Becky: Lucy Jackson and husband are seen visiting Senator Bill Nelson (D-FL) is asking television commercials by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. The commercial claims that the state’s controversial “Stand Your Ground” law passed in 2011 by Florida lawmakers failed to roll back the clock for the African American community by 3% of the American people. Prosecutors Empowered, Judges, Juries and Defense Attorneys Handcuffed Under 10-20-Life Law

There is a national campaign - “We Say - ‘No More!’” after the killing of Trayvon Martin and 2.4 million minorities in jail. Florida has a total population of 18,014,927 (100%), White: 14,008,800 (78%), Black: 2,881,052 (16%), Other: 833,548 (5%), Asian: 462,130 (3%), Native American: 133,015 (1%), Hawaiian & Pacific Islander: 19,142 (0%) A poll released Thursday by a Quinnipiac University study, 56 percent of Floridians still support the state’s controversial “Stand Your Ground” - 78% registered Republicans and 58% registered Democrats. However, there is another law regarding guns in Florida - the 10-20-Life law, which appeared at one time by many as good until the case of Marissa Alexander received public review. The Florida NAACP and SCLC are bringing these laws forward for the public to see what is being used against all of Florida but appears to be used more, without challenge, in the minority population.

In 2003, Justice Anthony Kennedy at the American Bar Association meeting appeared to recognize how these laws were flawed, as he discussed the inadequacies and the injustices - in our prisons and correctional systems. Nationwide, he said, more than 40% of the prison population consists of African-Americans with about 10% in their mid-to-late 20s. Today, according to reports, there are more Black women in prison that white men.

The rally in Jacksonville Tuesday morning at 8 a.m. sponsored by the NAACP and SCLC will focus on the 10-20-Life law but cannot overlook the “Stand Your Ground” law. The theme of the event is “the Campaign - New Attitude: Prosecutors - Changing the Practice A-6 Family to Move from Brunswick Because of a School Closing

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Warren Buffett’s Plan to End Deficit in 5 Minutes

Warren Buffett, in a recent interview with CNBC, offers one of the best quotes about the debt ceiling:

“I could end the deficit in 5 minutes,” he told CNBC. “You just pass a law that says that any time there is a deficit of more than 3% of GDP, all sitting members of Congress are ineligible for re-election.

The 26th amendment (granting the right to vote for 18-year-olds) took only 3 months & 8 days to become the law of the land - all because of public pressure. Warren Buffett is asking each addressee to forward this email to a minimum of twenty people on their address list; in turn ask each of those to do likewise. In three days, most people in The United States of America will have the message. This is one idea that really should be passed around.

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10. Each person who marries a minimum of twenty people then it will only take three days for most people (in the U.S.) to receive the message. THIS HOW TO FIX CONGRESS. Don’t you think it’s time?

OK, Mr. Buffett!

Dancing with the Stars Winner Donald Driver
He is top with football and his children wanted him to know they felt he could bring home the coveted Mirror Ball trophy since he knew how to bring home the super bowl ring, and he did. For Driver, his early childhood was not easy. He was born in Houston, TX at one point, while his father was in jail, his mother, along with his four siblings, were homeless. While his mother worked at night, he stole cans and duct tapes but at 14 years of age, he decided to change. When his father was released, he and his brother went to live with their grandmother. After recognizing the sacrifices his mother made by moving away, he told his brother: “Man, I’m going to make something out of me.” He started doing his homework and took on every challenge his coaches gave him. That attitude continues to manifest itself, and the world sees it as this wide receiver for the Green Bay Packers plays football and how he performed on “Dancing With the Stars.”

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Senator Asks TV Stations to Pull False and Misleading Ad

U.S. Senator Bill Nelson (D-FL) is asking television stations across Florida to stop the spread of false information about an alleged half-million dollar cash in Medicare in a TV commercial by the General Manager of a Children's Hospital in Jacksonville.

In the Citizens United case, TV stations have a greater responsibility to protect the public from becoming the law of the land - all because of public pressure. Prosecutors are empowered, judges, juries and defense attorneys handcuffed under 10-20-life law. If each person contacts a minimum of twenty people then it will only take three days for most people (in the U.S.) to receive the message. THIS HOW TO FIX CONGRESS. Don’t you think it’s time?

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Whitney Houston last released daughter Bobbi-Kristina under investigation

Whitney Houston was honored last week and her daughter Bobbi-Kristina accepted the award amid tears. Thursday, Whitney’s new song from the Sparkle Soundtrack, “His Eye is On the Sparrow” was released. Also today, it was reported that 19-year-old Bobbi Kristina, is under investigation for gambling at the MGM Resort and Casino in Las Vegas. Bobbi Kristina went to Las Vegas to accept the Billboard lifetime achievement award on behalf of her late mother and videos from the hotel revealed her at the slot machines. If she was playing, was she registered to vote? For Driver, his early childhood was not easy. He was born in Houston, TX at one point, while his father was in jail, his mother, along with his four siblings, were homeless. While his mother worked at night, he stole cans and duct tapes but at 14 years of age, he decided to change. When his father was released, he and his brother went to live with their grandmother. After recognizing the sacrifices his mother made by moving away, he told his brother: “Man, I’m going to make something out of me.” He started doing his homework and took on every challenge his coaches gave him. That attitude continues to manifest itself, and the world sees it as this wide receiver for the Green Bay Packers plays football and how he performed on “Dancing With the Stars.”

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We say NO MORE!
Jennifer Lopez Explores Adoptive Motherhood In Latest Role!

