Gov. Scott Signs Welfare Drug Testing Bill

During his campaign, Florida Governor Rick Scott said that he would require welfare recipients under drug testing. Well, Gov. Scott signed the bill Tuesday while in Panama City along with a measure that bans the designer drug MDPV or ‘bath salts.’

The new bill will require anyone applying for temporary government assistance to pass the test before receiving benefits. Each applicant wishing assistance will have to pay for the test but will be reimbursed if they pass.

In the State of Florida, there are about 100,000 people in the welfare program - 80,000 children and 20,000 adults. Duval County has about 6,000 who will be subject to testing, according to reports.

Two Found Guilty in Killing Reporter/Editor

Lonzie Leath

Yousuf Bey IV, Former Your Black Muslim Bakery leader, was convicted Thursday of three counts of murder for ordering journalist Chauncey Bailey and two other men, killed in 2007, according to Thomas Peele, who reported the story for the Chauncey Bailey Project.

According to their news release, the case unconvicted Thursday are both 25 years of age and editor of the Oakland Post.

Two arrested today for the Chauncey Bailey murder.

District Attorney Ask for Help with Returning Felons

Sheriff John Rutherford, DA Angela Corey and Mayor-Elect Alvin Brown hosted ‘One Stop’ Prayer, Wednesday, June 12th.

At a meeting Wednesday morning with those who served with the Jacksonville Journey, District Attorney Angela Corey made a plea to those in attendance, to help keep returning felons from going back to prison. She asked that those returning be told immediately by family, friends and others around, that it is imperative that they get their drivers license renewed.

If you go back to prison shortly after their release because they unknowingly drive without license. This is just one small step we can take to help them stay free.

Efforts by Leading Manufacturers will help prepare 500,000 workers for Manufacturing Jobs

Last year the White House launched Skills for America’s Future to bring together companies and community colleges around a simple idea: making it easier for workers to gain new skills which would make America more competitive in the global economy. Now, they have a number of partnerships, as announced through a White House news release, to help make this a reality, by opening doors to new jobs for workers, and helping employers find the trained people they need to compete against companies around the world.

One of the key partners of Skills for America’s Future, an initiative of the Aspen Institute that was launched by the Administration last year, The Manufacturing Institute, the affiliated non-profit of the National Association of Manufacturers, will announce an effort to help provide 500,000 community college students with industry-recognized credentials that will help them get secure jobs in the manufacturing sector. The Manufacturing Institute will also help enhance those efforts through their own initiatives to bolster our nation’s manufacturing workforce. This builds on the Administration’s strong leadership on manufacturing. The manufacturing sector has led the economic recovery over the past two years, with over 230,000 jobs added since the beginning of 2010.

While the manufacturing sector has faced real challenges in recent years, it continues to be the lifeblood of the American economy. Now, they are forming a vibrant manufacturing workforce system that works.

The program intends to give students the opportunity to earn manufacturing credentials that will travel across state lines. This will be a key partnership-an all-hands deck effort by government, business, philanthropy and others.

The planned programs will help build the programs also in high schools and provide opportunities for all-risk youth.

There are a number of sources that are already committed with collaborators including The Manufacturing Institute, National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) and Skills for America’s Future.

There is over $2 billion committed to help train students and workers.

Three Arrested Two Still at Large

See these stories and more in the Crime and Justice Section.

Abbe, civil rights activist, Clara Luper, boarding bus in protest, Oklahoma City, OK and on left after civil rights achieved. She died Wednesday at the age of 88 after a lengthy illness. Flags in Oklahoma City were at half-mast Friday.

Clarence Taylor Dies at 93

Clarice Taylor was mostly known as the self-professed grandmother “On the Cosby Show.” Bill Cosby. On the show, she was Dr. Huxtable’s mom. She was 93. Though many knew her because of the show, she was also known for the Obie Award that she won for her Off Broadway portrayal of Moms Mabley. Who could forget Moms Mabley.

Global Day of Prayer to be Anchored in Jacksonville, Saturday, June 11, 2011

The annual Global Day of Prayer event will be held Saturday in Jacksonville, Florida - the first time the event will be held in the United States in its 11-year history. According to their news release, the event unites Christians for worship through praise and prayer while mobilizing the church to become involved in social issues such as redeveloping urban areas. It will be held at Veterans Memorial and seen in 220 countries. Bishop McLaughlin is one of the speakers.

Elections Office Announces New Deputy Supervisor

Supervisor of Elections Jerry Holland announced the appointment of Tracie Collister as the new Deputy Supervisor of Elections, an expanded role from the position of Director of Communications.

