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Arrest in Indian  
Lakes Court  
Murder



On Wednesday, November 20, 2013 the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office announced the arrest of Troy Sharvonta Simmons, black male, 20 years old for the murder/shooting of David Allen Bouthillier, white male, 26 years old. The murder took place on Monday, November 18, 2013 at 5135 Indian Lakes Court, Jacksonville, FL.

Chris Brown  
Back In Rehab  
After Getting  
Kicked Out For  
Violence



Singer Chris Brown got kicked out of anger management rehab after throwing a rock through his mother's car window, a letter from his treatment center revealed.

The singer lost his temper November 10 during a family therapy session in which his mother disagreed with his plans to shorten his stay due to limited phone access.

"Mr. Brown proceeded to walk outside and pick up a rock and threw it through his mother's car window and shattered it," the letter read.

"We discharged him from residential treatment and told him he could leave immediately a non-violent contract when he enrolled," the letter stated.

JAX ROCKED BY SIX SHOOTINGS IN 24 HOURS

The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office began this week investigating 6 separate shootings within 24 hours. In addition to that, they also investigated an event involving an alleged gun at a school.

On November 19, 2013 at 10:18 a.m. police received a call that there was a person in the bathroom with a gun at Dupont Middle School located at 2710 Dupont Avenue. The caller hung up. JSO took every precaution possible and confirmed with the school that they were not running a drill. A thorough search of the school was conducted and nothing was located. The lock down was lifted at the school.

As for the shooting spree, the first incident occurred at about 2:30am on Monday in the 6800 block of Phillips Highway where an abandoned vehicle was found with blood on the inside. Cops said that shortly thereafter, two men showed up at a local hospital with non-life threatening gunshot wounds. At about 5 p.m. a man was shot in the 51 hundred block of Indian Lake Court (see story). He later died at UF Health. Within an hour of that shooting, shots were fired at an apartment complex off Harts Road where cops found a man with a gunshot wound.

By 7p.m. police were at 1900 block of Talladega Road where

they discovered a man who had been shot in the leg. Just half an hour later, a pedestrian was shot on the 1000th block of Fairfax Street. Early Tuesday morning, cops were called to the 100 block of East 8th Street in regards to an armed robbery where the victim was shot and had his vehicle stolen by the gunman.

Anyone who has any information is asked to contact the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office at 904-630-0500 or email us at JSOCrimeTips@jaxsheriff.org. To remain anonymous and receive a possible reward up to \$3,000, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-866-845-TIPS.

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you the full scoop  
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JAIL TIME FOR ZIMMERMAN?  
GIRLFRIEND CITES DOMESTIC ABUSE



Shellie Zimmerman told Katie Couric during a televised interview that her infamous husband who killed teen Trayvon Martin is acting "like a monster." She said she hopes there are "no more casualties" caused by her husband's erratic behavior and that he is a "ticking time bomb".

This came three days after Zimmerman was arrested again. This time he was charged with aggravated assault, battery, and criminal mischief after threatening his new girlfriend with a shotgun and smashing a glass table during a domestic dispute. He has since been discharged. "I hope that there's no violence, but he does seem like a ticking time bomb," said of her husband, who has filed for divorce from as of Tuesday. "I know I'm certainly afraid. I just hope that he can get, maybe, the help that he needs to deal with his situation, and the no one else will be hurt."

FAMILY DOESN'T WAIT FOR COPS:  
RESCUE WOMAN, KILL KIDNAPPER



Bethany Arceneaux, 29 is alive after her baby's father held her hostage for two days, torturing her. When found by her family in an abandoned house, the woman was being stabbed by Scott Thomas, the estranged father of her two year-old who had snatched her from her vehicle and left the toddler behind.

The Louisiana family got in their cars and six of them arrived at the abandoned house after receiving a tip. They kicked down the door and found her bloody from stab wounds but alive. During a confrontation with Arceneaux's brothers, cousins and uncles, Thomas was shot as he allegedly attempted to kill her.

"She's shook up, she's sliced up, but she's alright," Ryan Arceneaux, a brother of the woman told media. "We found her. We went and got her in that house. We kicked doors down. It was like a movie unfolding."

JTA Relaunches OTTO As Skyway Hits the  
One-Millionth Trip for 2013



The Jacksonville Transportation Authority (JTA) relaunched its On-Time Transit Operations (OTTO) campaign - following the re-opening of the Mathews Bridge - designed to improve on-time performance and enhance customer service.

The first step of the campaign focuses on six of the most heavily traveled routes - AR6, CT1, CT2, K2, L7 and M5 - which represent 50% of JTA's daily ridership.

