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A Christmas Story



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SANTA CLAUS — Santa Claus paid his annual visit to Baton Rouge during the Cortana Kiwanis Christmas Parade last Saturday.

'Wise Men' Claim Star-Like Object Led Them to Site Of Child's Birth

"For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given: and The Government shall be upon His Shoulder: and His Name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty GOD, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."
 — Isaiah 9:6-7

Luke & Matthew
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Luke 1:26-33

And in the sixth month the angel **Gabriel** was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a **virgin** espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the **virgin's name was Mary**. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: **blessed art thou among women**. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name **JESUS**. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest:

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Paying CATS Tax 'Under Protest' May Speed Getting Refund Check

Woody Jenkins
 Editor, Capital City News

BATON ROUGE — With property tax bills in the mailboxes and property owners reeling from high taxes caused by reassessment and the new CATS tax, a leading opponent of the tax said homeowners and business owners should be sure to pay the CATS tax "under protest."



M. Graugnard

Milton Graugnard, an executive at Cajun Industries, says paying the CATS tax under protest will

Sticker Shock Has CATS Opponents Urging Paying Tax But 'Under Protest'

cause the Sheriff to set the funds aside pending the outcome of his suit, *Graugnard v. Capital Area*

Transportation System. In a speech to the Chamber of Commerce of East Baton Rouge Parish Tuesday, Graugnard said that any tax dollars that are paid to CATS will be spent and will be more difficult for taxpayers to recoup even if his suit is successful.

Graugnard said right now it is important to keep the tax dollars out of CATS' hands. Not only

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One Baton Rouge Planning Push at Metro Council in January: Traigle

BATON ROUGE — With the election of Mayor President Kip Holden and a new Metro Council, gay rights leaders plan a new push to pass an ordinance codifying recognition of gays, bisexuals, and trans gender people. In an email to newly-elected members of the Metro Council, One Baton Rouge

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LITTLE RASCALS — Reminiscent of the Little Rascals movies of the 1930's and 1940's, these young men enjoyed the Downtown Christmas Parade on Saturday night, Dec. 8. More than 10,000 local residents viewed the parade, which is sponsored by Cortana Kiwanis.

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DANTIN FAMILY JUST BEFORE JAY PASSEDAWAY — The Dantin Family of Central in 2006. Shown (1st row, left to right) Tori, Todd, Dillon, Tyler, and Diana. (2nd row) Jay, Robin, and Dené. This was their last family photo before Jay died two weeks later.

Proof of Angels: True Spirit of Christmas Lives

Jay Died Suddenly, Leaving Robin to Raise Six Children, Including One Child With Special Needs

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Editor, Capital City News

CENTRAL — When Jay Dantin died unexpectedly of an aortic aneurism six years ago, it seemed like the end of the world for his wife Robin and their six children.

Jay graduated from Catholic High. He worked hard, and five of the six children were enrolled in Catholic schools — at Catholic High, St. Joseph's Academy, and St. Alphonsus. The sixth child, Tori, is

a special needs child who is mentally disabled.

Robin and the children missed their father deeply and learned all too well what an important role he played in the family. As the insurance money ran out, the financial pressure grew greater and greater. But it's not just about money. Jay is no longer around to be a dad by helping with the children, sharing the responsibilities, and maintaining the property. Sometimes Robin wakes up in the middle of the night in a cold sweat engulfed by a sense of panic, not knowing how the family can survive another day.

Every penny is used for housing, utilities, food, tuition, and medical



Woody Jenkins

Since they moved into another house two years ago, there has been no money to buy furniture for the living room or beds for Robin or Diana. They've been sleeping on the floor.

When something is broken that requires an electrician, a plumber or a carpenter, it goes unrepaired. There is no money to pay someone \$150 to come out and repair it.

Washing for so many kids is practically a full-time job, and the family gets behind on washing clothes and cleaning the house. Hauling kids to school and extracurricular events is another full-time job.

The special needs daughter Tori has had many problems this year. She is sweet and cooperative 90 percent of the time, but more and more often she has become hostile and sometimes quite violent.

It takes everything to pay for the necessities, and there is no money to buy a Christmas tree or fix the broken glass pane in the front door. No money to fix the garbage disposal or the hot water heater.

The hot water heater. In fact, when the hot water heater went out last week, Robin began boiling water for the kitchen and the kids' baths. Things were going from bad to worse.

"When you have worked hard, and you are used to being independent and paying your way, it's very hard to let anyone know the struggles you're going through," Robin said. And she didn't let anyone know.



ROBIN DANTIN has raised six children by herself. Sometimes it's pretty overwhelming. Recently, some Angels helped out.

Then one day last week, she asked a friend if she knew anyone who could fix a hot water heater. The friend — call her Angel No. 1 — said yes, her husband — call him Angel No. 2 — could do the job. If not, her brother in law — call him Angel No. 3 — could do it. Robin

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DANTIN FAMILY AT HOME TUESDAY NIGHT — The Dantin Family includes (left to right) Robin, Dené, 24, Todd, 19, Dillon, 17, Diana, 13, and Tyler, 9. Daughter Tori, a special needs child, is 21. She is living at a group home in Zachary.

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2012 Cortana Kiwanis Christmas Parade

BR Celebrates Birth of Jesus



The 2012 Downtown Christmas Parade rolled through downtown last Saturday. The parade is sponsored by the Cortana Kiwanis.