Tracie Collister brings with her ten years of experience, with the Elections office in the Education and Communication Department. She is assuming her position immediately and took her oath in writing on June 11.
Official Notification of African American Farmers About $1.25 Billion Class Action Settlement Begins

Washington, D.C. – The Court-ordered process of officially notifying African American farmers and their heirs about the $1.25 billion “Pigford II” class action settlement, is underway.

Class members should visit www.BlackFarmerCase.com or call 1-877-810-8110 for complete information, including a detailed notice, key dates, and claims-filing information. Media are requested to include the toll-free number and website in articles about the Settlement.

African American farmers from the country who tried to file a claim in the 1999 Pigford Settlement but were unable to receive a decision on the merits because their claims were late are now receiving information about their legal rights and options under the Settlement by postal mail. A comprehensive paid published notice program will communicate this direct notice. The program will include a nationwide radio advertising campaign, including heavy focus on areas where large numbers of class members are believed to live. A Summary Notice will also be published in a variety of print publications including African American newspapers, general market daily and community newspapers, and farming and ranching trade publications. Additional online ads will appear on a variety of websites.

The plaintiffs and USDA announced the proposed settlement in late 2010 and President Obama signed the bill authorizing payment of the Settlement on September 2, 2010. If approved by the Court, the settlement will resolve discrimination claims associated with USDA food and loan programs. The proposed settlement includes $1.25 billion for cash payments and loan forgiveness for class members who file valid claims. Class members eligible for the Settlement are African Americans who farmed (or attempted to farm) between January 1, 1983 and December 31, 1996, were prevented from applying for or were denied a USDA farm loan during that period or were given a loan with unfair terms, and who filed or attempted to file a late claim between October 13, 1999 and June 18, 2008 in the original Pigford case that was never considered because they tried to submit it after the late claim deadline. Heirs or kin of people who fit this description but have since passed away may also be class members.

Class members’ rights may be affected by the Settlement even if they do not act. Those who wish to object to the Settlement must do so by August 12, 2011. The deadline for filing claims under this Settlement may be as early as February 28, 2012. The U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia will consider whether to grant final approval of the Settlement at a hearing in Washington D.C. on September 1, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.

Contact: Lead Class Counsel: Andrew Marks, Crowell & Moring LLP, 202-624-2500; Gregorio Francis, Morgan & Morgan, P.A., 407-420-1414; and Henry Sanders, Chestnut, Sanders, Pettaway & Campbell, LLC, 334-875-9264.

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First Coast Workforce Development, Inc., (c/o Black WorkSource) administers workforce development programs in Workforce Development Region 8, which is comprised of the counties of Baker, Clay, Duval, Nassau, Putnam and St. Johns. FCWD is inviting interested agencies or organizations to submit Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) to provide Year Round Youth Services to be performed August 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 with an annual option to renew for up to 3 additional years. The ITN is being released today, Monday, June 6, 2011. The deadline to submit responses is 11:00 am, July 5, 2011, as directed in the ITN. Visit our web-site at: www.worksourcefl.com/partner_vendor/request_for_proposals.aspx, call Diane Nevison at 904-239-3000 ext. 10, and a copy will be mailed to you, or visit our lobby to pick up a hard copy.

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The Jacksonville Journey – A Journey to Stop Crime and Educate Our Youth

By Dan Evans, Jr.- Florida / Georgia Star Reporter

“The Jacksonville Journey has demonstrably lowered the crime rate in our city significantly since 2008, which shows a strong return on investment for these programs. The kids we save through the Journey’s programs are our future, and so I will continue to be a strong proponent of prevention and intervention and build upon Mayor Peyton’s legacy through the Jacksonville Journey.” — Mayor-elect Alvin Brown

The Jacksonville Journey: Take a step, a comprehensive communitywide initiative aimed at stemming and reversing the flow of crime in Jacksonville began December 2007 under the chairmanship of Curtis Hart and former State Senator Betty Holzendorf. The last meeting before Mayor Elect Brown take office was held with the theme “Delivering on the Promise of a Safer Jacksonville.” During a 2 year period of violent crime and murder, shooting deaths of young people and children, Jacksonville became known as “The Murder Capital of Florida.” Mayor Peyton pulled together a group of community leaders, concern citizens, law enforcement officers, and experts in helping communities solve problems to come up with solutions. A plan of action was put in place that not only addressed the presence of police on the streets, but the root cause of crime through prevention, rehabilitation and targeted intervention. Funding for The Journey was given in 4 areas divided into 4 time periods. The first area: Increasing Police Presence and Eliminating Crime, included The JSO office with Operation Safe Streets and a “door-to-door approach; Municipal Code Compliance Division that provided a way to eliminate blight and unsafe places that provided a place to deal drugs and other criminal activity; Local Initiatives Support Corporation, a community revitalization strategy for real estate development groups; Family Foundations/1000 in 1000 to give assistance for financial education and management services for Duval County Residents. The second area focused on Felon Re-entry. This was an Ex-offender Employment Program providing job placement service. The Jacksonville Re-entry center is now a required first stop upon returning to Duval County; Ex-offender Training and Re-entry Services, programs that provide job readiness training and educational support. The third area “Keeping Kids Safe and Productive” include Alternative to Out-of-School Suspension (ATOSS); Team Up, Early Literacy, Youth Gang Intervention, Summer Camp, Summer Jobs Program, Juvenile Assessment Center and Jacksonville Commitment Scholarship Program. The fourth area is Capital Funding – Year One Only that included Neighborhood Job Opportunities - Town Centers, Repair Neglected City Assets and Community Centers Management Services. The four time periods showing allotted dollars were 2008-2009 $30,997,895 million dollars. The second period 2009 – 2010 $19,681,499 million, the third period $12,113,969 million and the fourth period a $10,670,918 million proposed budget.

