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5-Year-old Son of a Sharks, Dragged by Car on Parking Lot

Jenoa Alford, 5

Mrs. Dorothy Alford, of the Glynn County Police Department, Brunswick, GA. and mother of Bill Alford of the Jacksonville Sharks, sent out a very touchy letter to those who work with her, asking them to please send up prayers for her grandson, Jenoa Alford, who lives in Jacksonville. According to records, the Canopy Apartments on Monument Road had experienced an accident. About 9:30 p.m., a car dragged Jenoa across eight parking spaces while his mother, Kentaura Richardson, watched but unable to help. Kentaura said she never would have dreamed something like this could happen but every moment of the incident is still in her head.

The five year old was taken to the hospital with life-threatening injuries. Surgery was performed on his head but the real outcome is not predicted.

5-Year-Old - Continued - A-3

Man Gets Life for Shooting Death of Friend, McCoy

Frederick Wade, 20

It was June 2011, and the city was shocked when Kalil McCoy came up missing. Many in the community took time out of their schedule to see if they could locate her. But then her body was found and her classmate, Frederick Wade, came forward and admitted that he had accidently shot her while he was driving.

They were not alone. The two were in the front seat of the SUV and began to argue because she wanted the window up and he did not agree. So, they struggled and the gun went off, according to Wade, and shot her in the head. The problem escalated when the three males decided not to take her to the hospital so, she died.

Man - Continued on A-3

Misrepresentation by Romney Regarding Military Voting

By Glorious Johnson, Southeast Region Community Economic Development Association

Mitt Romney is claiming that President Obama is restricting the rights of the military to vote in Ohio via President Obama and the National Committee's lawsuit.

In the lawsuit, the president and the DNC are requesting for a preliminary injunction, asking that the full early voting period be open to ALL Ohio citizens, as it was previously under the law before this year. The purpose of the lawsuit is not to restrict the ability of any military members to cast their ballot early. President Obama and the DNC's lawsuit attempts to restore the voting rights for all the citizens of Ohio.

The lawsuit was filed in the federal court to restore in-person early voting during the three days prior to the Election Day. This voting right was exercised by over 90,000 citizens from Ohio in the last presidential race.

As the law presently stands, in which it has been enacted by the State of Ohio and administered by Defendant Ohio Secretary of State, it eliminates early voting during the three days leading up to the election.

According to David Axelrod, campaign advisor to the President, Mitt Romney's portrayal of the case is

Misrepresentation - *Continued A-3*

Gay Rights or Civil Rights

Photo by Leland Bobbe`s from Half-Drag Photos Show Collection, New York

By Dementrious Lawrence

In early May, Jacksonville City Councilman Warren Jones filed a bill commonly referred to as 2012 296, "The Gay Rights Bill," otherwise known as "The Anti Discrimination Bill." Heavy supporters of this piece of legislation include former Republican Mayors John Delaney and John Peyton and former Republican City Council President Matt Carlucci. The bill has been presented as "protecting civil rights" and leaders from the Lesbian, Gay, Bi sexual and Transgendered community (LGBT), are comparing it to the civil rights struggles in the United States.

Gay - Continued on A-3

Congresswoman Brown Get Extension for up to $125,000 for 2009-2010 Homeowners

Your current or former loan servicer may owe you money. Was your home in any stage of foreclosure in 2009 or 2010? If so, you may be eligible for up to $125,000 in cash and/or other compensation due to the mishandling of your loan.

Congresswoman Corrine Brown is informing her constituents of such. She discovered in late June that this information had not been properly disseminated and decided to take action since only one minority media had been informed, nation wide.

When the congresswoman made her inquiry, she was able to get an extension so that more could take advantage of the compensation they could achieve from any wrong doing.

Under a settlement between the federal government and mortgage servicers, independent reviewers will determine if borrowers suffered financial harm resulting from errors, misrepresentations, or other deficiencies during the foreclosure process. For example, some borrowers were improperly denied modifications; others were current on payments, but lost their homes anyway. Servicers must compensate borrowers for financial injury caused by these errors.

Congresswoman - Continued on A-3

Stevie Wonder Getting a Divorce

Stevie Wonder and wife Kai Millard Morris are divorcing after 11 years. The couple has two children, 10 and seven and are asking for joint custody. He has agreed to pay spousal and child support.

Stevie has seven children in all from his first marriage and other relationships.

Need a ride to the polls so you can vote? Please call Bishop Lorenzo Hall, The Greater El-Beth-El Divine Holiness Church, 904-374-3940. Spread the word. Early Voting through Saturday. You have a choice-no excuse!

Richards-Ross Wins Gold; Jaguars Celebrate

Sanya Richards-Ross, Jacksonville Jaguars Aaron Ross' wife, won the women's 400M race in London last week. See full story on page B-4.

America's Highest Paid Celebrity Couple

Beyonce and Jay-Z have been named the highest-paid couple in the world by Forbes magazine. Understand, they are not the highest paid couple in America, they are the highest paid couple in the world.

Forbes reports that thanks to Beyonce's $40 million and Jay-Z's $38 million earned between May of 2011 and May of 2012, the couple's combined income of $78 million puts them in the top spot this year.

Both Beyonce and Jay-Z brought in cash from their respective music efforts, but the two's success is also in part to their non-music ventures as well as their endorsement deals.

The top five are: Gisele Bundchen and Tom Brady, In third place are the Beckhams, Brad Pitt ($25 million) and Angelina Jolie ($20 million) in fourth place, and Will ($30 million) and Jada Pinkett-Smith ($10 million) landing in fifth.

Of course, Will and Jada are not counting the income earned by their children.

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MOUNT LEBANON MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, located at 9319 Ridge Blvd., under the guidance of Pastor Freddie Summer, will be celebrating their Annual Mrs. Day, August 12th at 4:00 p.m. The Celebrating Theme is "*Men Become as Little Children in Humility*." Matthew 18:4. "Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven. We are preparing for a glorious time in the Lord and an explication of high praise with Guest Pastor, Rev. Anthony Webster, Peach Missionary Baptist Church. The public is invited to come out and experience this great worship service in the Lord. For further information, you may call 904-527-1762.

CENTRAL METROPOLITAN CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 4611 North Pearl St. - **Kutz for Kidz** is sponsoring a **BACK TO SCHOOL RALLY** in conjunction with the Dr. Carolyn C. Jackson Memorial Fund on August 19, 2012 from 1:30pm - 4:00pm inside the church Educational Building. The first 200 students grades K-12 will have the opportunity to receive a FREE back pack filled with school supplies, coupons to local vendors, a haircut (boys only) and food/drinks ALL FREE! Looking foward to fellowshipping with everyone! Parents MUST be present in order for a student to participate in the giveaway. You may contact the church between 10am and 4pm, Monday thru Friday for answers to any questions at 904-354-7426.

THE GREATER EL BETH-EL DEVINE HOLINESS CHURCH, Pastor, Officers and Members, invite you to worship with us and be our special guest on our Annual Men Day Celebration, August 19th at 11:00am and 3:00pm. A great program has been planned for this occasion. Mr. Jerry Bass, National Commander Allied Veterans of the World, Inc. & Affiliates, will be our guest speaker for the 11:00 A.M. and the El- Conjunto Tropical group will render the music. Elder Horace Pender, from Faith United Miracle Temple, will be our guest speaker at 3:00pm. If you have any questions, please contact our pastor Bishop Dr. Lorenzo Hall Sr. at 904-710-1586. Dinner will be served after both services.

EMANUEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH Celebrates 120 Years on Sunday, August 19th and Sunday, August 26th at 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Rev. A. D. Lewis, Pastor of Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church in Meridian, MS is the guest speaker for the 11:00 a.m. service on **August 19th**. Special guests for the 4:00 p.m. service will include Rev. Dr. Eugene W. Diamond, Choir and Members of Abyssinia Missionary Baptist Church and Rev. Darryl Edwards, Choir and Members of Greater Bethany Missionary Baptist Church. The celebration will continue on Sunday, **August 26th** with Rev. Antonio S. Stinner, Pastor of El Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in Meridian, MS as guest speaker for the 11:00 a.m. service. Rev. Dr. James W. Henry, Choir and Members of Summerville Missionary Baptist Church and Rev. Dr. Kelly E. Brown, Jr., Choir and Members of Greater Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church are special guests for the 4:00 p.m. service. Emanuel is located at 2407. Rev. S. L. Badger, Jr. Circle. For more information, please call the church at 904 356-9371. Rev. Dr. Herb Anderson is the pastor.

The Historic MOUNT ZION A.M.E. CHURCH, 201 East Beaver St.,will celebrate its 146th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, August 12th at 10 am. The speaker will be our own Pastor, The Rev. Pearce Ewing, Sr. Our theme is "*On the Right Track and Engineered by the Power of the Holy Spirit*." For more information, please call (904) 355-9475.

The National Primitive Baptist Convention, USA to Convene its 105th Annual Session in Dearborn, Michigan on August 19-24, 2012 -Hosted by the Mid-Western Region of Primitive Baptists, the 105th Annual Session will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 600 Town Center Drive, Dearborn, MI, on Sunday morning, August 19, through Friday night, August 24. (The Mid-Western Region is comprised of Primitive Baptist Churches in Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, and West Virginia. This year's theme is *Celebrating the Church---Founded, Faithful, Focused, and on Fire* (Matthew 16:13-19; 28:18-20; Acts 2:1-3). Held annually during the month of August to conduct business on behalf of the national body; participate in Church School Training Sessions and Workshops, share in worship experiences and daily Bible Expositions, promote evangelism and mission; and, fellowship with each other.

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Listings are due the Tuesday before the next issue. Email submissions preferred. Send to: Info@TheFloridaStar.com

DEATH NOTICES

JACKSONVILLE, FL

ADAMS, Ruth Carolyn, died August 3, 2012.
ALLEN, Karen K., died July 31, 2012.
ALLISON, Eleanore B., 97, died July 29, 2012.
BEST, Verl R., 80, died August 3, 2012.
BIELLING, Ellis C., 90, died August 4, 2012.
BOSTIC, Clarence Von, died July 31, 2012.
BROWN, Sidney D., 72, died August 4, 2012.
CAMERON, Leo W., died August 2, 2012.
CAMPBELL, Jack Edward, 64, died August 5, 2012.
COOK, Lena Lavender, 93, died July 31, 2012.
COOPER, Nancy Dianne, 57, died July 29, 2012.
CUNNINGHAM, Ellen Louise, 65, died August 4, 2012.
DODD, Robert Alan, Jr., 31, died August 2, 2012.
DUNAWAY, Walter Jay, 89, died August 5, 2012.
EIBACH, Herbert, died August 1, 2012.
GORMAN, Marilyn Marie, 63, died August 2, 2012.
GRAHAM, Nevin Wayne, Sr., 77, died August 1, 2012.
HARBACH, David F., died August 1, 2012.
HARNAGE, Mary E., 85, died July 31, 2012.
HIGGINBOTHAM, Mary Mamie, 83, died August 5, 2012.
JENSEN, Lois S., 88, died August 1, 2012.
JOHNSON, Ronald Harold, 69, died August 3, 2012.
LASTER, Carl Bradley, died July 31, 2012.
LYNCH, Alyce, died August 1, 2012.
MITCHNER, Willie L., died July 30, 2012.
MORTON, Ollie P., 69, died August 3, 2012.
NESTELL, S. Virginia, 94, died August 1, 2012.
OSLE, Hector, 62, died August 5, 2012.
PATTEN, Joe R., 89, died August 5, 2012.
PICKENS, Infant Juakeen Bernard, Jr., died August 1, 2012.
RATLIFF, Marvin H., 63, died July 31, 2012.
REID, Lucile Wilson, died August 2, 2012.
RIVERA, Miria, 49, died July 29, 2012.
RUCKER, Annie Belle, 87, died July 31, 2012.
SCHWENDER, Kelly, died July 29, 2012.
SELF, Margaret, died August 3, 2012.
SINGLETON, Cora, 87, died July 30, 2012.
SINGLETON, Lillian B., died July 31, 2012.
STEINMEYER, William Harold, 74, died August 5, 2012.
STRICKLAND, Ruth Ann, 49, died July 30, 2012.
THOMAS, Deacon Clarence, died August 1, 2012.
WEST, Beverly Jo, 87, died July 30, 2012.
WHEELER, Charles, Jr., died July 29, 2012.
WILBANKS, James V., 50, died August 5, 2012.
WILLIAMS, Ida, died August 5, 2012.
WILLIAMS, Michael, died August 3, 2012.

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GEORGIA DEATHS

DRURY, James Franklin, 70, died August 4, 2012.
KENDRICK, LaVada "Beta," died August 5, 2012.
LAW, Fred, died August 1, 2012.
PERKINS, Frances, died August 6, 2012.
WILKES, Ruth Nutting, 91, died August 5, 2012.

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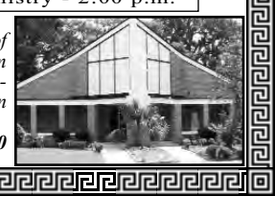

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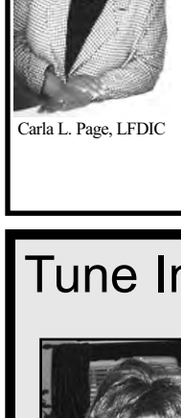

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Misrepresentation - continued from A-1

"shameful." "The way Governor Romney stated the situation is completely false, Axelrod continued. "It's shameful that Governor Romney would hide behind our service men and women."

President Obama's campaign officials responded very quickly to these false allegations against the President, stating that "Mitt Romney and his campaign have completely fabricated a claim that the Obama campaign is trying to restrict military voting in Ohio."

