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## Let the games begin

First time Florida to host annual event in 22 years

By Patrick McCallister  
For Veteran Voice

The 33rd annual National Veterans Wheelchair Games is rolling to Florida. It's the second time the games have been in the Sunshine State. The last time was 1991, Miami. This year, the games will be in Tampa.

"It's one of the largest adaptive sporting events next to the Paralympics," Davis Celestine, president of the Florida Gulf Coast Paralyzed Veterans of America, said.

The chapter is hosting the games that are an annual event organized by the Paralyzed Veterans of America and the Department of Veterans Affairs. The Veterans Wheelchair Games has helped produce several Paralympians, Tom Brown, organizer, said.

"In the neighborhood of a dozen of them," he said. "It's the nature of the Olympics and Paralympics; many try, but few make it."

Brown is a consultant working for the Paralyzed Veterans. He worked for the Department of Veterans Affairs and helped organize the first Veterans Wheelchair Games in 1981. The games



Photo courtesy of Patrick McCallister

Ryan Linstrom takes the ball up court during a quad rugby game at the National Veterans Wheelchair Games in Denver. He's a member of the Florida Gulf Coast Paralyzed Veterans of America, which is hosting the games this year along with the James A. Haley Veterans' Hospital in Tampa. The games are July 13 to 18. Quad rugby, famed for its hard-hitting action, is often called murderball.

were at the Richmond, Va., VA medical center and gave veterans with amputations and spinal-cord

injuries an unusual opportunity to compete in a wide range of sporting events against others.

"We wanted to do something to commemorate the International Year of Disabled Persons," Brown said. "We had 74 veterans come to the first games — mostly from the East Coast."

There was a smattering from the Midwest and West Coast who'd heard about the games."

Today more than 500 adaptive

athletes a year from throughout the United States attend the games. The events range from bowling, trap shooting and table tennis to track and field events, basketball and quad rugby. The latter is often called "murderball." It requires specially-made wheelchairs that can take repeated hard strikes the players thrill to give one another.

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The mission of Veteran Voice is to publish a weekly source of information that will provide, in one place, a listing of resources available to veterans, articles about changes in policies or organizations affecting veterans and events of interest to veterans as well as articles about veterans of interest to the general public.

Veteran Voice LLC is organized as a partnership of experienced newspaper executives with an interest in veterans and in the communities of Florida veterans and friends. Veteran Voice is a start-up intended to address a perceived lack of information readily available to veterans on programs and policies affecting them and objective reporting of veteran affairs to the public. To our knowledge, and based on comments from leaders of local veterans organizations, there was no media or website currently meeting this need until the launch of Veteran Voice.

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# Veteran spurs interest in entrepreneurship

By Shelley Koppel  
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VERO BEACH — Steve Olds grew up outside of Washington, D.C., the son of a career FBI agent. He entered ROTC at the University of Maryland, where he majored in math, with a business minor. After graduating, he was commissioned in the Air Force and sent to flight school. Olds spent seven years in the Air Force, and was part of the first group that went in during Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Olds is proud of his service, but he has always had another dream, as well.

“Since I was 16, I knew I would be a business owner,” he said.

Even while he was in the Air Force, he was looking into real estate and marketing careers.

“On the flight from Virginia to Saudi Arabia, I threw in a bag of real estate books to study in the desert,” he said. “I found out on the way to Saudi Arabia that I



Steve Olds

passed my real estate exam.”

When he left the Air Force in 1993, Olds and his family moved to Vero Beach and he became a consultant, helping companies market products, execute marketing plans and build sales teams.

“I consulted from the outside

and the inside, Olds said. “I learned a lot about entrepreneurship and turning intellectual property in to marketable products,” he said. In the early 2000s, I began helping people sell through the Internet to reach new markets.”

In January 2011, Olds was finishing up a consulting project and considering what came next. He heard on the radio that it was the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Desert Storm. He had a flashback about being in a tough spot.

“Fast-forward 20 years,” Old said. “I’m in another difficult position. Do I sit back and let America be destroyed from the inside out, financially and with debt? We can’t sit back and give our kids this mess we’ve created. A voice said, ‘What are you going to do about it?’ I worked and thought and prayed about it.”

