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Buffalo Bills Advance to AFC Championship Game



Buffalo Bills newest hero: Taron Johnson in Saturday's 17-3 win against the Baltimore Ravens.

by George Kuhns

With his game clinching goal line interception and electrifying 101 yard return for a touchdown in Saturday's 17-3 win against the Baltimore Ravens, cornerback Taron Johnson has become an instant Buffalo sports immortal with the biggest play in the last 25 years for the Bills. Johnson is an ironic hero as he had actually lost his starting job to Cam Lewis earlier this season.

Johnson was drafted by the Bills 121st overall in

2018 after four years at Weber State. At that years scouting combine there was a video taken of a ball bouncing off his head which became something of an internet sensation and it did not paint him in a positive light. But the Bills scouts to their credit looked past that. They liked his compete level in the Senior Bowl, they felt that he played hard on every play as if it were the last play he would ever make. In their interview they like his demeanor and professionalism.

Johnson's problem with the Bills has been injuries. He lost his starting job after he was injured in the Kansas City game. But he won his job back. He is a super hard competitor who studies hard in the film room to learn the tendencies of his opponents. So he was prepared and in the prefect position for Baltimore Ravens quarterback Lamar Jackson's throw that he picked off.

He wasn't even on the Continued on page two.

Ten Lives Club's 20th Anniversary

Ten Lives Club Cat Adoption Group is celebrating 20 years of being a nonprofit cat shelter in 2021. While the official date is in February, the nonprofit will be hosting a big gala at the Avanti Mansion in June to cele-brate. In the 20 years of being an organization, they have helped over 35,000 cats by adoption, spaying and neutering, or assistance in some way. Last year, the nonprofit took 2,496 cats into their program and adopted out 2,355 cats. They also have a 98.95% live release as they are a no kill shelter. Ten Lives Club does not get any government funding and relies

on donations and constant fundraising. They are currently looking for items of value to raffle off at upcoming events such as brand new cat trees, kitchen appliances, wine, liquor, gift cards, lottery tickets, sports memorabilia, or already assembled theme baskets. If you wish to get a gift for the cats, Purina Cat Chow, Advantage 2, Yesterday's News cat litter, and disposable litter boxes are always needed. For more information on how to volunteer, adopt, donate, or to see upcoming events, visit their website at www.tenlivesclub.com or call their Main Shelter at (716)-646-5577 ext. 1.

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LOI proposals must address at least one of the Solutions listed under the Community Foundation's four Community Goals that can be found at the link above.

The four Community Goals are:

- Improve educational achievement for students living in low-income households.
- Increase racial/ethnic equity.
- Protect and restore sig-

nificant environmental resources and promote equitable access.

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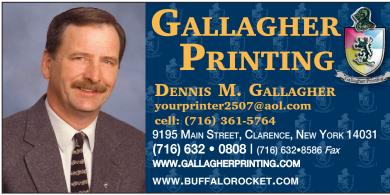


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Buffalo Bills Newest Hero: Taron Johnson

From page one.

field the previous play but substituted in and made Bills history. He is a player capable of making big plays. He also picked off Ben Rothlisberger for an interception returned for a touchdown in the game against the Pittsburgh Steelers.

In the game the Bills sold out to stop the run, using a 4-3 defense with four linemen. They also Blitzed Jackson heavily but primarily set up a wall infornt and on the side to limit his

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN (Never known to fail)

Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, show me herein you are my mother. Oh Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3X). Holy Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3X). Holy Spirit, You who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal, and thank You for Your mercy towards me and mine.

(Say this prayer 3 consecutive days, after which the request will be granted. This prayer must then be published.)

ability to run. The strategy proved effective as the Ravens only had three scoring chances in the game, all field goals and two of them hit the upright.

The Ravens rarely blitzed against Bills QB Josh Allen, a drastic departure from their stan-

dard defensive strategy which saw them blitz on a league leading 48% of their defensive plays. With Josh Allen's proficiency and productivity against the blitz, the book on the Bills is to drop extra men into pass coverage against the Bills four wide out spreads with double teams on some receivers. The Ravens took Cole Beasley out of the game with only two pass attempts and zero completions. But they failed to contain Stefon Diggs who had eight catches for 106 yards or John Brown with 62 yards on eight receptions. Expect the same defensive strategy form the Kansas City Chiefs in the AFC Championship game.



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North Buffalo January 18, 2021

Lincoln Parkway - Victim states that while she was out of town her vehicle was left parked on the corner of Lincoln at Amherst near her friends home and an unknown suspect did take, without permission, her vehicle. Owner has all keys to the vehicle.

