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Herman Cain Says, "I'm An ABC." Others says he is a true example of Cain in the Bible, who killed his Brother

Herman Cain

Herman Cain Says, "I'm an ABC." Proud to be an **A**merican **B**lack **C**onservative.

Atlanta radio show host and pizza company CEO turned Republican presidential candidate, Herman Cain declared that he is a proud American Black conservative.

"I used to tell my listeners, I don't want anyone to label me," Cain said. "I'm going to label myself. I'm an ABC."

Listening to his plans, many African Americans say he is a perfect reminder of Cain in the Bible who killed his brother because he was jealous of him. C ain and Abel were the first two children born of Adam and Eve.

Many also place Cain in the same category as Michael Steele, whom they feel was used until he was considered useless by the Republican Party after President Obama was elected.

According to many, Cain's 9-9-9 theory regarding a plan to change the economy and create jobs should really be called the 6-6-6 plan. According to those who connect the Biblical meaning of the number 666 says it is far reaching and is filled with a meaning deeper, possibly, than anything we have yet discovered. Those who have studied the numbers feel it is seen in the fact that the duration of the old Assyrian empire was 666 years before it was conquered by Babylon.

The Romans, Hebrews and Greeks used only six letters, D which equals 500, C which equals 100, L which equals 50, X which equals 10, V which equals 5 and I which equals 1 for a total of 666. Those who are familiar or who have studied these numbers say Cain and the Party of No would destroy America because of the greed they have already manifested. "Greed and common sense cannot sit at the same table," said one Jacksonville citizen. Greed, as has been demonstrated these past three years by the Republicans, show that they can't get enough of a gripe on common sense to enable them to work with the 99% who are not financially wealthy with a program to prevent the destruction of America - the country they claim they love.

100 Days Served as Mayor of Jacksonville

Thank you again for giving me the opportunity to serve as your mayor.

When I took office, I said that I would achieve a balanced budget without new taxes or fees, streamline government so that it is more effective and efficient, promote economic development and work to help our public schools. In just over three months, we have made progress in each of those areas.

Much work remains to be done, but I'm pleased that we are closer to moving Jacksonville to the next level.

Please take a moment to see some of the highlights from the first 100 days at http://www.coj.net/Welcome/News/Mayor-Brown-Celebrates-First-100-Days-in-Office--T.aspx.

Thank you for all that you do to make Jacksonville a better place to work, live and raise our families.

Sincerely,
Alvin Brown
Mayor

EWC to Inaugurate Nathaniel Glover

Edwards Waters College will inaugurate Nathaniel Glover on Saturday, October 15, 2011 to officially commemorate his appointment as the 29th president.

Mr. Glover, former sheriff of Jacksonville and Special Advisor to University of North Florida President John Delaney, began at EWC in May 2010 as interim president. On February 12, 2011, he was appointed as the permanent president.

Since Mr. Glover's arrival, the college has restabilized its financial infrastructure, developed key partnerships with community organizations and has plans for expansion and curricula enhancements currently being developed.

Inaugural events include a symposium luncheon, investiture ceremony, worship at St. Stephen AME and a celebration pre-concert reception before the 10th Annual Fine Arts Benefit Concert featuring Jacksonville Symphony, the EWC choir and the great, Al Jarreau.

Please support these events. 904-470-8050 or 470-8251.

Oprah Supporting First Lady Michelle Obama's Joining Forces Campaign

First Lady Michelle Obama and Oprah Winfrey

Longtime Obama supporter Oprah Winfrey is confirmed along with Tom Hanks and Steven Spielberg to take part in a public service announcement for Joining Forces, an initiative started by First Lady Michelle Obama and Second Lady Dr. Jill Biden, whose son served in Iraq.

The program's main goal is to bring attention to the unique needs and strength of military families in America. Oprah will be calling on all Americans to give back to ensure service members and military families have the support they've earned.

"The entertainment community answered the Joining Forces call and has done what they do best -- bring to life stories that move us," said Mrs. Obama. "Through this PSA campaign, Americans will learn more about the unique challenges and needs of our military families, see their strength, resilience and service, and find out how they can give back to these extraordinary troops and families who have given us so much."

Each of the PSAs tells the story of a military family as they endure the hardship of a deployment overseas. The PSAs will be airing on A + E, CBS, NBC, ABC, FOX, and WB networks.

iPads and iPods Taken From Clay County Walmarts

Detectives Believe Dozens Of Devices Were Taken From 2 Stores By Same Man

Dozens of devices worth $8,000 were taken from two Walmart stores over the past few weeks. Detectives believe the same man was involved in both thefts.

According to Sheriff's Office, four iPads and three iPods worth $6,954 were reported missing from the superstore. Detectives reviewed store surveillance footage and spotted two men in the store's electronics department. One man could be seen acting as a lookout as the second man lay down on the floor by a display case and removed merchandise. The two men left the store without paying.

Two weeks later, detectives believe one of the same men entered another Walmart store and was seen on tape removing three iPod Touches from the case and was seen leaving and getting into a white, four-door Saturn or Pontiac. This lost was $985.

BULLYING - A Violation of Human Rights

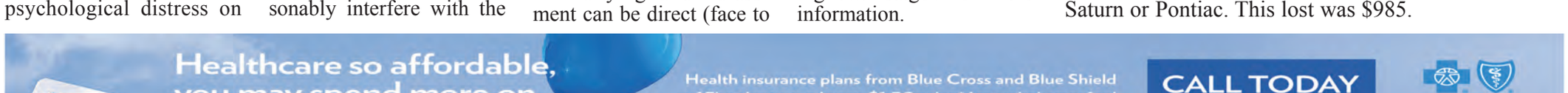
October is Bullying Prevention Month - *Florida Statute 1006.147, "The Jeffrey Johnston Stand Up for All Students Act," prohibits bullying and harassment of any student or employee of a public K-12 educational institution.*

Bullying means systematically and chronically inflicting physical hurt or psychological distress on one or more students or employees. It is further defined as unwanted, purposeful, and repeated written, verbal, nonverbal, electronic, or physical behavior, by a student or adult, that is severe or pervasive enough to create an intimidating, hostile, or offensive educational environment; cause discomfort or humiliation; or unreasonably interfere with the individual's school performance or participation; and is often characterized by an imbalance of power.

Harassment is any threatening, insulting, or dehumanizing gesture, use of data or computer software, or written, verbal, or physical conduct directed against a student or school employee that places a student or school employee in reasonable fear of harm to his or her person or damage to his or her property, has the effect of substantially interfering with a student's educational performance, opportunities, or benefits, or has the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of a school.

Bullying and harassment can be direct (face to face) or indirect (behind somebody's back). It usually occurs in areas with the least structure and adult supervision such as on the playground, school bus, in bathrooms, locker rooms, hallways, and at bus stops. **Cyberbullying** is bullying done through the use of digital technologies, including, but not limited to, e-mail, blogs, social websites, chat rooms, instant and text messaging, and cell phone technologies.

Florida's statewide anti-bullying campaign has a website illustrating multiple examples of bullying and giving ideas as to what to do to prevent it. Visit the website at www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov for more information.



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Congresswoman Corrine Brown

October 12, 2011 - As I'm sure you know, our economic recovery is not as strong as we need it to be. The crisis that devastated our economy didn't happen overnight, and the recovery won't either. Job creation is the most pressing issue facing the country today and the time to act is now.

Therefore, I strongly support the American Jobs Act that President Obama recently submitted to Congress. It's a plan based on bi-partisan ideas that will put America back to work. Below are some highlights of what this bill will do:

Rebuild Our Infrastructure

* Fix our roads, railroads, airports and waterways
* Modernize 35,000 public schools
* Expand access to high-speed wireless internet

Cut Taxes for Workers and Businesses

* Cut payroll taxes in half for 160 million workers next year
* Cut payroll taxes in half for 98 percent of businesses
* Eliminate payroll taxes for added workers or increased wages

Help Veterans and the Unemployed

* Extend unemployment insurance for Americans still looking for work
* Create a "Returning Heroes" hiring tax credit for veterans
* Provide a $4,000 tax credit to employers for hiring long-term unemployed workers
* Give aid to states and localities to keep teachers, police officers and firefighters on the job

You can read more details at www.whitehouse.gov/jobsact.

These aren't Democratic or Republican ideas — they are simply good ideas that will put Americans back to work right away. In addition, President Obama has promised that the American Jobs Act will be fully paid by a combination of spending cuts and changes to the tax code that will force corporations and the wealthiest Americans to pay their fair share.

The American Jobs Act will begin the process of rebuilding our economy the American way—hard work and responsibility are rewarded, and everybody plays by the same set of rules.

To share your ideas about how to get Americans working again, please contact one of my offices or visit my website, follow me on twitter or join me on facebook.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE: 1-800-500-1119

What is Domestic Violence?

Domestic violence is a pattern of behaviors that adults or adolescents use against their intimate partners or former partners to establish power and control. It may include physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, and economic abuse. It may also include threats, isolation, pet abuse, using children and a variety of other behaviors used to maintain fear, intimidation and power over one's partner. Domestic violence knows no boundaries. It occurs in intimate relationships, regardless of race, religion, culture or socioeconomic status.

Child abuse is also prevalent and often occurs in the same families as domestic violence. Research indicates, as well, that merely witnessing domestic violence can have profound effects on children. Childhood exposure to domestic violence is associated with increased aggression, depression and anxiety, lower levels of social competence, and poorer academic functioning. Next to substance misuse, "Family violence threatens child" is the alleged maltreatment most reported to the Florida Abuse Hotline every year. Childhood exposure to family violence also significantly increases the likelihood of either perpetrating or being the victim of violence as an adult.

The effects of violence are visible in the burdens placed upon our health care, educational, social service, child welfare, and criminal justice systems, and in the workplace.

If you know someone being abused . . .

Facebook & Twitter All Month

Hubbard House of Jacksonville will take advantage of the growing use of social media to raise awareness of domestic violence and to provide useful information for the public. Hubbard House will post daily on Twitter and Facebook 31 statistics and/or blogs relating to domestic violence for the 31 days in October. Users may follow the posts to learn about domestic violence and share them with friends, family, and co-workers to help increase awareness. Those wishing to receive Domestic Violence Awareness Month 31n31 tweets, posts, and blogs, should "follow" Hubbard House on Twitter at www.twitter.com/hubbardhouse and "Like" Hubbard House on Facebook at www.facebook.com/hubbardhouseinc. "We get a lot of positive feedback on our Facebook and Twitter postings. This is an excellent way to reach people with information they can easily share with others," said Ellen Siler, CEO of Hubbard House.

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NEW BETHLEHEM MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, located at 1824 Prospect Street in Jacksonville, will celebrate their **92nd Church Anniversary** starting with their Annual Banquet on Sunday, October 23rd at the Blue Cypress Community Center at 4:00 pm. Tickets are available for a donation of $30.00, children 6-12 only $15.00. Praise & Worship Service will be celebrated on Thursday night, November 10th with great musical artists from around the city beginning at 7:00 pm. Visiting Churches Night celebration will begin at 7:00 pm on Friday, November 11th with several participating local churches. Sunday, November 13th concludes this year's celebration with Sunday School beginning at 9:30 am, Morning Worship Service begin at 11:00 am and Youth Explosion at 4:00 pm. Contact the Church at (904) 764-5727 for more information.

EMANUEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH will be celebrating the First Anniversary of Pastor Thomas D.A. Blue, III starting on October 16th - 30th with special night services on October 26th - 27th. Emanuel Missionary Baptist Church is located at 1203 N.E. 8th Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32601

Saint Paul AME Church
Will Host The 136th East Annual Conference

The Rev. Dr. Marvin C. Zanders, II and the disciples of Saint Paul AME Church, 6910 New Kings Rd., extend an especially warm welcome to the entire constituency of the African Methodist Episcopal church of the East Annual Conference. Saint Paul will serve as host church for the 136th East Annual Conference. The Rev. Elizabeth Yates is the Host Presiding Elder. The Conference will convene October 22nd through October 28, 2011.

Committees have been working diligently to ensure that The 2011 Conference will be one of the best East Annual Conferences held since it began. The Right Rev. McKinley Young, Presiding Bishop of The Eleventh Episcopal District will be the convener.