The result is Patriot Mission, a for-profit corporation designed to rebuild America by rekindling an

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# Three areas to examine in gun control discussions

I had previously written, which was published in *Veteran Voice* an editorial entitled, "Is The Gun The Problem?"

In this article I alluded to the fact that gun control alone is not the primary issue to control violence.

The real issue is multifaceted. It is the criminal justice system, mental health and the entertainment media.

I wish to address each item in detail and hope to show their importance in controlling violence in our society.

## The mental health system

The mental health system, which addresses the great experiment that the psychiatric profession introduced in the 1970s, is today a great failure. This I personally experienced as an educator being involved with Special Education programs. Forty years ago the thinking of most psychiatrists were that the large psychiatric state hospitals were extremely expensive and were not effective in treating the mentally afflicted individuals.

They recommended and implemented the placing of mentally ill individuals in private homes throughout the communities. This they believed would be more therapeutic for the patients, as they would be among normal people. Also the closing of these large mental institutions would be cost-effective.

Unfortunately, this experiment failed as these mentally ill individuals had no proper supervision;



Domenick Scarlato

consequently, they wandered off. This happened nationwide and it brought about the present homeless problem. Now we have a large homeless population where a large percentage have mental problems and nowhere to receive treatment. Also the ACLU's zeal to protect the individual rights helps keep the homeless people on the streets.

The primary goal should be to re-institute the psychiatric state hospitals where the mentally ill, especially the severe cases, can be housed, supervised and treated. This would solve the homeless problem and also provide a data bank for the United States government to have an effective background check whether for gun purchasers or other dangerous endeavors.

We can influence these changes by contacting our legislative representatives, state and federal, and the news media.

## Criminal justice system

The criminal justice system has — by pure economics and self-interest of certain government employees — become an inefficient, stagnant and overloaded system. Our liberal society with drugs, crime, etc., is at an all-time high and is being soft on criminals.

The economics of not building more jails, but yet having jails which district attorneys who always plea bargain their cases to make their record look good, and the liberal judges who are soft on sentencing criminals both help to frustrate the criminal system itself. We can debate this issue for days, but the pure fact is that to control the instrument, such as a gun, is not the issue: to control the individual is the primary goal.

The solution is that we must address the problem of prison overcrowding and not being too liberal with the prison's operation. Yes, we can build more prisons, but build them in areas where you need minimum security such as deserts, islands, etc. Operate the prisons more efficiently and with fair treatment and not with liberal philosophy. Take a page from Sheriff Joe Arpaio of Arizona and we would learn something.

Another point is to put pressure on the District Attorney to limit the use of plea bargaining and make them work to get effective convictions. Put pressure to appoint judges who will follow the law to the letter when giving a sentence to a convicted criminal.

We can do this by contacting our legislative representatives, state and federal, and the news media.

## Entertainment media

To convince the entertainment media to self-regulate the extreme violence that permeates throughout movies, television and games should be one of our major goals.

Through the years, more and more bloodshed and gory images have been displayed on the screen. Each producer tries to outdo the others by creating more and more horrible images. It is well-known that our young children spend an enormous amount time in front of the television, and especially with the video games. Every psychiatrist and psychologist tells us that the constant exposure to this senseless violence can and does desensitize our young to human suffering. More important, the mentally ill individual can be influenced by this constant exposure to become a copy-cat.

We know that we have a First Amendment of freedom of speech and expression, but in all good conscience the entertainment media, Hollywood, television, games, books, etc., and its writers and producers should be approached and be convinced to self-censor their writing and productions. It is not too much to ask to help to keep our society safe.

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Celestine got a C 6-7 incomplete spinal-cord injury in 2001, at age 26, while training for a deployment to Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. He's lost much, but not all, voluntary function from the neck down. The Navy veteran, like many, went through a depressed time after his injury. His rehabilitation included trying out a number of different adaptive sports to find a few he enjoyed.

