arise and what the reporting responsibilities are for students, faculty and staff. Ammons told the group he has decided to cancel the band camp in light of the ongoing investigation and the plans to convene a FAMU Board of Trustees Anti-Hazing Committee that will review how FAMU will best govern band activities.

Ammons said he would like to give this panel, the board and the administration the opportunity to do a thorough review before reinstating any marching band programs.

Lobbyist Wants Minority Vendor Participation During The RNC Convention

BY LEON B. CREWS  Sentinel Staff Writer

Michael Dobson is a third generation Floridian, and the founder and managing member of Dobson, Craig and Associates, a Government Relations and Consulting Firm.

Dobson said he's going to make sure the media gets the word out to all potential minority vendors know what they need to do to take advantage of the opportunities that will be available at the RNC.

“I want to educate the members of the RNC committee and the Host Committee on how they acquire vendors. I want to make sure when the convention begins, the cameras reflect a more diversified America because of minority vendor participation. I’m also in dialogue with members of the Tampa Host committee to see what they’re doing to get the word out. ”

Dobson said he noticed the information about vendor participation was not being put out as it should, and a recent rally in Safety Harbor was an intentional oversight.

“The vendor rally in Safety Harbor wasn’t something that was given any thought by the GOP organizers as far as making sure everyone knew about it.”

Dobson said it starts with minority vendors and business owners getting recognized and given a chance to participate.

The 2012 Tampa Host committee Director of communications, Eileen Rodriguez, said they’ve developed a program they hope will create opportunities for minorities.

“We are promoting small businesses, and that includes minority-owned companies. We ask them all to sign up/register, and list the services they offer. We need them to become certified, registered small business to participate.”

Rodriguez said they are not promising or guaranteeing contracts or opportunities, but they did create a network to promote inclusion.

“For all small/minority-owned businesses to take advantage of opportunities at the RNC, they need to visit the website, www.2012stampa.com, get certified, and become part of the small business network.”

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The Bible is the best-selling book in history, but how many people in Tampa are actually reading it? A Gallup survey reports the average American household has four Bibles. However, research by Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life (2008) found that only 16 percent of Americans read the Bible every day.

St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church is hoping to reverse this trend, starting with its own congregation. Pastor Darryl Matthews believes that The Story, a Zondervan best-seller, is the right tool to increase Biblical literacy, helping readers understand God’s story from Genesis to Revelation and how their own stories intersect with it.

Consisting of 31 chapters of carefully-selected scriptures sequenced in chronological order, The Story presents the word of God in an engaging format, reading like a novel. “I want the people in my congregation, as well as the City of Tampa, to realize the incredible love God has for them and how their story is found in His story,” said Pastor Darryl.

The Story Church Campaign is a unique program providing up to 31 weeks of curriculum for children, teen and adult Sunday school and up to 31 weeks of corresponding sermons. When accompanied by reading through the five age-related books (The Story, The Story: Teen Edition, The Story for Kids, The Story for Children, and The Story for Little Ones), the entire church can be liter­ally on the same page for 31 weeks.

St. Mark plans to begin the experience on February 5, 2012 at the 9:30 a.m. wor­ship, followed by Discipleship Hour at 11 a.m.

With thousands of participating churches nationwide, The Story is becoming a movement that is bringing wide-ranging benefits to local churches. Many have report­ed increased community out­reach, increased Biblical liter­acy, congregational growth and a greater understanding of how God’s story reveals the reasons for the things that happen in man’s story.

For more information, visit www.stmark247.org.

“"The Bible is central to our faith,” said Pastor Darryl Matthews of the St. Mark Missionary Baptist Church, “but many people are intimi­dated by its scope and size. The Story gives us a way to journey from Genesis to Revelation together in 31 weeks so everyone under­stands God’s story and how their story intersects with it.”

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Safe Haven House Opens For Women Coming Out Of Jail

BY LEON B. CREWS
Sentinel Staff Writer

Mrs. Ola Abreu and her sister, Mrs. Sheliah Youngblood, founded an organization called Our Sisters, Our Friends. The organization’s mission was to provide a platform to uplift and support women who have been going through tough times.

Two months ago, Mrs. Abreu took a step further when she opened a safe haven house for women coming out of jail.

"I feel there’s a need for this, because these women have no place to go. I try to help them get a jumpstart back to their lives, and also provide them a place to live and food assistance. It’s also vital to get them reunited with their families, and I support them in every way.

Mrs. Abreu said she doesn’t have a staff, and is doing everything by herself. She also said there aren’t enough places like this for women.

"These women are being released back into society with no hope or direction. I try to help them find a job, and give them the tools they need to be successful. There are a lot of success stories when someone shows they care enough to help them."

Mrs. Abreu said the 5 women she’s currently working with range in age from 26 to 48.

"It’s important to me, we have a family atmosphere and share everything, I want them to lean on each other for support."

They can call my facility house for 6 months or longer if they need it.

Mrs. Abreu said she’s still in the process of giving her house a name, but feels that’s not as important as making sure the women know they have somewhere to go.

Finalists Announced For 5th Annual Black Diamond Awards Ceremony

The Mount Pleasant Middle School Family will present its 5th Annual Black Diamond Awards Ceremony on Saturday, February 11, 2012, at the Don Thompson Performing Arts Theatre located on the campus of Howard W. Blake High School, 1791 North Boulevard at Main Street. The academy award style presentation of the Lifetime Achievement Award will start at 5 P.M.

The Black Diamond Awards ceremony annually recognizes and honors African Americans in Hillsborough County who have made important contributions to the community over the past year. Citizens throughout the county vote on nominees.

This year’s finalists are:

- Educator of the Year Award: Rolly Beauford and Renaldo James.
- Business of the Year Award: Brown’s Accounting Service and Ladies of the Sea.
- Male Amateur Athlete of the Year Award: Antonio Crawford and Lamar Woods.
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The winners from each category will be announced at the event. The highlight of the evening will be the presentation of the Lifetime Achievement Award to long-time community contributor Mr. Rubin Padgett, Sr.

Ms. Janette Spencer-Davis, and Aminta Vocey (formerly of WTMP) will host the program. The pro­gram will be informative and entertaining.

For additional information about the program, call (813) 253-0053. Tax-deductible tickets to this event can be purchased at the school or at the door.
Family Presents Large Gift To Bethune Cookman University

BY IRIS B. HOLTON
Sentinel City Editor

Having taught in the Hillsborough County Public School System, Mrs. Veola Nelson Pope was a strong supporter of education. She was also a strong supporter of her alma mater, Bethune-Cookman University.

Recently, her family presented a check for $364,519 from Mrs. Pope’s estate. The check was presented by Ms. Alva Simmons, acting as the family spokesperson, during the meeting of the Board of Trustees at the school.

“Veola loved Bethune-Cookman College dearly. It was a place where the complete identity of young Black men and women was not the financial means. It was a place where the whole community embraced and nurtured. A sense of pride and dignity existed on the campus.”

“Veola wanted to provide opportunities for students with a desire to continue their education, but not the financial means. As a teacher, she possessed an unwavering belief in the ability and potential of Black children,” Ms. Simmons said. This is not the first donation Mrs. Pope made to the university. She established the Johnny Nelson Family Endowed Scholarship for students in the name of her deceased brother, Johnny Nelson, and on behalf of her sister, Ms. Edna Nelson. She has donated more than $500,000 to the university.

Mrs. Pope earned her Bachelor of Science degree. She completed her undergraduate work at Tuskegee Institute and Howard University.

During her lifetime, Mrs. Pope was active in several organizations including the NAACP and Urban League. “We must continue to strengthen our colleges and universities by giving back and offering financial support. Moreover, we must be dedicated to ensuring that HBCUs remain as competitive as any other institution of higher learning,” Ms. Simmons said.

Family members of Mrs. Veola Pope are shown at the check presentation.

Ministry To Host Fitness And Health Expo

On February 25th, Pastor Emerson Morris, a former football player at the University of South Florida, and his church, Extreme Life Ministries, will host a free Fitness and Health Expo. The event also will help give boys a compass for life.

The Expo will take place in a 1,800-square-foot gymnasium at 8029 East Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, near Highway 301 across from the Fairgrounds. The Expo will feature nurses and other professionals who will consult each participant individually.

Pastor Morris is a native of Miami, Florida. He graduated from the University of South Florida in 2002 with a bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice. At the age of 29, Pastor Morris became a licensed minister at Jesus People Family Worship Center Church, where he served for 12 years. In September 2010, he was ordained as a pastor, and Extreme Life Ministries was born.

For more information about this event, call Extreme Life Ministries at (813) 644-6855.

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Dinner will be served during the program.

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Man Recalls Days With Tuskegee Airmen

BY LEON B. CREWS
Sentinel Staff Writer

MR. MANSFIELD JOHNSON
As A Soldier In 1941

MR. MANSFIELD JOHNSON
(Today)

“This was an opportunity given to Negro veterans at the first accredited GI flying school for Negroes on the Florida west coast. I was one of 45 veterans enrolled at St. Pete Aero Tech-Pinellas International Airport.”

Mr. Johnson is a member of Bethel A. M. E. Church in St. Petersburg, and worked as a chef at Webb’s City. He eventually retired in 1986 after serving as the senior chef for Bell’s Lab.

Mr. Johnson is also a member of the Sunshine Elks Lodge, the father of two daughters and a son, grandfather of 9, a great-grandfather, and in the last two years, a great-great-grandfather.

Recently, members of the Executive Board of Directors of the Tampa Hillsborough Action Plan, Inc., held the first meeting of the year. During the meeting, six new members joined the board.

The board members and the positions they hold are: Robert R. Scott, President; James Hammond, Vice President; Vera Hamilton, CFO; Dr. V. Lynn Knox, CEO; Monroe W. Mack, Parliamentarian; Brenda Prestigiacomo, Secretary; and Rev. Louis Jones, Treasurer.

Other board members are Walter L. Smith, II, Dr. Samuel L. Wright, Sr., Dr. Sharman Pride-McRae, Corliss Coles, Brenda Grove, Livorno Williams, and Jeannette Bradley, Consultant. Since its inception, the organization has been guided by the theme, “Working Together to Make A Difference.” Born of a need to combat racial issues and acts of violence in the African American community, James Hammond visualized the organization nearly 25 years ago.

Six New Members Join THAP Executive Board Of Directors

During the recent board meeting of THAP (the Tampa Hillsborough Action Plan), six new members joined the Executive Board of Directors. Shown on the front row from left to right are: Monroe W. Mack, Robert R. Scott, Brenda K. Prestigiacomo, James A. Hammond, and Rev. Louis Jones. Shown on the back row, from left to right are: Dr. Samuel L. Wright, Sr., Dr. Sharman Pride-McRae, Corliss Cole, Brenda Grove, Vera Hamilton, Dr. V. Lynn Knox, and Jeannette Bradley. (Photography by BRUNSON).

The National Association of Black Nurses Tampa Bay Chapter Will Be Hosting ANNUAL GO RED DAY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2012 @ MT. TABOR MB CHURCH 2606 W. Grace St. Rev. T. D. Leonard, Pastor

Theme: “Take Control Of Your Health – Go Red!”

Speaker: Mary Alice Dorsett

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TALLAHASSEE — Senator Arthenia Joyner (D-Tampa) applauded the recent decision by a federal appeals court rejecting a challenge to “Amendment 6,” the Constitutional measure overwhelmingly passed by Floridians in 2010 to restrain the ability of lawmakers to gerrymander Congressional districts.