Romney's spokesperson, Ryan Williams, stated that he could not point to a place in the lawsuit that seeks to restrict the rights of military votes.

According to the Fact Checker, Romney's campaign has to rely on a slippery slope argument. But there's really no end to how far politicians can carry this type of logic.

Congresswoman - Continued from A-1

Sadly, only about 5% of eligible borrowers have applied for review so far. When she saw this program was not getting a sufficient response, she met with regulators to demand extension of the deadline, robust outreach to the hardest hit communities, and accountability for servicers who fail to ensure adequate participation.

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More detailed information is available on the congresswoman's website. She is asking that you , please share this information with anyone who may need it and contact one of her offices with any questions or concerns. She emphasized, "Don't leave this money on the table! "

5-Year-old - Continued from A-1

Improvements are being made as Jenoa has begun to recognize his parents and the people in the hospital. In fact, when asked if he knew who his mother and father were, he stated that his father was a defensive back for the Jacksonville Sharks.

An investigation in this matter is not moving as quickly as desired because of the weather but it is believed that alcohol or speed did not contribute to the accident.

Man - Continued from A-1

McCoy, Wade, Kennard Mahone, Jonathan Brooks and Alfred Means were all classmates at Andrew Jackson High School. McCoy graduated three weeks before she was killed.

The three that were with McCoy and Wade when she was shot, admitted to helping with the disposal of her body. Brooks was sentenced to 15 years in prison, Mahone and Means will be sentenced on August 20, 2012.

Frederick Wade was sentenced to life as the judge pointed out that he had a history of violence.

Election Myths vs Facts

MYTH: Voters will be turned away if they are wearing campaign apparel.
FACT: "Voters may wear campaign buttons, shirts, hats, or any other campaign items when they enter the polling place to vote; voters may not otherwise campaign there." (From the Polling Place Procedures Manual incorporated within Rule 1S-2.034, Florida Administrative Code) So, merely going to the polls wearing campaign paraphernalia is OK, but, by statute (s. 102.031(4), Florida Statutes), one cannot solicit voters within 100 foot of the entrance to any polling place.
MYTH: The address on the driver license must match the address in the voter registration record in order to be able to vote.
FACT: The address on the driver license does not need to match the address in the voter registration record. If you have moved and haven't changed your driver license to reflect your new address, that's okay. What is important is that you vote in the precinct where you currently live, no matter what your driver license says.
For more information on this issue, read this helpful guide.
MYTH: If your house is under foreclosure, you will not be able to vote.
FACT: A foreclosure notice does not necessarily mean that a person no longer resides in the home, as people often remain in the home after foreclosure begins and are sometimes able to refinance the home. Voters whose homes have been foreclosed but who remain in their homes may continue to vote in their assigned precinct. Voters who have physically moved from their foreclosed residence with no intention of returning to that address as their residence may still vote, but should provide a change of address to the supervisor of elections. You must vote in your correct precinct.
MYTH: If you are a Florida college student, you have to change your permanent residence to your college address.
FACT: If a college student registers with a legal residence in a Florida county, then no further proof of residency is required, regardless of where the college student's parents reside or whether the student intends to move back to where the parents are located.
MYTH: Provisional ballots are only counted when there is a close race.
FACT: A provisional ballot is always counted when the voter is shown to be registered and eligible, regardless of the closeness of the outcome of the election. A person who votes provisionally simply because he or she forgot ID at the polls will not have to do anything else. If the signatures on that ballot certificate and the voter roll matches, the provisional ballot is counted.
MYTH: Absentee ballots are only counted when there is a close race.
FACT: All absentee ballots are counted if properly executed, which includes making sure that the return envelope is signed and that the signature matches the voter's signature on record.
MYTH: If a voter owes child support or has pending warrants against him or her, the police will arrest the voter at the polls.
FACT: The voter registration rolls at the polls have no indicators whether a voter owes child support or has outstanding warrants against him or her. Furthermore, law enforcement personnel are not allowed in the polling place without the permission of the election board, so ordinarily there will not be any law enforcement personnel in the polling place to identify a voter who may have outstanding child support payments due or warrants against him or her.
MYTH: If the voter is homeless and has no legal residence, the voter may not vote.
FACT: State registration laws may not discriminate against the homeless in voter registration as long as the homeless applicant for voter registration intends to remain in a locale and has either a place where he can receive messages or an effective mailing address. The homeless person will vote in the precinct where the applicant receives messages (e.g., rescue mission) or the precinct in which the applicant's effective mailing address is located.

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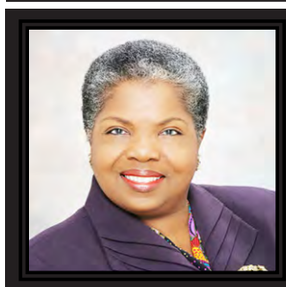

TALK OF THE TOWN!

E kaabo (eh-kah-bow). Welcome.

Frances Bradley, Columnist *frances@thefloridastar.com* *Volume Burks, Photographer*

The Buffalo Soldiers National Museum (BSNM), in conjunction with **The Buffalo Soldiers Historical Society of Jacksonville, Florida** (BSHS), presented a month long exhibit about the all Negro Civil War army units at the Jacksonville Main Library.

The final days of the Jacksonville exhibit featured a reenactment, "A Day in the Life of a Buffalo Soldier" of the 10th Cavalry Regiment after the Civil War. The soldier was played by **actor Wayne DeHart** whose body of work includes *A Time to Kill* with Matthew McConaughey and Samuel L. Jackson, *Once Upon a Time…When We Were Colored* with Phylicia Rashad, *A Perfect World* with Kevin Costner, and many more.

Replica of Buffalo Soldiers Union Army uniform

BSHS members, The Gustafsons, at exhibit of the Buffalo Soldiers National Museum

Left-right: Anita Shepherd, Felice Franklin, Maj. Charles Edward Williams, and Glenda Washington

Sitting, l-r: Brittany Burke, Persina Smith, Ethel Burrus, Norma Smith, and Jacqueline Burke. Standing, l-r: William Burke, Dee Johnson, Ibian Martinez, Analisa Kobelt, Stephanie and Panache Muwunganirwa

Left to right: Sam "Short Dawg" Belcher, BSHS V. P., sponsor Morris Jelks, North Florida Lincoln, S. D. Tatum, BSNM, Capt. Paul Matthews, BSNM, sponsor Dr. Hank Hill, and Joe "Hot Wings" Tillmon, BSHS Pres.

Actor Wayne DeHart and Buffalo Soldiers National Museum Founder/Chairman, Capt. Paul Matthews

Love Maze, 2nd from left: Ricky Wright, K. Ron Robinson, and James Reed. Guitarist Reggie Dantzler, far left.

Standing, l-r, Pastor Victoria "PV" Hamilton, Capt. Paul "PJ" Matthews, Founder, Buffalo Soldiers National Museum, and Gregory "Hard Drive" Williams. Sitting, l-r, Pastor William "P-Ham" Hamilton, Jr., and Wesley "Money" Scruggs

Left to right: Ok Sun Burks, Mazie and Reg Lawrence, Ronald and Barbara Breaker, and Frances Bradley, TALK OFTHETOWN!

Love Maze , whose old school show thoroughly delighted the crowd, vocal soloist and DJ, **James "J Truth" Hardiman**, who, in my opinion, should be under contract to a national record label because he's THAT good, and vocalist Shekina Bailey.

The delicious meal was catered by Ashley Street Catering, subsidiary of the Clara White Mission.

Travelling from Houston, Texas for the festivities was **Captain Paul "P.J." Matthews**, Founder and Chairman, Buffalo Soldiers National Museum, accompanied by **S. D. Tatum**, Marketing and Promotions Manager for the museum.

Also in attendance were sponsors **Morris Jelks**, New Car Sales Manager, North Florida Lincoln, **Dr. Hank Hill**, 21st Century Oncology, and representatives of Wells Fargo Bank.

Buffalo Soldiers Historical Society of Jacksonville, Florida.

Wobble baby, wobble baby, wobble baby, wobble!

Everyone had a blast. The planners are considering making this an annual event, which should increase the sponsorship provided this year by *Visit Jacksonville* and *Jacksonville and the Beaches Tourist Development Council*.

Officers of the non-profit organization are: **Joe "Hot Wings" Tillmon**, President; **Sam "Short Dawg" Belcher**, Vice President; **Gregory "Hard Drive" Williams**, Secretary/Historian; **Wesley "Money" Scruggs**, Treasurer; **Julius "Dark Knight" Grant**, Sergeant-at-Arms; **Pastor William "P-Ham" Hamilton, Jr.**, Business Manager; **and Veronica, "Butterfly" Grant**, Administrative Secretary.

The primary mission of the Buffalo Soldiers Historical Society is to preserve, promote and perpetuate the history of African- American military units, by conducting presentations and educational awareness programs in and around the Jacksonville community.

Springfield residents, left to right, Yolanda Copeland, and my cousins, Barbara and Ronald Breaker

Host Marlon Hubbard, right, and guest

The August Springfield First Friday event was hosted at the home of **Chevara Orrin and Marlon Hubbard**. The couple entertained neighbors and friends at the appropriately-themed *Summer Splash Soiree*, which featured the unique outdoor terrace, pool, and spa of their beautiful Springfield home. Guests were treated to the musical stylings of vocalist Akia Uwanda.

Chevara was also celebrating her status as a full-time Jacksonvillian. She and Marlon relocated to Jacksonville several months ago. Chevara, however, continued in her position as Director of Business Services at North Carolina's Winston-Salem State University and to operate the art gallery she and Marlon owned in that city.

I met this engaging couple last November when they hosted a reception for the Jacksonville Urban League (JUL) and the cast of Black Angels Over Tuskegee, a stage play about the Tuskegee Airmen which was sponsored by JUL. Chevara and Marlon are gracious hosts, exuding warmth that is so welcoming. Chevara's easy-going manner makes hostessing nearly100 guests in her home seem effortless.

In the words of my favorite recording artist, the late Luther Vandross, "this was the party no one wanted to miss."

Smile for TALK OF THE TOWN!

Hostess Chevara Orrin (background), carrying guests empties to the outdoor bar, while son William and friends smile for TALK OF THE TOWN!

Reuben Gaines and party guest smile for TALK OF THE TOWN!

Hostess, Chevara Orrin (white pants) and guests getting their dance on! Son, William, is in the foreground

Dr. Chloe Burks smiling for dad, Volume Burks

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Around The Area

President Barack Hussein Obama Lands in Orlando Florida

August 2 2012

Photos by Frank M. Powell III

The 44th President of the United States of America Barack Hussein Obama

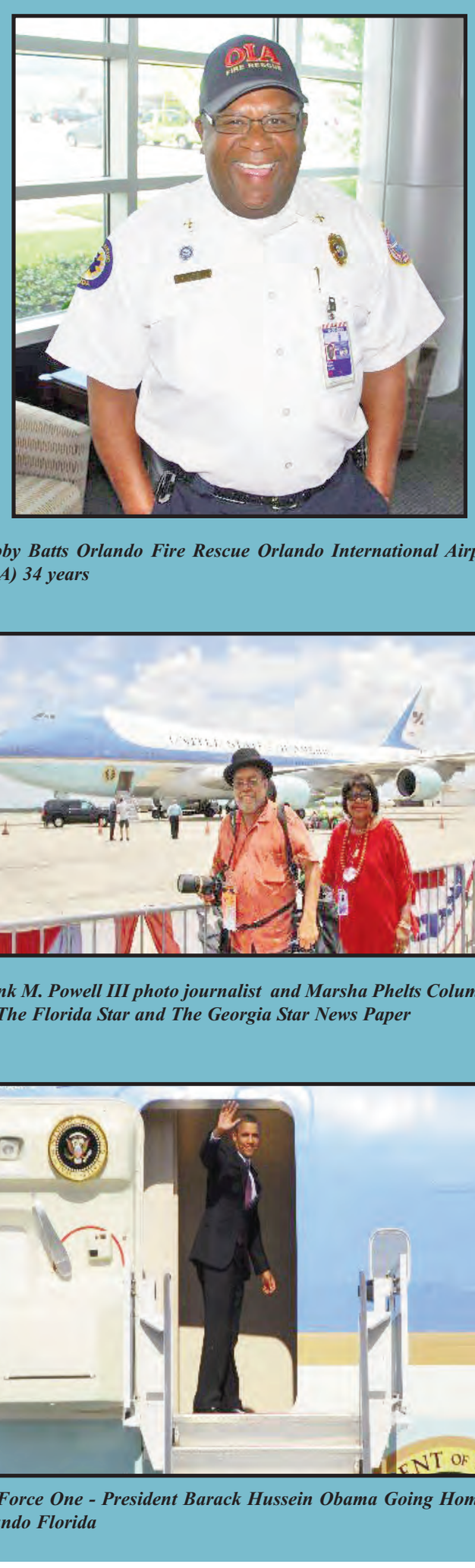
President Barack Hussein Obama reached the bottom step and was greeted by W. Lynum Orlando City Commissioner - District 5

Welcomed by a cheering crowd of 100. (Brian Cox with sunglass's on head.)

President Obama and Florida House of Representative Dwayne L Taylor

The President's limousine and twenty other vehicles in a police escorted motorcade head off to speak at Rollins College.

Air Force One Staff with my Air Force One Cups and Coins Yolanda Jennings



Bobby Batts Orlando Fire Rescue Orlando International Airport (IOA) 34 years

Frank M. Powell III photo journalist and Marsha Phelts Columnist for The Florida Star and The Georgia Star News Paper

Air Force One - President Barack Hussein Obama Going Home - Orlando Florida

ENTERTAINMENT

Eaddy Mays

A Teen Wolf's Scariest Nightmare!