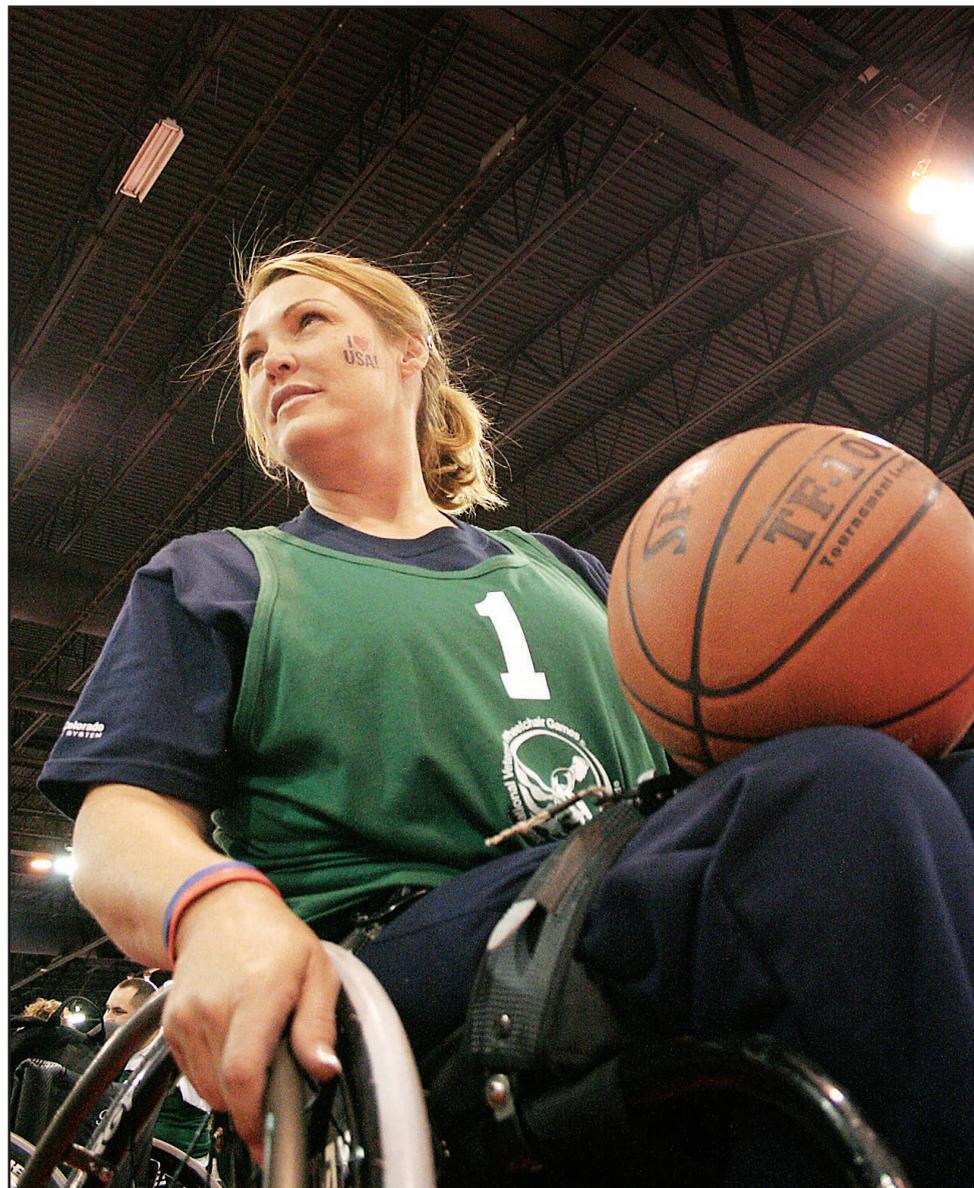
By 2007, he headed to his first Veterans Wheelchair Games. They were in Milwaukee that year. Celestine competed in table tennis, weightlifting, javelin and other track and field events.

"Sports has helped," he said. "It gave me a sense of independence."

April is the Paralyzed Veterans' annual Awareness Month. The theme is "The Big Push for Progress."