The route improvements, originally scheduled to begin Oct. 7, were delayed when the Mathews Bridge was damaged after being hit by a cargo ship. All lanes were closed until bridge repairs were completed. Launching OTTO has been one of the JTA's top priorities.

"Our customers make 42,000 trips a day on JTA buses. They depend on us to get to work, school and medical appointments - so it's important to be on time," said JTA CEO Nathaniel P. Ford, Sr (pictured). "Through the OTTO campaign, we will analyze each route - starting with those most impacted by delays and develop solutions for our customers."

"In March, shortly after I joined JTA, we began evaluating our routes and found that one of the biggest factors impacting our on-time performance was outdated time schedules," said Lisa Damall, vice president of JTA Transit Operations. "Many had not been adjusted over the years, despite the growth that has occurred in Jacksonville. And we're not stopping after these six routes - we have already begun work on schedule adjustments for the next six routes, which will be announced in January."

In addition, JTA will soon pilot-test a NextBus system that will allow customers to track when the next bus is due at their stop - via the web, a smart phone app or phone call - saving them valuable time.

Many factors contribute to on-time performance, including mechanical failures, driver behavior, customer behavior, traffic, accidents, detours and weather, according to Damall. "Improving on-time performance is a team effort, and JTA is working with operators, mechanics, staff, our partners such as the Florida Department of Transportation and even our customers to ensure that everyone understands how they can contribute to a more timely bus system."

"I am proud of the team effort I've seen from our operators and staff to implement OTTO, and the progress we've made," said Ford. "As JTA furthers its quest to attract more riders and become a regional transportation leader, we will continue to make excellent customer service a priority. Our next on-time performance milestone is to be consistently hitting 75 percent by June 2014."

Meanwhile, on Friday, JTA celebrate an important milestone as the expected one millionth trip this year was taken on the Skyway.

"The JTA's Skyway system is an efficient and vital mode of transportation for our Downtown community," said Ford. "As we reach this important highlight for 2013, we want to personally thank our Skyway riders for their continued support and ridership." JTA staffers were at each of the eight stations between the hours of 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. and then again during lunchtime hours of 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. handing out thank you bags to customers riding that day to express gratitude for being loyal customers.

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# CHURCH



## Faith In Our Community

Schedule of Events and Services

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GREATER EL-BETH-EL DIVINE HOLINESS CHURCH** - Bishop Dr. Lorenzo Hall Sr., and the members invites you to be Former Councilwoman Glorious Johnson's special guest as we license her as Deaconess and Mother of the Church, November 24th at 11:00 A.M. Dinner will be served after morning service. If you have any questions, please contact Bishop Dr. Lorenzo Hall Sr. at 904-710-1586.

**WORD, SHOUT, SONG:** On Exhibit from Now - December 31, 2013, Tuesday - Friday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Includes rare audio recordings, photographs and artifacts, illuminating Dr. Turner's foundational work in the 1930s establishing that people of African heritage, despite slavery, had retained and passed on their cultural identity through words, music and story in the Gullah/Geechee community in South Carolina and Georgia.

**HOLIDAY GOSPEL FESTIVAL**-Saturday December 7th, 2013 6:00 p.m. SHARP! Evergreen Baptist Church 1100 Logan Street Jacksonville, Florida 32204. Appearing on program will be: Pastor Laverne Maples & the Sweet Inspirations, Bishop J. D. Sapp & the Angelic Voices, The United Brothers In Christ, The Sophisticated Gents, D.C. Tarter Singers (all of Jacksonville, Florida), Rev. Frank Evans & the Clefnotes (Atlantic Beach, Florida). Special Guests will be In Christ II Gospel Singers & 3-N-1 of West Palm Beach, Florida. For More Information, contact Sis. Jasmine Bullock at 352-708-0277. THIS EVENT IS FREE TO THE PUBLIC!!!!

**UNITED IN WORSHIP** - 25th Birthday Celebration for Rickey Porter, Saturday, November 23, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Maurice Griffin will be the Special Musical Guest from Sundays Best; other guest of worship Leaders are: Pastor Maurice & Alaniya Hudson, Tanjala Wright, Gedy "Minga" Williams, Laron Moore, Jason Fields, and Lakeia Harris. To be held at **The Crossing**, 3003 Scarlett St., Brunswick, GA 31520 (next to GSI Commerce). For more information, call 912-265-4850.

**ST. PHILIP'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH** - long time



Lt. Gen. Ronald L. Bailey

choir member George McElvory, who in 2011 was recognized among the African American Men of Distinction, looks forward to fellow Marine, Three Star Lieutenant General Ronald L. Bailey's upcoming visit to the church. It has been a long haul from the 1940s when George McElvory's name was carved in military history as he became among the first Blacks admitted to the United States Marines since its establishment 238 years ago in 1775.