The agenda for the Conference is as follows:

* Saturday, October 22nd 8:00 A.M. YPD - 5:00 YPD Witness
* Sunday, October 23rd 6:00 P.M. The Debutantes and Masters Witness
* Monday, October 24th 9:00 A.M. WMS. Convention ~ 7:00 P.M. WMS Witness
* **Tuesday, October 25th - 9:00 A.M. Opening business Session 7:00 P.M. Opening Worship/Annual Sermon, Rev. Dr. Marvin C. Zanders, II**
* Wednesday, October 26th 1:00 P.M. MSA Luncheon 7:00 P.M. Sons of Allen Witness
* Thursday, October 27th - 10:00 A.M. Ordination and Communion Service 3:00 P.M. - Business Session/Memorial and Retiree Witness
* Friday, October 28th 8:00 A.M. Business Session 11:00 A.M. Election of General Conference Delegates 6:00 P.M. Model Church School 7:30 P.M. Closing Convocation

Please Contact the office of Saint Paul at 764-2755 for additional information. Church's website: www.stpaulamejax.org

Come join **Bishop Dr. Lorenzo Hall Sr. every Wednesday** and **Thursday** from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM for **Prayer Meeting** and **Bible Study** at **The Greater El-Beth-El Divine Holiness Church,** located at 723 W. 4th Street, Jacksonville, FL 32209.

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Saint Matthew Baptist Church
Pastor, Rev. George A. Price
110th Church Anniversary & 48th Pastor Anniversary

WHEN: SUNDAY October 16th, 2011
TIME: 11:00am Morning Worship Service
LOCATION: 3731 Moncrief Road West, Jacksonville, FL Phone: (904) 768-7624

The Saint Matthew Baptist Church will observe the 110th Anniversary of the church and the 48th year of dedication and faithful service of our beloved pastor, Rev. George A. Price. Thanking God for his many blessing upon us. At 3pm the church will reconvene and fellowship with several of our sister churches in the city. This service will include the ground the ground breaking of the church new sanctuary at 5:00pm.

The grand finale of this monumental and spirit-filled event will be the Saint Matthew Baptist Church Adult Choir, who will render their annual musical along with special guest, starting at 6:30 pm. Other sister churches, as well as the public are cordially invited to come and share with us the blessings of our Lord and Savior for it is him who we give all the honor, glory, and praise for these 110 years of the church existence.

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181 Buddy Avenue, Lake City, Florida 32055

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WHEN: Sunday, November 6, 2011 @ 4:30pm

"And I give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding Jeremiah 3:15

Pastor – Elect Scott cordially invites all Pastors, Evangelist, Ministers, & Friends to join in this joyous occasion as he endeavors to do God's will.

DEATH NOTICES

JACKSONVILLE, FL

ALLEN, Bessie, 93, died October 9, 2011.
BURSE, Lynn Robinson, Sr., 78, died October 5, 2011.
CALHOUN, Ruth, 82, died October 7, 2011.
CARROLL, James Richard Wainwright, 97, died October 6, 2011.
CHARTOWICH, John Alexander, 88, died October 6, 2011.
DAVIS, Sammie L., Jr., 58, died October 4, 2011.
DAWSON, Katie, 82, died ***C.L. Page Mortuary, Inc.***
DEESE, Mildred Millie E., 74, died October 8, 2011.
DEMERY, Joseph, infant, died October 6, 2011. ***C.L. Page Mortuary, Inc.***
FREDRICK, Gwendolyn, 61, died October 7, 2011. ***C.L. Page Mortuary, Inc.***
GRIFFIN, Ronald Harvey, 51, died October 4, 2011.
GROOMS, Tracey D., 44, died October 6, 2011.
HAMMOND, Herbert Andrew, died October 8, 2011.
HARDY, Ophelia, died October 3, 2011.
HEIFFERON, Patrick Joseph, died October 9, 2011.
HIGGS, Eva Gladys, 94, died October 10, 2011.
HILDRETH, Mary Elizabeth Ross, 88, died October 5, 2011.
HOPFER, Janis Lee, 65, died October 9, 2011.
JOHNS, Corey Putnam, 20, died October 7, 2011.
JOLLY, Jesse, Jr., died October 9, 2011.
JUDY, Daniel E., 65, died October 7, 2011.
LAW, Lily Elene, 87, died October 8, 2011.
McCORD, Christopher M., 37, died October 8, 2011.
McCORMACK, Robert Wayne, died October 8, 2011.
MEDLIN, Sandra Ann, died October 10, 2011.
MERRITT, Mary F., died October 9, 2011.
MILLER, Patricia Leigh, 39, died October 7, 2011.
MITCHELL, David Donald, Sr., 73, died October 6, 2011.
POLITE, Brazilla, 102, died October 9, 2011.
POWELL, Dustin, 20, died October 8, 2011.
REEDER, Nathaniel, 77, died October 7, 2011.
REYNOLDS, Mary E., October 6, 2011.
SIMFUKWE, David K., died October 10, 2011.
VOGT, Margaret, 98, died October 9, 2011.
WAINWRIGHT, James Richard, 97, died October 6, 2011.
WILSON, James Richard Wilson, 84, died October 8, 2011.

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GEORGIA DEATHS

BLOCKER, Janie M., died October 9, 2011.
HOLLIDAY, Shirley S., 85, died October 8, 2011.
MIZELLE, Murray Keith, 56, died October 4, 2011.
TAYLOR, Nellie Mae, 83, died October 8, 2011.
WALKER, Elise, died October 6, 2011.

The Church Directory
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Sunday School ….....……..9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning
Intercessory Prayer.....…..10:45 a.m.
Morning Worship .....11:00 a.m.
Youth Church
2nd & 3rd Sundays (Old Sanctuary)
Tuesday - Pastoral Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.

Elder Arnitt Jones, Acting Pastor
Rev. Joe Calhoun, Pastor Emeritus
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Historic Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church
Sunday
Worship Service . . . . . 10:00 a.m.
Church School . . . . . 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday
"Glory Hour" Bible Study . . . . . .10:00 a.m.
"Jehovah Jireh" Bible Study . . . . . 6:30 p.m.
2nd & 4th **Thursday** "Young at Heart Ministry . . . . . .10:00 a.m.
Friday
Joy Explosion Ministry . . . . . 6:30 p.m.

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Rev. Marquise Hardrick, Pastor

Rev. Marquise & Mrs. Deedra Hardrick

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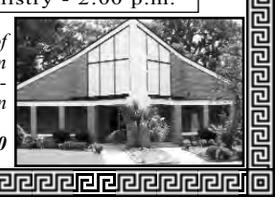
Sun Morning Worship -10:45 a.m.
Tues Eve Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.
Wed Bible Study - 12 Noon
Wed Feeding Ministry - 2:00 p.m.

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."
Mathew 28:19-20



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Corey Wilborn, Demetria Bland, and me at the Taste of Jacksonville

It'sMy Birthday! It's My Birthday! It's My Birthday!

It's My Birthday! It's My Birthday! It's My Birthday! It was a busy weekend. Friday, October 7, was my birthday and I enjoyed every minute of it. Kudos to Darren, Jeannie, Whitney, Volume, Seann, and the entire Frances Bradley Extravaganza team for making this a memorable tenth year celebration. Of course, they prefer to call it the Florida Black Expo, so I indulge them. ;=D.

For sure, the TALK OF THE TOWN! was the Expo's Taste of Jacksonville, which was on my birthday. The "Taste" was a first year event for the Expo, and, by all indications, will be the party no one wants to miss in future years.

Another first year event, the Recycled Fashion Show, sponsored by the Army National Guard and coordinated by Ok Sun Burks, was hugely successful. Good job to Dr. Chloe Burks, the show's producer. Congratulations to the winners, who I will reveal in next week's pictorial of the Expo. Don't miss it!

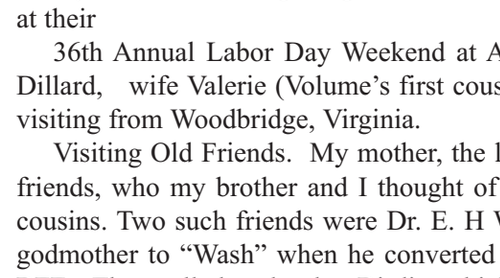
Members of the Columbia, SC chapter, The MOLES with guests including Captain and Mrs. Keith Dillard, and son Mason (seated, left)

Moles Amelia Island Weekend Continued… Mea culpa, mea culpa, mea maxima culpa. TALK OF THE TOWN!'s Volume Burks, wife Ok Sun, and daughter Chloe visited with family who were among the guests of the Columbia, South Carolina Chapter, The MOLES at their

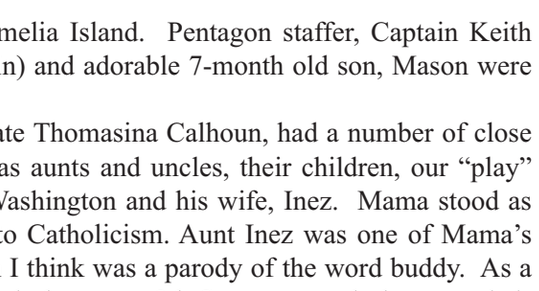
36th Annual Labor Day Weekend at Amelia Island. Pentagon staffer, Captain Keith Dillard, wife Valerie (Volume's first cousin) and adorable 7-month old son, Mason were visiting from Woodbridge, Virginia.

Visiting Old Friends. My mother, the late Thomasina Calhoun, had a number of close friends, who my brother and I thought of as aunts and uncles, their children, our "play" cousins. Two such friends were Dr. E. H Washington and his wife, Inez. Mama stood as godmother to "Wash" when he converted to Catholicism. Aunt Inez was one of Mama's BFFs. They called each other Birdie, which I think was a parody of the word buddy. As a child, I loved to visit the Washington's stately home on 8th Street – mostly because their youngest daughter, Cecilia "Celie" Washington, had a collection of dolls that intrigued me and a telescope, which, I am sure, began my interest in star-gazing. I used to think of Celie and her sister, Mary Washington, as my big sisters.

I stopped by to visit with "Sister" (Mary), Celie, and brother, Emmet Washington, who was visiting last week from Biloxi, Mississippi. I found it fascinating that Emmett and "Sister" attended school away from home. They graduated from Palmer Memorial Institute, the nationally recognized preparatory school, which was located outside of Greensboro, North Carolina. What a time we had reminiscing about our families and friends! I can't wait to do it again. See you soon, Sister and Celie. Until the next time, Emmett!



Khamil Ojoyo, Eleanor Hughes, Queenie Thompson, and Melvin Govan



George and Hazel Gillis

Tribute to a Renaissance Man. Renaissance man - noun. a modern scholar who is in a position to acquire more than superficial knowledge about many different interests. This

Frances Bradley, Gene Holloman, and Ok Sun Burks

Ju'Coby Pittman-Peele, Felice Franklin, and Patricia Moman Bell

Gene Holloman and Volume Burks

Gene Holloman and host, Vimilakshi Archer
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title so aptly describes Eugene "Gene" Hollomon, whose many affiliations demonstrate a man who is well-read and always ready to lend a helping hand.

On October 1, 2011 a group of admiring friends – Khamil Ojoyo, Vimilakshi Archer, Roxanne Hilbert, and Salmone – hosted an evening of jazz and artistic expressions in honor of Gene. The event was held at the Karpeles Manuscript Library and Museum.

Family and friends gathered to honor Hollomon who is a proud supporter and member of a number of giving organizations, i.e. the Clara White Mission, the Association for the Study of African-American Life and History (ASALH), Toastmasters International, Learn to Read, Inc,, Friends of Bradham-Brooks Library - Northwest Branch, Northside Storytellers Guild, Jacksonville Consortium of African-American Artists (JCAAA), The "Inner I" Dramatic Artists, Ritz Theater and Museum, the Karpeles Manuscript Library and Museum, and Mad Dads.

As a matter of fact, I thought Gene was Executive Director of the Karpeles because of his knowledge of the displays and because he was always there!

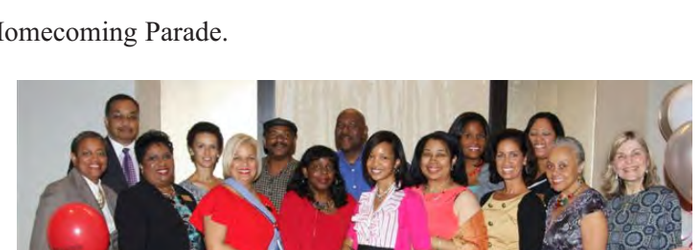
Because of Gene's love of the arts – he has a beautiful baritone singing voice, is crazy about all things jazz, especially piano great, Errol Garner - the hosts organized the evening as a jazz and variety show. Guests were treated to musical and dramatic presentations from members of Jacksonville's arts scene, including Na'im Rashid, M. C. for the evening; Ju'Coby Pittman Peele; Samelia Adams; Linda Witsell; Roxanne Hilbert, Asia Peeks, and many, many more. Also lending a helping hand were friends Deborah Thompson, Queenie Thompson and fellow-ASALH member, Eleanor Hughes. Gene, you are more than deserving of the honor bestowed upon you as "Man of the Year". Because of your support of friends and community you are also this week's TALK OF THE TOWN!