January 18, 2021

Lovering Avenue - Witness stated at his walk back from store he heard what sounded like 9 - 10 gun shots on his street. Officers arrived to Lovering address to find nine .22 caliber shell casings on the front sidewalk in the driveway and in the street in front of the home. Officers also observed what appear to be bullet holes in the upper balcony/ apartment siding. Victim who is the owner of the home did arrive on scene with keys to the upper and gave officers permission to search for a possible victim. The residence was unoccupied at the time and officers did confirm nine holes which damaged the exterior siding along with the drywall on 2 separate walls inside. Estimated damage to the dwelling was \$1,000.00. Camera footage that possibly captured the crimes was located at 27 and 24 Lovering.

January 17, 2021

Summitt Avenue - Victim reports unknown suspect(s) did enter into her vehicle when it was parked and did take a VISA credit card, NYS ID and \$1.00 in cash.

January 16, 2021

Robie Street - Victim states an unknown person damaged several pots with plants in her front lawn valued over \$1,000.00. Tire marks were found in the dirt of the residence leading officers to believe the damage was done by a vehicle driving through the lawn. Witnesses did observe a Canisius College patrol car chasing a vehicle. Complainant believes it is the same vehicle that damaged the property. Witness has video of police chase.

Riverside January 17, 2021

Heward Street - Complainant recovered vehicle shortly after an incident occurred. Vehicle may be removed from hot list. Case being closed as complainant does not wish to pursue.

January 17, 2021

Amherst Street - Victim reports that an unknown person(s) did without the owners permission, enter into vehicle in which her purse containing three money orders valued at \$1,200.00 along with 4 pill bottles of various prescribed medications which were taken without owners consent. Victim's landlord does have video cameras at location. Victim was currently unsure of how to reach landlord as she is out of state.

January 17, 2021

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Isabelle Street - Victim reports that he went to meet

suspect (from Market Place) to buy an X-Box from him. When male met suspect, suspect did brandish what appeared to be a black handgun in an attempt to take victims money by force. Suspect did not get any money and is described as a male early 20's wearing all black.

January 17, 2021

Kenmore Avenue - Victim states that while at 1806 Kenmore defendant did violate order of protection in effect against her by entering her home, by engaging in physical contact with her and her boyfriend, and by shoving and striking victim in the left leg. Defendant then did depart victim's home leaving her cell phone behind. Officer and probationary officer did locate defendant at Price Rite and assisted probationary officer with placing her under arrest at 1806 Kenmore Avenue. Probationary officer did assist in arrest as well as mirandized defendant. Defendant had two outstanding warrants against her and with the City of Buffalo. Defendant was found in possession of bags of green leaf-like substance in her front left pants pocket which is being tested for marijuana. P-163 and domestic form complete. Two bags of green substance found on defendant were submitted to crime lab for testing.

January 16, 2021

Elmwood Avenue - Complainant states that unknown male did enter the store and did leave with merchandise totaling \$1,100.00 and passed all points of sale without purchase.

West Side January 17, 2021

Harvard Place - Victim reports that unknown sus-



pect(s) did unlawfully enter her home causing damage to a rear window. Suspect(s) did take cash from an upper closet and two cell phones from victim's bedroom as she slept.

January 17, 2021

Herkimer Street - Complainant reports for U-Haul that person(s) unknown possibly the subject did smash the windshield on vehicle, possibly with a Hennessey bottle. Subject did state to complainant that he was going to damage her vehicle.

January 16, 2021

Bird Avenue – Victim reports that vehicle was parked on Dewitt near Bird and that an unknown person(s) did take the vehicle with no right to so. Victim has all keys.

January 16, 2021

Block Street at Zalmere Street Victim reports when stopping at friend's house with vehicle running and unattended. Suspect unknown did take above vehicle without permission. Summons was issued to victim for leaving vehicle running and unattended.





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Dear Rusty: I have read your answers to the commonly asked question of "When should I claim social security benefits." You always say one should wait as long as possible (up to age 70) to get the maximum monthly benefit. But I have not seen you address the matter of all the money you could have collected if you start drawing sooner and how many years it will take, if you wait, to recoup all that money.

