Two Arrested, Two Sought in Moncrief’s Murders

Two men have been arrested and two others are being sought regarding the shooting death of Antonio Mosley, 22, Tuesday night. Antonio was shot and killed at the Moncrief Village Apartments. Richard Person III, 26, and Miles McChristian Jr., 24, were arrested and charged with murder. According to reports, Person’s cousin was involved in a relationship with Mosley.

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Man Stole 24 Laptop Computers

The video shows the man above, casually walking into a Jacksonville building. It continues as he walks casually throughout the offices with a computer bag on his shoulder. During the short period, the unknown suspect, who appeared as a person very familiar with his environment and at ease with his performance. The problem, he was not at work, well, not for the company, he was at work for himself, as he stole 24 laptop computers.

The Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office is requesting the assistance of the public to help identify and locate the laptop thief. Call Crime Stoppers at 1-866-845-TIPS.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Florida Chapter of Sisters In Crime welcomes Patricia Sprinkle as the keynote speaker for their annual workshop on August 4th from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Amelia Congregational Church, 451 University Blvd. North, Jacksonville, FL. The workshop is open to the public.

Non-members will receive a 2013 FLSinC membership and admission for their $20 donation. Sprinkle will be presenting her workshop tips on “How To Write A Mystery” from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. For more information, visit http://floridasistersincrime.com or www.patriciasprinkle.com.

HAVEN HOSPICE is hosting a grief and loss support group every Thursday from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. The group meets at St. Vincent’s Orange Park Medical Center from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. For more information, please call 904-276-1677.

The Committee for Bishop Dr. Lorenzo Hall Sr. Appreciation Day Celebration is asking all of the community and the community to come out and support The Community Get Out To Vote Cookout August 3, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Greater El-Beth-El Divine Holiness Church 723 W. 4th Street Jacksonville, Florida 32209. The Honorable Adrian G. Snod, Judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit Court of the State of Florida will be our guest Speaker. Go to the polls and vote August 5, 2012. We’re going to have plenty of food to serve.

ST. PAUL LUTHERIAN CHURCH – 2730 Edgewood Ave. Rev. James Wyggen, Jr., Pastor announcing a five-week food & Bible study series July 28, 2012 – August 26, 2012. The series kicks off with a Movie “Fireproof,” Saturday, July 28th, at the William M. Ramsey High School Auditorium at 4:00 p.m / Free Admission / Open to the public and continue each Sunday morning at 9:30 adult study and 10:00 Worship Service. For more information, call the Church at 562-4219. Church motto: Justified for Sanctification that matters

The ST. THOMAS MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH will celebrate the 100th anniversary of their Beloved Pastor beginning with a Banquet on Saturday, August 11th at 7pm, held at the Family Life Center, 2119 Rowe Ave. Tickets are $40 per person. On Sunday, August 12th during the sermon portion of the service, Elder Clifford Johnson of the Zion Hymn Missionary Baptist Church, along with his church family will be guest preachers. The church is open to attend these services at 5603 Mendez Rd., Jacksonville. Eunice M., Petty, St. Pastor and Pastor.

Come see Bishop Dr. Lorenzo Hall Sr. every Wednesday and Thursday from 12 noon to 3 pm for Prayer Meeting & Bible Study at The Greater El-Beth-El Divine Holiness Church, located at 723 W. 4th Street Jacksonville, FL 32209.

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

CHURCH

FAITH In Our Community Schedule of Events and Services

JACKSONVILLE, FL

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AUGUSTINE, Ruth M., 86, died July 17, 2012.

BUNION, Mary Thutcher, 24, died July 18, 2012.

BELAMY, Frank Holsii, Sr., 71, died July 20, 2012.

BLAKENESS, Thomas Chancl, 57, died July 17, 2012.

BOWSALL, Robert N., 56, died July 16, 2012.

CLARK, Margaret, 90, died July 17, 2012.

ANDERSON, Audrey, 86, died July 19, 2012.

DONAHOE, Mary Octavius, 96, died July 21, 2012.


DORSEY, Betty Jean, died July 17, 2012.

DRINKS, Angelita Maru, died July 18, 2012.

ELLIS, Karilyn R., died July 17, 2012.

FARNAM, Thomas, 75, died July 12, 2012.


FRIEDLIN, Mark C., 56, died July 16, 2012.

GRIFFIS, Odessa, 97, died July 16, 2012.

GUINN, Dorothy Poolech, 91, died July 17, 2012.

HAGEN, Margaret E., 96, died July 17, 2012.

HARRIS, Sheila, died July 19, 2012.

HATCHER, Michelle, died July 20, 102.

HEATH, Leroy, Jr., 57, died July 22, 2012.


HINSON, Samuel Lee, 63, died July 22, 2012.


MOY, Cornelius D., died July 17, 2012.

MCGEE, Bert E., 73, died July 18, 2012.

MCGOVERN, Terry Joseph, Sr., 84, died July 19, 2012.

MCINTOSH, Mary Lois, 96, died July 17, 2012.


MERCER, Lawrence, 80, died July 21, 2012.


MITCHELL, Mary, 84, died July 20, 2012.

MOORE, Joseph Bannet, Sr., 75, died July 20, 2012.

MUNN, Shirley D., 85, died July 18, 2012.

MURPHY, Betty T., 85, died July 17, 2012.

MYERS, Rose, 96, died July 17, 2012.


PASSWATER, Howard S., 82, died July 17, 2012.


PLASTER, Annis Louise, 87, died July 18, 2012.

ROWE, Cordele, died July 20, 2012.

SHIELDS, Lillian, 89, died July 16, 2012.

SOLANO, Genevieve, 92, died July 10, 2012.


THOMAS, Darlene, 48, died July 16, 2012.


THOMPSON, Steven Fitzgerald, died July 21, 2012.

TUSTIN, Vivian, died July 18, 2012.


WAVE, Moshe, 98, died July 18, 2012.

WILLIAMS, Larry, Jr., 68, died July 16, 2012.


GEORGIA DEATHS

ASHCOM, Jamie, died July 12, 2012.


NEALY, Ron, 54, died July 20, 2012.

EULY, Frank, died July 18, 2012.
During Mayor Brown’s campaign for mayor, he did state that he would be there for the citizens of Jacksonville in a nonpartisan manner. With that commitment, he won the position of Mayor of Jacksonville with a very slim margin. But one cannot forget that he was not only the first Black mayor, he was the first democratic mayor elected to represent the city in twenty years.

It was reported in Tampa that Mr. Brown said, “I’m not going to get involved in any campaigns.” He reiterated, according to the report, that he wants to work on Jacksonville, not national issues.

Mayor Brown has been involved in politics for a very long time, as he served at the White House under former President Bill Clinton.

What must be understood is that Mr. Brown has not changed his position as a democrat even though he won his position as mayor with the help of both Democrats and Republicans.

Mr. Brown will not respond to questions regarding what he will do at the polls in November. If there is a question regarding his political involvement, just continue reading or flipping through the pages of The Florida Star. Mayor Alvin Brown appears, through observation of this publication, to be a person very dedicated to improvement.