Presently, Lieutenant General Bailey, formerly of St. Augustine, is the highest ranking African-American officer in the United States Marine Corps. Lt. Gen. Ronald Bailey, who serves as the Deputy Commandant, Plans and Operations at the Pentagon has trod and led by his example in the footsteps of a long historic trail of valor for African Americans.

Father Hugh W. Chapman, priest, along with Senior Warden Mrs. Luvenia Exson and Parishioners of St. Philip's Episcopal Church at 321 Union Street (corner of Pearl) welcomes and invites the community to hear Lieutenant General Bailey on Sunday, December 8 at 10:00 A.M. as he addresses their 33 Annual Unity Day, "Using Our Common Threads to Mend the Frayed Fabric of Society!"

For additional information please call the church at 904-354-1053 or Email: stphilips@bellsouth.net Website: www.stphilipsjax.org.



## DEATH NOTICES

**ADAMS, Patricia Ann**, 69, died November 18, 2013.

**ALEXANDER, Lamar, Jr.**, 77, died November 18, 2013.

**AUSTIN, Edward G., Jr.**, 81, died November 15, 2013.

**BAILEY, Henry Franklin**, 66, died November 12, 2013.

**BURYIAK, Estella Baxley**, 60, died November 13, 2013.

**CALHOUN, Barbara Jean**, died November 16, 2013.

**COBB, Geraldine Blissett**, died November 18, 2013.

**COLBERT, Helen Johnson**, died November 14, 2013.

**DANIEL, Laurene C.**, 90, died November 11, 2013.

**EDENFIELD, Sarah Jean**, 32, died November 15, 2013.

**ELIXSON, Kenneth Kenny**, 74, died November 14, 2013.

**FELDMAN, Dwight B.**, 89, died November 17, 2013.

**FELTON, Johnny**, 82, died November 14, 2013.

**GAREY, Barbara T.**, 78, died November 17, 2013.

**GARRIGAN, Esther Ann**, 96, died November 17, 2013.

**GARRISON, Lester**, 40, died November 11, 2013.

**HEINRICH, Joyce**, 77, died November 11, 2013.

**HODGES, Linda Kaye**, 71, died November 12, 2013.

**HOLLEY, Billanna N.**, 23, died November 11, 2013.

**HOLLINGSWORTH, Myrtice Dillard**, 81, died November 15, 2013.

**JOHNSON, Connie Ruth**, 72, died November 14, 2013.

**JOHNSON, Harriette B.**, November 14, 2013.

**KOCH, Marion Ann**, 84, died November 12, 2013.

**LEE-KNIGHT, Paulette D.**, died November 13, 2013.

**MACNEIL, Mary Elizabeth**, 75, died November 15, 2013.

**McKEIVER, Darryl**, died November 10, 2013.

**MERCER, Jesse J., Jr.**, died November 14, 2013.

**MERCER, Baby Girl Wilcara**, died November 16, 2013.

**MILLER, Violet May**, 87, died November 16, 2013.

**OWENS, Lloyd**, died November 12, 2013.

**PARKER, Mitchell**, 84, died November 13, 2013.

**PATTERSON, Johnnie May**, 89, died November 13, 2013.

**PAULEY, Willie Cecil**, 92, died November 10, 2013.

**PERRY, Hattie Mae**, died November 19, 2013.

**POOL, Helen T.**, died November 18, 2013.

**POTEET, James Floyd**, 68, died November 14, 2013.

**PROKOP, Edward Michal Mike**, 66, died November 18, 2013.

**RAMSEY, James L.**, died November 16, 2013.

**REDD, Patricia A.**, died November 12, 2013.

**ROBINSON, Armetta**, died November 12, 2013.

**SIMMONS, Dorcus**, died November 13, 2013.

**SIMPKINS, Victor D., Jr.**, died November 14, 2013.

**SIMPSON-SEARS, Ernestine**, 59, died November 16, 2013.

**SMITH, Carol L.**, 70, died November 15, 2013.

**SWEARINGEN, John Doley**, 70, died November 14, 2013.

**THOMAS, Joann C.**, died November 15, 2013.

**THOMAS, Paulette**, died November 12, 2013.

**THOMAS, Stanley Eugene, Sr.**, died November 14, 2013.

**THORNHILL, James**, 83, died November 11, 2013.

**TOMLINSON, Wilton Michael T-Bone**, 58, died November 13, 2013.

**UNDERWOOD, Eunice A.**, 90, died November 17, 2013.

**VINING, Thomas Nathan**, 77, died November 14, 2013.

**YOUNG, Maerathar**, died November 15, 2013.

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**GEORGIA DEATHS**

**HARRIS, William**, died November 16, 2013.

**IHDE, Chef Werner**, 90, died November 15, 2013.

**MOODY, Thomas Dewey**, 69, died November 16, 2013.

**MORRELL, Willie Henry**, died November 16, 2013.

**SMITH, Martha**, died November 16, 2013.

**VARNADOE, William**, 87, died November 16, 2013.

## The Church Directory

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**New Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church**  
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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.

