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## Trivia Twist Answers For June Issue

1. 12
2. Louis Vuitton
3. England
4. Jada Pinkett
5. Joseph (Yusef)
6. Bronx, NY
7. 6
8. Abraham Lincoln
9. Magic Johnson and  
Isaiah Thomas
10. Jesus (Isa)
11. April 2001
12. Mecca, Saudi Arabia
13. 3
14. Cuba
15. N'Sync
16. Wentworth Miller
17. Reggie Jackson
18. Harvard
19. Larry, Curly and Moe
20. Taxidermist

Fasting in the month of Ramadan thus takes on a new spiritual and moral significance. It is the month in which we celebrate the praises of our Lord God for the great gift of the Qur'an. We glorify Him and extol His holiness by fasting during this month. The Qur'an not only shows man the right path, but also guides human reason and lays down a clear criterion between right and wrong, good and evil. It is not just a book of do's and don'ts, but is the repository of infinite wisdom, and guidance to the highest moral and spiritual excellence as well as to material and temporal success. The Qur'an regards human reason as the greatest single gift of God to man, and addresses its message to it, but it can function properly only if it is free and objective in its outlook. Fasting helps free human reason from the tyranny of unruly lusts and appetites, whims and caprices, individual and social, which often overwhelm and enslave it. Fasting puts human reason back in the driving seat by restraining, not suppressing or destroying three dominant human desires: desire for comfort, desire for food, and desire for procreation of his species. The Qur'an liberates human reason from the clutches of blind but powerful and unbridled emotion and sentiment.

## VIP Answers

1. Krush Groove
2. Arsenio Hall
3. 1980
4. Jesse Jackson
5. Dallas Cowboys and  
Cincinnati Reds
6. Risky Business
7. Brooke Shields
8. 1986
9. Philadelphia
10. Sharon Gless and  
Tyne Daly

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# CONTEST MANIA

The Scrabble Challenge is back! It'll be curious to see who steps up to claim the fame. As easy as the TRIVIA TWIST is in this issue we expect to have lots of entries. The following contests are for everyone. You don't have to be anyone special to participate. We don't believe in luck but we wish you well. The most important thing is to have fun. Please pay attention to the entry deadlines because there are no exceptions. Please submit all entries to Dawah International, LLC, PO Box 380, Powder Springs, GA, 30127. All winners will be announced in the issue following the entry deadline. Please look for the winner's circle on page 27.

## CONTEST #1 – SPOKEN WORD

If you have something deep, profound and passionate to say, this is the contest for you. Topics could be Street Life, Death of a Loved One, Incarceration, Impeach Bush, etc. Make sure your entry is no longer than 1 page long. You must be able to capture the vibe and thought in 1 page. Only 1 entry per person. NO VULGARITY, NO PROFANITY, NO PORN, and nothing that goes against what the magazine is about. We are looking for the BEST. Entries will not be returned. Please do not send anything other than what the contest calls for.

Entry Deadline: November 30, 2008

Grand Prize: \$100-There will only be one winner.

## CONTEST #2 – ONE NATION UNDER GOD

Name all the countries with flags containing Red, White and Blue. The flag can have other colors but it MUST have Red, White and Blue. Make a list on a piece of paper and make sure it is numbered. We will verify the list and whoever has the most wins. It's just that simple.

Entry Deadline: November 30, 2008

Grand Prize: 10 Free Greeting Cards from InsideOutz.com

RUNNERS UP: 3 people will receive a FREE VIP MEMBERSHIP to Prisonworld Magazine + a 1 Year Free Subscription

## CONTEST #3 - MAN'S BEST FRIEND

This one is especially for the dog lovers. If you can name the most amount of different type breed of dogs, then this contest is for you. You can submit the list on a piece of paper and please make sure that it is numbered. We will verify the breeds and whoever has the most wins.

Entry Deadline: November 30, 2008

Grand Prize: Surprise Gift

RUNNER UP: 3 people will receive a FREE VIP MEMBERSHIP to Prisonworld Magazine + a 1 Year Free Subscription

## **Letter from the Editors**

**Bismillaallahir-Rahmaanir-Rahiim,**

**In the Name of GOD, most gracious most merciful...**

**WELCOME** to all of our new subscribers! We had an overwhelming sign up of new people during the July/August period so we need to go over a few things. Our magazine publishes on a seven issue basis (June, July/August, September/October, November, Winter Edition-December-January-February, March and April/May). We skip during the middle of the month; it is less confusing that way. Because we are constantly growing, our services may change before you have a chance to order. If it is something that we can still honor, we will do so, if not we will give you the option of substituting for something else. We do not print artwork because we do not have the room. You will find all kinds of entertainment and resources on our pages. We do run all kinds of specials for our services. Please pay attention to pg 27 for announcements.

**Hola** to our Latino population. We know you guys are out there and are looking to provide you with more services. Please feel free to write us your letters in English and let us know what it is you are looking for.

We have received numerous **INTERNSHIP** applications and will be making our decisions shortly. Thanks to all who wanted to participate. We pray that this will be a beneficial arrangement or everyone.

Several of you have asked us to "dumb it down" on the trivia because it is too hard. We actually thought it was kind of easy but you never know what someone else knows. We don't try to insult anyone's intelligence. So the trivia has been "dumbed down" for this issue. (see pg 27)

Your government is really pulling a fast one with the Cloned Meat situation (pg 19). Who do you think they are going to be serving that meat to? Be careful of what you eat. Don't just be here to be here. Open your eyes and look around. Even in prison.

We're still taking it back old school with interviews from Stokely of Mint Condition and Willie Triplett (yes he's family) from Ready For The World which created a real 15 Minutes of Fame - Battle of the Bands (pg 24-25)

During this time of **RAMADAN** for those of you who are observing, think about one thing that you do only during **RAMADAN** that you could do all year long. For those of you who are not observing the fast, ask yourself, why not? What are you doing so important in your life that you could not give 30 days to God? May Allah make your fasts easy for you.

**SHOUTS OUT** to all of the librarians that display **PRISONWORLD MAGAZINE** in their libraries for the inmates. You are in a class all of your own.

From **ALLAH** we came and to him we will return. If death came for you today, would you be ready? Remember **ALLAH**. Thank **ALLAH**. Worship **ALLAH**.

**Rufus & Jenny Triplett**  
**Editors-in-Chief**

# Letters To The Editors

Dear Jenny, As-Salaamu Alaikum!

Let me 1<sup>st</sup> say thank you once again for bringing Prisonworld to life. It is a long overdue answer to a lot of unaddressed issues. It is very informative & fun. Let me also say that since reading the Winter Edition which I was a part of, I stopped eating pork & found my place in Islam & look forward to crossing sirat. (a bridge in the hereafter) I was even transferred to a better Ummah. I've yet to get my own Quran but by the miraj of Allah I know I will. I'm always thankful for all that you all do for us at Dawah international. May Allah keep peace and mercy upon you all.

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Oglethorpe, GA 31068

Editor's Note: This is an appreciation letter from a Muslim. We do not discriminate in participation of our magazine. If there is any helpful information that ANYONE can receive from this magazine then we are grateful. We have had to deal with **several** discriminatory staff members regarding our magazine because of its Islamic content. The last time we checked, there was no "one religion" requirement on inmates. Take the magazine for what it is – **INFORMATIVE, ENTERTAINING, and RESOURCEFUL**. Anything else that you may get out of it...is already written.

Dear Dawah International:

Your magazine is very enlightening and entertaining. You all provide knowledge which can be likened to castor oil and you also mix it up with entertainment (which is like orange juice). I guess you have to give the people some orange juice or they will not drink the castor oil. I also know that your magazine will grow within a few years.

Bobby Bostic 526795  
SCCC  
255 West Highway 32  
Licking, MO 65542

Editor's Note: We are experiencing a tremendous growth spurt right now. We have secured a deal where we will be able to help you all with self-publishing and production of your books and movies. The record company has finished its first compilation CD and will be expanding to accept new material very soon. Our MYSPACE page has tripled in viewership. PrisonworldBlogTalk.com has only been around for a short time and has an overwhelming amount of visitors. We soon will open that avenue for prisoners to speak out on prison issues. We are getting emails and calls from people overseas that are finding us on the internet. We are doing radio interviews all across the country. Also, in the very near future I will be writing a book myself. We could not have done any of this without your love and support. Thank you.

Mrs. Triplett,

I received your letter along with the copy of Prisonworld Magazine and the related brochures. What actually surprised me was that you took the time out of your more than likely hectic schedule to personally write rather than send some type of form letter as most businesses are prompt to do. Thank you sincerely for doing so. This one little oddity confirmed to me that you are a very special person, and as you continue to bless others with your kindness and goodness that you and yours will be blessed thrice fold. I am going to do what I can to hustle up enough stamps to imburse you for a year's subscription to Prisonworld and perhaps obtain placement on your MYSPACE site and/or become a VIP member. It may take a couple of weeks to obtain the stamps necessary so don't give up on me. You and Mr. Triplett take care. Keep up the good work. Prisoners need ones like you who actually give a damn.

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Editor's note: We do care and don't give up on us. Thank you.

**Elder Nicole B. Simpson** Today is the first day of the rest of your life! Certainly we have all heard that statement before but I will assist you in ensuring that the significance of your new journey can begin today! I believe you can begin your life journey from this moment moving forward. You have a rare, although inconvenient and unfortunate, opportunity that most individuals do not have. You have the luxury of time. I am not concerned about your past errors in judgment because I know that you can redefine your life story. There will be moments when you will have to reflect on the past and right some of the wrongs in your life but if you are committed to a different outcome, I will stand with you. I know firsthand that good people can make bad decisions and I also recognize there are consequences to each of our actions. But in spite of calculative actions that warranted the loss of your freedom, being at the wrong place at the wrong time, or negative personal behavior that landed you where you stand today, everyone has "An Ultimate Plan" for their lives. You are on this earth for a reason. My question then becomes how does one determine their personal purpose for existing? It's in you; we just need to figure it out together. Please feel free to write me at P.O. Box 723 in Scotch Plains NJ 07076-0723.