The report said that Person had learned that his cousin was being abused by Mosely. It bothered him so much that he wanted to confront him about the matter. According to the report, when Person approached Mosely, he turned to walk away in an effort to return to the apartment. At that time, the two men opened fire on him.

Police records show that Mosely was shot four to five times but was also able to fire shots, even though he died at Shands Jacksonville Medical Center.

JSO know the identities of the other two men sought but will not release their names as they search for them.

A young prince or princess may be in the cards for Queen Latifah, who revealed this week on “The View” that she’s “working on” adopting a child, WENN.com reports. The rapper, actress and singer told host Barbara Walters that a TV movie was the impetus for her getting the ball rolling on raising a little one.

“I think I saw one of those specials … you know those movies of the week,” said the 42-year-old superstar. “And it was like… I just always wanted to bring a child home.”

“So if you get a kid that you don’t [want] … just give me a year -- let me set up camp and send me the kid!” she jokingly added.

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DOOOO-VAAAL! Northeast Florida Democrats welcomed U. S. Representative Debbie Wasserman-Schultz, Chairperson of the Democratic National Committee, as keynote speaker at the annual Jefferson-Jackson Dinner held at the Jacksonville Marriott Hotel.

The event was sponsored by the Duval County Democratic Executive Committee (DCDEC), the local Democratic Party organization. DCDEC members Hazel Gillis and husband George Gillis served as Chair and Co-chair, respectively, of the Jefferson-Jackson Committee, which planned the occasion.


Wasserman-Schultz arrived onstage to resounding applause and the familiar strains of “Hello Dolly”, performed by Laurence Walden and the Jazz Connection, the evening’s entertainment. Walden then lead the audience in a sing-along of “Hello Debbie”, which he penned for the occasion. At the end of the evening, Walden performed another song that he authored, “Let’s Stay Together for Obama”, sung to the tune of “Let’s Stay Together” by recording artist, Al Green.

Other speakers on the program were U. S. Representative Corrine Brown, House District 5, Ambassador Nancy Soderberg, a candidate in the Florida Senate District 4 race, Mayor Alvin Brown and wife Santhea Brown, who introduced Rep. Wasserman-Schultz, James Poindexter, Chairperson, Jacksonville Young Dems, and Raymond Paultre, Jacksonville Regional Field Director of Organizing for America, President Obama’s re-election campaign organization. U. S. Senator Bill Nelson appeared via pre-recorded video.

Jefferson-Jackson dinners, named for Presidents Thomas Jefferson and Andrew Jackson, are annual fundraising celebrations held by Democratic Party organizations throughout the United States. During presidential election campaigns, certain dinners are considered important venues for candidates to attend.
SUCCESSFUL INAUGURAL STYLEWEEK RESORT MIAMI

StyleWeek Resort Miami attracts over 900 guests, July 10-14

Miami, FL – The inaugural StyleWeek Resort Miami produced by StyleWeek LLC and presented by Alessandra Gold took off on Tuesday, July 10, 2012 at the Alessandra Gold Concept Store located at 3326, N. Miami Ave, Miami, Florida 33137 at 5:30 pm in the Wynwood district. It was a great success, with engaging reviews from the media and fashion enthusiasts alike. The week long event which was hosted at the newly restored, pristine Temple House feature designers like Hope Macdonald, Richard Petit, Camille Jeanay, Amanda Penna, Tess Johnson, Alessandra Gold, Jessica Abetemethy, Jonathan Joseph Peters and Jananne Marie, (both from Project Runway Season 7) was well attended with over 900 guests present including fashion enthusiasts, models, press and fashion lovers who all appreciated the edge of resort wear fitting for the Miami Lifestyle.

The StyleWeek Resort Miami headliner was Alessandra Gold, who ended the show in style with Miami’s Number one dance crew who have made appearances on America’s Best Dance Crew and America’s Got Talent “Illmatik Phlow”, Choreographed by Leo Chavez who choreographed for the movie “Rock of Ages”. The runway after party wrapped up at the unique Rokbar Miami. The week long fashion event ended with a sample sale and shopping event at The Alessandra Gold Concept Store on Saturday, July 14th from 1:00pm-10:00pm. Here, everyone picked their favorite looks from the runway and shopped with a 20% discount off!

Each designers collection highlighted fabrics that ranged from satin lame, to lace to recycled plastic soda bottles, sequence, linen, silk and more. The contemporary yet colorful appeal of each piece on the runway was an ideal representation of resort wear Miami Style.

StyleWeek LLC. would like to thank everyone and members of the media who attended StyleWeek Resort Miami. Also a special gratitude to Swarovski, Showroom 305, Jeffrey Lubin Productions, Presidente Beer, Nuvu, Alessandra Gold, Alex & Ami Beauty, TONY MAJOR events, Brilliance New York (created all the makeup and hair looks seen on the runway), Sergio Zelcer, Rokbar, The Temple House and Icy PR all it sponsors for making this inaugural event a success.

“StyleWeek Resort was an unbelievable event - showcasing brilliant, young designers - flawlessly executed, beautifully wrapped and delivered. The audience ate it up. A must see event. And of course, Temple House was a great fit as the new spectacular venue that just hit the scene. Thank you for the opportunity.”- Daniel Davidson, The Temple House

For more information on StyleWeek Resort Miami, please e-mail us at info@icypr.com or log on to www.styleweekresort.com.

About StyleWeek, LLC

StyleWeek, established in 2009, was created with the vision of connecting buyers and press with emerging design talent. A CFDA supported fashion week focused on the business of fashion. StyleWeek is a true celebration of style and culture, which includes both formal fashion shows and community-wide events. StyleWeek is an auxiliary event of StyleWeek NE where we have a biannual 7-day fashion week catered to emerging designers. The main purpose for StyleWeek Resort is the expansion of the brand to other cities. For more information about StyleWeek, visit www.styleweekresort.com and www.styleweekprovidence.com

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K. Michelle
AT PURE

Sandy Neal
Freelance Photojournalist

Pure Nightclub hosted K. Michelle one of the stars of the VH1 reality show, Love and Hip Hop Atlanta. DJ Q45 formerly of 106 & Park were spinning the latest hits in Hip Hop, Old Skool and Reggae with Ivory Orr on the mic to keep the crowd dancing until the arrival of the VH1 star K. Michelle.

K. Michelle born Kimberly Michelle Pate of Memphis Tennessee is also a singer and songwriter and have been musically associated with Usher, Big Sean, Rick Ross, Trina and R. Kelly just to name a few.

K. Michelle had two singles, Fallen and I Just Can’t Do This on the charts of 106 and Park for eight weeks and she earned her first gold plaque for her work on R. Kelly’s Love Letter album that featured her on the track of Love Is. R. Kelly is her male mentor, but she says that Mary J. Blige, Whitney Houston and Tammy Terrell have influenced her music style.

When K. Michelle entered PURE nightclub, many of her fans were anxious to get a picture and touch the reality star welcomed her. She was warm, all smiles and considerate of the crowd, she shook as many hands and took as many photos with her fans as she possibly could.

