

# SIX-YEAR-OLD COMPETING IN NATIONAL PAGEANT

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Jordin Singletary, 6, has been selected to represent the East Coast at the 2014 Miss American Princess Pageant. She is daughter of Brian and Sharon Singletary of Rural Hall.

As the Miss East Coast Princess, Jordin will be attending the National Pageant in Florida at Walt Disney World during the week of Thanksgiving. She will compete for the national title of Miss American Princess and thousands of dollars in cash awards, prizes and scholarships.

The 31st annual national scholarship competition is organized by American Coed Pageants, Inc. National Talent, Speech, Academic Achievement, Community Service, Photogenic, Personality, Modeling, Acting, Cover Girl and Hostess contests will also be held. Jordin, who was also selected as the Talent winner in her age group, will also compete in the Talent competition during Nationals.

Since 1983, millions of dollars in cash awards and prizes have been presented to outstanding girls at state and national competitions.

American Coed Pageants annually holds state pageants for the purpose of recognizing and rewarding outstanding young women between the ages of three and 23 for their past and present accomplishments and to encourage them to set and achieve high goals for the future. In states where pageants are not held, selection of state representatives is made through written applications and photos.



Jordin Singletary accepts her Miss East Coast crown.

## Grilling

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"A lot of people are just unaware and shocked about the lax laws in the nation and North Carolina in particular," Green said.

The mission of the Women's and Girl's Project of Winston-Salem is not solely about gun safety. The Project is involved in a wide range of programs and activities designed to empower and heal black girls and women. Founder Nakida McDaniel said community safety is obviously key to the Project and its young members. There have been 11 homicides in Winston-Salem so far this year; McDaniel calls that unacceptable.

"We have seen our families and our communities mourning the deaths of young men because of gun violence. We want to be able to create an impact," she said. "One of the main reasons for us to get our young girls who are not of voting age civically involved is so that we can transition them to the work that we do. We want to show girls that they have the power now to change the community. We want to bring the communities together so that everyone is a part of this



MDA's Suzanne Conway finds a shirt for Ratina Smith and her mother, Monik Seipio.

change." Green said women and girls should be aware that lax gun laws lead to gun violence which can beget domestic violence.

"We want women and girls to be aware that nine American women are shot every week by their intimate partners," Green said. "We are mothers, sisters, wives and daughters who are impacted by gun violence disproportionately. It is an issue that is very important for women."

Stacy Gamble spent part of his afternoon at the event. Violence is a subject that has weighed heavily on him as of late.

"There has been a lot

of shootings in the neighborhood. What concerns me is the safety of the kids and the community," Gamble said. "I have grandbabies and I want them to be safe outside and catching the bus."

Williette Carter read about the event on Facebook and drove over to learn more.

"I am very interested in gun sense, and being a mom, it's very important for moms to demand action in regard to the gun violence that has occurred and continues to occur daily," she said.

For more information about the Moms Demand

Action for Gun Sense in America, visit [www.moms-demandaction.org](http://www.moms-demandaction.org). To learn more about the Women's and Girl's Project of Winston-Salem, go to [www.womensand-girlsproject336.org](http://www.womensand-girlsproject336.org).

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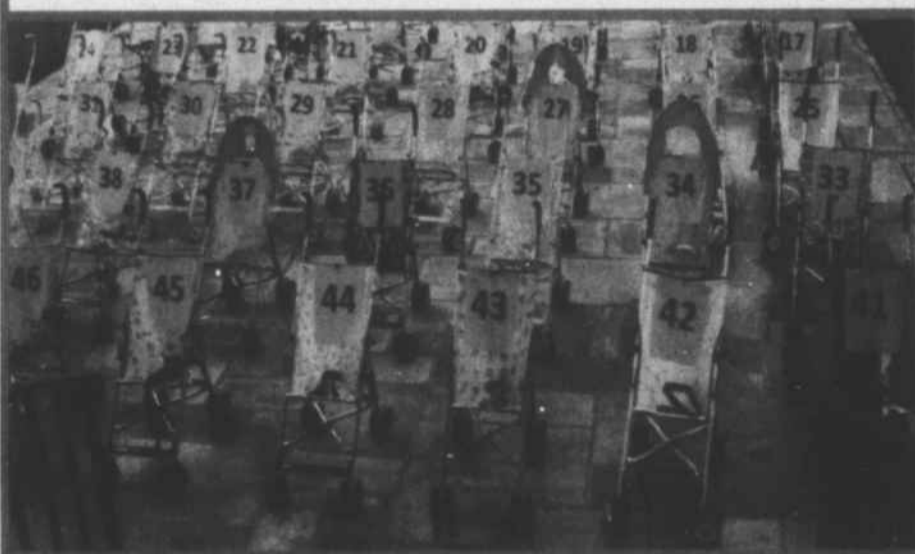
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## "WE WALK A MILE TO SAVE OUR BABIES."

To learn how you can get involved in the fight against infant mortality, call the Forsyth County Infant Mortality Reduction Coalition at 703-3260 or visit the website: [helpourbabies.org](http://helpourbabies.org).



## North Central Area Plan Meeting

Come share your ideas about how your community should grow.

Tuesday  
September 16, 2014  
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Martin Luther King Jr.  
Community Center  
2001 Pittsburg Ave.  
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27105



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