By Rych McCain, feedbackrych@sbcglobal.net and Facebook

In 1985, Heidi Murkoff wrote a book titled “What To Expect When You’re Expecting” that became a New York Times bestseller. It was named one of the USA Today’s most influential books of the past 25 years and is now the first book in a series that has sold 35 million copies Worldwide. It’s no small wonder that a book of that magnitude would end up on the big silver screen as a major feature film. The movie focuses on five couples who are experiencing the roller-coaster nuances of being expected parents in situations that are common in general. It also begs the question that the cast would have to be young, sexy, interesting and exciting. The producers and casting personnel on this project hit the nail on the head by selecting a stellar cast. Amongst those actors leading the film is Gloria Estefan as “Jennifer Lopez” or “JLo” as her music fans like to refer to her.

In reference to the book, Lopez says, “The book is amazing, which is why it’s so popular. It tells you exactly, week to week, what’s happening to you in the moment. I think women, by nature, when we’re pregnant, are so worried that everything’s going to go okay. And here you have this book saying, ‘this is supposed to be happening, don’t worry, you’re supposed to feel like this.’ I think the movie does the exact same thing. It reassures you by telling five totally different stories about being pregnant and making you laugh.” Lopez plays Holly who is married to Alex (played by Rodrigo Santoro. Having no children allows them the freedom to romp as they please. Lopez notes, “Holly and Alex have a lot of fun together. He’s into music and she’s into her professional photography. They’ve been married for a while but their relationship has been mostly based on having a good time. There needs to be a transition into growing up, becoming a family and really getting serious about their lives.” The only problem is that Holly can’t have children.

Lopez enjoyed the role because she said, “As Holly, I was able to explore the intense pressure that many modern women, who have their own careers and tend to have children later in life, experience with regard to having a family. Holly lives with a tremendous guilt for not being able to do certain things and one of them is the fact that she can’t have a baby.” In the movie the couple ends up going to Ethiopia to adopt an orphan infant son. Did Lopez arrive at a different view of adoption as a result of her role? She smiles, “It’s funny, before the movie, I never really thought about adoption at all. Once I had my own baby, I was just so focused on that. It took me a while to have my own. But during the making of the film when I held those two little Ethiopian twins, you fall in love instantly and it really occurred to me. I can see how somebody can do this. How it is so easy to embrace a child who has nothing. It’s really a beautiful, selfless act of love. You go OK, I understand these feelings. I get this, I know how this happens.”

Did the movie mirror any aspects of Lopez’s life as a real mother? She laughs, “First, all you really do care about is not messing up the baby part. I just want them to be OK so that comes first for me and everything else just kind of falls in line after that. That’s kind of my philosophy. So long as that’s kind of working in the right way, then I can dedicate whatever time I need to dedicate to my career. I just take it one day at a time. I have a lot of help. I have a lot of great people in all those areas at work and at home. I have a great family and all together we do it. It takes a village.”
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Ms. Alexander, a mother of 3, who currently holds a Master’s Degree and had no prior criminal record; was attacked by her husband who has a known and documented history of domestic abuse on August 1, 2010. Alexander was arrested after she fired a warning shot into the wall after her husband threatened to kill her. Ms. Alexander desperately needs help paying legal expenses. Donate at www.justice4marissa.com
Bahamas Parliament Officially Opens In Style

Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Perry Gladstone Christie, escorts his wife, Bernadette, to the House of Assembly, during the Opening of Parliament, Wednesday, May 23, 2012 in Parliament Square. Inclement weather did not dampen the pomp and pageantry of the Opening of Parliament. (BIS Photo/Derek Smith)

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Works and Urban Development, the Hon. Philip "Brave" Davis, walks hand-in-hand with his wife Ann-Marie during the Opening of Parliament. Wednesday (May 23, 2012). Mrs. Davis had drew oohs and aahs from the large crowd on hand for the Opening despite the inclement weather. (BIS Photo/Derek Smith)

Caribbean Queen of Controversy Rihanna Continues To Offend Islanders By Posting 'Topless' Photos From New Music Video

Barbados: Despite being named in TIME Magazine’s 100 Most Influential, making Forbes’ coveted list, making her acting debut in the box office hit Battleship, and appearing this week on American Idol, Rihanna is still a touchy subject in the Caribbean.

The singer is getting flack for posting photos from her new music video, “Where Have You Been?” While she was wearing body paint as a part of her transformation to turn into a crocodile, many still consider her topless and says she is not a good influence.

New Haitian Prime Minister Vows To End Misery And Instability

New Prime Minister Laurent Lamothe is determined to end Haiti’s instability and break the cycle of misery. But Lamothe, 39, is a political novice who officially took over the country’s second hardest job on Wednesday when he and his 21-member government were sworn in.

“I have the ambition of working and being the prime minister that takes care of the people’s needs,” Lamothe, a close friend and former business associate of President Michel Martelly, said. “In Haiti... you have to focus on tomorrow, and make sure tomorrow is better than today.”

That work begins immediately, according to Lamothe, who announced a massive street clean-up, road improvements and increased security measures. The makeover will be combined with several new reforms he plans to send to parliament, he added.

“We have four years to develop this country,” said the new prime minister, a tech-savvy decision-maker who never goes anywhere without his iPad. “We have to get moving.”

The swearing-in marked a beginning for Lamothe and Martelly, who concluded the first year of his five-year presidential term on Monday. With parliament and Martelly at odds, many hope this “fresh start” is what disaster-ravaged Haiti needs to rebuild. Until now, the political bickering has delayed reconstruction and political progress.

Lamothe was Martelly’s fourth pick, and the second prime minister to be ratified by parliament in six months. Former Prime Minister Garry Conille resigned after only four months amid friction with Martelly.

In the nearly three months leading up to his ratification, Lamothe has reached out across the political divide, courting politicians and members of the formal business community. He preaches inclusion and breaking the political gridlock.