K. Michelle was working the crowd from both sides of the VIP section. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., which she pledged while attending Florida A & M University. Look out world I think we are going to hear more from this talented young woman. Love and Hip Hop airs Mondays on VH1 at 8:00 p.m., Good Luck K. Michelle from your Jacksonville fans in all your endeavors.

Steve Bellamy
Party With A Purpose
Birthday Celebration

This weekend kicked off the Birthday celebration of Steve Bellamy, a coach for Raines High School and a 25-year veteran of the music industry. This year instead of just having a birthday party for family and friends, he wanted to “Party with a Purpose” so he joined forces with the American Cancer Society where he spoke with Michelle Ragans and from there a plan was set in motion.

The party kicked off on Thursday evening at Skyline Sports Bar and Grill on Norwood Avenue where Michelle Ragans set up a table where there were buckets for customers of the venue to drop money into, they gave away wristbands, pink pendants to survivors and informational pamphlets.

Saturday night the party was at PURE Nightclub on Phillips Highway where there was give-a-ways from The American Cancer Society. Steve had many of his friends there such as; Greg Blue of Superstar Jewelry (Norwood Avenue) who says that Steve is a caring and giving person, he gave an undisclosed amount to the American Cancer Society. Antonio Gadsden (Real or Nothin, 904 Fashions and Team Hope) Mr. Gadsden’s mother, Beverly Gadsden lost her fight with breast cancer six years ago.

Mr. Antonio Gadsden says that Steven Bellamy gives unselfishly to the community; he is well connected and always looking to better himself and others. Troy Solomon (Troy Solomon Enterprises, The Troy Solomon Foundation and he is also a Pop Warner Coach with the Sweetwater Athletic Association) whose Aunt Lorraine Solomon and Grandmother Frankie May Marshall lost their battle to cancer.

Mr. Solomon, Greg Blue and Antonio Gadsden have helped sponsor children for the Steve Bellamy Foundation that helps kids with track, football and basketball scholarships, community services and cancer and diabetes awareness.

Steve Bellamy is an inspiring man and a passionate person in whatever he does, especially with the student athletes of Duval County. He is responsible for many student athletes to go on and compete for collegiate scholarships in track and football that he has trained since 1995 and has gotten approximately one hundred of our children from Duval County athletic scholarships.

Some of the athletes he has trained consist of Dementus Web (formerly of the Jaguars and currently playing for the Canadian League), Torrin Lawrence (runs track for the University of Georgia) and Charone Williams (currently the assistant track coach at University of North Florida).

Steve Bellamy is a veteran of the music industry for 25 years and has worked with such artist as Uncle Luke, Pies, Heavy D. and the Boyz and Busta Rhymes.

Mr. Bellamy’s first show was the Mr. and Mrs. Body Beautiful Contest in November of 1987. The show was hosted by the University of Miami football team which at the time included; Michael Eerving (retired, Dallas Cowboys Hall of Famer), Melvin Bratton (retired, Denver Broncos) and Benny and Brian Blades (retired twins, Seattle Seahawks and Brian retired from the Detroit Lions). Along with five other players whom went on to achieve greatness on and off the field.

This Friday Steve along with the American Cancer Society will be at Rush Street, hosted by DJ Dr. Doom located downtown at the Jacksonville Landing.
Jamaica Assumes Chairmanship of OAS Permanent Council

WASHINGTON: The Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the Organization of American States (OAS), Stephen Vasciannie, (pictured) assumed the Chair of the OAS Permanent Council, succeeding the Permanent Representative of Bolivia, Ambassador Diego Pary, who had served as interim Chair. Ambassador Vasciannie will hold the position for the next three months.

The Jamaican diplomat said “It is indeed an honor for me to assume the position of Chairman of the Permanent Council of the OAS one day after presenting credentials as the Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the OAS.” “The learning curve will be very steep,” he added, “but I am hopeful that I will take advantage of the opportunity to assist in the promotion of peace and security, rule of law, and all of the other core principles of the Organization of American States during my term of office.”

Ambassador Vasciannie noted that “this appointment comes at a propitious time for Jamaica. As some of you will know, Jamaica, at the start of August, will be commemorating the 50th anniversary of its independence. As such, it’s a time for us to renew our commitment in the international arena even as we celebrate locally the achievement of the country.” “We look forward to serving with distinction,” he concluded, “and we hope to work with the members of the Secretariat and the representatives of all the countries of the OAS to ensure that we have peace and security in our region.”

The outgoing Chair, Ambassador Pary of Bolivia, noted that the Council had recently taken up two important topics: the situation in Paraguay and the mandates that emerged from the General Assembly of Cochabamba. He is both issues, he said, “that we will continue to discuss, we will continue to debate and surely we will arrive at good agreements under your leadership, Ambassador.”

The Bolivian diplomat now assumes the Vice Chair of the Permanent Council.

Attending the ceremony, which took place in the Gallery of Heroes in the headquarters of the OAS in Washington, DC, was the Secretary General of the OAS, José Miguel Insulza, the Assistant Secretary General, Ambassador Albert Ramdin, and representatives of several missions of Member States.

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Mr Graham Cooke, President & Founder, World Travel Awards; Mr Ralph Higgs, Director, Turks & Caicos Tourist Board; Miss Zhang Zilin, former Miss World and Lucy Barawitzka, Avis (Asia) are pictured left to right at the WTA’s in 2008. The awards will be held in TCI this year.

The Turks and Caicos Islands (TCI) will become the focus of the travel and tourism industry on September 14 when they host the World Travel Awards (WTA) 2012. WTA’s Caribbean and the Americas Ceremony 2012 will take place at the all-inclusive Beaches Turks and Caicos Resort Villages & Spa.

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As the country’s largest private sector employer, Beaches exemplifies the importance of travel and tourism in Turks and Caicos in generating jobs and tourism revenue. The resort has also taken the family vacation concept to a whole new level in the Caribbean,” he added.

Gordon “Butch” Stewart, chairman of Sandals and Beaches Resorts, will once again host the awards. “There is no better event that epitomizes the importance of travel and tourism than the World Travel Awards,” Stewart said. “Beaches Resorts is honored to host this year’s Caribbean and the Americas Gala in the beautiful Turks and Caicos.”

Ralph Higgs, director of tourism, Turks and Caicos Tourist Board, said: “The Turks and Caicos Islands are indeed very proud to once again be the host country for WTA. These awards recognize the best in the travel industry while also celebrating the rich diversity of the destinations - their culture, heritage, and people. Turks and Caicos Tourist Board welcomes WTA back to our beautiful shores where memories will be made for a lifetime, the hospitality and spirit of the people will forever be etched in the history of such an esteemed group of nominees.”

The Caribbean and The Americas Ceremony 2012 marks the second leg of WTA’s Grand Tour, a global search for the world’s leading travel brands, which also includes regional heats in Dubai, Nairobi, Singapore, and The Algarve. The winners of these legs will then go head-to-head at WTA’s Grand Final, which takes place at The Oberoi, Gurgaon, New Delhi, India, on December 12, 2012.
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The Florida Star was there when President Barack Obama arrived in town last week for a two-day campaign blitz beginning in Jacksonville and ending in Orlando. The team of local media assigned to cover the President's stop over had to be at the designated hangar at Jacksonville International Airport by 9:00 a.m. for a security sweep though the plane wasn’t due until 12:45, recalls our Marsha Dean Pheels.