The Paralyzed Veterans started shortly after World War II. It was the first time in history people were surviving past a few weeks or months after spinal-cord injuries, because of the advent of antibiotics and other advances in medicine. The paralyzed service members quickly discovered that neither the medical communi-

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Tricia LaBar readies for tip off at the National Veterans Wheelchair Games in Pittsburgh. The Air Force veteran went into a deep depression after she was paralyzed. She said going to her first Wheelchair Games motivated her to start exercising regularly and expecting more from life. She became an avid and successful wheelchair basketball player and coach in addition to starting, growing, and selling a successful medical-supply business.

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Tricia LaBar speeds to a top finish in wheelchair slalom at the National Veterans Wheelchair Games in Pittsburgh. The Air Force veteran went into a deep depression after she was paralyzed. She said going to her first Wheelchair Games motivated her to start exercising regularly and expecting more from life. She became an avid and successful wheelchair basketball player and coach in addition to starting, growing, and selling a successful medical-supply business.

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ty nor society was equipped to assist them to live fulfilling lives. Rehabilitation was among the deficiencies they encountered.

Paralyzed veterans at the then-Veterans Administration medical centers started playing basketball to alleviate boredom, improve their muscle retention and maximize remaining dexterity. What they didn't know was that they were creating a whole new field of sports, adaptive athletics, which would go on to become part of the Olympic Games in 1988, the Paralympics.

According to the National Wheelchair Basketball Association, the Paralyzed Veterans was the unquestioned pioneer in adaptive basketball in the United States. By 1948, six teams existed in the United States, and all the players were members of the Paralyzed Veterans.

Celestine said he hopes the

Veterans Wheelchair Games attracts many Florida veterans to participate, volunteer, and watch. There're no admission costs for spectators.

"That's my biggest wish is to get them out," he said.

Athletes have until April 15 to register for the games. Brown said those interested should talk to rehabilitation specialists at their VA medical centers, and visit [wheelchairgames.va.gov](http://wheelchairgames.va.gov). Additionally, the web site has information for volunteering at the games. Athletes and volunteers can also get information at [pva.org/wheelchairgames](http://pva.org/wheelchairgames).

Most of the events will be July 13 to 18 at the Tampa Convention Center, 333 S. Franklin St.

Florida has three of the 33 chapters of the Paralyzed Veterans of America, the Central Florida chapter is in Sanford, the Paralyzed Veterans Association of Florida is in Fort Lauderdale, and the Gulf Coast chapter is in Tampa.

# Post 318 getting new digs

By Patrick McCallister  
For Veteran Voice

The American Legion Post 318 is busting at the seams. In a time when many veterans organizations are scratching their heads to figure out how to attract new, especially younger, members, Post 318 is enjoying rapid growth in all segments: older, younger, women and minority veterans. "We're growing, growing, growing," Daryl Bowie, commander, said. "Last year we increased (by)

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# Prosecutors say evidence paints picture of Morales murder

By Nicole Rodriguez  
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ST. LUCIE COUNTY — "And so he's taking off on me." Those are among the last words Sgt. Gary Morales, 35, said to dispatchers minutes before he was gunned down in broad daylight during a traffic stop in the southern outskirts of Fort Pierce the morning of Feb. 28.

The sheriff's sergeant and Air Force veteran radioed in the stop and pursuit on a maroon, late-model Toyota Corolla near Oleander Avenue at 9:28 a.m. According to dispatch chatter, 1:57 later, shots were fired on Naylor Terrace. Morales, who was seated in his patrol cruiser, gun still holstered, was fatally wounded. He was shot in the side of the head, neck and arm.

The chatter from that fateful day was just one piece of a slew of evidence released last week by prosecutors in the death penalty, first-degree murder case against Eriese Tisdale, 25, the Fort Pierce man authorities say pulled the trigger.

## Tisdale interrogation

In interrogation footage from the state attorney's office, Tisdale explained why he unleashed a string of bullets at point-blank range on the sheriff's deputy, who according to police reports, had no time to react. Tisdale fired four rounds, investigative reports state.

