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City council approves HPD purchase, budget amendments

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Huntington City Council passed a resolution authorizing an equipment purchase for the Huntington Police Department and approved the 2015-2016 fiscal year’s budget revisions Monday during its biweekly meeting at City Hall.

HPD will purchase a Meridian fingerprint and palm print scanner to transmit data faster than the traditional mailing method. “This system allows us to rank high in our fingerprinting and palm print scanner too,” Huntington Police Chief Joe Ciccarelli said.

The system is compatible with the state’s system, it will allow for the first time, electronically to transmit fingerprints to the FBI,” Ciccarelli said.

Ciccarelli said one scanner will be maintained for juveniles.

Huntington Mayor Steve Williams said the budget revisions will provide additional funding for public works and internal adjustments.

“Ja, $390,000 from contingency to put money in the paving budget for the paving we’re doing right now, it’s putting money toward that,” Williams said. “$150,000 is moved to the City of Huntington, the mayor also announced plans for the annual Earth Day celebration from noon to 6 p.m. April 22. Activities will include tree planting, a stroll on the Paul Ambrose Trail to Health (PANTH) and rain barrel demonstrations.

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Globetrotters' Zeus gives positive message to local kids

By BRADLEY HELTZEL

Huntington Mayor Steve Williams said he hoped the kids from the community took away the positive message McClurkin offered them.

"I look at these kids and I know some are saying ‘I'm going to be him one day.'" Williams said. "Zeus is a great ambassador and I'm thrilled he's taken the time to not only come to Huntington but to come to the A.D. Lewis Community Center as well."

McClurkin said visiting community centers like the A.D. Lewis brings back special memories from his childhood.

"I come to community centers just like this when I was younger," McClurkin said. "I used to play in here for hours, upon hours, upon hours. Basketball was my release, kind of my stress reliever. I could just do it for forever so, it's a good thing for the kids to be able to see somebody who was in their seat at one time and know they're able to overcome whatever obstacles they have. They can make it through it."

Anthony Thomas, a local sixth grader, said getting to meet McClurkin was an experience he will not forget.

"It sounds like he went through a lot of the same things me and my friends kind of go through now, like with school and stuff," Thomas said. "It makes me think if he was able to do it then so can I. You just can't give up.'"

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Player of the week: TJ Diffenderfer

POSITION: FIRST BASE CLASS: RS SENIOR HOMETOWN: MOUNT JULIET, TENNESSEE

By BRADLEY HEUZEL

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As he's making an impact offensively when he isn't making contact. He has hit batters, opposing pitchers into submission, registering a team-high 19 walks in 39 at-bats. Diffenderfer's fielding from the first base position has been exceptional this season, totaling 273 putouts against just three errors for a .990 fielding percentage.

"I was just able to get pitches up and put good swings on them," Diffenderfer said. "The guys in front of me did a good job getting on base so I could have opportunities to get them home."

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McClurkin, who still remembers watching the Globetrotters on television as a kid, said he never could have dreamed he would one day be a member of the team. "The first time I saw them was actually on Scooby-Doo," McClurkin said. "I didn't realize it was a basketball team. I just remember seeing these guys that looked like me and I thought they were some sort of superheroes. So, the first time I did see them play, I saw the reception that they get, especially in areas like Huntington. Everywhere they go they're the hometown team, and I wanted to be a part of that. And now I am."

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"I went an impressive 6-for-10 from the plate while knocking in five total RBIs. With the series tied at one game apiece heading into Sunday's game, Diffenderfer turned into a deciding factor.

McClurkin knows all about overcoming obstacles—he was cut from every basketball team he tried out for from seventh grade this past weekend. After finally getting the opportunity to play his last two years of high school basketball, McClurkin secured a spot on a Division II college team. However, after the arrival of a new head coach, he was once again cut from the team.

While most may have decided to walk away from the game at that point, McClurkin said he kept fighting for his life-long dream. He would enroll at North Carolina A&T State and walked on the basketball team, where he finished his college career.