By Rych McCain, feedbackrych@sbcglobal.com

Photo RMS

Every now and then a TV character comes along who is so attention commanding that you have to tune in weekly just to see what they will do next. These types of characters are the one's you love to hate, yet you actually admire and respect them in the deepest subconscious way. Even if they are right in their pursuits, you still root for them to lose just because they are that scheming and conniving. When one thinks of some of the most beloved hated characters in TV history, names like Larry Hagman as J.R. Ewing from the CBS night time soap "Dallas" and Joan Collins as Alexis Carrington from the other powerhouse night time ABC soap *"Dynasty"* easily come to mind. Well move over folks and make room, there is another name and character to add to that long distinguished list of legends and she is Eaddy Mays who portrays Mrs. Victoria Argent, wife of werewolf hunter Christopher Argent on the MTV smash hit series *"Teen Wolf."*

Mays' character on the show has been labeled by many as the scariest mom on TV because she will protect her family at all cost doing whatever is necessary regardless of the ethical or non-ethical stigma attached to it. She can hold her favorite weapon (a knife) up to a werewolf's throat without batting an eye one second then turn right around the next and be the sweetest mom on earth serving sweet treats. Mays, a University of Georgia – Athens, graduate with a degree in history, like all actors paid her dues via training and working up the ranks. Her latest film role is that of Agent Thomas in Tyler Perry's *"Madea's Witness Protection."*

On *"Teen Wolf,"* Victoria Argent is the arch nemesis of Scott McCall (played by Tyler Posey) who is a teen werewolf and is learning to control his powers as well as try to be normal while not only being hunted by Argent and her husband but be plagued by rival supernatural creatures as well. At the conclusion of the last and second season, Argent was bitten by Derek, another werewolf (played by Tyler Hoechlin). Rather than transition into one of the beast, she committed suicide to end the season. Will she be back? Only the writers know for sure. If not, she definitely made her impact on the show.

I was able to catch up with Mays as she walked the red carpet for the Tyler Perry "Madea's Witness Protection" premiere in New York. She was looking amazing. With all of the supernatural themes in TV floating around now, what is the set like for "Teen Wolf?" Mays responds, "It seems like there's that culture of vampires and zombies and oh, werewolves now! Um-um, this is not like anything else that's out there. It's a totally re-imagined treatment of this teen wolf. It's romantic, sexy, but its plot driven and its exciting and it can be scary and violent. You can't take your eyes off of it and I do some crazy stuff this season."

Since MTV is basically known for her reality show's, is scripted TV an area that the network is drifting into? Mays examines this by saying, "Teen Wolf has become MTV's #1 scripted show and the reason is largely due to the show's creator Jeff Davis. The man truly is brilliant and has re-imagined Teen Wolf in such a way that it is compelling. And he is supported by a cast and a crew that are very close knit and incredibly professional but at the same time fun!" Now that the subject of fun is on the table, how much of it is Mays having with her role? She laughs, "When you watch the show, it really is the scariest mom on TV. The show's creator Jeff Davis writes to our strengths which makes me a little nervous because I come off a little odd and people just think I'm crazy and very scary obviously and that's how I got that nick name the scariest mom on TV. But it is a real exciting role to play and nothing like I've ever played before. I have found a pension for playing the bad guy – the person you love to hate. Those tend to be the roles that I gravitate to so I'm really honored to get to play it in Teen Wolf." The show airs on MTV, Mondays at 10/9 CST.

Judge Brian Davis Has A Clear Record:

For nearly 30 years, Judge Brian Davis has served Northeast Florida with integrity and always upheld the law. From his days as a prosecutor to his current service on the bench, serving Clay, Nassau and Duval Counties, Judge Davis has distinguished himself as one of the most trusted and respected judges in Florida.

As an Assistant State Attorney, Judge Davis prosecuted some of the worst offenders and violent criminals who have threatened our neighborhoods.

As a judge, he has presided over more than 625 trials. On the bench, Judge Davis ensures that justice is done and those guilty of crimes serve their time. Judge Davis has built his reputation as a fair but tough judge who understands his job is to enforce the laws on the books, not write new laws. Judge Davis understands that keeping our communities safe is the best way to ensure Northeast Florida remains a great place to live, work and raise a family.

Known for his integrity and his balanced and fair approach, Judge Brian Davis will continue to use his passion, experience and honesty to serve the people of Clay, Nassau and Duval Counties.

"Having good, competent men and women on the bench is critical to our democracy because we are a country of laws. I believe I have served you well. Now, I am asking the voters in Clay, Nassau and Duval Counties to keep me as their Judge."

-Judge Brian J Davis

Rych McCain's Hollyhood Notes!

Music:

Global superstar ***Jennifer Lopez'*** career retrospective, ***"Dance Again…The Hits" (Epic Records)*** debuted at #6 this week on the ***Billboard's Hip Hop/R&B Charts,*** marking her 7th Top 10 Chart debut. One of the most successful recording artists of all time, Lopez has sold more than 70 million albums worldwide and scored 11 #1 hits. Just days after the earth-shaking announcement that she will join the judges' panel of ***FOX's American Idol*** when the series returns in 2013, multi-platinum global superstar **Mariah Carey** announces the release of her first new single in more than two years, as **"Triumphant (Get 'Em)"** featuring [fellow Island ***Def Jam*** artist] ***Rick Ross*** and ***Meek Mill*** goes to radio Thursday, August 2nd, and goes up for sale at iTunes next Tuesday, August 7th. Legendary performer and 17-Time GRAMMY winner ***Tony Bennett,*** who celebrated his 86th birthday on Friday, August 3rd, will release his latest CD, ***TONY BENNETT: VIVA DUETS,*** worldwide on Tuesday, October 23rd on ***Columbia Records.*** *VIVA DUETS,* is the singer's third duets-themed project, following the platinum selling and critically praised ***DUETS*** and ***DUETS II*** CDs. Featuring many top names in the Latin recording industry, *VIVA DUETS* finds Bennett performing his greatest hits with a celebrated roster of artists including ***Marc Anthony, Miguel Bose, Robert Carlos, Ana Carolina,*** Chayanne, ***Franco DeVita, Gloria Estefan, Vicente Fernandez, Maria Gadu, Juan Luis Guerra, Dani Martin, Romeo Santos, Thalia*** and ***Vicentico,*** with additional duet guests to be announced. A truly international endeavor, *VIVA DUETS,* features performances in English, Spanish and Portuguese with artists representing eight countries and three continents. Look for the October release of the self-titled, full length album debut from ***Old Time Machine (Ryan McNally*** and ***Kyle Cashen).***

Tech Head Movie & Music Producers:

Sony Creative Software, a leading provider of professional video and audio editing applications, today announced the availability of the latest upgrades to their award-winning line of consumer products which include Movie Studio ***Platinum 12*** and ***ACID™ Music Studio 9.*** These applications offer hobbyists, independent filmmakers and aspiring musicians the tools to produce compelling, professional-quality projects for distribution from the desktop to the cloud. ***Movie Studio Platinum 12*** provides users with an easy-to-use interface and straightforward editing process. New toolbar buttons for splitting and trimming video events, 3D project templates, additional stereoscopic 3D adjustment tools, and other usability enhancements make video editing startlingly intuitive. Movie Studio Platinum 12, along with its standard 32-bit installer, now boasts a native 64-bit installer for improved stability and performance. Users will also be able to upload their movies directly to **www.p ixelcast.com**, a new cloud-based creative and collaborative online service from Sony Creative Software that provides a unique way to share digital photos and videos. The latest version of ***ACID Music Studio 9*** offers users impressive workflow and performance enhancements with 24-bit/96kHz audio support, folder tracks, project segmentation, envelope automation, input monitoring, and enhanced multicore processor support. Also included is a one-year membership to Indaba Music (http://www.indabamusic.com/), an online community for musicians around the world to network and make music together through virtual collaboration. Desktop music production continues to evolve as consumers are looking for new ways to create a big studio sound.

Movies:

Total Recall. Columbia Pictures. Starring ***Colin Farrell, Bryan Cranston, Jessica Biel, Kate Beckinsale, Bill Nighy*** and ***John Cho.*** Produced and Directed by ***Len Wiseman***. Rekall is a company that can turn your dreams into a real memory. Doug Quaid (Farrell) is not having such a good life so he goes to recall for an escape and gets more than he bargains for when he finds out he is a trained spy. This film is more head trip orientated than the original. The dark futuristic scenes, fight sequences and action keep this one interesting.

2 Days In New York. Magnolia Pictures, a ***Polaris Production*** with ***Tempete Sous Un Crane, Senator Film, Saga Film, Alvy Productions, Inproduction, TDY Film Production, BNP Paribas Film Fund*** in assoc with ***Protozoa Pictures.*** Starring ***Chris Rock, Julie Delpy, Alexia Landeau, Alex Nahon,*** and ***Albert Delpy***. Directed by ***Julie Delpy***. Written by ***Julie Delpy*** and ***Alex Nahon.*** Produced by ***Christophe Mazodier.*** Mingus (Rock) and Marion (Delpy) are living happily ever after in their NY apartment with their two children from previous relationships when her dad, sister and her bone head boyfriend pop in unannounced from Paris. With all of these companies throwing money in the collection pot to make this film, they should have come up with something better than this! The humor is part French and American and doesn't jell at all. The film is too slow, boring and pointless. This one is better suited for middle-of-the-night TV when you can't sleep.

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CARIBBEAN NEWS

HISTORY MAKERS AND RECORD BREAKERS:

Athletes Force World To Focus On The Islands At Olympics

London 2012 will go down in history as the year Kimani James put Grenada on the map with its first medal ever, beating even the likes of The Bahamas' Chris Brown.

The Bolt and the Beast: Usain Bolt gets the gold the world expected him to win while training partner Yohan Blake seizes silver.

Shelly-Ann Frasier-Pryce gets gold and silver at London 2012 while Veronica Campbell Brown gets bronze.

Yamilet Pena Abreu disappointed herself in gymnatics but made the region proud as first gymnast from area.

By ARTHIA NIXON
Florida/Georgia Star

The Caribbean region continued to wow the world of athletics especially as it relates to track and field. At this newspaper, we are pleased to note the all but one of the athletes we told you to watch in our lead up to London 2012 medaled at least one of their respective events. This Olympics also saw Caribbean athletes out of the expected track and field events into other surprising arenas such as judo, equestrian and gymnastics.

We begin our salute to the Caribbean stars with Kirani 'Jaguar' James, who at 19, sailed past veterans in the 400M final, including Olympic medalist Chis Brown from The Bahamas to make history as the very first person from Grenada to win an Olympic medal. As many Caribbean countries watched the Games live on their respective home stations or on the British Broadcasting Channel (BBC), excited fans in James' hometown Gouyve, affectionately known as Kirani Town by locals, took to the streets to celebrate their golden boy. He is expected to return home to a hero's welcome as the first non-American to complete the race in under 44 seconds.

James' race was particularly interesting with the fact that no American men made it to the finals. In his last heat before the race, the teen took off his official name tag and exchanged it with South African runner Oscar Pistorius, the first double amputee to enter the Olympics alongside able bodied men.

Finishing behind James was 19 year-old Luguelin Santos of the Dominican Republic for silver, Lalonde Gordon of Trinidad and Tobago for bronze and Chris Brown of the Bahamas was fourth.

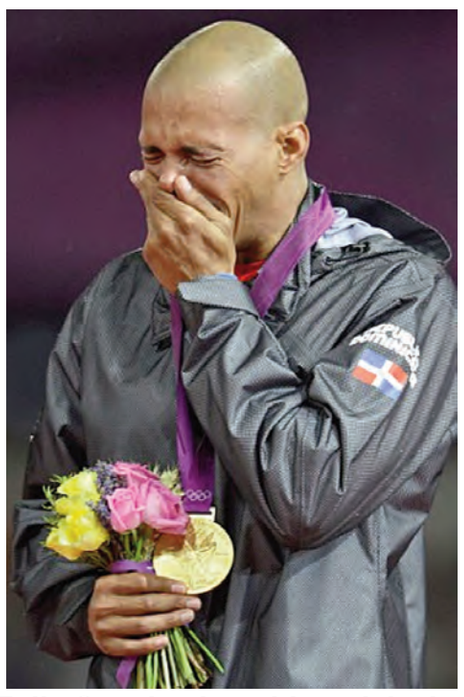
Other Dominicans shining at the Olympics were Yamilet Peña Abreu, who was the first from her country to compete in the Olympics from her country. Her disappointing vault left her visibly upset with a sixth place rank. However, it was Felix Sanchez's win in the 400 meters that bought the world to tears. The hurdler fell to the ground after removing a photo from his bib and wept for the grandmother who died hours before he ran in the 2008 Beijing Olympics. As the Dominican anthem played, he sobbed uncontrollably later explaining her support to him as a child.