During questioning, which lasted just over an hour, Tisdale said he realized life as he knew it



Photo courtesy of the State Attorney's office  
Evidence photo taken on Feb. 28 of the passenger side floorboard of Eriese Tisdale's car shows a .45 caliber handgun along with a set of keys, sunglasses and a food stamp card not issued in Tisdale's name.

was over.

"Right now my present life is gone ... I'm aware of the road ahead of me," he said.

After insisting to know what he'd be charged with, Chief Assistant State Attorney Tom Bakkedahl told Tisdale he'd be charged with murder. A stoic Tisdale looked down for a second and

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123 members."

The post has about 900 members — 1,600 when the American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion are counted.

On Saturday, April 20, at 11 a.m., the post will have a groundbreaking for its new 6,300-square-foot building at 1000 Savannah St. The new building will hold more than 250 people. After 24 years of renting, the post is ablaze with anticipation.

"For years, and years and years, having and owning our own post has been a dream, and now it's becoming a reality," Bowie said.

Construction will start this month, Garim Salisbury, post chaplain and public affairs officer, said. The aim is for the post to be in the new building by the winter holidays.

"We're hoping for October," he said.

Salisbury said that the post has had a number of fundraisers for several years to buy the property, which it now owns, and finance construction. The new building will come with about a \$700,000 mortgage. Among other fundraisers, the post has sold bricks, poured beer at St. Lucie Mets games, and sent members

letters. Salisbury said the effort spent and mortgage on the new building will pay big dividends for years to come.

"It'll be a lot more visible from (U.S. Highway 1)," he said. "We'll have more visibility over there. We'll have a nice-sized hall to rent out for weddings and birthdays."

Bowie said Post 318 hasn't had any secrets for its success — just a bunch of hard work, good luck, and sitting in hot tents at area community events.

"We have such a good veterans pool to pick from here," he said. "The things we do, the support we give back to our community, it gets you exposure. People want to join a post that's happening."

In addition to getting names on a membership list, Bowie said the post is getting more hands in the hall, folks showing up at meetings.

"I have, every month, 70-plus," he said. "People enjoy it. We do things. That's why people are joining left and right. And young-



Daryl Bowie

er, from Iraq and Afghanistan."

For information about Post 318, visit [americanlegion318fl.org](http://americanlegion318fl.org). It's at 8543 South U.S. Highway 1.

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proceeded to answer questions. Evidence photos made public last week show the bloodied interior of Morales's cruiser as well as a blood-soaked uniform and undergarments. There was no evidence of a dash cam in Morales's patrol car.

In Tisdale's version of events, he said he was going to a nearby store to pick up a soda for his pregnant girlfriend, who lived a block away. Tisdale, who said he never made it into the store, said Morales tried to pull him over. After taking off briefly, then stopping, Tisdale said Morales exited his patrol car and ordered Tisdale out of his car.

"The officer came and like almost cut me off with the lights, rammed, kind of rammed me to stop me or whatever and I just didn't stop," Tisdale said.

During the interview, lead Detective Ronald Wentz asked Tisdale if he knew why he was being stopped. Tisdale, whose driver's license was suspended, didn't have an answer, but did say the stop could have been racially motivated. Tisdale, a convicted felon stemming from a 2010 drug charge, had a gun in the car.

"Maybe because of the dreads, black guy in the neighborhood, maybe he didn't have any kind of nothing he can look forward –

maybe he didn't have any, nowhere to be," said Tisdale, who added he was wearing a seatbelt with his driver's side window down. "Maybe he thought I was suspicious. I don't know, but I seen lights."

Tisdale said the shooting was self-defense.

"I just, 'cause I was in fear of my life, you know what I mean, and I wanted to make – be able to breathe another day or just be able to not be put in a position of, like, be at the disposal of another human being ..."

Tisdale described Morales's approach as "abrasive" and "aggressive."

At one point Bakkedahl questioned Tisdale's defense, saying "You've got to come up with something better. Tell me you were stoned out of your mind. Tell me you were hearing voices. That's going to fly a heck of a lot better than 'I was acting in self-defense.'"

Tisdale said the only voice he heard was Morales's.