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# Poetic Justice

## CONDEMNED

When darkness sets and all is silent,  
I'm encompassed by fear induced  
through loneliness and torment.  
My solitary confinement leaves me  
in a state of disbelief.  
I search in Hope and Wonder, but I  
can find no relief.  
Memories haunt my mind and  
plague my soul,  
As days race by leaving a bitter  
taste in my mouth of growing old.  
My vision is marred by horizontal  
and vertical steel lines,  
Still, I continue to endure a pain that  
will not heal with time.  
Days emerge into weeks, the hours  
into years.  
Alone, I shout with an unknown  
fury, "Why am I here?"  
My reply is deep silence, enforced  
by angry stares,  
I am hurt and saddened, knowing no  
one cares.  
Realization modifies my meager  
existence,  
My resolve is threatened by the  
power of acceptance.  
I now wait patiently for a very  
special friend,  
A compassionate entity who will  
bring my suffering life to an end.  
My world is filled with darkness,  
cement and ice cold steel,  
This cruelty I endure was not  
meant to be.  
Daily I pray for amnesty, I beg for  
absolution, however, DEATH,  
Is the only acquittal that will set me  
free.  
My life has been CONDEMNED  
to an eternity in a freezing hell.  
Now, there is no longer warmth in  
my heart,  
Nor in this cold prison cell.  
\*Poem is an excerpt from "How  
Getting Dead Changed My Life"  
Jeffrey Little F-06708  
PO Box 799001, F1-3-216  
San Diego, CA 92179-9001

## WHAT IS FREEDOM IN PRISON

Freedom in prison is, first and  
foremost,  
Knowing that we are the oppressed,  
and  
Knowing who are your oppressors.  
Freedom in prison is, to continue  
your  
Growth and development,  
That's mind, body and soul  
Freedom in prison is, speaking your  
mind,  
Having the courage to fight for your  
rights  
In the system that enslaves your  
body  
But never your mind, principle or  
belief.  
Freedom in prison is, knowing that  
you count  
That your voice counts, so we must  
change  
This corrupt system, before our  
next generation  
Be enslaved or imprisoned  
By the oppressor's next generation  
Freedom in prison is, not just  
surviving,  
But creating a living environment  
For you and your comrades to  
strive in,  
That's freedom in prison.  
Alphoncy Dangerfield, Sr 224668  
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Boscobel, WI 53805

## THOUGHTS

Why is it that when you get out of a  
swimming pool, your urine is hotter  
when you use the restroom?  
Can mute people burp?  
What happens if you put this side up  
face down while popping microwave  
popcorn?  
Why is chopsticks one of the easiest  
songs to play on the piano, but the  
hardest thing to eat with?  
How come you play at a recital, but  
recite at a play?  
If a fork were made of gold would it  
still be considered silverware?

## WASTED TIME

The time that I've wasted is my biggest regret,  
spent in these places I'll never forget. Just  
sitting and thinking about the things that I've  
done, the crying, the laughing, the hurt and the  
fun. Now it's just me and my hard driven guilt,  
behind the wall of loneliness I allowed to be  
built. I'm trapped I my body just wanting to  
run, back to my youth with its laughter and fun.  
The chase is over and there's no place to hide.  
Everything is gone including my pride. With  
reality suddenly right in my face, I'm scared  
and alone stuck in this place. Memories of the  
past flash thru my head. The pain is obvious by  
the tears that I've shed. Asking myself why and  
where I went wrong; I guess I was weak when I  
should have been strong. Living for the street  
life and the wings I had grown; my feelings  
were lost, afraid to be shown. As I look at my  
past it's so easy to see, the fear that I had afraid  
to be me. I pretend to be rugged so fast and so  
cool; actually I was lost like a blinded fool. I'm  
getting to old for this tiresome game; acting real  
hard with no sense of shame. It's time that I  
change and get on with my life; fulfilling my  
dreams of a family and wife. What my future  
holds I really don't know but the years that I've  
wasted are starting to show. I live for the day  
when I'll get a new start; and the dreams I still  
hold deep in my heart. I pray I can make it at  
least I have to try; cause I'm racing towards  
death and I don't want to die...  
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## TEARS IN MY COFFEE WAITING HERE FOR YOU

Lord let us forget all of the dirtys I have done  
And let us go on with all the beautys I have  
won  
When the teardrops fall in them big beautiful  
brown eyes  
Lord let us go on with all the beautys I have  
won  
Lord I've lied and I've cheated and learned  
That there is lots more beauty than dirty  
Since I've never been to prison for all the  
dirtys I have done  
Were just evil wicked favors on the road to  
number one  
Lord let us forget all the dirtys I have done  
And let us go on with all the beautys I have  
won  
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Corona, CA 92880-9508

## IGNORANCE

How can intelligent ones thrive in constant ignorance?  
Ignorance so loud it can be heard above all else  
Ignorance so strong it weakens a whole race of people  
Ignorance so contagious it spreads with the wind  
If ignorance causes all of these things  
How can we fight it?  
How can we prevent the spread of future generations?

## THE STRONG WILLED ONES

They require very little to survive  
They thrive in the face of adversity  
They endure hardships with ease  
They live in spite of constant darkness  
They show compassion in spite of constant hate  
They are indeed the strong willed ones  
Jason Worthen 1224313  
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Wrightsville, GA 31096

## FRIENDS

When I was out I had many friends  
Now I have no one but a little time  
And no one but mom was there for me until the end  
I did alot of dirt to get a dollar or two  
When I was spending my money I always had a crew  
Where are those friends that said they had my back?  
I got locked up and they disappeared just like that.  
No mail, no stamps, no hi or bye  
At first I thought they were friends but it was all a lie.  
Life goes on for the friends I thought I had  
The good thing about it, I'm not even mad  
I have learned a lesson to pick the right "friends"  
Who won't leave me by myself and stick with me til the end  
One day I'll see old "friends" indeed  
And they will realize my best friend is ME.  
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CIW Emmons A 429L  
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# Poetic Justice

## A FATHER'S PRAYER

While thinking of the yesteryear's of the days gone by,  
A river of tears do I cry.  
I'm also wondering what the future may hold in store,  
Praying all the while to see you on the other side of heaven's door.  
I'll never understand why justice wouldn't prevail,  
Because of a lie, I'm doomed to live in a pure pit of hell.  
I had trusted others to do the right thing,  
Never considering what sorrow that would bring.  
I thought everyone had a Christian heart,  
Boy was I bond and in the dark.  
Now all I do is lay here and cry,  
Begging God everyday to allow me to die.  
Spirits of the North, South, East and West,  
Please God, put my soul to rest.  
I've had enough of this nightmare on Earth,  
I've gone through pure hell ever since my birth.  
I lost my little girls a long time ago all because of a lie,  
There was no way of getting her back no matter how hard I would try.  
I miss them so very much. Their smile, their laugh  
Their adorable ways and their tender touch.  
I pray that Sarah and Britney will one day search to see,  
That what caused us to be apart wasn't because of me.  
It's been said that everything happens for a reason,  
In its own time and season.  
O one knows what the future may hold in store,  
I just pray I'll see you two on the other side of heaven's door.  
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## Mama has a point.

Mrs. Jenkins comes to visit her son Anthony for dinner...who lives with a female roommate Vikki... During the course of the meal, his mother couldn't help but notice how pretty Anthony's roommate was. She had long been suspicious of a relationship between the two, and this had only made her more curious. Over the course of the evening, while watching the two interact, she started to wonder if there was more between Anthony and his roommate than met the eye. Reading his mom's thoughts, Anthony volunteered, "I know what you must be thinking, but I assure you, Vikki and I are just roommates." About a week later, Vikki came to Anthony saying, "Ever since your mother came to dinner, I've been unable to find the silver sugar bowl. You don't suppose she took it, do you?"  
"Well, I doubt it, but I'll email her, just to be sure."

So he sat down and wrote:

Dear Mama,  
I'm not saying that you 'did' take the sugar bowl from my house, I'm not saying that you 'did not' take it. But the fact remains that it  
has been missing ever since you were here for dinner.  
Love, Anthony

Several days later, Anthony received a response email from his Mama, which read:

Dear Son,  
I'm not saying that you 'do' sleep with Vikki, and I'm not saying that you 'do not' sleep with her. But the fact remains that if she were sleeping in her OWN bed, she would have found the sugar bowl by now.  
Love, Mama.

Lesson of the day ..... Don't Lie to Your Mother



# ISLAM 101

## (Ramadan Mubarak)

It takes a strong person to be Muslim. I can say that because I am. Daily I face ignorant statements made about my religion and discriminations based on falsehood. There is a common statement made that if someone doesn't know about something that they tend to fear it. Well I have to ask the question then who really has the problem? In today's world, the media is really to blame for the majority of the misconceptions you see regarding Islam. If you did not grow up around Muslims and all you ever saw was a terrorist on TV, then you tend to believe that that is what Islam is all about. Nothing could be farther from the truth.

Very briefly I will explain the basics of Islam. I would rather more people know the truth than make untruthful statements because you don't know any better. One thing God definitely gave us all is a brain. I would think that is a place where you have nothing but time to strengthen your largest muscle; you would use it to educate yourself. Knowledge is power. Ignorance is oppression.

THE FIVE PILLARS OF ISLAM  
I SHAHADAH – profession of faith

II SALAH – prescribed prayer

III SAUM – prescribed fasting during the month of Ramadan

IV ZAKAT – prescribed charity

V HAJJ – prescribed pilgrimage

## ZAKAT

It is often compared to the system of [tithing](#) and [alms](#) but unlike these older systems, it serves principally as the [welfare](#) contribution to poor and deprived people in the Muslim lands, although others may have a rightful share. It is the duty of the state not just to collect it; but to distribute it fairly as well.

In the Qur'an, God Revealed the beneficiaries of *zakat*:

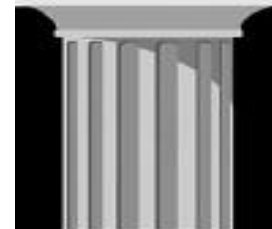
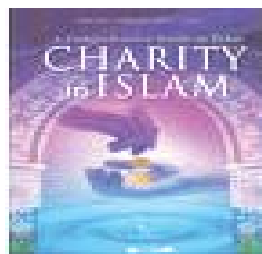
“Alms are only for the poor and the needy, and the officials (appointed) over them, and those whose hearts are made to incline (to truth) and the (ransoming of) captives and those in debts and in the way of Allah and the wayfarer; an ordinance from Allah; and Allah is knowing, Wise.” [Qur'an 9:60]

People whose hearts are to be reconciled include (normally new Muslims or those close to becoming Muslim. Even non-Muslims could be included):

- Freed slaves
- Those heavily burdened with paying their debts
- Travelers who find themselves in difficult circumstances

There have been cases where you can't pay zakat for

- Traditional zakaat laws generally do not cover trade.
- It is not permissible to pay zakaat to some members of the family (i.e. grandparents, parents, spouses, children), for if they were needy or poor, they are under the custody of the eligible man, while Zakat is intended for public welfare.
- Zakat doesn't become obligatory on a [Muslim](#) if he doesn't have a minimum amount in his possession that has remained unchanged for a whole lunar year; any increase in that money during the year waits for the following year and any decrease as long as the total amount is still above the minimum amount is exempted.