TALK OF THE TOWN!'s Sites and Sightings.

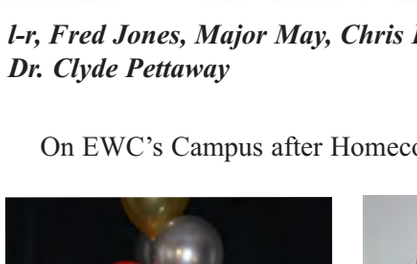
l-r, Fred Jones, Major May, Chris Pettaway, and Dr. Clyde Pettaway

Calvin Pierce of East Orange, NJ and Jacksonville City Councilman Reginald L. Brown, District 10

On EWC's Campus after Homecoming Parade.



River Region Human Services Annual Balloon Fest. Celebrating 39 years, September 22, 2011.



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Around The Area

STOP THE VIOLENCE
Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Domestic violence plagues people all around the world. It doesn't discriminate against race, age, gender or religion. It can affect you, your family, your friends, anyone.

If you see someone who shows signs of being abused, please do the right thing and report it. It's more than just physical abuse, it's emotional, mental and financial, it's controlling a person's life, it's isolating someone from their friends and family.

If you are abused in anyway, don't dismiss it, don't make up excuses for them, don't believe that it's just a one time thing. If it happened once, it WILL happen again. Leave the situation, if you are scared or think there's no one there to help you, remember that there are organizations and shelters all over the world.

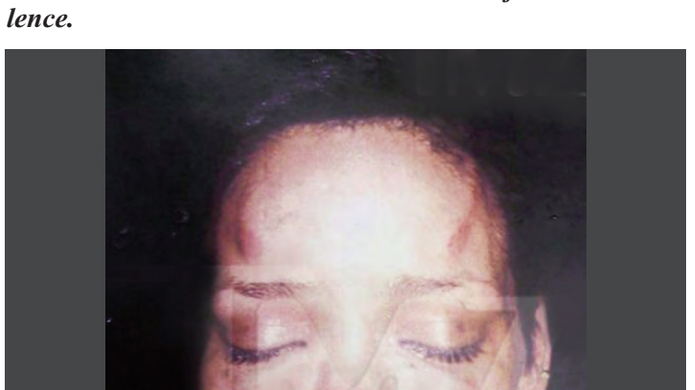
If you suspect something, ask questions, check stories, ignorance is not bliss in this case.

And remember - Silence Hides Violence.

To help raise awareness you can print fliers, you can talk to people about it, you can spread the word over the internet, you can simply wear a purple ribbon, but please do something.

Needless to say, a battered woman.

A display called "In Her Shoes" shows used pairs of shoes with the names, ages and other information about adults and children who have died as a result of domestic violence.



PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Bids
Northwest Jacksonville Community Development Corporation (NJCDC)
Request for Proposal

Sealed bids will be received by NJCDC, 1122 Golfair Blvd., 32209 until Noon, Monday November 7, 2011, and thereafter publicly opened and recorded at 2:00pm., Ed Ball Building, 214 North Hogan Street, Room #851 .

RFP Number:

PHASE I Title: Demolition of several multi-family units on various scattered sites. Scope of work includes demolition, removal, disposal, and fill dirt. **(1)** Prior to demolition, all services such as water/sewer, electrical and gas shall be disconnected and removed from the equipment and structure(s) accordingly. The Contractor shall be responsible for coordinating with the service providers and performing all work necessary to assure that services are properly disconnected, closed and shut off. Sewer laterals and water lines serving the demolished structure(s) shall extend vertically to finished grade and shall be capped with an approved plumbing device. Erosion or sedimentation controls, when deemed necessary by the Housing Code Administrator, shall be installed prior to the start of demolition. **(2)** The Contractor shall be responsible for demolition of structures and disposal of all debris, material, and equipment in a permitted landfill and in accordance with applicable local and State laws. All raised curbing, structural supports, equipment pads, storage tanks, block or concrete foundation walls, retaining or support walls that extend or protrude below grade shall be removed at the time of demolition. **(3)** Upon completion of demolition, the Contractor shall provide any topsoil or clean fill dirt that may be needed to fill voids, depressions or holes that were created as a result of the demolition activities. The demolition site shall be compacted, graded and free of protrusions, demolition debris and abrupt edges. The goal is to create the desired topography, soil profiles and drainage patterns to support restoration efforts and to assure that the existing storm water system can be maintained after completion of the project. **(4)** Existing grass, weeds and overgrowth shall be removed from the property prior to final restoration. The final restored site shall be free of voids and pockets and in a condition that is suitable for mowing with a push type mower.**(5)** All streets and sidewalks shall be protected during construction and swept clean upon completion of the project. Work performed under this scope of services shall be paid under a lump sum basis with progress payments payable in proportion to the percentage of work completed. Contracts will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder as quickly as possible; however, the bidder agrees to honor the bid for one hundred twenty **(120)** calendar days from the date of the bid opening.

PHASEII Title: Rehabilitation of two multi-family quadaplex (8 doors). Please pick up specification packet from Florida Blue Print. Work performed under this scope of services shall be paid under a lump sum basis with progress payments payable in proportion to the percentage of work completed. Contracts will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder as quickly as possible; however, the bidder agrees to honor the bid for one hundred twenty **(120)** calendar days from the date of the bid opening.

PHASE III Title: Single Family New Construction. NJCDC will build 4 single family units. Plans and specification packets can be picked up from Florida Blueprint. Work performed under this scope of services shall be paid under a lump sum basis with progress payments payable in proportion to the percentage of work completed. Contracts will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder as quickly as possible; however, the bidder agrees to honor the bid for one hundred twenty **(120)** calendar days from the date of the bid opening.

For a detailed description of the project requirements, all interested Residential, Building or General Contractors will register their intent to review the project by emailing their company name, address, phone/fax numbers and the name of their company representative to the Executive Director – northwestjaxcdc@gmail.com with "Villages of North Point" in the subject line.

In **Phase I**, only one demolition contractor will be selected. In **Phase II and Phase III**, bids will be awarded to the lowest qualified bidder per address. Bid prices may be held for up to 120 days. All bids must be submitted in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications which will be available to purchase from Florida Blueprint (542 South Edgewood Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32205, (904)388-7686) beginning Monday, October 10, 2011. The price per set of documents is: Phase I $10.00, and Phase II $50.00 and Phase III $18.00 , all of which is non-refundable.

FEDERAL FUNDING: This Project will be funded partly or in total by the Federal Government. Therefore,
Bidders must comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (24 CFR, Parts 1 and 2); Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (24 CFR, Part 115); Federal Labor Standards Provisions (HUD 4010); the Davis-Bacon Act; the Anti-Kickback Act; and the Contract Hours and Safety Standards Act. Bidders are advised to refer to the Federal Regulations, of these specifications for more information. Bidders must submit with sealed bids Section 3 Proposal Form, Section 3 Business Application Certification (To Be completed by both the Contractor and Sub-contractor), Section 3 Economic Opportunities Plan (Appendix H), Tables A and Table B, Conflict of Interest, Letters of Intent, List of Subcontractors and Shop Fabricators, Training and Apprenticeship Program Memo in accordance with 24 CFR, Part 135.

All Bids must be made on the forms provided, properly executed, placed in an envelope and mailed or delivered in accordance with this Notice.

PRE-BID MEETING:
Meeting Date: October 18, 2011
Meeting Time: 2:30 p.m.
Location: Ed Ball Building
214 N Hogan Street Room #851
Jacksonville, FL 32202

PRE-BID Walk Through:
Meeting Date: October 21, 2011
Meeting Time: 8:30 a.m. - 2:15 p.m. Meeting
Meeting Location: To Be Determined

Bid specifications and contract terms will be available for pick up at Florida Blueprint at 542 Edgewood Avenue South Jacksonville, FL 32205, (904) 388-7686

ONE ORIGINAL BID AND REQUIRED DOCUMENTS SHALL BE SUBMITTED.
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CARIBBEAN NEWS

Tenth Caribbean Week of Agriculture: Effects Of Climate Change On Agriculture Highlighted

DOMINICA: The Tenth Caribbean Week of Agriculture (CWA) got underway Sunday in Roseau, Dominica, with stakeholders identifying the need for urgent action to mitigate the effects of climate change on agriculture, greater collaboration among states and increased investments, among the priorities to move the sector forward.

The priority areas for the agriculture sector were highlighted at the joint Opening Ceremony of the Climate Change and Science and Technology Workshops at Arawak House in Roseau.

Delivering the feature address, the Hon. Ambrose George, Acting Prime Minister of Dominica, pointed out that the agriculture sector was vitally important in the gamut of economic and social interactions of the Region's people. He called for a closer examination of the interactions of climate change and the key factors of agricultural production, the rural way of life, as well as the threats to coastal communities and infrastructural investments.

CWA is being held in the middle of the hurricane season, and follows the worst flooding in Dominica's history - a point to which the Acting Prime Minister and other speakers referred in their addresses. The cost associated with recent flooding in Dominica –excluding the tab borne by private individuals and institutions - is estimated at EC$46M.

The Acting Prime Minister said that the Region needed to take stock of the probable negative impacts that climate change would have on agriculture of the future, and pointed out that drought, intense rainfall, flooding and sea level rise would cost the English-speaking Caribbean five per cent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) annually.

The Region, he said, had to "focus on the imperatives of transforming agriculture and our way of life, with a view to building resilience in our natural environments and economies to the ever- present negative effects of climate change, if not for us, then certainly for future generations to come."

He was of the view that the fundamental objectives of deliberations at CWA should include strategies for adaptation, mitigation and building resilience to the harmful effects of climate change.

"Let me say… this year's Caribbean Week of Agriculture should be judged not by the declarations that we expect will come out of it, but rather it should be judged by the practical, fundable action plans and a schedule of major milestones that are implemented before the next CWA," he told the gathering that included policymakers, representatives of international organizations, stakeholders in the agriculture sector and representatives of the media.

The urgent response to the threats associated with climate change was also underscored by the Hon. Dr. Kenneth Darroux, Minister of Environment, Natural Resources, Physical Planning and Fisheries.

He drew attention to Dominica's experience of drought in 2010; this year's unprecedented flooding; and weather systems that had become more unpredictable, frequent and intense.

"We need to recognize the urgency for immediate action. Climate change is not a future scenario but a current event with almost daily scientific reassessments of the immediacy and severity of the risks presented. Adaptation policies and measures must therefore be viewed as a priority and therefore integrated into decision-making at virtually all levels. And in the Caribbean, we have to be alert to the international political fiasco into which the issue of climate change has evolved. The industrialised countries are the ones who contribute the most to the anthropogenic aspects of climate change, and as such, should be held the most accountable. Thus, our participation at international forums, especially those involving negotiations with these countries, is very critical," he pointed out.

More than 300 persons are expected in Dominica for the CWA being held from 9-15 October, 2011, under the theme `Caribbean Food and Nutrition Security in a Changing Climate – the Nature Island Experience'. About 20 events will be held at eight locations.

The CWA, conceptualized by the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), is aimed at placing agriculture and rural life at the forefront of regional integration activities. It is convened under the aegis of the Alliance for Sustainable Development of Agriculture and the Rural Milieu, known as The Alliance. The main collaborating agencies are IICA, the CARICOM Secretariat, the Food and Agriculture Organisation, the Caribbean Agricultural Research and Development Institute (CARDI) and the ACP-EU Technical Centre for Cooperation on Agriculture and Rural Development (CTA).

Caribbean Justices & Judicial Officers Meet For Conference

Nassau, The Bahamas – The 10th meeting of the Conference of Caribbean Chief Justices and Heads of Judiciary along with the 2nd biennial conference of the Caribbean Association of Judicial Officers (CAJO) officially opened Thursday

.Thirteen judiciaries and 80 delegates are participating in the three-day event. The theme for the Heads of Judiciary Conference is "Emerging Technologies-Challenges and Opportunities" and the CAJO conference is being held under the theme "Bringing the Law Closer to the People". Among Government officials in attendance were Attorney General and Minister of Legal Affairs the Hon. John Delaney, Permanent Secretary Archie Nairn and Director of Public Prosecution Vinette Graham-Allen. Members of the National Youth Choir directed by Patricia Bazzard performed for the event.

In his welcome remarks Chief Justice Sir Michael Barnett said The Bahamas is faced with challenges inherent in an archipelago that spans hundreds of miles.