I am now 64. I have always planned to wait until at least 66 and possibly to 70 to start collecting. I have no health issues and expect to live well into my 90's. When I tell people this, they question why I am leaving so much money on the table by waiting. At age 66 I'd get \$1671 per month and, at 70, \$2161. Between those two ages I could collect \$73,524. It will take me many years to recoup all that money if I wait until 70 to begin, right? When I consider this, I question why I am waiting! Please help clear up my confusion and tell me whether I am doing the right thing

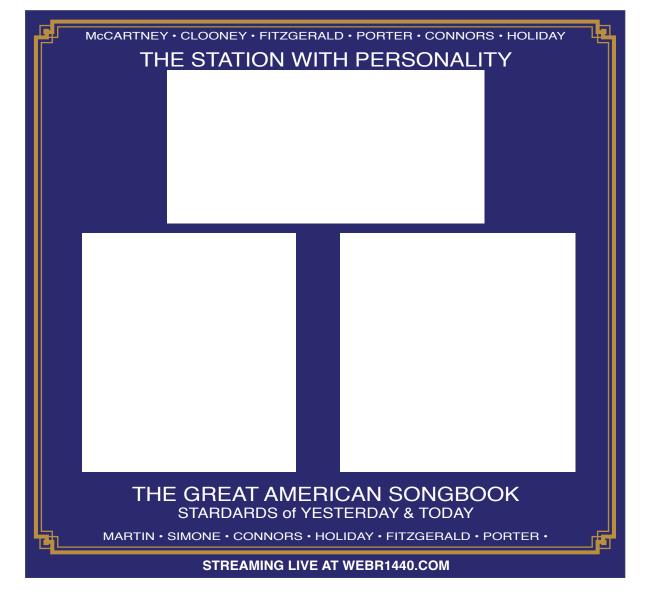
by waiting to claim. Signed: Confused Senior

Dear Confused: You are correct that I always try to make people aware of their option to get a bigger Social Security benefit by waiting longer to claim. But I also always stress that the decision to do that should consider several things - most notably, current need for the money, health, and anticipated longevity. Said another way, delaying until age 70 doesn't make much sense if you won't live long enough to at least "break even." Nevertheless, your point is very well taken - not a lot is written about benefits not taken when you wait until a later age to claim. I actually have written about that before, but I'm happy to evaluate your specific personal situa-

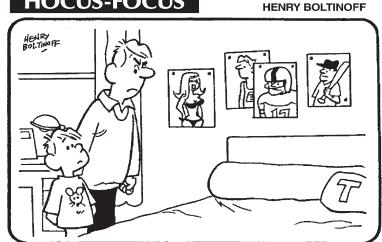
Using the numbers you provided, if you were to claim your \$1671 benefit starting at your full retirement age (FRA) you would collect \$73,524 over the 44-month period to age 70, when you could get the \$2161 benefit.

break even if you wait until age 70 to claim? Well, the difference between your age 70 benefit and your FRA benefit is \$490. So, if you wait and get the higher benefit at age 70, it will take you about 12.5 years to recover that \$73,524 (\$73,524 divided by \$490 = 150 months = 12.5years). So, here's where longevity comes in. According to Social Security, average longevity for a man your age today is about 84, so if you meet or exceed average longevity, you'll collect more in cumulative lifetime benefits by waiting until age 70 to claim. And you'll be getting that higher monthly benefit amount throughout your later years, a good way to offset inflation. Indeed, that higher benefit lasts for the rest of your life, and it also means a larger survivor benefit for your wife if you predecease her. As your widow, your wife will get 100% of the amount you are receiving when you pass, if she has reached her full retirement age and if her widow's benefit is more than her own. And 100% of your age 70 benefit is quite a bit more than 100% of your earlier benefits.

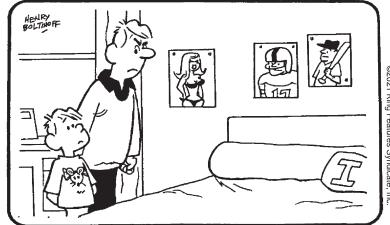








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Northwest Buffalo Beat by Joe Borty

Un-Billievable

Usually do not write sports in this column but this is big. As of this writing, the Buffalo Bills football team will play this weekend for the AFC Championship of the NFL against the Kansas City Chiefs. The winner goes to the Super Bowl, the ultimate goal of each and every team that plays professional football. Does not mean much to non-football people but it is huge news for the city of Buffalo. This has not happened in over 25 years and it brings National attention to the Queen City of the Great Lakes. Nonfans become fans as this is the big prize, to be the best in the business, and it could happen as our team is on the verge.