### Football Positions Word Search Puzzle

A K W Q U K C A B F L A H A R  
T L I N E B A C K E R E R B T  
A C D C K R E C E I U V E K I  
S T E E K C A B R E N R O C G  
H E R S L E N A M E N I L A H  
N A E P T K R K H K I E N B T  
S T C O S D C C C E N T E R E  
R S E R E N S A I T G T O E N  
E A I R E E B B T U B N F T D  
V N V I N T G L B A A C L R K  
I T E H O I N L R O C W A A S  
E T R L O L A U R E K U N U C  
C E S I V P E F P R G O K Q R  
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### FOOTBALL POSITIONS WORD LIST

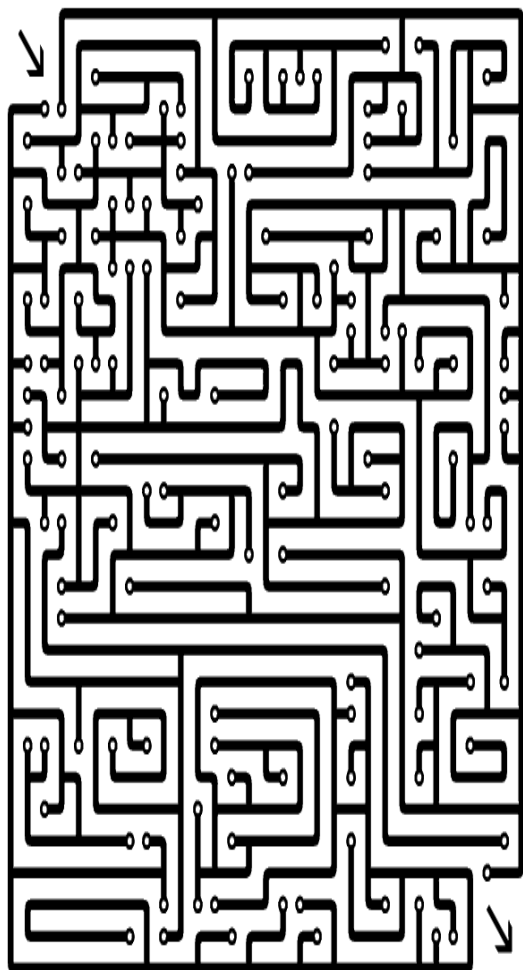
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CORNERBACK	QUARTERBACK
FLANKER	RECEIVERS
FULLBACK	RUNNING BACK
GUARD	SAFETY
HALFBACK	SLOTBACK
KICKER	SPLIT END
LINEBACKER	TACKLE
LINEMAN	TIGHT END
LONG SNAPPER	WIDE RECEIVER

### NFL Team Names Word Search Puzzle

G R G S E S R E E N A C C U B  
E B I A N T E X A N S B A A R  
Y R A I D E R S P S A C R C O  
K O N N E E L A R R O S D S N  
S W T T T L A E M W R E I D C  
R N S S I E G E B S S L N O O  
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O F O T E A M R R C H I E F S  
F P A T R I O T S R A U G A J

### FOOTBALL TEAM NAMES WORD LIST

BEARS	DOLPHINS
BENGALS	EAGLES
BILLS	FALCONS
BRONCOS	FORTY-NINERS
BROWNS	GIANTS
BUCCANEERS	JAGUARS
CARDINALS	JETS
CHARGERS	LIONS
CHIEFS	PACKERS
COLTS	PANTHERS
COWBOYS	PATRIOTS
RAIDERS	
RAMS	
RAVENS	
REDSKINS	
SAINTS	
SEAHAWKS	
STEELERS	
TEXANS	
TITANS	
VIKINGS	



Justin Case and Auntie Bellum are fellow con artists who deliver coded messages to each other to communicate. Recently Auntie Bellum was put in jail for stealing a rare and expensive diamond. Only a few days after this, Justin Case sent her a friendly letter asking her how she was. On the inside of the envelope of the letter, he hid a code. Yesterday, Auntie Bellum escaped and left the envelope and the letter inside the jail cell. The police did some research and found the code on the inside of the envelope, but they haven't been able to crack it. Could you help the police find out what the message is?

This is the code:

llwathwefclckniskundalcibetnersol

## Scrabble

M <sub>3</sub>	Q <sub>10</sub>	C <sub>3</sub>	A <sub>1</sub>	U <sub>1</sub>	O <sub>1</sub>	I <sub>1</sub>	
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P <sub>1</sub>	Y <sub>4</sub>	X <sub>8</sub>	A <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>	I <sub>1</sub>	D <sub>2</sub>	_____

Total

## CLASS REUNION

It's reunion time for the class of 1998, and it's your job to gather information on all of your former classmates for the reunion directory. You have finally organized all the information, but as you are handing it to the publisher's messenger, he clumsily drops a few pages into the shredder! You manage to rewrite most of those pages, but you realize you are missing some information on five of your classmates (3 men and 2 women). You need to match each person with his/her spouse, last name, occupation, and the city in which he/she lives. All you have to work with is what you recall from your notes, and your memories of your classmates from school days.

CLASSMATES: Casey, Dana, Jordan, Drew, Kelsey

SPOUSES: (women) Anna, Karen, Jane, (men) Matthew, David

LAST NAMES: Campos, Jones, Kaufmann, Smith, Thompson

OCCUPATIONS: lawyer, social worker, disk jockey, pediatrician, news anchor

CITIES: Lawton, Helena, Dayton, Madison, Springfield

1) The male classmates are the one from Madison, the one from Helena, and the lawyer.

2) The five classmates are Casey, the man that married Jane (who is not from Helena), the woman surnamed Thompson, the disk jockey, and the woman who lived in Lawton.

3) You recall that only two classmates (1 man and 1 woman) married people with the same first initial as their own. They both have jobs in the media industry.

4) You can also recall that nobody (including spouses) has a last name with the same initial as their first name.

5) The monogram on Karen's towels is the same forward as backward. Her last name is not Campos.

6) David's wife became the anchor for Lawton's 6 o'clock news. Her best friend became a pediatrician in Dayton.

7) Mr. and Mrs. Kaufmann's first initials are the same as the abbreviation of Mr. Jones' occupation.

8) In high school, Dana was always very compassionate and eager to help anyone in need. It is no surprise that he became a social worker (not in Dayton).

See Answers pg 27





Peter Gresham 02A2136, Eastern NY Correctional Facility, PO Box 338, Napanoch, NY, 12458-0338: I appreciate you taking the time to read my ad. 44 yr old, 5'9", 190lbs. I'm hoping to find a true friend and maybe a special someone like you to share my dreams, hopes, fears and goals. My hobbies are making greeting cards. My future goal is to be a successful businessman in mobile electronics.



Willie Ivy 93-B-2469, Attica Correctional Facility, PO Box 149, Attica, NY, 14011-0149: If you are reading these words... WOW! My prayers have been answered. Imprisoned, locked away in the Gallo's beneath the king's castle, my thoughts travel away to a vision of you. Fantasizing that you will be the spontaneous, sexy, mature woman who comes to the rescue of this 6' tall, 200lb, 41 year old man from Buffalo, NY. Contact me and I'll be free at last!!!



Toby R. Davis 234179, 3225 John Conley Dr., Lapeer, MI, 48446: Greetings Princess! I'm a 33 yr old African Prince who became very wise b/c of the roads I've traveled. I'm, 5'11", 225lbs, single w/no children but adorable nieces and nephews. I'm soon to be a published author who cherishes God, life, family, and friends. I'm open for a meaningful friendship and possibly more to a sincere woman who has a sense of direction. I vow to respond back to ALL letters. Be Blessed and keep God first.



Jamaal Sharif A88447, Statesville Correctional Center, PO Box 112, Joliet, IL, 60434: 6'1", 215lbs, first-time offender, victim of police misconduct, a creative genius, free lance writer, paralegal, poet, photographer, tailor, seeking courageous, adventuresome, affectionate, business-minded women, to help start an independent film & fashion couture company. Race unimportant. Peace!!!



Lance Whitson AO177204, 99-902 Moanalua Rd #2A1, Aiea, HI, 96701



Cassandra Grant 1212845, LASP C4/49, PO Box 709, Alto, GA, 30510: Seeking pen pals.



Anthony Tucker 112535, D-B-45, 3800 County Rd 540, Greenwood, MS, 38930: I stand 5'5 1/2", dark root beer complexion, nice and shiny bald head, and a bright smile. My goal is to find a caring and intelligent sweet female that's concerned about assisting area youth and young adults in rebuilding community concerns. I started P.I.B.T., "Putting It Back Together", a faith-based organization for various services. I hope to meet a spiritually divine woman that can help me so this from the other side.



Sylvia Boykin OC3555, PO Box 180, Muncy, PA, 17756: Hi, I am in search of that special someone to share my world, believe in me and stand by me for the good and bad times. I'm adventurous, attractive, loving, romantic, honest, caring, exciting, big hearted, easy-going, and lonely but not alone, great faith in God and love to feel needed. Don't smoke, don't drink or use drugs. Disease free. First time in prison please do not judge me. We make bad choices sometimes but we learn from them. I have a lot of love to share.



Aron McDonald 06A6707, Altona Correctional Facility, 555 Devils Den Road, PO Box 3000, Altona, NY, 12910: 32 years young from the Bronx, was in love with the Dunya but now living a life of obedience to Allah. I still have Dunya in me like all of us do. I am struggling. I am looking for a nice Muslimah to write. It may help to talk to someone in the same situation as myself.



Jonathan Franzen 328973, 1045 Horse Head Rd, Pikeville, TN, 37367: Single, 27 yrs old, never been married, no kids, 187lbs, long brown hair, hazel brown eyes, 5'9", who loves to enjoy life's pleasures. I'm looking for my true Queen to stand with this King. She's gotta be loyal, open-minded, ambitious, honest, adventurous, intelligent and down for whatever this journey may throw our way. Race is not an issue. Light-skinned, redbone..it's all good. I'm all that you've been looking for in a man



Ronny Polanco 23739-050, FCI Fairton, PO Box 420, Fairton, NJ, 08320: 33 yr old male, God-fearing, romantic, caring, open minded, great sense of humor, health conscious, single with no kids. I enjoy meeting new people, reading, movies, music, exercising and Sudoku puzzles. I'm looking for a female pen pal. Race and age is unimportant. Hopefully we can get to know each other and advance to bigger and better things.



Comer Brascom 120429, Washington Correctional Institution, 4455 Sam Mitchell Drive, Chipley, FL, 32428: Looking for a good friend.



Wendell Quenzell Caldwell AS1344, 1600 Walters Mill Rd, Somerset, PA 15510: Will answer all inquiries.



Adrian McKenzie FW8205, 175 Progress Drive, Waynesburg, PA, 15370: Single, 28ys, 6'1", 198lbs, solid, very unique, from Bronx, NY, seeking new friends and any productive outlets. Very health conscious so I strive to preserve my sexy by working out and playing basketball. I love slow jams and I also express my pain thru my music. I'm a very crafty rap artist. Will respond to all letters I receive. I'm putting my pen down so you can pick up yours. Smile!