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 and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David; And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.
Luke 1:37-38

For with God nothing shall be impossible. And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her.
Matthew 1:18-21

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not

to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.
Luke 1:24-25

Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.
Luke 2:1-20

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethle-

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70th Annual Downtown Christmas Parade



Mayor-President Kip Holden and First Lady Lois Holden threw Christmas beads and waved to the crowd.



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hem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, be-


ing great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth

her firstborn son, and wrapped him in **swaddling clothes**, and laid him in a **manger**; because there was **no room for them in the inn**.

And there were in the same country **shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night**. And, lo, the **angel of the Lord**

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Baton Rougeans from all ethnic backgrounds and income levels mixed freely along the parade route. it was a family-oriented event enjoyed by all.

came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, **Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.** And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. **And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.**

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, **the shepherds said** one to

another, **Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.** And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

Matthew 2:1-23

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of

Herod the king, behold, **there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.** When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. **And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea:** for thus it is written by the prophet, **And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.**

Then Herod, when he had priv-

ily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship him also.

When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. **When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy.**

And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and

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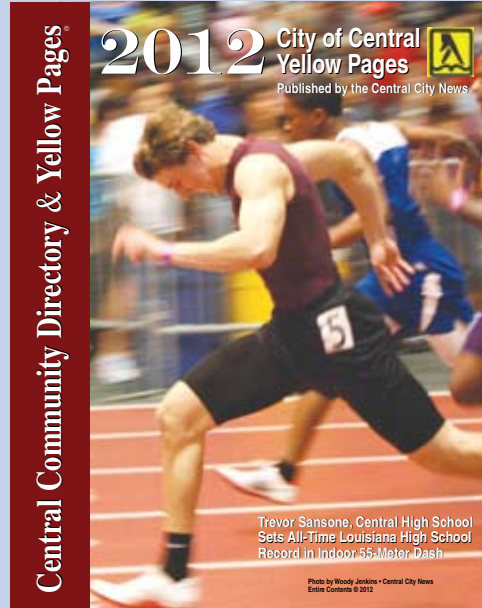
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More Scenes from BR Christmas Parade



Marchers in the Annual Downtown Christmas Parade were a diverse group — from bagpipe players to dancing elephants from the Baton Rouge Zoo to the McKinley band.

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when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense and myrrh. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there un-

til I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. When he arose, he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt: And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son.

Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wrath, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old

and under, according to the time which he had diligently enquired of the wise men. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not.

But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, Saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and

go into the land of Israel: for they are dead which sought the young child's life. And he arose, and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus did reign in Judaea in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither: notwithstanding, being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of Galilee: And he came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophets, He shall be called a Nazarene.

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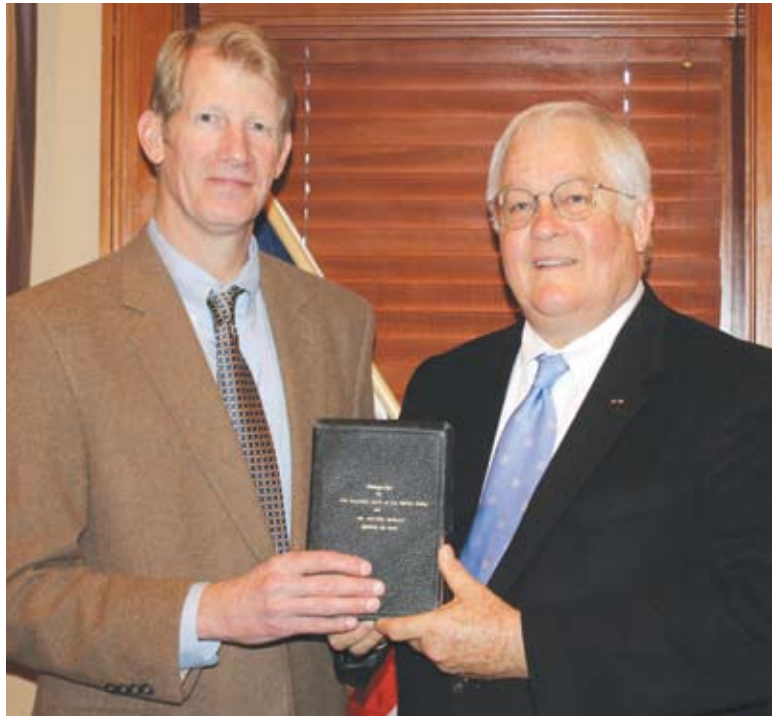
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GOP Celebrates Judge Hughes' Election, Honors Christian Influence on the Law



Judge Jeff Hughes and Judge Darrell White with Harlan Bible



Connie Bernard, Rep. Valarie Hodges, Judge Jeff Hughes, and Judge Darrell White

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Editor, Capital City News

BATON ROUGE — Making his first public appearance since being elected to the Louisiana Supreme Court, Associate Justice-elect Jeff Hughes told the Ronald Reagan Newsmaker Luncheon that he intends to stand for the principles he ran on and to bring higher ethical standards to the court system.

Hughes carried 53 percent of the vote Dec. 8 in the eight-parish district by campaigning on strong conservative themes, including being pro-life, pro-gun, and pro-traditional marriage.

Hughes, a Republican, emerged from the eight-candidate field along with Democrat John Michael Guidry. Both are members

of the Louisiana 1st Circuit Court of Appeal.

Republican voters struggled through the primary, as they tried to choose from among five Republican judges who sought the post.

