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FBI Warns Of Foreclosure Scams

By Chris Levister

As foreclosures skyrocket in the region, the number of companies offering help is increasing as well. The FBI has joined with the Better Business Bureau, accorded State Attorneys and local law-enforcement in warning consumers about "bogus" foreclosure recovery operations.

According to data compiled by the FBI the targets are often Black and Latino borrowers in financial trouble, who are looking for ways to save their homes from foreclosure. Many so-called 'rescuers' are claiming to have 'sight-based' negotiating terms, the borrowers couldn't fairly easily obtain on their own, while others are simply exploiting vulnerable homeowners.

The FBI says perpetrators convince homeowners that they can save their homes from foreclosure through deed transfers and the payment of up-front fees. "This 'foreclosure rescue' often involves a manipulated deed process that results in the preparation of forged deeds.," the FBI says in extreme instances, many perpetrators may sell the home or secure a second loan without the homeowner's knowledge, stripping the property's equity for personal enrichment.

"They told us they wanted to help minorities victimized by predatory mortgage lenders keep their homes - guaranteed our county back," Green and James Wade were sure their property had been annexed when two soft-spoken, well-dressed men from a foreclosure rescue operation knocked on their door in April.

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Californians for Obama Denies Charges of Exploiting for Personal Gain

SB Obama Office Not Authorized

By Kurt Wilson

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MySpace Not A Good Idea For Party Invitations

Last week I saw a few examples of "How loud a good idea at the time can turn out to be." I found another example that took place in Racine, Wisconsin.

A 15-year-old young lady decided to throw a party at the home of a friend. In celebration of her birthday, she organized a lot of friends to come together. It was a good idea, but what was coming to her was a party that was worth remembering.

She was working in the kitchen, preparing a snack for her guests, when she suddenly realized that she had her brochure.C.

The party goers started to show up and the sound of music was heard throughout the house. The music was so loud that the neighbors could hear it from miles away.

Innocent Until Found Guilty

I recently spoke with a lawyer about the subject of "innocent until found guilty." The lawyer said that the phrase is not an accurate statement of the law.

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Thanksgiving Originated In Africa

For many years, Thanksgiving has been celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November. However, the origins of this holiday are not as well known as one might think.

The holiday is believed to have originated in England, where it was first observed on November 21, 1620. The Puritans, who were a group of English Protestants, had settled in the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1620 and were trying to establish a new society based on their religious beliefs.

In 1621, the Puritans celebrated the first successful harvest in their new settlement by giving thanks to God for their good fortune. This day became known as Thanksgiving Day.

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For many Black comedians, the experience of being physically abused is a part of their identity. It is a way for them to express their pain and to find humor in a difficult situation.

Some comedians use their experiences of abuse as a way to connect with their audience. They use their stories to help others understand the impact of abuse and to raise awareness about the issue.

It is important to remember that these jokes are not meant to be taken lightly. They are a way for comedians to cope with their pain and to find humor in a difficult situation.

Thanksgiving was not always a time for family and friends to come together and enjoy a meal. In fact, it was a time for the Puritans to give thanks to God for their good fortune and for the land they had been given.

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However, it was not until the 18th century that Thanksgiving became a national holiday in the United States. In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation declaring Thanksgiving a national holiday.

Today, Thanksgiving is a time for families and friends to come together and enjoy a meal. It is a time to give thanks for the blessings we have in our lives and to spend time with loved ones.

