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By George Curry
Special to the NNPA

On Sunday night, President Obama made good on that promise, announc-
ing that a team of elite Navy SEALs had taken out Osama bin Laden for good with two bullets, one to the chest and one to the head. The surprise attack on Public Enemy No. 1 took place shortly before 2 A.M. in Pakistan, ending one of the longest and most frustrating worldwide manhunts in history.

Speaking to reporters at the White House, a subdued President Obama said, “Today, at my direction, the United States launched a targeted operation against that compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan. A small team of Americans carried out the operation with extraordinary courage and capability. No Americans were harmed. They took care to avoid civilian casualties. After a firefight, they

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Above: Osama Bin Laden was killed in a highly secret and exceptionally executed operation ordered by President Obama in his compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan on Sunday, May 1, 2011.
Right: President Obama with his National Security team witnessed the operation in real time in the Situation Room located within the White House.

Senator Barack Obama
Op-Ed in the Globe Gazette
Mason City, Iowa
Aug. 12, 2007
killed Osama bin Laden and took custody of his body."

Jubilant, flag-waving Americans gathered in front of the White House and at Ground Zero to celebrate. The New York Daily News carried a photo of bin Laden the next day with the headline, "Rot in Hell."

For some families, the death of Osama bin Laden, nearly 10 years after the murder of their loved ones, may put them on the road to closure. For others, however, it merely re-opened old wounds, wounds that may never fully heal.

It was George W. Bush who boldly declared shortly after a plane crashed in Pennsylvania and the Twin Towers at the World Trade Center. In New York and the Pentagon went up in flames, "I want justice. And there's an old poster out West. I recall, that said, 'Wanted Dead or Alive.'"

In 2003, Bush stood on the flight deck of the USS Lincoln and declared, "...major combat operations in Iraq have ended." Mounted on the ship was a huge banner that proclaimed, "Mission Accomplished."

Of course, the mission in Iraq was not accomplished — and still isn’t — and bin Laden was never found dead or alive on Bush’s watch.

It was a patient, skilled, and understated Barack Obama who proved to be the real "decider" in the White House. By all accounts, he was directly engaged in all aspects of the carefully planned operation that ended bin Laden's life without suffering any U.S. casualties.

Obama was apprised that bin Laden’s hideaway inside of Pakistan had been pinpointed by CIA operatives last September. During the next few months, additional intelligence information was developed and on March 13th, President Obama held the first of five National Security Council meetings.

When presented with the option of bombing the compound, Obama rejected it and instead favored a riskier plan to airlift Navy SEALs by helicopter, having them storm the compound and conduct a room-by-room search for the terrorist mastermind. Before leaving to inspect tornado damage in Tuscaloosa, Ala., the President gave the green light to launch the attack. On Sunday, the operation was carried out in secrecy as Obama and his close circle of security advisers watched on a secure hookup. Amazingly, there were no leaks to the media in the nation’s gossip-crazed capital.

Instead of being boastful, Obama struck a somber tone, praising those who had carried out the mission, both Democrats and Republicans are diving into "Justice has been done." In order to minimize the inevitable pushback from some Muslims in Arab countries, the administration noted that they had observed the Muslim practice of washing bin Laden’s body and wrapping it in a white garb before dumping it in the Arabian Sea. Despite the White House release of Obama’s long-form birth certificate and mountains of additional evidence, some conspiracy buffs refuse to drop the issue. The new conspiracy theories about bin Laden emerged before the old ones about where Obama was born were put to rest.

On Monday, the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in Pasadena, Calif., granted a client of birther lawyer Orly Taitz a opportunity to challenge the summary dismissal of a case heard two years ago questioning whether President Obama was born in Hawaii. Despite the White House release of Obama’s long-form birth certificate and mountains of additional evidence, some conspiracy buffs refuse to drop the issue. The only thing missing from what Obama described as a carnival is Donald Trump demanding to see bin Laden’s death certificate.

Although former President Bush applauded the capture and killing of Osama bin Laden, other conservatives are belittling Obama’s accomplishment.