Looking back on the primary, one can easily see that Hughes should have been viewed as the front-runner all along. Only two candidates in the field had a strong base to run from. Guidry was strong with African American voters in Baton Rouge and the River Parishes, while Hughes had a strong geographic base in Livingston. Most of the primary candidates were from Baton Rouge, and their base was heavily split.

Hughes' challenge all along was to put together his base in Living-

ton with two conservative areas that had no candidates in the race — Central and Ascension.

He also had to run strong, although not necessarily win, Southeast Baton Rouge.

In the primary, Hughes did all of that, placing him in the runoff with Judge Guidry.

In the Dec. 8 runoff, Hughes knew that his new base — Livingston, Ascension, Central, and Southeast Baton Rouge — represented just over 50 percent of the vote. He had to turn out that base as well as Guidry turned out his. In the runoff, Hughes earned 89 percent of the vote in Livingston, 86 percent in Central, 69 percent in Southeast Baton Rouge, and 62 percent in Ascension — more than

enough to win a big victory.

For Republicans, it was a significant win, which gave them a 4-3 majority on the Louisiana Supreme Court for the first time in state history. Republicans now have every statewide elective office except U.S. Senator, five of six Congressmen, and a majority of the state house and senate.

At the Reagan luncheon, Judge Hughes thanked voters and introduced retired Judge Darrell White, who spoke on the Harlan Bible and America's Christian heritage.

In 1906, U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Marshall Harlan donated his personal Bible to the Supreme Court and asked the other members of the Court to sign it.

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Long-time conservative activist Dr. L.G. Cox, Jolice Provost, Richie Edmonds, Sen. Neil Riser of Columbia, Gene Mills, and Judge Darrell White with Harlan Bible

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Erica Lane Cashio of Capital City News, Bill Smith, Dr. L. G. Cox, and Judge Darrell White discuss the Harlan Bible.



The Harlan Bible and signatures of all 64 Supreme Court justices who have served since Justice John Harlan began the tradition of signing the Bible.

Last 64 Justices Of High Court Have Taken Part In Signing Bible

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After that, each new member of the Court signed the Bible. And the signing of the Harlan Bible became part of the ritual that each new member performs.

For more than 100 years, the custom has continued. Yet, outside of the justices themselves and a handful of others, neither the public or

the media knew about the custom.

Then, a few years ago, Judge White learned of the tradition and made a formal request of the court that it supply him with a copy of the signatures on the Harlan Bible. The court complied with his request, and the signatures, reprinted above, are now available for all to see.

One of the ironies of the Harlan Bible is that while the Supreme Court was systematically removing the Bible, the Ten Commandments, and prayer from the public square, each member of the court was secretly signing the Harlan Bible.

Former Justice David Souter, a liberal on the court, said signing the Harlan Bible was the most humbling thing he ever did. Conserva-

tive Justice Samuel Alito said it was a "thrilling and awe-inspiring moment."

Judge White is chairman of the

American Judicial Association, which presents replicas of the Harlan Bible to judges throughout the country. To contact Judge White, email dwhite@retiredjudges.org.



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Angels Keep Their Eyes on Helping Others

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agreed to let them come over and look at the hot water heater.

That was Friday morning. Robin and her kids were driving to her nephew's wedding in Florida. They wouldn't return until Sunday night.

The night before they left, the Dantin kids were out in the front yard, trying to string some Christmas lights. The lights didn't work. Disappointed, they gave up.

Robin's friend, Angel No. 1, had never been in Robin's house. One of Robin's kids said, "We didn't invite people over because of the conditions."

When Angel No. 2 arrived to work on the hot water heater, he was appalled at what he saw. "The house needed a good cleaning, and nothing worked! They didn't have some of the essential furniture that people have, and there was nothing on the walls," he said.

Angel No. 3, came over to help with the hot water heater. Soon they were joined by his wife — call her Angel No. 4. Angel No. 4 said, "We didn't know what to do. We could see there were so many desperate needs, but this was somebody else's house. Ultimately, we just decided to take over the place and do what needed to be done."

More Angels started arriving — the son of Angel Nos. 3 and 4 — call him Angel No. 5 — and other friends. Angel Nos. 1-5 refused to tell the other Angels whose house they were in, just that the family needed help. Some Central merchants chipped in, without even knowing who they were helping.

First, the Angels cleaned the entire house from top to bottom. Ev-



NEW BEDROOMS — Daughter Diana, 13, is so happy with her new bedroom, as is her mother, Robin Dantin.

ery floor and every wall.

They fixed the hot water heater, the garbage disposal, and the front door. They repaired the ceiling fan in the living room, so that it worked, and put in two other ceiling fans in the house. They replaced dozens of missing light bulbs. Suddenly, there was light and a clean house!

Angel No. 1 said, "We worked all day and into the night Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. It's funny. I didn't get tired at all. I was energized. If I had been cleaning my own house, I would have been exhausted! But cleaning for someone else was exhilarating! It was amazing!"

The new Angels who arrived had

ideas for improving the Dantin's house too. Soon someone had donated a beautiful couch for the living room and a coffee table. Someone else found a nice painting for the living room wall. The Angels came across Dantin family photos, but nothing was framed. So they chose the ones they liked the best and hung them on the wall!

When the Angels went into 13-year-old Diana's room, they were appalled. "This was a teenage girl's room, but there was nothing but a mattress on the floor!"

They got a new bed, a dresser, and decorations. Soon it was a perfect teenage girl's room!

The Angels went into Robin's room. Again, there was only a mattress on the floor. No bed, no dresser. So they went to work, located a nice bed, a dresser, and a lamp table. Everything looked great.