This holiday is a reminder of the importance of gratitude and of the power of coming together as a community.
The Wade's were asked to sign documents "sharing" their property, but Mr. T making any faces or grimacing at the trial five years ago and he was concerned about his exclusion of Black and Latino jurors. Several years ago, then Deputy District Attorney Michael Rushton had told the court that he had expelled one Black juror even though three other jurors with similar qualifications had been selected after the highly successful volunteer campaign that landed Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger a second term, and the Black Voice News is "welcoming back" its staff. The Riverside County District Attorney's office has experienced numerous challenges in conducting interviews involving other prospective jurors. "We've done nothing illegal and are acting out of an honest desire to support Obama," added Cash. The organization has reported-...
Essence Festival: Back Home

The Black Voice News
NEW ORLEANS, LA
By Dannelle Scott

In 2006 the Essence Festival had temporarily left its home base of New Orleans and relocated to Houston, Texas because of the damages of Hurricane Katrina. July 5, 2007 the residents of New Orleans welcomed the Essence Festival back home. It was a three day empowering, encouraging, and inspiring celebration. The days were filled with powerful seminars given by inspirational speakers, professionals, and authors. The evenings were kicked off in high gear at the Superdome where the concerts took place.

The focus of the celebration was "party with a purpose." Essence reminded everyone that even though they were there to have a good time there are still concerns and issues that need to be addressed. "Party with a purpose" was stressed throughout the three days. The festival ran July 5-7.

Every day had empowerment seminars that took place at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center. Dynamic speakers such as Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton, Dr. Juanita Bynum, Iyanla Vanzant, Bishop Eddie Long, Michael Eric Dyson, Dr. Cornelia West, Michael Eric Dyson, Dr. Corne! West, Michael Eric Dyson, Dr. Cornelia West, and many more informed while inspiring the public to get involved with our youth and to vote in the upcoming election.

In the evenings people were entertained by a list of extraordinary performers such as Beyonce, Ciara, Robin Thicke, Chris Brown, Mary J. Blige, Lionel Richie, Rachelle Ferrell, Ne-Yo, Steve Harvey, Kelly Rowland and more. Also, special guest Senator Barack Obama came to the concert on Friday and spoke to the people about helping to rebuild New Orleans.

However, there was some criticism from people that aren't New Orleans residents about the Essence Festival being there. The criticism was based on the fact that there are still families that are displaced and the majority of the 9th ward homes have not been rebuilt. Employees of an organization called Common Ground Relief disagreed with the critics. They felt that having the Essence Festival was extremely important not only for those exact reasons but also because people are reinvigorating funds back into the city. They wanted people to see what was going on in New Orleans, so that people would report back to their community that the work is not finished. Not only are families still displaced and homes are not rebuilt, but other problems have arisen. Apartments that were once $400 or $500 are now $750 to $800. This rising cost of living is making it harder for families to come back home. Common Ground Relief needs your help to rebuild the 9th ward. It is a non-profit organization that depends on volunteers and donations of food, utilities, clothing, tools, or money. If you would like to volunteer or donate to this organization call: 504-356-4997.

Susan L. Taylor, Editorial Director of Essence urged the audience to be part of a national protest day on August 29th. New Orleans Mayor C. Ray Nagin, residents, and supporters are going to march on August 29th to get the funding to rebuild the 9th ward, bring back families that are displaced, and mediating for a better educational system. On this day the idea is that everyone in every state contact their senators and congressional leaders to demand better education, equality, and equal opportunities in the African American community. For more information log on to: www.essence.com.
What to Make of Vick?

Michael Vick

By Leland Stein

DETROIT, MI

By no means is Michael Vick the poster boy for dogfighting, however, in the eyes of many due to his celebrity and many transgressions he may well become it. Investigators say they seized 55 Pit Bulls from the NFL quarterback's property recently. The case sheds light on the estimated thousands of crime dogs that run wild each year in America. Dogfighting was once the sport of Britsh "gentlemen," but it has been banned in 50 states. Even so, the practice seems to have grown in recent years as it has moved into urban areas, said Norma Wool, editor of Dog Owners Guide, a regional newsletter based in Cincinnati, Ohio. "The Pit Bull seems to be the dog of choice of young men who want to prove how macho they are," she said.