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Rev. Joe Calhoun, Pastor Emeritus  
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Sunday  
Church School ..... 8:30 a.m.  
Worship Service ..... 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday  
"Glorious Hour" Bible Study ..... 10:00 a.m.

"Kehovah Jirah" 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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Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday ..... Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Thursday ..... Joy Night 7:00 p.m.

\*Email: Gospel75@aol.com  
Website: Greaterbethel.org

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4611 North Pearl St., Jacksonville, FL 32206

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Rev. Marquise Hardrick, Pastor

Worship Service  
Sun Church School ..... 9:30 a.m.

Sun Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m.

Tues. Eve Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

Wed Bible Study - 12 Noon

Wed. Evening Ministry - 7:00 p.m.

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# ~ KID'S CORNER ~

## How to Use Your Smartphone to Help You Shop and Save on Black Friday



(StatePoint) During the holiday season, which kicks off with Black Friday, the stores can be even more stress-inducing than usual -- but only if you don't plan.

Luckily, being prepared is easier than ever. Over three-fifths of US adults have smartphones, according to a study by Pew Internet & American Life Project, changing the way people communicate, do their jobs and even shop. To better navigate this busy shopping season and save time and money in the process, use your smartphone as your personal shopping assistant.

If you aren't yet up to speed with how mobile technology can help with shopping, here are some ideas for how to use your smartphone to save money and time this holiday season:

- **Plan ahead:** If you have a preferred shopping mall or shopping district, view its website on your phone to consult its directory, get a map of the mall, find out about store hours and learn about special events and deals.
- **Simplify with Technology:** It's easy to get overwhelmed by the bombardment of ads touting coupons, Black Friday sales and holiday store hours. By simplifying, you can sort through the heavy stream of information coming at you via television, radio as well as print and online media. Use your smartphone -- it's called smart for a reason -- to help you find deals based on where you like to shop and what products you're looking for.

For example, Shoptopia.com and the Shoptopia iPhone app filter products, retailers and promotions to deliver personalized, timely and relevant shopping information and deals based on your search criteria and location. It can even be a social experience, as users can share favorites with friends.

Shoptopia is available as a free download in the iTunes app store and can be accessed at [www.Shoptopia.com/news](http://www.Shoptopia.com/news).

- **Make a list:** Santa makes a list for good reason and so should you. Before hitting the stores, create a shopping list on your phone. You can use a shared document to store everyone in the family's wish list in one place. This will help you avoid potentially large impulse purchases stimulated by sales and help you stay focused on what you really need. Use personal finance apps to help you stay on budget as you shop.

Don't ruin the "the most wonderful time of the year" with shopping stress. Take advantage of new tools that can make your time in the store more productive and cost-effective -- from identifying new trends to finding the best deals.

## IT'S LIL' MEECHIE

Let me tell you a little about myself. I pride myself for being smart, sharp, and swift, because I ask a lot, I mean, a lot of questions and I'm always trying to figure things out. If it's a clock, I want to know what makes it tick. If it's a toy, I want to know what makes it work. Nevertheless, my mother still calls it being destructive and it makes her worry about me.

Hi everybody, I'm busy with my family for Thanksgiving holiday this week. I'll get back with you all next week for some exciting family gossip. My family and friends are hilarious. Have a great and

save holiday. Happy Thanksgiving! From Lil' Meechie!!!

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## Child's Play

### How Imaginative Play Benefits Your Child



Between the everyday obligations of school, sports and other extracurricular activities, many children equate playtime with sitting in front of the television, computer or other electronic device.

This dependence on electronic devices can be linked to a list of issues, including childhood obesity, as well as reduced cognitive and muscle development. Children who instead engage in imaginative

or pretend play are offered a stress-free environment where their dreams have no boundary. This type of activity just comes naturally for kids because it's just plain fun.

**Create a pretend play paradise:** A make-believe-friendly setting begins with the parents. Here are a few ideas to create an environment that fosters creative, imaginative play for your little ones:

\* **Focus on fun:** A truly free setting for imaginative play is one without structure or rules. Let your child know there are no expectations or wrong outcomes while they are pretending. There may be moments where you have to intervene, but the atmosphere should be relaxed and free from rules.