"U.S. Circuit Judge Stanley Marcus rightly affirmed the power of the people to amend their constitution," said Senator Joyner, who is an intervenor defending the constitutionality of the amendment. "Amendment 6 may not give incumbents the districts they want, but it gives the voters the right to set the standards to elect the Congressional representatives of their choice."

The court challenge to "Amendment 6" was originally filed by U.S. Reps. Corrine Brown and Mario Diaz-Balart, along with the State House of Representatives, who argued that the State Legislature had the sole authority to change congressional redistricting rules.

Last summer, a lower court rejected those arguments. The 32-page ruling issued by the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld that decision.

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Elected Officials Share Concerns Seek To Keep Dialogue Open

The districts of Hillsborough County Commissioner Les Miller, Jr., left, and City Councilman Frank Reddick share communities.

Although he has held other elected offices, Hillsborough County Commissioner Les Miller, Jr., who represents District 3, has never served as a City Councilman. City Councilman Frank Reddick, who represents District 5, is a first time elected official.

While both are elected officials, both have responsibilities for different areas of Hillsborough County. However, they also have shared constituents. This is the reason the two met recently.

Commissioner Miller and Councilman Reddick decided that meeting periodically would be beneficial to both in their pro-active approaches to certain issues. Some of those include code enforcement, illegal dumping, foreclosures, crime, sidewalks, and lighting.

The two met in the past, and last Friday, came to the decision that maintaining a continuous dialogue pertaining to their districts.

The men also encourage their constituents to attend the weekly meetings of both organizations and take an active role in their community.
**NCNW Meeting**

Tampa Metropolitan Section of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. will meet Saturday, February 4th, beginning at 10 a.m., at Lee Davis NSC, corner of N. 22nd St. and E. 26th Ave.

Plans will be completed for the Life Members' Brunch.

There are other important agenda items to be presented by the President, Electa D. Davis. Members are encouraged to be present and on time.

Gloria W. Davis, Publicity Chair.

**CORRECTION**

In an article printed in Tuesday's Sentinel, it incorrectly stated that Brent Solomon was hired as an anchor for a local news station. He was hired as a Temporary Reporter for the station.

We apologize for any inconvenience this mistake may have caused.

**In The Spotlight**

Bonet

This week's Spotlight feature is a fresh, young face you haven't seen before, but we're sure you'll want to see her again. Bonet says her hobbies are the outdoors, traveling, learning new things, and art. Her future plans are to become an entrepreneur. Bonet says her favorite stars are Alicia Keys, Madame C.J. Walker, and Queen Elizabeth of England. Her philosophy of life is: 'Be yourself, love yourself, and trust God.' The man in Bonet's life must be a go getter, be goal oriented, humorous, treats her like a queen, is a team player, intelligent, and handsome. Congratulations to Bonet as this week's Spotlight feature.
Local

City’s Black History Program Is Wednesday

The City of Tampa Black History Committee invites the community to join them on Wednesday, February 8, 2012 for their 24th Annual Black History Celebration. The 11 a.m. program will be held at the Tampa Convention Center in Ballrooms C & D. Rod Carter, News Channel 8 Morning Anchor, will serve as the emcee.

This year’s theme is “Reliving in Finance: Reshaping the American Dream.” The guest speaker will be PAMALA L. McCoy, CEO of Bona5d Credit Consultants. She will share practical and proactive methods necessary for sound financial planning.

Entertainment for the event will be provided by the Distinguished Men of Brass. Prior to the 11 a.m. program, attendees can visit the Black History “Living” Museum and Expo at 10 a.m. This event gives Hillsborough County students the opportunity to role play the lives of men and women they believe made a difference in the nation’s history.

Frank Crum is President of the City of Tampa Black History Committee, Inc.

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Keynote Speaker

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FLOYD MAYWEATHER JR.

LAS VEGAS – Floyd Mayweather Jr. got almost everything he wanted Wednesday, receiving a boxing license and naming an opponent and a date for his next fight.

The unbeaten champion got everything except a showdown with Manny Pacquiao.

Mayweather will fight Miguel Cotto on May 5 at Las Vegas’ MGM Grand Garden after Nevada’s athletic commissioners granted him a conditional license for one fight before he goes to jail in June.

Mayweather (42-0, 26 KOs) chose Cotto (36-2, 29 KOs), the respected Puerto Rican champion, as his next opponent only after failing to land a date with Pacquiao, the superstar Filipino congressman. The two sides have discussed what’s likely to be the most lucrative fight in boxing history for nearly three years without reaching a deal.

“I presented Pacquiao with the fight,” Mayweather said after meeting with the Nevada commission.

“Pacquiao is blowing a lot of smoke. ... He doesn’t really want to fight. I gave him a chance to step up to the plate. We’re talking about a $10 million fighter that I tried to give $40 million to. We didn’t even talk about the back end.”

“I’m just happy to be fighting May 5,” Mayweather said as he emerged from the hearing room. “They granted me one fight. I need to conduct myself like a gentleman and do everything that the court ordered and then come back in front of them and show them that I deserve to have a license for a whole year.”

Mayweather, a seven-time world champion in five weight classes, will turn 35 this month. He’ll step up in weight against Cotto for the WBA super welterweight belt.

Kobe Bryant Is NBA’s Highest Earner

Kobe Bryant’s Lakers are the league’s most valuable franchise, and according to Forbes, Bryant is the NBA’s biggest earner on an annual basis ($28 million annually) — LeBron James is number two.

Bryant’s following has allowed him to amass an endorsement portfolio of global brands including Nike, Smart Car, Panini and Turkish Airlines that pay him $28 million annually. Factor in his league leading $25.2 million salary from the Lakers and Bryant is the NBA’s top-earning athlete at $53.2 million.

Bryant’s Lakers salary is $3 million greater than any other NBA player thanks to the idiosyncrasies of the NBA’s maximum salary rules on individual players.

They Use You Up: Tony Dorsett Suing NFL

The helmet-to-helmet shot knocked Tony Dorsett out cold in the second quarter of a 1984 Cowboys-Eagles game, the hardest hit he ever took during his Hall of Fame NFL career.

“It was like a freight train hitting a Volkswagen,” Dorsett says now.

Tony Dorsett, a retired Hall of Fame running back for the Dallas Cowboys, is one of at least 500 former players suing the National Football League, claiming the NFL pressured them to play with concussions and other injuries and then failed to help them pay for health care in retirement to deal with those injuries.

“Did they know it was a concussion?” he asks rhetorically. “They thought I was. half-dead.”

“That ain’t the first time I was knocked out or been dazed over the course of my career, and now I’m suffering for it,” the 57-year-old former tailback says. “And the NFL is trying to deny it. They use you up!”

Jason Taylor Gives Back To Underserved Youth In South Florida

Recently retired Miami Dolphins linebacker, Jason Taylor is giving back to the community that supported him during his football career.

In 2004, he started the Jason Taylor Foundation with his wife Katina — a non-profit that provides educational programs, college scholarships and other activities to facilitate the personal growth and improve the quality of life of South Florida’s underprivileged youth.

The numbers alone show the impact Taylor’s foundation has had in the community. Since 2007, more than 750 young athletes have been given scholarships to participate in his football camp, and 35 middle school students have been awarded college scholarships through the foundation’s partnership with Take Stock In Children.

GM Say Bucs Will Be Active In Free Agency

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers owner has said it. Now, general manager Mark Dominik has come out and said it.

The Bucs will be a player in free agency again. After a couple of seasons of sitting on the checkbook during free agency and relying on the draft — a strategy that ultimately handcuffed ex-coach Raheem Morris and his staff — the franchise is ready to venture into free agency again, presumably starting March 13.

GM DOMINIK
Chad Ochocinco Buys Teammates $28K Worth Of Beats By Dre Headphones

Beats By Dre headphones. Sunday will mark the wide receiver’s first trip to the Super Bowl, so he decided to drop about $28,000 to purchase the pricey headphones. “Thanks Ochocinco. You the man,” tweeted Patriots offensive lineman Nick McDonald, who also took a pic of his gift. The headphones, the Beats Pro model which cost about $400 each, are definitely a much better look than those Uggs boots Tom Brady outfitted the squad with.

Terrell Owens Talks About Losing Fortune And Friends

Terrell Owens appeared on The Wendy Williams Show, where he opened up about his financial problems and ending his longtime friendship with Kita and Monique from VH1’s The T.O. Show. “I’m not a frivolous guy,” Owens said, “I do take responsibility because I should have been on top of my finances.” Despite earning almost $80 million over the course of his fifteen-season-long career, Owens reveals he’s “broke” in this month’s GQ cover story. Terrell Owens has fallen on hard times. Unable to find a job in the NFL during the 2011 season, Owens revealed in GQ’s February cover-story that he’s broke and alone after making nearly $80 million over the course of his football career.

Dwayne Wade Gets A $230K Car For His Birthday

Counting birthday gifts as “free stuff” is a bit of a stretch, but counting a McLaren MP4-12C as a “birthday gift” is nearly as big a stretch. It was a stretch to even deliver the car into the party, as the dealership awarding the exotic, 592-brake horse power machine had to deliver it on a crane as it couldn’t be driven through the hotel hosting Wade’s party.

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Sentinel Prediction - Giants by 7
Soul Train Creator Kills Himself

DON CORNELIUS

Don Cornelius -- who famously created "Soul Train" -- died from a gunshot wound to the head and officials believe the wound was self-inflicted.

Cornelius was taken to the hospital where he was pronounced dead. "Soul Train" changed the landscape of television when it debuted in 1971 and ran until 2006.

Cornelius was 75. During Don's bitter divorce proceedings in 2009, he told a L.A. judge he was suffering from "significant health issues" and wanted to "finalize the divorce before I die." Cornelius was arrested in 2008 for beating up his wife. He pled no contest to misdemeanor domestic violence and was placed on 3 years probation. His probation just terminated. The divorce was granted in 2010.

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Bow Wow Owes IRS More Than $100K

BOW WOW

The latest rapper to fall under Uncle Sam's radar is Bow Wow, who reportedly owes $126,086.14 to the feds. In 2006, Bow Wow, whose actual name is Shad Gregory Moss, owed a Florida tax lien of $91,105.61, which is still unpaid. A new lien was filed in Georgia in 2008 to the tune of $15,279.62. Finally, in 2010, a third lien was added to Bow Wow's debt, totaling $19,700.91.

Reportedly, the spendthrift entertainer has a rep for lavish spending, but can't afford to pay up. Cornelius was arrested in 2008 for beating up his wife. He pled no contest to misdemeanor domestic violence and was placed on 3 years probation. His probation just terminated. "Soul Train" changed the landscape of television when it debuted in 1971 and ran until 2006.

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College Course On Beyoncé Offered At Rutgers University

Students at Rutgers University will soon be able to select a course to study the career arc and impact of one of R&B's, and Pop's, most popular divas of all time, Beyoncé. Just over a month after Georgetown University professor Michael Eric Dyson created a sociology course around studying the cultural significance of Jay-Z, the Brooklyn bomber's wife will also get a course at the New Jersey college with the dubious title "Politicising Beyoncé." Offered by the university's Department of Women's and Gender Studies, doctoral student and lecturer Kevin Allred was clear to distinguish that the title of the course isn't meant to be misleading, "This isn't a course about Beyoncé's political engagement."

