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**KINGSLAND MAYOR CELEBRATES MOTHER'S DAY**

Georgia moms celebrate in Kingsland and Brunswick. More details inside. PAGE 8



**Beyonce` Stands By As Sister Solange Assaults Jay-Z**



Speculations continue as to why Solange Knowles attacked her brother-in-law Jay-Z as they were leaving last week's MET Ball in New York. Footage from an elevator camera showed over three minutes of the petite popstar punching, kicking, throwing her bag and pointing at Jay-Z while her sister Beyonce` stood by. More than once, Solange was restrained by the fourth person in the elevator, who is believed to be a body guard.

Moments after the attack, a smiling Beyonce` greeted paparazzi while Jay-Z emerged from the elevator holding his face. Solange walked on ahead and got into a vehicle where she was soon joined by her sister. The pair flew out the next day to celebrate the wedding of Destiny's Child member Kelly Rowland, who lived with them during their youth.

Memes and cartoons were spawned almost instantly, while entertainment news outlets attempted to come up with theories as to why the incident occurred in the first place. Solange, Beyonce` and Jay-Z have not addressed the matter with media or confirmed just what occurred.

Video available on www.thefloridastar.com

**INFANT LEFT IN CAR WHILE MOM APPLYS FOR JOB**

On Monday, May 12, 2014 shortly before 9 am, police were dispatched to Goodwill located at 4527 Lenox Ave. regarding a child being left alone in a vehicle that was unattended.

When police responded they found the baby was strapped in a car seat, the windows were rolled up and the ignition was not on. The sun was shining in the child's face and was described as having sweat covering the dashboard.

Just as officers were about to break the window, 22 year-old Victoria Baker, the child's mother, ran from inside the building stating she had



been inside trying to apply for a job.

The child was transported to hospital for evaluation.

A witness told police she observed the baby sweating inside the vehicle and became alarmed. The witness said the victim was inside the vehicle 20-30 minutes that she observed.

Baker was arrested for Child Neglect and transported to the jail.

"Vehicles heat up quickly - even with a window rolled down two inches," stated a JSO spokesperson. "If the outside temperature is in the low 80s°F, the temperature inside a vehicle can reach deadly levels in as little as 10 minutes. Remember that it is important to protect people and pets in the heat."

**MAGIC RESPONDS TO STERLING ATTACK**



Donald Sterling is under fire yet again. The LA Clippers owner who claimed he was "baited" by his ex-girlfriend after she released the 'racist' recording of his views towards African-Americans, appeared on CNN with Anderson Cooper where he launched a verbal assault on NBA star turned media mogul Magic Johnson, focusing on his battle with HIV, his character and that he and other wealthy African-Americans do not support their own.

"He acts so holy. I mean, he made love to every girl in every city in America," said Sterling. "And he had AIDS."

Said Sterling of Johnson during his interview: "What kind of a guy goes to every city, has sex with every girl, then he catches HIV? Is that someone we want to respect and tell our kids about? I think he should be ashamed of himself. I think he should go into the background. But what does he do for the black people? He doesn't do anything."

"Do you know what I do?" Sterling went on to say. "I spend millions on giving away and helping minorities. Does he do that? That's one problem I have. Jews, when they get successful, they will help their people. And some of the African-Americans — maybe I will get in trouble again — they don't want to help anybody. What has Magic Johnson really done for children's hospital, which kids are lying in the hallways? They are sick. They need a bed. What has he done for any hospital? What has he done for any group? I don't know. Maybe he's done a lot. I know he's successful in business. But I'm not interested in business any more at all. I'm interested in helping people."

Cooper quickly stated that Johnson owned movie theaters and went on to say later: "Just for the record, his charity, the Magic Johnson Foundation, which he founded in 1991, gets high ratings from Charity Navigator." It currently has four stars, the best rating possible. The foundation provides funds, HIV/AIDS awareness, testing and treatment, as well as scholarships and mentoring for minority students and other support ethnically diverse urban communities. It's spent many millions of dollars on these programs over the last 20 years. And as chairman and CEO of Magic Johnson Enterprises, I should point out, Johnson has also invested heavily, again, millions, in underserved urban communities. Apparently, Donald Sterling does not know those facts."

"It's sad. It really is. I'm going to pray for this ... man," Johnson told Cooper.