Brett Decker, Editorial Page Editor of the conservative Washington Times, wrote in a column that Obama made too many references to himself when he made the announcement about bin Laden’s death. "Not only is this consistent with his view that everything is about him, it also reflected the reality that this president is weak and perceived by the world to be a lackluster leader who has undermined American power," Decker wrote. "He needs to grasp any opportunity he can to make himself believable as a Commander-in-Chief. Crowds flocked to the White House gates to celebrate bin Laden’s demise, giving this unpopular president a rare glimpse of public support that won’t last long."

Judging by his critics, Obama won’t have support even when he accomplished something George W. Bush couldn’t. They have already resumed their attacks on Obama’s handling of the economy.

Laura Ingraham, spoofing Obama’s comment that Americans can do whatever we set our mind to, tweeted, "Like spending according to my budget and raise the debt ceiling!"

WASHINGTON – A handful of new national polls conducted in the immediate aftermath of Osama bin Laden’s death reveal happiness and relief combined with improving perceptions of President Barack Obama’s handling of terrorism and the war in Afghanistan. The results are more mixed when it comes to the expected bounce in his overall job approval rating.

The surveys, which were all conducted in just one day, show overwhelming public support for the commando raid that killed bin Laden:

• A USA Today/Gallup poll finds 93 percent approval of the raid, with almost as many, 79 percent, saying they consider the killing of bin Laden extremely or very important.

• A CNN/Opinion Research Corporation survey finds most Americans feel either thrilled (37 percent) or happy (42 percent) about the death of bin Laden, while only 4 percent are unhappy.

• A Washington Post/Pew Research Center survey asks how Americans feel about bin Laden’s death. It finds most respondents are relieved (72 percent), proud (60 percent) and happy (58 percent). (Participants could agree with more than one feeling.)

Two of the polls show big increases in ratings of Obama’s handling of terrorism and the Afghanistan War. Specifically, the CNN poll shows a 7 point jump in approval of the President’s handling of both “terrorism” (60 to 67 percent) and “the situation in Afghanistan” (from 51 to 58 percent) since January. The Washington Post/Pew Research poll shows even bigger gains on Obama’s handling of “the threat of terrorism” (up from 56 to 69 percent approval) and “the situation in Afghanistan” (44 to 60 percent) compared to identically worded questions asked on a Washington Post/ABC News poll in April.

George W. Bush:

“The most important thing is for us to find Osama bin Laden. It is our number one priority and we will not rest until we find him.”

“I don’t know where bin Laden is. I have no idea and really don’t care. It’s not that important. It’s not our priority.”
The potential 2012 Republican Presidential candidates quickly issued statements on their Twitter feeds and various websites, commemorating the death of terrorist leader Osama Bin Laden, but were careful not to heap praise upon President Obama in their response to the momentous event. A majority of the candidate hopefuls thanked the military for a job well done.

Minnesota Representative Michele Bachmann was first to comment on her Twitter feed, thanking the US forces for “taking out Osama Bin Laden.”

Former Alaska Governor Sarah Palin tweeted, “Thank you, America’s finest and women in uniform. You are America’s finest and we are all so proud. Thank you for fighting against terrorism.” She later posted a statement on her Facebook page.

Americans tonight are united in celebration and gratitude. God bless all the brave men and women in our military and our intelligence services who contributed to carrying out the successful mission to bring Bin Laden to justice and who laid the groundwork over the years to make this victory possible. It’s a testament to the hard work and dedication of these brave Americans who relentlessly hunted down our enemy. This is a victory for the American people, for the victims who were heartlessly murdered on September 11th and in Al Qaeda’s other numerous attacks, and for all the peace-loving people of the world.

May God bless our troops and our intelligence services, and God Bless America!”

Former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee issued this statement on his HuckPAC website: “It is unusual to celebrate a death, but today Americans and decent people the world over cheer the news that madman, murderer and terrorist Osama Bin Laden is dead. The leader of Al Qaeda— responsible for the deaths of 3000 innocent citizens on September 11, 2001, and whose maniacal hate is responsible for the deaths of thousands of U.S. servicemen and women killed by U.S. military. President Obama confirmed the announcesment late last night. DNA tests confirmed his death and his body is in the possession of the U.S. It has taken a long time for this monster to be brought to justice. Welcome to hell, bin Laden. Let us all hope that his demise will serve notice to Islamic radicals the world over that the United States will be relentless is tracking down and terminating those who would inflict terror, mayhem and death on any of our citizens.”