The kitchen was a wreck, but the Angels went to work, cleaning and improving. They cooked food for

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FOUR OF THE 12 ANGELS who worked all weekend to give the Dantin Family a better Christmas. The Angels prefer to remain anonymous. One of the Angels said, "It's been a great joy to give of ourselves. This will be our best Christmas ever!"

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BATON ROUGE — With an impressive 42-7 victory over arch-rival Notre Dame, Parkview Baptist won the State 3A Football Championship in the Super Dome last Saturday. The victory was the culmination of Coach Kenny Guillot's third perfect season. His teams went 15-0 in 2001, 15-0 in 2007, and 13-0 this year. Guillot said two plays were critical in the championship game — an on-side kick and a blocked punt. The first provided the go-ahead touchdown, and the second put the game out of reach at 26-7.

"It was a total team effort, like this entire season," he said. "It was a story book season but there was adversity, beginning with the death of one of our players, Samuel Wimberly, and then the death of the father of one of our players." Coach Guillot praised his staff and talked about what it's like to go to the Super Dome so many times. Does it get old? "It never gets old," Guillot said, "because of the new kids. They are excited and enjoy it so much. Going to the Dome for practice is an incredible experience. You're in the

Dome but there's no pressure. When the championship game arrives, you forget the environment and just play the game. These kids had confidence in what they were doing." Guillot has a reputation of coaching so many championship teams. Yet, he doesn't put pressure on the kids or emphasize winning.

"I talk to the kids about life, facing adversity, and being your best. On Saturdays, we talk about going to church on Sunday," he said. **Fighting Cancer.** Last week, Coach Guillot revealed to his team that he is facing his biggest challenge yet. He has been diagnosed



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Parkview's senior linebacker Hunter Brian



Samuel Wimberly after the victory



Coach Kenny Guillot



Brennan Bozeman was selected Outstanding Player

with cancer, a lymphoma. Yesterday, he began chemotherapy. "I was in the chair, taking the chemotherapy from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. I go back Thursday and Friday. So far, I'm feeling fine." He anticipates 15

treatments, one every 21 days. I hope to be back full time for spring training."

The Parkview football banquet will be at 7 p.m. Jan. 3 at the new gym.

— Woody Jenkins, Editor

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Army Red Stick Bowl Draws Thousands

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The U. S. Army swore in 40 new soldiers at half-time of the Red Stick Bowl. The new soldiers received loud applause.



Army commander Col. Reynolds and son



Colonel Reynolds, US Army, swore in new soldiers and presented a \$53,000 scholarship to one of them, Pvt. Clayton Delaune.

BATON ROUGE — The U. S. Army sponsored the 11th Annual Army Red Stick Bowl Saturday at Den-

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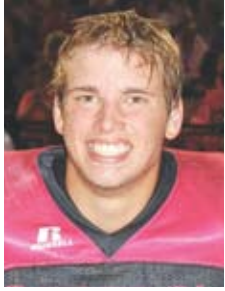
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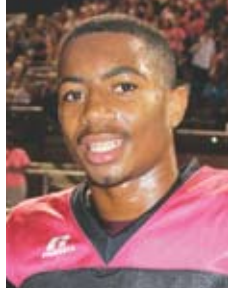
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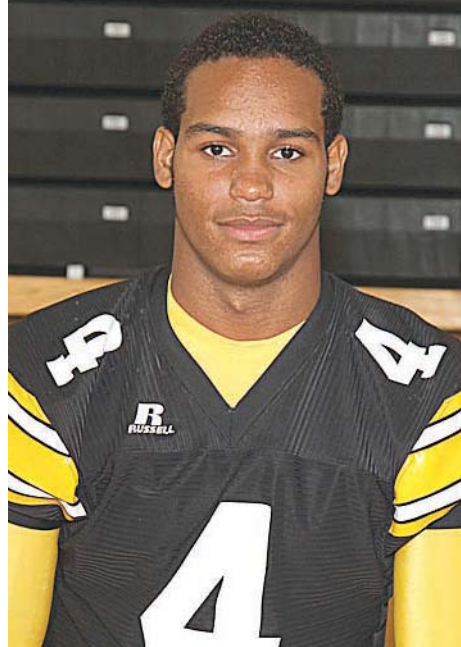
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Offense 1st Team



Devon Gales
Central High
Offense 1st Team



Khalil Thomas
Catholic High
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Nick Brossette
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Offense 1st Team, MVP



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Offense 1st Team



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Paul Broussard
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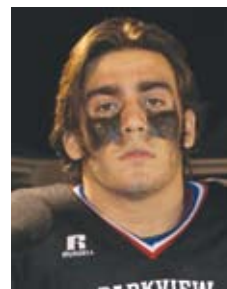
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Caleb Dominique
Christian Life
Defense 1st Team



Malik Harrison
Christian Life
Defense 1st Team

All-District Football Teams for 1A-5A



Brett Courville • Central High • Offense 1st Team, MVP



Hezekiah Randolph • Parkview High • Offense 1st Team, MVP



Manny Mukes • Parkview High • Defense 1st Team

All-District 4-5A • Offense - 1st Team

Brett Courville	Central	QB	Sr.	5'10"	200
Jake Myer	Central	TE	Jr.	6'2"	200
Devon Gales	Central	WR	Sr.	5'9"	165
Thomas Garcia	Central	T	Sr.	6'3"	250
Greg Noel	Central	Kicker	Jr.	5'8"	145
Gary Triplett	Central	ATH	Jr.	5'9"	160