Halle Berry Launches Shoe Line

In the midst of her child custody turmoil, Halle Berry continues to handle business, following in the footsteps of supermodel Cindy Crawford by designing a footwear collection for German chain Deichmann. Titled "5th Avenue by Halle Berry," the collection is set to launch across Europe on March 5 and comprises 40 summer styles.

The actress emphasized her decision to create an affordable collection, with prices for footwear starting at $39.99. "The shoes can easily be worn by every woman. They are stylish, yet reasonably priced, that is what my collection is all about," the Oscar winner explained in a recent release.

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Halle Berry inspects pieces from her footwear line, which will go on sale in 21 European countries, including toe-pee-toes, strappy sandals and sling-backs. Berry's previous business ventures include launching signature scent Halle by Halle Berry in 2009.
Rapper Cory Gunz Arrested

Rapper Corey Gunz, real name Peter Pankey Jr., was arrested after police claim they found him in possession of a loaded 9mm handgun in his backpack.

Corey Gunz is signed to Lil Wayne’s Young Money Entertainment and had a reality show on MTV featuring his father, rapper Peter Gunz and Nick Cannon.

The rapper, 24, gained mainstream popularity after his guest spot on Lil Wayne’s catchy “6 Foot 7 Foot” track released in 2010.

Rihanna Spends $160k On Marilyn Monroe Artwork

Rihanna is a huge fan of iconic sex symbol Marilyn Monroe, so much so that she recently spent over $160,000 on a crystal encrusted portrait of her.

According to reports, the pop star commissioned British artist Claire Milner for a portrait of Monroe made of 65,000 Swarovski crystals.

The artwork took around four months to complete and weighs in at a whopping 182 pounds.

“I tried to show the glitter of the public life and then the sadness in Marilyn’s eyes,” she added.

Rihanna has reportedly spent a fortune decorating her Los Angeles home, which features a gun-shaped chandelier and a “reggae room” featuring a tribute painting to another one of her idols — Bob Marley.

Abdul Becomes Third To Leave ‘X Factor’

Paula Abdul says she’s leaving “The X Factor” after one season.

Abdul announced her exit Tuesday, on the heels of the departures of “X Factor” judge Nicole Scherzinger and host Steve Jones.

That leaves Cowell and Antonio "L.A." Reid on the judging panel. There was no immediate word from producers on who might fill the open seats.

Abdul said in a statement that she had to make the decision due to business decisions and that the show and Cowell remain friends.

Despite respectable ratings, "X Factor" has failed to achieve popularity similar to "American Idol," which Cowell left to import "X Factor" from the U.K. to the U.S.

Cash Money’s Baby And Slim Accused Of Liability In Sexual Assault Lawsuit

Bryan “Baby” Williams and Ronald “Slim” Williams appeared in court earlier this week, facing a lawsuit from an Atlanta woman who claims she was sexually assaulted in a recording studio bathroom.

Nicole Westmoreland alleges she was being given an opportunity to make a business presentation to the Cash Money label, but was instead exposed to illegal drugs and explicit sexual activity prior to the incident occurring.

The man identified by Westmoreland as the attacker was Alfred Cleveland, an alleged employee of the label at the time.

Westmoreland believes that the Williams brothers had to have known that Alfred Cleveland was a dangerous individual.
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Haywire – A female CIA spy seeks revenge for being double-crossed by the agency. Very disappointed. Wait for the video! Made $15M. (Budget $25M). **

Contraband – Mark Wahlberg (Chris Faraday) goes back into smuggling to save his brother-in-law. Enjoyed it. Must-see! Made $65M. (Budget $92M).****

The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo (2011) – A mystery/suspense masterpiece! This make will have you wondering when Part 2 will be made. Definitely, not for kids. 2 hrs./36 min. Made $85M. (Budget $90M).****plus some.

Joyful Noise – Queen Latifah and Dolly Parton fight for control of a small-town church choir. Very good singing. Made $26M. (Budget N/A).***

Sherlock Holmes: The Game Of Shadows – Robert Downey, Jr., Jude Law and director, Guy Richie score big time in this well-written thriller. A chess match of life or death between Holmes and villain Professor Moriarty. Must-see! Made $182M. (Budget N/A).****plus some.

Mission Impossible – Ghost Protocol – Unbelievable action. How does Tom Cruise do it? Ethan Hunt is accused of blowing up the Kremlin and has to fight the Russians without the help of the U.S. Made $202M. (Budget $145M).****plus some.

813 Lessons Learned

“Take A Bow”

Lesson 31

By Laurel Johnson-Page

SUMMARY: A surprise delivery for Vickie may change her life. When Vickie is called to human resources, she finds that Tonya has placed a restraining order against her and her job may be in jeopardy.

Mia gets a little friendly advice from Sharie on how important it is to define happiness. Because happiness means different things to different people, Sharie encourages Mia to figure out what means to her before interfering with Jay and Sahara’s wedding.

Sharie learns that her mother-in-law has offered Boaz $50,000 for a recording and she decides to take advantage of the opportunity. When the sex tape is discovered by her husband, Charles, Sharie puts on the show of a lifetime, bringing her mother-in-law down.

Join the Ladies of 813 in this week’s article


Solar System

Aries (March 21-April 19) – Good news about your objectives. The money’s promising. Gather information. Get together new contacts and communicate with old clients. Listen to your concerns and provide value. Work from home, if possible. Friends help you understand. Ask, “What can I provide?”

Taurus (April 20-May 20) – You have no problem getting your message across, and the response is encouraging. Consult a loved one for advice and support, and choose your path.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) – Stay in touch with your network, and let them know what you’re up to. Check your work privately, and release it when it’s ready. Cash flow improves.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) – Write down your unadulterated thoughts. The bad ideas need to get out so the brilliant ones pop up. Service is the key to your success. Synchronize schedules.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) – Extra work puts brass in pockets. Send support to someone who’s leading the way. Give a tip to your entertainment. Don’t worry, you’ll figure it out.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) – It’s easier to work on projects that require concentration now. Your thoughts may wander and that’s fine. You feel more balanced and assured.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) – Expect change in the workplace. It’s for the better. Stick to your commitments, and meditate for balance. Friends help you understand. Ask, “What can I provide?”

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) – It’s easier to deal with financial planning and to negotiate contracts now ... and a good time to ask for money. The worse you can get is a “no.”

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) – You get a deserved acknowledgment for something you graciously accept and don’t forget to send kind words the other way. The money’s improving, too. Begin writing or recording.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) – You’re exceptionally powerful in your communications. How will you use the power of your words? A blog, book project, podcast or video could be interesting.

SOAPS

BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL – Katie and Hope discuss how to deal with Bill; Amber’s presence at Forrester Creations reignites a rivalry between Rick and Ridge; Bill attempts to repair that damage that he has done to his relationship with Liam. Bill and Liam’s father-son relationship takes a turn for the worst; Steffy and Hope fill their mothers in on recent developments, while holding back some details; Taylor and Brooke bicker over which of their daughters they think Liam will choose. Brooke comforts Hope as she prepares for whatever choices Liam makes; Ridge admits to Taylor that he feels responsible for Steffy’s insecurities with men; Liam makes a final decision about which woman he wants to be with.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES – Will reaches out to Sonny; Carrie turns to Rafi; Madison tries to overcome her fears and come clean to Brianna; Abigail’s new career plans don’t sit too well with Jennifer. Sami is stunned when Madison calls off their plot against Kate; Hope comes to a decision about the safety-deposit box; Sami’s surprised when Will reveals a gift from Ej; Nicole continues to wear down Will. Will drops a game-changing bombshell that will affect the lives of everyone in Salem; the Salem mayoral debate takes place.

GENERAL HOSPITAL – Michael makes Edward and Tracy happy; Kate has another business trip; Matt gets unhinged regarding or recording. Why? Erica Campbell, one-half of the Grammy winning gospel duo, Mary Mary, gave birth to a baby girl, Zaya Monique, last week.

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IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Curtis Crapps

Homegoing services for Mr. Curtis Crapps, age 81 of Tampa, who passed away on Thursday, January 26, 2012, will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2012, at 11 a.m. at Aikens Funeral Home, 5002 N. 40th Street, Tampa, Florida 33610.

The family will receive friends from 6-7 p.m. on Friday, February 3, 2012, at Aikens Funeral Home. The viewing will be held at Aikens Funeral Home on Friday from 3-8 p.m. The family will meet at the church on Saturday for the service.

Aikens Funeral Home

Homegoing services for Mrs. Annie Lois Nash of Tampa, who passed away on January 26, 2012, will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2012, at 11 a.m. at Grace Mary Missionary Baptist Church, 3501 N. 37th Street, Rev. Thomas Reed, pastor, officiating. Interment will be in Florida National Cemetery.

The family will meet at the church on Saturday for the service.

Aikens Funeral Home

Homegoing services for Mr. Leon Smith, Sr. of Tampa, who passed away on Thursday, January 26, 2012, will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2012, at 2 p.m. at Friendly Missionary Baptist Church, 1901 Central Avenue, with Rev. Johnnie Miller, pastor, officiating. Interment will be in Florida National Cemetery.

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Aikens Funeral Home

We miss you, Mom. If tears could build a stairway and memories a lane, I'd walk right up to heaven and bring you back home to us.

Mom, I wish you were here to comfort me, but I have to ask God to give us the strength everyday to help us through bad times.

Again, we miss you tomorrow and always.

Love: your children, James, III, Joy "Temika," and Marcus; grandchildren, Dedarrah, Miles, Journel and Xandra; and the family.

Mr. Leon Crapps, Jr.

A memorial celebration for Mr. Iva Minor of Tampa, who passed away on Sunday, January 22, 2012, will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2012, at 11 a.m. at Cloud of Glory Church of God in Christ in Tampa, where she attended until her health declined.

Iva was a member of the Cloud of Glory Church of God in Christ in Tampa, where she attended until her health declined.

She was a loving mother and grandmother, and will remain in our hearts and memories forever.
Mr. Thomas was employed in 1964, in Tampa, to Margarette Thomas and the late Colen Jones, his mother, Margarette Thomas; and lastly as a telemarketer in Clearwater, FL.

He was preceded in death by his father, Colen Charles Thomas; three sisters, Judy Rijssen, DarraCalz Thomas and the late Colen Jones; and three brothers, Willie M. Thomas, Sadie Cherry and Aunty Thomas; uncle, Joe Nathan McNair.

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Mr. Joe Henry Drew, Jr., was born in Monticello, FL, on September 23, 1936, to Joe Henry, Sr., and Selena Drew. He was united in matrimony to Ms. Viola Corbett. He was educated in the public school system of Hillsborough County.

Mr. Drew retired from Hillsborough County School System after 27 years of dedicated service. He accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior while attending the Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his loving parents, Joe Henry Drew, Sr. and Selena Drew; son, Frankie Drew; daughter, Kim Drew; and sisters, Beatrice Drew and Herbet Drew.

He leaves to cherish beautiful memories of him: a loving and devoted wife, Viola Corbett; children, Timothy, and Laverne Drew in-law, Robert Corbett and wife, Marilyn; specials Oscar Smith, Jim Brazwell, Mr. Gene and Mr. Ernest; and other relatives and friends.

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A page in our book of memories is gently turned today, remembering you, Aunt Core, on this and every day.