Former Pennsylvania Senator Rick Santorum issued a press release posted on his website: “This is extraordinary news for all freedom loving people of the world, and I commend all those involved for this historic triumph. Americans have waited nearly ten years for the news of Osama bin Laden’s death. And while this is a very significant objective that cannot be minimized, the threat from Jihadism does not die with bin Laden. As we were vigilant in taking him out we need to demonstrate we will continue to be vigilant until the enemy has been subdued.”

Former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney posted this statement on his Facebook page. “This is a great victory for lovers of freedom and justice everywhere. Congratulations to our intelligence community, our military and the President. My thoughts are with the families of Osama bin Laden’s many thousands of victims, and the brave servicemen and women who have laid down their lives in pursuit of this murderous terrorist.”

Governor Tim Pawlenty posted...
Nagin Releases His Memoirs with “Katrina’s Secrets”

C. Ray Nagin will release his memoir, “Katrina’s Secrets: Storms after the Storm,” on June 8, 2011, via Amazon. It is centered on critical events and decisions made before, during and immediately after the nation’s worst-ever natural and man-made disaster, Hurricane Katrina.

The book is the first in a series that will be released worldwide on Amazon.com and other channels in paperbound and e-book formats. “Katrina’s Secrets: Storms after the Storm” is a behind-the-scenes, provocative, revealing and inspirational story.

After leaving public office in May 2010, C. Ray Nagin finally gets to tell the world about controversial decisions and statements. He writes honestly and sincerely about his mistakes and successes. He also gives readers an insider’s perspective of the city, its history and institutional issues of race and class that secretly conspired to control and slow down the recovery.

The former mayor takes readers on a front row journey, revealing secrets that have been previously glossed over, spun or ignored. He discusses the former president’s hesitations that led to Kanye West’s provocative statements, the Governor’s indifferences, racial profiling, social re-engineering plots and federal disaster capitalism.

Mayor Nagin offers intimate, unparalleled details about his firm stance that everyone had the right to return home. He prayed constantly and believed God’s grace assured the city would overcome its ultimate challenge.

Today New Orleans is one of the nation’s fastest-growing cities with a strong economy, billions in construction underway, a focus on “green” construction and innovative public education.
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Fantasia performs for adoring fans.

John Legend gives an amazing set.

Jazzfest is an event for all generations to enjoy.

Trombone Shorty and Mos Def enjoy a moment backstage.

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Remembering Acts of Kindness

By Lee A. Daniels

NNPA Columnist
Good Riddance.

A man driven to sponsor and inspire incalculable horror and sadness around the globe is dead. He chose a path of profound evil, cloaking his megalomania and bloodlust in religious piety, and it led him to a watery grave at the bottom of an ocean. Of course his name will be remembered as long as human society exists. But like his blood-drenched historical predecessor—men for whom the description “mass murderer” is pitifully inadequate— he’ll be regarded, to put it bluntly, as a freak of human nature: a monster.

But in the midst of our, for some, jubilation; for others, a quiet, even grim satisfaction, we would also do well to remember along with his other crimes not only the terrible acts of mass murder he sponsored about 10 years ago but also a bright, sunny day in New York City, in suburban Washington, and in rural Pennsylvania.

We would do well to recall what those crimes revealed to us Americans.

For one thing, they underscored that, while many in American society were contesting who is an American—that is, who is entitled to equal opportunity here— the practitioners of terror had no doubt about who is an American. They knew and acted upon the fact that all Americans are all equally American—and thus, equally a target for their murderous rage.

Timothy McVeigh, born and raised in America, understood that. So, Americans of all ages of African, Hispanic, Asian, Arab, Native American, and European descent who worked in the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City died one awful day in April 1995.

So, too, did those murderers who struck at the American embassies in Kenya and Tanzania in August 1998. Americans (and Africans and Europeans) of all backgrounds died that day also.

And we would do well to remember the 9-11 terror who brought so much agony, death, and destruction to America’s shores.

Like Timothy McVeigh, they deliberately struck not just at the “symbols” of the American nation. They attacked the World Trade Center and the Pentagon during the workday, when both places would be filled with the people of America: people of African, Hispanic, Asian, Arabic, Native American, and European descent. Those who died and were injured were members of our families, our friends, and our neighbors.