All-District Offensive MVP • Brett Courville, Central

Offense 2nd Team: Lamonte Juneau (RB, Central), Gary Triplett (WR, Central), Hunter Edgens (OG, Central), Tyler Abadie (OT, Central), Gary Triplett (KR, Central)

All-District 4-5A • Defense - 1st Team

Antonio Ragusa	Central	LB	Sr.	5'8"	185
Kevin Henry	Central	DB	So.	6'1"	200
Paul Broussard	Central	DB	Sr.	6'2"	190

All-District Defensive MVP • Tanzel Smart, Scotlandville

Defense 2nd Team: Dalton Holdman (DL, Central), Ashton Stokes (DL, Central), Thomas Eddlemon (LB, Central), Sean Parker (DB, Central)

All-District 5-5A • Offense - 1st Team

Khalil Thomas	Catholic	RB	Sr.	5'9"	175
Cameron Lazare	Woodlawn	WR	Jr.	5'11"	185
Hinney Harris	McKinley	WR	Jr.	6'3"	170
Tyler Sparrow	Catholic	G	Sr.	6'2"	305
Cameron Tom	Catholic	T	Sr.	6'5"	280
Derrius Guice	Catholic	ATH	So.	6'0"	200

All-District Offensive MVP • Khalil Thomas, Catholic

Offense 2nd Team: Nick Coomes (QB, Catholic), Derrius Guice (RB, Catholic), Emmanuel Stewart (RB, Woodlawn), Christian Brown (T, Catholic), Keyon Smart (OL, McKinley), Donovan McCray (OL, McKinley), Brandon Butler (Ath, McKinley)

All-District 5-5A • Defense - 1st Team

Garret Broussard	Catholic	DL	Sr.	6'1"	240
Donte Glasper	Woodlawn	DL	Sr.	6'4"	255
Austin Dedon	Catholic	LB	Sr.	5'1"	210
Matthew Moreau	Catholic	DB	Jr.	5'11"	165

All-District Defensive MVP • David Elias, Dutchtown

Defense 2nd Team: Shawn Tolber (DL, McKinley), Patrick van Duzee (LB, Catholic), RJ Jefferson (DB, Catholic), Dave White (DB, McKinley)

All-District 6-4A • Offense - 1st Team

CJ Okpalobi	St. Michael	RB	Sr.	6'0"	185
David Siggers	Broadmoor	RB	Jr.	5'8"	154
Bo Aucoin	St. Michael	WR	Sr.	5'9"	180
Corey Holmes	St. Michael	OL	Sr.	6'2"	280
Michael Vick	Broadmoor	OL	Sr.	6'0"	269
Dalvin Dunn	Tara	OL	Jr.	6'1"	260
Christopher Reid	St. Michael	PK	So.	5'10"	165
Brandon Fields	St. Michael	UT	Sr.	6'1"	205

All-District Offensive MVP • Ruston Matherne, Lutcher

Offense 2nd Team: Brandon Fields (QB, St. Michael), Kaleb Kador (RB, Tara), Marquise Foster (TE, Broadmoor), Logan Rome (WR, St. Michael), Kaelon Stevenson (WR, Tara), Maurice Stewart (WR, Broadmoor), Jeff Vaccaro (WR, St. Michael), Al Wilson (OL, Tara), Donnie Berg (OL, St. Michael), Blake Bertrand (OL, St. Michael)

All-District 6-4A • Defense - 1st Team

Brandon Davenport	St. Michael	DL	Sr.	6'1"	205
David Siggers	Broadmoor	LB	Jr.	5'8"	154
AJ Fletcher	St. Michael	LB	So.	5'8"	190
Deandre Jackson	Broadmoor	DB	Jr.	5'7"	159
Windell Robinson	Tara	DB	Sr.	5'10"	170
Christopher Reid	St. Michael	P	So.	5'10"	165

All-District Defensive MVP • Blake Roussel, Lutcher

Defense 2nd Team: Matthew Lofton (DL, St. Michael), Johnny Jackson (DL, Tara), Josh Steward (LB, St. Michael), Ben Newman (LB, Tara), Kendrick Burton (DB, Tara), CJ Okpalobi (P, St. Michael)

All-District 6-3A • Offense - 1st Team

Brennan Bozeman	Parkview	QB	Sr.	6'0"	185
Hezekiah Randolph	Parkview	RB	Sr.	5'11"	210
Conner Hodgeson	Parkview	RB	Jr.	6'0"	215
Luke Gomez	Parkview	OL	Jr.	5'11"	270
Adam Tarver	Parkview	OL	Sr.	6'1"	225

Taylor Black	Parkview	PK	Jr.	5'8"	160
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All-District Offensive MVP • Hezekiah Randolph, Parkview

Offense 2nd Team: Tom Wing (WR, Parkview), Leroy Knighthen (OL, Parkview), Austin Speice (OL, Parkview), Lucas Reaves (OL, Parkview)

All-District 6-3A • Defense - 1st Team

Victor Gutierrez	Parkview	DL	Sr.	6'0"	220
Ridge Womack	Parkview	LB	Sr.	5'9"	205
Hunter Brian	Parkview	LB	Sr.	5'9"	200
Manny Mukes	Parkview	DB	Sr.	5'10"	170
Austin Suits	Parkview	ATH	Sr.	6'1"	175
Tom Wing	Parkview	P	Jr.	6'1"	175