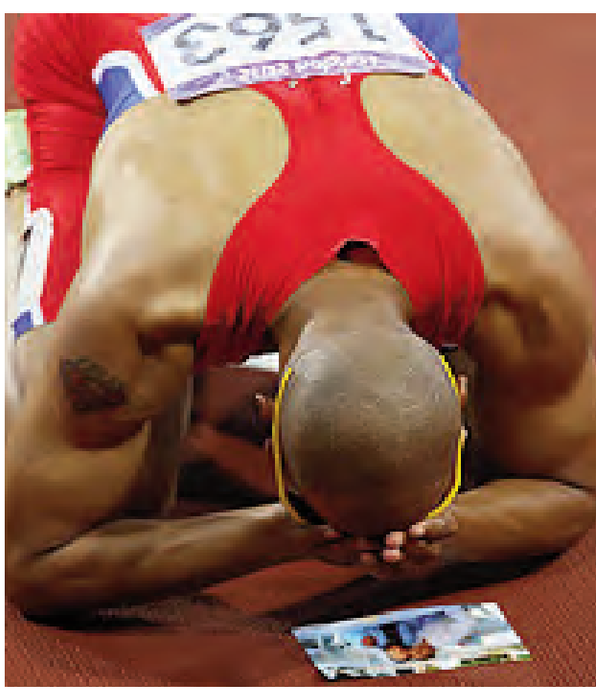
Yet all the brightest stars on the track from the Caribbean seemed to emerge from a single constellation known as Jamaica. And what better way for Jamaicans to celebrate the eve of their 50th Anniversary as an independent nation than with their national hero, Usain Bolt becoming the first man to win two consecutive 100M gold medals at the Olympics last Sunday?

Friends and training partners Usain Bolt and Yohan Blake (who was given the nickname Beast by Bolt because of his continuous approach to training) blazed down the track to win gold and silver ahead of American Justin Gaitlin. The pair teased cameramen with their playful antics, almost knowing they were going to bring medals back home. On Thursday, the Jamaican duo battled it out again for the top spot in the 200M final.

Setting off the cheers in Jamaica were Shelly-Ann Frasier-Pryce who won gold in the 100M and Veronica Campbell Brown who got bronze. Frasier-Pryce settled for silver in the women's 200M between Team USA's Allyson Felix and Carmelita Jeter.

The Caribbean's medal haul continues in next week's issue.





Felix Sanchez's gold medal win was overshadowed as he became known as the man who made the world cry, shedding tears for his beloved grandmother, who died hours before he raced at the Beijing Olympics.

Rihanna Chauffeurs Oprah Around In Barbados Between Tapings For Show

Oprah Winfrey recently wrapped up a shoot in Barbados with island celebrity Rihanna for her show Oprah's Next Chapter. She tweeted "@rihanna and I finishing up interview. What a refreshing surprise she is!" She also tweeted "Look who's driving me around Barbados!"
On a photo of her and the pop star walking along a beach, she tweeted "@rihanna and I finishing up interview. What a refreshing surprise she is!" The interview will air Aug. 19 at 9pm on OWN.

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Early Voters Have Until Saturday, Primary is Tuesday, August 14 - VOTE!

Supervisor of Elections Jerry Holland announced 2,228 voters have cast a ballot on the fourth day of Early Voting for the August 14th Primary Election.

As of Book Closing, July 16th, there are 529,849 registered voters in Duval County. At the close of business on Tuesday, August 7, 2012 a cumulative total of 6,746 voters have cast a ballot through the fourth day of Early Voting. In addition, 14,745 Vote by Mail Ballots was verified by signatures and have been validated to be opened and processed by the Canvassing Board.

This brings the total number of ballots cast through Day four of Early Voting to 21,491, which is 4.1% of eligible voters.

Early Voting continues at the 12 locations throughout Duval County through Saturday, August 11th. The Supervisor of Elections office will be sending daily reports indicating the cumulative totals of the number of voters who have Voted Early or Voted by Mail.

For a list of Early Voting locations and hours, including hourly updates of wait times to cast an Early Vote, please visit our website Duvalelections.com. For additional information regarding the number of voters who cast a ballot during Early Voting see chart below.

Early Voting Library locations hours are Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Early Voting SOE Office locations hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. All eligible voters may vote at any of the 12 Early Voting sites:

Duval County Supervisor of Elections Main Office - 105 East Monroe Street; Duval County Supervisor of Elections Branch Office – 5200-2 Norwood Avenue; Beaches Library – 600 3rd Street, Neptune Beach; Highlands Library – 1826 Dunn Avenue; Main Library - 303 N. Laura Street (Downtown); Mandarin Library – 3330 Kori Road; Pablo Creek Library—13295 Beach Boulevard; Regency Square Library – 9900 Regency Square Boulevard; South Mandarin Library – 12125 San Jose Boulevard; Southeast Library – 10599 Deerwood Park Boulevard; Webb-Wesconnett Library – 6887 103rd Street; and West Regional Library – 1425 Chaffee Road South.

Voters are encouraged to visit Duval County Supervisor of Elections website: Duvalelections.com in order to verify eligibility to vote for this Primary Election, and for the hourly wait times at each of the 12 Early Voting sites throughout the Early Voting period.

Voters should bring an accepted form of photo and signature ID with them when voting. Florida Statute 101.043 (1) states "The Clerk or Inspector shall require each voter to present one of the following current and valid picture identifications: Florida Driver's License, Florida ID card, U.S. Passport, Debit or Credit Card, Military, Student, Retirement Center, Neighborhood Association and Public Assistance Identifications".

For additional information about early voting for the Primary Election, please visit Duval County Supervisor of Elections website: Duvalelections.com

Photos: Frank M Powell III.

Above: Donald Hampton Volunteer and Supporter of Congresswoman Corrine Brown, Hannah Jones mother of Florida House of Representative Mia Jones, and Sister Monica Jones - Brown. Below: Voters get into the political spirit by registering.

Suzanne Bass, Circuit Judge Candidate, Group 34.

Below: Florida House of Representative Mia Jones, Donald Hampton Volunteer, Hannah Jones mother of Florida House of Representative Mia Jones, and Sister Monica Jones - Brown.

EARLY VOTING SITE NUMBERS 2012 PRIMARY ELECTION

Early Voting Locations	8/4	8/5	8/6	8/7	8/8	8/9	8/10	8/11	Totals
Beaches	167	85	214	235					701
Highlands	129	166	220	225					740
Main	40	35	74	72					221
Mandarin	145	89	205	242					681
Pablo Creek	81	43	128	117					369
Regency	175	82	230	235					722
SOE Branch	77	148	155	130					510
SOE Main	76	85	139	184					484
Southeast	131	66	173	181					551
South Mandarin	156	134	214	234					738
Webb-Wesconnett	98	90	181	214					583
West Regional	78	73	136	159					446
Total	1353	1096	2069	2228	0	0	0	0	6746

Gay - Continued from A-1

The Rev. R. L. Gundy, President of Florida's Southern Christina Leadership Conference, takes offense at the "gay controversy "being equated to the Civil Rights movement. He asserted, "I told them that this was wrong on the first day they were considering it. They have no idea how much harm this will do, and what they're getting themselves into."

Other Black ministers have decried the concept of the government legalizing homosexuality, including Senior Pastor Gary Williams of First Baptist Church of Mandarin. Dr. Williams says, "It's being made to sound the same as the Civil rights struggle, but it isn't. Other Black leaders said they support equal rights for all, but they are adamant that this law is morally wrong. They are taking great offense that the LGBT community is demanding rights and recognition by equating it to the struggle for racial equality.

Many proponents of this bill term those who disagree as "homophobic and full of hate." They advised Black pastors to move away "from the teachings of a homophobic church and love everybody." Pastors like Dr. Williams and Rev. Dr. Gundy, base their values and beliefs on the Bible. Their strong belief in the Bible as "the living Word of God" and their loyalty to it, contrasts sharply with the humanistic philosophy espoused by supporters of "The Gay rights bill." Bible believing ministers view the act of sodomy as sinful, and that endorsement of it by any level of government is rebellion against God. They further state that this is the God that allowed the United States to be established as a Nation. To go against the "law of God", is to bring curses, not blessings.

People of color have had to fight hard against oppression, and this is just one more example of a small group trying to control, by using misinformation to do so, says the pastors. The pastors contend that John Delany wants this bill passed saying it is good for business in Jacksonville and is adamant about wanting the people to vote. His goal was to pass the bill quickly, not giving time for the pastors and churches, to respond, according to many who are against the bill. They say Delaney knows that should city wide votes be taken, Godly morality will prevail.

Attorney Roger Gannam says, "The dangerous effects of the ordinance to business and individuals are real. Wherever laws like this ordinance have been passed, conscience free speech and modesty have been trampled. The 'gender identity' provisions require businesses and institutions to incur great expense to construct new multi gender facilities or instead allow chromosomal men (claiming female identity) to view women in various states of undress in locker rooms, dressing rooms and dormitories. And a public school must allow a boy to join the girls 'basketball team if he claims female identity. The ordinance provides no protection for the rights of conscience and free speech of business owners and employees of faith (regardless of religion) who have sincerely held religious beliefs against homosexual conduct."

Jeff Jackson and Jeff Burnsed, of Coral Ridge Baptist Church, are decidedly against this bill. Jackson says, "This is wrong, endorsing homosexuality is wrong. Allowing transgendered people to use bathrooms of the opposite sex is wrong, and I am totally against it. The whole thing reminds me of Sodom and Gomorrah, and they should put all of this to a vote. Let the people decide, not John Delaney and his friends." Pastor Burnsed adds, "The idea that this bill will increase business in this city is ludicrous. Other cities have passed similar legislation, including Philadelphia and Chicago. The results have been extremely problematic, as evidenced by the City of Philadelphia's "Human Rights Commission Guidebook" which can be found on their website. This law is hideous, demeaning to women in particular, confusing, and against the standard of King Jesus. We don't' need to rebel against the law of God, to sell King Jesus for our own thirty pieces of silver. No, as a city we must ban together as people of faith, protecting freedom, liberty and Biblical morality.

John Delaney and his cohorts wanted to pass this "as soon as possible" not allowing media to tell "both sides of the story." On Wednesday night, August 15th, the full City Council will meet and vote on this critical issue. You have time to notify your City Council, and Mayor Alvin Brown as to your convictions and beliefs. "You have time to rally your churches, and inform other pastors and community leaders. The Black Community will not just sit back and allow our rights to be trampled on, and our morality stolen through treachery and deception. Following the lead of our Godly pastors and ministers, we WILL make a difference! This is our city, and it is our government. Our civil rights were won through prayer, fight and years of suffering and determination. We will never let that legacy be cheapened." said the pastors interviewed.

President Barack Obama expressed his opposition to the Boy Scouts of America's reaffirmation of its policy of excluding gays on Wednesday. He also opposes discrimination in all forms, and as such opposes this policy that discriminates on basis of sexual orientation, according to his spokesman. Republican presidential hopeful Mitt Romney also expressed opposition to the ban, saying "all people should be able to participate in the Boy Scouts regardless of their sexual orientation."

Community Activities

Announcements, meetings, happenings, and community events scheduled in Jacksonville and the surrounding area

The Duval County Health Department (DCHD) has issued a mosquito-borne illness alert for Duval County. Human cases of West Nile Virus (WNV) have been confirmed and there is a heightened concern that additional residents will become ill. Duval County has five confirmed cases of WNV in 2012. Symptoms of West Nile virus may include headache, fever, fatigue, dizziness, weakness and confusion.DOH continues to conduct statewide surveillance for mosquito borne illnesses, including West Nile virus infections, Eastern equine encephalitis, St. Louis encephalitis, malaria, and dengue. Residents of Florida are encouraged to report dead birds via the website http://www.MyFWC.com/bird. For more information on mosquito-borne illnesses, visit DOH's Environmental Public Health website at http://www.doh.state.fl.us/Environment/medicine/arboviral/index.html or call your DCHD at 904-253-1850.

Jacksonville Florida Black Pride Weekend this Saturday, August 11, 2012.Wyndham Jacksonville Riverwalk, 1515 W. Prudential Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32207. Please contact 904.396.5100 for more information.

Jim Gaffigan on Saturday, August 11, 2012, at the Florida Theatre, 128 E. Forsyth Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202. Call 904.355.2787 for more information.

DJ SCOTT DRO on Saturday, August 11, 2012, at The Jacksonville Landing, 2 Independent Dr. W., Jacksonville, FL 32202. Contact 904.353.1188.

Summer Movie Classics: "CAPE FEAR" (1962) on Sunday, August 12, 2012, at the Florida Theatre, 128 E. Forsyth Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

JACKSONVILLE SUNS VS MOBILE BAYBEARS-Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville this Sunday, August 12, 2012, at 301 A. Philip Randolph Blvd.

Project Atrium: Tristin Lowe, MOCA Jacksonville on Sunday, August 12, 2012 333 N. Laura Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

The Curious World of Patent Models on Monday, August 13, 2012, at the Museum of Science and History (MOSH), 1025 Museum Circle, .Jacksonville, FL

Zigtebra-Underbelly, Monday, August 13, 2012, at 113 E. Bay St., Jacksonville,

Mugen Huso (Japan), THE 2416, DELPHIC SYBIL this Monday, August 13, 2012, at the Burro Bar, 100 E. Adams St., Jacksonville, FL 32202.

Downtown Top to Bottom Walking Tour on Tuesday, August 14, 2012, at The Jacksonville Landing, 2 Independent Dr. W., Jacksonville, FL 32202.

Air Force Sergeants Association 2012 Professional Airmen's Conference and International Convention, this Tuesday, August 14, 2012, at the Hyatt Regency at Jacksonville Riverfront, 225 E. Coastline Drive, Jacksonville, FL

"OnAir Wednesdays", on Wednesday, August 15, 2012, at the Mark's Downtown Club/Lounge, 315 E. Bay Street, Suite 101, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

An Alumni Serenade, Friday Musicale, on Thursday, August 16, 2012, at 645 Oak Street, Jacksonville, FL 32204.

What Every Man Over 40 Should Ask His Doctor

(StatePoint) Annual physicals may not be at the top of every man's to-do list, but these visits are crucial for longevity -- especially for those men over 40.

There's no better time than your check-up to have all your looming health questions answered. Make the most of your next visit by composing a checklist of things you'd like to talk about during your appointment.