\* **Give toys that encourage pretend play:** Make sure your kids have toys that allow them to express themselves. The Calico Critters toy line is the ideal choice for parents seeking timeless, classic toys that delight children and promote wholesome values through pretend play. Children will love these adorable, high-quality miniature animal figures, which include families of rabbits, dogs, cats, bears and more. For more information, visit [www.calicocritters.com](http://www.calicocritters.com).

\* **Read to your children:** The benefits of children who are regularly read to are immense, from enhanced bonding between parent and child to better test scores. So, begin the reading ritual as early as you can. You will find your child will love and look forward to sharing this healthy activity with you.

\* **Play along:** Young children mimic everything their parents do, so be a model of imaginative play for them. Go ahead and act silly - dress up with them, act out puppet shows or build forts with bed sheets. Calico Critters, with its imaginative collection of families, homes and accessories is perfect for "Mommy & Me" playtime. You may be surprised by how much enjoyment you get out of it.

\* **Create a fantasy prop box:** Fill a box with various trinkets found throughout your home for kids to create their own forts, homes, businesses or simply a rousing game of dress-up. Just make sure to pick items that are safe and you won't miss if they are lost or damaged from heavy play.

\* **Plan open-ended activities:** Instead of starting an art project with a finished model for them to create, plan free painting or crafting sessions with your kids. This will allow your children to fully express themselves any way they desire. Just make sure you have plenty of fun supplies on hand, such as glitter, paper, glue, markers, boxes, feathers, sequins or any other trinkets you have on hand.

\* **Use the great outdoors as a playground:** Encourage your kids to use the great outdoors as their canvas for unbridled creativity. A simple trip outside opens a whole world of play options for a child. Plus, it allows your children to be more active, which is always a bonus.



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# LOCAL

## Ray Charles

**honored  
as Postal Service unveils stamp  
St. Augustine Record**

By Marcia Lane  
Photos by Frank M. Powell III

Surely the spirit of music legend Ray Charles was on hand at Monday's unveiling of a U.S. stamp in his honor at the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind as the school's Outta Sight Band raised the roof with Charles' "Hit the Road Jack."

"You really moved me this morning," FSDB President Jeanne Glidden Prickett told the group that includes instrumentalists and vocalists, all sight impaired.

Outta Sight moved a lot of people — literally; their songs had U.S. Rep. Corrine Brown, D-Jacksonville, the signing interpreter and half the people seated in the audience moving to the beat.

Toe tapping aside, holding the unveiling of the commemorative stamp at FSDB made perfect sense — Charles attended the school until he was 15.

"He was a very special musical artist with several ties to the area," said Charles J. Miller, United States Postal Service district manager for the Gulf Atlantic District. All of those ties happen to be within the district that includes North Florida and Georgia.

Born in Albany, Ga., in 1930, Charles and his parents moved to Greenville, Fla., when he was an infant. He enrolled at FSDB in 1937 after becoming blind at the age of 7. At FSDB, he learned to read Braille and played a variety of musical instruments including the

piano, organ and clarinet, said Prickett.

When he left at the age of 15, it was because of a chance to begin performing. Along the way he dropped his last name, Robinson; that, Prickett noted, was because boxer Sugar Ray Robinson was rising to prominence and he didn't want any name confusion.

A composer, singer and pianist, Charles came up with a unique pop music style that continues to influence and is considered the creator of the soul music genre. A 17-time Grammy winner, he was given the Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award in 1987 and won a number of other honors before his death in 2004. Charles is the third to be honored in the USPS's Music Icons series.

Miller noted another honoree, Frank Sinatra, once described Charles as "the only true genius in show business."

Speakers also took the time to salute the uniqueness of FSDB.

William L. Proctor, chancellor of Flagler College, a former state legislator and longtime FSDB board member and chair, spoke of the "extraordinary place" and the committed faculty. Proctor also saluted the band, adding it was "a bit challenging" to follow them especially after their rendition of Charles' version of "America the Beautiful" and his "Georgia On My Mind." FSDB junior Daniel Tanner was lead vocalist for both numbers.

Barbara Brown, first vice president of Jacksonville Council of the Blind and Brown's sister-in-law, took the opportunity to remind students they, too, could go forward and realize their dreams. "Do the best you can and you'll be successful," Brown said.