"Voices, yeah, the voices was telling me – the voices was coming from him (Sgt. Morales)," Tisdale said. "And in his voice was either 'You're going to do what the hell I say or I'm gonna kill you, I'm going to hurt you...'"

Bakkedahl probed Tisdale further, telling him eye witnesses watched the crime happen.

"Tell us how you were in fear of your life the moment you approached the window of his car and executed him," he said.

"It probably is not gonna, it's not gonna help me anyway," Tisdale said.

Tisdale was indicted last month on a first-degree murder charge. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty. Tisdale's attorney, Mark Harllee, said he has already filed a written plea of not guilty and his client will not be required to appear at his April 19 arraignment. Harllee said it will be a while until a jury hears the case.

"Typically in a case of this high profile nature and when the state is seeking the death penalty, it (takes) about two years," Harllee said.

**Eyewitness accounts**

According to investigative reports, a Naylor Terrace resident mowing his lawn witnessed the shooting. The witness said he saw a man with dreadlocked hair in a red car being followed by Morales's flashing car, the report states. The witness said the driver of the red car abruptly hit his brakes, briefly reversed and jumped out of his car. Morales "didn't have a chance," the witness said.

"This guy (Tisdale) jumps out of his car and hits (shoots) him (Morales) one time, (all right). Now

the (cop) ... he can't even get out," said the witness, who said he watched Morales open his driver's side door seconds before the shooting. "And then he (Tisdale) backs up a little bit and then he goes and he puts three more in him (Morales.) If not four. It was so quick. So many shots."

Backup Deputy Clarence Bennett witnessed the execution, according to the reports. Bennett said he arrived in time to see Tisdale at Morales's driver's side door, arm extended with a black gun in his hand. The deputy said Tisdale fired at Morales and then turned the .45 caliber handgun toward him. According to Tisdale's arrest affidavit, Bennett fired five rounds at Tisdale, who then fled.

**Tisdale's family**

During a police interview the day of the slaying, Tisdale's then eight-month pregnant girlfriend, Jessica Maldonado, 20, who has since given birth to the couple's first child, acknowledged her boyfriend, an aspiring rapper who goes by the name "Prince Guru," owned a black gun he kept in the glove box of the car. Maldonado said Tisdale wasn't violent, didn't drink alcohol and smoked marijuana a few times a week. The last time Tisdale smoked was

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Evidence photo showing the trajectory path and bullet wound pattern on Sgt. Gary Morales. Photo also shows the position Morales was in when he was shot multiple times on Feb. 28.



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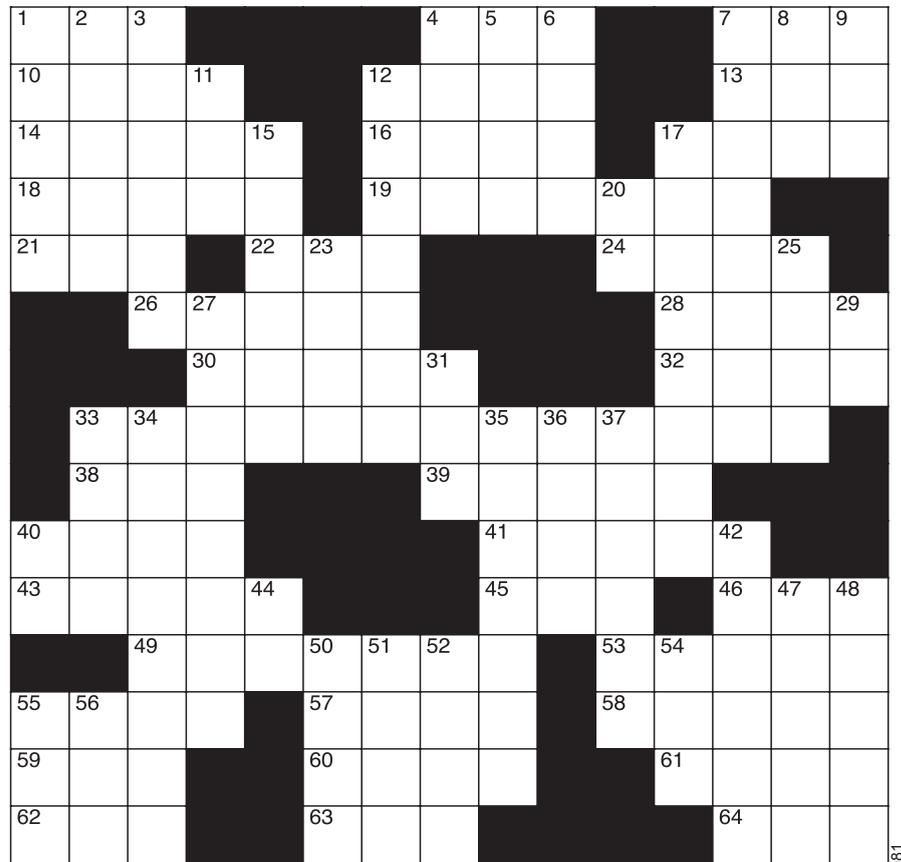
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two days before the shooting, she said. She described Tisdale, as "self-centered" and "selfish" when it came to preparing for the upcoming birth of their son. Tisdale was laid off from his job as a lab technician at Jupiter-based Sur-