How did it feel dear servant, while basking in the sun, to hear the Father say to you - "Well done dear soldier, well done." Your family.
The family of Robert L. Fisher deeply appreciates your caring gestures and many expressions of kindness during our great loss. Your thoughts and efforts were greatly appreciated. We thank God for family and friends such as you. We have received much comfort from your support.

The Tyler, Harris and Hudson family.

A STAR WAS BORN

JOYCE BAKER
2-5-38

Happy birthday. From: your kids, Marcus, Princess, Jaime and Polo; and your 7 grandkids. Gone, but never forgotten. May you rest in paradise. And by the way, happy early birthday to Polo, also.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

The family of the late Louise Harris, thanks you for all acts of kindness during our time of bereavement. The Tyler, Harris and Hudson family.

DEA. JOHNNY JEFFERSON

The family of the late Dea. Johnny Jefferson wishes to thank you for your prayers, support and love during their time of sorrow. May God richly bless each and everyone. Special thanks to Mt. Tabor Church, Hillborough Sheriff Dept. and Blake High School, class of 1970.

THE FAMILY OF

Bernice Green

We acknowledge, with sincerity and appreciation, your prayers, cards, flowers, love and all acts of kindness shown and extended to our family during our hours of bereavement. God bless you all. Marvin and Donna Mackey and family.

ESSIE RENE JORDAN

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Mitt Romney: 'I'm Not Concerned About The Very Poor'

Mitt Romney won big in Florida on Tuesday night, but by Wednesday he was back to putting his foot in his mouth. "I'm not concerned about the very poor," he told CNN's Soledad O'Brien in an interview the morning after beating rival Newt Gingrich.

"I'm in this race because I care about Americans," Romney said. "I'm not concerned about the very poor. We have a safety net there. If it needs a repair, I'll fix it."

The GOP frontrunner did make a point to note that he also does not care about the wealthy — and that his target audience are the people in the middle of those two extremes.

ADP Jobs Report: U.S. Companies Added 170,000 Workers In Jan

Companies added 170,000 workers to their payrolls in January, boosted again by a surge in service-providing sector employment, according to data released by ADP Employer Services Wednesday. The 170,000 increase is down from a revised 292,000 jobs added the month before, and slightly lower than the 200,000 economists surveyed by Thomson Reuters were expecting.
Man Charged With Sexually Assaulting 15-Year-Old Girl

ANTHONY STORR

WINTER HAVEN – Winter Haven Police reported that a 20-year-old man has been arrested after he allegedly sexually assaulted a 15-year-old girl, and then held her against her will.

On January 30th, the parent of the victim reported her as a runaway when it was discovered she was not at home that morning.

Based on information received through their investigation, officers went to the home of Anthony Storr, where the victim was found. She reportedly told the officers Storr forced himself on her, and prevented her from leaving.

Storr was arrested and jailed on charges of sexual battery, lewd and lascivious battery, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, and false imprisonment.

Arrests Made In Homicide

GRACIA ROSIUS
Murder Victim

ANTONIO MCCLAIN
Murder Suspect

LAKELAND – On February 1st at 1:31 a.m., Lakeland Police officers heard gunshots in the area of Bassadena Circle West, followed by a witness who reported seeing a vehicle leaving the area.

Officers were able to find the gunshot victim, Gracia Rosius, 29, lying in the roadway. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

The suspect vehicle was located in the area and stopped. The suspects, Antonio McClain, 29, and Vartius Montgomery, 27, were in the car, along with a firearm.

McClain and Montgomery were arrested and charged with murder with a firearm, armed robbery with a firearm, and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Police said the motive for the shooting was robbery.

Trial Begins For Man Accused Of Killing Brother And His Friend

DERRICK CULLINS
Charged with two counts of second degree murder

On Tuesday, a jury listened to opening statements in the murder trial of a Tampa man. He is accused of killing his brother and his brother’s friend in April 2009.

Derrick Cullins, 31, has been held at the Hillsborough County Jail without bond since April 11, 2009. He is accused of killing his brother, 21-year-old Carl Walters, and his brother’s friend, 20-year-old Ryan Darkins Davis. Neither man had been seen since April 5, 2009.

A passer-by found Walter’s nude body in a wooded area in Plant City on April 7th. He had been stabbed 18 times. The skeletal remains of Davis were found in a wooded area in February 2010.

The Cullins and his brother, Carl, shared a home on Crenshaw that Tampa Police said was the scene of the crime. Blood was reported found throughout the house, the carpet was missing, and there was evidence that a violent confrontation had taken place, police said.

Cullins also had a bite mark on his chest. He was charged with his brother’s murder at the time of his arrest.

However, he was not charged with Davis’ murder until March 3, 2010, after his remains were found.

The trial is expected to last about 3 weeks. Judge Emmett Battles is presiding.

After Man Dies Helping Carjacking Victim, Cops Release His Rap Sheet

NEW ORLEANS — As Mike Ainsworth walked his two sons to a school bus stop, he heard a woman being carjacked scream, and ran to help. The woman was not hurt, police said, but the Good Samaritan was shot to death by a suspect who fled.

When police gave out the details of Ainsworth’s killing, they also announced he had been arrested for drugs and other non-violent crimes, keeping with a year-old policy in which criminal records for slain victims are released — sometimes before they’ve been publicly identified.

New Orleans police say revealing a victim’s rap sheet lets the public know that much of the violence is happening between people with similar criminal backgrounds.

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Over 1,000 homes bought & sold in the Tampa Bay area since August, 2000.
Drs. S. David and Miriam Stamps celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary recently at a local restaurant. Family and friends joined them for the momentous occasion. (Photography by BRUNSON)

The 50th Anniversary honorees, Mr. and Mrs. David (Miriam) Stamps, Jr. with their children, Monique and Atty. S. M. David Stamps, III.

The Honorable Judge Charles and Mrs. Belinda Wilson joined the Stamps family for their 50th anniversary celebration.

Mr. and Mrs. Dayle (Patsy) Greene attended the celebration at Brios.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry (Ruth) Bell were among the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph (Frances) Sykes enjoyed the celebration.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce (Terry) Taylor were in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Anand (Purnima) Kumar were among the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim (Wendy) Jennings enjoyed the evening.

Dr. and Mrs. Paul (Jill) Solomon celebrated the evening with Drs. David and Miriam Stamps.

These guests included: Jerry Large, Joe McGuire, Pat and Ron Beck, Shirley McGuire and Jack Tooby.
Mother Concerned About Incarcerated Mentally-Challenged Son

BY LEON B. CREWS
Sentinel Staff Writer

Ms. Gloria Barker said she's heard nothing but horror stories about the facility where her son is serving a prison sentence.

Her son, Jermaine T. Young, has been an inmate at a Mentally Retarded Offenders Program facility for 4 years, and Ms. Barker said this past weekend, she got a call that there had been an incident at the facility and her son was injured.

"I was told that an incident at the facility caused a group of guards to savagely beat my son, his roommate and others at the facility. I was sent pictures showing some of what happened, and when I spoke to my son Friday, he said he was scared and hurting pretty bad."

Ms. Barker said she spoke to Kathy Atwater, a worker at the facility, and was told her son had been kicked in the stomach when he was asked to stop and later overpowered by guards.

"My son is 30, but has the mind of a 13 year old. When I spoke to a parole officer, she told me he was fine, but had a band aid over his eye."

A representative of Disabilities Rights Of Florida (DRF) said they are investigating the incident, and were told Ms. Barker's son had been beaten and his head was injured when he was pushed into a wall.

Spokesperson Linda Siemer said an official statement has not been released by DRF at this time, as they are trying to get all of the information they can about the incident, who was injured, and to what extent.

Ms. Barker said she's trying to find out whether or not she needs to hire an attorney at this point.

"I'm going to wait to see what the people at DRF tell me before I do anything.

"But, I'm in fear for my son's life at that place. I'm also wondering why this has been hushed up."

Ms. Barker said her son was first diagnosed with a problem with his mind of a 13 year old. When I spoke to my son before I do anything.

Through youth initiatives like Poetry With A Purpose, the Pure Poets Society, and Juveniles United In A Community Effort (J.U.I.C.E.), Sanford Harper, Jr. (Dr. San Man) has tried to help the youth in the area.

Harper has initiated efforts to get young people involved in community initiatives, and also created J.U.I.C.E. as a place where they can learn discipline and life skills.

"Now, I'm launching my 'Adopt A Grandparent Program.' My goal is to put the youth in the area in a position to help our senior citizens by providing them with light maintenance on their yard, and other services.

"By doing this, it will teach the youth great work habits, and also how to save their money. It will also open a new resource source in their homes and hopefully relieve some of the stress their parents are in the bad economy."

Harper said he is looking to recruit 14 cadets within the next month, and wants to put them to work immediately.

"On the weekends I have a booth set up on the corner of Nebraska Avenue and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard. I have young people at that location handing out information packets, and also introducing themselves to the community.

"I want our seniors to start trusting these young people to help them, and the only way that can be done is through mutual respect."

Project R.E.A.C.H. Promotes Campaign To Revive Black Dollar Day

Project R.E.A.C.H., Incorporated is promoting a two phased social and economic impact campaign to revive Black History Month.

Phase I of the campaign will begin the week of February 11th through the 17th, and African Americans are asked to buy from Black businesses to show support during Black History Month. Phase II of the campaign will take place during the Labor Day weekend, and supporters are asked to convert regular spending dollars into $2 bills and Susan B. Anthony dollar coins to make purchases and pay bills.

Project R.E.A.C.H. is using the campaign to raise awareness of the economic impact Blacks have on businesses and to celebrate Black History Month and Labor Day 2012. This is the first year that Project R.E.A.C.H. has organized this type of campaign. Many organizations have done so in the past over the Labor Day weekend.

All states will be targeted, but the main focus will be in South Carolina because of its negativity surrounding civil, human and economic rights. The goals are for businesses to recognize the economic contribution Blacks are making to local businesses.

The campaign is also being used to ask African Americans to stay away from stores and businesses that do not support their interest or communities.

The campaign wants businesses to realize the impact of the dollars Blacks pour into the economy, and the dollars spent locally.

Sensitizing African Americans to the economic power they hold is a goal of the campaigns.
Birthday Greetings

Unconditional Love

MS. CONEATHIA AND CLINT

Birthday wishes go out to Ms. Cha, my soul mate, lover, best friend, my lady.
Love, your man, Clint.

FEBRUARY 3, 2012

Some Fun

KE'ANDRE RODRIGUEZ

Happy 3rd birthday, Ke'Andre, b.k.a., KeDro.
Special wishes from: mom, Kesha; sister, Deyontra; brother, Reshey; godmom, Ms Nikki; and the rest of your family and friends.

WE LIKE TO PARTY

MYKO AND MS. CHA

Happy birthday to the greatest sister in the world.
From, your big sis, Myko.

38 AND STILL

MS. CHA

Birthday wishes go out to our lovely mother, Coneathia.
Coming from your sons, Lil Wes, Dhari and Wendell. Keep up the good work. We love you!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

CALVIN AND ROSILYN ROBERTS

Happy birthday, Calvin. Love you, baby.
From, your wife, Rosilyn.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2013

YOU'RE THE BOSS

CHA, LIL BOSS
AND BOSS

Birthday wishes go out to my mom, whom I love dearly. I miss you so much. Have a blessed day. Your baby boy, Boss!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JANICE AND CHARLIE (SUPE) HARRIS

Janice Harris celebrated her birthday on February 2, 2012.
Thank God for allowing me another year to live and to gain wisdom.
A getaway and Super Bowl 'bash' are planned.
Also, birthday wishes go out to my sister, Pamela Waters.
Blessings.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

EUGENE WILLIAMS

Welcome home, son. We love you so much. You are a witness to the fact that "you can't hold a good man down." Enjoy your day.
Brisco, Mama Yoli, your daughters and Grandma Mary.
I'm Truly Blessed!