All-District Defensive MVP • De'Quan Franklin, East Feliciana

Defense 2nd Team: Michael Tarwater (DL, Parkview), Andrew Rish (DL, Parkview), Denton Kirby (LB, Parkview), Austin Suits (LB, Parkview), Tee Sparrow (LB, Parkview)

All-District 7-2A • Offense - 1st Team

Nik Kragthorpe	University	QB	Sr.	6'0"	205
Harrison Dominque	Dunham	RB	Sr.	5'11"	205
Clement Mubungirwa	Episcopal	RB	So.	5'10"	165
Nick Brossette	University	RB	So.	6'0"	210
Drew Moore	University	OT	Jr.	6'2"	260
Andy Guidry	Dunham	OT	Sr.	5'11"	230
Garrett Brumfield	University	OG	Jr.	6'3"	280
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Shane Godso	Redemptorist	P	So.	5'9"	165
Austin Couvillion	Episcopal	K	Jr.	5'10"	145
Harrison Dominque	Dunham	KR	Sr.	5'11"	205
Jarrell Rogers	Episcopal	ATH	Sr.	5'10"	175

All-District Offensive MVP • Nick Brossette, University

Offense 2nd Team: Nick Nezami (QB, Dunham), Anthony Thomas (QB, Capitol), Dominick Yates (RB, Northeast), Jamar Robertson (RB, Capitol), Jarrell Rogers (RB, Episcopal), Joseph Comeaux (OL, Northeast), Quantrell Stevenson (OL, Capitol), Kirk Wilson (OL, Dunham), John Joyce (OL, Redemptorist), Andrew Stovall (OL, University), Deandre Emery (TE, Northeast), Grayson Domingue (TE, Dunham), Spencer Kleinpeter (TE, Episcopal), Julian Laprairie (P, Dunham), Austin Couvillion (P, Episcopal), Quinten Cornelious (P, Northeast), Julian Laprairie (K, Dunham), Jalon Baker (KR, University)

All-District 7-2A • Defense - 1st Team

Tim Williams	University	DL	Sr.	6'3"	230
Arman White	Redemptorist	DL	Jr.	5'10"	225
Quantrell Stevenson	Capitol	DL	Sr.	6'0"	190
Leroy Roddy	Northeast	DL	Fr.	6'1"	280
Steven Sensley	University	LB	Sr.	6'0"	210
Cedric Whitefield	Capitol	LB	Jr.	5'11"	185
Turner Graham	Episcopal	LB	Jr.	5'10"	195
Jake Wharton	University	LB	So.	6'1"	215
Roydarius McGee	Capitol	DB	Sr.	5'11"	185
Brennan Bienasz	Episcopal	DB	Jr.	5'9"	165
Juwaum Sanders	Redemptorist	DB	Jr.	5'10"	170
Jarrod Franklin	University	DB	Sr.	6'0"	195

All-District Defensive MVP • Tim Williams, University

Defense 2nd Team: Matthew Berg (DL, University), Frank Leonard (DL, University), Foster deGeneres (DL, Dunham), Blake Chandler (DB, Episcopal), Joshua Claverie (LB, Capitol), Chase Day (LB, Dunham), Polk Kellam (LB, Episcopal), Guillermo Diaz (LB, Northeast), Bo Bankston (DB, University), Joe McWilliams (DB, Capitol), Abraham Wallace (DB, Dunham), David Chatman (DB, Northeast), Jyron Walker (LB, Dunham)

All-District 7-1A • Offense - 1st Team

Jacob Alford	Christian Life	OL	Jr.	6'2"	240
Dameion Lee	Christian Life	K	Jr.	5'9"	150

All-District Offensive MVP • Deonte Shorts, Southern Lab

All-District 7-1A • Defense - 1st Team

Langston Adams	Christian Life	LB	Sr.	5'11"	175
Malik Harrison	Christian Life	DB	Jr.	5'8"	165
Caleb Dominique	Christian Life	DB	Sr.	5'11"	175

All-District Defensive MVP • Javari Nichols, Kentwood

Defense 2nd Team: Dameion Lee (P, Christian Life)

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**Monday, December 24
Christmas Mass Schedule**
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U.S. Navy League Cadets Laid Wreaths at BR National Cemetery



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at the 5:30 p.m. Mass.
**Monday, December 24
Christmas Eve Service • 6 p.m.**
Comite Baptist Church, 12250 Greenwell Springs, will have a Candlelight Christmas Eve Service.

**Monday, December 24
Christmas Eve Service • 11:30 p.m.**
Sandy Creek Baptist Church, 22834 Liberty Road, will have a Candlelight Christmas Eve Service.

**Thursday, December 27
Make and Take Pennant
2 to 4 p.m.**
Welcome the new year with this colorful pennant. Stop by the Children's Room at Jones Creek Library, 6222 Jones Creek, anytime to make

your craft. For ages thru 11 years.
**Tuesday, January 1
Solemnity of Mary**
St. Alphonsus Catholic Church,

14040 Greenwell Springs, will hold Solemnity of Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation, at 8 and 10 a.m. and 12 noon. For information, call the church office at 261-4650.

New Council to Receive Gay Rights Ordinance

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leader and gay rights activist Joe Traigle said his organization will present the proposed One Baton Rouge Equality Resolution Ordinance for Council consideration by Jan. 15. Traigle said it is "basically the same as the ordinances that exist in the cities that the Mayor and BRAC have canvassed." Traigle said Baton Rouge has been named

the 4th worst city in the U.S. for gays. Baton Rouge reportedly has the highest rate of AIDS in the country.
The ordinance failed to pass by one vote during the past term of the Council. It is supported by a variety of liberal groups and opposed by the Louisiana Family Forum and some churches.