"Although New Providence has the largest population base and is the hub of economic activity, the administration of justice must also serve the needs of the small populations of the remoter islands," said Sir Michael.

The Chief Justice expressed his interest in the conference discussion on the topic "Enhancing access to justice and using technology to enhance the judicial role."

As a major financial centre and because of its proximity to North America, the Chief Justice said The Bahamas is a known transshipment route for trafficking of drugs, ammunition and people. Further, he noted that the country is sensitive to the issues of money laundering and white-collar crime.

"The objectives of CAJO cannot be met by attending general meetings every two years. They will only be met overtime by a constant interaction among those of us involved in the administration of justice," he said. "They will only be met by a constant interaction among members sharing our collective experiences and the lessons learned from our own individual attempts to strengthen our own individual judiciaries."

He urged participants to renew acquaintances and to make extra special effort to establish relationships with new friends and to build the network of "learned" friends during the conference.

Also participating in the opening ceremony was Rt. Hon. Sir Dennis Byron, president of the Caribbean Court of Justice, the Hon. Justice Adrian Saunders, judge of the Caribbean Court of Justice, the Hon. Michael Kirby, retired judge from Australia and Justice Christopher Blackman.

The Conference of the Caribbean Chief Justices and Heads of Judiciary was established as a forum to allow regional Heads of Judiciary to meet and discuss issues of mutual interest. The first meeting was held in Trinidad in 1998.

The goals of CAJO are directed towards the progression and development of the judicial services and systems of the region.

Chief Justice Sir Michael Barnett gives the welcome remarks during the opening ceremonies of the Conference of Caribbean Chief Justices and Heads of Judiciary and the 2nd Biennial conference of the Caribbean Association of Judicial Officers. (BIS Photo/Patrick Hanna)

National Youth Choir performs during the official opening ceremonies of the Caribbean Association of Judicial Officers and the Conference of Caribbean Chief Justices and Heads of Judiciary. (BIS Photo/Patrick Hanna)

No Change in PM's Position - Vaz

By

By Alphea Saunders, JIS Reporter

JAMAICA: Minister with responsibility for Information, Telecommunications and Special Projects, Hon. Daryl Vaz (pictured), has emphasized that there is no change in Prime Minister, the Hon. Bruce Golding's position regarding when he will step down as Leader of the Jamaica Labor Party, and as Prime Minister.

Clarifying media reports, which suggest that Mr. Golding intended to step down before the projected November 19 date, Mr. Vaz pointed out that the Prime Minister had indicated in his national broadcast on October 2 that he would step down when a new party Leader was elected.

"There is a procedure and a structure in that process, and therefore, until nominations are closed on October 19, nominations are open for all those aspirants who may have a desire. It is looking, based on what has been transpiring, that there will be only one nomination. It is still early days, but his original statement was that when a new leader is elected…therefore, the structure in place is that nominations close on October 19, and therefore November 19 would be the date when a new leader would be elected, if there was a selection process," Mr. Vaz explained at a post-Cabinet press briefing held at Jamaica House on October 12.

He further outlined that if on October 19 the leading aspirant, Minister of Education, Hon. Andrew Holness, remains unopposed, then "it is very likely that thereafter the Prime Minister would make arrangements to demit office, in a smooth and timely transition. It is not his intention to stay to the last day."

Mr. Vaz said that Mr. Golding is cognizant of the sensitivities surrounding the matter, and therefore wants to ensure that the new leader and Prime Minister takes office as soon as is possible. "After next week Thursday (October 18), if there is only one nomination, it would pave the way for a smooth transition of Prime Minister, and after that, the issue of leadership of the party would be secondary," the Information Minister asserted.

On October 2, Prime Minister Golding informed the nation that he would not seek re-election at the annual general conference of the Jamaica Labour Party (JLP) to be held in November and would step down as Prime Minister as soon as a new leader has been elected. "I had come to this position after deep contemplation and prayer, seeking to do what is best for the country and the party," Mr. Golding said.

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Ira Hicks, Sr, Liz Peak, Ken Middleton, Erika Cashaw, Octavia Nelson, and Traci Powell with Jacksonville Traintion Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA) Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) Program is comprehensive program, developed by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)

The Dazzing Diamonds

The Men Dazzing Diamonds

The Florida Star Newspaper owner Clara McLaughlin, with staff and former Senator Tony Hill

G' Abrams of The Florida Star and John Gaughan, Channel 4 weatherman

School of The Arts

Linda Dayson and Robert Dove at The Florida Star booth

Denitra and Anthony Jay

Letitia Merriweather - Jacksonville Sheriff's Office booth

Andrea Harman, Velma Hubbar and Shara Mickens

Stylist Aharia Riggins, Model Ashlee Teamer, Hi Def Short Style Competition Ashavna Bass, Frank Powell, Sharonda Olive, and Tarshra Anderson

REAL LIFE STORIES

SHE DIED ALONE. When Mary was 80 years old, she was found dead in her two room shack at the dead end of a dirt street in a poor neighborhood. No one came forward to claim the remains. However, inspection revealed that Mary had over $400,000 in CDs and savings accounts and she was receiving rental income for real estate property. Instead of turning the money over to the State, the Court authorized a search for heirs. It was learned that she inherited real estate from her father and a search of his estate records revealed that Mary had a brother, who pre-deceased Mary while living in Alaska. He left his entire estate to his girlfriend, but disinherited his four children, whom he named in his will. They were the heirs of Mary's estate. After en extensive three year search, they were located to receive the bounty. RESULT: those nieces and nephews received substantial assets from someone they never knew. However, they did know how to complain about the cost of her funeral and the amount of money spent searching for them. How ungrateful? Did they get more than they deserved?

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Choosing A Weight-Loss Program That Works For You

(StatePoint) There are no shortages of diets and weight-loss programs, offering conflicting tips and advice. The sheer amount of information can lead many of us to stick our heads in the sand and hope our genes will withstand decades of poor eating and little or no exercise.

"Filtering the plethora of diet information from television, books and the Internet can be overwhelming," says K.C. Craichy, a leading health researcher, speaker, and consultant on optimized natural health, nutrition, and fitness. "And the many dieting fads can prevent people from establishing lifelong healthy habits."

Here's what you need to know about some of the most popular weight-loss programs and plans available today, according to Craichy, who has authored "The Super Health Diet," a new book to help people successfully navigate this maze of diets and programs.

Diet Clubs

We've all seen the TV commercials for weight-loss centers touting celebrity success stories. For the most part, these clubs provide a strong support network for people who have tried to lose weight on their own and failed.

Many of these programs rely on a point system or pre-packaged food they sell to you. But these methods, while successful, can be hard to maintain once you are no longer in the program because they do not promote permanent lifestyle changes or teach you to prepare healthy meals on your own.

Fad Diets

From Atkins to The Zone to the new Macrobiotic and Vegan craze, America has rarely been without a diet fad. Many of these programs have helped people lose weight, even though they appear to give contradictory advice -- one may advocate a low carbohydrate, high protein diet, while the other an average carb, low protein diet.

The main reason for their success is that most Americans have unhealthy diets and overestimate portion allowances, so any restrictive diet is bound to help them lose weight. But these diets may not prepare you for optimum health and can be inconvenient to follow, especially those requiring unusual foods.

The Mediterranean Diet

Several decades ago, medical researchers began to take notice that people living in the Mediterranean, particularly in southern Italy and Greece, had lower rates of cardiovascular disease. They found that their diets contained low amounts of red meat, moderate levels of fish and poultry (once or twice a week), and high levels of fruits, vegetables, nuts, olive oil and legumes.

Craichy says the key factors to this type of diet are the small portions, the use of omega-3 and other healthy fats like olive oil, resveratrol from grapes or red wine, and nutrient dense foods. His own suggested diet, based on years of research, emphasizes small, nutrient-dense portions, along with supplementing your diet with broad-spectrum antioxidants, minimizing sugar, and consuming high quality fats and fatty acids.

To learn more about weight-loss techniques that can work for you, check out "The Super Health Diet" or visit www.LivingFuel.com.

Then get started on building habits toward optimum health and long life.

Health Notes

ULYSSES W. WATKINS JR., MD
HEALTH NOTES

PICA

GENERAL INFORMATION

DEFINITION: Craving or eating bizarre substances that have no food value.
BODY PARTS INVOLVED: Brain; gastrointestinal tract.
SEX OR AGE MOST AFFECTED: Children between ages 1 and 6, and pregnant women. Pica does not apply to infants and children up to about 18 months old who "put everything" in the mouth. That is normal.
SIGNS & SYMPTOMS:
- Eating non-food substances, such as starch, clay, ice, plaster, paint, hair or gravel.
- Abdominal pain (sometimes)

CAUSES: Instinctive need to replace minerals absent in the diet. This is especially true of eating clay for iron content. Psychological factors that are not well-understood, related to substandard housing, low income or emotional deprivation.
RISK INCREASES WITH:
- Family history of pica.
- Poor nutrition.
- Poverty.
- Mental retardation.
- Anemia.

HOW TO PREVENT:
- Remove substances from the reach of children.
- Repaint homes in which lead-base paints have been used. Don't use older baby cribs painted with lead-base paint.
- Provide a well-balanced diet for yourself and your children.
- Provide a loving, supportive home environment for your children

WHAT TO EXPECT:
APPROPRIATE HEALTH CARE:
- Self-care after diagnosis.
- Doctor's treatment.
- Psychotherapy or counseling.

DIAGNOSTIC MEASURES:
- Your own observation of symptoms.
- Medical history and physical exam by a doctor.
- Laboratory blood studies to detect anemia and measure fluids and electrolytes.
- X-ray of the abdomen.

POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS:
- Lead poisoning from paint or plaster.
- Intestinal infections or parasites from soil.
- Anemia.
- Malnutrition.
- Intestinal obstruction.

PROBABLE OUTCOME-Pica during pregnancy usually ends with childbirth. Other forms can be controlled with treatment.
HOW TO TREAT:
NOTE- Follow your doctor's instructions. These instructions are supplemental.
GENERAL MEASURES:
- Childproof your home by removing substances the child is eating.
- Examine your home environment and family interactions. If you feel they are not what they should be, seek ways to create a healthier atmosphere. Consult a counselor, if necessary.

MEDICATION-Medicine usually is not necessary for this disorder.
ACTIVITY -No restrictions.
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EDWARD WATERS COLLEGE BENEFIT CONCERT on Sunday October 16, 2011, at Times Union Center for Performing Arts, 300 W. Water Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202. For more information call 904.633.6110.
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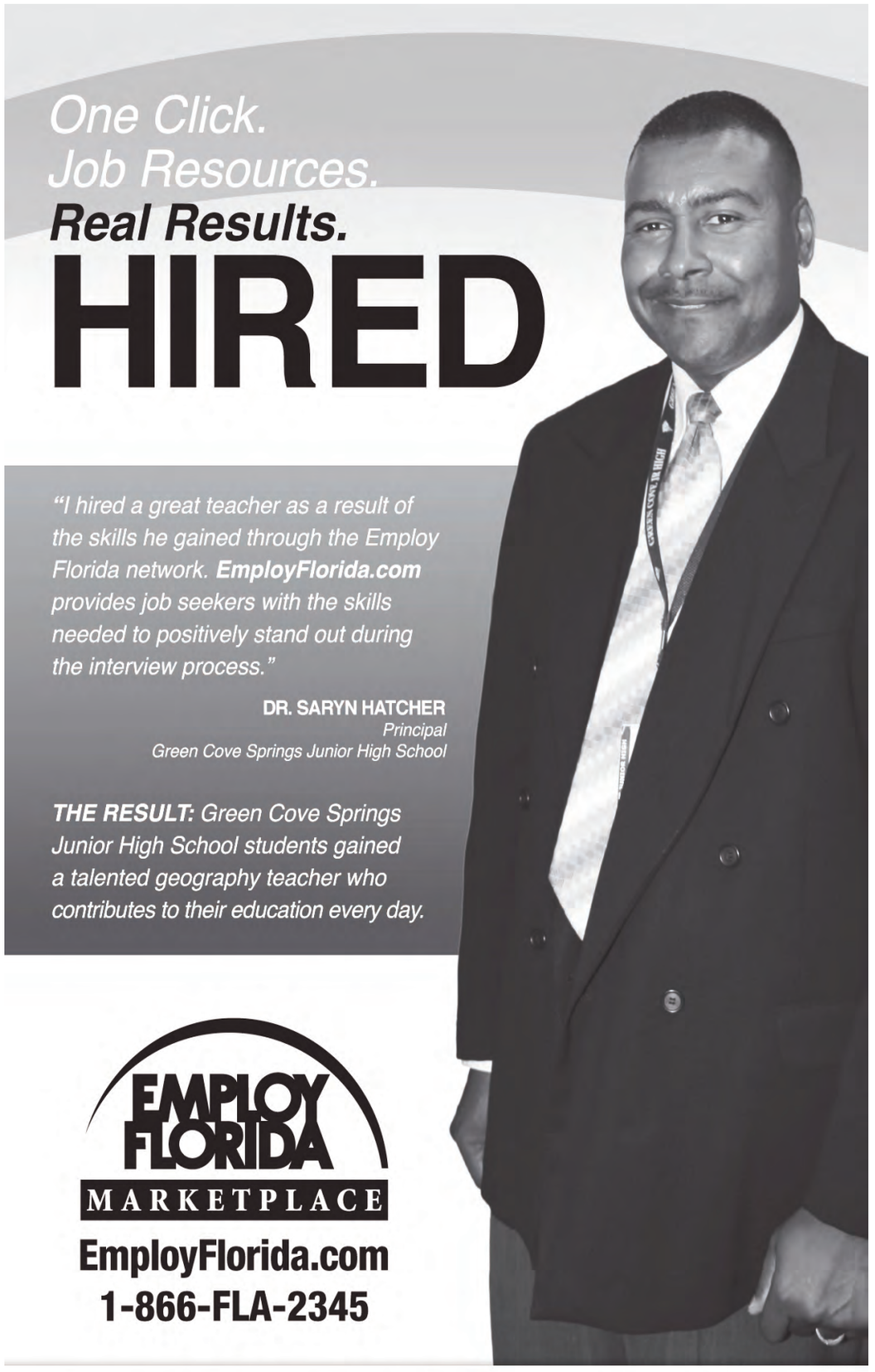

