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*L.U. 108 (ees, em, es, lctt, mar, mt, rtb, rts, s, spa, t, & u) Tampa, Florida.*

Tampa Electric Lineman Brother Mark Blackburn passed away on January 9, 2004 at age 41. He was an IBEW member for 17 years. Mr. Blackburn will be missed by all.

Pullman Holt (Unit 12) is restructuring under chapter 11. The successor should honor the remainder of the contract.

PRECO (Unit 17) had a lineman rodeo in February.

West Central Florida Federation of Labor sent two busses (approximately 100 people) to the FTAA rally in Miami. Thanks to all that participated and helped in making this event a success.

IBEW Local 108 (Unit 6) has ratified a new 3-year contract with Tampa Electric Company. The new contract will run to April 2007. TSSI (Unit 3) will merge into the newly negotiated unit 6 agreement. Twenty-two green band OPEIU members will also merge into the Unit Six agreement. Thanks to committee members Doug Bowden, Gary Raulerson, Robert Thomas, Jeff Woodlee, Rick Coronado, Mark Fersaci, Darrel Purifoy, T.J. Williams, Sam Hamrick, Floyd Suggs, and John Murphy for a job well done.

Bro Ron Driggers daughter was recently married. Congratulations and best wishes to the couple.

Doug Bowden, PS