He said that he received many calls after the Sterling interview aired and in particular, he mentioned Tyler Perry and Spike Lee were quite upset.

"I'm really disturbed by the fact that when he called me he should have said, 'Magic, I'm sorry,'" Johnson said.

Sterling "can't buy his way out of this one. He has bought his way out of all the other situations. Can't do it this time," Johnson said noting Sterling should retire. "You're 80 years old. You've had a tremendous life. And you're going to benefit, whatever the price tag is, from this team selling. Just go ahead and enjoy the rest of your life," Johnson said. "You're fighting a battle that you can't win."

**DUVAL COUNTY SCHOOLS MAKE THE GRADE**

Duval County Public Schools made history last year when the Florida Department of Education announced high school accountability grades revealing that nearly 70 percent of Duval County high schools are an "A" or "B," a record achievement. These results are even greater with two high schools earning higher rankings based on the appeals granted by the Florida Department of Education. Englewood High School's grade improved from a "C" to a "B," while First Coast High School's grade improved from a "B" to an "A," the first "A" in the school's history.

"I am pleased with the outcome of these appeals," said Superintendent Dr. Nikolai P. Vitti. "The appeal change reflects the hard work and dedication of students and staff. It also reinforces the great strides our district is making in the quality of education we provide our students."

Duval County has the high-

est number of "A" high schools and the highest combination of "A" and "B" high schools in its history. With the appeals, the district now has ten high schools that earned an "A" grade, up from seven the previous year; six earned a "B," and five earned a "C," compared to eight the previous year. For the second consecutive year, Duval County does not have any "F" high schools.

Duval County leads the largest seven school districts in the state in the percentage point increase of "A" high schools, and now matches the state average in the percentage of its "A" high schools thanks to the approval of the First Coast appeal.

Since 1999, the Florida Department of Education has assigned letter grades to individual schools based on student performances on the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT).

**Real Housewives of Atlanta Star Pleads Guilty**



Apollo Nida, husband of attorney Phaedra Parks pleaded guilty to conspiring to commit mail, wire and bank fraud. He admitted his part in the 4-year scheme that resulted in over \$2.3 million in losses.

Apollo and his conspirators filed phony claims to federal and state agencies to collect unclaimed funds owed to other people as well as get loans secured by vehicles via fake dealerships.

**Marvin Sapp finally addresses the disappearance of Teleka Patrick**

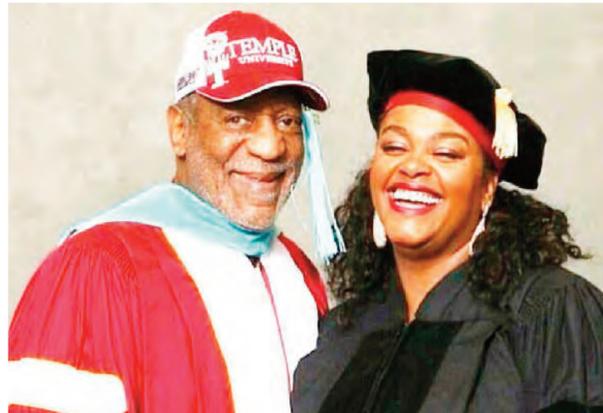
Gospel singer, Dr. Marvin Sapp is finally speaking out about on the highly publicized disappearance and death of Michigan doctor Teleka Patrick. The woman vanished in December, was laid to rest in April after her remains were found in a lake.



Sapp said that he felt terrible for the woman's family. He added that he didn't know any more details of the case, although he himself had been the subject of a police investigation during her disappearance.

Sapp's "connection" to Patrick came about after it was revealed that he had filed a restraining order against her in September. The restraining order was filed after she had apparently showed up at his house over 400 times. Sapp is not considered a suspect in her disappearance.

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CHRIST TABERNACLE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**, with Rev. Darrell Lewis Gilyard, Pastor, 2335 North Davis St., Jacksonville, is having their church's First Annual Health Expo on May 31, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. The cost is Free. Contact: Rosylin Kimbrough - rosylinKimbrough@aol.com or 904-662-4567.