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Tax Protest Letter Could Speed Refund

Sample Notice Letter

[Date]

[Taxpayer's Name]

[Taxpayer's Address]

East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff
 Honorable Sid J. Gautreaux, III
 222 Saint Louis Street
 2nd Floor Room 238
 Baton Rouge, LA 70802-5823

Re: Payment Under Protest of 10.6-Mill Capital Area Transit System Tax;

Notice # _____

Dear Sheriff Gautreaux:

I have received the above-referenced notice reflecting 2012 property tax in the amount of \$[_____] attributable to the 10.6-mill tax levied by the Capital Area Transit System ("CATS"). By virtue of this letter, please consider that portion of my 2012 property tax, whether submitted by me or by someone else on my behalf, to be remitted under protest in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. § 47:2134.

The subject CATS tax violates my constitutional rights for the same reasons set forth by the plaintiffs in *Graugnard v. Capital Area Transit System*, Suit No. 614,152, currently pending in the Nineteenth Judicial District Court. In light of that existing suit, please segregate and hold this disputed portion of my 2012 property taxes, pending resolution of that litigation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

[Taxpayer's name]



CHAMBER EBR — In a speech to the new Chamber of Commerce of East Baton Rouge, Milton Graugnard urged taxpayers to pay the CATS tax "under protest."

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 will it increase the likelihood of a prompt refund if his suit is successful, but it will also give CATS a strong incentive to move forward on the trial of *Graugnard v. CATS*

without promoting endless delays. Graugnard is challenging the 10.6-mill property tax, which is expected to raise more than \$15 million a year. He has argued that the tax violates the Equal Protection

Clause of both the federal and state constitutions. The tax would be levied only inside the city limits of Baton Rouge but the services would be provided outside the city limits. This directly violates the holding in the Louisiana Supreme Court case of *Arkansas & Louisiana Ry. v. Goslin*, he said.

Opponents of the CATS tax, such as Taxbusters, said the local government-run bus company is inefficient and should be privatized. They said buses are running empty, and that the tax, which they called "mas-

sive," was far more than necessary.

Graugnard provided a sample letter, which he urged taxpayers to send to the Sheriff before Dec. 31, 2012, even if they have already paid their taxes for the year.

Graugnard said once CATS spends the tax money, it may have no way to refund the money to taxpayers, if his suit is successful. Graugnard emphasized that there is no way to predict how the courts would treat the issue of tax refunds. The suit is before District Judge Todd Hernandez.

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12 Angels Made This a Special Christmas



A CHRISTMAS SURPRISE — When the Dantin children returned from a Florida trip, they were surprised — and elated — to find their front yard had been decorated.

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the week, wrapped it, and put it in the refrigerator. After all the work was done, they brought in beautiful decorations and inspirational quotes. They washed the dirty clothes.

Things were looking 100 percent — no 200 percent — better. But something was missing. Then the Angels realized the family didn't have a Christmas tree. So they found a beautiful tree and decorated it. Finally, the Angels said, "This family needs Christmas lights in the front yard!" So they proceeded to decorate the yard.

As Sunday night came, the An-

gels rushed to finish their work. Now there was some fear that this had all been a big mistake, and that perhaps it wouldn't be well received by Robin and the family. But Angel No. 1 said, "I thought they would be happy. I only have two children, and when I get behind even a day or two with the laundry, it seems I can never catch up. And they say the greatest gift you can give a woman is someone to clean her house!"

Angel No. 4 said, "We were afraid they'd come home early or that they'd be upset with what we'd done. We took a chance, a big chance."

As Robin's car rounded the cor-

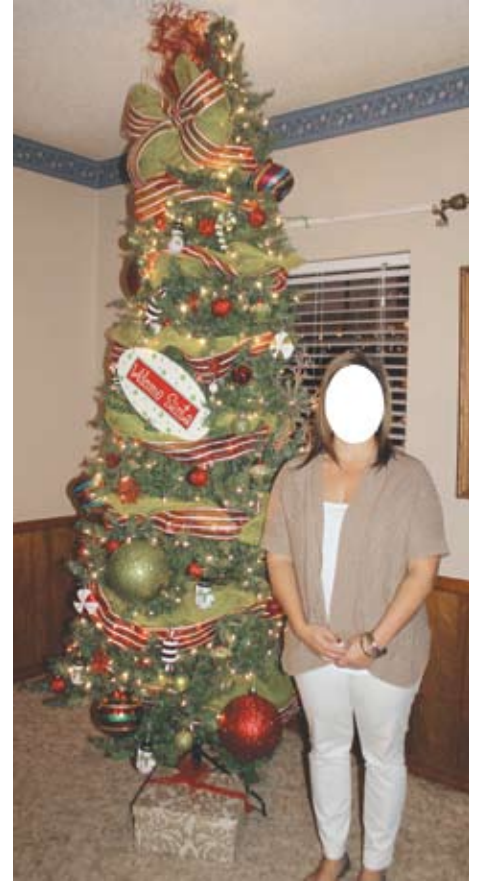
ner Sunday night onto their street, they saw lights in the distance. One of kids said, "It looked like they were coming from our house but I knew we didn't have any lights up!"

As the car pulled into the driveway, the kids burst out of the car! They were laughing and shouting, in total disbelief of what they were seeing. "We have Christmas lights!" they said. Then when they walked in the front door, they were even more amazed, and they ran and jumped around the house!