Michael Bridges H-22876, PO Box 799001, 4-201L, San Diego, CA, 92179: I am an inspiring writer with three books and twelve poems that are ready to be published. I'm seeking a warm and passionate female, thirty to fifty years old, that's computer literate who wouldn't mind aiding me in getting my work published. I prefer someone out of San Diego, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside or Los Angeles counties (California). 45yrs, 5'7", 160lbs, Mexican/Black. I'm looking to go home within a year.



William Plumley 012720 CCA-RRCC, 1752 East Arica Rd, Eloy, AZ, 85231: 44yr old, 5'10", 215lbs, brown/brown, Athabascan Indian, Wiccan. Been down since I was 18 and I am ready to meet some new and interesting people. My interests include reading, music, RPG's and figuring out current events. Recently I had noticed that the world is a very different place that it was in 1982. And I am curious as to how it affects people out there. Please take some time out of your day to share your thoughts with me.



Michael Edwards 320964, Gates CCI, 131 N Bridebrook Rd, Niantic, CT, 06357: Seeking pen pals.



Prince T. Bridges V-44252, Susanville State Prison, PO Box 2210, L-4 106 Low, Susanville, CA, 96127: Seeking pen pals.



Javier Cantu 1258731, Coffield Unit, Rt 1 Box 150, Tennessee Colony, TX, 75884: All my friends and family call me Jay. I was born and raised in Corpus Christi, Texas. My whole concept in placing this add is to meet a lady friend. I am a 26 year old Hispanic/Puerto Rican who does not desire much but effort and honesty. I am single at the present, still persistent to find her, by all means necessary. Looks, age or race is not a factor! If you feel enticed to write, or just need to confide in, please do not hesitate.



William S. Kimsey 333716, 1045 Horse Head Rd, Pikeville, TN, 37367: Looking for a friend.



Shirley Franklin W-59878, CCWF, 507-17-4 Low, PO Box 1508, Chowchilla, CA, 93610-1508: I am a bi-lingual 5'8", looking for someone special, possible soul mate who is honest, fun, stable, open and settled down. I like all kinds of music, true crime novels, sports, and lingerie from Victoria Secrets, cooking, travelling and pillow talk. Feel free to ask me all the questions you want. I am fun, open, understanding, healthy, sexy, educated, captivating, and always happy. I will relocate for the right person. NO INMATES PLEASE.

## AUTHOR PROFILE - JEFF RIVERA

Once homeless and living in his car, award-winning novelist Jeff Rivera writes passionate stories of those often forgotten and neglected by society. He believes even in the eyes of a gang member, even beneath the soiled clothes of a bag lady or behind the tears of a lonely kid in the back of the class, there lies a common thread that links us all, *the universal human story*. He has made it his personal mission to help change the way the world thinks in a positive way through his stories. Mr. Rivera currently lives in Miami, Florida. Adopted by his Filipino stepfather when he was seven years old, his ethnic background is Black American and Native American.

**What frustrates you?** I really get frustrated by people who judge and criticize others. People who are so consumed by what everyone else is doing wrong they don't take a good look in the mirror and realize that they have enough to work on within themselves to keep them busy for awhile. If you're not going to work on yourself at least accept yourself and say hey, this who I am good and bad and that's okay.

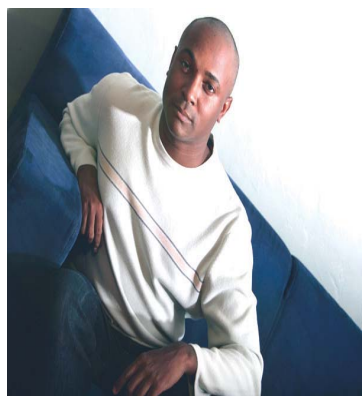
**Why do you think people limit themselves to what they can accomplish?** They've been programmed to think they can only go so far or that they don't deserve it or that they should be ashamed if they want to accomplish what other people think is beyond their reach. There's no shame in reaching for the stars and being the very best person you can be.

Jeff Rivera, did extensive research when creating his gritty debut novel *Forever My Lady* which takes place in the prison boot camps and prisons of Indian Springs, outside of Las Vegas, Nevada.

In it, Rivera tells the story of Dio, a Latino juvenile delinquent and gang member who is abused and neglected by everyone that was ever close to him even his very own mother. The only person who stays by his side is his childhood sweetheart and love of his life, Jennifer who promises him she'll wait for him when he gets out so that they can get married and have a family. But, when Dio gets released, he discovers she's planning on marrying someone else.

Rivera is not new to gritty settings, having been homeless as a teen and a victim of child abuse. He has turned his rough background into something positive. Invited to speak all over the country, Rivera recently returned from San Francisco, where he spoke to hundreds of teens in juvenile halls. *Forever My Lady* is an award-winning, critically acclaimed novel and a personal favorite to many male and female inmates across the country especially Latinos and Black Americans.

The book is available in stores nationwide, on Amazon.com, as well as mail order to: Books and Books, 265 Aragon Avenue, Coral Gables, Florida 33134. It is \$13.99 + \$7.00 shipping and handling. Although if you can order it from Amazon.com it is much cheaper. For more information, visit the author's website at: [www.JeffRivera.com](http://www.JeffRivera.com)



### Brothers In Pen: A Means of Escape

A second anthology of short stories written by inmates at San Quentin State Prison is now out in print. Copies are currently available from Lulu.com. Soft cover and hardcover copies are available. Soft cover \$15.50, hardcover \$24.96, Downloads \$8.75. Tax deductible direct donations to the program through the William James Association are also welcome. Write checks to the William James Association, PO Box 1632, Santa Cruz, CA, 95061 and put Brothers In pen in the memo. **For more information email [brothersinpen@yahoo.com](mailto:brothersinpen@yahoo.com).**

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# No Habla Engalis? You don't speak any English?

by Aishah Al-Amin

No Habla Engalis? You don't speak any English? This is not surprising. America has always been a melting pot and at one time or another, one race or ethnicity is going to be the minority. The Indians and Mexicans were definitely here first and we can see all of the impressions that have been left on the country from an early age. When the pilgrims came in and took over, the White man reigned supreme for years.

Now we are living in the days where immigrants are changing the census numbers by leaps and bounds. Just recently a study was released saying that the Hispanic population will be in the majority by 2042. Do I believe that? Yes and you should too.

I can look back five years and see how the Latino influence is now everywhere. You cannot call an automated number without being given the option of pressing 1 for English. Best Buy has put Spanish signs next to their English signs in sections of their stores. The Spanish food section has increased from a part of an aisle to two aisles in some stores to a whole store in some neighborhoods to an entire shopping center in other neighborhoods.



The evidence is overwhelming.

I believe that the borders should be open anyway. America prides itself on being a FREE country but picks and chooses as to who came come in. Ask yourself, if the borders were open, would so many people be rushing to get here? I don't believe so. It's a common psychology that people want what they cannot have. It's an excitement to sneak across the border in the middle of the night, outrunning security, living under the radar, working without a social security number and still receiving all of the benefits of living in America.

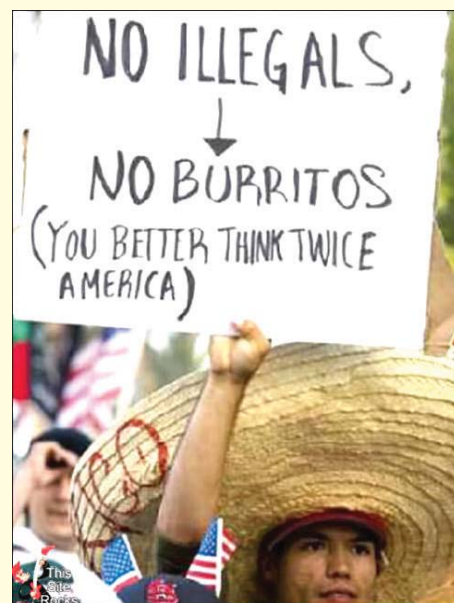
As a Black lady on a budget, I look for stuff on the low low. If I can get some Mexicans to come work on my home or car for a cheaper price than the regular, then I am all for it. So I think it is all fair in business and some people just need to step up their game. Do I think they are taking other people's jobs? Hell no. Some of the jobs that they do you couldn't find somebody to that the work for a decent price. This is America. They are just taking advantage of free enterprise. Don't hate the player, hate the game.



I have tried to learn Spanish since high school. It is a very complicated language. I give props to those who can speak it, read it and write it. I will leave that to you all. I moved on to trying to tackle Arabic. That is just as complicated but I feel the reward I will get from learning it will outweigh my complication. I have gotten over the disgust when someone starts speaking Spanish around me. GO ahead, do your thing. I figure if you are talking about me then I must have it going on.

Do I feel that everyone in America needs to speak English? You need to be able to communicate in some type of way. If you can't speak good English then have an interpreter or something. Don't make my life more complicated because of who you are. I respect you for who you are and what you speak but you need to do the same to me. If I came to a Spanish country and didn't speak the language, would they change the language for me? I don't think so.

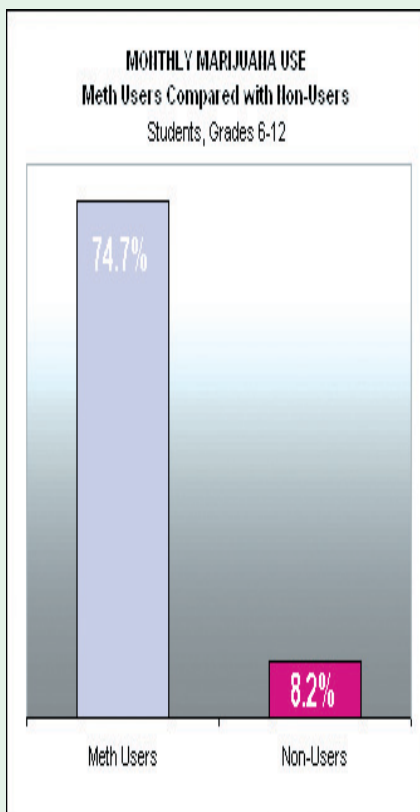
So you say, no habla engalis? I say un pokito, por favor. (a little, please)



# When Do We Break The Cycle?

By Aishah Al-Amin

“That’s just my baby daddy.”  
“He didn’t mean it. I shouldn’t have been running my mouth.”  
“I don’t need school. I just need to get high”. “Nobody ever got addicted to marijuana.”  
“I can finish school later.” “He ain’t done nothing for his baby.”  
Round and round we go. Where we stop nobody knows. The sad part about all of that is we should. We should know where to stop it and how to stop it. It is a tragedy when the constant theme in society has been the same for over the last 30 years. Enough is enough! We need to **BREAK THE CYCLE**. Here and now. Today. Let’s make a conscious effort to say **NO MORE!**



For the last 20 years or maybe more, much light has been spread on all of the following topics; Teen Pregnancy, Domestic Violence, Substance Abuse, High School Drop Outs, Dead Beat Dads. Any newspaper you pick up or news channel you turn on, you can read a related story to one of these topics. Daytime talk shows such as Maury, Ricki Lake, Montel, and etc., have thrived on ratings from these topics. Judge Judy, Judge Mathis, and even Judge Joe Brown have chimed in on the topics. Everyone is aware there is a problem. Very few are trying to stop it.