These programs and budget gives you the community the chance to answer the question about deliverance on the promise of a safer Jacksonville. Let your voice be heard and your thoughts be known. Let us hear at The Florida /Georgia Star, how you feel. Let us ask the tough questions you want the answers to. Let us report back to you.

Send your request to dan@dian@thefloridas-tar.com or clara@thefloridas-tar.com or call 904 766 8834 or fax 904 765 1673. Let The Florida/Georgia work for you.
The devilsish union to disenfranchise voters is an attempt to change the election process to insulate future victories by puppets of the military industrial and commercial complex.

By the time of the 2012 elections, voting dates will be changed, voter registration procedures will be changed, absentee voter procedures will be changed, and, if they have their way, voting numbers will be changed. Passing laws that will benefit incumbent elected officials and assist one political party or another is nothing new. Democrats have done it too. However, this current effort to change voting laws and voting outcomes is nothing less than massive.

Let’s see. If you change residency requirements for voting registration, who does that benefit? Republicans. And guess which party most students voted for if you change times and requirements for early voting, who does that impact? These laws change affect every voter by making voting less convenient. If you change voter identification requirements and residency requirements it would also result in less voting, lower turnout rates and mute the voices of millions of potential voters.

But God works in mysterious ways!

The GOP attack on the current voting system is a rash to judgment that may resemble a double-edged sword and cut both ways.

Instead of helping to elect more Republicans by changing voting laws, Republicans may end up harming themselves! Can I prove that? Yes!

The Republican Party was already more politically technologically than Democrats, more scientific than Democrats, more creative than Democrats and more politically vigorous than Democrats.

Democrats, more scientifically oriented than Republicans, more creative than Democrats and consultants.net) lots, Blacks will decide the winning candidates in most election contests. (Buy polls, Black voters will decide who stays in The White House and who lives in the White House.

What do they do to raise money, do what they do to get reelected and do what they do to the other party. Republicans may end up hurting themselves!

* The child cries loudly and persistenly and does not stop when picked up.* Twitching or other signs of convulsion begins.* Laboratory studies, such as urinalysis and blood counts, to rule out other complications.* Your own observation of symptoms.

**DIAGNOSTIC MEASURES**

- Fever, often high, for several days to 1 week.
- High fever.
- Spontaneous recovery in 1 week. The rash may last 2 days, but sometimes it may go in and out in only a few hours.

**HOW TO TREAT**

**GENERAL MEASURES**

- There is no specific treatment for rousell. Rest at home is sufficient until symptoms disappear.
- Lab warm bath or a sponge bath may be used to reduce fever if it reaches 39°C (102°F) or higher.
- Medication for fever is not required and to reduce fever you may use non-prescription drugs such as acetaminophen. Antibiotics don’t help. Don’t give a child younger than 18 years ibuprofen. It has been linked to Reye’s Syndrome.

**ACTIVITY:** The child should rest in bed until fever disappears.

**DIET:** Encourage fluid intake. The child should eat a normal, well-balanced diet. Continue any necessary supplements the child is accustomed to taking them.

**CALL YOUR DOCTOR IF**

- High fever.
- Twitching or other signs of convulsion begins.
- Seizures.
- The child refuses liquids.
- The child is sleepy and persistently and does not stop when picked up.
- The child is listless and has a stiff neck.

Dear Deanna:

I met a guy a few years ago and we really felt a spark. I was dating someone else but decided to go for him. The guy had met another female at the same time. As luck would have it, I said or did something that sparked him and he started dating the other lady. I went on with my life. After two years of staying in touch, his relationship ended and he’s back. He’s still friendly with this ex-girlfriend and I’m scared to go back for fear he’ll do the same thing again. What do I do?