Dr. Jeanne Glidden Prickett Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind (FSDB), Congresswoman Corrine Brown, the following are all with the USPS Gulf Atlantic District District Manager Charles (Charley) Miller, Acting Jacksonville Customer Relations Coordinator Amy Escobar, Acting Senior Plant Manager Stephen (Steve) Hardin, Acting Jacksonville Postmaster Debra Gornik, District Marketing Manager Lucious Sumlar and Acting District Retail Manager Brenda Johnson



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# GEORGIA

# LOCAL SECTION - B



## Kingsland's Stump Mitchell – NFL's Unsung Humanitarian



Several members of the Stump Mitchell Fan Club



(from left to right) - Felicia Robinson Jackson , Eddie "Cricket", Stump Mitchell, Pecola Hamilton, George Joseph



Stump Mitchell and his aunt, Yvonne Hannah

Story and Photos by Ken Smith Jr.



Eliseo Ortiz (on left) and family from Orlando Florida. They traveled to support Stump Mitchell.



Mitchell taking notes of game action



Coach Mitchell providing insight to his position group

teams and provided financing for teams to travel. Also, since he has been a head coach on the collegiate level, Mitchell has reached back into the South Georgia and North Florida areas to provide opportunities for players who may not have been able to be offered a chance to play football at other schools.

During a brief timeout in his busy schedule, Mitchell spoke of the role models that surrounded him as a youth who were an inspiration that led to his giving back to the community.

"I never forgot where I came from. There were many individuals who have played a part in my success," says Mitchell. "And that's why I feel led to do what I do for other. As a youth, I was challenged by the Glovers (Alvin and Donald) who helped me to become a decent football player. I idolized Rickey Anderson, who showed me the ropes as a running back. Other role models for me were Mayor Kenneth and Peggy Smith, Harold Anderson, and Leonard Taylor are some who played a role in where I am today."

Hearing Mitchell spoke of his background and one would be led to believe that his humbleness is keeping him from saying more about what he does for others. However, there are many family and friends who have no problem speaking highly of Mitchell.

Knowing Mitchell since he was a youth, Mrs Lilla V. Robinson flashes a huge smile when speaking of Stump. "I feel wonderful seeing how he has grown into a fine young man.

Every time Stump has been in the area, whether as a player or a coach, I am going to be there to support him. I have always been proud of what he has done and more proud of what he does for others."

Johnny Robinson had a glowing endorsement of Stump's impact on the community.

"It's hard to put into words, but the impact that Stump has on me has been long lasting," says Robinson. "As a family person, he has been instrumental in my family and my business. He is the biggest hearted person one could ever meet. He is always giving of his time, of his gift, his treasure that God has blessed him.

Although there many who can attest to Mitchell's love for his family and friends, very few can match what Eddie "Cricket" Smith has witnessed. Smith has known Mitchell for over 50 years and to hear him speak, one would be led to believe that they are actually brothers.

"Stump is always thinking of home and looking out for everyone. It is hard for Stump to say no. He is always working hard to get the kids to the next level because he has been there and knows what it takes to get there," says Smith. "Although he has not been a coach at the high school, he is a solid supporter of Camden High programs."

Making the drive from Orlando, Florida with his family, Eliseo Ortiz stated he would not have missed a chance to see Stump Mitchell back on the Cardinals sideline. "I am very proud that Stump came back home to the Cardinal family", says Ortiz. "As a former resident of Phoenix, I got the chance to see Stump as player and now I get to see him as a coach. It makes me feel good to know that he came back home to give what was given to him. Seeing him as a coach tells me he supports the Cardinals and the state of Arizona."

Before arriving to Arizona, Mitchell ended a head coaching stint at Southern (LA) University. Mitchell speaks glowing of the current senior class, whom he recruited. In part two of this story, how Stump gave back through his days of being a collegiate head coach will be revealed.

National Football League players enjoy a healthy fan following while they are active players. However, when the playing days are over, the crowds tend to get smaller and smaller, eventually disappearing over a period of time. Stump Mitchell has never experienced that feeling because he has an uncompromising loyalty when it comes to his fan base.

As a ninth round draft choice from The Citadel, Mitchell played nine seasons in the NFL as a standout running back with the Phoenix (now Arizona) Cardinals. He would go on to become one of the greats as a running back and kick returner in Cardinals history. Mitchell is the Cardinals all-time leader in combined yardage with 11,988 yards and is the holder of the number two position in team rushing history with 4,649 rushing yards. Mitchell's franchise records include number of kickoff returns (177) and yards (4,007). He also amassed 14 100-yard games. What many may not be aware is that Mitchell at one time was the single owner of the NFL record with 13 punt returns and kickoffs in a single game (the record was later tied, but still stands).