"We have a couch!" the little one, Tyler, 9, shouted. "And a ceiling fan!" One of the kids took a short video of the kids laughing and jumping. Diana, 13, loved her new room. Robin loved her new room too and the kitchen! So different!

Daughter Dené, who is 24 and a teacher, no longer lives at home, but she was on the trip to Florida with the family. She had a lot to say about what the Angels did for her mother and the entire family.

"This is the most wonderful gift you can imagine. This is straight from heaven. The people who did this are Angels. Our family is very, very close, especially since our dad passed away. And it's been very



ANGEL NO. 4 found this Christmas tree and decorated it for the Dantin Family.

difficult. It's just amazing that someone would care so much for us," Dené said. "It changes your perspective. When someone is so good to you, it makes you want to help others."

"Now we say we want to 'Pay Forward'! We know we can never 'Pay Back' these Angels who have helped us. But we can 'Pay Forward' by helping someone else who can use a little help. That's what we want to do!"

Robin called the *Capital City News/Central City News* on Tuesday, saying "I have a story for you." She said, "I never wanted anyone to know the struggles we've been through. I never wanted to ask for help. But these Angels found us and did all this. They don't want any recognition. In fact, they are adamant about that. But I want people to know that the world is not just what you see on TV or read about in the newspaper. There are still a lot of good people in the world — very good people. In fact, I'd say there are Angels — right here among us!"

A total of 12 Angels helped the Dantin Family have a better Christmas this year — a Christmas they will never forget!

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Some notes on the Dantin Family. The late Jay Dantin graduated from Catholic High. He died six years ago when he was 46. Robin Dantin graduated from Central High School. Their first date was to a Catholic High football game. "We used to argue over who was the real 'CHS'" she laughed. Dené, 24, is now a teacher in the East Baton Rouge Parish school system. Todd, now 19, is a student at Northwestern in Natchitoches. Dillon, 17, attended St. Alphonsus and is now at Central High. Diana, 13, and Tyler, 9, both attend St. Alphonsus. Daughter Tori, now 21, attended Central High until last year in the special education department. She is now living in a group home in Zachary. Tori's photo has appeared several times in the *Central City News*. Before leaving Central High, she was chosen to be an honorary Cheerleader with the Central Wildcat Cheerleaders.

Robin has a strong commitment to Catholic education and has made great sacrifices to keep most of the children in Catholic schools. Until now, she felt she shouldn't work outside the home. "I've never wanted the children to come home without my being there. Raising six children is itself a full-time job. Throw in a job, and it is impossible." But now, with only three children at home, Robin feels it's time to get a job, and she is in the job market. She can be reached at 225-270-7779.

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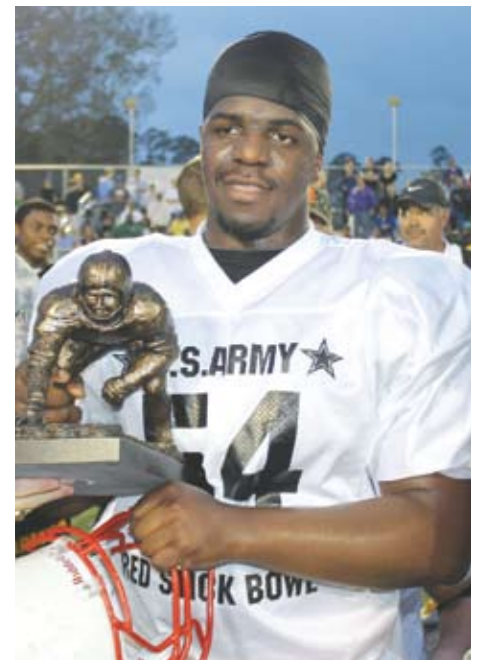
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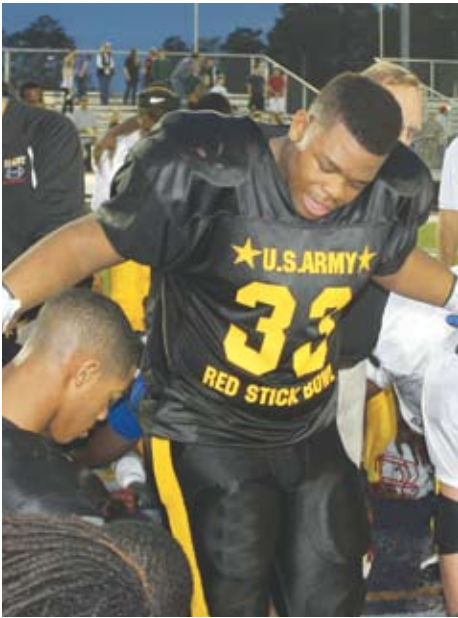
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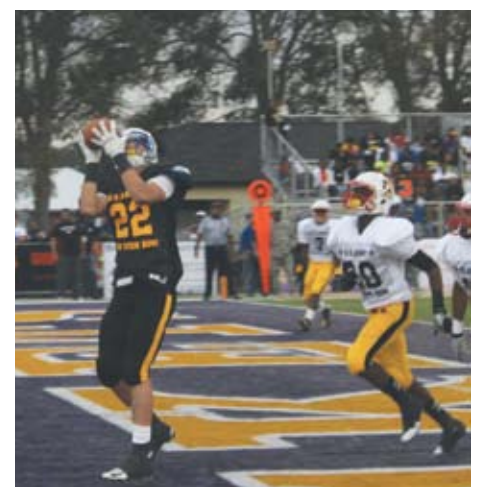
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