Confused
Sacramento, CA

Dear Confused:

This isn’t the only man you can have a relationship with and I suggest you look elsewhere. If he dumped you the first time for someone else, he’ll do it again. However, if you’re still feeling the spark, observe him closely and take your time before getting too serious. A woman’s sixth sense is real. If your gut feeling is telling you to run or something’s not right, spare yourself some pain and follow your instincts.

Dear Deanna!

I feel there’s a difference between honesty and not telling the whole truth in a relationship. My husband has the tendency to leave out important facts. I’ve learned that he’ll tell me what he wants me to know and when I find out other things, he claims he forgot. How do you forget that you have a child, how do you forget that you got fired and how do you forget you have a wife. In other words, his living a double life and I don’t know what to do?

Carol
Charleston, SC

Dear Carol:

Your marriage is missing trust and communication which are the strongest staples of a successful relationship. There are also some issues with you that may cause your husband to be intimidated so he’s forced to lie about everything. However, there is no excuse for a double life in which he has committed adultery. Both of you need to invest in a therapist to sort out your issues, organize your mess and clean the air of The Jewellery and Mr. Hyde personalities.
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Dirk Nowitzki and the Dallas Mavericks are hoping to be able to derail the hopes of the new look Miami Heat's championship aspirations. But if they don’t come up with a few more guts; their chances don’t seem very good.

First of all there is the obvious must have... The Mavericks must have someone other than Dirk Nowitzki step up late in games to close out strong. Dirk’s 7’7’’ frame enables him to defend anyone with injuries. Dirk Nowitzki said early in the season that the Heat had the best team in the league on paper, but then backed off of his comments after beating the Heat.

The reality of this championship series is that the Heat simply have the edge in talent. They have Wade, James, and Bosh. And if that wasn’t enough, they now have a healthy Chris Haslem and Chris Miller who missed much of the regular season with injuries.

The Big 3 of the Miami Heat are poised to realize their goal of winning a NBA championship. The trio sacrificed millions of dollars, individual egos, and even positive parity to the end of getting to this point. Now all that stands in their way is Dirk Nowitzki and the Dallas Mavericks. The Mavericks are the best team out of the western conference and easily proved it during the playoffs.

The Mavericks also play good defense. As a matter of fact, the zone defense employed by the Mavericks gives them their best chance against the Heat. The zone defense forces teams to live by the jump-shot because it effectively takes away the paint when played well; no other team in the league plays the zone as close to perfection as the Mavericks.

The coaches who participate in the Expert Forum have expressed an interest in being a head coach at an NCAA college or university within their current division or in another NCAA division. Diversity and Inclusion provides the coaches with opportunities to gain knowledge on the day-to-day duties of a head coach beyond the field; this experience will be invaluable in my career.” The NCAA hosts the 2011 program with a notable rise in the number of minority head football coaches, excluding the historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs).

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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.

Ongoing Case of 12-Year-Old Murderer

12-year-old, Cristian Fernandez, recently was charged with first-degree murder after beating his two-year old brother, David Galarriagio, to death, leaving him bruised with a fractured skull and a bleeding brain.

Fernandez confessed to the beating of his younger brother and records show that he also broke his leg in January. This all happened when his mother Biannela Susana, 25, left the house and left Fernandez to take care of his younger brother. Susana later returned home to find her two-year-old son on the ground unconscious. Instead of calling the police, she wiped the blood off the baby, changed his clothing, and put ice on his head hoping he would wake up. She was hoping it was only a concussion and she ended up going to the hospital after two hours. Doctors said that if she had gone to the hospital immediately, the boy could’ve survived.

Other things have been taken into account such as Fernandez’s troubled history. His father was jailed and charged for statutory sexual assault after getting Susana pregnant when she was 12. Susana became a mother and gave birth to Fernandez at an extremely young age and they both ended up in foster care together. Also Susana grew up with a mother who was a drug addict. In October Susana moved to Jacksonville with her children after Fernandez’s stepfather killed himself in front of the family.

Fernandez is not being charged as a juvenile, but as an adult as he may be a danger to society in the future prosecutors say. He is the youngest person in Jacksonville to be charged with first-degree murder. Previously it was Thomas Thompson who was 13-years old. Susana is also in jail on related manslaughter charges for lying to the police at first and trying to cover up the beating and she is also charged for negligent homicide.

3 Arrested in Robbery/Kidnapping, 2 Still at Large

Ajay Kumar, 31, was found naked, beaten and bleeding. Kumar was originally in Jacksonville and he was giving a ride to someone he knew by the name of Hailey to St. Marys, Georgia.