**MOUNT LEBANON MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH** - located at 9319 Ridge Blvd., with Rev. Freddie Sumner, Pastor, will be celebrating its Annual Youth celebration beginning Friday, May 16, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the Multi Purpose Facility. Our events will begin with the Banquet, The Grand Finale' of the evening, Youth on Parade, Fashion Show, Special Awards presentation, lots of fun and food. Saturday, May 17, Youth Outing. Sunday May 18th, Church School at 9:00 a.m.; Morning Worship Service at 10:45 a.m. We will conclude our youth weekend celebration with our Extravaganza at 4 p.m. with invited youth guest participating from various churches to celebrate with us as we close out this exciting weekend activities. The colors for the occasion are Red/Black/White. We are proud to present Miss Myreeka Butler, Youth President, Class of 2014 Frank H. Peterson, as a graduating senior as she takes her Education to a Higher Level. For further information, contact the church at 904-527-1762.

**SHILOH METROPOLITAN BAPTIST CHURCH** - H.B. Charles, Jr., Pastor-Teacher, opens Shiloh Outreach Center, Developing Entrepreneur Skills as a Path to the Future. Open House will be at Beaver Street Enterprise Center, 1225 West Beaver St., Jacksonville, Saturday, May 24, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Networking Benefits: Connect leaders and entrepreneurs in the business community, and form lasting strategic alliances. We will take a look at business incubation and other resources; Motivational and informative comments for perspective entrepreneurs; Tour, Refreshments, Networking. If you are interested in attending the event, please send RSVP to Reginal L. Bryant, Pastor of Outreach at rbryant@smbjjax.com or 904-652-0581.

**GREATER NEW BIRTH BAPTIST CHURCH** - will honor their pastor, Levi White III, for 16 years of service. The church will provide a week of services May 12th - May 18th. Many pastors and churches will join them as they honor this great man of God. Our Sunday morning guests will be Rev. Dr. Fleming Tarver and the St John Baptist Church of Clearwater, Florida. May 12th, 14th, and 16th, services will be held at 7pm. On May 18th services will be at 1030am and 4pm. The public is invited. Dinner will be served.

**ZION HOPE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**, 2803 Edgewood Ave., West, Jacksonville, FL, Rev. Clifford Johnson, Jr., Pastor. This is an invitation to attend our Deacons, Deaconess' and Trustees' Anniversary on May 18, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. Guest Messenger: Rev. Clarence Jenkins, First African Missionary Baptist, Green Cove Springs. Please come and receive the Blessings of the Lord. For more information, call 904-764-9353.



*Almighty God, Father of all mercies and giver of all comfort: Deal graciously, we pray thee, with those who mourn, that casting every care on thee, they may know the consolation of thy love, through Jesus Christ our LORD.*

## DEATH NOTICES

**JACKSONVILLE, FL**  
**ABDULLAH**, Paula Hazel, died May 7, 2014.  
**BENTON**, Milton C., died May 3, 2014.  
**BERRY**, Grace, 97, died May 5, 2014.  
**BEYNON**, Harry L., 78, died May 7, 2014.  
**BINGHAM**, Robert Truman, Jr., 45, died May 2, 2014.  
**BRYANT**, Shiech Latoya, died May 3, 2014.  
**BURGESS**, Gwendolyn, died May 3, 2014.  
**BURNETTE**, Troy Austin, 44, died May 9, 2014.  
**CARVER**, Calvin H., died May 12, 2014.  
**CASON**, Willie, 99, died May 11, 2014.  
**CHAPLIN**, Clarethia, 79, died May 8, 2014.  
**DAWSON**, Edward L, 26, 2014 died May 9, 2014.  
**DEESE**, Velma, 97, died May 11, 2014.  
**FORBES**, Michael A., 57, died May 6, 2014.  
**GASTIN**, Kuistin Juvonni, 19, died May 12, 2014.  
**GRANT**, Mary E., died May 6, 2014.  
**HALL**, George, Jr., died May 3, 2014.  
**HARRELL**, Maurice, died May 6, 2014.  
**HOLLAND**, Tyrone, 56, died May 3, 2014.  
**JACOBS**, Willie Dean, 67, died May 14, 2014.  
**JOHNSON**, Clifford R., 84, died May 9, 2014.  
**JOHNSON**, Johnnie Lee, Jr., died May 2, 2014.  
**JOHNSON**, Willie Pearl, May 5, 2014.  
**JONES**, Lavater Mae Pat, 94, died May 12, 2014.  
**JONES**, Marvin Price, 84, died May 13, 2014.  
**LINDBLADE**, Roy Ed., died May 8, 2014.  
**LYONS**, Alfred James Jim, 90, died May 4, 2014.  
**MILLER**, Fred O., Jr., May 6, 2014.  
**MILLER**, John Bernard, Jr., died May 10, 2014.  
**MOTTERN**, Barbara P., died May 11, 2014.  
**NELSON**, Mary, 84, died May 10, 2014.  
**OXENDINE**, Mary Kathryn, 85, died May 12, 2014.  
**RAUSCH**, Joyce, 74, died May 12, 2014.  
**ROBINSON**, Horace, Jr., died May 12, 2014.  
**SCHUBERT**, Alice Kathleen, died May 13, 2014.  
**SHERIDAN**, Eileen E., died May 12, 2014.  
**SHERMAN**, Lizzie, died May 7, 2014.  
**SINGLETON**, John F., 64, died May 8, 2014.  
**SMITH**, Ronald Ronny, 62, died May 6, 2014.  
**STAMPER**, Gloria, died May 9, 2014.  
**STROWBRIDGE**, Rosa Lee, died May 8, 2014.  
**TANNER**, Ruth Thomas, 82, died May 6, 2014.