Put yourself in the place of one of the situations. Let’s say you are a pregnant teen. How did you get there? Were your parents not around teaching you to abstain from sex or at least use protection? Was there not someone you could talk to regarding your feelings? Did you have such low self esteem that you just gave in to the sweet talking, good looking guy from around the way? What happened? Do you have a child that could learn from your mistakes? Are you teaching them self-restraint, or are you letting them go down your exact path to repeat the cycle?

Every topic could be considered a disease. To allow a partner to hit you, male or female, and think that it is ok or your fault, you are sick. You are definitely ill and need to be fixed somewhere. Resorting to drinking or drugs for whatever reasons, problems or feelings, you are sick. You are putting a foreign substance in your body to feel good but it makes you feel abnormal. Your thinking is out of whack. To leave school knowing you need education to survive in this society, you have had a serious brain fart. Your serotonin is not on its levels or you have lost some cells somewhere. To bring a child into this world and not claim it or even take care of it is just plain trifling. Yes you are sick, but most of all, you need your butt whipped. There is nothing worse than a sorry, full of excuses, broke down, fronting, wanna be, brother or sister that does not take care of God’s creature who did not ask to be here.

All right, I am done preaching, for now. Someone needs to step up on all of these issues and just start calling people out. Nothing is more hurtful than being confronted with the truth and there’s nowhere to run. This society is in crisis and full of sick people. You must first admit your illness and then seek to heal it. Just a little food for thought: If I did not care, I would not have said a word.



# A Fish Story

A guy who lives at Lake Conroe (50 miles north of Houston ) saw a ball bouncing around kind of strangely in the lake and went to investigate.

It turned out to be a flathead catfish who had obviously tried to swallow a basketball which became stuck in its mouth!!

The fish was totally exhausted from trying to dive, but unable to because the ball would always bring him back up to the surface. The guy tried numerous times to get the ball out, but was unsuccessful. He finally had his wife cut the ball in order to deflate it and release the hungry cat fish.

**You probably wouldn't have believed this,  
If you hadn't seen the following pictures....**



**Be kinder than necessary. Everyone  
you meet is fighting some kind of  
battle.**

# What's Going On...

## They Want You to Eat Cloned

## Meat—And They Don't Want

## You to Know It. Does the FDA Have a Hidden Agenda?

By PETE SHANKS

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is close to letting into our food supply meat and milk from cloned livestock and their offspring. This is a really bad idea, and worth complaining about; they have asked for comments.

An easy way to send them in is by going to the site set up by the True Food Network. The final decision will not be made until the beginning of April.

The FDA claims that cloned meat and milk are safe, in fact so much like ordinary meat and milk that they need not be checked or labeled. This assertion has been demolished by Denise Caruso of the Hybrid Vigor Institute in the *San Jose Mercury News*, and by Dr. Mae-Wan Ho and Prof. Joe Cummins of the Institute of Science and Society, among others. Basically the FDA did not see any risk because they did not look where they might find it.

Nine out of ten clones don't even make to birth; many that do, die soon afterwards. A few do grow up and superficially appear normal, but experts suggest that they never really are. MIT's Rudolf Jaenisch put it succinctly in *Time* last year:

"If you reprogram, it affects the whole genome. From what we know, I would argue that cloned animals cannot be normal. They can be closer to normal, but not normal."

But by the FDA's proposed rules, if a cloned animal looks OK to a farmer, then that marketable asset can be milked, mated or slaughtered without further concern. If it looks seriously ill, then it is subject to current regulations, but no more than that. And the offspring of cloned livestock mated with normal partners are assumed — note, assumed — to be healthy.

One particularly dubious aspect of the FDA's logic is their assertion that a "side effect" that occurs very rarely in nature, but vastly more often in a cloned or genetically engineered organism, is still somehow a "natural" byproduct. If something ever happens naturally, even once, then it cannot be considered unusual no matter how often it occurs under artificial circumstances. This is absurd, and the data that follow to illustrate this are in their own Risk Assessment, [a 4.24 MB pdf linked from here](#).

Many clones, especially of cattle, suffer from Large Offspring Syndrome (LOS), meaning they are born at least 20% bigger than usual. LOS is associated with many harmful traits, such as a weak or absent suckle reflex, deformities, poor organ development, increased susceptibility to infection, enlarged heart &/or failure of lungs to inflate. In 12 studies collected by the FDA, 232 of 388 calves had LOS (60%), and 166 died (from Table V-4 on pp. 119-120). LOS does happen without cloning, though only when the embryos have been created in vitro, or the mothers are deliberately fed an experimentally poisonous high-nitrogen diet. The FDA uses this skimpy rationale to claim that "no adverse outcomes have been noted in clones that have not been observed in animals derived via other ARTs or natural mating" (p. 306).

But LOS is still a little-understood and often lethal abnormality that, by the FDA's own report, occurs twice as often in cloned calves as in IVF-produced ones where the embryos are fertilized with sperm — and rarely if ever after "natural mating." Something is going wrong on a deep genetic level, so wrong that the poor surrogate mothers often have to suffer caesarians and may even die. It is simply not a valid argument to say that we should ignore this problem because other factors can produce it, especially when cloning makes it so much worse.

There are many more reasons to be concerned. For those seeking more information, the Center for Food Safety (CFS) has compiled [a helpful pdf fact-sheet](#) and is also using [MySpace](#), [BlogSpot](#) and [YouTube](#) to spread the word, as well as their own [website](#) and the related [True Food Network](#). CFS is pressing the FDA with a combination of grassroots activism (along with Ben and Jerry's) and a lawsuit, in which it is joined by:

Consumer Federation of America

Food and Water Watch

Friends of the Earth

The American Anti-Vivisection Society

The Humane Society of the United States

The Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice

The Center for Environmental Health

The Organic Center has weighed in with a dispassionate analysis of the FDA's report ([a 1.2 MB pdf, linked from here](#)). They clearly oppose this use of cloning technology, which is not allowed under organic standards, though they note dryly that:

The presence in the marketplace of unregulated and unlabeled meat and milk from cloned animals will help further differentiate organic products from unsegregated conventional livestock products. This will almost certainly increase demand for organic meat and animal products.

You don't have to be vegan, or vegetarian, or even someone who insists on eating organic out of concerns about hormones or pesticides, to be concerned about clones. You don't have to be an animal-rights activist to want to minimize the cruelty inflicted on livestock. In fact, all the polls show that huge majorities are against cloned livestock, including a whole series from Gallup and most recently one from the Pew Initiative on Food and Biotechnology.

Meanwhile, the January 2007 issue of *Nature Biotechnology* published the results of a massive global survey coordinated by the European Commission's Joint Research Centre, which revealed that the livestock industry itself regards the commercial prospects of cloning as poor, except perhaps for elite male pigs.

In other words, the potential benefits are tiny, so any cost at all (including concerns about safety, cruelty or social effects) has a relatively large effect on the cost/benefit assessment equation.

Still, James Greenwood, former Congressman and current CEO of the Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO), remains an uncompromising supporter, telling the *Bucks County Courier Times* on February 5th (no longer free online) that:

"I don't think there are any ethical issues whatsoever. We're not talking about human beings here, we're talking about cows and pigs. Just because you're cloning cows and pigs doesn't mean you're going to be cloning human beings."

Human reproductive cloning may well never happen, because the technology is so error-prone, but preparing the public for other kinds of human genetic interventions may be the real point of this exercise, as pointed out (by me) at the [Biopolitical Times blog](#).



Elite opinion is somewhat divided on this issue. Some of the reporting has reflected an unquestioning acceptance of the FDA's risk assessment, but several bills are being introduced, at both federal and state level, to require labeling of cloned products. (If they fail, and the products appear, expect to see competing "clone free" labels.) The *New York Times* came out against cloning livestock, with a notably insightful editorial:

"Asking whether cloned meat and milk are safe is not even the right question. The right question is, why clone at all? ... Are we willing to judge the suitability of new technologies in ways that fully address their ethical and biological complexities? Or are we doomed to give in to politics and the bottom line?"

Livestock cloning is unneeded, unwanted, and quite likely unsafe.

If you want to keep cloned animal products out of our food supply, please tell the FDA now. Will your comments really make a difference? They might: A powerful head of steam is building up to stop or at least slow this approval. And even if the FDA presses ahead, a large outpouring of public complaint now could be important for the future, when there will be more and more decisions to be made about commodifying not just plant and animal but human life through biotech. This is an opportunity to lay down markers about what is and is not acceptable.

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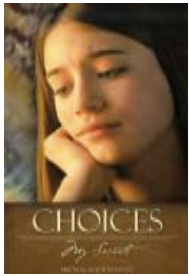
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Pete Shanks is a grassroots activist who lives in Santa Cruz, California, and wrote [Human Genetic Engineering: A Guide for Activists, Skeptics, and the Very Perplexed](#) (Nation Books). His website is [wordsontheweb.com](#)



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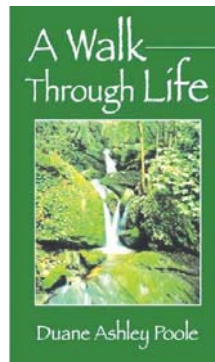
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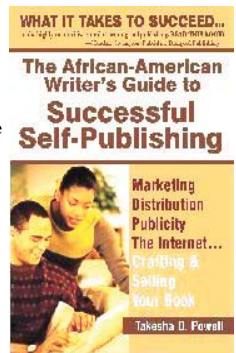
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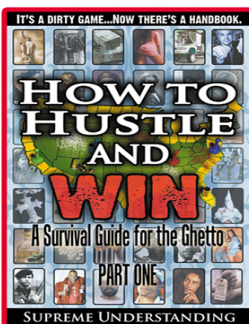
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Larry Laugen F-70937, SQSP 5-A-22U, San Quentin, CA, 94974: 32, Hawaiian, Portuguese and Italian, 6'4", 240lbs, brown hair, hazel green eyes, muscular build, really good skin color, very loving, caring, loyal, sincere, easy to get along with, love to do just about everything, have a lot of tattoos - not scary- love to go fishing, the outdoors, talking walks, shopping, going to the movies or even the movie rental place so we can sit on the couch and eat popcorn. I will write anyone that doesn't play head games.