Personally, I have been a fan for 61 years, since Ralph Wilson brought a football franchise to our small market. He took a chance and it paid off.

Who would have thought 61 years ago it would come to this. The NFL is a multi-billion dollar operation that brings happiness and joy to millions of people every weekend. Football fans all over the country spending their Sunday afternoon either attending or watching their favorite team battle it out to reach the greatest height, to be the best there is. Even the magnificent stadiums they built today are an attraction in of themselves. I recall the early days here in Buffa-

The "Rock Pile" is what they called Civic Stadium back in 1960 and where the original Buffalo Bills would play. For those who are too young to remember, it was a smaller version of the Coliseum in Rome. Oval shaped and made out of stone with wood benches. We actually on occasion, played High

School football there. I dropped a crucial pass on that field. This was the home of the early Bills and I attended the very first game. The crowd was about 8,000, which was pretty good for an upstart new team. Who knew if this new league was going anywhere? The Bills team would sometimes practice at LaSalle Park on the West Side. I used to go down and watch. I recall seeing Daryl Lamonica trying to learn to punt. Good thing he stuck to passing. Point is we were allowed to be right there with the players. Some had to learn to do more than their intended task. Like kicking punts and field goals as the teams could not afford a specialist. Some even played both ways.

Today they have barriers to keep the crowd from mingling with the players. To even get an autograph is a major accomplishment. So much has changed in 61 years. I've seen so many players come and go. I attended the big game with our team playing, the Super Bowl, three times. Missed the forth. Way back in the beginning there was no Super Bowl. When the two leagues finally merged



Tom Dinder, Dorothy, Daryl Dave and Jackie Gallagher in Minneapolis, Minnesota for Super Bowl XXVI, January 26, 1992.

and they initiated a playoff for the best teams, it
was a dream to think Buffalo would ever make it
there. Then it happened,
Jim Kelly and company
not only went once but
four years in a row. This
town was sitting on top of
the world. Just one slight
problem. We did not win
any of them. So we never
made it to be world champions. Not even once.

Now here we are again 25 years later on the verge. When the season began, who would have thought we would reach this height? I admittedly did not. Especially after the 42 -17 drubbing we got back in the start of the season by the Tennessee Titans. Well they sure have it together now. Fi-

nally after all these years we have on field heroes again. The crescendo is elevating. We cannot wait for the weekend to come so we can watch the amazing way our team is performing. Un-Billevable what they are doing.

Been a long drought and it is time. Maybe this is our year, if not; we have a team that we will be proud of for years to come. Kind of feels like where we were all those years ago. Maybe this time there will be no "wide right". Win or lose Sunday this team has brought excitement and pride to our great city. We thank them for that and we thank Mr. Ralph Wilson for bringing us this franchise. It has been a great ride. Go Bills!





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en Lives Club Cat Adoption Group's offsite adoption location at the Eastern Hills Mall adopted out 600 cats and kittens in 2020. This brings the total number of adoptions done at this location to 2,123 in two and a half years. In 2020, this location was closed for several months as shopping malls were not able to be open due to COVID restrictions. Now open with limited capacity, the Ten Lives Club at the Eastern Hills Mall is continuing

to do adoptions to finding every cat a home. This location is the nonprofits biggest adoption location as they can hold around 35 cats and kittens in the store. It is not uncommon for this location to adopt out 70 cats in a months' time. To see all the cats available for adoption at this and their other adoption locations, visit their website at www.tenlivesclub.com or by calling their Main Shelter at (716)-646-5577 ext. 1.

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I trust in your intercession before the throne of God for my needs. Please pray also that if my requests are not in accord with the will of God, that I may be, like you, conformed to His will and not my own. To obtain this precious gift, I honor your loving mercy by praying:

Hail Mary, Full of Grace, The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holl Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of death. Amen.

G.A.D.





Buffalo Bill's Players

Match the first names with the last names of these Famous Bills players!

1) Kelly Andre Smith Orenthal 2) B) Reed C) 3) **Bruce Thomas** 4) D) James 5) **Bennett** E) Josh Allen F) Stefon 7) **Diggs** G) Thuman **Beasley** H) Cornelius 8) 9) Tasker I) Steve 10) Simpson J) Cole

The answers will be in next week's Rocket OR you can find them on our Facebook page.

Last week's answers: 1. Japan, 2. India, 3. China, 4. Cambodia, 5. Thailand, 6. Vietnam, 7. Mongolia, 8. Pakistan, 9. Philippines, 10. Russia



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