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**GEORGIA DEATHS**  
 Nelson, Queen, died May 13, 2014.

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# Children's Corner

## FAMU Graduate Student Makes Award-Winning Discovery in Apalachicola Forest



Florida A&M University (FAMU) graduate student Latasha Tanner

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Florida A&M University (FAMU) graduate student Latasha Tanner, who is pursuing her master's degree in entomology at the College of Agriculture and Food Sciences, recently received top accolades from the National Society for Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences (MANRRS).

Tanner ranked No. 3 in the nation in the MANRRS graduate poster competition for her research on the impact of invasive beetles in the Apalachicola National Forest. Her research uncovered millions of dollars worth of possible damage to Florida's forestry and agricultural industries.

She discovered that the Redbay ambrosia beetle coupled with the laurel wilt fungus had become a serious threat to Florida's forestry industry and is a potential \$13 million a year problem for Florida's avocado crop, which could have commercial and residential impacts.

"Entomology holds a very special place in my heart," said Tanner, who not only completed her research project early, but also successfully balanced her in-depth research with raising nine-month-old twins and an eight-year-old daughter.

Tanner explained that her dedication to her research was not only about shedding light on a growing issue in the Apalachicola Forest, but was also about paving the way for other female researchers who will come after her.

"I've seen how we're very underrepresented nationally, so I try to be a gateway for other young ladies in the research community," said Tanner, who despite recently being offered a full-ride scholarship to pursue her Ph.D. at Louisiana State University, has decided to continue her work within the FAMU community with hopes of recruiting more minority women in entomology.

Tanner's research collaborates with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Cooperative Agricultural Pest Survey Program (CAPS) and Division of Plant Industry (DPI) in identifying potential pathways of invasive bark beetle. Her findings help to explain why Floridians are no longer allowed to transport firewood, as it can spread the beetles to campsite areas and pose a potential risk to infect the forest.

She also determined that gel ethanol was significantly more attractive to ambrosia beetles than the mixture of manuka and phoebe oil, which is currently used for management of the invasive species. She proposes that hand sanitizer attractant could be used as an alternative to gel ethanol, as it is more cost-effective and sustainable.

"She is a creative thinker with an eye for details and a devotion to logic, which serves her well in all of her activities," said Lambert Kanga, Ph.D., an adviser to Tanner in the College of Agriculture and Food Sciences, who expressed his pride in the determination she displayed throughout the research process.

"I hope I have set the stage to show other moms that you can do it – don't give up," said Tanner about her national recognition.

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# Talk of the Town!

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## THE PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP 2014



Saturday's Round 3 of the **2014 PGA Tournament Players Championship (TPC)** golf tournament at Sawgrass ended with the leaders, Germany's Martin Kaymer and 20-year old Jordan Spieth of Dallas, Texas tied for first at 12 under par, the 2nd place leader at 8 under, and a host of players, including local favorite Jim Furyk, tied for 3rd at 6 under. By the time Kaymer and Spieth teed off for Sunday's final round of play, Furyk had steadily and masterfully advanced within three strokes of Kaymer, who lead the pack all four days of the tournament (Spieth, who talked of trying to hold onto his confidence for Sunday's match, slid to 4th place but took home a purse of \$440,000 for the effort).