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Andrew Payne 83574, Mens State Prison, PO Box 396, Hardwick, GA, 31034: 40 year old Black male, 5'7", 160lbs, light tan complexion, brown eyes, enjoys traveling, exercising, reading, writing, all sports, all music, loves honesty and truth, dislikes lies, deceit, and have no time for games. Would like to share and exchange thoughts with a genuine down to earth woman. Race is unimportant.

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Brian Williams, Jr. 02A1091, Eastern NY Correctional Facility, PO Box 338, Napanoch, NY, 12458-0338: Peace. I am behind bars and lonely. I'm looking for a pen pal to break the monotony of prison life. I'm into working out my mind and body. I'm 28, Black, Muslim, looking for a friend. Are you out there?

Jim Boyce 193-221, ASPC Cheyenne 6A5, PO Box 13006, Yuma, Arizona, 85366: From Columbus, Ohio, 5'6", 170lbs, very good physical shape. I like to work out, play chess and read so that I may travel the world I my mind. I'm open-minded and not judgmental so we can talk and go from there. I'm stuck in prison with no family and no friends. I will write to anyone from anywhere. I'm 1/2 Native-American and 1/2 Black.

Robert Thompson 999276, Polunsky Unit, 3872 FM 350 South, Livingston, TX, 77351: For 11 years of my life I have been locked up on this case. It has not been all good but it has not been all bad, but what it has been is lonely. Most people think that when you are locked up you stop needing a deeper friendship. Yes, we want love and more. I am a Muslim and a laid back person and like to enjoy life and those things that comes with it. I want to feel alive again. Looking for a special friend. PLEASE WRITE.

Kyle Rice 313012, TYRCI Unit 10 RM 111X, 200 Prison Road, Enoree, SC, 29335: 22, 6'2, 210lbs, brown hair, green eyes, cuddly teddy bear type. I dislike drugs. If you do them then speaking to me is a waste of time. For the most part I like everything else. My hobbies include horses, boats, cars, long weekends at the lake, horse shows, and riding and training horses.

Travis Leston 00A0358, Attica Correctional Facility, Box 149, Attica, NY, 14011-0149: At times we all get a little lonely and need someone to talk to. 28 years old, 6'3 1/2", 232 lbs, I work out a lot, enjoy reading and writing letters, really romantic, enjoy taking walks in the park and watching the sunset. I love to cuddle and kiss. I enjoy massaging my woman legs and feet after long hard days work. Please don't judge me, just give me a chance. I don't bite.

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Reginald Gilchrist 4838831, Apalachee Correctional Institution, 35 Apalachee Drive, Sneads, FL, 32460, Dorm M-1, Bunk 135-S: Christian man who is 48 years old, dark skinned, brown eyes, 6'0". Looking just for a pen friend that I could write to from time to time. I'm not in prison for any kind of sex crimes or that nature. Will take all the pen pals I can get.

Jason Depew V-79898, FAc-5-21-104Low, PO Box 799005, San Diego, CA, 92179: I'm making the most out of a bad situation and looking forward to my future. I enjoy good food, beautiful women and surrounding myself with people that are moving in the right direction. I have a positive outlook on life and look forward to hearing from someone soon. Please enclose a picture if you can.

Nelson Diaz X49641-3C, Moore Haven Correctional Facility, PO Box 718501, Moore Haven, FL, 33471: 29 yrs, green eyes, 5'10", 225lbs, Hispanic, single, love to write, very outgoing and fun.

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Jason Gordon T-23093 Bed C1-105, High Desert State Prison, PO Box 3030, Susanville, CA, 96127: African-American, 24, 5'8", slim stature, brown eyes, brown skin, loves reading and writing stories, corresponding, music, stimulating conversations, honesty, openness and dislikes narrow-mindedness.

Jeff Marshall V-09172, 5-22-111U, PO Box 799005, San Diego, CA, 92179: Looking for a hookup. 25 years old and full of tattoos and piercings. Looking for someone that is hot and like to have fun. Send me a pic. I'm 6'3", shaved head and cool as hell. My spelling sucks...please forgive me.

Mark Smith F53767, 130 69L, PO Box 9, Avenal, CA, 93204: 34 years old, custom bike builder with my own shop and my own house. I enjoy biking events, going to the beach, taking long walks and going to the lake for fun. Looking for someone to write and get to know better. I'm going through some hard times and can't wait to get out of here and back to my daughter. 6'1", 230lbs, light brown hair, green eyes and a big kid at heart. If you are interested I am waiting to hear from you.

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Trina Thomas 12942572, CCCF, PO Box 9000, Wilsonville, OR, 97070: 28yo, White with blond hair, brown eyes, 5'6", 185lbs.

Amy Boyd 250321-Dorm B, 8966 US Hwy 231, Wetumpka, AL, 36092: 36yrs old, 5'3", 130lbs, brown hair & striking blue eyes. I love music, love to dance, fish, hike and watching old movies. I am the definition of fun.

Stephanie Crews 252940-dorm B, 8966 Us Hwy 231, Wetumpka, AL, 36092: 40 yrs, 5'2", 120lbs, brown hair, blue eyes. I like all types of music, love to dance, laugh & have fun. I have a great personality. I also like to fish & go to the races.

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Jeffrey Evans 04A1335, Wallkill Correctional Facility, Route 208, Box G, Wallkill, NY, 12589-0286: Single Black Male, light brown complexion, 40 years of age but can pass for 28. Seeking a single female who is interested in developing a warm, loving, caring relationship. I enjoy stimulating and expressive communication. My sole desire is to nurture a unique relationship with a sensitive woman of any nationality.

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Derrick Johnson 1087376, Smith State Prison, PO Box 726 E-1, Glennville, GA, 30427: 27 yrs, currently serving a life sentence, don't have a lot of outside contact, 8 1/2 years and a long way to go. I am from Atlanta and looking for someone to write to.

Bill Hartman F69871, 5-22-109L, PO Box 799005, San Diego, CA, 92179: 6'1", 190lbs, blond hair, blue eyes, 35 years, looking for a female pen pal to help pass some time. I am very active. I like the outdoors, mountains, beaches and anything fun.

Joe Caldera 1054132, Lynaugh Unit, 1098 S Hwy 2037, Ft Stockton, TX, 79735: 37 years, 175 lbs, brown eyes, jet black hair, light brown skin. I like doing artwork and being very creative at the things I do. I like doing auto-detailing of which I had my own business. Anyone responding to this ad will not be disappointed.

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Tammie Coleman 249597, Dorm F, 8966 Us Hwy 231, Wetumpka, AL, 36092: I am 30 years old from Northeast Georgia. I love to meet and communicate with new people. My hobbies include sports and outdoor activities. I consider myself outgoing, adventurous and friendly. If you take the chance to get to know me, I believe you will like me also.

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Robert Neal K22186, Florida State Prison, 7819 NW 228<sup>th</sup> Street, Raiford, FL, 32026-1090: 30, 6'3", 180, BM, black hair, black eyes, likes are pretty much keeping up with myself, cooking, travel, sex, women, life, money and sports when I got time. On the short I'm looking to suck up my time, enjoy my letters, and enjoy me. They can't hold me here forever.

Terry Kerstetter GB9071, 801 Butler Pike, Mercer, PA, 16137: 32, 5'6", 155lbs, hazel eyes, fun, outgoing, likes a lot of outdoor activities and travel too. I've lived in Pennsylvania all my life. Never married w/no children. Looking to find a friend between 23yrs to 33 yrs. Max date 12/20/08.

Paul E. Lewis 191-654, CCI, Po Box 5500, Chillicothe, OH, 45601: 40 yrs, 6'0", 205lbs, darn good listener, would love someone to listen to me. I love to play pickle ball, handball and scrabble. I'm a non-smoker and never been into drugs. I work out 3 hours a day 6 days a week. I will answer all letters. Race and sex does not matter. I love people. By the way, I'm a Black guy if it matters.

Raymond Nichols N74133, PO Box 1700, Galesburg, IL, 61401: 33, African-American, 5'10", 181 lbs, brown eyes, brown complexion with short hair. I am from Chicago but I've been around the country living and learning and outside the country vacationing and exploring. My hobbies are chess, sports, reading and writing poetry. Being in prison I can't promise you much, but I can assure you I am honest, straight-forward and caring. Write me let's get to know each other.

Charlotte Madison 153602 F-1-8A, 8966 Us Hwy 231, Wetumpka, AL, 36092: I have blue eyes and looking for a pen pal. I love music, spots. If interested, write me. Thank you.

Ernesto Martinez F-09696, 2 gym #30 up, ASP, PO Box 9, Avenal, CA, 93204: 21yrs, 5'8", 165lbs, half White half Hispanic, light brown skin, light brown eyes, and a shaved head. My tongue and ears are pierced. My interests are movies, house parties, some sports, outdoor stuff, or just about any time spent around good people. I'm just a young man looking for someone with a good heart and a nice smile. Looking to start a new friendship.

Jed Gilchirst J69661, MSF 2-24, PO Box 5008, Calipatria, CA, 92233: 39, White, 6'1", 190lbs, brown hair, hazel eyes. I love to dance, love all kinds of music and comedy. I love to laugh. Seeking a lady for correspondence. I'm interested in finding that right lady for a letter relationship, possible marriage and more. Race is not a factor.

Charles Harris T-35363, Cedar Hall B-103L, Po Box 500, Chino, CA, 91708: 6'0", 255lbs, love to woodwork, hike, camp, sports, and becoming a nurse. Looking for a female pen pal who has like interests and who is liberal minded and outgoing.

Dwight Dilbert 99B2972, PO Box 149, Attica, NY, 14011-0149: 6'1 1/2", 230lbs, 35, African-American, brown eyes, never married, 3 children. My hobbies are football, baseball and sometimes soccer. I am searching for Ms. Right as a friend/pen pal and whatever the future may bring with the blessings of God. Ethnicity, physical looks are unimportant. Kids are a plus. Hopefully, I'll hear from someone soon. Honesty is a very good quality.

Michael T. Norton 1040450, Scott State Prison, H-C-58, PO Box 417, Hardwick, GA, 31034-0417: 27, White Male, 5'9", black hair, blue eyes and a tan. I am looking for a nice lady pen pal. I like to read, write songs, poems, take long walks and most of all I live to cuddle next to the fireplace on a quiet night and listen to soft music play. I am looking for a laid back lady between the ages of 25-35 about 5'4" or shorter with a good personality. You must like to have fun and not be afraid to smile. Race unimportant.

Meguala Brown K65106, Telfair State Prison, Milan Unit GO 307, PO Box 549, Helena, GA, 31037: 24 years old, 5'10" with light brown eyes & complexion, 160lbs, bald head and 11 tattoos. I have a sense of humor, am outgoing and energetic and like to draw and chat.