Kumar said after he parked the car to get out of the vehicle, he was confronted by four men demanding all of his money. One of them was carrying an assault rifle, who repeatedly started beating Kumar on his head and face with his hands, feet, and even with the gun he was carrying. The other men started beating him after he fell to the ground, primarily targeting his upper body and head. They took his wallet, cellphone, and demanded the PIN number for his debit cards and was told that he’d be killed if he gives them the wrong information. Some of the men drove off in his car with his cards while the others stayed with Kumar with the gun to his head. Then shortly after, they left as well after receiving a call from the others who left earlier. Kumar was assisted by local residents as he walked out of the area. He was taken to Southeast Georgia Healthy System Camden Campus after police and emergency medical personnel arrived.

Kumar’s vehicle was recovered not too long later and five suspects were identified involved in the robbery: Hailey Sizemore, 21; Gennaro Barnes, 25; Isa Dean, 19; Kristopher Daniels, 26; and Deangelo Davis, 25. Sizemore, Barnes, and Dean have been arrested the next day. Davis and Daniels have not been found as of yet.
**SSSHH!** From Actual Police Reports

Did You Hear About?...

**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.

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**Man Doesn’t Pay 50 Cent Transit Fare Leads to Big Arrest**

An officer was at the JTA Bus Terminal located at 201 West Union Street working off duty. He had just gotten off JTA Skyway train at 301 N. Hogan Street also known as Hemming Plaza Exit.

As soon as he got off, he noticed a man by the name of Amanuel Zeratzion, avoiding paying the transit box of 50 cents by just passing through the turn style. The officer confronted the man asking why he didn’t pay and Zeratzion said that he did. The suspect did not give up on his word, which resulted in a pat down from the officer. The suspect had several concealed weapons (three eight inch non folding knives). One was inside his box underwear and the other two were strapped to each of his calves on his legs with elastic straps.

The suspect was mirandized, placed under arrest, and transported to jail. He was charged with Carrying Concealed Weapon and Transit Fare Evasion.

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**Wallet Snatcher Caught!**

Recently, a notorious couple of thieves, specializing in stealing cards out of women’s purses at Walmart, have been sought out for. JSO received a call from a citizen to help catch one of the suspects.

Her name is Amanda Love Gardner, 27, and convicted of multiple charges of fraudulent use of credit cards in Duval County. Citizens are reminded to keep personal items with them at all times while shopping and not place personal items in the shopping cart.

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**Protect People and Pet from the Heat**

With temperatures rising and the start of summer just around the corner, it is important that drivers are knowledgeable about the potential dangers of leaving children, the elderly, or animals in a hot car. Vehicles heat up quickly - even with a window rolled down two inches. 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. A core body temperature of 107°F is considered lethal, as cells are damaged and internal organs shut down. Children’s thermoregulatory systems are not as efficient as an adult’s and their body temperatures warm at a rate three to five times faster than adults. The normal body temperature range of a dog is 101 to 102 degrees. If that temperature rises to 106 degrees, there is real danger of brain damage and vital organ failure. Anyone who sees a child or an animal that is left in an unattended or unsupervised vehicle should immediately call 9-1-1. Per Florida State Statutes 316.6135 and 828.12 both incidents are punishable by law.

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**Your Safety**

**MAKE SURE YOUR KIDS KNOW!**

*How to call 911 or “0” in emergencies, and how to use a public phone. Help them practice making emergency phone calls. Be sure emergency numbers—police, fire, poison control and emergency medical—are by all phones. *Their full name, address, and phone number (including the area code), plus your work phone number. If you have a cellular phone and/or beeper, teach your children these numbers as well.  
*How to walk confidently and stay alert to what’s going on around them. *To walk and play with friends, not alone. *To refuse rides or gifts from anyone, unless it’s someone both you and your child know and trust. *To tell a trusted adult immediately if anyone, no matter whom, touches them in a way that makes them feel uncomfortable.  

**SAFEGUARD YOUR CHILDREN**

*Learn about warning signs that your child might be involved with drugs or gangs. *Spend time listening to your children or just being with them. Help them find positive, fun activities that they can take part in.  
*Always know and know about your child’s activities. *Know where your child is, and when he or she will return.  
*Be sure you and your child are clear on your rules and expectations for activities. Make absolutely clear what is OK and what is not. *Teach your child Internet safety tips. The people they talk to online might not be who they say they are.

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Call, Write, Email, or Fax to us titled: **CONNECTION, $10 - 3 lines of text only (Total 18 words) With PICTURE included $25.**

Contact G’ @ 904-766-8834 or Email G@thefloridastar.com send all correspondence to P.O. Box 40629, Jacksonville, FL 32203
**Woman Arrested for Leaving 76-Year-Old Mother in Hot Car**

Alicia Gray Scott, 48, was arrested after leaving her 76-year-old mother in the car to go eat at a Chinese restaurant with her daughter.