The terrorists showed, once again, that while they often condemned America for its history of discrimination against Americans of color, they wouldn’t hesitate to target Americans of color for murder, too.

They understood that we are all equally American, whether our ancestors arrived on the Mayflower or the slave ships; whether they fled pogroms in Europe or tyranny and poverty in Latin America, Africa, or the Middle East; whether the governments of our ancestors’ country of origin were democratic or authoritarian; whether our families came three centuries ago or yesterday. (Of course, we know that these murderers don’t value the lives of any human beings. Citizens of 40 countries worked at the World Trade Center, a crossroads of the world. They, too, were among the missing and the dead.) It would seem that some Americans are the only ones who don’t understand—or don’t want to accept—that we Americans are all equally American.

And we would do well to remember that the evil done on September 11, 2001 inspired at the sites of the catastrophes the opposite of evil. It inspired many acts of kindness and bravery. Many of those deeds we’ll never know, of course: the doors and all who witnessed them died in those awful moments. But other stories survive.

One of the most exalted was told by a woman who worked in the World Trade Center offices of the financial giant, Morgan Stanley. After the first jetliner hit the Center’s Tower 1, officials ordered an immediate evacuation of Tower 2, where she had an office on the 64th floor. The problem: she walked with crutches.

At first, several co-workers tried to carry her down the hot, humid, and crowded stairwell. “It was incredible difficulty,” the woman told the New York Times. “They had me over their shoulder for 5 or 10 flights and just couldn’t do it.”

Then, she said, a co-worker she knew only as Louis came upon her. He lifted the woman on his shoulder and began to carry her by himself down the remaining 50 or so flights. The woman said that around the 15th or 20th floor, a security guard, saying the danger at that level has eased, urged Louis to leave her and continue on his own. Louis refused and carried her all the way out of the building, “all the way to the E.M.T. guys, and he stuck with me until we got one who said I could go in an ambulance.”

Louis then left, heading hopefully out of the danger zone. We know nothing more about him.

Before 9-11, many people might have expressed surprise at such acts, as if they were unusual.

But 9-11 taught us, at a horrible cost, that such acts of compassion and courage are not unusual. Indeed, the rapid response of ordinary people to mobilize on their own substantial aid for their fellow human beings victimized by natural disasters has become commonplace in the last decade. 9-11 compelled many people in America and around the world to realize that such acts of kindness and courage are not unusual.

Helping others becomes a balm to the deep wound in our individual and collective psyches. It enables us to immerse ourselves in grief over the fate of the innocent while simultaneously celebrating their, and our, determination to persevere.

Ten years ago, in the days and weeks following September 11th, we heard many such stories: Of shopkeepers along the routes of the flood of refugees from lower Manhattan passing out bottles of water, juices, and other refreshments. Of Americans from all parts of the country flocking to the devastated World Trade Center site to volunteer for the clean-up effort. Of the more than 2 million Americans who donated blood for the battlefield injured. Of the millions across the globe who expressed their sorrow and sense of solidarity in innumerable ways.

All these were a declaration, contrary to the credo of the Osama bin Laden’s of the world, kindness is the most powerful and lasting human sentiment. Amid the great sorrow of that day and the weeks and months to come, it was wonderful to realize that millions of people across the globe didn’t need a world leader to tell them that.

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Food For Thought

by: Edwin Buggage

George Rainey

He is a man who has spent his eight decades of life giving back to others. George Rainey is the true definition of a Trailblazer. “When I think of Trailblazer I think it is someone who contributes to the betterment of others in a selfless way,” says Rainey. Continuing he says, “In my life I have never consciously thought that what I was doing is going to help someone, it was more of a natural thing for me to give to someone in need.”

The words of Rainey are filled with wisdom as he is a wellspring of information and inspiration. He says he receives joy giving his time to many organizations helping countless people, but he says the time following Hurricane Katrina is one of his fondest memories. “I remember my nephew and I going to a church run by Rev. Nelson Brown to get something to eat, and the line was long. So we went in and wound up helping cook in his kitchen feeding people; this went on for several months,” recounts Rainey. Of Rev. Brown he says, “He was truly a Godsend as we fed so many people in the time of need for so many in our city.”

