

GABBY GRABS THE GOLD

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LONDON — Gymnastics coach Liang Chow didn't quite know what to make of Gabby Douglas when she decided to move halfway across the country 20 months ago to train at his gym.

Her body was scrawny and her skills ragged, but she wanted to compete in the 2012 London Olympics.

Chow was skeptical, until he realized that Douglas does everything with 100-volt energy, 100-mph speed and a 100-watt smile. She improved in leaps and bounds, at the same rate she tumbles across a mat.

Douglas' transformation was complete on Thursday, as she reigned over gymnasts who were supposed to be more polished and reliable. Douglas won the most coveted title in her sport, the Olympic all-around gold medal, with four exquisitely error-free routines.

Spectators inside North Greenwich Arena and people watching one of the Olympics' perennial marquee events got to see that infectious smile, as sparkly as the studs on her



U.S. gymnast Gabrielle Douglas performs on the balance beam Thursday on her way to winning the gold medal in the artistic gymnastics women's individual all-around competition at the 2012 Summer Olympics in London. Julie Jacobson / Associated Press

lavender leotard.

Douglas, 16, became the first African-American winner of the Olympic all-around. Her victory, two days after she scored highest for the U.S. in a gold-medal-winning runaway, marked the first time an American won both the individual and team titles at the same Olympics. She joins Mary Lou Retton, Carly Patterson and Nastia Liukin as the fourth female champion from the U.S.

Her life — which will be filled with TV appearances, sponsor queries and perhaps an unlimited supply of cereal with her picture on the boxes — will never be the same.

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U.S. gymnast Gabrielle Douglas displays her gold medal for the women's individual all-around competition. Julie Jacobson / Associated Press

Father sues over son's shooting by police

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The father of a 17-year-old Duluth boy who was shot and killed by a police officer after attacking a squad car with a baseball bat is suing the city alleging that its negligence led to the boy's death.

Anthony Carl is bringing the civil lawsuit on behalf of his late son Joseph "Joey" Carl, 17, who was shot and killed near his Norton Park home on Aug. 5, 2010.

The suit names the city of Duluth as defendant and has been served on the city, but not yet filed with the court. Jeffrey Keast, the officer who shot Carl, is not named in the lawsuit.

"The basis of the claim is that the Police Department, leading up to the incident itself, mishandled the circumstance," said Duluth attorney Robert Kaner, who is representing Carl.



JOSEPH CARL: Was shot and killed by a Duluth police officer on Aug. 10.

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LONDON OLYMPICS



■ American Michael Phelps becomes the first male swimmer to win gold in the same individual event in three straight Olympic games.

■ The U.S. mens basketball team sets four records in a 156-73 romp over Nigeria.

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Man bites dog? Police say yes, warrant issued

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A 21-year-old man accused of punching and biting a police dog with the Superior Police Department is being sought by authorities.

Police say Brandon DeMario Shaw, 21, punched the left ear of the K-9, Blek, then grabbed both ears, raised the dog's head and appeared to bite the dog on the head. That was after Shaw emerged from a stolen car and tried to flee Superior Police Officer Todd Maas, according to the criminal complaint filed in the case.

An arrest warrant was issued for Shaw on Wednesday in Douglas County Circuit Court. He faces felony counts of operating a motor vehicle without owner's consent and harassment of police and fire animals causing injury, and one misdemeanor count of obstructing an officer.

Police were pursuing a suspect in a Duluth car theft early on July 26 when the stolen car ran out of gas in an alley behind the 2100 block of Tower Avenue.

According to the complaint, Maas saw the driver, later identified as Shaw, exit the vehicle. Maas ordered the suspect to get on the

ground, warning him that he could be bitten by Blek.

Shaw jumped a 4-foot fence and attempted to flee on foot, police said. He lost his footing and went to his knees. As Blek was about to apprehend him, Shaw allegedly attacked the dog. He also struck the dog on the muzzle before running away, the complaint said.

Blek located Shaw again and Shaw ran across Tower Avenue, leaving a shoe in the road, and jumped a 6½-foot fence, according to the complaint. Maas observed that Blek appeared injured and

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K-9 Officer Todd Maas and Blek pose for a photograph in the Government Center in Superior. Jed Carlson/jcarlson@superiortelegam.com

News director draws heat for Facebook comment

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A local TV news director's Facebook comment about a "drunk, homeless, Native American" who wandered into his yard caused a stir on social media websites Thursday and provoked a request for an on-air apology from two city of Duluth commissions.

Jason Vincent of Fox 21 wrote on his personal page Wednesday night:

"Add drunk, homeless, Native American man to the list of animals that have wandered into my yard ... Then he proceed (sic) to wave at me and give me the peace sign when he spotted me in the window. Wow ..."

A screen grab of the status update was posted on the Fond du Lac People's Forum. It was shared at least 60 times and had 136 comments by Thursday afternoon.

Vincent did not return phone calls from the News Tribune, but issued an apology that briefly appeared on Fox 21's Facebook page. In it, he said he already had sent private messages to



VINCENT

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Ohio teen played major role in high school drug ring

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MASON, Ohio — One of the biggest drug dealers in the Cincinnati area was led into court this week. He looked more like the president of the math club — skinny, pale, bespectacled, dressed in a blue buttoned-down shirt and khakis, and just 17 years old.

Three weeks before he was supposed to start his senior year in high school,

Tyler Pagenstecher pleaded guilty to drug-trafficking charges in juvenile court after being arrested and accused of playing a major role in a ring that sold as much as \$20,000 worth of high-grade marijuana a month to fellow students in and around this well-to-do suburb.

"He is his own little czar over this high school scenario," said John Burke, commander of the Warren County Drug Task Force,

adding that he has never seen a more successful teenage drug dealer in his jurisdiction.

At his sentencing Sept. 18, Pagenstecher could be ordered held until he turns 21.

While some neighbors and fellow students at Mason High School were shocked at the arrest, saying Pagenstecher seemed like an ordinary, easygoing kid who liked skateboarding, riding bikes and hang-

ing out, 17-year-old friend Leslie Philpot said she and plenty of others knew he smoked pot and suspected he sold it, too.

"Anyone he was friends with knew," she said. "He never came out and said, 'I sell drugs' but he would say things where you know what he was talking about it. He'd be like, 'I don't have a real job. I don't need one. I have plenty of money.' Then

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Weather



Today: Chance of thunderstorms
High: 78 Low: 61



Tomorrow: Storms likely early
High: 76 Low: 54