JOHNEATHER
February 6

God has blessed me to see another year. Without God's unconditional love for me, I wouldn't be able to make it. With God for me, who can be against me! I give Him the praise on my birthday!

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Happy Anniversary

JIMMY And ANN WHITE

Jimmy and Ann White celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary on 1/31.
May God's blessings continue, for His way is perfect.

Saunders Library Foundation Welcomes Members

Ward Friszolowski, fifth from left, presented a donation of $800.00 to the Robert W. Saunders Library Foundation from Harvard Jolly Architecture firm, January 21 at the RWS quarterly meeting. Receiving the check is Fred Hearns, RWS Foundation president. The donation will assist the group with its BTW Spelling Bee in April 2012.

Foundation members shown are: left to right, Treasurer, David Iloany, Brandy Langley, Membership Chair Ann Porter, Recording Secretary Mary James, Friszolowski, Hearns, Lou Henry Davis, Julie Hartman, Corresponding Secretary Myrna Shuman and Abney Henderson.

Not shown are Vice President Dr. Aaron Smith, Hon. Les Miller, Dr. John Hartman, Atty. Barbara Twine-Thomas, Carl and Beatrice Crowell, CPA Howard McKnight, Atty. Ron Weaver and Ernestine Wynn.

For information on the foundation visit rwsaundersfound.com, e-mail fhearns@netzero.net or call (813) 991-7981.

Deadline February 3rd:
Chamber Accepting Nominations For First Annual Women Of Influence Award

Winner to Be Honored at Annual Luncheon on April 25

The Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for the First Annual Woman of Influence Award. All nominations must be submitted to the Chamber by Friday, February 3.

The Woman of Influence Award recognizes a woman whose leadership has made a positive impact in Hillsborough County. It pays tribute to an individual who exemplifies outstanding professional values; demonstrates the ability to go above and beyond the normal expectations of a leader; and serves as an inspiration to the community.

Winners will be announced at the Chamber's annual Women of Influence Luncheon on April 25, 2012 at the A La Carte Event Pavilion.

Nomination forms can be found online at http://www.tampachamber.com/. Submissions can be emailed to Charise Strandberg at cstrandberg@tampachamber.com or faxed to 813.223.7899. Questions can be directed to Charise at 813.276-9402.

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There are many people who believe that they must do good to be saved. One of the responses to ‘why not get saved’ is, ‘I am not living right.’ If the truth he told, if living right was a prerequisite for getting saved, there would not be that many saved people! We do not do good works to be saved; rather we do good works, because we are saved.

The letter to the churches in Galatians 2:15-21 serves as the scripture for this week’s lesson. There are some who believe that following the law is the way to salvation. This letter corrects that misunderstanding and sheds light on the truth about salvation.

The tension in this era is between the Jews and the Gentiles. There are some who believed that if the Gentiles are going to become members of the body of Christ, they are needed to be circumcised. This circumcision is in accordance to the law. This is what Paul clarifies.

Being justified is not about the law, but about faith in Christ (vs. 16). The people of God are justified by their faith in Jesus. As a person accepts Christ and believes in Christ they will follow and obey the law.

Paul explains to the Jews who believe that if a person is saved by faith then they do not have to follow, that such a belief is not the case. Because a person is saved or justified by faith does not mean that the law does not apply or that Christ condones sinful behavior.

Paul writes in verse 18 that if he rebuilds what he has destroyed, then it proves that he is a lawbreaker. The point he tries to make to the people is that the law does not make sense to go backwards. God has shown a perfect way to live a life of righteousness and there is no reason to go back.

Paul had an amazing revelation about the law. He concludes that when he tried to live according to the law he failed; therefore, he stopped trying to live according to the law, but for God (vs. 19).

There are many people trying to live according to the laws and religious doctrine but keep falling short. This emphasis must not be on keeping some law or doctrine, but to live according to the word of God.

Paul declares that he has been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer him who lives, but Christ who lives in him. Further, the life he lives in the body, he lives by faith in the Son of God, who loved him and gave His life for him (vs. 20).

Every believer must share this conclusion. When we are saved and baptized we share in the crucifixion of Christ. Therefore, that old person and that old way of living die, too. Since we have died we must now live a new life. The life to be lived is a life of faith on Christ Jesus.

The purpose of Christ’s coming was to do what the law could not do: save your soul. If the law could save you, then Christ died for nothing (vs. 21). This proves that a person is not righteous because of works of the law. Christ died because your works were not enough to save you!
The slightly chilly, sun-shiny weather enticed hundreds to Curtis Hixon Waterfront Park for the Tampa Bay Black Heritage Street Festival. The 2-day event featured local and national entertainers, food vendors, and numerous villages with various activities. (Photos by BRUNSON and Lomax McIntyre)
**Social News**

**News From Progress Village**

**By Deborah Johnson**

**Related Birthdays**


**St. James AME Church Of P. V.**

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

**Prayer Band Celebrates 23rd Anniversary**

On Tues., Jan. 17th, the Community High Noon Prayer Band celebrated their 23 years with a fellowship luncheon at Golden Corral Restaurant in Brandon. The theme was: Pray without ceasing and in everything give thanks. 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18.

Program Chairman: Mary Ann Thornton. The Prayer Band gives hats off to Mary Ann for a program enjoyed by all who attended.

Participants were: Prayer, Louvenia Caldwell; Welcome, Rose Dixon; solo. Mother Ann Safford; Introduction of Speaker, Pauline Capers; Speaker, Mattie Richardson; Blessing of Food, Edith Shephard; Visitor Acknowledgement, Beatrice Williams; and a presentation to Alice Singleton in recognition of Outstanding Dedication.

Certificates were presented to: Nettie B. Jones, Dorothy West, Lizzie Adkins, Roseolia Young, Olivia Darby, Amanda Page, Mary Hobley, Gladys Birkett, Katherine Clark, Henry Randolph and Bernese Reese.

Members attending were: Lizzie Adkins, Amanda Page, Annie L. Gamble, Mary Hobley, Mozelle Hester, Vickie Brown, Rosessa Young, Mary Thornton, Norma Morton, Emma Green, Eloise White, Bernese Reese, Katherine Clark, Mary Dunlap, Beatrice Williams, Geneva Slaymon, Rose Dixon-Moore, Cora Carswell, Lorraine Simmons, Ernestine Turner, Alice Singleton, Gladys Birkett, Willie Ruth Miller, Ruth Hires and Lala Parker.

Guests attending were: Barbara Grant, Carol A. Page, Susan Elijah, Edith Shephard, Pauline Capers, Mattie Richardson, Gloria Sylvester, Pat Abel, Melvin Morton, Louise Goff, Louvenia Caldwell, Juanita Cook, Gloria Davis, Annie Belle Morris, Acheles Stewart, Mary Alice Reid, Barbara Johnson, Pat Davis, Ruth Bryant, Sallie Holmes and Mother Ann Safford.

Remarks by: President, Mary Hobley; Chairperson, Mary A. Thornton; and Closing Prayer, Mother Mozelle Hester.

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**Scripture:** (1 Thes. 5:23) KJV

"Pray without ceasing."" The fragrance the flower spreads is only in the direction of the wind, but the goodness of a person spreads in all directions."

**Joke Of The Week**

When a woman decided to send the old family Bible to her brother in another state, the postal worker asked her if there was anything breakable in the package.

She replied, "only the Ten Commandments."

F.Y.I.

Pray for President Obama and his family. Remember your helper in the kitchen, Shu-Lon's Kitchen 813-747-5950. Call your news into Gloria McNair-Johnson at 813-735-7968.

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Thursday Evening - 7:45 P.M.

1st And 3rd Friday Evening

Women's Outreach Ministry - 7:30 P.M.
The Bay Area Brotherhood held its 39th Annual Banquet to commemorate the birthday of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on January 14, 2012 at the Surf’s Edge Club at MacDill Air Force Base.

The master and mistress of ceremonies were Clayton Hamilton and Willisha Williams. The keynote speaker was CMSgt. Anthony Brinkle, Command Chief Master Sergeant, 11th Wing, Joint Base Andrews, MD, a position he has held since October 2010. He has served in the Air Force 28 years. He is married to Mrs. Than Cannon Brinkle and they are the parents of 2 children – Isaiah, 21, and Tynesha, 13.

In his speech, he outlined the struggles of today comparing them to the struggles of the past and what it means for the future. Program participants were: Buffalo Soldiers Color Guard, who posted the colors; Curtis Wilson, invocation; welcome, Hazel Rivers, President, Bay Area Brotherhood; and a fashion show by the Divine Divas of Tampa Bay with African attire from African Extravaganza. Awards were presented by President Rivers and General Lloyd W. Newton (Ret., USAF). The Humanitarian Award was presented to Gerald Scott, Athletic Director, Nuccio Jaguars. General Newton gave closing remarks and Rev. Thomas Wickes gave the benediction.

Dancing and music by DJ Frank Bell, President, Buffalo Soldiers, concluded the evening. (Photos by Frederick Harris)

Bay Area Brotherhood members in attendance were Hazel Rivers, President; Curtis Wilson, Vice President; Odie Jones, Jr., Secretary; Esau Pittman, Treasurer; King Bey, Isell Denson, Calvin Doss, Clayton Hamilton, Mark Hart, Arnold Matthews, Clarence Moore, David Northern, Jr., Willis Waddell and Willisha Williams.

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The biggest obstacle for many Super Bowl shindigs, a.k.a., tailgating, is tackling the menu. Here are 6 vital plays for sidelining game day stress, as well as a sumptuous all-American recipes guaranteed to be the MVP of your party planning playbook:

1. **Game Plan Greatness**: Plan ahead and prepare as much of the food as possible before the blitzing begins, so you don’t have to miss any of the pre-game fun - in the kitchen.

2. **Supe-up Team Spirit**: Use colorful team jerseys, posters and pennants to create a festive field of decorations. Build a little friendly rivalry by decorating one side of the room for each team, or line table tops with green turf in place of coasters and table clothes.

3. **Stock Your Roster With Reserves**: Game day parties bring hungry crowds, so when planning for food quantities, think big to avoid a grocery store rush in the 4th quarter. In addition to your starting line-up dishes, consider preparing items that you don’t bring out until halftime.

4. **Avoid Penalties, Safety First**: Make sure to offer a variety of “mocktails” (non-alcoholic beverages) for kids and designated drivers.

5. **Be Replay Ready**: Set up your digital video recorder (DVR) the night before the Big Game so you can be sure to capture close calls and commercials for a second look or laugh.

6. **Simplify the Sideline Set-up**: To save time and money, choose shareable favorites like pitchers and punches (rather than complicated cocktails), bowl dips and finger foods like this hearty Cheeseburger Bowl Dip, courtesy of King’s Hawaiian Bakery.