"From the hangar we were shuttled by bus to the tarmac where we set up our equipment on a make shift parked runway," she said. "Approaching the tarmac we spotted Air Force One, an enormous advance jet that brings in the Presidential limousine and security equipment prior to the President’s landing. This beautiful Thursday morning, July 19, began like most summer days in the River City, humid, hot and sunny, it remained that way up to just before Air Force One was due. Then long sky splitting flashes of lightning streaked from the southwest, from our perch on the rafter we watched the skies darken with hopes that President Obama’s plane would break the rain. As the ominous clouds lowered people began covering themselves with rain gear, even the camera’s had their own protective rain coverings. Then one or two drops of rain fell followed by a deluge that emptied from the cloud burst. With equipment in tow media teams quickly scurried from the rafter, taking cover in the recycled white washed school bus that brought us out to the tarmac earlier. Here we watched the skies and waited."

In about 30 minutes, she noted, Air Force One taxied slowly and low with grace, power and splendor. "Seeing this majestic plane was worth the wait. Even though it was still raining we flew out of the old white washed school bus back to our stands on the tarmac," she said. "Air Force One touched down, rolled down the runway, made a wide U-turn and coasted back to front and center where we stood waiting. Even though it was still raining we flew out of the old white washed school bus back to our stands on the tarmac, where we stood waiting."

The President’s limousine fleet and twenty other vehicles in the police escorted motorcade were quickly whisked downtown to the Prime Osborn Convention Center where President Obama was enthusiastically welcomed by a cheering crowd of 3000.

The Florida Star’s Talk of the Town Columnist, Frances Calhoun Bradly, OkSun and Volume Burks were there capturing special First Coast MEMORIES with the 44th President of the United States of America Barack Hussein Obama.

Our Janet Peters McCain noted that the President’s message was based on the needs of the American people – was filled with hope.

"I had the pleasure of meeting Ray and Toni Alfred who are also from Washington, DC, she said. "Guess what? They drank the ‘Kool-Aid’ (Referring to those feelings run through their veins) Not only do they love President Obama, but we are fortunate to have them be our Delegates representing the State of Florida (us) at the Democratic National Convention. I have so much respect for those thoughtful and insightful knowledge in listening to the people of Metro-Davil and surrounding Counties." During her interview with them, she was quick to ask their thoughts and understanding of how the President will look out for the interest of people who reside in the State of Florida.

When she asked what they believed the President’s primary focus for visiting the city was, they replied, "He [the President] wanted to remind the people of Florida of his commitments to military people/families and to remind the moderate republicans who have supported the very same issues that all Floridians need to continue working together by supporting him. There are people in the Republican Party who share the vision of the President’s needs to support the people in the State of Florida. Uniquely, to Jacksonville, the President wanted to discuss how Jacksonville could increase its use of Jacksonville’s Ports. President Obama discussed tactical approaches in gaining access of more Port usage, therefore, more business/services which would include more jobs.

Tom Alfred said that if she had five minutes with President Obama, she would discuss family and women’s issues.

"President Obama celebrates women," she said. "He understands - because of his own experience - the value of a strong family. While the men in his family were working hard away from the family, it was the women stepped up to manage the family. It was his [the President’s] grandmoms who assisted him in his year old years. It was his Mama who also when his daddy could not be there. He loves and appreciates his sister and family. He knows what happens when your grandmother has to raise you. The new parents in his life were his grandparents. When people say from the community that their grandmother raised them, their President Obama knows of what that experience is like. To put it bluntly, "How can I be of service to you. Mr. President?" Ray Alfred said his first statement to the President would be, "I would tell him to stay on course because he knows what the people need, I would say. "Anything I can do to help you stay the course for American people, you count on me to be there for you. There are so many things he has already done to assist the American people. He cares about middle class Americans. He wants us to be healthy Americans."

"Are you ready for someone who cares about you and others?" Janet Peters McCann, asks our readers. "The others are people who might not say good to great things about him, but that does not stop him for caring about them and their interests.

"Are you ready to be there for the President?"
Community Activities

Protected Your Children From Cyberbullying

(StatePoint) Most parents are familiar with traditional bullying that takes place at school and on the playground, but as life has gone digital, so has bullying.

“Cyberbullying, bullying that occurs through technology like computers and mobile devices, is often harder to detect than traditional bullying. The bully intends to cause significant and long-lasting effects. To your child.,” says pediatrician Dr. Gwinn Schaurig of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and author of “CyberSafe: Protecting and Empowering in the Digital World of Texting, Gaming, and Social Media.”

“Because of this, cyberbullying is often more upsetting to victims, with even more profound and long-lasting effects,” Dr. O’Keeffe said.

While the anonymous nature of the digital world does pose a challenge to identifying cyberbullies, O’Keeffe notes, parents can take an active role toward combating this 21st century problem. Here are tips for parents to get a handle on cyberbullying, whether your child is a victim, a bystander or even participating in the bullying:

• Monitor your child’s digital technology use. Be on the lookout for behaviors like quickly switching screens and having multiple passwords and accounts.

• Teach your child to come forward if he or she knows a friend is bullying others or being bullied. Being a bystander helps perpetuate the cycle and contribute someone else’s pain.

• You may think your child is safely using a digital device in the next room, but any child online is at risk for being bullied. Not all children are going to let you know if there’s a problem, including teenagers. If your child is acting withdrawn, or if they are acting defensive or moody, it could be a sign that something is wrong.

• If you worry your child is in serious danger, or the other parents refuse to help, report it to the authorities. If your child is a victim, save the offending emails, IMs, and texts, and report it to the school and other online sites.

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• Don’t raise a bully! Foster empathy by talking regularly about how actions and words affect others. Set a good example by always treating others with respect yourself, both online and offline.

• Help children develop constructive strategies for getting what they want that don’t include teasing, threatening or hurting others.

• Don’t assume that a normally well-behaved child is guilty-free. The faceless digital world makes it easy for even good kids to sometimes be mean.

• More information about cyberbullying can be found on the AAP parenting website, www.healthychildren.org.

With a new school year come new challenges. Learn about the realities of cyberbullying and what you can do to protect your children.

Gardening for Mind and Body

Written By: Mark Underwood

It’s long been known that gardening is a great way to enjoy the outdoors and connect with nature in a tranquil environment. But taking a break in a garden can help improve your mood.

This is why gardens are often an integral part of retirement living communities. They can easily interact with the ever-evolving landscape as the seasons change.

Gardens can keep you grounded, quite literally by forcing you to slow down and smell the roses. When you are doing repetitive garden tasks like weeding, digging, pruning, and pushing wheelbarrows around, you also benefit from low impact exercise.

Research has shown that whether you are caring for flower gardens or fruit or vegetable gardens, you may be doing more than keeping your plants healthy and productive. You may be improving your brain health.

It’s been found that gardening has a positive influence on the mind. In studying two gardening groups, the first in their 60s, the second group in their 70s, it was concluded that both groups experienced cognitive benefits from gardening. The studies found that 36 percent of 60-year-olds and 47 percent of 70-year-olds had lower risk for dementia than those who didn’t garden on a regular basis.