Calls were made to the Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office reporting an elderly woman slumped over in the front passenger seat of a car. People around were very concerned about this and one said that she even asked for water and wanted to leave. Police showed up at the scene and checked up on the 76-year-old and verified that she was in good condition, but she was still taken to the hospital. Leaving someone in a car for long periods of time can be dangerous as heat builds up, especially in the Florida heat. The car wasn’t even running, so the AC was not turned on.

Scott was charged with culpable negligence. She was also charged with aggravated assault for pushing the officers. She was also tased for not cooperating. This is probably not anything new to Scott’s mother as her daughter said, “This is what we normally do with Nana because she gets tired.”

**3 Arrested for Feeding the Homeless!**

The three individuals in this story have gone out of their way to do such terrible things such as feeding the hungry. They were arrested after setting up in a local park feeding a large group of homeless people. Unfortunately, they were arrested by the police for violation of an ordinance that was passed earlier this year, requiring them to have permits.

The three that were arrested were Jessica Cross, 24, Benjamin Markeson, 49, and Jonathan “Keith” McHenry, 54. McHenry was the co-founder of the international movement called Food Not Bombs that started in the early 1980s. Regardless of whether or not this was violating any law or ordinance, Food Not Bombs said they will continue to feed the homeless in the parks and in nearby areas, whether they had any permits or not. Food Not Bombs said that the city started enforcing this because having large groups of homeless people were considered “unsightly, annoying and bad for business and an impediment to the local social/political/economic elite’s goals of downtown redevelopment and gentrification.”

This generous act of humanity of providing to the needy is sadly not allowed, simply over a permit. The Food Not Bombs members could each face a fine of $500 and up to 60 days in jail. Two of them were released on a $250 bail, but McHenry chose to stay in jail and wait for other legal actions to be taken.

**Other Unusual Crimes Across the Nation**

**Couple Completes Journey of Visiting all 50 States and Gets Killed in Ohio**

Liberty Township, Ohio- An elderly couple from Manchester, Connecticut, had just finished visiting all 50 states of the country and ended with a tragic accident. Ohio was the last state of their lifelong goal quest. The couple were walking over to the Denny’s right across the street from the hotel they were staying at until they were struck by a minivan. Keith Rodgers, 73, died immediately and his wife Doreen, 71, died shortly after at St. Elizabeth’s Health Center. Police are still determining whether the driver of the minivan, a 64-year-old woman from Vienna, Ohio, is at fault. The couple were walking through an area not marked for pedestrians and the driver has not been charged yet. Other factors will be looked at such as speed of the vehicle, inattention of the driver, or tuning the radio.

**Utah Man Pays $25 Medical Bill in Pennies**

Vernal, Utah- Jason West, 38, was charged with a bill of $25 he did not feel he had to pay. West approached this matter by returning the hospital and dumping 2,500 pennies on the counter demanding it to be counted. Paying in any amount of coins is not against the law. Money is still money, but cops were called and said that West’s behavior served no legitimate purpose. West was charged with disorderly conduct and a fine of $140, or 140,000 pennies.

**Woman Shows up to Sixth DUI Court Hearing Drunk**

Elgin, IL- Sandra Uher, 54, has been arrested for DUI for the sixth time. She was charged after running a stop sign and crashing into another vehicle. Police said her blood-alcohol level came out to be .30, which is nearly four times the legal limit. It is illegal to drive with a blood-alcohol level of .08 or higher in the U.S. On top of that, she was driving with a revoked license. Uher has a list of DUI charges, including the one in 1999, where she was arrested twice on the same day. For her last hearing, Uher has also appeared drunk for this occasion. After conviction, she may face up to 30 years in prison.

**Cheerleading Victim Forced to Pay $35,000 for not Cheering for Rapist Athlete**

Silsbee, TX- The victim of this story was a cheerleader and she went to the same high school as her rapist, Rakheem Bolton, who was an athlete. He was later pleaded guilty to a lesser charge and was allowed to still play for the varsity basketball team. The victim was later cheering for the team, with her cheering squad, that her rapist was playing for. She cheered on the players, but refused to cheer for Rakheem. She was told that if she didn’t shout “Rakheem” like the rest of the cheerleaders, she would be kicked off the squad. She still refused, resulting in her getting kicked off the cheerleading squad. Her family fought and sued against the district, which they lost. Then the high school forced their parents to pay their legal fees which ended up to be over $35,000. The victim and her family are currently receiving nationwide attention and support.
## Criminal Line-Up

### MISSING PERSONS

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### ON THE LOOKOUT

- **Hit & Run**
  Linda Bostain, 61, was hit by a car while crossing the street. The man in the car came out and talked to her briefly before leaving in his vehicle. She said she is able to identify the car and the driver. The car is an older model white passenger car, possibly a white Nissan Versa and should have front-end damage. The driver is described as a man, 5’10”, 170 pounds with brown hair. If you have any information, please call the Florida Highway Patrol at 1-800-387-1290.