“We don’t have any other choice,” Lamothe told the media. “It is the same fight. It’s the fight to reduce inequalities, it’s the fight to bring better living conditions to the most vulnerable and it’s a fight to bring the country out of this cycle of misery and instability that has plagued it for so long.”

Long the contact in Martelly’s inner-circle for some foreign diplomats, Lamothe is viewed as a “deliverer” and “determined doer” who offers sage advice to the president although he doesn’t always follow the advice, according to insiders.

While acknowledging that he may not be the best qualified politically for the job, the international community says he’s the last chance for Martelly to make progress.
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Jacksonville’s LOCAL NEWS

More Than 10,000 Attend Job Fair

It is estimated that more than 10,000 attended the Corrine Brown Job Fair Monday in Jacksonville.

Those in attendance were from Florida and Georgia, even though Ms. Brown represents a Florida district.

When Brunswick, Georgia residents were asked what brought them to Jacksonville, their response was, “We don’t have a Congressman Brown to represent us. Corrine delivers.”

There were over 200 businesses and organizations looking to hire. The Florida/Georgia Star received approximately 400 applications and confirmed they are ready to hire, right now.

Mayor Alvin Brown, Florida’s State Senator Audrey Gibson, State Representatives Mia Jones, were also present as they encouraged the job seekers.

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Jacksonville Mayor Alvin Brown and Congressman Corrine Brown

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(StatePoint) Though your dad may be a superhero to you, he is not immune to common health problems that affect men. And as your father ages, his risk for certain life-threatening diseases increases.

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Here are some healthy ways to celebrate Dad this Father’s Day:

Go Fishing: Stress is harmful to both mental and physical health, so get some fresh air and a sense of relaxation with a day on the water. Evidence from several studies suggests that incorporating fish into one’s diet can help protect against prostate cancer because they contain “good fat,” particularly omega-3 fatty acids.

Barbecue: If a barbecue is your annual tradition, don’t fret. That fish you catch will go perfectly on the grill with a side of vegetables. Tomatoes and cruciferous vegetables like broccoli are a great choice. And if you can’t forgo the beef, don’t despair. Marinated meats can contain cancer-causing chemicals that lodge in the prostate.

Also skip the trans fatty acids found in margarine and give your meal a flavor boost with olive oil instead.

Move: Play golf, play tennis, or simply walk off your meal together. Obesity increases a man’s risk of heart disease, aggressive forms of prostate cancer, diabetes, stroke and hypertension, amongst other dangerous health problems, so make maintaining a healthy weight a priority for both you and Dad.

Checkup: Prostate cancer affects one in six men, with more than 16 million men affected by the disease globally, and two million affected in the U.S. alone. Early diagnosis can improve one’s prognosis, so encourage your father to schedule an appointment for a screening as soon as possible. Broader awareness and understanding for this disease are crucial for saving lives.

Get Involved: You and Dad can support men’s health while enjoying baseball, by donating money to support finding better treatments for prostate cancer. Each year, during a special “Home Run Challenge,” Major League Baseball and the Prostate Cancer Foundation encourage baseball fans to make a financial pledge for every home run hit during select games June 7-17 at www.prostatecancerfoundation.org.

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By ARTHIA NIXON
Florida/Georgia Star

16 year-old Davia Williams and her younger sister Tamia have been raised with the knowledge that education is the key to success. While in class on a mission with the United Nations Police, their father DJ would tell anyone who would listen that his princesses were on par with some college students. He attributed their prodigious talents to the education they were receiving at Risley Early College Academy. Venus and Serena may be the Williams sisters known in the world of tennis, but when it came to academics in the small seaside town of Brunswick, Georgia, search in the midst of Jacksonville and Savannah, Davia and Tamia are the Williams sisters of academics. Imagine DJ surprising his wife, Tamia, when he called her to let her know that the school, which is over 90% black and paving the way for the others. "We've done the marches, we've sat-ins, we've allowed our kids to stage a walk-out and it doesn't seem to make a difference," he said. "One minute we hear the school is getting a multi-million dollar renovation and the next year we hear it's closing. Why do the upgrades if there is going to be no school? What are they doing? Are they closing the school so that they can use the building? This is an outrage and instead of sitting quietly, we need to come together as a group and use the media and the power that it holds. The Star is a paper that the teachers and students in the school. We ought to have lost the battle but it might not be too late to win the war."

The Star obtained a letter written by Supt. Howard S. Mann to parents earlier this year stating: "The recommendation that I made to the Glynn County Board of Education to close Risley Early College Education Academy was one of the most difficult that I have ever had to make as the superintendent." The parents however found out that the decision to close the school was based on finances. Since 2007, they've been fighting. Sadly, their fighting seems to have been in vain.

He further stated that closing RECA was “based solely on the district’s financial position, which has been impacted severely and negatively by several factors including a local tax depat that continues to decline dramatically, legislation that has reduced local funding for education by nearly $12 million over the past three years, and state budget cuts that began in 2003 and continue to this day.” Mr. Williams pointed out that the school’s first graduating class would have the opportunity to graduate from the school and would receive high- GPA at RECA is closing. She inspired students and staff through spoken word during her speech.

HONORS DAY: Tamia and D.J. Williams are making major sacrifices by moving their daughters Davia and Tamia to Jacksonville now that RECA is closing. The Williams family has gone directly to the top to fight to keep their children’s school from shut- ting down. They are just one family affected in the school’s closure.

