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"THE TRUTH SHALL SET YOU FREE"



Myrlie Evers-Williams, the widow of slain civil rights leader Medgar Evers, stands next to the U.S. postage stamp honoring him Saturday in New York. The Civil Rights Pioneers stamp sheet honors 12 civil rights pioneers and are available today nationwide. Left, a file photo of Edgar Evers.



Evers postage now on market

NEW YORK (AP) — A U.S. postage stamp with the likeness of slain civil rights leader Medgar Evers has been officially released.

The 42-cent Evers stamp now goes on sale nationwide. He's one of a dozen civil rights pioneers taking their places of honor on six new U.S. postage stamps.

Marking the occasion, his widow Myrlie Evers-Williams and NAACP Chairman Julian Bond held

a news conference Saturday at a Manhattan hotel during the annual meeting of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The other stamps honor Ella Baker, Daisy Gatson Bates, J.R. Clifford, Fannie Lou Hamer, Charles Hamilton Houston, Ruby Hurley, Mary White Ovington, Joel Elias Spingarn, Mary Church Terrell, Oswald Garrison Villard and Walter White.

Gunfire disrupts Mardi Gras

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The shootings of seven people, including a toddler, marred Fat Tuesday partying as ear-piercing gunfire sent revelers ducking for cover and brought Mardi Gras' final stream of truck floats to a horrifying halt.

The 20-month-old child was grazed by a bullet and wasn't seriously injured. Two suspects were in custody, police said.

Gunshots erupted near the Garden District about 1:40 p.m. as a stream of truck floats passed by after the last major parade, Rex, had ended. Thousands of people partied in the streets on the last day of Carnival before the violence broke out along the oak-lined Uptown street-car line.

"It sounded like a string of fireworks, so I knew it was more than one shooter," said Toni Labat, 29, a limousine company manager. She was with her two children, a 2-year-old boy and a 10-year-old girl.

"Everybody was petrified. They hit the ground, the floats stopped, everybody on the floats ducked," Labat said.

Labat said one man dragged himself on the ground screaming for help after being wounded and another man was gasping for air and bleeding from his mouth.



A member of the Zulu parade marches during the Mardi Gras celebration in New Orleans on Tuesday. Authorities say seven people were hurt when gunfire erupted on Fat Tuesday.

Police spokesman Bob Young said the victims — three men ages 50, 33 and 20, two young women ages 20

and 17, and a 15-year-old boy — were taken to area hospitals. Young said the 20-month-old baby was grazed

by a bullet and not seriously hurt.

The two most seriously (See Parade, Page 2)

Canyon Springs HS training future legal eagles

By Lés Pierres Streater
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Metal detectors and bomb-sniffing dogs may be the norm at some public high schools across the country, but not in Las Vegas. All that changed last Friday during a coordinated exercise at Canyon Springs High School. Students, staff, visitors, guests and members of the Eighth Judicial District Court participated in the school's second Short Trial Program. A partnership between Canyon Springs' Leadership and Law Preparatory Academy

Courtroom, the Clark County School District and Clark County Court System, the program encourages students to consider careers in law enforcement and the justice system.

The Short Trial Program features one-day jury trials complete with all the ingredients of a real-world legal proceeding: plaintiffs, defendants, attorneys, a jury. Each side has up to three hours to present their cases to the jury, which is made up of four to six people. Eighth Judicial District Judge Timothy C.

Williams presided over the most recent trial.

He's tried more than 60 cases under the Short Trial Program and is a big supporter of Canyon Springs' five-year-old law magnet program. "I was out here one day speaking on some legal issues at the school about law and the preparatory program, and I saw the courtroom assembled here," Williams said. "I said to the principal that we could bring an actual jury trial out here to the school and make it a part of the curriculum of the law

magnet program... students can gain experience in handling disputes in civil matters — the right way... the justice system [also] provides enormous career opportunities as a lawyer, court reporter, court clerk, court marshal, or even becoming president of the United States."

More than 600 students are a part of the Leadership and Law Academy. The curriculum focuses on the ins and outs of the U.S. legal system. Canyon Springs has the nation's only on-campus courtroom where real trials

take place, everything from civil matters to traffic issues.

"From a legal perspective, we [judges] cannot get involved in political matters, but we can participate in educational matters," Williams said. "The students are thrilled that they have an opportunity to not only see the case live in front of them, but to see the embattlement between the lawyers, the actual jury deliberating the process and eventually rendering a verdict in the case. I look forward to the day that one of the students from Canyon

Springs High School becomes an attorney and appears in my courtroom representing a client."

Steven Washington wants to be an attorney and, eventually, a judge. "We learn about many aspects of the law from the fundamentals to the actual legal procedures. We are required to prepare an actual binder on the case laws that we are studying in our class, along with any arguments and objections that we will be presenting about the case."

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