A weather delay was called as the result of an electrical storm in the area just as Furyk, notoriously known for his slow play, was painstakingly sizing up a three foot putt for his final shot after missing birdie..

When play resumed, Martin Kaymer's game was notably off. A double bogey reduced him to one stroke over Jim Furyk.

Still, Kaymer, the 29 year old former No. 1 in the world won the tournament taking home the largest purse of his career, \$1,800,000. Furyk's second place win was a cool \$1,080,000.

I haven't mentioned the elephant in the room, the missing Tiger Woods, last year's TPC winner. Sidelined while recuperating from back surgery, fans lamented his absence

(I must have overheard at least three conversations expressing the same). Still, his image is all over the Sawgrass stadium, and PGA clips.

T.V. viewership also suffered from his absence. According to SBnation.com, "Final-round coverage of the so-called "fifth major," with one of golf's most memorable holes in play at the end, the par-3 17th at Sawgrass, was down 54 percent from last year... when Woods overcame a third-round tiff with Sergio Garcia to earn his 78th tour win."

As we walked around the bustling stadium grounds, we met delightful visitors who were in town for the tournament. We found retiree **Keith Everett** of Washington, D.C. waiting in the Clubhouse lobby while wife **Diane Everett** browsed in THE PLAYERS Golf Shop.

Having a bite to eat at The Turn, the Grey Goose sponsored 19th hole lounge, was a lovely couple from St. Mary's, Georgia, **James McCarter, Ed.D** and his wife **LaChrista McCarter, Dr.** McCarter's company, T.O.Y. Publishing (Thoughts of Youth, www.toypublishing.com), is a publisher of children's

books and works that inspire personal growth.

There were lots of locals represented, too. Hanging out at the food and beverage tent on the lawn of the Clubhouse were **Carla Wilkes** and daughter **Nikita "Nikki" Wilkes, M.D.** Carla and I haven't figured out where we know each other from, but we know that we met before. As it turned out, "It's a small world after all." After a few minutes of conversation, Nikki realized that she was acquainted with **Ok Sun** and **Volume Burks** through their daughter **Chloe Groomes, Pharm.D.**, who was a chum from Stanton College Preparatory where they both excelled academically and were cheerleaders!

At the players' interview and autograph area, we met the **Hall family, mom Khalilah, dad Edward, and their son, Kaden**, a First Tee golfer in the 9-11 year old group. Kaden's been playing for two years and, of course, has his own set of clubs. He is a student at Sheffield Elementary in Oceanway. Possibly the next Tiger?

Of course, big events like the TPC tournament rely heavily on volunteers. First year volunteer, **Ingrid Sherles**, was helping control lines of folks queuing up in the PwC First Tee Challenge pavilion. Ingrid, a graduate of Jacksonville's Ribault High School and Florida State University (FSU), volunteered through Bank of America. She is a proud soror of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Gamma Rho Omega Chapter.

**John Vickers**, a sports/physical therapist from Miami was given tickets by a client, golfer Erik Compton. So, he treated his father and nephew, Jacksonville residents **John Vickers and Adam Parrish**, respectively, to a day at the tournament. Adam, a 6th grader at Greenwood School, thinks golf is okay but likes basketball better!

The day began and ended with one of the nicest guys you'd ever want to meet, **James Williams, Jr.** who was one of the drivers shuttling media guests between the designated parking garage off campus and the Media Center on the stadium grounds. He was pleasant and just the breath of fresh air needed first thing in the morning. Coincidentally, Mr. Williams, a retired transit driver from Syracuse, N.Y., drives tour buses for Destinations Unlimited Tours, a company owned by old friends from my days as a travel agent, Mike and Starr Mackey.

The beautiful weather (perfect until lightening and rain caused Sunday's two hour delay), and enjoyable folks who came out for 2014 TPC Sawgrass made Tiger's absence a lot less painful.