Williams Family To Leave Brunswick After School Board Refuses To Appeal Decision Of RECA’s Closure

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The Williams however have decided to leave everything behind in Brunswick and head south to Jacksonville to facilitate their daughter’s acceptance into a medical program. "My family to see," says Mr. Williams. "Yes, we have to find housing and everything but no sacrifice to great when it comes to kids. We have to accept. But in the meantime we have a responsibility to the others who are looking for educational options. As it stands today, right now, I have to fight for the others."
Jaguar Make a Million Commitment To Veterans

RENDICK TAYLOR EARN'S SPALDING HIGHLIGHT OF THE WEEK

The Jacksonville Jaguars have made a $1 million financial commitment and will take a leadership role in supporting aid efforts for military veterans in assisting back into the community when they return from service. Through the development of a Veteran’s Guidance Center, these veterans will have access to critical resources for skills development, job transition counseling, and assistance transitioning into housing.

“In my short time in Jacksonville I have seen the impact and the importance of the military here in this community,” Jaguars owner Shahid Khan said. “We’re honored to be able to help support and be a part of the local veterans and military members of the community upon their return. We owe them a debt of gratitude for their loyal and selfless service to protect us and our freedoms, and we hope this commitment will benefit many veterans in their pursuit of training, jobs, housing and quality of life with their families.”

The announcement was made by Jacksonville Mayor Alvin Brown this morning at an invitation-only event at the Times-Union Center for the Performing Arts that included President Bill Clinton. Mayor Brown hosted the event, which was focused on jobs and the economy.

Jacksonville's 55-19 win over the Iowa Barnstormers on Saturday night.

JACKSONVILLE – The Arena Football League announced Tuesday that Jacksonville Sharks fullback Rendrick Taylor has earned the Spalding Highlight of the Week award for Week 11 of the 2012 season. Taylor is being honored for his 31-yard touchdown run in Jacksonville's 55-19 win over the Iowa Barnstormers on Saturday night.

The Sharks led the Barnstormers by a 13-0 score heading into the second quarter. On the first play of the second quarter, Taylor took a pitch from quarterback Bernard Morris, beat the Barnstormers defenders to the edge and turned upfield, powering through one would-be tackler as he raced to the end zone. Taylor's 31-yard burst put Jacksonville ahead by three scores and helped build a lead that would eventually grow to 31-0.

Taylor also made Shark history on Saturday, becoming the first player in team history to rush for 50 or more yards in a single game. He finished with seven carries for 50 yards and that touchdown, breaking Morris’ previous franchise record of 42 yards, set on July 24, 2010 against the Bossier-Shreveport Battle Wings.

This season, Taylor has rushed for 65 yards and three touchdowns on 14 carries and stands as the team's second-leading rusher, trailing Morris by four yards and Jamarko Simmons by one touchdown for the lead in each category.

Before turning pro, the 25-year-old Taylor played at Clemson University, where he actually began his Tiger career as a wide receiver before switching to fullback following a redshirt season. Taylor spent time on the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' practice squad during the 2010 season as well, with 19 of their 22 wins coming when they cross the plate first. In the final three game's of the series, the Blue Wahoos once again relied on the bullpen, using four relievers on Monday. Curtis Partch, Justin Freeman, and A.J. Ramos each pitched an inning holding the Suns to just one run. Donnie Joseph tossed the ninth inning to record his fourth save of the season.

Tim Crabbe pitched six scoreless innings and gave up just two hits to even his record at 2-2, with both of his wins this season coming on the road. The only hit he allowed in the game were singles by Ryan Patterson and Donnie Webb. In his last start, Crabbe struck out six and walked three batters. Zach Neal and A.J. Ramos each pitched an inning of scoreless ball. Corey Madden allowed three hits and gave up two runs in his start, while Omar Poveda was charged with four hits and one earned run in six innings of work.

The win gave the Blue Wahoos their first road series victory of the season, while the Suns have now lost their last three series. Pensacola is one game below .500 with a record of 22-23 and have moved past the Suns in the standings, with Jacksonville falling to 24-24. The Suns are 5-5 in the Bay Area. Pensacola has out-hit the Suns in the first month of the season. Pensacola second baseman Jeff Dominguez hit a solo home run to right field off of reliever Justin Frostman to account for Jacksonville's only run. His second home run of the season, and first since the opening series of the year, when he hit a three-run home run against Huntsville. The Suns have now hit a home run in seven of the last nine games.

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Dear Fellow Citizens:

This past weekend marked the one year anniversary of my becoming Jacksonville’s Mayor-elect. On May 19, 2011, I stood on the steps of City Hall with Mayor John Peyton and accepted the enormous honor and privilege that Jacksonville citizens had bestowed upon me. Shortly after my election, we assembled one of the most diverse and accomplished transition teams in our city’s history. The transition team’s hard work laid the foundation for our administration.

I took office on July 1. Exactly two weeks later, we presented our first budget to the City Council. Working with the Council, we closed a nearly $60 million budget deficit without increasing taxes or fees or dipping into city reserves. We later enacted the first major reform of city government in two decades, streamlining operations so that the City of Jacksonville can operate more effectively and efficiently.

We elevated the Office of Military Affairs, Veterans and Disabled Services to a Cabinet post, appointed a retired two star admiral to head the office, and announced new initiatives to support our brave military personnel and veterans. We have worked closely with the business community to generate jobs and economic activity. This partnership’s successes have included companies like Bi-Lo/Hannaford, Web.com, and Medtronic establishing or expanding their operations here. They have included the $10 million grant that we helped JAXPORT secure to make our port facilities more competitive. They include Mayor Brown’s Business Builder initiative, which helps small businesses find the tools they need to grow and prosper. They include EverBank deciding to move 1,500 jobs to Downtown Jacksonville.