Gardening has also been shown to improve your mood and alleviate stress. No matter how big or small your garden may be, the sights, smells, and sounds of being outside simply watching your garden grow, can give you needed relief from stress.

Stress reduction has been studied in the Netherlands by comparing reading indoors with 30 minutes of outdoor gardening. The gardeners reported they felt less stress than the people who took time out to read during the same time frame. The sensory experience of gardening can also help improve depressive symptoms.

Keep in mind that gardening for pleasure is good for downsizing stress, but only if you’re not too invested in the outcome. Gardening is only as stress-free as you make it. If you’re constantly worrying about whether your new plants will thrive or produce the best flowers, the neighborhood customers, those who won’t gain healthy benefits that many people experience when they “play outdoors.”

If you plant a garden, you’ll also likely gain nutritional benefits from the fresh food you’ll glean from your own endeavors. But even if your garden plot is focused on flowers instead of veggies, it’s been shown that people who garden tend to eat healthy.

In many areas of the country, outdoor gardening isn’t a year-round option. Even when you can garden every month of the year, you may not be optimizing the benefits of gardening for better brain health. So what can you do to improve your attention, focus, and clarity of thinking?

Many people, gardeners and non-gardeners alike, have discovered another option. They have discovered Prevagen (www.prevagen.com), a clinically-proven supplement backed by 15 years of research.

Now there is hope for what you may be missing—feeling rested and less stressed no matter what you’re doing. Prevagen is the key to giving you just that and more. While gardening has numerous benefits for the mind and body, when you add the year-round benefits of Prevagen, you may find gardening even more relaxing and enjoyable.

Community Activities, cont’d

UNCOMMON MUSIC, at the Florida Theatre, on August 01, 2012, 128 E. Forsyth Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202, Contact:904.355.2587 for all information.

“DOG DAYS OF SUMMER” Reception, Wednesday, August 01, 2012, at the Southlight Gallery, at 6 E. Bay St., Dyal UpChurch Building, 2nd floor, Jacksonville, FL 32202. Any additional information, contact 904.358.1002.

GETTING STRONGER-The Wiggles Live In Concert, on Thursday, August 02, 2012, at the Florida Theatre, 128 E. Forsyth Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202. Call 904.355.2587 for all information.

WWE Presents Raw World Tour on Friday, August 03, 2012, at the Veterans Memorial Arena, 300 A. Philip Randolph Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32202. Please contact 904-630-3900 for any information.

“AfterWork Fridays”, thisFriday, August 03, 2012 at Minggle City Cafe, 119 W. Adams St, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

The Commission on Community Bible Dr. Lorenzo Hall Sept. Appreciation Day Celebration is asking all his friends and the community to come out and support!The Community Get Out To Vote Cook Out, August 5, 2012 at 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. at the Greater Beth-El Divine Holiness Church 723 W. 4th Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32209. Everyone is welcome to attend this event. For more information phone: 904-374-3940.

Some Duval County child under the age of 18 can receive a free lunch or snack by visiting one of the Summer Lunch sites across the city, Monday through Friday. Summer Lunch programs will continue until August 10. A complete list of Summer Lunch Program sites is available at www.jaxkids.net. To view the list, click on Nutrition Services, 2012 Summer Lunch Site List. For more information, call the Commission at (904) 630-6430.
Mary and Raymond Harris, the Brunswick couple who shared their story of being evicted as a result of a possible scam from a nationally recognized bank, are continuing on their quest for answers. And now, their persistence has inspired another elderly couple to take a stand to keep their home.

At 79, Genesis Bennett and his wife Evora, a Sterling couple finding themselves focusing on litigation instead of living out their lives in the home they moved into in 1985.

“Today’s matter has made me sick to the point where I had high blood pressure and was hospitalized for a week,” said the 69 year-old woman, who also suffers from multiple sclerosis. “I want a resolution to all of this and to just get on with our lives.”

According to the Bennetts, they are caught in a case of confusion which has set them back several thousand dollars. While their home has yet to go into foreclosure, they are already seeking legal assistance to ensure they are prepared for whatever scam Flagstar Bank might be on the horizon.

“We decided to do a modification loan on our house note based on a letter we received from the bank back in 2010,” said Mrs. Bennett. “I sent them $5,000 and they then they said we can send them $707.98 per month. I sent them $708 from April to November 2010 in cashier’s checks. However, in November they sent the payment back saying they didn’t have a program for us to be placed in for the modification. Now, my question is, where are the remainder of our funds?”

Mrs. Bennett says she feels the money should have been credited to their account or simply returned.

“That money is just floating somewhere or someone pocketed it,” she shrugged. “We sent the money yet at a sudden we are getting letters saying we are $6,000 behind. How can that be when they said they were going to cut the payment?”

Mrs. Bennett said as a result of the confusion she and her husband have attempted to contact Flagstar to determine if they were able to get the deed to their home back. She says she believes the deed was turned over to another company without their permission.

“I would like to get my house as my house,” Mrs. Bennett says her ultimate desire. “I would like to get my deeds back. I want to be paid for the inconvenience of stress that occurred and the hospitalization. I would want them to pay me damage and give me the deeds. I gave these things to Flagstar. So I am working to get everything together because you never know where their minds are.”

“We have to help out each other,” Mrs. Harris said when she introduced us to the Bennetts. “This is hard enough as it is but at our ages, we really shouldn’t be doing this. This is why we spent our youth saving, planning and putting things in place for our old age. I know what we went through so I have to help someone else.”

At this point, Mrs. Harris says that she and her husband are not even certain they will be able to live the life they want in the dream house they were evicted from.

“A part of me wants to get back to normal but another part of me knows that if I go in there I will wonder when they are going to come back and toss us out on our heads,” she said. “With that action, they throw out a lot of good memories we had. They didn’t have any feelings for anyone and I felt it was illegal and I felt violated. All in all, I hope that we inspire others to come forward.”

To be continued.
BERNARD MORRIS NAMED OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

The Arena Football League and Arena Bowl XXIV Champion Jacksonville Sharks announced Tuesday that Jacksonville quarterback Bernard Morris has been selected as the Russell Athletic Offensive Player of the Week for Week 20 of the 2012 AFL season. Morris earned the award following a stellar performance in Jacksonville’s division-clinching 54-39 road win against the Pittsburgh Power on Friday, July 20.

Against Pittsburgh, an explosive Morris led the Sharks to 20 touchdowns with the team’s first seven offensive plays, helping Jacksonville build an insurmountable 27-0 lead in the first quarter. Despite resting for the entire fourth quarter, Morris finished the game 20-of-25 passing for 194 yards and eight touchdowns against just one interception. He scored a two-yard rushing touchdown in the game as well.

The total of eight passing touchdowns matched the third-year quarterback’s career high, as Morris also accomplished the feat while playing for the Power during the 2011 season. With his rushing touchdown taken into account, Morris set a new personal career high and tied the franchise single-game record with nine offensive touchdowns in the game. He became the fourth Shark to hit that mark in team history.