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### CHEESEBURGER BOWL DIP

- 2 16-ounce loaves King’s Hawaiian Original Hawaiian Sweet Bread
- 1 pound ground turkey, cooked and drained
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/2 cup onion, chopped
- 1 (16 oz) can sliced, drained
- 1 (16 oz) container Thousand Island dressing

**DIRECTIONS**: Carve out center core of bread within two inches of bottom and sides, keeping bread intact. Cut reserved bread and other loaf into 1-inch cubes for dipping. Cook ground turkey, season with onion, chopped. Crumble bacon and diced tomatoes, stir to mix well. Spoon warm mixture into carved bread bowl. Top with Thousand Island dressing.

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### CHICKEN WINGS AND DIP

#### Wing Sauce
- 3/4 cup hot sauce
- 1 tablespoon butter

**DIRECTIONS**: Add hot sauce to a pot and bring up to medium heat. Add butter and whisk until melted. Set aside.

#### Wings
- 16 chicken wings
- 3 tablespoons canola oil

**DIRECTIONS**: Preheat oven to 425°F. Add wings to a sheet tray and toss with oil. Bake for 20 minutes. Once the wings are done in the oven, remove them from the sheet tray and dump them into a bowl. Add the hot sauce and toss until wings are evenly coated. Serve the chicken wings along with cucumber ranch dip for dipping.

#### Cucumber Ranch Dip
- 3 tablespoons Ranch seasoning mix
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1/2 cup cucumber, peel, seed and dice
- 1/2 cup buttermilk (optional)
- 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 2 tablespoons cilantro
- Pinch pepper

**DIRECTIONS**: Mix ingredients thoroughly and set aside.

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### NACHOS

- 1 pound ground turkey (cooked and drained)
- 1 cup shredded cheese
- 1/2 cup red onion, diced
- 1 bell pepper, diced
- 1 tomato, diced
- 1 can black beans
- Tortilla chips
- Guacamole, Sour cream

**DIRECTIONS**: On an oven safe plate, arrange a layer of tortilla chips; top with turkey meat mixed with BBQ sauce. Sprinkle with cheese, onions, bell peppers, diced tomato and black beans. Heat until cheese is melted. Add guacamole and sour cream.

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### RECIPES

**From Tonia Turner**

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**Mini Meatball Burgers**

1 pound frozen, fully cooked meatballs  
1 cup ketchup  
3 tablespoons Dijon honey mustard  
26 2-inch rolls, sliced in half horizontally  
1-1/2 cups sweet pickle relish  

**DIRECTIONS:** Preheat oven to 350°F. Place meatballs in 8 x 8 or 9 x 9-inch pan. Bake for 25 to 30 minutes, or until thoroughly heated.

In a small bowl, combine ketchup and mustard. Place a heaping teaspoon of ketchup mixture on the bottom of roll. Place a meatball on top. Follow with a rounded teaspoon of pickle relish. Place top half of roll over top. Repeat for remaining meatballs and rolls. Serve immediately on a large platter.

**Cheeseburger Variation:** Place a small slice of cheddar cheese over each meatball.

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**Brat Super Party Sub**

**Sauce**
1 cup (8 ounces) sour cream  
1/2 medium cucumber, peel, seed and chop  
2 cloves garlic, minced  
2 teaspoons chopped fresh parsley  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/4 teaspoon cracked black pepper, optional

**Sub**
1 pack Original Bratwurst  
1 loaf (1 pound) French bread  
1 small onion, thinly sliced  
1 medium tomato, thinly sliced

**DIRECTIONS:** In a bowl, combine sauce ingredients. Cover and refrigerate until serving. Grill brats according to package directions. When cool enough to handle, cut into 1/4-inch bias slices. Slice bread lengthwise and transfer to baking sheet. Arrange brat slices on bread bottom. Bake at 350°F for 10 minutes or until bread is lightly browned. Remove from oven. Top with sauce, onion and tomato. Cut sub and serve.

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**Quarterback Sneak Buckeyes**

2 cups creamy peanut butter (not all-natural)  
1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter  
3/4 cups (16-ounce box) powdered sugar  
2 cups Semi-Sweet Chocolate Morsels  
2 tablespoons vegetable shortening

**DIRECTIONS:** Line baking sheets with wax paper. Beat peanut butter and butter in large mixer bowl until creamy. Beat in powdered sugar until mixture holds together and is moistened. Shape into 1-inch balls; place on prepared baking sheets. Freeze 1 hour.

Melt morsels and shortening in medium, microwave-safe bowl on HIGH (100%) power 1 minute; stir. Morsels may retain some of their shape. If necessary, microwave at additional 10- to 15-second intervals, stirring just until melted.

Dip peanut butter centers into melted chocolate using toothpick, leaving small portion of center uncovered. Shake off excess chocolate and scrape bottom of candy on side of bowl. Return to baking sheets; refrigerate until chocolate is set. Store in covered container in refrigerator.

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**Time Out Brownies**

2-1/4 cups all-purpose flour  
2-1/2 teaspoons baking powder  
1 teaspoon salt  
1-3/4 cups packed brown sugar  
3/4 cup (11/2 sticks) butter or margarine, softened  
3 large eggs  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
2 cups (12-ounce package) Semi-Sweet Chocolate Morsels

**DIRECTIONS:** Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease 15 x 10-inch jelly-roll pan.


Bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until top is golden brown. Cool in pan on wire rack. Cut into bars.
You can't have healthy hair if you don't have a healthy body, so if you're dealing with hair that's dull, dry, frizzy, flaky, or falling out, it's worth a closer look to make sure it's not due to something bigger than just using the wrong shampoo.

From genetics to your current nutritional state, learning to read your hair can tell you a lot about your overall health.

Visibly Thinning

Protein Deficiency: Protein is needed by every cell in the body, including the cells needed in normal hair growth. Without adequate protein intake, the body cannot efficiently make new hair to replace the hair that has shed. Iron and protein deficiency can be cause for hair loss. See your doctor immediately. Protein deficiency is one of the most common causes of hair loss.

Symptoms include: splitting and shedding hair, extreme fatigue, low blood pressure, and brittle nails.

Iron Deficiency: Iron's main job is to carry oxygen in the hemoglobin of red blood cells. Iron deficiency can lead to a condition called anemia and can lead to possible hair loss or increased hair shedding.

Bake Soda... Not Just For Baking

When you're congested, wash away the irritating thickened mucus with a mixture of 1 teaspoon of baking soda to 1 pint of warm water. Use it in a nasal wash, net pot or water pik with a nasal nozzle to irrigate your nose 2-4 times a day.

Ease canker sore pain by gargling with baking soda to lower your mouth’s acidity. Just add 1 teaspoon of baking soda to a quart of warm water, swish it around in your mouth and spit it out.

Baking soda toothpaste can help lighten coffee, tea and other tooth surface stains. Make your own by pouring a little baking soda on your hand, adding a drop of water, and brushing with it.

Baking soda is abrasive and can wear down tooth enamel over time, so be sure to use it in moderation. It’s also an effective way to tackle odors immediately. Pre-mix baking soda and water into a paste. Brush and rinse.

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Mortgage Tip
By Yolanda Y. Anthony

3 Ways To Avoid PMI

What are some simple methods to avoid PMI?

Buy A Home You Can Afford – If you buy a home you can afford, you are likely to be able to come up with a down payment that is closer to twenty percent and you are more likely to build equity quickly and get rid of PMI down the line. Don’t get seduced by keeping up with the Joneses – they are probably up to their eyeballs in debt.

Borrow Your Down Payment – If you can borrow the twenty percent to put down, then you should do it. Tap family or other resources. The interest rate on this loan will probably be far lower than the PMI you’ll be stuck with for years.

Take Two Loans – A great way to avoid PMI is to take out two mortgage loans when you close on a home. Your first mortgage could be for eighty percent and the second mortgage could be for twenty percent. The great part about this solution is that you avoid PMI and you can pay down but keep your equity line open. This gives you low interest flexibility for future home improvements!

All mortgage questions may be mailed to: Yolanda Y. Anthony P. O. Box 21472 Tampa, FL 33622

Ralph The Computer Guy

The Cloud – What Is It And How It Will Impact You?

PART I

OK, you’ve heard this term “The Cloud” and you’re wondering, what is this thing and how will it impact me? Or, do I even care? Well, cloud computing has actually been around for a while, and you’re probably already using it. But on the other hand, cloud computing is going through a metamorphosis and will change the way you do things. But first before we talk about that, let’s define, “What is cloud computing?”

For the common man or woman, cloud computing simply refers to resources and applications that are available on the Internet from just about any Internet connected device. For businesses, cloud computing can refer to much more, but that is beyond the scope of this column and we’ll only address the consumer side here.

Examples of cloud computing have been with us for a while. Take for example Hotmail and Yahoo. These email applications differ dramatically from company based email systems in that they were always available whenever you have an Internet connection and you didn’t need your company IT guy to set them up or to maintain them for you. Company webmail access provides the same access, but you still need the company IT guy.

But some great new applications are making themselves available that you may want to consider. For instance we talked about online backup capability for your pc. If your computer crashes you’ll have a backup available to you in “The Cloud.” Some people are using “The Cloud” like you would at Flash drive. Applications like Dropbox and Skydrive make your files available to you anywhere, anytime, on any computer, phone, or tablet that you have connected to the Internet.

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Hall of Fame
Nominations Being Sought

The Polk County Public Schools Hall of Fame is seeking nominations from the community. The Polk County Schools Hall of Fame began in 1985. Currently, it has ninety-nine members. In 2011, inductees were: Lakeland Mayor Gw Fields, U. S. Senator Kay Hagan, Ron Jeffries, an education official and attorney for the Lakeland School Board, and John Atkinson, Jr., a law enforcement crime scene expert.

Nominees should be individuals who attended a Polk County public school and made significant career and professional contributions in the arts, business, clergy, education, entertainment, government, law, military, media, medicine, science, sports or other fields.

The deadline for nominations is February 4, 2012. To submit a nomination, contact the Polk County Public Schools Department of Community Relations at (863) 534-0699 or visit www.polk-fl.net then see Announcements.

Cultural Festival To Be Held

The Mulberry Concerned Citizens, Inc. extends an invitation to everyone to attend The Evelyn Bryant Cultural Festival-Celebrating Black History/Diversity Day in Mulberry. The event will be held on Saturday, February 4, 2012 beginning at 10:00 a.m., and will feature live entertainment, music, a food court, vendors booths, a kids corner, an art show, contests in arts, crafts and quilting and much more. It is FREE to the public at The Bodeck Commons Park, 205 North West Second Street in Mulberry. The coordinators are Julie W. Taylor, and Annette Dempsey, Ellistine Smith, and Reverend Eugene Kendrick. For further information call (863) 622-1223.

Essay Winners Announced

The Polk County Public Schools and Community Relations Advisory Board of Commissioners recently announced the winners of its 11th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Essay contest. The chosen essay topic was "What Does The Dream Mean To Me?" More than 3,000 students submitted essays to be evaluated by judges from Polk State College.

The announcement took place at the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast which was held at the Bartow Civic Center. Savings bonds were awarded to the winners as follows: First Place $1,000; Second Place $500; and Third Place $250.

Elementary School Winners: First Place - Karin Powell, Dixieland Elementary, Second Place - Destiny Bonet, Janie Howard Wilson Elementary and Third Place - Ashley Lockhart, Laurel Elementary.