No matter how healthy you feel, there are some discussion points you'll definitely want to cover:

Prostate Cancer Screening

Prostate cancer is the most common non-skin cancer in America, affecting one in six men, according to the Prostate Cancer Foundation. If you're a man over 40, there are several major risk factors that you need to know about. If you are African-American, or have a family history of prostate cancer, talk to your doctor about your prostate health, beginning at age 40.

The older you are, the more likely you are to be diagnosed with this potentially life-threatening illness, but that doesn't mean younger men are not also diagnosed. In fact, one in every 38 men aged 40 to 59 is diagnosed with prostate cancer. Talk to your doctor about when you should begin screenings and how you can lower your risk of diagnosis.

Be proactive! Visit the Prostate Cancer Foundation website at www.PCF.org for more information on risk factors, and to access a list of prevention tips.

Your Heart's Health

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, heart disease causes more than one in four deaths of men in the United States.

To get an accurate gauge of your risk, be honest with your doctor. He or she can't advise you properly if you don't share all the facts on your habits -- good and bad.

Have your blood pressure and cholesterol tested at recommended intervals. Ask your doctor if your levels are normal and what you can do if they aren't. If you don't currently get regular physical activity, your doctor can advise you on safely easing into an exercise program.

Diabetes Risk

Many people have the misconception that if something is wrong; their bodies will let them know. But diabetes often begins without symptoms. Your risk factor for developing diabetes goes up if you are overweight, have high blood pressure, or a family history of the disease. Ask your doctor if you need to be screened.

In the meantime, lower your risk for diabetes by maintaining a healthy weight. Your doctor is a great resource for helping you form an effective weight management plan.

It's vital for men to manage their risks for life-threatening diseases like prostate cancer, and one of the best ways to do that is with regular visits to the doctor. If it's been over a year since your last appointment, call today to schedule a visit.

Early Voting and Primary Election

Early Voting for the August 14th Primary Election began Saturday, August 4, 2012. House Bill 1355 amended Florida Statute 101.657 to state that the Early Voting time period will be reduced from 14 days to an 8 day Early Voting system. Early voting ends on Saturday, August 11, 2012.

All registered voters are eligible to vote in the August 14th Primary Election. Early Voting Library locations hours are Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Early Voting SOE Office locations hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. **All eligible voters may vote at any of the 12 Early Voting sites:**

Duval County Supervisor of Elections - Main Office - 105 East Monroe Street
Pablo Creek Library—13295 Beach Boulevard
Duval County Supervisor of Elections Branch Office – 5200-2 Norwood Avenue
Regency Square Library – 9900 Regency Square Boulevard
Beaches Library – 600 3rd Street, Neptune Beach
South Mandarin Library – 12125 San Jose Boulevard
Highlands Library – 1826 Dunn Avenue
Southeast Library – 10599 Deerwood Park Boulevard
Main Library - 303 N. Laura Street (Downtown)
Webb-Wesconnett Library – 6887 103rd Street
Mandarin Library – 3330 Kori Road
West Regional Library – 1425 Chaffee Road South

Voters are encouraged to visit Duval County Supervisor of Elections website: *Duvalelections.com* in order to verify eligibility to vote for this Primary Election, and for the hourly wait times at each of the 12 Early Voting sites throughout the Early Voting period.

Voters should bring an accepted form of photo and signature ID with them when voting. Florida Statute 101.043 (1) states "The Clerk or Inspector shall require each voter to present one of the following current and valid picture identifications: Florida Driver's License, Florida ID card, U.S. *Passport, Debit or Credit Card, Military, Student, Retirement Center,* Neighborhood *Association and Public Assistance Identifications".*

Community Activities, cont'd.....

August fastpitch! CoWork Jax, Wednesday, August 5, 2012, at 5 W. Forsyth St. Suite 200, Jacksonville, FL 32204. Call 904.586.8678 for additional information.

Project Atrium: Tristin Lowe on Wednesday, August 15, 2012, at MOCA Jacksonville, 333 N. Laura Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

FILM: RUNNING FENCE: Thursday, August16, 2012, at MOCA Jacksonville, 333 N. Laura Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202. Contact 904.366.6911

AUGUST HACKATHON: CoWork Jax, on Friday, August 17, 2012, at 5 W. Forsyth St, Suite 200, Jacksonville, FL 32204.Call 904.586.8678 for information.

River Rally - Pili Pili, River City Brewing Company, on Friday August 17, 2012, 835 Museum Cir., JacksonvilleL 32207. For information call 904.398.2299 .

City of Jacksonville Department of Public Works Vendor Sale on Friday August 17, 2012.

Please join us as we recognize the POPS VOLUNTEERS who so graciously invested their time and talents towards making our 2011- 2012 Program Year a Success. Friday, August 17, 2012 @ 11:00am until 12:30pm. Jacksonville Public Library, Bradham- Brooks branch, 1755 west Edgewood Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida, 32208. Please RSVP by Wednesday, August 15, 2012 to Wanda Graham, District Manager (904) 924- 3092 ext. 1194.

MAD DADS JACKSONVILLE CHAPTER PIECE/PEACE PARADE, Saturday, August 11 from 11:00 am beginning at Myrtle Avenue and 19th Street and proceed down Myrtle Avenue to New Kings Road to Edward Waters College. Lineup will begin at 9:30am. The parade theme: "PIECE/PEACE" is an effort aimed at asking individuals to lay down their "PIECE" for "PEACE". M.A.D D.A.D.S Jacksonville Chapter and The Kirkland Family are looking to bring peace back to our wonderful city by making others aware for the need to **STOP THE VIOLENCE.**

GEORGIA LOCAL SECTION - B

Team USA Has Some 30 Athletes On Team USA At The Olympics:

African-Americans Hope To Bring Gold Back To The Peach State

Here is another reason to cheer on Team USA - some athletes are right from our state.

DeeDee Trotter has blazed her way to bronze and the women who secured spots on the women's basketball team can taste the gold.

We interviewed hurdler who went after his third medal while sporting a full beard as a homage to Edwin Moses. Despite making it to the finals and not medalling, he did the state proud and went out with a bang.

DeeDee Trotter, who attended Cedar Grove High in Ellenwood won herself a bronze in London in her 400M race.

Aries Merritt won gold in his 110M hurdle race and will be bringing gold back to Marietta.

Donald Young's parents run the South Fulton Tennis Center in Atlanta.

Christian Taylor also hopes to jump his way to a medal.

George Kitchens, Jr of Augusta is a jumper.

Team USA is favored to win gold in basketball. Left is Angel McCoughtry who play with the Atlanta Dreams, right is Lawrenceville's Maya Moore.

400 Meter hurdler Angelo Taylor lives in Atlanta. He was born in Albany and trains at Emory.

Shot putter Reese Hoffa lives in Athens (above) while Loganville's Chaunte Lowe will compete in high jump.

Hyleas Fountain from Colubus competes in the track heptathlon.

Kibwe Johnson competes in the hammer throw. North Gwinnett High School and UGA.

SPORTS

THE GREAT GABBY DEBATE: Star Readers Weigh In

Photo Credit: Emmanuel Dunand/AFP/Getty

By ARTHIA NIXON
Florida/Georgia Star

Right around the same time Gabby Douglas jumped off the winner's platform, did the critics jump on her – and they jumped on her for seemingly any and everything!

The 16 year-old's double accomplishment of winning both individual gold and team gold medals was overshadowed by her hair. Critics went so far as to say that it was an Olympic sport just to keep her hair in place. The only other black woman in the world to know what it is to earn an Olympic medal for gymnastics, Dominque Dawes put down her duties as a correspondent and stood as one of Gabby's primary defenders.

"Focus on her achievements not her appearance," Dawes said the day after the hair issue seemed to take over Twitter and Facebook.

"As an athlete you're not focused on your appearance or you're not going to make those historic achievements that your daughter was able to make," she said to Natalie Hawkins, during an interview.

Hawkins herself has become scrutinized for allegedly fabricating how difficult it was to raise her children alone. Many said Gabby's father was out of the picture because his commitments in the armed forces required him to be overseas. Many also said she should not have allowed her children to put her in debt with activities and then tell her they wanted to move from Virginia to Iowa at 14. Hawkins and her daughter granted interviews to quash rumors.

However, over 70,000 hits came through our Facebook page after we went viral with Gabby's story. Shortly after we released a spoiler announcing her wins, we received a flood of support for the golden girl. However, one user stood out as saying he wondered when the backlash would begin and the haters would emerge.

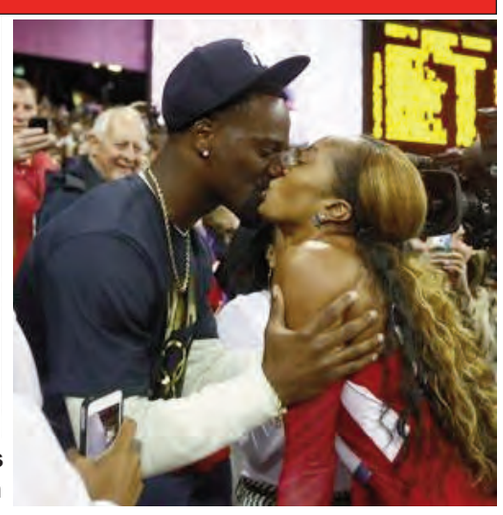
Uniform Place Shreveport LA wrote: "As woman Hispanic, I am so proud to see Gabby break through another barrier for all minorities, but most of all I am proud to be an American where feats like this are possible. God bless the USA, God bless Gabby."

"Enough is enough!!" said reader Gloria Lamar. " It was amazing to watch Gabby to achieve her gold medal. I could not imagine myself up in the air on the uneven bars, tumbling on the floor to stay within the lines, and above all to do the things on the balancing beam. You see, I was focused on her skills and couldn't see anything else. And, because I looked at the routins, all the athletics, I know Gabby was judged fairly based on her talenst that were executed skillfully. Gabby was focused on her goal and, I'm glad she did not get caught up in the small mindlessess of what people were saying because, otherwise she would have lost her dream and her primary focus on God who was behind her all the way. I am so proud of this 16 year old Olympic Gold Medalist and I know her family is too. Congratulations Gabrielle Douglas and I am buying my cereal. No one can hide my little Gabby from me."

Perhaps the best advice Gabby should consider was delivered via Madea in Tyler Perry's Diary of a Mad Black Woman: "Honey, folks are gonna talk about you til the day you die. And ain't nothin' you can do. Let folks talk. It ain't about what they call you… it's what you answer to."

And as people talk, Gabby's mother who once worked three jobs at a time, will soon be going in grocery stores and seeing her child's face on Kellogg's Corn Flakes. Gabby has already covered TIME, People and Sports Illustrated and now, she stands to rack up an estimated $90 million in endorsements.

Jaguars Deliver: Players End Practice Watching Cornerback Aaron Ross' Wife Sanya Richards Win Olympic Gold On Jumbotron



RIGHT: Jacksonville Jaguar Aaron Ross gives a congratulatory kiss to his golden girl Sanya Richards-Ross after she won the women's 400M race in London last week. ABOVE: Mrs. Ross in her victory lap.

By Arthia Nixon
The Florida/Georgia Star

As we reported shortly after Aarons Ross signed his contract with the Jacksonville Jaguars, the team would allow him to travel to London if his wife Sanya Richards-Ross made the Olympic team. We were elated to report that she made the team and last week, she made Team USA proud by becoming one of our nation's golden girls of the track by winning the 400M in 49.55 seconds. Deedee Trotter secured the bronze medal for the USA in the same event.

Sanya's win was also rejoiced in the Caribbean, where she was born in Kingston, Jamaica. Her parents and husband were seen cheering her on as she left her competitors behind, determined not to settle for the bronze she earned in 2008 at the Beijing Olympics.

"Finally!" her father was heard saying after she won the elusive gold.

Mrs. Ross' first order of business after winning was to celebrate with her loved ones, immediately running over to her

"I have dreamt of this moment for a very long time but nothing compares to this feeling! Never give up on your dreams!!!! God is good," she posted on Twitter. "I wish that I could have this moment for life... # Operation Gold complete!"

After her win, Mrs. Ross was asked what she planned to do with all of her and her husband's awards.

"I'm gonna lay my medals on top of his Super Bowl rings!" she joked.

Ross flew into London two days before his wife's race on Sunday. The following day he flew back 'cross the pond' to participate in practice on Tuesday. He and teammates watched her finish fifth in the 200M finals. After that, he was gearing up to face off against his former team, the New York Giants in Friday night's home preseason game.

When Ross returned to Jacksonville, he learned how his team celebrated his wife's victory. The 1,102 fans, players and coaches got a treat when Coach Mike Mularkey worked a miracle was able to work a miracle and show the race, which ended only an hour before, immediately after practice on the Jumbotron at Everbank Field. With the result of the race being unknown at the time to them, those present cheered on Mrs. Ross as she crossed the finish line.

John Oehser, Jaguars.com senior writer reported cornerback Rashean Mathis' sentiments of the happenings.

"I was just hoping she ran the race she wanted to run," Jaguars cornerback Rashean Mathis said. "With doing that, I knew she would win. I'm ecstatic, excited for him. He got a chance to go over there and see his wife win a gold medal, which is awesome. It's an experience they'll never forget."

He added that Mathis said it was also a powerful team-building moment.

"It's the little things," he said. "It definitely is. It means a lot. When Aaron comes back, to know we did it like that, I'm sure he'll be pleased as well. The little things like that make you want to play a little harder for the guys next to you and for the coaches who are coaching us."

The man who made it happen, Mularkey said he's anxious for Mrs. Ross to show them her gold medal upon her return.