I know, because as I walk or drive through my old hood, I see every Tom, Dick and Harry with a Pit Bull. Then I turn on the cable and see every rapper with a Pit Bull in their video. Experts say dog fights can last for as long as two hours, until one dog either turns away or dies fighting. Even the winner may die from blood loss, shock, dehydration, or weapon charges, but law enforcement agents say it is a "textbook example" of how they often stumble into a dogfighting investigation.

In Vick's case, a drug-related investigation by local police of a Vick family member took place at the Surry County, Va., property owned by Vick. Law enforcement took note of the presence of numerous dogs, further searches were conducted and Pit Bulls were seized. It must be noted Vick claims he only purchased the property and never goes there. He says he stays in Atlanta and moves around the country going to football camps for as long as two hours, until one dog either turns away or dies fighting at his house. They say emphatically that Vick is a monster. Still others say that the real facts have never been determined that gave him. It is a fact that no dog paraphernalia was ever found in the water bottle. Many note the Vick was flipping off fans who were giving the Falcons crap all game and finally they say Vick had relatives living on the property, but he was never there. Surely it is up to the criminal justice system to determine guilt or innocence; however, it appears that Vick has already been determined to be guilty. I have to reserve my opinion until the facts are laid on the table and guilt or innocence is proven. Isn't that what we all would want for ourselves? On the other hand, if indeed Vick is proven guilty, then it would be a monumental boondoggle mistake that will cost him millions.

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Vick's return. Former Black Voice News Sports Editor/Leland Stein can be heard on WGPR radio (107.5) every Sunday from 11 p.m. to midnight. He can be reached at leland3@aol.com.
National Night Out Events Set For Bloomington And Muscoy

Bloomington's celebration will be held at Alice Park, located at 38313 Valley Boulevard. The Muscoy event will be held at Vermont Elementary School, 3695 Vermont Street.

The San Bernardino City Unified School District and San Bernardino County Sheriff Department will be supporting the events, along with other County departments. There will be free food, giveaways, music and entertainment. McGroff, the Crime Dog, also will make a special guest appearance at each celebration.

Supervisor Gonzales allocated $10,000 to offset the costs for the two community celebrations in Bloomington and Muscoy. The County Association of Wine Drinkers Alcoholics Anonymous is expected to participate in "America's Night Out Against Crime" celebrations. For more information on these events call the 5th District office at (909) 878-4454. For details on National Night Out visit the website at www.nno.org.

The 5th District includes the unincorporated areas of Bloomington, Muscoy, Arrowhead Farms, the city of Rialto, major portions of the cities of Colton and San Bernardino, and a part of the city of Fontana.

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Related and Shield of Faith Breaks Ground on Low-Income Housing Project

By Bishop James Newman (Diocesan of Mexico), Mr. Saki Middleton (Related Financial), Mr. James E. Campbell (Pres. of Shield of Faith Economic Corp), Minister Jason Scott (VP of Shield of Faith Economic Corp), Dr. Weny Alexander (First Lady of Shield of Faith Christian Center), Bishop Henry B. Alexander (Sr. Pastor of Shield of Faith Christian Center).

Related and Shield of Faith, co-developers of Tivoli Plaza and Shield Village, an affordable intergenerational rental apartment project being built on 3.6 acres in Pomona, recently broke ground on 90 apartments that will serve low-income seniors and families. Bishop Henry B. Alexander, Saki Middleton, Related California and Councilman George Hunter led the ceremony.

"This project is one of many joint venture developments that Related has with faith-based organizations throughout the State of California to develop both affordable and for-sale housing," said Saki Middleton, partner acquisitions/development with Related. Shield of Faith and Related's venture brings together a local church with extensive experience providing socio-economic and spiritual service to the community and an experienced private developer that has developed more than 6,000 units of housing in California.

"It is valuable for churches and other faith-based entities to participate in the revitalization of our communities since religious groups are so central to the life and the values of our families," said Bishop Henry B. Alexander, the pastor of Shield of Faith Christian Center.