Middle School Winners: First Place - Hayley Jackson - R.W. Blake Academy, Second Place - Zaire Clayton, Union Academy, and Third Place - Kwortelowsi Lafortant, Daniel Jenkins Academy.

High School Winners: First Place - Derrick Higdon, Anibardale Senior High, Second Place - Kennedy Mohs, Harrison High, and Third Place - Jessica Seaman, Kathleen Senior High.

Congratulations to all of the winners!

Conclusions Extended

...What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and grief to bear, What a privilege to carry, everything to God in prayer.

Shaw-Nuf Talk extends condolences to Mother Christine Mack and her husband, Deacon Paul Mack, of Clearwater, in the passing of their loved one, Mrs. Odell Towns. Final services were entrusted to Chestnut Funeral Home in Gainesville, Florida. The funeral service was held on Saturday, January 28, 2012. Let us remember this family in our prayers.

A Child Is Born

On January 26, 2011 at 12:26 p.m., Larry Vernon Coleman, III was born in Lakeland, Florida. He arrived weighing 6 lbs 8 oz. and was 20 inches in length! Larry is the handsome son of Larry V. Coleman II and Jordashia Green-Coleman. His elated grandparents are: Michael Shaw and Cynthia Zorn-Shaw (yours truly!), Allen and Joann Crimmity, Johnathan Green, and Larry and Wendy Coleman.

Happy Birthday!

Shaw-Nuf Talk extends wishes for a HAPPY BIRTHDAY! to your grandson of Yours Truly, Darrick Brathwaite who will celebrate his 14th birthday on February 15th. May God bless you with many, many more birthdays!

Shaw-Nuf Shout-Out

This week's Shaw-Nuf Shout-Out goes out to Marquilia Butts-Fisher, Program Manager and the staff and supporters of the Healthy Start Coalition of Hardee, Highlands and Polk Counties, Inc. Teen Pregnancy Prevention Alliance Programs for their efforts to reduce teen pregnancy in the aforementioned counties and abroad. On February 9, 2012 the group will host its 2012 Faith Leaders Breakfast at the Student Center at Polk State College in Winter Haven. The purpose of the breakfast is to educate the faith community on the current teen pregnancy prevention statistics; asking the Faith Leaders to commit to communicate with their congregations about the church's morals and values addressing teen pregnancy. There is NO COST to attend the event and breakfast will be served. For further information call (863) 534-9224.

Talk To Shaw-Nuf

Shaw-Nuf Talk wants to hear from you. Share your news and/or photos of your celebrations, special events, birth/engagement announcements, birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, family reunions, etc., with the readership of the Florida Sentinel Bulletin and Shaw-Nuf Talk by sending an e-mail to: shaw-nuftalk@yahoo.com or calling (863) 513-8437.
Black Teen Beaten For Having White Girlfriend

CHICAGO - A 17-year-old African-American teen was beaten during a hate crime in Chicago.

The victim, Joshua Merritt, a senior at Brother Rice High School, was attacked by three white teenage boys who attend the same school. The assault was allegedly motivated by the Black male starting a interracial relationship with the cousin of the perpetrator. The assailants were charged on January 10 for the attack. Matthew Herrmann, 18, was charged with misdemeanor battery, a hate crime, and unlawful restraint. He was tried as an adult, while the younger offenders, who are 16 and 17, were cited in delinquency petitions for the same charges.

Obama Campaign Taps Stefanie Brown To Lead Black Voter Outreach

MIAMI, FL - Barack Obama re-election campaign named a 31-year-old former field director for the NAACP to be African-American Vote Director for the campaign's Operation Vote outreach effort.

Stefanie Brown, formerly the national field director for the NAACP in Baltimore, will direct the campaign's Black voter outreach efforts. Operation Vote is the campaign's national drive to get Black, female, Latino, LGBT, veteran and young voters to the polls.

Pres. Obama won an overwhelming majority of Black votes in 2008, and most experts believe he'll need a similar groundswell among African-Americans to win in November.

Brown, a graduate of Howard University, served as both national field director and head of the NAACP's Youth & College division. As national field director, she is credited with leading an effort that the NAACP says registered more than 200,000 voters for the 2008 and 2010 elections.

Parents Arrested After 9-Year-Old Found Naked, Malnourished

MIAMI - Marsee Strong and Edward Bailey, the parents of a 9-year-old child, had apparently been neglecting their son for months. The boy, who was found wandering through his neighborhood on Saturday night, appeared to be full of bullet holes. Paramedics took the child to a nearby hospital, where he died.

The boy's hands and feet were also swollen. Investigators also discovered that there were four other siblings in the home, one of whom was 16 years old and pregnant.

The parents are unemployed and had been investigated by the Florida Department of Children and Families. A case worker had dropped by the child's home a month prior to check on the children. But, no reports were filed after the visit.

Strong is being held on a $65,000 bond while Bailey's was set at $60,000.

Morehouse President Steps Down

ATLANTA, GA - Morehouse College has announced that its president of five years, Dr. Robert M. Franklin, will step down from his position at the end of the 2011 academic year.

During a sabbatical from Morehouse, Franklin will serve as Scholar in Residence at Stanford University's Martin Luther King Jr. Institute. Upon his return, he will transition to the roles of President Emeritus and Distinguished Professor, the college's highest honor.

Chairman of the Morehouse College Board of Trustees, Robert Goodson, extols Franklin's commitment to service and his dedication to empowering the young men of Morehouse.

Franklin, a 1975 graduate of the prestigious all male school in Atlanta, Georgia, will also travel the world to further a conversation introduced in his book, Crisis in the Village: Restoring Hope in African American Communities, by examining the conditions of boys and men around the globe.

Woman Who Falsely Accused Black Men Of Kidnapping Sentenced

PENNSYLVANIA - The bizarre case of Bonnie Sweeten has come to a close after a judge in Philadelphia handed down a eight-year and four months roughly federal jail sentence for a series of crimes including embezzlement, fraud and for falsely accusing two Black men of kidnapping her daughter.

TheSweeten kidnapping case made headlines in May of 2009 after a call made by the 41-year-old reported she and her daughter were kidnapped by a pair of Black men. Sweeten was arrested the following day.

Sweeten's embezzlement rampage began in 2005 and continued into 2009. Stealing over $600,000 in funds from the law firm that employed her, Sweeten then lifted $280,000 from an older relative suffering with dementia in order to replace stolen funds to the firm. Sweeten was nabbed in 2009 after purchasing a home, a car and also an in vitro fertilization cycle.

Prosecutors framed Sweeten as a con artist who used her soccer mom image to hide her heinous activity. The 41-year-old mother of three even conned her second husband into believing she graduated law school.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

- Pursuant to the Florida Brownfields Redevelopment Act, a public hearing is being held at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at the Best Western, 9331 E. Adamo Drive, Tampa, Florida, in the Bay Shore Conference room regarding the Hillsborough County Brownfields Area Designation of the property located at 9204, 9206 and 9210 E. Adamo Drive, Tampa, Florida. The four parcels consist of 17.45 acres. The purpose of the February 15 hearing is to take public comment on the size of the Brownfield Area, the objectives for remediation, job opportunities and economic development anticipated, neighborhood residents' considerations, and other relevant local concerns. The Brownfield Area Designation will allow the owner to undertake environmental remediation of the property.

For further information on the February 15, 2012, public hearing and/or proposed Brownfield Area Designation of this location, please contact the applicant's representative Tari Hashbrouck, of Environmental Consulting & Technology, Inc. at 813-289-8338. For more information on the "Brownfield Area" designation process, please contact Janet Mueller, AICP, Executive Planner, Development Services Department Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners, at (813) 276-8393.
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that PLYMOUTH PARK TAX SERVICES LLC #1305 the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Field No.: 191323-0001
Certificate No.: 191323-0001
Year of Issuance: 2012

Description of Property:

100 EAST TELGWA STREET, TAMPA FL 33602
PLAT BOOK/PAGE: 01/31
N 50 FT OF LOT 1 BLOCK 3
SECT WP AGE: 07-29-19

Name(s) In which assessed:

JOSIAH A. DOMINGUEZ-PEREZ

Sold property being in the County of Hillsborough, State of Florida.

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Dated this 27th day of March 2012.

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Hillsborough County, Florida

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Notices of Application for Tax Deed

Notice is hereby given, that PLYMOUTH PARK TAX SERVICES LLC #199089 the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and year of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:

Folio No.: 074762.9554
File No.: 2012-215
Certificate No.: 199089-09
Year of Issuance: 2009

Description of Property:
LOT 27 Block B PLAT BOOK/PAGE: 37/89 UNIT NO 01 LOT 3 BLOCK B
SEC TWP RGE: 13 - 30-20
SUBJECT TO ALL OUTSTANDING TAXES

Name(s) in which assessed:
JANET MARIE KRAUSE HAWKINS

Said property being in the County of Hillsborough, State of Florida.

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate shall be sold to the highest bidder at the Jury Auditorium, 2nd Floor, George E. Edgecomb Courthouse, 800 East Twigg Street, Tampa FL 33602 on the 15th day of March 2012, at 10:00 A.M. (NOTICE: Please call (813) 278-8100 ext. 4090 to verify sale location).

Dated this 27th day of January, 2012.

PAT FRANK
Clerk Of The Circuit Court
Hillsborough County, Florida

OCTAVIA JARNEGAN
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Please note that if any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Code Enforcement Hearing Master with respect to any matter considered at the meeting or hearing, they will need to ensure a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidences upon which the appeal is to be based.

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CASE NO.: 2009-CA-015686
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successor by merger to
FIRST HORIZON HOME LOAN CORPORATION,
PLAINTIFF
VS.
JENNIFER SIZEMORE PIMM, DENNIS PIMM
SUNSHINE SAVINGS BANK
f/k/a SUNSHINE STATE CREDIT UNION, et al.,
DEFENDANT(S)
VS.
SUNSHINE SAVINGS BANK
f/k/a SUNSHINE STATE CREDIT UNION
DEFENDANT/CROSS COMPLAINTANT
VS.
JENNIFER SIZEMORE PIMM, and DENNIS PIMM,
DEFENDANTS/CROSS DEFENDANTS
NOTICE OF SALE
PURSUANT TO F.S. CHAPTER 45
NOTICE IS GIVEN that pursuant to a Final Judgment of
Foreclosure dated December 29, 2011, in Case Number
2009-CA-015686, of the Circuit Court in and for Hillsborough
County, Florida, in which Sunshine Savings Bank f/k/a/ 
SUNSHINE STATE CREDIT Union is the Cross Complainant, and
Jennifer Sizemore Pimm, and Dennis Pimm, are the Defendants/Cross Defendants, I will sell to the highest and best
bidder for cash 2nd Floor of the George E. Edgecomb Building,
Room 201/202, located at 800 East Twiggs Street, in Tampa,
Florida at 2:00 P.M. on March 27, 2012, the following-described
property set forth in the Final Judgment of Foreclosure:
LOT 33, BLOCK 4, SIMMS RESUBDIVISION
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Statutes, that any person claiming an interest in the surplus
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Dated: 9th day of January, 2012
PAT FRANK
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
1st JENNY ALVAREZ
As Deputy Clerk

INVITATION TO BID
PUMP STATION SCADA PHASE II – SITE INSTALLATION
CONTRACT BID NO: ITB-C-01010-D-2012/DP
CIP NO: 10794
Subcontractor bids are currently being solicited by Curry Controls
Company for the above referenced project. Bid Opening Date/Time
February 14, 2012 at 2:00 P.M.
The work consists of Lift station electrical rehabilitation,
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supplied SCADA equipment, wet well cleaning, bypass pumping,
remove & install submersible pumps, concrete (cut, patch, replace,
core drill), piping (demo & replace water service assemblies with
backflow devices), site restoration (soil, rock, geo-textile barrier) &
construction photos at approximately 304 sites.
Bids will be received at the offices of Curry Controls Company,
4245 South Pipkin Road, Lakeland Florida 33811 or may be faxed to (863) 648-3899 or may be emailed to sec@currycontrols.com
by February 10, 2012.
MEB/WEB Subcontractor and Suppliers are encouraged to
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African American Doctors Play Vital Role In Community

Although the segregation era prevented African Americans from interacting with whites, it did not prevent them from contributing to society as a whole. Throughout the years, African Americans have served as pioneers in various fields.