face Chemists of Florida, a company that specializes in selling products for fertilizing and industrial cleaning, she said. Maldonado, who stressed Tisdale didn't harbor negative feelings toward law enforcement, said Tisdale

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**CROSSWORD**



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**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Supervises interstate commerce
- 4. Society ingenue
- 7. Old Austrian currency (abbr.)
- 10. Wife of Jacob
- 12. "Aba \_\_\_\_ Honey-moon"
- 13. Cologne
- 14. Christian reading platforms
- 16. 8th Jewish month
- 17. Arbitrators (inf.)
- 18. Goof
- 19. C5H12
- 21. Adult female chicken
- 22. Cooking vessel
- 24. Drake's Golden ship
- 26. Mimicry
- 28. Language spoken in Nakhon Phanom
- 30. Betel palm
- 32. Fulda River tributary
- 33. Diet sugars & starches
- 38. Goat and camel hair fabric
- 39. Used of posture
- 40. Native of Istanbul
- 41. Elk or moose genus
- 43. Gave a slight indication
- 45. Farewell expression
- 46. Japanese sash
- 49. Disturb greatly
- 53. Piles of combustibles
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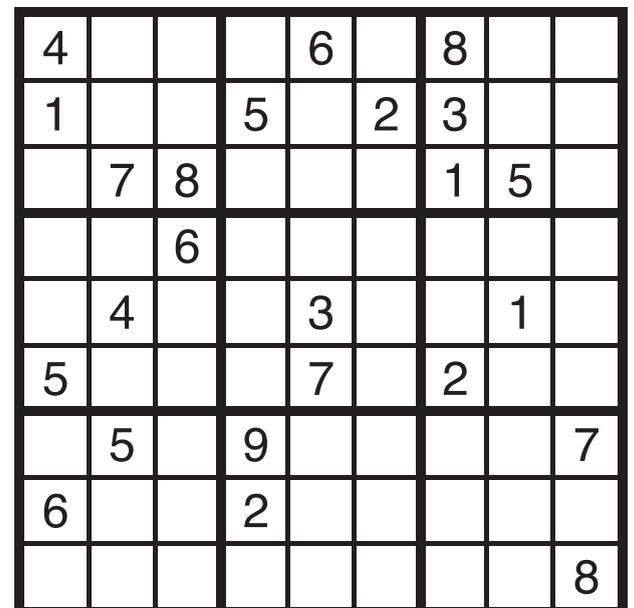
- 62. Original "SportsCenter" anchor Bob
- 63. Can cover
- 64. Aka River Leie

**CLUES DOWN**

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- 2. 35% Sierra Leone ethnic group
- 3. Pool side dressing room
- 4. 24 hours (old English)
- 5. Abba \_\_, Israeli politician
- 6. Bret Maverick's brother
- 7. Glenn Miller hit "Moonlight \_\_\_\_"
- 8. Truck operator compartment
- 9. Composer Walter \_\_\_\_
- 11. Hall of Fame (abbr.)
- 12. Two painted panels
- 15. Surpassing all others

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- 29. Atomic #36
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- 36. Count on
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- 42. Oxalis
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- 47. Smelling of ale
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interest in entrepreneurship and small business ownership. One of its programs is the Made in America Project.