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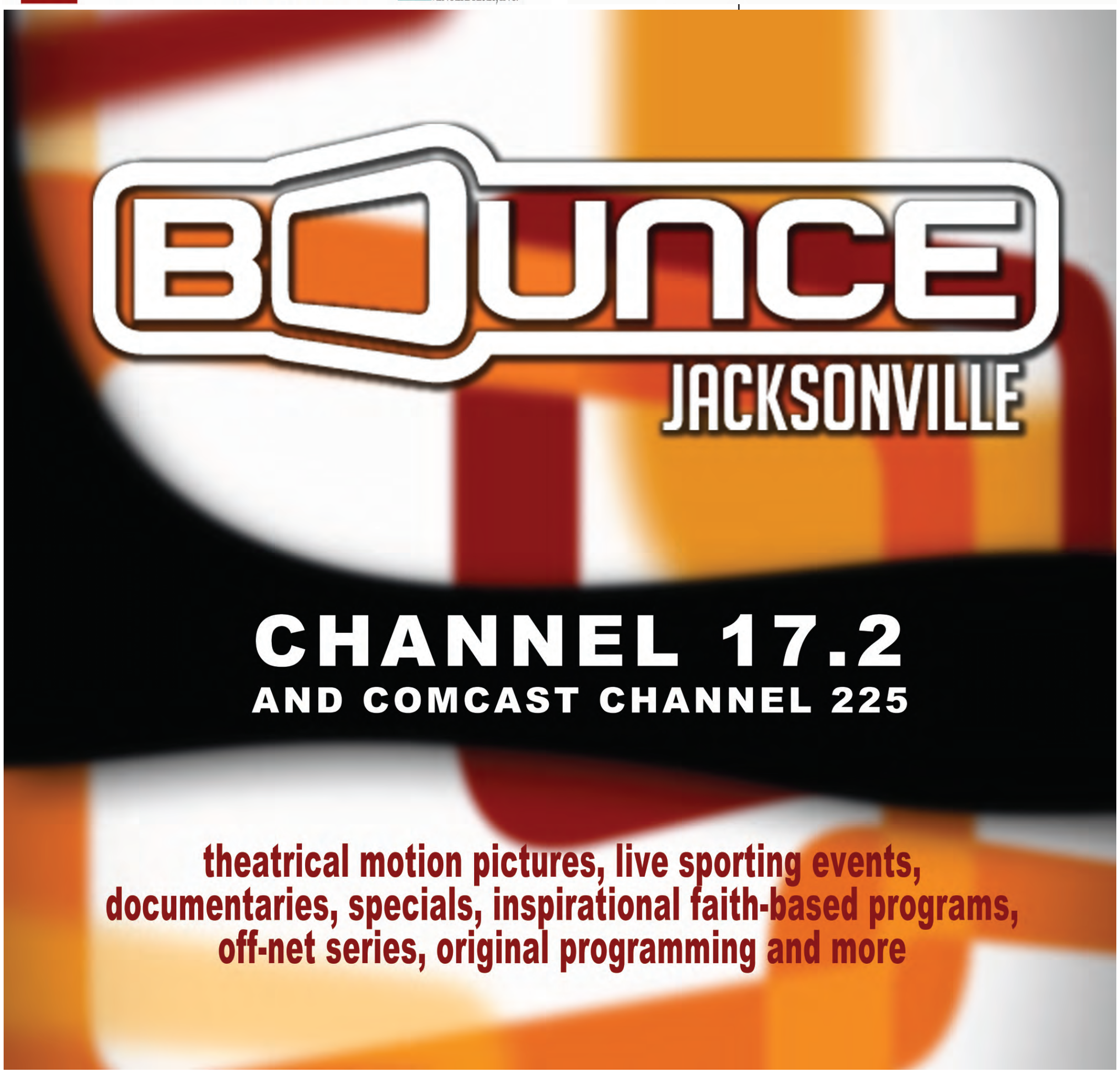


SPORTS

Jaguars Lose Fourth Straight On Late Bengals' TD

Maurice Jones-Drew maintaining his balance on the way to a nice gain (Photo: Laurence Greene)

By MIKE BONTS
Sports Editor

Cincinnati's Bernard Scott scored the go-ahead touchdown late in the fourth quarter, and the Bengals defeated the Jacksonville Jaguars, 30-20, at EverBank Field on Sunday.

Jaguars' rookie QB Blaine Gabbert hit a wide-open Jason Hill for on a 74- yard play to put the Jaguars up 20-16 with 8:24 to play. Gabbert completed 15-of-28 passes for 221 yards.

"If you really look at the tape, you've got to be excited about what you're seeing," Jacksonville head coach Jack Del Rio said of Gabbert. "He's made some great throws."

The visitors were unable to sustain their next drive, but pinned Jacksonville deep in its own territory. A pair of two-yard runs by Maurice Jones-Drew and an incomple pass forced the Jaguars to punt. The Bengals got the ball in good field position after a 22-yard Matt Turk's punt.

On a 4th-and-6 at the Jacksonville 19, QB Andy Dalton found Jermaine Gresham for a nine-yard gain. Three plays later, Scott ran it in from two yards out on the first play following the two-minute warning.

The game was tied 13-13 at the half.

Dalton finished with 179 yards on 21-of-33 passing with two touchdowns and one interception for the Bengals (3-2), who took advantage of a poor punt to seize the lead.

The Jaguars on Tuesday released veteran Turk, replacing him with free agent Nick Harris. Turk, 43, averaged 39.7 yards on 27 punts this season, his first with the Jaguars.

"We've got a lot of fight and a lot of heart," said Dalton, "and it's fun to see that on the sidelines."

Things then got worse for the Jaguars as center Brad Meester snapped the ball when Gabbert wasn't ready. Cincinnati couldn't capitalize on the mistake, turning the ball over on downs at the host's 14, leaving the Jaguars seven seconds with which to work.

Prior to Sunday the Jaguars had beaten the Bengals seven straight times at home.

"A good victory. Those guys play very hard, but we were fortunate to make enough plays at the end of the game," said Bengals head coach Marvin Lewis.

"Simply not acceptable on any front," Del Rio said.

Dalton threw a 37-yard TD pass to A.J. Green on their opening possession. Dalton and Gresham hooked up for a three-yard TD with 14 seconds remaining before halftime.

Jones-Drew, who had a six-yard TD run in the game, gained 85 yards on 19 carries The Jaguars moved inside the Cincinnati five twice in the second quarter, but came away with two Josh Scobee field goals.

Defensive end Jeremy Mincey played his best game of the season Sunday, finishing with a sack and four quarterback hurries. "He played well yesterday," Del Rio said. "Our front's playing well."

Harris had played for the Detroit Lions since 2003 and holds club records for punts (627) and yards (27,074).

For his career, the 33-year-old Harris has averaged 42.5 yards per punt. The California product also played for Cincinnati.

Additionally, the Jaguars waived tight end Brett Brackett from the practice squad.

The 1-4 Jaguars now travel to Pittsburgh.

"I like this team – I've told you that," Del Rio said. "We've got good character. We've got good people. That hasn't changed. I've told you how I feel about my own self. I know who I am. I know what I believe in. You do things the right way. You do them with integrity. You keep the faith."

Maurice Jones-Drew evading Bengals defense. Photo: Laurence Greene)

Young and old Jaguar fans root on their team. (Photo: Laurence Greene)

Blaine Gabbert being sacked by Bengals. (Photo: Laurence Greene)

EWC Edges Livingstone For Second Win Of The Season

By MIKE BONTS
Sports Editor

The Livingstone football team played Edward Waters College in a low-scoring, soggy affair Saturday afternoon and in the end two special teams miscues doomed the Blue Bears as they fell 14-13 to the Tigers (2-3).

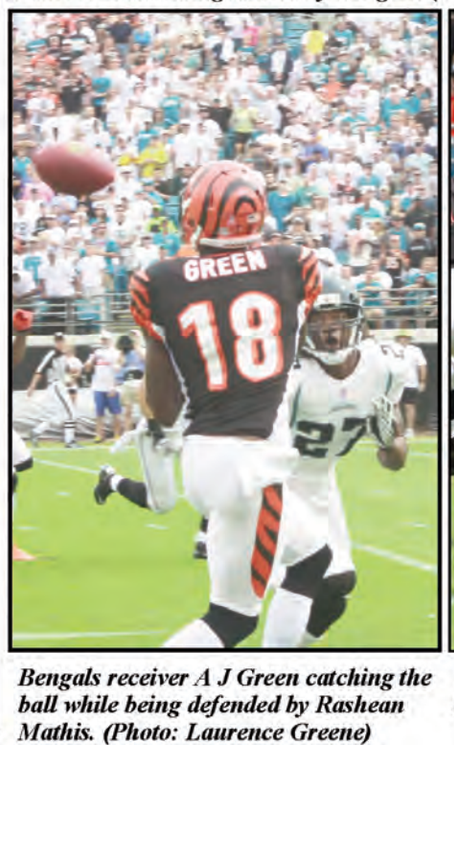
EWC scored the first points of the game with just over seven minutes left in the first quarter as the QB Brandon Turman connected on a 46-yard pass to Dalton Dixon for a TD to go up 7-0. Dixon had three receptions for 70 yards. Turman was 8 of 23 passing for 181 yards and one interception. He was also the game's leading rusher with 203 yards on 22 carries.

Livingstone (1-4) responded with a scoring drive The Blue Bears drove the ball 70 yards over eight plays. The drive was capped off by a 37-yard passing touchdown from Levon Stanley to Miles Harris. The extra point was blocked. Stanley was 10 of 22 passing for 108 yards.

A punt pinned the Tigers at the two-yard line late in the second quarter. On the second play from scrimmage, senior Devonta Harmon recovered an EWC fumble in the end zone for a TD and after the extra point, the Blue Bears led 13-7 heading into the final quarter. A mishandled field goal attempt gave the momentum and ball back to EWC.

Visitor's wide receiver Anthony Holland, acting as the holder, couldn't handle the snap and picked the ball up and ran. Holland was tackled for a 13 yard loss and EWC took over 83 yards from taking the lead. Samuel Charles caught a 19-yard TD pass from Turman to cap a five-play drive. Jerry Martin's extra point gave the Tigers a 14-lead. Charles had three catches for 86 yards. Richard Copeland led the EWC defense with seven solo tackles. Kamre Mitchell recorded four followed by Juffers Joseph, Rudy Wilson and Loren Capehart.

Prior to Saturday the Tigers and the Blue Bears have only met twice in the school's history with each team taking home a victory. Edward Waters defeated the Blue Bears 27-7 in 1960 and Livingstone took home a win 14-7 in 2001. The Tigers now go on the road Saturday to face Webber International University in Lake Wales, Fla. at 5 p.m.