"That was a good way to finish practice," he noted. "That was a neat experience for the players. I don't think any of them knew. The fans did a great job. I think that brought us a little closer as a team. It felt good to be out here with them to watch that. We're all proud of her, very proud of her."

TEAM USA MAKES FIRST LADY PROUD

Top: History making gymnast Dominque Dawes with Michelle Obama in the stands. Middle: The Williams Sisters are congratulated after third consecutive gold medal (Serena won singles also). Bottom: Hugs for the Dream Team basketballers.

By Arthia Nixon
The Florida/Georgia Star

There were a few records broken, a few titles maintained, history was made and for the first time, a black First Lady represented the United States of America in the person of Michelle Obama.

While the President paid a visit to our area, the nation's First Lady was there in the stands and sidelines cheering Team USA, never short an encouraging word or a sincere hug. Sightings of Mrs. Obama were as anticipated as Britain's Royal Family whose nation hosts this year's Olympics.

Mrs. Obama's 2012 duties at the Olympics as a black American First Lady comes over 100 years after the first black American, hurdler George Poage won two bronze medals in 1904 and Haitian-French rugby player Constantin de Zubiera was the first black person to ever compete the Olympics. In 1908, John Baxter Taylor, as part of the US track relay team, was the first black person of any nationality to win a gold medal. Long jumper DeHart Hubbard was the first black American to win an individual gold medal in the 1924 Paris Olympics. It would be almost another 20 years, at the 1948 London Olympics that a black American woman would win a medal – Alice Coachman for high jumping. Venus and Serena were the first black siblings to win doubles in tennis and the pair continued their reign.

And yet, again, the Dream Team has taken over London 2012, with Lebron James and Kobe Bryant signing autographs for players they defeated, and Destinee Hooker showing no mercy on the women's side. But do the athletes in a sport dominated by African-Americans know that it wasn't until 1948 that a black man played on the US Olympic basketball team in the person of forward Don Barksdale?

This year, two teenagers stood tall in the black community – 16 year-old Gabby Douglas became the first black person to win an individual gold in gymnastics and 19 year-old Kirani James took home the very first medal for his Caribbean country of Grenada – gold (see Sports). And with the Games still going on, there may be more to come.

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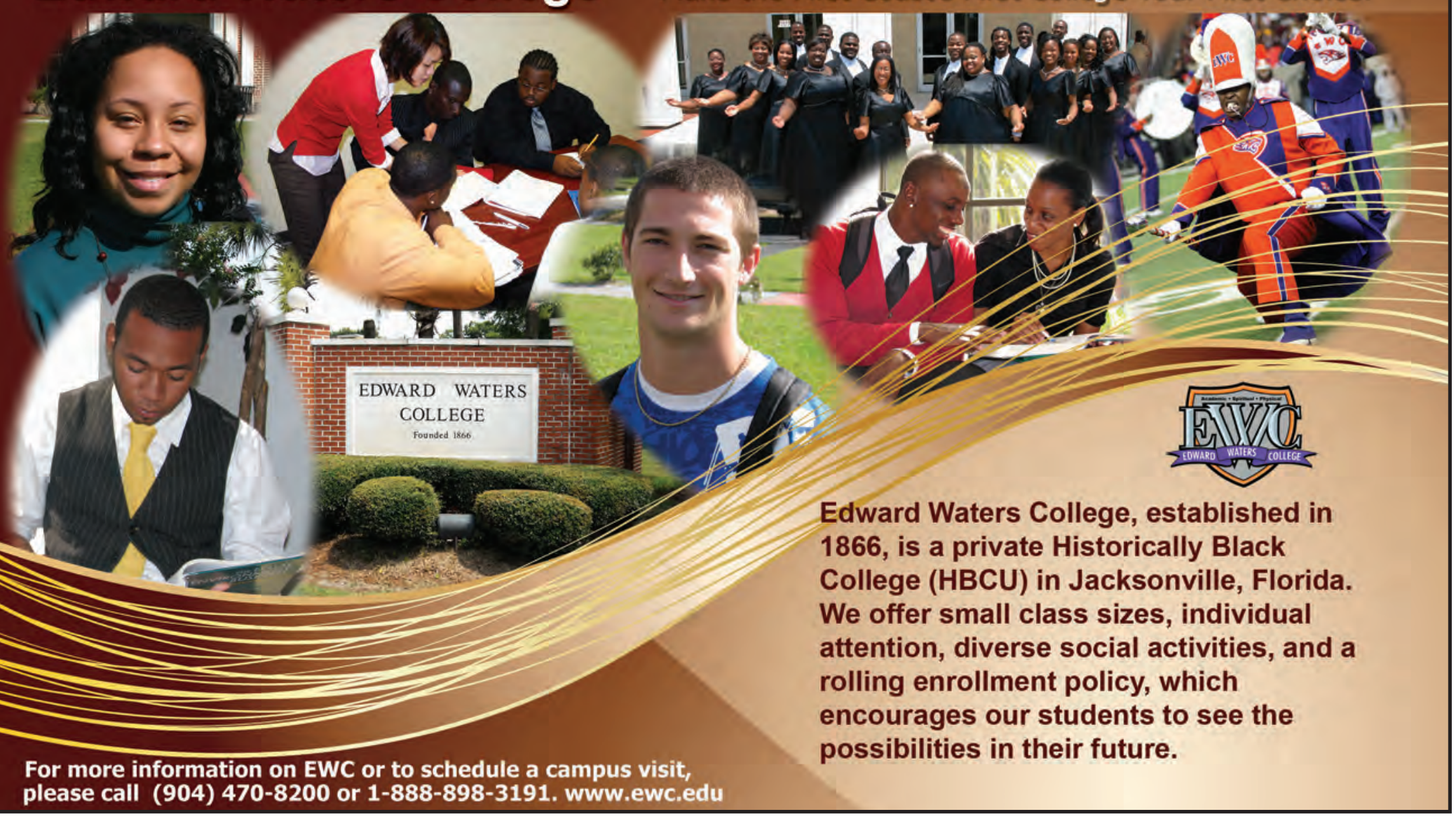

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Tri-Caucus Marks 47th Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965

Washington, DC [CapitalWirePR] August 7, 2012 –This week marks the 47th anniversary of the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, a landmark piece of legislation that outlawed discriminatory voting practices. The Chairs of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus (CAPAC), Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) and Congressional Hispanic Caucus (CHC) released the following statements:

Congressman Emanuel Cleaver (MO-05), CBC Chair: "At a time where the right for millions of Americans to vote is once again being threatened, it is critical for us to remember the significance of this day and the events that led to the passage of this landmark legislation.

"Forty-seven years ago, this country took a stand to protect people of color from nefarious disenfranchisement tactics. Today, while we celebrate passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, nearly 5 million people's right to cast their ballot is once again under attack. Six years ago, no voter identification law existed. Today, at least 33 states have introduced contemporary versions of voter ID requirements and at least 13 states have introduced bills to end Election Day and same-day voter registration that allows millions of voters, particularly minorities, the elderly and those from low income households to participate in the democratic process. We cannot let this stand.

"As we honor the work done by those who fought to preserve this right, Members of the Congressional Black Caucus reaffirm their commitment to protecting the voting rights of all Americans and to make sure that no eligible voter is turned away from the ballot box this year or ever again."

Congresswoman Judy Chu (CA-32), CAPAC Chair: "This November, we must ensure that every eligible American voter has an opportunity to have their voice heard. We learned this lesson the hard way; past generations have fought, bled and died for the right to participate in our democracy today. As we recognize the 47th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act, it is troubling to see politicians around the country trying to erode these protections and bring us back to the days when the right to vote was limited to a privileged few. In the spirit of the Voting Rights Act, we must overcome these attempts at voter suppression and protect our American democracy."

Congressman Charles Gonzalez (TX-20), CHC Chair:"The Voting Rights Act restored justice, equality, and fairness to our country's most sacred right: the right to vote. At a time when we have witnessed unprecedented attacks on the right to vote, now more than ever is a time to not only celebrate the anniversary of this historic legislation, but we must also fight to maintain its legacy and integrity."

On August 6, 1965, President Lyndon Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act into law. The legislation prohibited denying individuals the right to vote based on their race or prerequisite qualifications like literacy tests. Johnson's actions enfranchised millions of minority voters whose ability to vote had been thwarted until that point by Jim Crow Laws.

The day the Voting Rights Act was signed, President Johnson declared, "This act flows from a clear and simple wrong. Its only purpose is to right that wrong. Millions of Americans are denied the right to vote because of their color. This law will ensure them the right to vote. The wrong is one which no American, in his heart, can justify. The right is one which no American, true to our principles, can deny."

The Voting Rights Act has been reauthorized five times since then, most recently in 2006. Over the past year, several laws have been introduced and passed in state legislatures across the country that would arguably suppress the voting rights of minority, elderly, youth, and disabled voters.

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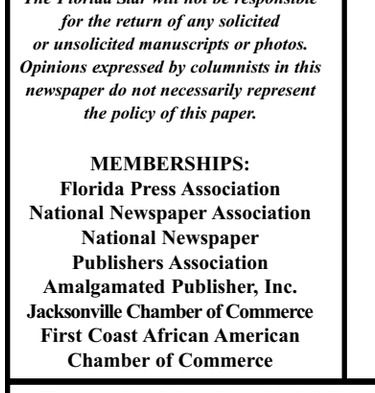

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Keynote Speakers for the Convocation include: Tuesday Night, August 14, Elder Cedric Johnson, Pastor of Carpenter's House Church of God In Christ, Jacksonville, FL.

Wednesday Night, August 15, Mother Mildred Eason, Jurisdictional Supervisor of Women;

Thursday Night, August 16, Prophet Dwight Follins of Jacksonville, FL.; and,

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John Washington Named College of Law Assistant Dean for Admissions

Orlando, Fla. – Attorney John Washington, II, who most recently served Florida A&M University (FAMU) as director of the pre-professional law program, has joined the College of Law as assistant dean for Admissions.

Washington, a native of Gainesville, Fla., gained considerable legal experience prior to working with the university. He worked with the Department of Business and Professional Regulation and the State of Florida Correctional Privatization Commission before making the move to the higher education sector. He has also served FAMU as an adjunct professor of Business Law.

"Attorney Washington brings to the College of Law a grassroots approach to recruiting that supports the mission of this law school," said Dean LeRoy Pernell. "His expertise in working with undergraduate students interested in pursuing law will greatly enhance our overall recruiting efforts."

As director of the pre-professional law program, Washington designed and taught courses to prepare students for the Law School Admissions Test, and held workshops on law school admissions and personal statement writing. He also advised students who expressed an interest in pursuing a career in law.

Washington was instrumental in collaborating with the College of Law to establish the FAMU All-Stars Program and Inaugural All-Stars Tour. This initiative is aimed at attracting the most gifted students from FAMU's main campus to attend the College of Law in Orlando. The College of Law hosted the All-Stars for a two-day introductory program in February 2012. Several students who participated in the program will attend the College of Law in the fall with full or partial scholarships.

Washington is a graduate of the University of Florida's Levin College of Law. He also served as a legislative affairs director for the Florida Department of Corrections, where he provided legal advice to the Bureau of Legislative Affairs. He is a member of the Florida Bar.

JACKSONVILLE TEENS WIN STATEWIDE VIDEO CONTEST BY HIGHLIGHTING DANGERS OF CYBER ABUSE

Contest Designed for Teens to Educate Peers on Safe Technology Uses

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – "Words hurt more than you think…" This is the main message a group of Jacksonville teens used to educate their peers about the inappropriate use of technology as part of Verizon Wireless' inaugural Teen Technology Panel video contest. Competing against several other teens from across the state, Ciara Earrey, Allen Marolt and Charles Porter of Jacksonville's Paxon School for Advanced Studies were the creators of the winning video, titled "Words Hurt." The user-generated video contest was designed to not only educate teens about the dangers of abuse, but also to help them promote empowerment and self-identity.

"Words Hurt," which shows the ongoing effects of cyber abuse on a young girl, received 370 views in one week, making it the clear winner among the five finalists' videos. As an extension of Verizon Wireless of Florida's Teen Technology Panel, this contest adds to the educational statewide initiative that creates awareness of technology's impact on dating violence among teenagers.

"The profound messages showcased among our finalists' videos were extraordinary," said Pam Tope, Florida region president for Verizon Wireless. "We applaud participants for their efforts and hope they continue to promote awareness and advocacy among their peers."

Participating teens were asked to submit a short video highlighting what's "not ok" when it comes to cellphone use, and how they can stop abusive uses of technology. The winning team from the Paxon School for Advanced Studies created the entry in their TV production class. The group will receive a $500 savings bond, and Verizon Wireless will make a $500 donation to a local organization of the group's choosing. The group's teacher, Andrew Bowen, stressed the importance of teens educating teens about this important social issue.

"Students hear so much about the dangers of technology and the effects of their actions on others and just dismiss it," says Bowen. "But when the message comes from their peers, it carries much more weight."

The contest was launched in February, during the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence 2012 Youth Summit. For more information about the contest, its rules and regulations as well as to view the finalists' videos, visit www.facebook.com/VerizonWirelessFL.

From Kindergarten to College, the Three "R's" for Going Back to School are Reduce, Reuse and Recycle

Waste Management offers tips on reducing waste volume

As students throughout Florida go back to school in the coming weeks, it is easy to go green in reducing, reusing and recycling waste while also planning green programs and events for the new academic year.

"There are very simple things we can all do that will make a difference today," said Amy Boyson, Community Affairs Manager for Waste Management. "Additionally, educating the younger generation will yield long term benefits as they become engaged in working toward a more sustainable future."