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# LOCAL

## Friday Musicale Presented A Musical Presentation of THE OUD AT FISHWEIR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



*Charles Ohayon and Fishweir Elementary School Principal, Kimberly M. Dennis.*

On Friday, May 2, 2014, Friday Musicale presented A Musical Presentation of the Oud by Charles Ohayon to fifth grade students at Fishweir Elementary School through a grant from Linda McLucas Fisher and Michael Medill Fisher. This was the second educational outreach presentation sponsored by Linda and Michael at Fishweir Elementary School this school year. Principal Kimberly M. Dennis welcomed the students and introduced the program.

Mr. Charles Ohayon came to the United States from French Morocco in 1968. He began playing the lute (oud in Arabic) at age ten. From studying Hebrew cantorial music under one of the famous cantors in Casablanca, Mr. Ohayon gained the discipline and knowledge of the Hebrew language.

Last Friday's program included songs played and sung in the five languages Mr. Ohayon speaks: French, Hebrew, Arabic, Spanish and English. Students enjoyed asking questions of Mr. Ohayon after the performance such as, "What other instruments do you play?" and "When did you begin playing the oud?". Mr. Ohayon encouraged all the students, if they were able, to study music now or as soon as they are able.

Friday Musicale is grateful to Principal Kimberly M. Dennis for her support of presenting the arts to students and to Linda McLucas Fisher and Michael Medill Fisher for sponsoring the program.

Friday Musicale plans to continue its educational outreach presentations in the Duval County Public Schools in the next school year. Interested school administrators should contact Executive Director, Mandie McKenzie, via [mandie@friday-musicale.com](mailto:mandie@friday-musicale.com) or 904-355-7584, for more information.



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Miami Heat forward LeBron James gives a thumbs-up to his teammates during Game 5 of a second-round NBA playoff basketball game against the Brooklyn Nets.

## Heat rally past Nets to East finals, 96-94

MIAMI – A game, a series, a season, they all would hinge on one shot. That is, if the shot was taken.

Ray Allen and LeBron James would have none of that. They swarmed Brooklyn sharpshooter Joe Johnson and knocked the ball away, twice, actually, in the final moments, and the Miami Heat reached the Eastern Conference finals for the fourth consecutive year by rallying past the Nets 96-94 on Wednesday night.

Miami led for only 32 seconds after halftime, the final 32 seconds. "It's always been like that for us," James said. "It's never easy. It's never easy for us."

Sure looks easy. It was the 10th straight series win for the two-time defending NBA champions.

James scored 29 points, Dwyane Wade added 28 and Allen hit the 3-pointer that gave Miami its first and only lead since the second quarter. The Heat won the series 4-1, a far cry from the 4-0 edge Brooklyn had in the regular-season matchups between the clubs.

"Give the Heat credit," Nets coach Jason Kidd said. "They were attacking there in the fourth quarter. We were attacking. Both teams were attacking. They made plays, they made shots and we didn't."

For much of the night, Brooklyn was making enough plays.

The Nets led by 10 points in the third quarter and got a virtuoso performance from Johnson, a game-high 34 points on 15 for 23 shooting. He just never got that 24th shot off.

So was Johnson, who made tough shot after tough shot, even while defended by James. When Johnson hit a contested jumper with 4:49 left, it was 91-83 and the Nets seemed on the brink of victory.

Then Miami scored the next 12 points, and that was enough. Barely, but enough.

"It was just about getting stops," Wade said. "We knew offensively that we needed to execute, but we knew we weren't going to win the game unless we got some stops."

Miami's future is clearer. The East finals await.

## Jaguars makes Bortles highest NFL Draft Pick

By Fred Witt  
Florida Sports

Gathered with his family at New York City's historic Radio City Music Hall former UCF quarterback Blake Bortles heard league commissioner Roger Goodell announce he was the Jaguars' first pick and third overall pick in the 2014 NFL Draft.

"He's a really strong leader, really competitive, and the thing at the Combine that stood out to me is that he went there and competed when he was highly touted anyway. He did that and then the other thing was I think he was really excited to be here," said Jaguars' second year head coach Gus Bradley.

Bortles became the highest draft pick in UCF history, surpassing Daunte Culpepper who was drafted 11th overall by the Vikings in 1999. Bortles and Culpepper now stand as the Knights' only two first-round picks and quarterbacks to be selected in the NFL Draft.

Bortles finished his career in Orlando with a 22-5 record as a starter.