Thomas Sherrer 414047, Scott State Prison H-C-90B, PO Box 417, Hardwick, GA, 31034: Just a good of country boy born and raised on a cattle farm. 42, dark black hair, blue eyes, 185lbs, white, love to write letters. You can write and ask me anything you wish. I promise I will write back and answer all of your questions. Single with 3 kids, been married 2 times.

Mildred Price 207993, Dorm F-1-31-A, 8966 US Hwy 231, Wetumpka, AL, 36092: I have blue eyes, brown hair, 5'6", 150lbs, 50 years old. I like all sports, country music and older men. I do not have any dislikes.

Pam Hicks 252408, F2-15B, 8966 US Hwy 231, Wetumpka, AL, 36092: 39, 5'8", hazel green eyes, brown hair, 133lbs, love the outdoors, watching sports and quiet evenings at home.

Heather Coleman 240082, F2-14B, 8966 Us Hwy 231, Wetumpka, AL, 36092: 30, 5'0", brown eyes, blond hair, 130lbs, love the outdoors, sports of any kind, and watching scary movies.

Jennifer Arnold 202197, F2-21A, 8966 Us Hwy 231, Wetumpka, AL, 36092: 36, 5'4", brown eyes, brown hair, 160lbs, love the outdoors, love wildlife, am a true country girl.

Gregory Dooley 510-407, Marion Correctional Institution, PO Box 27, Marion, OH, 43301-0057: Black Male, 41, 6'6", love to write pen pals FEMALES ONLY. Active in the institution NAACP, Red Cross, Computer Lab, Vocational School, Sign Language, Spanish Course and a few other things to keep my mind busy. Would appreciate a pen pal to share experiences.

Kenyon McClelland T19229, F3-12-137L, PO Box 799003, San Diego, CA, 92179-9003: 27, 6'0", 185lbs, brown eyes & skin, with a really nicely built body. I'm looking for any & all pen pals. Take a chance on me, there will be no regrets. I'm African-American.

Ricky McElligott 702169, Moore Haven Correctional Facility, PO Box 718501, Moore Haven, FL, 33471: Blonde hair, blue eyes, 5'9", 185lbs, good build, 46. I get out in 6 years. I'm financially stable so I need no money. I have earned one degree in religious studies. I love shooting pool, riding horses, the beach, church, concerts, camping out in the stars. Looking for a female between the ages of 38 and 45. Race does not matter.

Reginald West FE-6643, 175 Progress Drive, Waynesburg, PA, 15370: 25 yrs, 180lbs, brown skinned, hazel brown eyes, dread locks, very athletic, basketball, football and boxing. I'm attractive and smart, down-to-earth, easy going, enjoy good company, good conversation and plenty of laughs. I'm just searching for a mature lady-friend, 18 and older, with a colorful personality. Respects, honesty, trustworthy and understanding are qualities I am looking for. So if you're that special one – write me.

James A. Duckett 112232, Florida State Prison, G-wing, 7819 NW 228<sup>th</sup> Street, Raiford, FL, 32026-1160: Almost 50, divorced, white male, 6'0", 300lbs, love letters and love to write. Will gladly write anyone.

Damien Jackson 31045-177, FCI Petersburg Med, PO Box 90043, Petersburg, VA, 23804: 26, 6'1", smooth milk chocolate complexion and wavy black hair down to my back. My hobbies are writing songs(R&B, hip hop) and poetry, weight training and chess. I have a cool, positive demeanor. I love good conversation with intelligent females but I love women of all shades. Holla at a real one.

Charles May 05A3300, Camp Gabriels Correctional Facility, Po Box 100, Gabriels, NY, 12939-0100: 39, extremely well built, serious minded. I love to read law and positive material. Also I like jogging and am a vegetarian. Race not an issue.

Joseph Washington 1231858, Burrus Correctional Training Center J-3-J-72, PO Box 5849, Forsyth, GA, 31029: 35, 192lbs, Black male, 5'6", Christian who loves God. My hobbies are basketball, writing, singing and playing the keyboard. Looking for a pen pal.

Ricky Carter 1242247, Burrus Correctional Training Center J-3-32, PO Box 5849, Forsyth, GA, 31029: 37, 5'7", 240lbs, Black male. I enjoy poetry, chess, great movies, family days, cooking and also the word of God. I'm currently requesting a pen pal that is willing to broaden their horizon in every aspect of life. I look forward to a great meeting of heart and minds of one another.

Archie Lee Ricks 766873, 640 85 up, PO Box 9, Avenal, CA, 93204: I really enjoy reading and writing. Before my incarceration I use to correspond with incarcerated friends and family. My hobbies include cooking, bike riding, and exercising just to name a few. My mother had all boys and we all get down when it comes to cooking. I have reconnected myself with God since my incarceration and plan on keeping it that way. I am 6'5", in very good health. Yes I am very blessed thank you in mind body and soul.

M. Rodney Jones 244189, Cong 139 BRCI, 4460 Broad River Rd., Columbia, SC, 29210: 35 yrs, B/M, 6'4", 230lbs, brown skin, brown eyes, bald head. Looking for a blessed woman that almighty God directs to write me. Race, age, height does not matter. The Lord will direct that special someone.

James Abbey H-11248, Willow Hall-196U, PO Box 500, Chino, CA, 91708: My friends call me Scooter. I am a sexy, dark brown skinned, handsome man with bedroom brown eyes, 5'9", 210lbs, sweet loving 41 yrs young and full of energy. I love sports, indoor and outdoor activities, picnics in the park, walks on the beach, moonlight dinners, romantic at heart, open minded, love to laugh and joke, can be serious when need be. Single, no kids, never been married but would like to someday. Looking for a friend right now.

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Paul Balkcom C288880 3C-205a, Moore Haven Correctional Facility, PO Box 718501, Moore Haven, FL, 33471: I'm a very humble and patient individual who loves to communicate, 39 but look 25. I love happiness and willing to work through any indifference if necessary. I love reading, writing, mentoring kids, exercises mentally, physically and spiritually, cooking and education. 5'11 1/2", 230lbs, muscular cuts, brown eyes, pecan tan complexion, clean cut wavy hair. I dislike racism and people that are consumed by it.

Steven Spencer 03B2189, Camp Gabriels Correctional Facility, Po Box 100, Gabriels, NY, 12939-0100: 29, 5'10", 170lbs, greenish-grey eyes, curly hair, tattoos, Puerto Rican-African American. I like writing poetry, shopping, amusement parks, and enjoying life.

Cesar Varela K83977, PO Box 1700, Galesburg, IL, 61402: 26, 5'9", 190lbs, black hair but sporting a bald head, dark brown eyes, no kids, few tattoos, no piercings, outgoing, honest, caring and looking for a friend. I love sports, reading books, painting and writing.

Gary Hagg, Palmer Correctional Center, PO Box 919, Palmer, AK, 99645:53, enjoys reading and studying the Bible, playing guitar, fishing, camping and hiking. My hobbies are tying fly's, collecting old bottles, and wood working. I am recently divorced and enjoying spending time with my grandchildren.

Javier Romero 27407, Cedar Hall Bed A-108L, Po Box 500, Chino, CA, 91708: Mexican-American, 48 yrs, likes to play baseball, can write in Spanish. I would like to have a pen pal my age or older.

Derek Jones T37860, San Quentin State Prison, San Quentin, CA, 94964: 34, single, 6'0", 180 poundz, light brown skin and light brown eyes. I like writing, listening to music and playing sports.

Shug Robinson 323674, PO Box 549, Whiteville, TN, 38075: BM, 5'10", 185lbs, athletic build, dark brown eyes and a great smile. I'm down to earth, great sense of humor, non-judgmental, good conversationalist, even better listener.

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Cordova Jorge EFD2-75 Low, Ironwood State Prison, PO Box 2199, Blythe, CA, 92226: TO any pen pal out there I hope you read this and are in the best of health. I'm 5'7", 170lbs, brown eyes & hair, 40 years old and not active anymore. Single with 2 kids. I'm looking to be released in 2009. I like all kinds of music but the ones I heard most is reggae and oldies. I love sports, reading and drawing. I am an honest person and don't like playing games. I am an old school "G". Whoever writes will get an answer.

Frank Hannah 847601, H-C-1, Scott State Prison, PO Box 417, Hardwick, GA, 31034: Looking for a female pen pal. 37, White male, old country boy doing a little time. Write me a fe lines and I will write you back.

# 15 Minutes of Fame

**Ready for the World** - often ignored in modern retrospectives of 80's music, during 1985-1988 there were few acts that were bigger than Ready For the World. Their Jheri curl look made them the young heartthrobs of R&B/Pop music, and their series of hit dance cuts and ballads, were absolutely infectious.

Formed in the early 80's in Flint, Michigan by singer/songwriter Melvin Riley along with Gordon Strozier, John Eaton, Willie Triplett, Gerald Valentine and Gregory Potts, Ready for the World scored sizeable hits with the first two singles, the ballads "Tonight" and "Deep Inside Your Love." But it was their third single, the magnificent Prince-sounding electronic dance tune "Oh Sheila," that moved the group to the top of the Pop and Soul charts. The song became one of the year's biggest pop hits.

*Willie Triplett of Ready for the World was gracious enough to sit down with me for an interview. He and his wife live about five minutes away. Yes, he and my husband are first cousins. They grew up very close. If you look back on some of their album's you will see Rufus' name as songwriter. Here's a little about the group and my interview:*

**Do you see Ready for the World as pioneers?** I don't but other people do. We've heard that a lot from people in the industry and "fans".

**What do you most want to be remembered for?** We haven't accomplished this yet but we're working on it. I want most to be remembered for AUTHENTICITY. If anything, that is what I would like to be remembered for.

**What's the craziest thing a female has done to get the group's attention?** We were at Disneyland performing across the water and a female jumped in the water to get to us. You had electricity going throughout with the lights and all and that was kinda crazy.

**Have any of the members had any run-ins with the law?** Absolutely! We've all had run-ins with the law. We've had issues, sometimes domestic; I'm just going to be real with it. Sometimes whether it be tinted windows, or suspended licenses or whatever the case may be. We go thru the normal aspects of living and being citizens.

**What about drug use. Did that play apart in any of the group's lives?** Nah, not at all. So far no member has been indicted, caught or accused or any wrong doing drug wise.

**What keeps you grounded?** The overall love of the craft.

**Is there a criminal element in the music business?** I believe so. Again, I'm just going to keep it real. It can be cutthroat at times, unnecessarily. I think that we can all be in this industry and make money. It doesn't have to be cutthroat, people stabbing each other in the back for whatever reason. In the beginning when we first started out, there was a lock code on the industry from managers, to labels to radio stations, but I feel that has changed and the artist has gained a lot more control. Even though that element still exists, the artist has gained a lot more control.