In addition to working with universities to create green campuses, Waste Management offers a K-12 resource in partnership with Discovery Education at www.ThinkGreen.com/classroom which features standards-based lesson plans, videos and interactive activities that extend learning to the home. Waste Management suggests the following tips:

Students and parents

Pack lunches in washable, reusable bags instead of disposable bags and use reusable containers rather than sandwich bags and foil.

Get environmental and health benefits by making fresh, whole fruit part of the meal since it comes with its own packaging.

Take water in refillable bottles. Those with a cap can be clipped to a lunch bag.

Reuse old notebooks and backpacks after updating them with new zipper pulls and appliqués.

Make a scrap paper box and use the blank side for drafts of homework before recycling the paper.

Visit consignment stores and vintage clothing shops to reuse fashionable accessories and save on clothing expenses.

Set a specific goal to increase recycling around the home during the holidays and, after achieving it, reward yourself in the New Year.

College students

Learn what programs your school offers. Students participating in Florida International University's single stream recycling program with Waste Management helped the university reduce all of its waste by 30 percent.

A 2011 survey conducted by the Princeton Review reported that 69 percent of the college applicants surveyed said their decision to apply to or attend a school would be influenced by the college's commitment to environmental issues. Energize your dorm, fraternity, sorority and friends with motivational events such as a green move-in/move-out in which items can be given to local charitable groups to reuse and repurpose.

Use recyclable batteries and "smart" power strips that stop appliances from drawing power when they are not in use.

Find the coffee mugs, travel cups and beverage containers that fit your style and personality and reduce the use of disposable paper cups.

Schools

Create a green council and conduct an assessment to identify opportunities and implement policies.

Give each classroom a receptacle to recycle paper. Recycling aluminum cans and plastic bottles in the cafeteria requires only a small effort.

Teachers can create environmentally themed classroom projects utilizing many resources on the Web.

Make it a school-wide event such as going green for the big game or a green prom.

Jacksonville to Host USTA/Nickelodeon Tennis Festivals in Sept., Oct.

Jacksonville, Fla., will host two community tennis festivals in September and October for children age 10 and under in conjunction with Nickelodeon's 2012 World Wide Day of Play.

The USTA Free Tennis Play Days in celebration of Nickelodeon's Worldwide Day of Play aim to gets kids active and involved in local tennis programming. The Jacksonville events will be held on Sept. 15, 2012, from 1-3 p.m. at Boone Park, and on Oct. 6 from 1-3 p.m. at Jack Russell Park. The events will feature on- and off-court activities, a DJ, dancing, face-painting and more, as well as tennis games and play.

"These will be our second and third tennis festivals that USTA Florida is putting on in Duval County since being selected as a 10 and Under Tennis Target Market and receiving the $100,000 grant from USTA national and USTA Florida," said USTA Florida Jacksonville-area Tennis Program Coordinator Amanda Becker. "We hope this event will provide many children with their first on-court experience with tennis and the opportunity to sign up for additional programming."

In the weeks leading up to the event, school assemblies will be featuring tennis at schools surrounding Boone and Jack Russell parks.

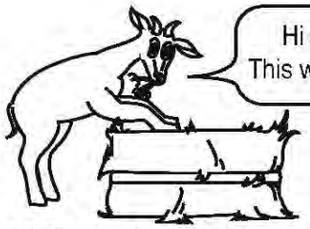
"The USTA's partnership with Nickelodeon and participation in its Worldwide Day of Play provide a wonderful platform for us to encourage millions of young people everywhere to begin leading a more active and healthy lifestyle, and that playing tennis is a great activity to make that happen," said Jon Vegosen, chairman of the board and president, USTA national. "Through our 10 and Under Tennis programming, we are able to get more tennis racquets in kids' hands at a younger age, cultivate their love and enjoyment of playing tennis, and help stem the onset of childhood obesity."

In addition to its partnership with Nickelodeon, the USTA has also joined forces with First Lady Michelle Obama for her "Let's Move!" campaign to help get kids moving through tennis and earn their Presidential Active Lifestyle Award (PALA). The PALA award recognizes kids who stay active for 60 minutes per day, five days a week for six out of eight weeks

For smaller children, the Jacksonville tennis festivals will feature the 10 and Under Tennis format of play. 10 and Under Tennis features the right-sized equipment for kids age 10 and under, utilizing smaller, lighter racquets and softer, lower-bouncing balls, and kid-sized nets and court sizes. 10 and Under Tennis is creating a whole new generation of players in the U.S., introducing kids to tennis in a fun format rather than with the frustration of regular tennis balls that bounce over their heads, heavy adult-sized racquets and too much court for little legs to cover.

"We are also seeking volunteers to help at these two events, no tennis experience required," Becker says.

For more information contact Amanda Becker at becker@florida.usta.com or go to www.USTAJacksonville.com.



Hi everyone. It's me, Peak, again! This week I'm visiting my cousin at the farm. There are lots of different animals here. Get a piece of paper and list all the ones you can think of. Then do my farm puzzle!

Farm Times

Riddles & Rhymes!

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Read the riddles to fill in this farm animal puzzle:

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2. I can eat many kinds of plants. My milk may be drunk or made into cheese. I don't have a "baaaaaad" attitude.
3. I am the "purrfect" pet. I chase mice away. I may not get along with the dog!
4. I have a long neck like a camel. My soft fur is used to make clothing and blankets. I can help carry things up mountains. I am calm, but watch out – sometimes I spit!
5. If I am a rooster, I crow at sunrise. If I am a hen, I lay eggs.
6. I might eat hay, grass, barley or corn. My milk can be made into butter, cheese, yogurt and ice cream. I even have a type of bell named after me!
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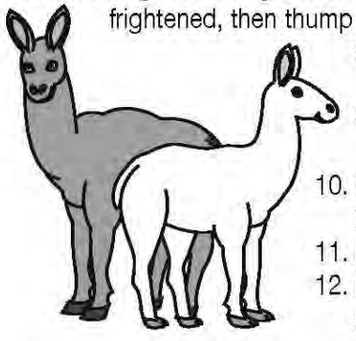

8. I lay eggs. My feathers are used for pillows. I have good eyesight and honk loudly when something seems wrong.
9. My fluffy wool ranges in color from creamy white to black. It is sheared and used for making clothing and carpeting.
10. Some say I like damp and rainy weather. My babies follow me in a line. I have webbed feet for swimming.
11. I help to herd and gather sheep. I guard and protect.
12. I have a pink curly tail. I lie in mud to keep cool. When someone makes a mess others may joke that they act like me.

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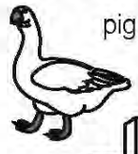

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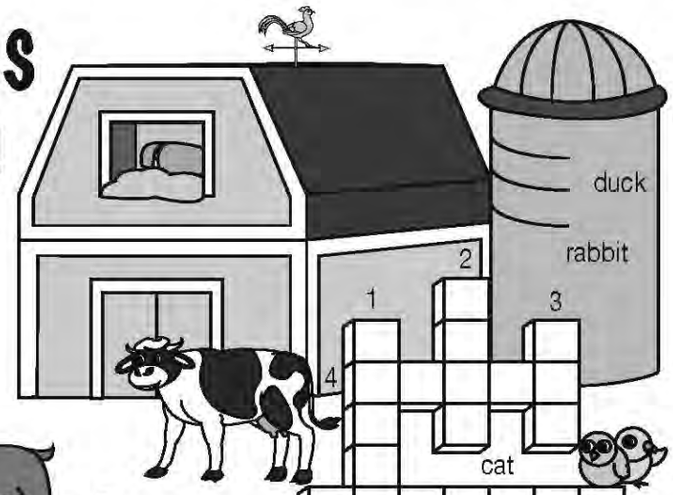

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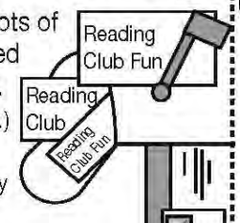

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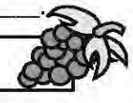
2. Large, refrigerated tank trucks let us deliver milk with ease – to the dairy plant to be readied for butter, cream and _____.
3. Black and yellow insects can 'bee' farmed to make us money; dripping sweetly in their hives is gold, delicious _____.
4. A livestock farm may have ranchers or sheepherders – like little Bo Peep; they breed different animals like goats, cattle and _____.
5. An orchard grows apples to bite and bake and squeeze; it's a farm that plants endless rows of leafy apple _____.
6. A cranberry bog grows bitter berries we crush into sauce and chomp; they're farmed in wet, marshy fields that look a bit like a _____.
7. A vineyard is a farm for grapes, the fruit that grows on vines; the grapes are used in juice and jam, in jellies and in _____.



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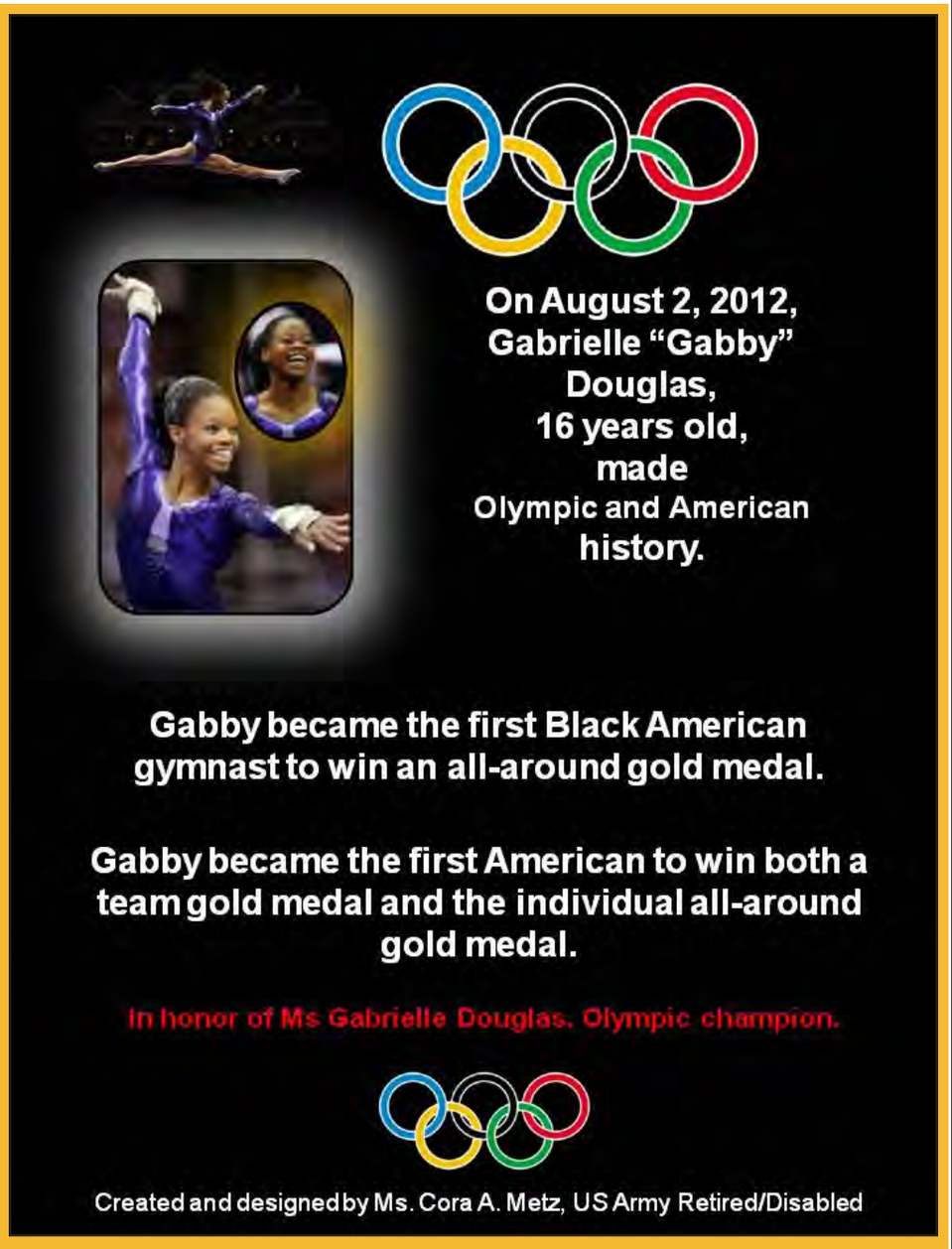
Xavier on first trip to Washington, D.C

Xavier at the Capitol Building



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Crime and Justice

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As an African - American newspaper, we basically report on offenses committed by African - Americans. Please note that in our observations, weekly reports show that African - Americans DO NOT commit the largest percentage of criminal offenses in this area.

Loud Music Leads to Weapon Charges

Leon Mercurius

A man was arrested and faced with charges that began because of excessively loud music blaring from his car.

Police received numerous complaints from the neighborhood near a nightclub of excessive noise and music blaring from vehicles when the bar closed at 2 a.m. While deputies were clearing out the parking lot, 23-year-old Leon Akeem Mercurius exited the night club, got into his car, and had very loud music blaring from inside the car; exactly what the neighbors were complaining about. Mercurius was ordered several times to turn the music down but did not comply and began cursing at deputies. He then attempted to flee toward the exit by accelerating away from deputies but the path was blocked by other cars trying to leave. Deputies told Mercurius to exit the car but he continued to refuse orders.

Deputies attempted pulling him out of the car but he attempted to drive off again. Deputies were finally able to get the car stopped and got him out of the blue Toyota. He began resisting, continued to struggle, but was finally subdued and handcuffed. When deputies did a search of the car before being towed, they discovered a fully loaded 9mm semi-automatic handgun concealed in the driver's side door.