Bengals receiver A J Green catching the ball while being defended by Rashean Mathis. (Photo: Laurence Greene)

Bengals rookie quarterback Andy Dalton. (Photo: Laurence Greene)

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Homeowners Fighting Back Riverfront Estate to sell at Auction

By Ester Davis

Some financial advisors have told homeowners to move if they cannot pay their mortgage payments. The above home in Jacksonville on the river will sell at an auction through NYC based Concierge Auctions between October 29 and November 4, 2011, originally listed for $8.5 million, the starting bid is $2.495 million and the buy-it-now price is $3.75 million. If you were the homeowner, would you leave since the value is down more than half of the original amount?

Is the American dream of owning a home escaping us? What is going to happen to the 62 million plus American homes that are already foreclosed on, foreclosing or headed for foreclosure? How high will the final numbers rise to? Why isn't anyone doing anything about it? Who's afraid of Wall Street? Why is the 'heartbeat' of American life being allowed to wither on the vine and die? Charles Ferguson accepting an Oscar for his documentary "Inside Job", reminded us that " after three years of a financial crisis caused by massive fraud, no indictments for the heist has been issued". But homeowners across these United States have had enough.

Our most requested segment on the "Ester Davis Show" for the past four months has been on the foreclosures of homes. We have aired three separate shows, and the response from homeowners has been overwhelming. One with NACA (Neighborhood Assistance Corporation of America); one with a veteran real estate broker on how to stay in your home and the final one, powerful courageous testimonies of homeowners who were in deep troubles with their homes which opened up a flood gate of disasterous far-fetched stories. Every solution was somewhat different. In listening to the homeowners there is no 'one size fits all'. The range of variances and discrepancies is extensive.

Homeowners across the country are definitely fighting back. In San Francisco recently, hundreds of angry fed up homeowners, renters, clergy stormed a major bank's annual shareholders meeting demanding to talk about the failure to modify home loans and stop the foreclosures. Some modifications were taking more than two years to finalize. The homeowners alleged that some vital documents were lost, some had to be submitted three or four times.

Homeowners in Florida have formed coalitions, are well organized and some of their demands have been met. There is a new program in place especially for Florida homeowners. These series of actions by homeowners have launched a national campaign. The "New Bottom Line", organized by an alliance of community, faith-based and labor organizing groups. Among their requests is the return of the pocketed hundreds of millions in profits.

Demonstrations are planned at other bank shareholder meetings and at banks headquarter locations. Homeowners are pointing out CEO's annual salaries at a time when "families are hurting". And per one homeowners "it is not an issue of business, it's an issue of ethics". Look up shareholder meetings and get on board. A letter to the boards and your legislature will make a powerful statement going forward.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Juno Temple and Jeremy Dozier Make It Fun For "Dirty Girl!"

By Rych McCain, feedbackrych@sbcglobal.net and Facebook
Photo Courtesy of The Weinstein Company

L to R Juno Temple Jeremy Dozier
Photo Courtesy of The Weinstein Company

With a title like "Dirty Girl," one can immediately conger up stereo-typical negative images. We all have gone to school with that one or even group of young ladies who didn't go along with the rules doing things their way. What we don't focus on is why they became morally and ethically loose in the first place. The new Weinstein Company film "Dirty Girl" covers this aspect via the character of high school teen Danielle (played by Juno Temple). Danielle smokes, is sexually permissive and disobedient in school. She is fatherless and has never met her biological father. Danielle openly disrespects her mom Sue-Ann (played by Milla Jovovich) whom herself has a rep in the community as a "reformed slut" from her high school cheerleading days. When Danielle is demoted to Special Ed, she gets paired with Clarke (played by Jeremy Dozier) on a project. Clarke is a piece of work himself being gay, overweight, a loner with absolutely "0" friends and a homophobic dad who wants to ship him off to military school.

Juno Temple is a British actress who has a striking resemblance to Christina Applegate (Kelly Bundy of Married With Children fame).After her start as a child actress in her native UK Temple made her way across the pond and began appearing in movies such as "Atonement," "Notes On A Scandal" "The Other Boleyn Girl" and others. She will be seen in the upcoming epic "The Three Musketeers." La Porte, Texas native Jeremy Dozier makes his feature film debut with "Dirty Girl." Dozier is an honors grad from the U of Texas with two degrees. One in Theater and the other in Government. The two assembled together for this chat which turned into a fun gab fest!

Does Temple mind being compared in looks to Ms. Applegate? She smiles, "Do you think? That's great! She's super cute thank you. And she's really funny so that's a big compliment." Being that this movie takes place in the 80's and South (Oklahoma), with Temple doing the lead, did she have a lot to learn to portray this role realistically? Temple responds, "Abe (the director), so really opened our eyes to this new world that none of us had never been to. Some may have but we definitely hadn't. I mean the accents, the dancing to different tunes, the costumes. You move so differently when you are in a romp that squishes you in weird places and platform heels too. And I don't drive, so faking driving was sort of an intense thing."

This was Dozier's first feature film yet he was so composed, natural and professional with the big name veteran actors on the set. What were his reflections going through this first one? First he thanks me for the compliment then goes on to say, "It wasn't intimidating because the actors were so nice to me and so welcoming. They treated me as an equal witch was amazing being my first film; I'm saying to myself real actors are treating me as an equal. Everybody kind of took me under their wing especially Juno. We met at the chemistry reading and became best friends. All of the actors were that way. I mean working with Oscar winners and Oscar nominees; it was just kind of mind blowing. It was surreal."

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Music:

All seven original members of the legendary Minneapolis funk band formerly known as "The Time," now known as "The Original 7ven," reunited and recorded their first album in 21 years. Still lead by comically, flamboyant front man Morris Day along with Jesse Johnson, Jimmy Jam, Terry Lewis, Jerome Benton, Jellybean Johnson and Monte Moir, the band will release their new album offering "Condensate," Oct. 18th on SRR Records delivering 14 brand new groundbreaking funk-rock dance grooves as only they can. Harrell Records/L7 Entertainment/Atlantic Recs R&B Group Hamilton Park's self-titled six cut EP hit the stores and online retailers this week ft. the smash single "Thing Called Us" They are currently on the sold-out nationwide "Scream Tour." First daughter of soul LaLah Hathaway has dropped her new Stax/Concord Records album "Where It All Begins." To celebrate the release, she appeared on Jamie Foxx's "Foxxhole Live" at the Conga Room located in the famed "LA Live" area in downtown LA that included a star studded red carpet. CMT.com has named country-rocker Sonia Leigh a rising star to watch, designating her as the "CMT Listen Up" artist for the month of October. Throughout the month, Sonia will be featured extensively in CMT's online series through exclusive new music and interviews. Rocker Elton John celebrated his 3,000th public performance Sat. Oct. 8th with his show. "The Million Dollar Piano" at the coliseum at Caesars Palace in Vegas. These shows will continue at Caesar's for a row of dates in Feb 2012 in addition to a new world tour.

TV:

The Turner Broadcasting Network has announced the roll-out of Cartoonito, its creative pre-school channel block, on African Television on Oct. 12, 2011. Set to become an exciting new destination for pre-schoolers age three to six and their parents, Cartoonito will air daily on Boomerang (DSTV Channel 302) presenting some of the best pre-school content currently available globally. The little birdie has it that Steve Harvey is putting a TV talk show together based on the subject of relationships. Nothing is confirmed by us so we'll keep you posted.

Magazine:

Edwin V. Avent has resigned as president and Publisher of Heart & Soul Magazine after a successful six year run. He will remain with the publication as a consultant while finalizing plans for a new project.

Movies:

Dirty Girl. The Weinstein Company, Ideal Partners Film Fund, Hart Lundsford Pictures in assoc. with Cherry Sky Films and The Salt Company. A Paris Film Inc. Production. Starring Juno Temple, Jeremy Dozier, Milla Jovovich, William H. Macy, Mary Steenburgen, Dwight Yokam, Nicholas D'Agosto and Tim McGraw. Written and Directed by Abe Sylvia. Produced by Rob Paris, Charles Pugliese, Rachel Cohen and Jana Edelbaum. Danielle (Tempo) is a high school girl who does things her way regardless of the rules. She is sexually loose, smokes and has a rep as a dirty girl. Things change when she is demoted to a Special Ed class and paired on a project with Clarke, an overweight, loner with no friends. They eventually form a bond and set off on a reckless journey from Oklahoma to California to find the dad that Danielle has never met. This may not be a first choice at the movie line but somebody will like it!

Hit me up at feedbackrych@sbcglobal.net
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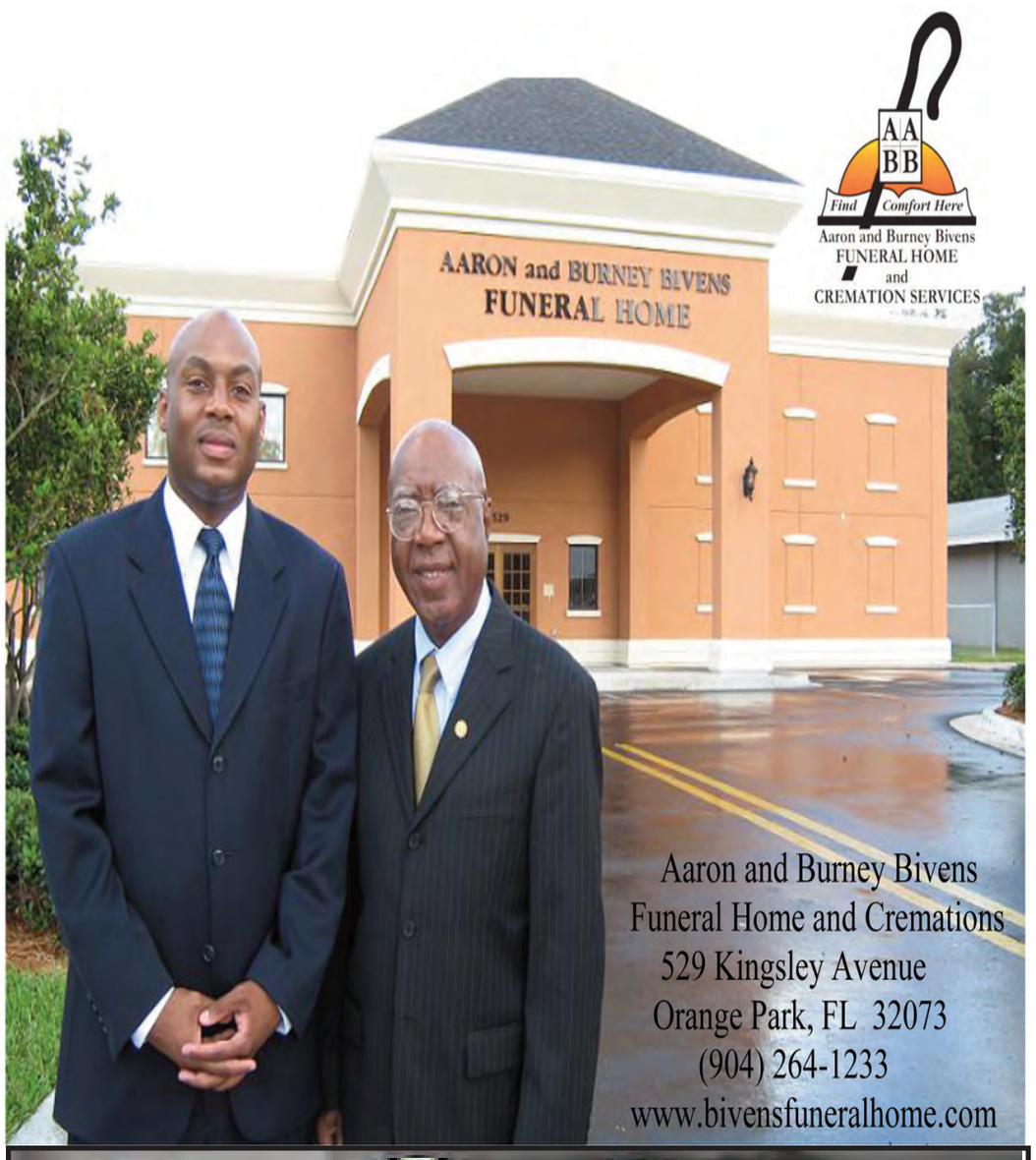
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8 tips on how to protect yourself online

Using the Internet can be an enjoyable and valuable experience for you and your family, as long as you do it safely and smartly.