As a popular Cardinal, Mitchell still enjoys a loyal fan base. Hailing from Kingsland, Georgia, whenever the Cardinals played teams in the southeast region (Atlanta, Tampa Bay, or Miami), Mitchell enjoyed even more support because his family and friends traveled to those locales to cheer him and his team to victory. When he finally hung up the cleats, if the thought of not having a good support group in his post playing days entered his mind, those thoughts were very short-lived. When the Arizona Cardinals arrived at EverBank Field recently, Mitchell enjoyed the support of approximately 75 fans that traveled from Norfolk, Virginia, Orlando, Florida, Atlanta, Georgia, Kingsland and St. Mary's, Georgia. At least 30 of the fans tailgated before the game as they awaited the opportunity to watch Mitchell's Cardinals face the Jaguars.

During a brief downtime in his schedule, Mitchell has a smile on his face as he speaks about those who are coming to the game to show him love and support.

"The people who are coming to see me, for the most part, I grew up with them. Also, their parents had a big impact on the person I am today. Often most people get to a certain level and forget where they come from. That has never been me and will never be me."

Although Mitchell is well-known in the surrounding community for his athletic exploits, many are unaware of just how much of a humanitarian Mitchell has been as a player and in his post-playing days. It is known that Mitchell has purchased uniforms for youth



# SPORTS

## NHL 7, Jacksonville 5

The NHL Legends of Hockey were featured at the Jacksonville Veterans Memorial Arena on Friday night before 4,000 fans. Former NHL players led by 21-year Boston Bruins veteran Ray Bourque, No. 77, and Ponte Vedra resident and former New York Ranger Ron Duguay took on former players from the minor league Jacksonville Bullets, Lizard Kings and Barracudas. (Photos by Nancy Beecher)



## Carson Palmer's Career Outing Dooms Jaguars 27-14

By MIKE BONTS

Veteran QB Carson Palmer threw for a season-high 419 yards to go with a pair of touchdowns as the Arizona Cardinals downed the Jacksonville Jaguars, 27-14, to claim their third straight win Sunday.

"Defensively, the first drive was a little disappointing," said Jacksonville head coach Gus Bradley. "We had some things with personnel and miscommunication but after that we settled down pretty good."

The Jaguars scored touchdowns on each of their first two possessions with a 62-yard pass from QB Chad Henne to tight end Danny Noble and a one-yard touchdown run by running back Maurice Jones-Drew.

On 4th-and-1 from the Jacksonville 38, Henne faked a handoff and threw to wide open Noble, who made the catch and scored on just the fourth play from scrimmage.

Noble's touchdown catch was the first of his career and first touchdown for the Jaguars at home in 2013. Noble is one of six players in NFL history averaging 60-plus receiving yards with only one career reception for a touchdown.

The Jaguars' Jordan Todman returned a kickoff 59 yards. Clay Harbor's 21-yard catch at inside the five set up Jones-Drew's touchdown.

It was Jones-Drew's 80th career touchdown 67 rushing, 11 receiving, two on returns. He became the 54th player in NFL history with at least 80 touchdowns and now has rushing

touchdowns in back-to-back games for the first time since November of 2011.

He finished with 14 carries for 23 yards and four catches for 12 yards.

Rookie wide receiver Ace Sanders led the team with a career-high eight receptions for 61 yards including a 29-yard reception. He had a career-high six punt returns for 48 yards with a long of 14 yards.

"I thought he did a great job on the screens... The punt returns we had were four over ten-plus yards. That's good. How about the jailbreak screen that he came across the grain competed and got some extra yards, a bubble he caught some extra yards on. You know what? Ace is competing," Bradley said.

Tight end Marcedes Lewis made his 100th career start Sunday and had 23 yards on three receptions. Former Cardinals' wide receiver Kerry Taylor made his Jaguars debut and had two receptions for 20 yards. Taylor was signed by the Jaguars off Arizona's practice squad on Nov. 4.

**NOTEWORTHY** Jacksonville led 14-7 after the first quarter before the Cardinals ran off 20 straight points.

Carson Palmer's first nine completions went to nine different receivers. He became the first Arizona quarterback to throw for 400-plus yards since Kurt Warner in 2008. Palmer found Michael Floyd for a 91-yard score. It was the longest of Palmer's career and the second longest given up by the Jags in franchise history.



### THE PLAYERS Charity Events Continue at TPC Sawgrass Clubhouse and Jaguars game

This past Sunday the Jacksonville Jaguars and the PGA TOUR celebrated THE PLAYERS Giving Back Month during their season-long half-time promotion that involved a closest-to-the-pin competition between Jaguars mascot Jaxson de Ville and PGA TOUR player Mark McCumber.

Then, last week at a celebration honoring the volunteer leadership of THE PLAYERS Championship, PGA TOUR Commissioner Tim Finchem announced that \$7.1 million was generated for local charities from the 2013 tournament, eclipsing last year's record-breaking total of \$6.5 million.