For the second straight year a UCF running back heard his name called in the draft as Storm Johnson was picked up by the Jaguars in the seventh round (222nd Overall).

As a junior in 2013, Johnson collected five 100-yard rushing games highlighted by 124 yards and three touchdowns in the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl win over Baylor. Johnson completed the season with 1,139 yards and 14 touchdowns, while accumulating 260 receiving yards with three scores.

"I knew they were interested. They would come to practice, they're right down the road. They would come to our practices and games," Johnson said. "I figured they would be interested but I was just blessed to have this opportunity and blessed just to get that call from the general manager."

This is the first time in UCF history that two Knights have been selected by one team in the same NFL Draft.

### NOTABLE DRAFT FOR ACC

Miami, Florida State and Virginia all saw their consecutive draft strings continue thanks in part to the Jaguars.

Jacksonville drafted Florida State linebacker Telvin Smith with the (144th overall), in the fifth round five. He is the seventh Seminole to be picked in the 2014 NFL draft.

Miami offensive guard Brandon Linder was selected (93rd overall) on the second night of the draft. He is the first Hurricane to be drafted by the Jaguars. He is joined by former Miami QB Stephen Morris who was signed as undrafted rookie.

Virginia senior center Luke Bowanko was selected during Saturday's sixth round (205th overall). Bowanko is the first UVa center drafted since John St. Clair went to the St. Louis Rams in 2000 and the first Cavalier drafted by the Jacksonville



UCF quarterback Blake Bortles was taken with the No. 3 overall pick in the 2014 NFL Draft by the Jaguars.



USC wide receiver Marqise Lee poses for photos after being selected as the 39th pick by the Jacksonville Jaguars in the second round of the 2014 NFL Draft.

since 2009 when Eugene Monroe was taken in the first round

Florida State led all ACC schools with seven players chosen as each of the conference's 14 teams had at least one player taken in this year's draft.



Photo by UCF Athletics Communications

UCF running back Storm Johnson is the final member of the Jaguars' 2014 draft class.

FSU has now had 18 players drafted in the National Football League over the past two years.

### ROUNDING OUT THE DRAFT

Jacksonville took wide receivers Marqise Lee of Southern California and Allen Robinson of Penn State in the second round.

"We got another true junior in Robinson so we're excited about that. This is a guy that brings another element to our offense. He was one of our favorites from the beginning and we had him right behind Lee on our board. They were right there neck and neck and when it came down to it we never imagined we would go back to back receivers because we didn't think we'd have an opportunity to do it," said Jacksonville general manager David Caldwell.

They added cornerback Aaron Colvin out of Oklahoma and defensive end Chris Smith of Arkansas in the fourth and fifth rounds, respectively.

### BILLBOARD WORTHY

Blake Bortles and the Jacksonville Jaguars are already becoming a match made in marketing heaven. The Jaguars purchased three electronic billboard advertisements in Orlando with the message "welcome to the family" and player images for their 2014 NFL draft class. There are 10 billboards in the Jacksonville area with the same image, but a different message that states "welcome to the new generation of Jags football."

### MAKING ROOM

Six players were released from the roster including 2011 third-round draft pick guard Will Rackley. Running back Delone Carter, running back Shaun Chapas, wide receiver Jeremy Ebert, defensive tackle Drake Nevis and wide receiver Stephen Williams were also released. The Jaguars drafted nine players in last weekend's draft and agreed to terms with 17 undrafted rookies. Fans will get a chance to see the new drafted and undrafted players this weekend during rookie camp.

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**An American  
Nightmare**

My Day  
By Dr. J. Ester Davis



Are you prepared to bury your child? Your niece or nephew or a grandchild? Or attend the funeral of a teen who was on dialysis? Are we burying our children too soon? Are heart attacks among 30 and 40 year olds normal? What consequences will children/ young adults face as they gain more and more weight? Obesity and poor eating habits are a living nightmare.