- **Anonymous Killer**
  Gregory Kinder, 44, was found shot and dead in a parking lot at Evergreen Avenue and East 26th Street, about 5 blocks from his listed address. If you know anything that can help in the investigation, please call the Crime Stoppers at 866-845- TIPS (8477). You will remain anonymous and could receive a cash reward if your information leads to an arrest.

- **Armed Robber**
  A couple in Georgia was approached by an armed robber with his face covered in a bandana. He forced them to drive to an ATM where he got $600 and also an additional $350 from the couple that they already had on them. Then he had them drive back to the hotel where he was dropped off. The couple said the suspect needed the money for his mother who had cancer. Police say the man fled on foot. If you know anything that can help find the suspect, please call the Crime Stoppers at 866-845- TIPS (8477). You will remain anonymous and could receive a cash reward if your information leads to an arrest.

### MOST WANTED

- **Name:** Alphonso Robertson Jr.  
  **Offense:** Aggravated Assault with deadly weapon
- **Name:** Danny Donnell Billingslea  
  **Age:** 31  
  **Offense:** Fraud Rental Property $300
- **Name:** Terrence Marvel Aaron  
  **Age:** 30  
  **Offense:** Grand Theft
- **Name:** Ryan Alexander Amy  
  **Age:** 24  
  **Offense:** Defrauding Financial Business
- **Name:** Vern Alexander Davis  
  **Age:** 23  
  **Offense:** Child abuse
- **Name:** Christina Leola Harvey  
  **Age:** 34  
  **Offense:** 3rd conviction of prostitution

### PREDATOR ALERT

- **Name:** Shawn-Anthony Copeland  
  **Offense:** Lewd behavior against child of 13-15
- **Name:** Lavel A Martin  
  **Offense:** Sex with 16-17 year old
- **Name:** Vincent Morgan  
  **Offense:** Lewd indecent assault against child under 16
- **Name:** Charles Alexander  
  **Offense:** Living off Prostitution, Lewd sexual battery on children 12-15
- **Name:** Robert Ashwood  
  **Offense:** Aggravated sexual battery with deadly weapon
- **Name:** Alton Baker  
  **Offense:** Battery by felon

**Citizens with tips are encouraged to call Crime Stoppers at 1-866-845-TIPS. You can remain anonymous and become eligible for a reward.**
The Florida and Georgia Salutes The Class of "2011"

By Angela Favors-Morrell

The commencement speakers at the 2011 ceremonies this year weren't advising graduates to take, they were advising them to give. More specifically, to give back to the Community, the University, the School that has given them an education. This year's commencement addresses challenged the graduates of the Class of "2011" to make the world a better place.

*You can't live a perfect day without doing something for someone who will never be able to repay you.* ~John Wooden
**“Negro Spiritual” Scholarship Foundation**

Orlando FL – At the invitation of Mrs. Patricia Mica – wife of Florida’s District 7 U.S. Congressional Representative Hon. John L. Mica – our 2011 (Florida) GRADY-RAYAM PRIZE In Sacred Music Male Vocalist Frank Humphrey III sang the spiritual Let Us Break Bread Together as the invocation for the First Lady’s Lunch held at the Washington Hilton in the nation’s capital on Wednesday 18th May 2011. First Lady Michelle Obama was feted on the occasion, and she delivered a speech to the gathering. (Mrs. Mica was the chairperson for this year’s gathering of spouses of congressional and other governmental figures with the First Lady, and the annual tradition is highly ranked on Washington’s social register.) Frank (pictured here with Mrs. Obama) is a graduating senior from Douglas Anderson School of the Arts in Jacksonville who was given a $3,000 tuition-assistance grant for college along with winning our competition. He will begin undergraduate studies in Vocal Performance at Bethune-Cookman University (Daytona) this Fall. [Photo courtesy of REFLECTIONS Event Photography and used with permission]

This was the third occasion on which the “Negro Spiritual” Scholarship Foundation had been invited to the nation’s capital at the behest of Congressman Mica’s office, and the importance of the recognition is not lost on the agency. “We are extremely proud of being called upon repeatedly to send outstanding Florida citizens to Washington as youth ambassadors for our mission of preserving the American Negro spiritual song and providing educational opportunity for college-bound students,” said Rudolph C. Cleare, Managing Director of the Foundation.