Harkening back to the theme of selflessness and helping the community he says, “I believe anyone has the ability to give back because all of us have something to give and it doesn’t always have to be money; sometimes it is just about giving your time and heart to help someone be better than they are.”

As part of the Zulu Social Aid and Pleasure Club, Rainey has worked on many projects aimed at helping the youth of New Orleans and inspiring future generations. “I have worked with some great people over at Zulu that are really committed to young people and improving the community and I am glad to be part of an organization that believes as I do, that serving others and giving them hope, encouragement and support is important.”

Being the owner of Rainey’s Restaurant, a staple in the community for four decades, he feels it is important that young people understand that economics is the new frontier in the struggle for civil rights and human dignity. “Today many of the things my generation has fought for we have accomplished, our struggle was for access, but now it is time for us to look at how to empower ourselves economically.”

Known for his savory soul food, Rainey’s words are flavorful food for the soul cutting to the bone of truth with uplifting words as he continues to be a positive voice in the community. He remains dedicated to the mission of helping people have a voice, but he feels some are not being heard. “I think not just New Orleans but the world would be a much better place if more people took the time to listen to the people who are the neediest and recognize that the things they need sometimes they don’t have the means to make those things a reality.” Continuing he says, “But it is up to us to help give them a voice because if we help them we help ourselves have a better quality of life.”

George Rainey is a man who has led people in many ways giving them food that nurtures their body, mind and soul, and today Data New Weekly is proud to honor him as a Trailblazer Award Recipient.
Chris Paul and Building a Winning Team in New Orleans

By Edwin Buggage

It’s always fascinated me how sporting events and sports teams can unite people from different backgrounds. That those who are at odds with each other in most matters can for a few hours be on one accord cheering on their team of choice. Or in some instances how a team or player can embody the spirit of a city. This was the case of Chris Paul and the New Orleans Hornets in their series facing the defending NBA Champs the Los Angeles Lakers. The Hornets on paper were clearly outgunned in this David vs. Goliath match-up but Chris Paul and company put up a dazzling show taking the Lakers to the limit before finally being defeated in six games. In this series Chris Paul came alive showing the world he belongs in the elite class of players in the NBA. It was one of those rare times that the MVP was unfortunately on the losing side.

But basketball aside his effort and that of the Hornets in my mind embodies the spirit of what the people of New Orleans are; resilient and willing to do whatever they have to do win despite the odds. This is what citizens are doing every day to rebuild their lives. And while the city has many problems, it is time for us to begin to drink from the cup of positivity to quell all that is negative surrounding our city.

To believe that we can put together a winning franchise of people and develop a strategy that can make New Orleans the type of city it could be and reach its full potential with citizens working together to make the city a better place to live for everyone. That the city can heal the divide of rich vs. poor and Black vs. White, something that has been a reality for us for a long time.

Certainly, it is a possibility if we all come together and do our part. As former Mayor Ray Nagin and Mitch Landrieu both of who made the call for a united city, and when will this day come to pass?

I feel the formula to build a winning city that’s united may require scraping the old playbook and come up with new and innovative ways to do things in New Orleans and for people to begin to thinking outside the box. To understand that we can as a gumbo of a city begin to put new ingredients in the pot and realize the city can still retain the flavor that makes it unique.

My recipe for a better city is as follows: first I feel as citizens we must unite as we do so often around the Saints and more recently the Hornets and begin sniffing out and not tolerating corruption and nepotism in our government. Secondly, let us begin to become students of politics and demand accountability from those we vote for to represent us. Also we must become united around making sure our families and communities are intact. And finally, let us unite around keeping our streets safe from predators that endanger the lives of our citizens. Let us unite in making sure our families and communities are intact. And finally, let us unite around keeping our streets safe from predators that endanger the lives of our citizens. Let us unite in making sure our families and communities are intact. And finally, let us unite around keeping our streets safe from predators that endanger the lives of our citizens. Let us unite in making sure our families and communities are intact. And finally, let us unite around keeping our streets safe from predators that endanger the lives of our citizens.

Unfortunately, this article is presenting information in my articles that will help you become a more productive fisherman. I will be fielding questions and covering a wide variety of topics from boating tips to fishing tips to help your fishing experiences become more enjoyable. One thing I’ll always remember my father telling me is, “If someone teaches you something you’re obligated to teach it to someone else.” This is the beginning of my journey to express “The Soul of a Fisherman.” See you next week.