“Bernard is developing as a young quarterback,” Sharks Head Coach Les Moss said. “Now he’s a playoff quarterback, he’s won a division, and he’s going to continue to get better and better.”

Morris was assigned to the Sharks’ 2012 roster prior to the team’s Week 3 game against the Georgia Force. Beginning as Omar Jacobs’ backup, Morris stepped into the starting role when Jacobs suffered a season-ending injury in Week 9 against New Orleans. Starting the team’s final 11 games, Morris led the Sharks to a 7-4 record in the games in which he started, completing 62.2 percent of his passes and throwing 59 touchdowns against 14 interceptions.

A dynamic runner out of the pocket, Morris set a single-season franchise record with 291 rushing yards in 2012. Morris led the team with 11 rushing touchdowns and finished atop the AFL Leaders board with an average of 4.3 yards per carry.

Morris becomes the seventh Shark to win a weekly award this season. Wide receiver Terrance Smith was named AFL Playmaker of the Week following Week 4 and Week 6, later earning the Sparky Highlight of the Week after Week 7. Lineman Jason Holman was named the J. Lewis Small Ironman of the Week for Week 8, while fullback Rondrick Taylor earned the Highlight of the Week for Week 11 and defensive back LaRoche Jackson was selected as the Riddell Defensive Player of the Week for Week 16.
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JOBS EXPERT: Standardized Tests Won't Win America’s Future

Since former President George W. Bush amped up standardized testing throughout the nation in 2002 with the No Child Left Behind Act, critics say results have been negative.

“The bottom line is that there is no clear correlation between standardized testing and the knowledge and skills kids will need to prosper in the 21st century world of work,” says Peter Weddle, former CEO of Job Bank USA, Inc., and author of A Multitude of Hope: A Novel About Rediscovering the American Dream (www.ActionMultitudeofHope.com).

“It seems we’re more interested in creating a homogenized workforce than a nation of individuals who have learned what their talent is and how to bring it to work with them,” he says.

Consider these statistics:

• Annual state spending on standardized tests has increased by 160 percent – from $243 million in 2002 to $1.1 billion in 2008, according to the Pew Center on the States.

• Since 2002, the United States dropped from 18th in the world in math on the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) to 31st place in 2009, with a similar drop in science and no change in reading.

• The NCLB Act has had dramatically narrowed content, according to a study by the Center on Education Policy.

• This problem begins very early on. We take kids out of elementary school and give them tests. These tests do well are designated as “gifted and talented,” which means that everyone else is, by definition, ungifted and untaught. And, that’s just not true. In effect, we’re developing all the capabilities that are not reflected in a standardized test,” he says.

• “Of course, we want to take care of our academically proficient kids, but we have to find a way to do that without signaling to every other child that they were at the end of the line when talent was handed out.”

Too many Americans are stuck in old ways of thinking, from the classrooms of our elementary schools and colleges to the workplace,” Weddle says. “But we’re in a new economy and the path to the American Dream has changed. That means our old-school thinking must change as well.”

He offers ways Americans can get back in the game as world leaders:

• We need to accept that the economy has changed. The first step to change is acknowledging it’s needed. Weddle says, “Our employers are no longer competing with cheaper labor, they’re up against smarter labor worldwide,” he says.

• We hold a trump card, however. We have the most diverse pool of talent on the globe, wherever nations such as China and India have, by choice, a homogenous workforce.

• We must give career education greater priority: In China, every college student must, as a requirement of graduation, take a yearlong course that teaches them the skills and knowledge to manage their own careers effectively. In the United States, that instruction is missing from college curricula. Yet, 53.6 percent of all college graduates under the age of 25 are now either unemployed or underemployed.

• We need to redefine talent so we can see it: “Our culture has taught us that talent is the province of exceptional people doing exceptional things,” he says. “We can see the talent of Lady Gaga, but not the talent of an accounts payable clerk. And that’s myopic. We are all endowed with talent, but we have to discover it, nurture it and then bring it to work with us.”

• We have to see ourselves as a ‘work in progress’: “The world of work is changing at warp speed – new technology, shifts in the global marketplace and changes in consumer tastes,” he says. “That’s why we need to be committed to continuous learning. Regardless of our educational degree, years of experience or level of seniority, we need to be acquiring new skills and knowledge all of the time.”

About Peter Weddle

Peter Weddle, a former recruiter and human resource consultant, is the CEO of the International Association of Employment Web Sites, a trade organization. He has written or edited more than a dozen non-fiction books regarding careers and employment, “A Multitude of Hope” is his first work of fiction. Weddle is the founder and former CEO of Job Bank USA, Inc., one of the largest electronic employment services companies in the United States.

If you would like to run the above article, please feel free to do so. I am able to provide images if you would like to have them accompany it. If you’re interested in interviewing Peter Weddle or having him write an exclusive article for you, let me know and I’ll gladly work out details. Lastly, please let me know if you’d be interested in receiving a copy of his new book, A Multitude of Hope, for possible review.
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Thursday, July 12, Girls Incorporated of Jacksonville hosted a successful second annual “Walking for a Healthier Future” event to raise awareness of the Childhood Obesity Epidemic.

The event was held at Ed Austin Regional Park and the guest speaker was three-time Women’s Swimming Olympic Gold Medalist, Nancy Hogshead-Makar. She spoke to the crowd about what it was like when training for the Olympics but more importantly she spoke to the young girls about setting goals for the future and their education. “You have to be Strong, Smart and Bold to be an Olympic Gold Medalist,” said Hogshead-Makar.

Many volunteers from the community were involved with the event including employees of Bank of America and members of Greek Life at the University of North Florida. Some cheered walkers on with encouraging signs, while others accompanied the Girls Inc. girls as they completed the one mile around the park. Everyone was welcomed at the finish line with water, apples and Yobe frozen yogurt.

Girls Inc. of Jacksonville is a nonprofit organization that is dedicated to preparing girls, ages 5 – 18, to be self-confident, responsible and well-rounded individuals. They deliver the Girls Inc. National curriculum through their Outreach, AfterSchool, Literacy and Summer programs in Northeast Florida. For more information about Girls Inc. please visit www.girlsincjax.org or contact them at 904-731-9933 or clarkb@girlsincjax.org.
FAMU Distinguished Researcher Receives More Than $5.6 Million from National Institutes of Health

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has awarded Florida A&M University (FAMU) College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences an important and major grant from the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD).

The grant, “Center of Excellence for Cancer Research, Training and Community Service (COE-CRTCS),” was awarded to distinguished researcher and principal investigator Karam Soliman.

“When you do research, you have to believe that your contribution will last forever and that its influence never ceases,” Soliman said.

The total amount of the award is $5,626,785 for five years. In addition, FAMU will receive $1,477,585 for five years as indirect cost. The overall goal and objective of the grant will fund the development of innovative cancer research to address some of the most significant health consequences affecting minority and socioeconomically disadvantaged populations. Specifically, the research funded by this grant will address novel approaches for treating and preventing breast and lung cancer and promote minority health.

“I want to thank Dr. Karam Soliman and his research team for securing this grant,” said Interim President Larry Robinson. “This research initiative provides the opportunity to faculty and students to apply their expertise to address health issues that impact citizens in Florida and throughout the nation. It does this by working directly with members of communities disproportionately impacted by breast and lung cancer.”