We have also worked to be innovative in those few challenging times. I appointed the city’s first ever education commissioner, an executive on loan who works for $1 per year. Through our efforts, we have raised private support for JRTC, created the Mayor’s Mentors Program, and this summer will give high school students an on-campus college experience through our Learn to Earn initiative.

We also created the city’s first Office of Public Private Partnerships to build relationships and develop funding sources to support priorities like efficient government, economic development, Downtown revitalization, education and parks. That office, which is also led by an executive on loan who works for $1 per year, has already paid dividends. Earlier this month, at an economic summit with President Bill Clinton, we announced more than $5 million in commitments from private sector city priorities.

In the six weeks remaining before my first year in office ends, we will build on those successes by working with the City Council to modernize the process for bringing high-wage jobs to Jacksonville and increase the focus on Downtown as a prime location for economic development. We will enhance our quality of life by launching an effort to turn one of the largest urban parks into one of the best.

Thank you again for the opportunity you gave me a year ago. I appreciate all you do to make our city a great place to live, work, and raise our families. Together, we will take Jacksonville to the next level.

Sincerely,

Alvin Brown
Mayor

Jacksonville Mayor Alvin Brown addresses the city in his annual address on Monday, May 21, 2012, at the annual State of the City address. (Bob Mack/Florida Times-Union)
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The Aloft Hotel Hosted “The 5th Annual Eric’s Life, White Attire Benefit Party, an Angel’s Call.”

Eric is the brother of Roderick Borisade (Odd Rod), a local Poet. Eric passed away at the age of sixteen due to brain cancer. Eric was also a twin to a sister, Erica.

Roderick (Odd Rod) has beaten the odds. Roderick and Erica were raised by their aunt Tina Harvey. They could not go to their grandmother Lessie and grandfather John Harvey because of their age and retirement status, they are both deceased now. At the time, Tina Harvey had two kids of her own she made the ultimate sacrifice and raised Roderick and his siblings. Roderick’s mother had been on drugs for the most part of his life until about five or six years ago, she has been clean. Roderick grew up in the 45th and Moncrief area here in Jacksonville, Florida.

Roderick (Odd Rod) realized at an early age that education was going to be his way out of a bad situation. He met a philanthropist, a woman by the name of Delores Kesler when he attended Raines High School, whom he says changed his life. She paid for a full scholarship for him to attend The University of North Florida where he attained a Bachelor’s degree in Multi-media.

Delores Kesler encouraged him to pay it forward and Roderick did. He gave a family five hundred dollars that he did not know that he’d heard about in the news whose son was dying of cancer, but after doing that he said, “It felt good,” since then he has given money to Brooks Rehabilitation and Hope Havens Children’s Clinic and Family Center.

This year the money from the Benefit will go to Eric’s Life Inc. and a thousand dollars will go to River Region Human Services in Jacksonville, Florida. River Region works with people with many different addictions, Aids patients, Rehab and counseling to help patients get back on their feet and become productive members of society.

Entertainment for the event was Poet Ali (Miami) of Black on Black Rhyme from Tallahassee, Levi Stephens from an R & B Singer/Songwriter from the Washington D.C. area, Special Formula, a local Jacksonville Band and D.J. Byrd (a Crown Capitol/ Point Blank DJ) was the official DJ for the party.

Roderick’s stage name for when he is doing his poetry is, “Odd Rod” he says he calls himself that because he beat the odds and he credits Delores Kesler, his Aunt Tina as well as a few others that have helped him along the way, but most of all Education because it has changed his economic situation.

Roderick has also written a children’s book titled, “Buddy and Bird” which he self-published.

His poem, “Plus Size” is on ITunes, it is about his life with a drug addicted mother and his and her struggles.

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HEALTH

Help Improve Dad’s Health This Father’s Day

(StatePoint) Though your dad may be a superhero to you, he is not immune to common health problems that affect men. And as your father ages, his risk for certain life-threatening diseases increases.

But you can be his superhero this Father’s Day by helping him form habits that promote good health and longevity.

Here are some healthy ways to celebrate Dad this Father’s Day:

Go Fishing: Stress is harmful to both mental and physical health, so get some fresh air and a sense of relaxation with a day on the water. Evidence from several studies suggests that incorporating fish into one’s diet can help protect against prostate cancer because they contain “good fat,” particularly omega-3 fatty acids.

Barbecue: If a barbecue is your annual tradition, don’t fret. That fish you catch will go perfectly on the grill with a side of vegetables. Tomatoes and cruciferous vegetables like broccoli are a great choice. And if you can’t forgo the beef, don’t char. Charred meats can contain cancer-causing carcinogens that lodge in the prostate.

Also skip the trans fatty acids found in margarine and give your meal a flavor boost with olive oil instead.

Move: Play golf, play tennis, or simply walk off your meal together. Obesity increases a man’s risk of heart disease, aggressive forms of prostate cancer, diabetes, stroke and hypertension, amongst other dangerous health problems, so make maintaining a healthy weight a priority for both you and Dad.

Checkup: Prostate cancer affects one in six men, with more than 16 million men affected by the disease globally, and two million affected in the U.S. alone. Early diagnosis can improve one’s prognosis, so encourage your father to schedule an appointment for a screening as soon as possible. Broader awareness and understanding for this disease are crucial for saving lives.

Get Involved: You and Dad can support men’s health while enjoying baseball, by donating money to support finding better treatments for prostate cancer. Each year, during a special “Home Run Challenge,” Major League Baseball and the Prostate Cancer Foundation encourage baseball fans to make a financial pledge for every home run hit during select games June 7-17 at www.home-runchallenge.org.

More healthy living tips, a free nutrition guide, and nutritious recipes can be found at www.pcf.org/nutrition.

If you really want to show Dad how much you care this Father’s Day, consider forgoing a gluttonous meal and spend the day promoting healthy habits instead.