AT&T is offering the following internet safety tips to help ensure that you avoid problems:

1. Shop safely. Many online stores have the right protection for you to purchase online. Read the online store's privacy and security policies before shopping. If you plan to order from an online store, be sure that the Web site uses secure technology. When you are at the checkout screen, verify that the Web address begins with https. Also, check to see if a tiny locked padlock symbol appears at the bottom right of the checkout screen or that there is a statement on the checkout screen stating that the checkout pages are secure with a security technology vendor. Check that the security technology vendor does exist by checking the security technology company's Web site.
2. Watch out for phishing scams. Phishing scams use fraudulent e-mails and fake Web sites, masquerading as real businesses, to lure unsuspecting users into revealing private account or login information. To be safe, if you receive an e-mail from a business that includes a link to a Web site, make certain that the Web site you visit is legitimate. Instead of clicking through to the Web site from within the e-mail, open a separate Web browser and visit the business' Web site directly to review their information. You can also verify that an e-mail is in fact from a legitimate business by calling the business or agency directly.
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5. Create smart and strong passwords. Make it difficult for hackers to crack your password. You can create a smart password by incorporating capital letters, numbers and special characters, and using more than six characters. An example of a strong password is: Go1dM!n3
6. Pay attention to your children's online activities. Keep your home computer in a community area so that you can monitor their activity. Use child software that is age-appropriate. Limit your children's time spent online. Install and use parental controls software that allows you to monitor your children's activity online. This will keep your children from accessing undesirable Web sites and sharing personal information via online communications.
7. Fun and carefree online gaming. Internet games are fun for the whole family. Make sure you are careful when playing online games, especially when communicating with other players. Be sure that your security software still functions when you are in gaming mode.
8. Be smart when using instant messaging (IM) programs. If you use an IM program to communicate with friends and family, be careful about sending any personal information through online communications. Protect yourself by using a nickname for your IM screen name, so your name isn't identified through IM. Never accept strangers into your IM groups. Be smart about how you use IM at work because your employer has the right to monitor and view your messages.

Think Green This Halloween

A recent consumer survey from Savers Inc. showed that the average American family of four plans to spend about $300 on costumes, tricks, and treats this upcoming Halloween.

Instead of breaking the bank before the shopping season begins, savvy parents can nix the store bought costume and opt for designing their own.

Or, if you aren't handy with the needle, you can organize a costume swap in your local community. Last year's pirate costume may be your trash, but it's someone else's treasure.

By sending your costume to a reveler instead of the trash heap, you'll be doing Mother Nature a favor as well as your pocketbook.

Goats Rock!

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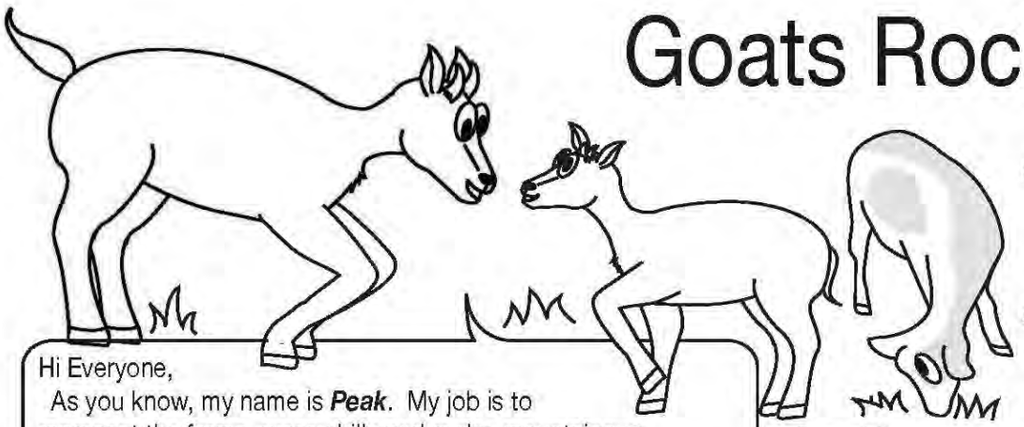


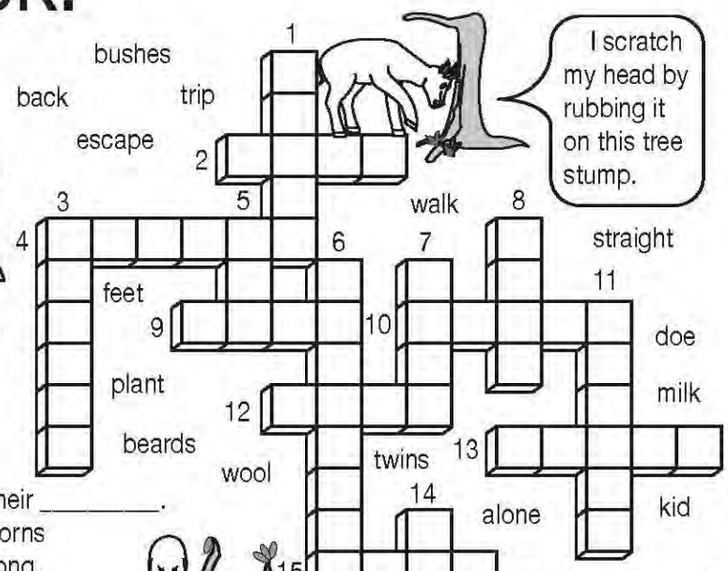
Hi Everyone,

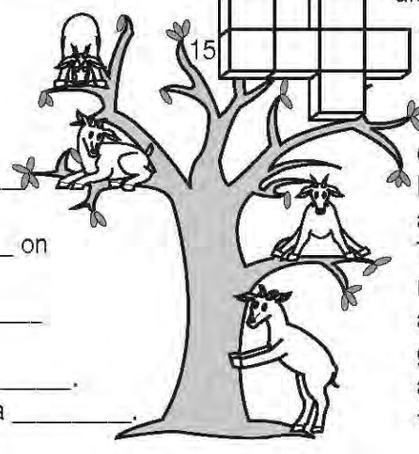
As you know, my name is ***Peak***. My job is to represent the farms, grassy hills and rocky, mountainous areas of the world. I see readers everywhere I travel! One of my favorite stories is ***The Three Billy Goats Gruff. The Goat Lady*** by Jane Bregoli is one of my favorite books.

My family lives on a farm, but we have relatives all over the world. Some live wild in hot, stony regions and others live in cool, grassy fields, watched over by goatherds. We help humans by providing goat milk for drinking and making cheese. Our wool is used to make warm blankets and clothing.

Read all my facts about goats to help you fill in the puzzle!

1. Goats are born one at a time or in pairs of _____.
2. Dairy goats can produce 2 to 3 quarts of _____ each day for drinking and cheese-making.
3. Wild goats will eat leaves, moss, tree bark and _____.
4. Both male and female goats can have _____.
5. The name for a female goat is a _____.
6. A male goat's horns are usually _____
7. Some hikers put packs on a goat's _____.
8. Goats are raised for milk, meat and their _____.
9. Some bucks have horns over two _____ long.
10. Female and young goats travel in herds while the males roam _____.
11. A clever goat can _____ wire fencing.
12. Some goats can _____ on very narrow ledges.
13. They will eat all the _____ life in an area.
14. A young goat is called a _____.
15. A group of goats is called a _____.

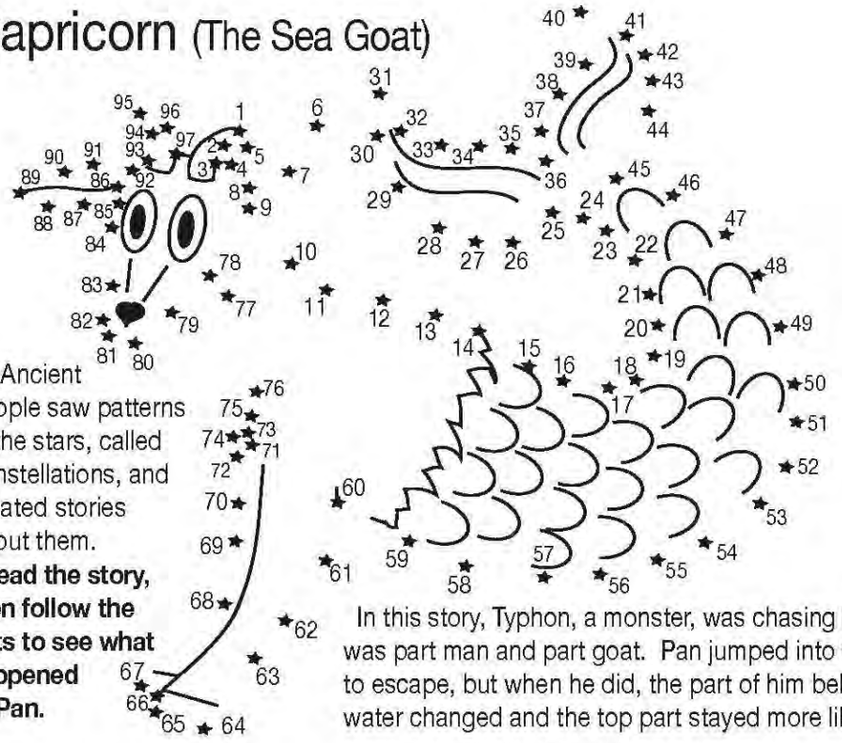




Goats in Trees!

Morocco is a country in Africa. It has goats that are very sure-footed. They can go over rugged, dry land and hills. These goats will climb argan trees to eat the leaves and fruit.

Capricorn (The Sea Goat)



Ancient people saw patterns in the stars, called constellations, and created stories about them.

Read the story, then follow the dots to see what happened to Pan.

In this story, Typhon, a monster, was chasing Pan, who was part man and part goat. Pan jumped into the water to escape, but when he did, the part of him below the water changed and the top part stayed more like a goat.

Worldly Goats!

There are over 700 million goats in the world. In many countries, goat's milk is more popular than cow's milk. **Read about each type of goat below. Match it to the area of the world that it originates from:**

1. Angora and Cashmere goats
2. Murcia-Granada
3. Nubians
4. Ibex
5. Saanen
6. Rocky Mountain

A. found in Spain, are black to brown in color, good in hot and dry conditions; most of the milk is used to make cheese
B. found in mountainous regions of Europe, Asia and Africa; kids jump on their first day
C. from Switzerland, white or cream colored; likes shade and cooler temperatures
D. their wool is soft and sought for clothing; from Asia Minor, have babies one at a time
E. African goats; social, outgoing, vocal
F. found in U.S. mountains; closely related to antelopes; excellent climbers on rocks

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PRESS RELEASE

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~ Bucs, Jags and Dolphins to offer specially priced tickets for all public school and district personnel ~

TALLAHASSEE - The start of the new school year also means it's time for football, and the Florida Department of Education (DOE) is proud to continue its partnership with all three Florida National Football League (NFL) teams to offer specially-priced tickets for public school and district personnel (pre-kindergarten - 12th grade) across the state. Through this unique partnership, the Jacksonville Jaguars, Miami Dolphins and Tampa Bay Buccaneers are offering discounted single-game tickets for purchase for any public education employee.

"We continue to look for ways to show our gratitude to educators throughout the state and are thrilled to work with our local NFL teams to offer support for public education," said DOE Teacher Liaison Kelly Seay. "Florida's teachers work tremendously hard to encourage a high standard of excellence for their students and we hope they are able to take advantage of these discounted tickets to catch a game or two this year."

For some available games, eligible employees will see as much as 50 percent in savings compared to regular ticket prices. Employees may contact the NFL team representatives directly if interested in purchasing single game tickets for the upcoming football season or visit the Just for Teachers website at www.fldoe.org/justforteachers for the necessary forms.

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For more information about the special prices, including specific details about single game offers, visit the Just for Teachers website at www.fldoe.org/justforteachers/discounts.asp .

51st Nigerian Independence Day Celebration

On October 1, 1960, Nigeria gained its independence from the United Kingdom.

The Celebration took place At the Ritz Theatre on October the 8th.

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Gabrigl Mogozie and Morgan Omoregbee

Crime and Justice

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As an African - American newspaper, we basically report on offenses committed by African - Americans. Please note that in our observations, weekly reports show that African - Americans DO NOT commit the largest percentage of criminal offenses in this area.

Man Gets Arrested for Shoplifting Leading to His 100th Arrest

Joseph Wilson

A 50-year-old man was arrested for the 100th time after shoplifting at a store for underwear and socks.

A security guard from a department store called the cops after seeing Joseph Wilson stuff underwear and socks under his clothing valuing up to about $174. He then walked out of the store and left, but everything was caught on surveillance cameras.