This award will provide FAMU with the support needed to conduct independent research, provide research-training opportunities to Ph.D. students from health disparity populations and engage in health promotion and health information dissemination activities through established partnerships with community-based organizations in the area of cancer. The initiative will provide opportunities to accelerate scientific knowledge in cancer by providing support for the following:

- Innovative research to promote minority health and to eliminate health disparities;
- Increase the number of individuals from minority and other health disparity populations engaged in research activities;
- Research infrastructure and capacity building;
- Strengthen the exemplary research training/education activities by increasing the number of well-trained researchers from health disparity populations; and
- Engage minority and other health disparity communities in effective and sustainable activities for improving the health of their communities including increasing health literacy and knowledge of health disparities.

“Dr. Soliman is one of the most assertive faculty members in the FAMU College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, and at FAMU, period—in terms of pushing forward toward accomplishing our research goals,” said Michael Thompson, dean of COPPS and professor of Pharmacy Practice. “He has been persistent in obtaining grants, not only to support his research, but also to support our graduate students to complete their Ph.D. degrees.”

Ken Redda, professor and acting vice president for Research, echoed Soliman’s commitment to research.

“Dr. Soliman is one of the most outstanding researchers on campus—very productive, involved in the training of Ph.D. students and post-doc fellows,” said Redda. “His role as research leader is very prominent and I highly commend him and his dynamic team for their many contributions to the FAMU research community. We greatly appreciate the continual support of the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities at the National Institutes of Health. Their generous funding will help FAMU strive to mitigate this devastating disease (cancer) that affects our communities.”

Other members of the research team include the following: Mandip Sachdeva (Pharmacy), Carl Goodman (Pharmacy), John Cooperwood (Pharmacy), Saleh Rahman and Cynthia M. Harris (Public Health), Deana Burney (Psychology), Selina Darling-Reed (Pharmacy), Hernan Flores Rozas (Pharmacy) and Miaisha Mitchell (Front Porch Program, Tallahassee).
Are you catching all the excitement of the Summer Olympics in London, England? The athletes have been training for many years and are among the best in the world. They will compete in events in 26 different sports such as gymnastics, table tennis and Judo. The winners will walk away with beautiful Gold, Silver and Bronze medals that have the Goddess Nike on their fronts.

1. About 10,500 ______ from 204 nations will go to London, England to compete.
2. The United States is sending one of the ______ groups – almost 600 athletes.
3. Michael Phelps, a U.S. swimmer, has won 14 Olympic ______ medals, more than any other athlete.
4. Larissa Latynina, a Russian-Ukrainian gymnast, has ______ more Olympic medals than any other athlete: 9 gold, 5 silver and 4 bronze.
5. The athletes will live in ______ in the new Olympic Village.
6. Four billion viewers are expected to watch the Opening Ceremony on TV. If you watch, you will see the ______ of athletes from around the world, with the team from the host country entering last.
7. The _______, which has been carried from Greece, where the Olympic Games started many years ago, will be used to light the Cauldron at the Opening Ceremony to start the Games.
8. Track and Field, Swimming and Gymnastics are expected to be the most-watched ______.
9. Everyone holds his breath while waiting to see the ______ on the boards!
10. Two thousand and one hundred gold, silver and bronze ______ (the heaviest ever made for the Games) will be presented.
11. The Olympic Games bring the ______ together and help us to learn about and understand one another better.
12. In 2016, the ______ Olympics will take place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

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Jacksonville, FL – Duval County Public Schools is pleased to honor five students from Frank H. Peterson Academies of Technology as true leaders within the district and the entire state of Florida. These five students were among more than 6,800 nationwide members, advisers and alumni in attendance at the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America’s (FCCLA) 2012 National Leadership Conference.

During the conference in Orlando, approximately 3,600 students competed in STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) events, competitive events that build proficiency and achievement in leadership and job-related skills. Congratulations to the following Peterson students and FCCLA members for excelling in each category of the Occupational Division:
~ Rekisha Langley, first-place, Family Nutrition and Wellness
~ Theresa Meyers and Katelyn Payne, second-place, Advocacy – Teen Suicide
~ Nygia Bullock, second-place, Teach and Train – Preschool Teacher
~ Sinedu Turnage, third-place, Early Childhood – Preschool Teacher

This year’s student-originated theme for the annual national conference was “Reality Check.” Throughout the five-day convention, participants examined and discussed several critical issues including family, school and community violence prevention, physical and financial fitness, career exploration, and community service projects. Frank H. Peterson’s student participants took this opportunity to advance their understanding of family and community issues and balance ideas off of their peers during the presentations, workshops and youth sessions. The conference proved to be highly rewarding for these Duval County students.

FCCLA is a dynamic and effective national student organization that helps young men and women become leaders and address important personal, family, work and societal issues through Family and Consumer Sciences education. FCCLA has more than 200,000 members and over 6,500 chapters from 50 state associations, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The organization has been involved in the lives of more than 10 million youth since its founding in 1945. For more information on FCCLA, visit their website.
Man Tortures and Threatens to Kill Girlfriend

A man was arrested for beating, strangling, stomping, threatening with a butcher knife, torturing, and imprisoning his girlfriend.

Police received a call from an ER nurse at 9:30 p.m. concerning a woman who stated she was beaten by her boyfriend, Albert Lee Thomas, 41, who she had been dating for a couple months. She told deputies she was tortured for hours the previous day after her boyfriend got very angry about her coming home at 10 a.m. She said he threw her on the floor and stomped on her chest a couple times with his boots. She heard her chest “pop” causing her to have trouble breathing. She said Thomas wanted to have sex with her, but she refused and he became angry again. Thomas then strangled her and she almost became unconscious. He punched her in the eye then went to the kitchen to grab a butcher knife. She told the deputy he stood over her while she was on the bed and stabbed the mattress twice by her head to scare her.

The victim said that Thomas finally put the knife down, but got shoe strings to tie her arms and legs behind her back. He then stuffed tissues in her mouth and tied a bandana around her head to hold the tissues in her mouth so she couldn’t yell for help. Thomas later untied her hands and left the trailer. He used a lock on the outside of the trailer to lock her inside; however, the victim was able to leave and get to the nearby hospital. The victim signed a waiver of search for detectives and Crime Scene to enter the trailer to gather evidence.

While the deputy was speaking to the victim at the hospital, Thomas walked into the room and said he wanted to speak to his girlfriend. The deputy had Thomas leave the room with him to the ER lobby.

Thomas was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, domestic battery by strangulation, and false imprisonment. He remains on no bond due to being a convicted felon with an extensive criminal history; this is his 12th booking. He has prior charges including possession of cocaine, burglary with battery, domestic battery, and introduce contraband into detention facility.

Father Arrested after Amber Alert Ends

At approximately 12:57 p.m., police received a call from a woman stating that Reginald Levison, 27, had engaged in a physical altercation with and took away the child they had together. Levison grabbed the child’s mother by the neck and attempted to strangle her. He hit her multiple times and would not let her leave her apartment. Levison then took her cell phone, which prevented her from making any calls and took their 7-week-old son. Levison fled the scene with vehicle of the child’s mother.