**What would you say is the biggest myth about being in the music business?** The biggest myth is that you don't have to work for it. Of course you have those one hit wonders. The artists don't make themselves. It takes a whole background of people to make the artist big. So the biggest myth that the artist did it by themselves is bull. And I don't care who you are, it's not happening.

**Do all of the members have a college background or skills to fall back on?** I think all of the members have skills to fall back on. Every member does not have a college background. Only a few of us have had some college. I don't think it's necessary in this society to always have a college background. I think if you have the wherewithal and the will to go out and get your hustle on, I think that you can succeed in this society.

**With all of what you are seeing going on with young Black men, what do you think of the criminal justice system?** I think it needs to be totally revamped. I know that our young guys need guidance but they don't all need to be thrown in jail and the key thrown away. So it definitely needs to be revamped and law enforcement needs to refocus on how they treat us.

**What words of encouragement can you give to all of the prisoners reading this article?** I think that regardless of what your situation is you have to concentrate on your future. Whether that be five years away or ten years away, concentrate and start rebuilding yourself. If you do that you can handle anything that comes your way. Put God first; believe in yourself and then everything else.

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**Mint Condition**-For nearly two decades, they are more than an average group or band....they become, in fact, Mint Condition. After five successful studio albums, over a dozen hit singles, multiple world tours, the band remains just as popular as ever. Every member of the band, including keyboardists Lawrence El and Keri Lewis, guitarist O'Dell and keyboardist/saxophonist Jeffrey, came of age in the Twin Cities (St. Paul & Minneapolis) and were inspired by Prince's electrifying hybrid of funk, soul and pop (now known as "The Minneapolis Sound,"). The young men knew of one another peripherally, but the collaborations didn't fall into place until they united under Central High School's performing arts program; O'Dell and Stokley, who had a steel drum class together, absorbed the musicians after practicing sessions in Stokley's home basement. "There was a performing arts class that we were all in," says Lawrence of that fertile period. "A lot of singers around town would hire musicians and we ended up playing in gigs together as the backing band. It happened so often that eventually, we decided to just do it all ourselves." And if the sudden implosion of record labels weren't enough of a change, another one loomed on the horizon; in 2001, two years after...Aquarium's release, Keri Lewis departed from the band to produce and tour with his future wife, Toni Braxton; according to his band mates, the split was an amicable one. "We talk on the phone at least once a month and we run into him every now and then.



## 15 Minutes of Fame (Part 2)

*Stokley is a singer/songwriter and plays drums for the band. Here's how our interview went:*

*Jenny : I'm going to ask you the same questions that I asked Willie from Ready for the World.*

*Stokley: Oh really, why?*

*Jenny: Because I am going to put it up like a Battle of the Bands.*

**Do you see Mint Condition as pioneers?** I'm not sure. Maybe some people see us as new pioneers. Our sound is just a culmination of all of the groups we were inspired by; bands and vocal groups. I guess the way that we package it some people consider it new. We continue to be inspired and do new things such as E-Life, our new album.

**What do you most want to be remembered for?**

Being true to yourself no matter what the obstacles. There are so many things I could say but staying true to self is very important. People are always going to have their comments and feel you should do things this way or that way. But as long as it is true to us, then we go with it.

**What's the craziest thing a female has done to get the group's attention?** There have been a few things. Of course you have your preverbal throwing the undergarments on stage. And then you get the extreme of somebody sending the keys to their house with the code to the alarm system being my birth date and their birth date. That's pretty wild. There are so many examples but that's one of the wildest to me.

**Have any of the members had any run-ins with the law?** I'm sure being a Black man in America, who hadn't, hell? I mean hey, I'm just being real.

**What about drug use. Did that play apart in any of the group's lives?** I'm sure all of us have experimented when we were younger. You gotta climb knuckle head hill. I lived 2 blocks right around the corner from the hood. The area I lived in was pretty cool but literally a block away was mess. I don't know how any of us made it out. Rick the bass player is from the South Side of Chicago and you know what that's about. Just by the grace of God and after school programs we made it out. I can understand young cats coming up today that have these negative influences around and getting into trouble because of nothing to do. It is important to give them something to do.

**What keeps you grounded?** Family. Living in the Midwest is a grounding experience. I always say that we work the hoopla but we don't live it. We come home, regroup, re-energize and then head out again, North, South, East, West, overseas, wherever we have to go. Family and friends keep it real and we can be ourselves. I would hate to have to walk around with a bodyguard. I enjoy the freedom that we have living here.

**Is there a criminal element in the music business?** I think so. Any time there is that type of money generated in anything, not only music, I'm talking about government as well, there's always going to be something there. You deal a lot on a cash basis, payola is still going on and so yes I believe that you will always have some type of criminal element, not just Mafioso.

**What would you say is the biggest myth about being in the music business?** Once you get in and get signed you're rich and it's the end of your problems. That is not the case like most people think. Most young people coming thru that's what they see. It's a lot of hard work and if you have any type of success, that's when the work really begins. You think getting in is hard? Staying in is even rougher.

**Do all of the members have a college background or skills to fall back on?** Some of us. Lawrence is back in school studying Physics. Jeffrey, the keyboard player, just got his degree in Criminal Justice. I'm still trying to put the nail and coffin on some of these languages, mainly Spanish. We're all always into something.

**With all of what you are seeing going on with young Black men, what do you think of the criminal justice system?** From the little bit that I do know, some of us know that it is unfair. It's not balanced and it all basically comes down to money. Everybody trying to get paid. All of these quotas being met. I got stopped the other day. I really don't know why I got stopped. He said it was something different but he really couldn't explain to me what it really was. So after he ran my license and saw that I was clean, no issue existed. There is a lot of unfair things that goes on. It's jacked up but the system has some deep problems going on.

**What words of encouragement can you give to all of the prisoners reading this article?** Keep ya head up. Don't give up. Don't just play cards and lift weights. Use the time wisely. It's a lot of great examples that have come out of prison. I would say use that example of like a Malcolm X or someone like that. There are many others but use the time that you have to reflect. There are many that are in there that are innocent. Stay strong. I've never been to prison and ain't looking to go. From what I've heard it ain't really no place to be. You have to live by a different code. Stay strong.

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## Woman arrested 32 years after prison escape

Published on: 04/30/08

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A woman who escaped from a Detroit prison 32 years ago has been arrested in San Diego, where she was living under a false name, authorities said.

U.S. Marshals say 53-year-old Susan Lefevre was taken into custody Thursday in the Carmel Valley area.

In 1976, Lefevre walked out of the Detroit House of Corrections after serving just one year of a 10- to 20-year sentence on conspiracy and drug convictions.

Using the name Marie Walsh, she married and raised three children. She lived in San Diego for nearly 10 years.

Authorities in late March received a tip saying Lefevre might be living in California as Marie Walsh. They confirmed it through a thumbprint match.

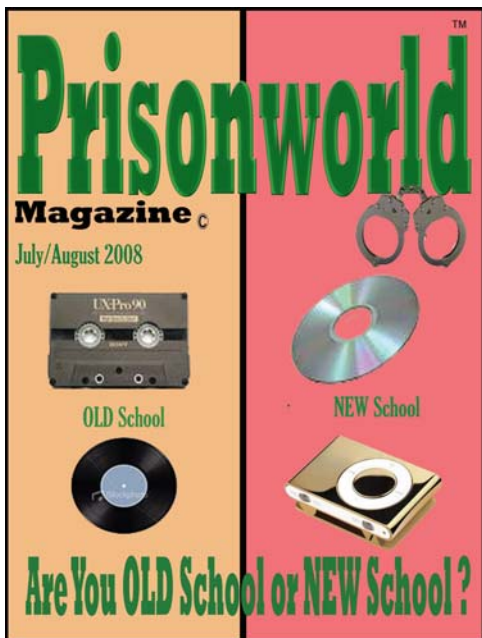
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### Answer - Class Reunion

Casey Smith married Anna and became a lawyer in Springfield.

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Indian Life, Box 32, Pembina, ND 58271 "Indian Life" publication news from across Native North America. \$7.00/year, 1 copy/\$1.50.

JEWISH Prisoner Services International PO BOX 85840, Seattle, WA 98145-1840 Tel: 206-985-0577 Emergency Collect Phone: 206-528-0363. Offers support, referrals, guidance, educational and religious programs.

Mexican-American Legal Defense Education Fund (MALDF), 634 North Spring St. 11th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90014

Mexican Awareness Through Association (MATA), Box 2500, Lincoln, Nebraska 68542-2500. bulletin "Torcido", 3 stamps or more.

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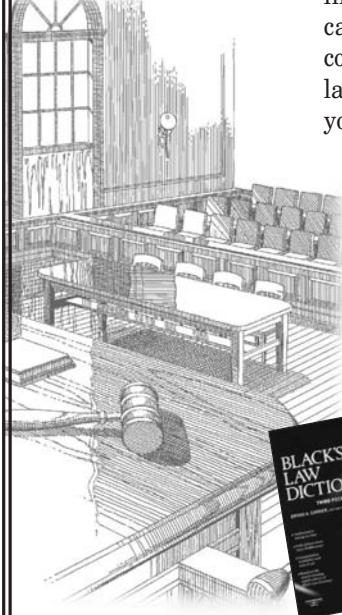
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Lizette Coleman 07-G-1188

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Albion, NY 14411

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## SHU'AIB

Among Abraham's descendants, and previous to Moses, is Shu'aib, who was sent to Midian, a city on the Red Sea. Shu'aib is generally considered to be the Arabic name for Jethro. He is also supposed to be the man whose daughter Moses married when he fled to Midian (28:27). He is mentioned four times in the Holy Qur'an, and in his teaching special stress is laid on the giving of full measure and weight. Thrice he is spoken of as being sent to Midian (7:85; 11:84; 29:36), and once as being sent to the dwellers of the thicket, ~~ab *al-aika* (26: 176). Whether they were the same as the people of Midian cannot be said; in all probability they are identical, as the preaching in this case too is against defaultation in measure and weight. The following quotation is sufficient to give an idea of his preaching:

“And to Midian (We sent) their brother Shu'aib. He said: Oh my people, Serve Allah, you have no other god save Him. And give not short measure and weight. I see you in prosperity, and I fear for you the chastisement of an all-encompassing day:

And, Oh -my people, give full measure and weight justly, and defraud not men of their things, and act not corruptly in the land, making mischief:

What remains with Allah is better for you, if you are believers...

Oh my people, see you, if I have a clear proof from my Lord and He has given me a goodly sustenance from Himself... I desire nothing but reform, so far as I am able. And with none but Allah is the direction of my affair to a right issue.” (11:84,88)

The people persisted in their evil ways and in their opposition to the prophet, and were ultimately destroyed by an earthquake (7:91).

References: History of the Prophets  
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