When police arrived, Wilson jumped into a white van and told the driver to "take off." The driver of the van was actually a friend of Wilson who was waiting for him. But instead of doing as he was told, he shut the van off. So then Wilson got back out of the vehicle from the other side and started to run. Wilson managed to outrun the police until he became tired and decided to hide.

A witness called 911 and reported seeing a man running and hiding behind a dumpster and some bushes near by a Wendy's. He was also seen taking his shirt and sweat pants off, but he was still in his white tank top and black shorts. When authorities arrived, they found Wilson "covered in sweat." After being confronted, he told police that he was just out jogging and was resting behind the dumpster because it was cool there. He eventually ended up telling them that he was going through "hard times" after they saw the socks and underwear he had stolen.

This arrest marks his 100th arrest. His prior arrests includes 37 felonies (6 convictions), 47 misdemeanors (26 convictions), and 15 other unknown charges (3 convictions). "Out of those arrests, he's been convicted 35 times," said police.

Wilson is charged with petit theft and resisting recovery of property. He is in jail and is being held on $20,000 bond.

Shooter Arrested for Attempted Murder

Robert Lee Williams

A man was accused for shooting a flower shop owner and stealing his car.

When police arrived, they found Louis Howell III, 32, with multiple gunshot wounds at his business. He was taken to a nearby hospital, where he was listed to be in critical condition.

The motives for the shooting are unknown, but police believe it started from a struggle between Howell and 20-year-old, Robert Lee Williams. Both are also said to have known each other prior to the shooting. The vehicle of the florist was also not at the scene. Police said the shooter drove off with the victim's car after the shooting and the vehicle was listed as stolen. Enough evidence was gathered to identify the suspect as Williams and police began to search for him.

Williams turned himself in two days later after the incident with Howell's vehicle. He was arrested for attempted murder, armed robbery, and tampering with evidence.

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All suspects are deemed innocent unless proven guilty in a court of law. The Sheriff's Office reports are a matter of public record. The Star seeks to educate in the hope of keeping our community safe.

20-Year-Old Pregnant Woman Found Murdered

Louis Ortiz

The body of a pregnant 20-year-old woman, Shante Alford, was found murdered and buried in a shallow grave.

Police discovered the body of Alford with the help of an anonymous tip in a shallow grave in the backyard of a house. The house belonged to Louis Ortiz, who police believe was the boyfriend of Alford. They believe the murder may have been a result of a fight that occurred between the couple.

Alford was about 5 months pregnant when she was murdered and police say she was strangled and had blunt trauma to her face. The grave was reported to be about four feet deep. It's believed that the body was there for two or three days. The grave was discovered by a neighbor, which was later reported to police. "She was a nice person, a sweet young lady. She seemed to be happy about being pregnant. I was happy for her," said a neighbor of Alford.

Investigators don't know the motive for the murder. They also believe that there may be more people involved in the murder of Alford.

Ortiz was arrested and charged with two counts of murder including the murder of the unborn child.

When Cars Get Broken Into

If your vehicle is broken into or stolen, inform the police immediately. Stolen vehicles may be used in the commission of other crimes. Your quick action may both aid in recovering your vehicle and preventing its use for illegal purposes. You may want to do the following in these situations:

• Get your Neighborhood Watch group to look out for abandoned and suspicious vehicles or bikes, and educate members on preventing vehicle theft.
• Check your state's laws regarding salvage titles, secure ownership documents and VIN inspection programs. Are they sufficient protection against professional thieves and "chop shops"?
• Engrave the ID# in several locations on your car or bike, such as the door frame, bumper or under the hood and trunk lids.
• Fill in the following information for your car and file it away in a safe location: Year, Make, Model, Color, ID# or VIN, License #, Identifying Marks, Insurance Co., and Policy #

Your Safety

Protect Your Vehicle

• Lock your car and pocket the key when you leave—even if just for a minute. Close windows all the way and make sure the trunk is locked.

• Control your keys. Never leave an identification tag on your key ring. If your keys are lost or stolen, it should help a thief locate your car and burglarize your home.

• Don't leave your registration inside your vehicle; carry it with you. Important identification papers or credit cards should never be left in the glove compartment.

• If carrying packages or valuable items, store them in your trunk if possible. If you do leave packages, clothing or other articles in the car, make sure they are out of sight.

• Park in well-lit, busy areas. Avoid leaving your vehicle in unattended parking lots for long periods of time. If you park in a lot where you must leave a key, leave the ignition key only, to protect items in trunk or glove box.

• When buying a car, ask about anti-theft options such as steering column locks, alarms, switches that interrupt the fuel or electronic systems, and locks for tape decks, batteries and gas tanks. Many insurance companies offer reduced rates to owners who install security devices.

• Keep your car's Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) and a complete description in a safe place at home. Since 1969, the federal government has required manufacturers to engrave a unique number, the VIN, on all passenger cars in one visible and several hidden locations. One VIN is engraved on a metal plate on the dashboard near the windshield. VINs of stolen cars are registered with the FBI's National Crime Information Center.

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Bizarre Crimes

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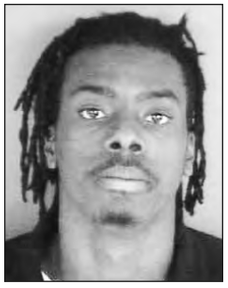
Man Leaves Cell Phone at Scene of Shooting



Johnny Lee Walker

An alleged gunman was arrested after leaving his phone at the scene of the crime.

A marijuana deal was believed to have taken place and the victim told police that he had gotten into a car with the money. But one of the two men that was in the car shot him in the head. The men stole $300 from the victim.

The gunshot was heard along with the victim yelling for help. The victim lost the sight in his right eye from the shot. Police found a cell phone at the scene, which belonged to 21-year-old, Johnny Lee Walker. Numerous pictures of Walker and text messages about the $300 drug deal were found on the phone, which provided police with more than enough evidence needed to identify one of the suspects.

Police were able to track down Walker. The car was also found with blood on the seat where the victim was sitting. Walker was arrested and charged with robbery with a firearm and an attempted murder charge. "Sometimes it helps when the bad guys aren't very smart," said police.

Burglar Breaks into Car and Goes to Sleep

Joe Jesus German

A man was arrested after falling asleep in the back seat of a car that he had broken into.

Joe Jesus German, 19, was reported breaking into numerous vehicles and stealing property from them. The burglary came to a halt when German decided to take a break in the back of a white Infinity, according to the report. Instead of a short nap, German fell into a deep sleep.

The owner of the vehicle didn't even realize anybody was in the car until he took it for a drive. When German was finally spotted sound asleep in the back seat, the owner called the police.

When police arrived, German was taken into custody. The property stolen and several keys to the vehicles that were broken into were also found. Police said they did not have to look far to find evidence.

German is facing burglary charges and is being held on $25,000 bond.

Other Unusual Crimes Across the Nation

Man Holds Girlfriend Hostage for Two Months and Tortures Her

Denver, CO- A woman had been badly beaten by her boy friend, Eric Barney, and went to the hospital for treatment. She had told police that Barney tried to kill her by strangling her and smothering her with a pillow. A warrant for Barney's arrest was made by police, but they could not find him. Four days later, Barney went to his girlfriend's house while she was sleeping and decided to hold her captive in her own home for the next two months. She was forced to stay in her room and was only allowed to go to certain places in the house, such as the restroom, when given permission. He told her if she tried to contact police that all he had to do was make one phone call and she and her family would be dead. Luckily, the victim finally managed to break free and call for help. When police searched the house, they found blood stained on the walls and mattresses indicating major signs of torturing. Barney was arrested and charged with assault, kidnapping, false imprisonment, and other changes.

Woman Runs Over Boyfriend for Not Having Enough Money

Houston, TX- 32-year-old Kimberly Lee had called her boyfriend and asked him for some cash. He was out jogging and Lee drove to where he was. She put her hand out and he gave her what he had. While her boyfriend started jogging away, Lee got back into her car and slammed down on the accelerator, driving straight towards him. He flew onto the hood and fell off as she backed up. She then drove towards him again, running over his legs. The man was taken to the hospital where he was treated. Police are looking for Lee who will be charged with aggravated assault.

Woman Cuts Child from Womb After Killing Pregnant Woman and Calls it her Own

Milwaukee, WI- Annette Morales-Rodriguez was desperate to have a baby with her new boyfriend and decided to look for a pregnant woman to steal a child from. While she was driving in her car, she offered a ride to a pregnant woman who was a total stranger to her named Maritza Ramirez-Cruz, 23. Cruz was expecting her fourth child who she planned to name Omar. Rodriguez took Cruz to her home saying that she had to change her shoes. Cruz went in with her to use the bathroom. When Cruz came out of the toilet, Rodriguez started striking her in the head with a bat multiple times. She then choked her until she passed out and attempted a Cesarean section she saw from the Discovery Channel. When she was done, she hid the body in her basement. Emergency services responded to a call from Rodriguez about her giving birth to a child that was not breathing. Paramedics came and tried to revive the baby, but the baby was pronounced dead at the scene. Rodriguez was then taken to the hospital after an autopsy of the baby. Medical examinations showed that she was not recently pregnant at all and that she had not given birth. Investigations led police to believe that Rodriguez was not the mother of the baby and decided to inspect her home where they found the body of Cruz. Rodriguez was arrested and charged with first-degree intentional homicide while armed and first-degree intentional homicide of an unborn child while armed. She is being held on $1 million bail.

Criminal Line-Up

MISSING PERSONS

Name: Arike Aina
Age: 15
Weight: 120 lbs
Last seen: 9/27/11

Name: Lekethia Bradley
Age: 17
Weight: 143 lbs
Last seen: 8/31/11

Name: Catrina D. Harris
Age: 16
Weight: 170 lbs
Last seen: 9/26/11

Name: Cendya Lemineur
Age: 17
Weight: 230 lbs
Last seen: 10/4/11

Name: Kiara Taneesha George
Age: 15
Weight: 140 lbs
Last seen: 10/5/11

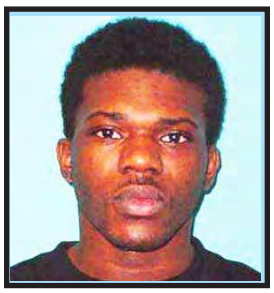
ON THE LOOKOUT

Thieves Steal Polo Clothes From Mall

Police are looking for two men who robbed a department store stealing up to $1,365 worth of Polo Ralph Lauren apparel. They took two Polo baseball caps valued at $60, three Polo jackets valued at $270 and 15 Polo shirts valued at $1,035. They ran out of the business and got away in a white Honda Civic. The two theft was caught on store surveillance video. One of the suspects was wearing a red Hollister shirt, tan cargo shorts. The other was wearing a dark shirt and shorts. Both appeared to be in their early 20s.

MOST WANTED

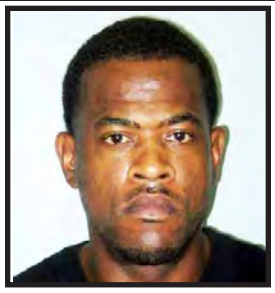
Name: Michael Anthony Johnson
Age:49
Offense: Agg Battery w/Deadly Weapon



Name: Warrick Lorenza Ross
Age:20
Offense: Carrying Concealed Firearm

Name: Ramon Silva-Martinez
Age: 56
Offense: Agg Battery w/Deadly Weapon

Name: Charles Murray
Age: 19
Offense: Carrying Concealed Firearm



Name: Alloysius L Tyson
Age: 40
Offense: Traffic in Stolen Property

Name: Carl Michael White
Age: 30
Offense: Felony Battery

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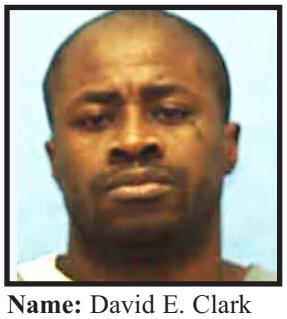
Name: David D. Battle
Offense: Adult Sex w/16-17 yr old



Name: David E. Clark
Offense: Lewd Lascivious 12-15

Name: Barnaby D. Booker
Offense: Lewd Lascivious under 16

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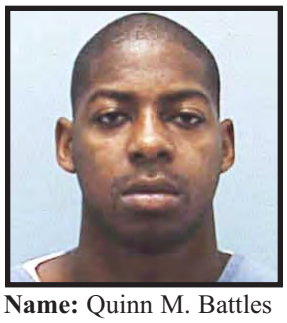
Name: Roniel Campbell
Offense: Robbery w/Gun/Deadly Weapon



Name: Quinn M. Battles
Offense: Felony Battery

Name: John M Blake
Offense: Robbery w/Gun Deadly Weapon

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