In the first phase of the project, 12 entrepreneurs in a county will tell their stories. They will be profiled in a book that will highlight the business owners and challenges they face. The books will offer information on community economic development resources available to entrepreneurs.

"There is a ton of resources available to help people who want to start companies," Olds said.

"Most of the people who start companies are technicians who know how to do something well. A lot of small business people know how to cook and so they open a restaurant. They don't know the elements of business. I thought I knew things and I was clueless. There's a lot more to owning a doughnut shop than making doughnuts."

Olds found that many business owners don't know where to go for help.

"Every county has great organizations with great resources," he said. "There are state colleges, SCORE (a non-profit organization that helps new businesses,) the chambers of commerce. Business people don't know what's available. We need to connect the dots."

The Made in the USA Project was developed after two years of planning. The first three counties chosen, Martin, St. Lucie and Indian River, are part of a seven-year game plan. Steve Erlanger, president and publisher of *Your Voice News & Views*, will be featured in the Martin and St. Lucie county editions because of his experiences in the newspaper industry.

"I've watched what he's done and what was going on with *Your Voice News & Views*," Olds said. "It's exactly what we're after, sharing a message that's relevant to the local community."

"Entrepreneurial leaders like Steve have been there and done it and have the battle scars to prove it," he said. "(These) business leaders don't have the time to capture a cross-section of stories and share them and tell them in a fun way."

Steve Erlanger is pleased to have been asked to participate in the project.

"I'm delighted to have the opportunity to work with The Made in the USA project, sharing what I have learned as an entrepreneur over the past 35 years," he said. "Small businesses are the backbone of this country, and I am happy to help any endeavor that helps make success a reality for other entrepreneurs and small business owners."

Telling the stories of entre-

preneurs is the first part of the project.

"The book is the seed we use to launch the story of how entrepreneurs are rebuilding America," Olds said. "The stories are told in the context of the bigger mission. We'll connect counties, regions, states and have a national impact, telling the free enterprise story."

"The book launch is the beginning of the process. After we launch the books, every month for the next year, there will be leadership events, focusing on one entrepreneur, what they do, and what they've learned with respect to leadership. Between events, there will be microbusiness incubators, which are small groups, working together, to learn from the experience of others."

Olds hopes that established entrepreneurs can help excite young people in a community of shared knowledge and skills.

"There are cool things you can do with technology," he said. "We hope to bundle knowledge and find a way to integrate young people. They are skilled at the technology of social media. It has enormous business applications if you can combine social media experience with entrepreneurs where they can be creative without pressure. When you do that, magic happens."

*For more information about being a featured entrepreneur, including programs and fees, visit the website, www.MadeinUSAProject.com or call 1-(855) 867-3284.*

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frequently said he was harassed by law enforcement.

A few rooms away, Tisdale's mother Charmaine Tisdale, 57, offered insight into her son's upbringing. The Port St. Lucie resident said Tisdale was an only child who never met his father. When detectives told Charmaine Tisdale her son showed no remorse for the killing, she said she was shocked as she offered words to the Morales family. "... I send a prayer up for the officer's family," she said. "I'm very sorry. I'm very sorry." "... he wasn't raised that way ..."

**Evidence**

A search of Maldonado's home on Mura Drive, where Tisdale

was staying, recovered a .44 magnum pistol and ammunition, a sawed-off Remington 870 shotgun loaded with four rounds of ammunition and ammunition for a .45 caliber pistol, documents state. A trace of the shotgun showed the gun was reported stolen from the home of a Riviera Beach police officer in July 2007.

Authorities also found \$500 stashed in a Bible, 17 pieces of cocaine, a digital scale and a makeshift greenhouse in a closet where Tisdale was growing his own marijuana, the report states. The names, Social Security numbers, driver's licenses and dates of birth of several individuals were found on hand-written notes. Police believe Tisdale intended to fraudulently use the information.

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