Police did a criminal history check on Mercurius and were advised that he was arrested on July 8, 2011 for aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and that he was currently out on $50,000 bond pending trial. Mercurius was also arrested on December 29, 2011 for aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, in connection with a Christmas morning stabbing at a grocery market. He was said to have stabbed a man using a 6 to 7 inch knife. He was released on $50,000 bond. On February 18 this year, Mercurius was slashed with a straight razor after two men held him in retaliation for the Christmas morning stabbing.

After Mercurius was arrested for the recent crime, he was charged with carrying a concealed firearm, resisting arrest, and disturbing the peace (loud music). He remains in jail on no bond.

Man Sentenced to 45 Years in Prison

Raymond Austin

A man was arrested and was sentenced to 45 years in prison for participating in a series of crimes, including first-degree murder and attempted murder.

Police say 19-year-old Raymond Matthew Austin Jr. and 36-year-old Shanda Merritt lured Davis into a parking lot where they shot him in the chest. Davis survived the shot and was said to have been Merrit's ex-boyfriend.

The car used in the shooting was said to have belonged to 83-year-old Charles Soukup. Soukup was found shot and strangled in the woods near an airport. Austin, Merritt, and another man, Corey De'Angelo Harrington, 19, are all being charged with first-degree murder, kidnapping, carjacking, and armed robbery. The incident with Soukup and Davis were said to have all happened on the same day.

Austin is being charged with attempted second-degree murder with the shooting involved with Davis. He was also sentenced to 45 years in prison. Merritt will be charged with attempted murder as well in her upcoming trial this month.

sSSHH! From Actual Police Reports

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EDITOR'S NOTE:
All suspects are deemed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law. The Sheriff's Office reports are a matter of public record. The Star seeks to educate in the hope of keeping our community safe.

3 Children Charged with Felony Charges

Three children were arrested and charged with multiple felony charges after breaking into homes and causing extensive damage.

Police say a neighbor heard glass breaking and kids laughing as acts of burglary and vandalism were taking place. The neighbor then observed one boy breaking out of the front window and another boy destroying drywall in the home. The neighbor went inside the home through a broken sliding door and caught the three boys beating on the walls. He then contacted police and told the boys to sit down until authorities arrive.

Deputies responded and saw the inside of the home severely damaged. Glass windows were found broken throughout the home, every room had drywall damage, a glass door was shattered, cabinets were damaged, and miscellaneous items scattered throughout the house.

Information about the three boys was taken by deputies and their parents were notified until they could locate the owners of the vacant home to see if they wanted to press charges. A record check showed a law firm as the owner of the home but they advised they were not. Instead they gave the names of the former owners who are currently in foreclosure of the property. Numerous attempts were made to contact the owners, but were unsuccessful. Deputies finally were able to locate the owners who said they still owned the property and wished to press charges.

The Maurer twins were located and arrested and Sabja was arrested four days later. All three were charged with felony burglary to an unoccupied dwelling, and felony criminal mischief. Anthony Maurer was sent to the Department of Juvenile Justice for 21 days. According to reports, on July 4, he and another 13 year old boy were arrested for burglary (boat), boat theft, grand theft (kayak) and petit theft for stealing a kayak, boat items, and attempting to steal a boat. Ryan Maurer and Sabja were released to their parents for 21-days home detention.

Your Safety

Street Smarts

It is always important to be aware that anything can happen and that you are always at risk when you step out of your house. Here are some tips to keep in mind:

Basic Street Sense

• Wherever you are - on the street, in an office building or shopping mall, driving, waiting for a bus or subway - stay alert and tuned in to your surroundings.
• Send the message that you're calm, confident, and know where you're going.
• Trust your instincts. If something or someone makes you uneasy, avoid the person or leave.
• Know the neighborhoods where you live and work. Check out the locations of police and fire stations, public telephones, hospitals, and restaurants, or stores that are open late.

On Foot

• Stick to well-traveled streets. Avoid shortcuts through wooded areas, parking lots, or alleys.
• Don't flash large amounts of cash or other tempting targets like expensive jewelry or clothing.
• Carry a purse close to your body, not dangling by the straps.
• Put a wallet in an inside coat or front pants pocket, not a back pocket.
• Try to use automated teller machines in the daytime. Have your card in hand and don't approach the machine if you're uneasy about people nearby.
• Don't wear shoes or clothing that restrict your movements.
• Have your car or house key in hand before you reach the door.
• If you think someone is following you, switch direction or cross the street. Walk toward an open store, restaurant, or lighted house. If you're scared, yell for help.
• Have to work late? Make sure there are others in the building, and ask someone - a colleague or security guard - to walk you to your car or transit stop.

Auto Theft and Carjacking

• Keep your car in good running condition. Make sure there's enough gas to get where you're going and back.
• Always roll up the windows and lock car doors, even if you're coming right back. Check inside and out before getting in.
• Avoid parking in isolated areas. Be especially alert in lots and underground parking garages.
• If you think someone is following you, don't head home. Drive to the nearest police or fire station, gas station, or other open business to get help.
• Don't pick up hitchhikers. Don't hitchhike.

On Buses and Subways

• Use well-lighted, busy stops.
• Stay alert! Don't doze or daydream.
• If someone harasses you, don't be embarrassed. Loudly say "Leave me alone!" If that doesn't work, hit the emergency device.
• Watch who gets off with you. If you feel uneasy, walk directly to a place where there are other people.

Bizarre Crimes

who, what, when...huh?

Package Delivered Filled with Drugs

Tori Scott

A woman was arrested for a package containing cocaine, prescription pills, and marijuana.

Members of the Multi-Agency Drug Task Force conducted a controlled delivery of a package with the United States Postal Service. The presence of narcotic odor from the package was verified with the help of a trained narcotics K9. An inspector delivered the package to the address it was supposed to be delivered. Instead of the male name on the package, a 20-year-old woman named Tori Scott accepted the package. The inspector then conducted a consensual citizen encounter with Scott in front of her apartment. During the consensual encounter, Scott stated she was going to take the package for her friend. Also instead of signing her name, she signed a different name, which she later said she did because she was scared and being asked too many questions.

Scott consented a search of the package and signed a Permission to Search Form. Located within the package was a bag containing a large amount of suspected cocaine, a prescription bottle containing hydrocodone pills, and a plastic prescription container containing less than 20 grams of suspected marijuana.

Scott was arrested and charged with trafficking in cocaine (over 200 grams), trafficking hydrocodone (over 28 grams), and possession of marijuana. The investigation also led to the seizure of over $10,000.00 in currency and the freezing of several bank accounts related to the investigation, accounts which contain $9,000.00 believed to be the proceeds of felony activity.

Bearded Thief Flees and Returns to Scene Clean Shaven

A man who stole from a Wal-Mart store fled after being caught and later returned tot he scene clean shaven.

Wal-Mart security gave deputies a very detailed description of the thief who stole six DVD's as a man with a full beard and tattoos. After the report was completed, security called deputies back and said the man, later identified as Eric Vinson Seifferlein, 34, drove back into the parking lot in a Saturn and then smashed into an 84-year-old woman's car, then fled on foot. When deputies arrived, Tiffany Lynn Dawson, 24, was standing outside the Saturn.

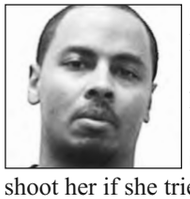
A few minutes later, Seifferlein returned from across the street and gave his name to deputies saying he was checking on his girlfriend, Dawson. Seifferlein had shaved his bead and took off the hat and shirt he was wearing at a nearby gas station, which was later recovered. He thought he wouldn't be recognized but security identified him as the thief right away. When deputies tried to arrest him, he became very aggressive and fought back, but finally quit resisting after being tased. Dawson then got involved and began acting hostile against the deputies. She was arrested as well as she resisted.

Sefferlein was charged with battery on an officer, resisting an officer with violence, petit theft, driving while license suspended or revoked, leaving the scene of a crash, and two counts of resisting an officer by disguise. Dawson was charged with Battery on an Officer, Resisting an Officer with Violence, and Resisting an Office without Violence. Both remain in jail on no bond.

Other Unusual Crimes Across the Nation

Baby with Broken Bones After Being Beaten for Six Months

Philadelphia, PA- 19-year-old Kiara Mayne Estright was said to have been breaking nine of her 1-year-old son's bones over a six month period from when he was 15 to 22 months. Estright was reported to have been showing up at emergency rooms with her son for broken bones. According to reports, her son he had a broken leg, which broken again after the cast was removed, a broken collarbone, a skull fracture, a broken arm, a broken hand, and three fractured ribs. Authorities were called and hospital staff did a full body scan on the baby which showed all the broken bones. When asked, Estright explained that her son was very active and was always running. Estright was arrested and charged with aggravated assault, endangering the welfare of a child, simple assault and recklessly endangering another person. She is being held on $75,000. After her son was placed in foster care and has not sustained any injuries since.



Girlfriend Kidnapped and Tortured for a Month

Brooklyn, NY- Anthony Matthews, 31, was said to have taken his ex-girlfriend from her father's home to his cousin's home where he held her captive for a month. He beat her with wooden planks, including one with nails. He was also said to have used a screwdriver and a hot-iron to burn her legs, arms, and private parts. He also threatened to shoot her if she tried to escape. After a month, Matthews left her in front of her mother's home with open wounds and ulcers. One wound on one of her legs was so deep that her bone was exposed. She had damaged organs, broken bones, and more than half of the blood in her body was lost. Matthews told her mom that she had been assaulted. Matthews was charged with multiple charges including murder, kidnapping, and weapon charges.

Iesha Paris

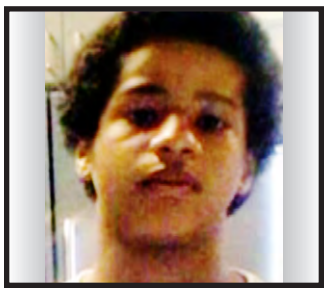
Parents Arrested After Child Shoots Self in Face

Denver, CO- Police were called about a seventeen-month-old boy being shot in the face and shoulder area. When police contacted 21-year-old Iesha Paris, she told them that she had heard a gun shot from the room where her seventeen-month-old and her two and a half child were playing. According to records, Paris lived in the basement with her children and her 26-year-old husband, Darryl Hunter, in the basement of her mother in law's home. The gun found was a black .40-caliber Taurus, which Paris purchased in February. The weapon was kept in a case inside a bag behind a couch. She claimed that she had no clue or idea about what happened or how her son was shot. She also does not know how the gun ended in the room with the kids. According to records, Paris has a history with crime and was said to not be allowed to possess a firearm. Paris and Hunter were held responsible for the incident and were both arrested. Paris was charged with child abuse resulting in serious bodily injury and misdemeanor child abuse while Hunter has been charged with accessory to child abuse and possession of a weapon by a previous offender. They were both released on $50,000 bond and are currently awaiting to appear at a future court hearing.

Darryl Hunter

Criminal Line-Up

MISSING CHILDREN



Name: Edwin Tharius Bain
Age: 13
Weight: 150 lbs
Last seen: 7/13/12

Name: Iriana Latrese Daniels
Age: 16
Weight: 112 lbs
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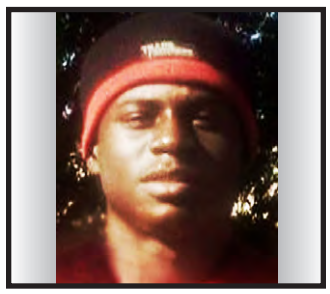
Name: Joshua Patterson
Age: 17
Weight: 268 lbs
Last seen: 7/21/12



Name: Dequan Levett Love
Age:16
Weight: 165 lbs
Last seen: 7/24/12

Name: Deborah Mayllashia White
Age: 15
Weight: 120 lbs
Last seen: 5/27/12

ON THE LOOKOUT

Auto Burglary Suspect

At 11:30 a.m., police responded to a residence in reference to an auto burglary. Investigation revealed an unknown suspect broke the window of the victim's vehicle, which was parked in the driveway of her residence. This vehicle was one of numerous cars broken into in the same area. The victim's mobile phone and credit cards were among the items stolen from the vehicle. A black male described as having feminine mannerisms attempted to sell the stolen at a local business and used the credit cards multiple times at a local gas station.

Anyone with any information about the identity or location of the unknown suspect is asked to contact Crime Stoppers at 1-866-845-TIPS or email at rewards@fccrimestoppers.com. You will remain anonymous and receive a possible reward if your tip leads to an arrest.

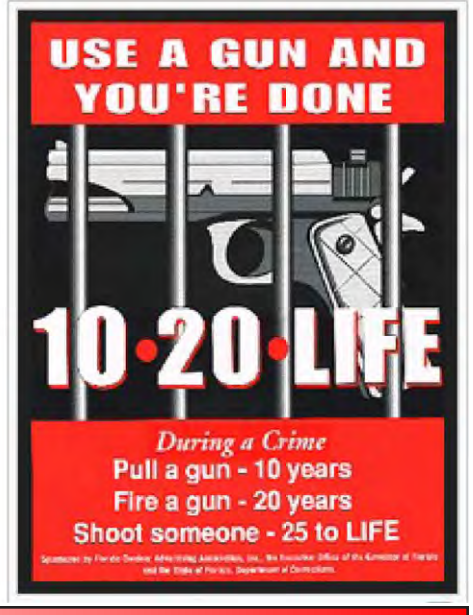
MOST WANTED

Name: Michael Alezie
Offense: Traffic in Stolen Property

Name: Gerald Bell
Offense: False Imprisonment Against Will on Minor

Name: Jeremy Ahmed Bickerstaff
Offense: Burglary/Trespassing at Construction Site

Name: Jennifer Bluntson
Offense: Checks and Drafts Violation



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