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LIVING

How To Turn Your Hobby Into A Career

(StatePoint) If you’re unemployed, underemployed, or unhappy with your job, you’re not alone. Not only is the economy still in recovery mode, but according to The Conference Board, job unhappiness among American workers is at the highest level it has been in over 20 years of research.

That’s why an increasing number of people are turning their hobbies and passions into a viable business. But how does one get started on such a venture?

“It’s all about building an online business around your interests and the lifestyle you want to enjoy in order to establish yourself as an expert in your field,” says Scott Fox, an online entrepreneur and author of the new book “Click Millionaires: Work Less, Live More with an Internet Business You Love.”

Fox believes this isn’t as hard as it sounds. He is offering some practical tips on how to turn your weekend pastime into a full-time money-making operation:

• Don’t over-think your new business. Take action instead!
• Identify a niche industry, interest or community where you have expertise and interest.
• Brainstorm and buy a domain name that includes keywords important to your niche, is easy to spell, and is memorable.
• Set up a blog and post to it often. Many blog publishing platforms are free to use, such as Weebly.com, Blogger.com and Wordpress.com. But be sure to have your own domain name as it will appear more professional.
• Keep up-to-date on information pertaining to your industry. Use “Google Alerts,” a free service, to receive email alerts on news searches pertaining to your selected interests.
• Network with the top 20 professionals in your industry or target community via email, Facebook, Google+, or relevant community forums. Leave comments and questions on your contacts’ blogs and invite them to read and submit to your blog.
• Build your brand and direct traffic to your blog, site and Facebook page by soliciting comments and feedback from your audience.
• Keep at it. The best way to show up in search engine results is to consistently publish.

For more tips on turning your area of expertise into a full-time career, visit www.Click-Millionaires.com.

Leave the days of being an employee behind you and take control of your career by doing something you love. There is no professional path more rewarding.
Let's Go Out to the Ball Game!

The crowds, popcorn and peanuts, home runs and cheers are just a few of the things I like when going to a ball game. The baseball season is in full swing! Do you play on a team? Are you a fan? Just about everyone can play a little baseball, so grab a glove and ball and get out into the sunshine and fresh air!

Can you find and circle these baseball words in the puzzle?

bases  baseball  bat  coach
southpaw  pitcher  run  glove
grand slam  pop up  bunt  bullpen
bleachers  batter  steal  bench
umpire  inning  team  catcher

Pop out to a ball game, get popcorn and watch pop flies!

How many parts of the baseball field can you name? Fill in the blank spaces (the ones with arrows) with the names from the list above.

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1. right off the bat  A. wrong, doesn’t know what’s going on
2. go to bat for  B. show surprise or fear
3. to get to first base  C. to get a good start
4. out in left field  D. begin a game, cooperate with others
5. play ball  E. help out someone
6. bat an eyelash  F. immediately

1. the outfielder leap for the ball
2. the batter warm up for a turn at bat
3. the crack of the bat hitting the ball
4. the cheer of the crowd
5. the aroma of hotdogs in the air
6. the leather of baseballs and baseball gloves
7. the warm sun
8. the wind blowing gently across the bleachers
9. the cold, bubbly fruit drink
10. the hot, crunchy, buttery popcorn
Mayor Alvin Brown congratulated Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) cadets this morning at City Hall. Mayor Brown, along with Congressman Ander Crenshaw and Duval County School Board Chair Betty Burney, celebrated the growth and successful public-private partnerships that he led to save the JROTC programs at Englewood, Mandarin, Raines and Wolfson High Schools.

“Jacksonville is a military town. We have the two biggest Navy bases in the state. One out of every four people in our city is connected to the service. JROTC isn’t just a school program. It is part of our culture,” said Mayor Brown. “So when I realized it would cost $200,000 to preserve JROTC at some of our local high schools, I reached out to everyone I could. Cadets, instructors, schools, parents and the community stepped up, and enrollment increased by 39 percent.”

Enrollment in the JROTC programs at the four schools increased this school year from 412 to 574. Sixty additional cadets enrolled in the program at Mandarin High School, 39 more at Englewood High School, 33 more at Raines High School and 30 more cadets at Wolfson High School.

The growth in enrollment helps the programs remain sustainable beyond the success of Mayor Brown’s public-private partnerships. Participation in extra-curricular activities such as JROTC correlate with staying in school, getting better grades and graduating from high school.
DNA Leads to Arrest of Rapist From 2010

A man was arrested for sexual assault of a 15-year-old girl from 2010.

On September 6, 2010, 36-year-old Freddie Owen Felder III climbed through a bedroom window at around 5 to 6 a.m. Felder had a mask on and approached the 15-year-old victim with a knife, threatening her if she didn’t do as he said. He then choked her with both hands and raped her. He choked her so hard that he left scratches on her neck. Police say he then fled the scene and that he left enough DNA evidence.

Felder was unidentified until the DNA evidence was thoroughly examined. Results led to the arrest of Felder, who police say had been convicted of a similar case in the past. In January 1998, Felder had assaulted a girl who was around the same age as his most recent victim. He was convicted in 2000. He was charged with attempted sexual battery and sentenced to five years in prison.

Psychologists requested for treatment under the Jimmy Royce Act for Felder after his prison sentence. The Jimmy Royce Act allowed for the Florida Department of Corrections, the Department of Children and Family Services, and state attorneys to look over Felder’s history of sex offense and decide whether he was likely to commit such offenses again. Felder was released in 2003 as he was not considered to be a threat anymore.

Records show that Felder also served two years in 1997 for resisting an officer with violence. He also served four years for attempted armed robbery in 1992. In March 2011, Felder was arrested on the front yard of his home and was held on $1 million bond.