The money generated by THE PLAYERS each year benefits more than 300 charities throughout Northeast Florida, totaling nearly \$60 million in charitable giving since the event moved to Ponte Vedra Beach in 1977.

THE PLAYERS 1988 champion and Jacksonville resident Mark McCumber took the chal-

lenge during this Sunday's game to win a donation for Second Harvest North Florida in honor of Giving Back Month.

McCumber and Jaxson de Ville each hit an approximately 125-yard golf shot from atop the Sky Patio in the south end zone to an island green located at the 50-yard line.

Jaxson de Ville's shot landed inches closer to the pin than McCumber's, winning all Jaguars fans in attendance a free order of Cheesesticks from Papa John's.

Additionally, the Jaguars Foundation will make a \$1,000 donation to Second Harvest North Florida in honor of THE PLAYERS Giving Back Month.

"It's always a great experience to see past champions giving back to the Jacksonville community," said Matt Rapp, executive director of THE PLAYERS. "Mark has been a fantastic ambassador for the tournament and it was extremely fitting to have him hit the shot at halftime in honor of Giving Back Month."

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**Celebrating 27 Years of Remembering Frail Seniors at the Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon**



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**BRUCE ALLEN SCUDDER'S CHRISTMAS CAROLE**  
--GARY MARACHEK RETURNS AS SCROOGE, TOY DRIVE TO HELP AREA KIDS--  
(Jacksonville, FL) - When the new Alhambra Theater & Dining opens it's production of Bruce Allen Scudder's Christmas Carole, it will mark the 21st time in the last 23 years for the Christmas classic at the nation's longest running professional dinner theater.

The Alhambra will celebrate the start of its fifth season under the management of Theatre Partners LLC and the leadership of Managing Partner, Craig Smith. In November of 2009, Smith opened the iconic theater after a brief hiatus, and launched his first campaign with Christmas Carole. Since then, the Alhambra has alternated between Christmas Carole and other holiday classics. Last season the Alhambra showed White Christmas and in 2010 it ran the It's a Wonderful Life, the Radio Play, which returns for 2014.

"It is truly, truly hard to believe that this is our fifth season," commented Smith. "At the same time, when I look around and see how far we have come, it seems like forever ago that we began this journey. It's even more remarkable that most of the people are the same, and how dedicated they have been to me, to this theater and to our guests. All of our success is because of the hard work of these folks." Smith also commented on how the Alhambra's popularity has continued to improve, with a steady rise in attendance and season ticket renewal. "While we keep improving the product, it has been with the support of the media for the arts community and the loyalty of our guests that have gotten us this far. We continue working every day toward constant improvement and new ways to surprise our guests."

The role of Ebenezer Scrooge will be played by Gary Marachek, who took over the role from Tony Triano in 2011. Marachek actually played the part when the Alhambra first produced Christmas Carol 23 years ago. Also in the cast will be some familiar faces: Ken Uibel will make his annual appearance as Bob Marley and each of the ghost characters. Uibel is the only cast member to appear in all 21 showings of Christmas Carole.

Of course, a holiday tradition would be less satisfying without a traditional holiday meal to accompany it. The Alhambra's Executive Chef, DeJuan Roy, will prepare a holiday feast that includes: a fresh garden salad with candied nuts and an herb vinaigrette dressing. Entrees include a choice of three pre-set plates. The first plate includes carved honey-baked ham with mustard glaze, sweet potato soufflé, cornbread stuffing and green beans with candied pecans. The second plate features parmesan-crusted salmon with pesto, sweet potato soufflé and oven roasted vegetables. There is also a vegetarian plate that includes roasted corn squash stuffed with cornbread dressing served with sautéed kale and sweet potato soufflé. Desserts include Chef DeJuan's Chocolate Mousse, Crème Brulee French Toast and Dutch apple pie.

The Alhambra will also begin its annual toy drive with the start of Christmas Carole. Toys collected from patrons will be collected in the Alhambra lobby, and then delivered by the cast to area charities. Details and specific charities are still being determined. Over the past four seasons the Alhambra has delivered more than 3,500 toys to Daniel Home for Children, Wolfson's Children's Hospital and several shelters.

"Christmas Carole" opens December 3, 2013. Show times are 8:00 PM for evening shows Tuesday through Sunday. Doors open at 6:00 PM and meal at 6:30 PM. Matinees on Saturday are at 1:15 PM. Doors open at 11:00 AM and the buffet starts at 11:15 AM. Sunday matinee is at 2:00. Doors open at noon and the meal starts at 12:15 PM. Group sales are available. Tickets start at \$46 for adults and \$35 for children. Ticket price includes dinner, show and parking. Call the box office at 904.641.1212 or visit on line at www.alhambrajax.com.

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