Through the pages of history books, the names of such individuals as Dr. Edwin Archie, Dr. George Johnson, Dr. Jacob White, Sr., Dr. Jacob White, Jr., Dr. Imogene Johnson, Dr. Caleb Wright, Dr. James Green, Dr. Carl Norton, Dr. Allen Lester, Dr. Hodgin, Dr. Lewis, Dr. Erwin, Dr. Silas, Dr. Northern, and Dr. Jerome Smith, who operated a Health Center and Clinic can be found.

During the segregation era, African American in the medical field were welcomed in the community just as they continue to play a vital role in today's society.

They paved the way for others such as Dr. Andrew Jackson, Dr. Fred Smith, Dr. Fred Reddy, Dr. Paul Sheehy, Sr., Dr. James Brookins, Sr., Dr. Charles Meyers, Dr. Sydel Barnes LeGrande, Dr. H. Bruce Miles, Dr. Paul Sheehy, Jr., and James Brookins, II.

The city has welcomed others such as Dr. Will Harris, Dr. Emilie Commedore, and many others.

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**Dr. James O. Brookins Sr.**
Graduated from Middleton High School. He continued his education at Florida A & M University, where he earned his B.S. degree in Biology.

Dr. Brookins was admitted to the Meharry Medical School in Nashville, Tennessee. After graduating in 1960, and completing his internship and residency, Dr. Brookins returned to Tampa, where he opened a private practice as a General Practitioner, specializing in Family Medicine.

In addition to his medical practice, Dr. Brookins took an active role in the community. He served as the president of the Tampa Urban League for more than 10 years. During his tenure, he established programs to educate Black youth and prepare them to enter the workforce.

In the mid-1960s, Dr. Jackson continued to serve patients at the Tampa General Hospital, and eventually opened another office in West Tampa. He also continued to serve patients in the West Tampa area.

Dr. Jackson died in 1973. For several years, Dr. Andrews continued to serve patients at the Tampa General Hospital, and eventually opened another office in West Tampa. She continued to practice medicine in a segregated society.

A Tampa native, Dr. Sheehy was one of seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph (Anna) Sheehy. One of his sons, Dr. James O. Brookins, Jr., became a medical doctor as well.

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**Dr. Andrew R. Jackson**
Earned an M.D. degree in the late 1920s, after graduation, Dr. Jackson completed his internship and Residency training at Meharry Medical School in Nashville, Tennessee.

After graduating, Dr. Andrews completed his residency at the University of Chicago. He continued his education at the University of Chicago, School of Medicine, and was awarded a fellowship.

Dr. Andrews was a member of Greater Mount Carmel A. M. E. Church, where he was a church leader and community activist. During his years of practice, Dr. Andrews mentored young doctors, including Dr. Fred Reddy and Dr. James O. Brookins, II. He died on August 13, 2000, at the age of 76.

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**Dr. Paul Lawrence Sheehy, Sr.**
After graduation, Dr. Andrews continued his education at the University of Chicago, School of Medicine, and was awarded a fellowship.

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**Dr. W. W. Andrews**
He served as Chief of Medicine at the former Lily White Hospital. He was known for performing many free physical exams for students for more than 30 years, and was a dedicated educator, leader, mentor, father, and husband.

A Hillsborough County School District School, Dr. Andrews is named in his honor.

His son, Dr. Paul Sheehy, Jr., followed his path into medicine and currently practices in Tampa.

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**Dr. Andrew R. Jackson**
March 13, 1924 — August 13, 2000
Shadowlaw. He remained at that location until his retirement.

Dr. Andrews graduated from the Medical University of South Carolina. He was a member of Greater Mount Carmel A. M. E. Church, where he was a church leader and community activist. During his years of practice, Dr. Andrews mentored young doctors, including Dr. Fred Reddy and Dr. James O. Brookins, II.

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**Dr. W. W. Andrews**
Society, Tampa Branch of Florida Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Society. After integration, the organization became the Bay Area Medial Association and Dr. Fred Reddy was its first president.

Dr. Andrews has continued to practice medicine for the past 57 years. His daughter, Dr. Sharon Andrews, and niece, Dr. Susan Andrews and Dr. Nancy Andrews, are also physicians.
Dr. Freddie A. Smith was a native of Jefferson County, Georgia. His family relocated to Tampa when he was a toddler and he attended the schools of Hillsborough County. He graduated as Valedictorian of the Middleton High School Class of 1940.

He continued his education at Florida A & M University, where he earned his B. S. degree in Biology, after serving three years in the military during World War II.

He enrolled at Meharry School of Medicine in Nashville, Tennessee and specialized in surgery. After completing his Internship and Residency, Dr. Smith returned to Tampa and entered private practice.

His office was located in West Tampa on N. Howard Avenue. Dr. Smith served the African American community and became the first African American surgeon to practice at the major hospitals in the county.

Dr. Smith maintained his private practice for 25 years, closing the office in 1995.

Dr. Jacob Augustus White was born in Marianna on September 19, 1876. After completing his education at Florida State College, he entered the medical program at Howard University.

Dr. White graduated in 1903 and opened his first office in Apalachicola, where he remained for 13 years. In 1916, Dr. White relocated to Tampa and opened a sanitarium the following year.

Dr. White was the founder and president of the South Florida Fair and president of the Gasparilles Carnival. Dr. White also served as the president of the Tampa Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

He was married to Sarah Stanley, of Sanford and they had one son, Jacob Augustus White, Jr.

Dr. David E. Smith, DDS, was born December 3, 1916 to Reverend and Mrs. James A. (Maggie) Smith. He graduated from Oswald P. Bronson High School in 1937.

He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture from Florida A & M College in 1941, and taught school until 1943, when he joined the military.

After a tour of duty in the military, Dr. Smith attended Howard University Dental School and graduated from Dental School with his Doctor of Dental Services degree in 1951.

Dr. Smith became the first African American dentist hired full time by the State of Florida.

Dr. Smith practiced dentistry for over 40 years in Tampa.
As we embark upon yet another Black History Month, let us be reminded that sometimes progress may waver, but we have endured, overcome and achieved a lot. Let us continue in our pursuit of peace and harmony, and continue to live the "Dream".

Dr. Charles Drew became famous for his pioneering work in blood preservation. Born June 3, 1904, in Washington, D.C., he attended Amherst College in Massachusetts. He taught Biology and served as coach at Morgan State College in Baltimore before entering McGill University School of Medicine in Montreal.

Dr. Drew received his medical degree in 1933, and served his first appointment as a faculty instructor in pathology at Howard University. In 1938, Dr. Drew was awarded a two-year Rockefeller fellowship in surgery and began postgraduate work, earning his Doctor of Science in Surgery at Columbia University. His doctoral thesis, "Banked Blood" was based on a study of blood preservation techniques.

During World War II, there was a military emergency and a demand for procedures on blood preservation arose. Dr. Drew was the leading authority in the field, was selected as the full-time medical director of the Blood for Britain project. On April 1, 1950, Dr. Drew was in a vehicle with three of his colleagues in Tuskegee, Alabama, when he was involved in a single-car accident. He died from his injuries at the age of 46.

Dr. James McCune Smith was the first African American to earn a medical degree and practice medicine in the United States. He was also the first to own and operate a pharmacy, in New York City. Dr. Smith attended medical school in Scotland and returned home to practice medicine.

Mary Eliza Mahoney was the first professional African American nurse in America. In 1905, Ms. Mahoney mounted the stage at a nursing convention in Boston and called attention to the inequalities African American nurses faced.
Local Medical Professionals

A Tampa native, Dr. H. Bruce Miles entered Bethune-Cookman University after graduating from Blake High School as a Pre-Dentistry major. Following graduation, Dr. Miles taught school in Volusia County for three years before continuing his education at Howard University, School of Dentistry.

After graduating in 1976, Dr. Miles completed a three-year Residency in Washington D.C., and served in the U.S. Public Health Service to fulfill his military service.

Dr. Miles returned to Tampa and began a private practice that has been in existence for 30 years.

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Dream

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Dr. William F. Marsh enrolled at Morehouse College, and graduated from its School of Dentistry at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee. He attained the rank of Captain during his tour in the U.S. Air Force, and then entered Howard University, to complete his specialty training required to become a certified orthodontist in 1974. He also taught at the school. After moving to Florida, Dr. Marsh became a Senior Public Health Dentist for 25 years before moving to Tampa and opening his orthodontic specialty practice in 1975.

Dr. Paul Sheehy Jr., graduated from Tampa Catholic High School. Continued his education at Talladega and Morehouse Colleges, where he earned his undergraduate degree and pre-medical curriculum. Following graduation, Dr. Sheehy enrolled at the Dr. William Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine, in Chicago, Illinois. He graduated with his Doctor of Podiatric Medicine degree, and completed his residency at the Tuskegee VA Medical Center.

Following in his father's footsteps, Dr. James O. Brookins, II, graduated from high school and enrolled at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU). His chosen major was Pre-Medicine and Biology. After graduation, Dr. Brookins completed his postgraduate studies at Florida State University, School of Pharmacy. The next step in his quest to become a physician took him to Meharry Medical School in Nashville, Tennessee, where he specialized in Internal Medicine.

Dr. Brookins returned to Tampa to pursue his chosen profession. Dr. Brookins opened a private practice and helped others entering the profession to work in his office to establish their own practices. Dr. Brookins feels that anyone contemplating entering the medical field should prepare themselves actively and to actively seek professional mentoring. Dr. Brookins is active in the community and is a member of several professional, civic, and social organizations.

Dr. James O. Brookins, II
Following graduation, and after completing his internship and residency, Dr.

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As we enter an era of new hope, we must continue to remain ever vigilant in seeking justice and equality for all.
Dr. T. Merrell Williams, D. M. D., M. S. graduated from Florida A & M University as a Biology and Respiratory Therapy major. He continued his education at the University Of Florida College Of Dentistry, where he specialized in Periodontics and Implant Dentistry.

After completing his internship and residency, Dr. Williams opened his practice in Tampa.

Dr. Williams said the medical profession requires 11 years beyond high school and requires a great amount of dedication to achieve your goals.

Dr. Faith Felder enrolled at Oakwood College, in Huntsville, Alabama, with a chosen major in Chemistry. After completing her undergraduate requirements, she graduated and continued her education at the University of Alabama, School of Medicine. Her specialty is Internal Medicine.

After arriving in Tampa, Dr. Felder began a private practice.

She said to become a physician, the journey is long. However, at its end, awaits a profession that constantly offers challenges.

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