My day, any day of the week, can take several turns with detours attached. Such was the occasion recently. It started with an innocent phone call from an associate producer about a video matter. In the course of the conversation which was in the middle of the morning, we were interrupted by a phone call from her child. The child was having stomach pains and needed to come home. The child was on medication, diabetes in this case and there were obvious side effects from the medication. Armed with this information, some follow up, and meddling "in their business", the stubborn question paramount in my mind was what testing is done on children for the meds they are taking. The answer is a short one. They are not 'well-tested' in children. The adult drugs these kids take to battle their conditions are numerous, serious from muscle weakness to fatigue - symptoms commonly found in older Americans. This nightmare combined with the naked truth is that for the first time ever, a generation of children may have a shorter life expectancy at birth than their parents. These superannuated kids have premature aging, thick throats that restrict airways, dark velvety patches on the neck than can be a sign of health problems, cholesterol buildup causing dense artery walls restricting blood flow. Any airway or blood restrictions in the body automatically hinders the brain from properly functioning.

Every day we hear or read about corruption being an epidemic, an outburst of measles as an epidemic, growing problem of pot-is-hot, global warning as the number one concern in America today, an epidemic of identify theft, on and on and on. I personally think, as I have mentioned in this article before, that poor health is the number one problem in America today. And to combat poor health, we have 'quick fixes' and prescriptions to fill. It is not normal for children to take medication, to have fatty livers, suffer heart failure, to mature so early that puberty occurs around age eleven.

In the midst of a booming economy, a runaway technologically advanced world, the only way to combat poor health is to apply some good old fashioned common sense without it being 'breaking news' or a reality show. Be a responsible adult and change your eating habits so you and the young around you can live.

Ester Davis can be reached at [Esterday.com](http://Esterday.com) or 214.376.9000

**The Gantt Report**

By Lucius Gantt

Do you ever wonder why you get the same political emails and direct mail pieces over and over again? Most Black voters are registered Democrats but any Black person that contributed to President Barack Obama's election or reelection campaigns will get at least four or five emails a week encouraging you to vote for anybody, devil or angel, Democratic that runs for office as a Democratic candidate.

We get emails but white folk get all of the campaign money!

Democrats must understand Black voters didn't turn out in record numbers to vote for Democrats, Black voters turned out in high numbers in Obama's first election to vote for a "Black" President.

In Obama's election to serve another four years, Blacks turned out in relatively high numbers because Republicans in Congress and in state legislatures were doing all they could to suppress, curtail and deny Black voters their Constitutional right to cast a ballot for the candidates of their choice.

Now, back to the emails.

No matter how many times Democratic candidates send you emails begging you to send them money to pay white consultants or to buy media on white owned broadcast stations, web sites and newspapers, the Democratic candidates will continue to lose because Democrats are politically insane!

I know you don't like for me to write like this about your favorite political party but the truth is the truth whether Black voters like it or not!

Some people describe political insanity as doing the same thing year after losing year and expecting different election results. I just say the campaign plans and election plans devised by high paid Democratic consultants is "mad", "crazy" and exudes senselessness!

Even though Democrats, in Florida for instance, have been losing statewide and local elections since the early 1980s even though there are more registered Democrats in the Sunshine State than there are Republicans and Independents.

The high paid Democratic consultants can make \$10,000, \$15,000 or \$20,000 a month and get 15% commission on placing millions and millions of dollars in advertising. They can also get free housing, a free car to drive, free food, free cell phones and whatever else they ask for.

They get all of that to advise Democrats to "be more Republican than Republicans". They tell Democrats to be ultra conservative, to be silent on issues of importance to their Black and organized labor bases and to spend every dollar you can until the weekend before the election and if there is anything left throw some political crumbs to any dark skinned person that will take it because all Blacks look alike!

No matter how much money Black people contribute to Democratic candidates, the National and state democratic parties will never hire professional Black political consultants, they will never make meaningful political ad buys with Black owned media and they will never respect the Black votes that Democrats must get in order to win any race including a rat race!

Yes, Democrats use the same consultants every year and when they lose they say, "Blacks didn't turn out to vote"!

They should be saying the dumb ass consultants they hire failed to deliver a winning campaign again!

Perhaps America's highly paid Democratic consultants are paid to lose!

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ANDREW J. THOMPSON, )  
Respondents. )

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To: Andrew J. Thompson

You are hereby notified that on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014, at 3:30 p.m., the Allen County Superior Court, 715 South Calhoun Street, Room 208, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46802 shall conduct a hearing on the approval of a Stipulation and Shared Custodial arrangement of the minor child herein, namely Veronica Adrienne Thompson. You are advised that the matter will proceed for hearing with or without your attendance.

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