Visit www.negrospiritual.org to learn more about the “NS”SF and its programs.

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**Duval County Public Schools Improve Spring 2011 FCAT 2.0 Grades**

Jacksonville, FL --- The Florida Department of Education has released the results of the Spring 2011 FCAT 2.0 Grades 4-10 Reading and Grades 4-8 Mathematics assessments, as well as the results of the Spring 2011 Grade 10 FCAT Mathematics and Grades 5, 8, and 11 FCAT Science assessments. Duval County Public Schools (DCPS) has shown improvement in 11 different areas while scores stayed the same in 3 others.

“We are encouraged to see that our students are continuing to make progress”, said Superintendent Pratt-Dannals. “These scores are proof of the hard work and dedication of our students and teachers.”

The results for the 2011 FCAT 2.0 show improvements throughout the district. Grades six, and eight through ten all show one-point gains in reading scores, while mathematics scores either rose or stayed the same for grades four, five, seven and ten. Science scores also showed improvement for students in the fifth grade.

The shining stars in this year’s results are Pinedale elementary who improved their scores overall by 139 points over last year. Ortega improved by 97 points, St. Clair Evans by 74 points, Long Branch by 70 points, S.P. Livingston by 58 points, and Biltmore by improved 54 points overall.

With the release of the 2011 FCAT 2.0 scores, the district has 20 days to review any inconsistencies in scoring. School grades will then be determined and should be released sometime in late June for elementary and middle schools, with high school grades expected sometime in October or November.

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**State Representative MIA L. JONES Announces**

**SALES TAX HOLIDAY DATES**

**BACK TO SCHOOL SALES TAX HOLIDAY**

The Legislature sent the Governor a Tax Credits bill (HB 143) that includes the "Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday," which I was happy to support. This three-day sales tax-free holiday goes from August 12-14, 2011 and provides an exemption on clothing and backpacks, which cost $75 or less. This year’s sale holiday does not include textbooks.

It also include school supplies that cost $15 or less per item, such as pens, pencils, erasers, crayons, notebooks, notebook filler paper, legal pads, binders, lunch boxes, construction paper, markers, folders, poster board, composition books, poster paper, scissors, cellophane tape, glue or paste, rulers, computer disks, protractors, compasses, and calculators.

**BACK TO SCHOOL SALES TAX HOLIDAY • AUGUST 12-14, 2011**

Clothing and Footwear (defined as an “article of wearing apparel, including all footwear, except skis, swim fins, roller blades, and skates, intended to be worn on or about the human body,” but excluding watches, watchbands, jewelry, umbrellas, and handkerchiefs); Wallets; and handkerchiefs); Wallets; and Bags (including handbags, backpacks, fanny packs, and diaper bags, but excluding briefcases, suitcases, and other garment bags).
Fresh! At the Farmers' Market!

You can't buy fresher fruits and vegetables than those at the farm or the farmers' market! I love buying my berries, peaches and apples there!

Have you ever been to a farmers' market? The farmers' market is a place where farmers bring, set up and sell their fruits, vegetables, potted plants and home-baked goods. Most of these markets are held once a week, often at fairgrounds or in parking lots.

Some people like to go to the market because they enjoy talking with other shoppers and asking farmers about their products. Others enjoy being outside where their children can play a little and help to choose and buy items.

What Do You See at the Market?

There are many sights at the farmers' market. Read the clues to fill in the crossword:

1. green and yellow ________ piled high
2. home-baked ________
3. ________ for weighing food
4. straw ________ for cooling heads
5. ________ giving shade
6. ________ talking and selling
7. freshly cut ________

8. samples of juicy ________ to try
9. dried ________ hanging
10. ________ laden with foods and potted plants
11. ________ listing prices
12. ________ to carry food and supplies to the market

‘Orangea’ glad that there are so many fruits, vegetables, baked goods and fresh eggs to choose from?
The Florida and Georgia Salutes
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By Angela Favors-Morrell

(pictures continued from PR-1)

Jacksonville, FL – One of Duval County Public Schools’ middle schools, Southside Middle, has been accepted as an International Baccalaureate (IB) candidate school for the Middle Years Programme for IB World Schools. Southside Middle recently received a letter confirming that their application for candidacy has been accepted.

To become an IB World School, the school must complete a multistep process that takes about two to three years. Thus far, Southside Middle has fulfilled the first two steps by completing both the school information form as part of the consideration phase, and the Application form part A required for the request for candidacy.

Following authorization, Southside Middle will go through an evaluation process that takes place on a regular basis to ensure that the standards and practices of the programme are being maintained.