Prior to leaving, Levison made threats that he might possible harm the child and any law enforcement that attempted to arrest him. He stated that he would not go back to prison as he already has multiple arrests.

Police issued a statewide Amber Alert but it was cancelled around 8:30 p.m. when Levison child to his sister, who in turn notified police. The baby was fine and reunited with his mother.

Levison was arrested the next morning and charged with false imprisonment, domestic battery/strangulation, interference with child custody, and grand theft auto.

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Man Stabbed to Death with Object

A man was arrested in the stabbing death of 18-year-old Grant S. Woodham. Neighbors discovered Woodham lying facedown on the entry sidewalk to a residence. It appeared that Woodham had been stabbed with a metal object, which was protruding from his chest cavity.

The preliminary investigation revealed that Woodham had left his friend’s home in order to sell narcotics to an unknown black male. Woodham left in his black 2010 Dodge Charger, which was not located at the scene where he was found deceased.

The Medical Examiner’s Office conducted an autopsy of the victim and listed the manner of death as a homicide and the cause of death to be a stabbing with punctured wounds to the heart and lung.

Detectives conducted numerous interviews and followed up on investigative leads throughout the night and early morning hours. A person of interest, 25-year-old Benjamin Lee Powell, was identified and surveillance was conducted at numerous locations within a certain area. Street Crimes Unit and members of the Special Investigations Division assisted with visual and electronic surveillance.

The Dodge Charger was later located. Detectives surveilled the vehicle and observed a black male seated in the driver's seat. A tactical approach was made on the vehicle and Powell, who was the sole occupant of the vehicle, was arrested without incident. He was then transported to the Criminal Investigation Department for an interview with Homicide Detectives. Woodham's vehicle was towed so it could be forensically examined and processed.

Powell was charged with second degree murder (with a deadly weapon), grand theft (motor vehicle), and possession of marijuana. He is being held without bail.

According to records, Powell has three prior arrests which were all drug-related.

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, 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.
Crying Baby Slammed Repeatedly on Floor Dies
Denver, CO- 30-year-old Marquis Garrison was said to have shaken his 2-month-old daughter and throwing her to the floor to stop her from crying. She was slammed so hard that she suffered a serious brain injury, three broken bones in her legs, and a broken shoulder bone. The parents of the child did not call ambulance, but drove the child to the hospital where she was determined to be in critical condition. They explained to the doctor that their daughter started vomiting about a week ago and recently had fallen off a bed. Garrison also said that she had some seizures as well. The parents denied obtaining any medical treatment for the seizures or the fall or even regular medical examinations since birth. A detective was called to the place and the doctor explained the parents’ story, which did not seem consistent with the child’s traumatic brain injury. At one point, the mother left the hospital to go to work. After some questioning, Garrison denied causing any trauma to the child. A few days later, Garrison eventually said that he was taking care of his child when the child’s mother left. He then said he had thrown the baby to the floor repeatedly after giving up trying to stop the crying by shaking her. The baby in the hospital died days later. Garrison was arrested and faced with first-degree murder and two counts of child abuse resulting in death. He is being held on no bond.

Diaper Theft Runs From Security Topless
Philadelphia, PA- 26-year-old Aishana Clayton was caught stealing a pack of Pampers diapers and was confronted by security guards. She started punching, biting, and scratching one of the guards. The other guards tried to get Clayton off the guard by grabbing her shirt. She slipped herself out of the shirt and ran off topless through the store and into the parking lot. She then got into her Buick and fled the area, which was found abandoned about a half a mile away. She has not been found, but she is said to be on parole until November 2012. She is not new to shoplifting as she has four prior convictions for retail theft.

Child Left in Day Care Van Dies
Dallas, TX- Rescue arrived at a day care center in reference to an unconscious child found in the day care van. The child’s name was 3-year-old Benjamin Price who was given CPR. When he was taken to the hospital, he was pronounced dead. Police said the boy was left in the van outside of the day care after returning from a field trip. Police believe the boy may have been in the van for at least two hours in the van. The boy was only realized later that he was missing when his grandmother came to pick him up. The highest temperature that day was 105 degrees. Family members said Price had been going to the day care for over a year. Police are investigating this incident.

Other Unusual Crimes Across the Nation

Shots Fired Over $45 Debt
Two women were arrested for firing shots and threatening someone who owed one of the women a small amount of money. Police say 22-year-old Shanette Tiana Beachum had become angry over payment she had not received from her employer. She was said to have suppose to be paid $45 for cleaning work.

Beachum went to the residence of the victim with Sharita Rochelle Marshall, who is also 22 years old, to collect the money owed. When Beachum was not able to get the money, she used a handgun to threaten the victim and fired several shots in the air. The two women then fled the place.

The police were able to locate Marshall within an area and Beachum was located the next day.

Both women were arrested. Marshall was charged with principal to aggravated assault. Beachum was charged with two counts of aggravated assault with a firearm, discharging a firearm in public, improper/dangerous exhibition of a firearm, and tampering with evidence.

Man Wants to Show Off Karate Moves to Deputy and Gets Arrested
A man was arrested after trying to show off his karate moves on a deputy, which did not help in resisting his arrest.

A deputy arrived near a charter boat service in response to a call about a man who appeared to be highly intoxicated, bothering customers, and swinging karate chops at children.

The man was reported appearing to have difficulty keeping his balance and smelled of alcohol. He was identified as Daniel Alan Settle, 32, and claimed that he had a black belt in several different forms of martial arts.

According to reports, the deputy said that Settle asked him if he could demonstrate karate moves on him and he said no. The deputy said, "Settle defied my lawful order and took up an active fighting stance, with his fists clenched, arms bent and raised above waist level. I gave Settle a lawful order to cease this stance but he refused to comply. Because I feared attack was imminent, Settle was physically restrained and placed into handcuffs."

Settle was arrested and forced inside the deputy’s car. He was charged with resisting an officer with violence.
Criminal Line-Up

MISSING CHILDREN

Name: Kristina Campbell
Age: 16
Weight: 110 lbs
Last seen: 7/09/12

Name: Kyle Stewart
Age: 17
Weight: 125 lbs
Last seen: 6/28/12

Name: Javonte Naquan Carter
Age: 17
Weight: 140 lbs
Last seen: 7/15/12

Name: Re’neshay Sweat
Age: 17
Weight: 110 lbs
Last seen: 7/17/12

Name: Malik J. Taylor
Age: 14
Weight: 204 lbs
Last seen: 7/15/12

ON THE LOOKOUT

Burglary Suspect

At 10:51 p.m., police responded to a food mart in reference to a burglary alarm. Further investigation by the responding patrol officers revealed that a burglary occurred to the store.

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: Thelvin Derell Carr
Offense: False Imprisonment, Domestic Battery

Name: Maurice Bynum
Offense: Grand Theft Motor Vehicle

Name: Gregory Eugene Byrd
Offense: Traffic in Stolen Property

Name: Rodney Clemons
Offense: Court Order Violation/ Aggravated Stalk, Intimidate/ Force Witness

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