Felder was scheduled for trial for his most recent offense, but instead he pleaded no contest to a charge of lewd and lascivious battery on a child younger than 16, a second-degree felony. An attorney suggested that Felder be sentenced to life in prison and declare him a sexual predator. A testimony from the victim convinced the judge to accept the recommendation and Felder was sentenced to life.

“The defendant’s violent criminal acts are a chilling reminder that dangerous and violent predators prowl our communities,” said an attorney. “The courageous victim’s testimony was compelling, persuasive and resulted in a life sentence for the defendant. He will no longer pose a threat to our communities.”

Teen Charged with Attempted Murder

A 17-year-old teen was arrested after shooting a man in the leg during a home invasion.

Police say Khalin Bryant had barged into a home with another person and demanded money from the two teens inside. Both the intruders were armed with silver revolvers and they started beating the victims. The father of one of the victims entered the room with a wooden stick and Bryant shot him in the leg. He fell to the ground and broke his arm and elbow. Bryant then fired another shot grazing his chest, according to reports.

One of the victims told police that he recognized one of the intruders who went by the name of “Snap Trap,” which is Bryant’s nickname.

Detectives were able to determine Bryant as one of the suspects and arrested him for second degree murder, armed burglary, and aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.

Detectives are still searching for the second suspect. They are saying he is a 20-year-old tall black male.
**From Actual Police Reports**

**Did You Hear About?...**

**EDITOR’S NOTE:**
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.

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**Man Kills Father with Hammer**

Police say a man was killed by his own son while he was lying in bed.

Police say Shedrick Louis Partin, 23, struck his father, Samuel Lee Partin, 61, in the head multiple times in the head with a hammer and a white door stop, while he was lying in bed. The injuries were so severe that he died.

During an authorized search warrant at the home after the incident, a pair of gray and black boots and blue jean pants were recovered inside Partin’s bedroom with what appeared to be blood stains. Partin was said to have been seen leaving the residence wearing those clothes earlier in the morning, while the victim was still alive. The defendant was also last seen wearing a black hooded sweat shirt with bright designs on the front of it. A second witness observed the defendant returning to the neighborhood wearing the same sweatshirt. This sweatshirt was later found and recovered by detectives at a different location. The sweatshirt was inspected and found to have suspected blood stains. The hammer and a white door stop were also recovered inside the residence with what appeared to be blood transfer.

The DNA of all the evidence matched Partin’s profile and the blood on all the evidence matched his father’s.

Partin was arrested for 2nd degree murder.

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**Man Arrested After Shooting at Three Officers**

A man was charged with multiple counts of attempted murder after shooting at three law enforcement officers.

Three officers attempted to make contact with a suspicious person, Michael Wayne Bailey, 25. Bailey was stopped because he matched the physical description and was wearing the same clothing as the suspect that had just been involved in a reported verbal altercation.

The complaint provided a sworn statement that Bailey displayed a handgun in his waistband during the altercation. Bailey fled the scene and police were reported of the incident.

Bailey was stopped by the officers as he matched the given description and one of them asked Bailey if he was armed to which he replied “No”. The officer then attempted to conduct a weapons pat-down on Bailey, but he began to flee on foot. He then armed himself with a .22 cal revolver, which was in his pocket and as he was beginning to flee, raised the handgun and fired at the officers. At the time he fired the weapon at the officers, one of them was approximately 5-6 feet from Bailey. Bailey then dropped the gun and after a brief foot pursuit was taken into custody. Bailey then admitted to being possession of a firearm but not shooting the gun. Also a check revealed Bailey was convicted as an out of state felon.

Bailey was charged with three counts of attempted first degree murder of a law enforcement officer and felon in possession of a firearm.

Nobody was injured.

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**Your Safety**

**How You Can Prevent Your Children From Doing Drugs**

Establish and maintain good communication with your children. The better you know your children, the easier it will be to guide them towards positive activities and friendships.

- Talk to your children every day. Share what happened to you and ask what happened to them during the day.
- Ask questions that kids can’t answer with “yes” or “no,” such as “what was your favorite part of the day.” Ask your children their opinions and include them in making decisions. Show your children that you value their thoughts and input.
- Be ready to talk to your children as early as the fourth grade, when they may first feel peer pressure to experiment with alcohol, drugs, or cigarettes.
- Listen to your child’s or teen’s concerns nonjudgmentally. Repeat them to make clear that you understand. Don’t preach.

Young people are less likely to get involved with drugs when caring adults are a part of their life.

- Spend time doing something your children want to do every day.
- Support your children’s activities by attending special events, like recitals and games, and praising them for their efforts.
- Help your children manage problems by asking what is wrong when they seem upset and letting them know you are there to help.

Be a positive role model. Why? Because Children imitate adults.

- Demonstrate ways to solve problems, have fun, and manage stress without using alcohol or drugs.
- Point out examples of irresponsible behavior, such as ones you see in movies or hear in music.
- Remember that you set the example. Avoid contradictions between your words and your actions. Use alcohol in moderation, don’t smoke cigarettes, and never use drugs.

Talk to your children about drugs. When parents talk to their kids early and often about substance abuse, kids are less likely to try drugs.

- Short discussions go a long way. Engage your children in a conversation. Ask what they know, how they feel, and what they think about the issue.
- Talk to your children one-on-one and together.
- Educate yourself about alcohol, tobacco, and drug use before talking to your children. You will lose credibility if you don’t have your facts right.
- Set some time aside for you and your child to act out scenarios in which one person tries to pressure another to drink alcohol, smoke, or use a drug. Figure out two or three ways to handle each situation and talk about which works best.
Man Charged with Neglect After Child Found Playing on Roadway

A man was arrested after a seventeen month old child was found outside playing on the roadway.