Congregants and community members join hands in prayer prior to the groundbreaking ceremonies.

Looking for the Centurians
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By Ashley A. Jones

According to Phyllis Y. Clark, President and Founder of Healthy Heritage, this year's overall goal was to get as many people as possible to commit to a change. She said she wanted to provide enough information to assist the public in making an informed decision.

Last Saturday's event was held on the campus of California Baptist University. The program offered several information booths and workshops focused on promoting healthy eating habits, physical awareness and personal care.

Attendees of this year's event had the benefit of participating in free bone marrow, HIV/AIDS, prostate cancer, colorectal cancer and blood sugar level screenings. Attendees and residents of Riverside said, "This conference has helped me in so many ways. It gives women the opportunity to gain valuable information, to be proactive in their health and wellness." In an effort to incorporate a healthy lifestyle including good diet and exercise, she also advised her audience to have a "Yes, I can" approach to health and wellness.

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Riverside Poly High School Student Wins Nation Top Honors

Riverside Polytechnic High School junior Ryan Williams French only had 10 minutes to perform his skit, but he played four roles depicting Civil Rights era personalities to win the nation’s top honor in his category in the 2007 National History Day competition.

‘I’m quite amazed,’ the 16-year-old winner of the competition’s Senior Individual Performance prize said Friday in Riverside. He returned home from his competition at the University of Maryland on Thursday, the day he found out he won.

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Ryan’s project finished first in its category, according to results posted on the National History Day Web site. Over 500,000 students nationwide participated in National History Day competition this year.

To prepare for his quarter of quick-change roles that included playing the parts of Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X, Ryan said he spent two months searching for vintage clothes and other props from the Civil Rights Era. The audience was so amazed, that some even cried during his performance.

“It was incredible,” National History Day spokesman Mark Robinson said of Ryan’s performance in a phone interview Friday. “It had all the historical qualities, but he’s a tremendous performer. He made the story of Martin Luther King come alive.”

Ryan maintains top honors with a gpa of 4.2, he hopes to attend Yale University in 2008.

Surviving Summer: Southern California Edison Reminds Customers How to Keep Cool

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"We are honored to receive this award," said Nevin D. Lee, Director of African-American Community Marketing. "It is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our employees at Coors Brewing Company. We are proud to be recognized for our commitment to diversity and accountability."
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To join us on the Underground Railroad field study tour complete the following registration coupon. The program entails the travel study along the Underground Railroad. This abbreviated trip is ideal for students 10 years and older, as well as their chaperones. The group will follow the footsteps of freedom seekers.

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A non-refundable deposit of $100 is due by August 10, 2007 in order to hold your reservation. Final payment is due by August 1, 2007.

Students: This is a great opportunity for you to gain first-hand knowledge of early American history. Visit and see historic sites where freedom seeking enslaved Africans and abolitionists actually stayed. Overview Meeting location TBA.

Questions regarding the itinerary or trip or educational opportunities should be directed to:

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Second Baptist Church of Riverside’s Pastor to Appear on TBN

On Saturday, August 11, 2007 at 7:30 a.m., Second Baptist Church of Riverside’s Pastor to Appear on TBN’s “Shield of Faith” program. The program is the only live two-hour Christian television program in the world. The show features interviews with celebrities and laypersons. The show also features real-life anecdotes that feature issues and resolutions Christians face in their everyday lives dealing with issues in the home at work and at school. Pastor Gatt will offer guidance to Praise the Lord viewpoints by incorporating the Lord’s Word and real life anecdotes that everyone can relate to. Members of Second Baptist Church of Riverside will also travel to TBN to be a part of the studio audience.

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The mission of Second Baptist Church of Riverside is to fulfill the great commission of Jesus Christ through preaching, teaching, and equipping the Saints in every good work to minister to the mission through evangelistic outreach. For more information, call (951) 684-7532 or visit www.secondbap-riverside.org.

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