Please send your questions and feedback for Darrell to rambo7600@hotmail.com.

The Soul of a Fisherman

By Darrell A. Edwards

Data News Weekly Columnist

Anglers get ready! Data News Weekly announces its newest Columnist Darrell Edwards and his column, “The Soul of a Fisherman”. Darrell brings a new dimension to our publication and we welcome him and his work. We hope you enjoy his columns and we welcome your feedback and questions for Darrell.

First, let me begin by thanking you for reading my article. I am Darrell Edwards. I am a native New Orleanian, born and raised. My father took me fishing for the first time when I was 8 years old and I’ve been hooked ever since. I’ve fished the waters east of the Mississippi River, from Lake Pontchartrain to Breton Sound, Delacroix, Shell Beach and Houma. The first time when I was 8 years old and I’ve been hooked ever since.

There is a bevy of information available that many people don’t take into consideration when going fishing.

Over the next few months I will be presenting information in my articles that will help you become a more productive fisherman. I will be fielding questions and covering a wide variety of topics from boating tips to fishing tips to help your fishing experiences become more enjoyable. One thing I’ll always remember my father telling me is, “If someone teaches you something you’re obligated to teach it to someone else.” This is the beginning of my journey to express “The Soul of a Fisherman.” See you next week.

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New Orleans Outreach
Power Ties “Career Day” with McDonogh City Park Academy

On Monday, May 9th, 34 8th Graders from McDonogh City Park Academy will submit themselves to nearly two-hours of job interviewing, resume critiquing and overall career readiness preparation by professionals from the Young Leadership Council. And here’s the rub: The 8th Graders are actually looking forward to it! McDonogh City Park Academy is an open admissions charter with McDonogh City Park authorized by the Recovery School District. Having completed job readiness workshops, students now market themselves to future employers in one-on-one Interviews.

The New Orleans Outreach’s Power Ties Program helps 8th Graders focus on career planning through business-volunteer-led workshops, career days and job-site visits that underscore the importance of life-long learning. Green, Arthur Ashe, and McDonogh City Park Charters are participating in the Spring 2011 Semester Program with business partners, the YLC and the Junior League of New Orleans. New Orleans Outreach is a non-profit educational support organization which since 1993 has helped add $1000 per student in school-year expenditures.

Former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich published this statement Monday afternoon on his Facebook page.

The killing of Osama bin Laden is a significant victory in the long struggle between radical Islamists and modern civilization. This victory is a tribute to the patient endurance of American justice. I commend both President George W. Bush who led the campaign against our enemies through seven long years and President Obama who continued and intensified the campaign in both Afghanistan and Pakistan.

We should remember to thank those who made this possible. Without the courage and professionalism of our men and women in uniform and in the intelligence services, this victory would not have been achieved.

This victory is only a milestone in a long war. We must also recognize the long struggle ahead. Radical Islamism did not start with bin Laden and it will not end with his death. This is the 32nd year since the Iranian dictatorship seized our diplomats illegally and held them hostage for 444 days. It has been 28 years since Iranian-supported terrorists killed 241 servicemen in Beirut in 1983.

As long as there are state-supported terrorist systems; as long as several countries actively recruit children to be suicide bombers; this war will continue.

The world is a better place without Osama bin Laden, but his just demise cannot erase the loss and suffering of the families and friends of those who died on September 11th or died fighting in the war since September 11th. So while we are celebrating this victory, we should take time to remember all who suffered and sacrificed and pray for them.

Developer Donald Trump isued this statement congratulating the President and the U.S. Military;

“I want to personally congratulate President Obama and the men and women of the Armed Forces for a job well done. I am so proud to see Americans standing shoulder to shoulder, waving the American flag in celebration of this great victory. We should spend the next several days not debating party politics, but in remembrance of those who lost their lives on 9/11 and those currently fighting for our freedom. God Bless America!”

Love is In the Air

Love filled the sanctuary at the wedding of Shantel and Jonathan Pajeaud at Greater St. Stephen Full Gospel Church, Pastor Debra B. Morton officiating. Photos and video by www.pannaproductions.com

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