24-year-old Elton Jerome Davis Jr. was said to have left the child at his residence all alone. Davis placed the child who was sleeping on the couch and left then to go to work.

A witness later spotted the child playing outside in the roadway with a dog. Police say the roadway was an active thoroughfare. The witness recognized the child and brought him back to the home, where she discovered the front door had been left open. She entered the home to look for Davis, but she could not find him.

When Davis was later questioned and he told the police that he placed the child on a couch, put Cheerio’s and orange juice nearby for him.

Police say the child is too young and is unable to protect or take care of himself and arrested Davis.

Davis was charged with child neglect without great harm and the child was put in the care of DCF.

Elton Davis Jr.

Man Keeps Calling Police on Ex-Wife and Gets Charged with Stalking

A man who had been arrested last year for stalking his ex-wife was recently arrested again for stalking and was caught in the act.

Danny Paige, 43, called police one night to report that his ex-wife had left the children alone at her house as she left to go to the club. When the police went to the apartment complex, they found her in her pajamas with her two children. Paige told the officers that she was afraid because she knew Paige was watching her every move. The police searched for Paige but could not find him.

Paige called the police again the next day reporting that two women were arguing, but police did not find anything happening. Instead they spotted Paige running away from the apartment and they approached him. When asked, he told them he came to visit someone but when asked for the name or apartment number, he did not have any answers.

Paige was arrested and charged with stalking.

Police say Paige and his ex-wife lived together in the past and had a child together. He has three prior convictions from last year, including trespassing and domestic stalking.

Danny Paige

Other Unusual Crimes Across the Nation

Man Tries to Rob 7-Eleven With Rock

Colorado Springs, CO- Police say there have been several robberies in Colorado Springs recently that involved suspects using rocks. There have been reports of a thief threatening employees with a rock at other liquor stores and also at an Arby’s. Police say in the most recent robbery, a man entered a 7-Eleven store and demanded money. The employees did not feel threatened at all, so he threw the rock at one of them and attacked another. The man fled without any cash or the rock he came with. Police have finally identified the man as 51-year-old Dwight Davis and are searching for this rock-wielding criminal.

Woman Leaves Children in Car to Rob Subway Restaurant

Tulsa, OK- Lorna Hampton, 25, had left her two children in her car before entering a subway restaurant. The store clerk said that Hampton demanded money while pointing a BB gun at him. The clerk instead turned around and ran off to somewhere in the back of the restaurant. In the video, Hampton is then seen jumping over the counter and taking money out of the cash register. The clerk returns and shoots Hampton with a taser gun and Hampton can be seen freezing up and falling over like a wooden plank to the ground. The employee said as they were waiting for police, Hampton was still trying to reach for the money. She then cried and begged to let her go as she had children. When police came, she was arrested and charged with assault with two counts of child endangerment and robbery with a firearm.

Man Kidnaps and Tortures Dinner Date for Two Days

Kansas City, Mo- 56-year-old Carey Clark had picked up his date, whom he had met at a nightclub. As they were on their way to dinner, Clark told his date that he had to stop by his house because he forgot his credit cards. After inviting her in, he locked the door and started punching and kicking her. The victim was locked in the house for two days and was beaten, raped, and also shocked with a stun gun. The victim also said he kept calling her a “whore” and that he hated whores. Clark told her that he was the cousin of Terry Blair, a convicted killer, and he hated whores as well. He told her that he wanted to kill them too. Clark was also said to have smoked PCP. At one point, Clark became hungry and left the house, leaving the victim alone. The victim then managed to lift a window screen to escape and ran across the street wrapped in a sheet to a neighbor who called the police for her. Clark was arrested and charged with kidnapping, forcible sodomy, and two counts of attempted forcible rape.

Woman Attacked After Returning iPhone to Owner

Fredericksburg, V A- A 53-year-old woman had come across an iPhone near a 7-Eleven and as a good samaritan, she contacted the owner of the phone and set up a meeting to return it. She met up with the couple and returned the phone to them. They also gave her a cash reward, but when she turned around, the male owner grabbed her from behind and threw her to the ground. He then took the money back and the couple fled the area. Police have not identified the couple, but are investigating.

Man Kidnaps and Tortures Dinner Date for Two Days
Criminal Line-Up

MISSING CHILDREN

Name: Vickie Baptiste
Age: 17
Weight: 133 lbs
Last seen: 5/02/12

Name: Tashiume J. Hill
Age: 14
Weight: 140 lbs
Last seen: 4/20/12

Name: Jashae Lewis
Age: 16
Weight: 110 lbs
Last seen: 5/01/12

Name: Jasmine Kierra Paul
Age: 17
Weight: 150 lbs
Last seen: 5/09/12

Name: Ashley F. Perpignad
Age: 14
Weight: 160 lbs
Last seen: 5/07/12

ON THE LOOKOUT

Burglary Suspect

Police are trying to identify a male suspect that was involved with a burglary. Photos are attached of the unknown suspect. The suspect appears to be a black male with tattoos down his right arm.

Anyone with any information about the identity or location of the suspect is asked to contact Crime Stoppers at 1-866-845-TIPS or email rewards@fccrimestoppers.com. You will remain anonymous and receive a possible reward if your tip leads to an arrest.

MOST WANTED

Name: Lawanda Allen
Offense: Fraud- Use of Personal ID

Name: Latoya Clary
Offense: Aggravated Batter w/Deadly Weapon

Name: Kenneth Chance
Offense: Domestic Battery Strangle

Name: Marcel Clark
Offense: Aggravated Batter w/Deadly Weapon

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