"Besides traveling the world, I would say the best part is putting smiles on kids' faces, really feeling like you're doing something special," McClurkin said. "I don't know any other professional team that gets a chance to visit these kinds of places on a consistent basis. We're playing over 310 games this year in over 250 cities. And in every single one of those cities, we're going to be visiting schools, visiting children's hospitals and visiting community centers like this one."

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"During the despairing times, McClurkin said motivation was the key. "My motivation was everybody that told me I couldn't do it," McClurkin said. "And there were a lot of people that said I couldn't. My older brother also motivated me. He played basketball and he was great at it. I wanted to be just like him when I grew up. Obviously, I wasn't the best, but there was a place for me here in this world. I was just this happy-go-lucky kid who loved to play, and the Globetrotters love people who love to smile and love to dunk, so it's the perfect marriage."

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Back up your files before you regret it

Your computer is bogged down, and there are things on it you can't afford to lose

BE-HEIRD: GUIDELINES FOR SENDING LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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I am terrified of the computer suddenly crashing and losing all my files. This column, I can imagine my computer suddenly starting up and then the screen going black and pixelated. My computer is old, needless to say, and the amount of stuff I have on it is probably does not help, but I have two problems. My first problem is that I have somehow imagined that everything on my computer is valuable to me, even the three-page chapter of a novel I tried to write these summer ages. My second problem is that I got so distracted while trying to sort my files that I actually find the files I am important. Wedged between all the pictures of my little sister and my dog, I sort through my files to actually find the ones that are important. The first problem is I have convinced myself that every single file on my computer is going to be used for final projects and final papers are probably collecting on your computer every once in a while is a good idea, it allows you to start fresh with an organized computer, labeled folders, and a system that all around makes your life easier. After your computer is organized, the second goal is backing up your most important files. Backing up your photos and files on a flash drive or external hard drive allows you to breathe easier when your computer goes idler or when you accidentally send a folder to the recycling bin.

Now that we are nearing the end of the semester, you probably have a lot more important documents on your computer. Files for final projects and final papers are probably collecting on your hard drive, and those things are you do not want to lose. The 10-page research paper you have been working on for the last two hours, will not be such an accomplishment if your computer crashes at the last minute or you accidently delete it. A catastrophe like this can be avoided if you copy your files to a flash drive or at least, save your files in two places. A great way to make your files virtually impossible from being lost is saving them in a cloud like Google Docs. Saving your files in a cloud gives you a copy not only to backup your files in a reliable place, but it also makes your files portable and accessible on any computer. Google Docs even has an app, so you can access your documents on your smartphone.

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Now that we are nearing the end of the semester, you probably have a lot more important documents on your computer. Files for final projects and final papers are probably collecting on your hard drive, and those things are you do not want to lose. The 10-page research paper you have been working on for the last two hours, will not be such an accomplishment if your computer crashes at the last minute or you accidently delete it. A catastrophe like this can be avoided if you copy your files to a flash drive or at least, save your files in two places. A great way to make your files virtually impossible from being lost is saving them in a cloud like Google Docs. Saving your files in a cloud gives you a copy not only to backup your files in a reliable place, but it also makes your files portable and accessible on any computer. Google Docs even has an app, so you can access your documents on your smartphone.

For right now I am just going to concentrate on backing up my final projects in two places, but later this summer I am going to try to clean up my entire computer. And if your computer is like mine, I would highly suggest doing the same thing, that way you can put more stuff on your phone.
In this Monday, April 6, 2015 photo, two-year-old Oratilwe Hlongwane, also known as DJ AJ to his fans, takes a break while playing with the buttons and knobs of a sophisticated music system in control of the beat of the bass-heavy house music at his Alexandra home in Johannesburg. The toddler is already able to select and play music from a laptop and has become a viral phenomenon on South Africa’s social media.

A toddler disc jockey fascinates South African fans

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At first it seems like a fluke — a 2-year-old playing with the knobs and buttons of a sophisticated music system. Yet, the tiny boy is in control of the big beat of the bass-heavy house music. He is South Africa’s youngest disc jockey, DJ AJ.

At a shopping mall appearance, a crowd gathers around the young boy as he bops his head to the beat, his large headphones slipping off. Adults whip out their cellphones to capture the moment while children just stare.

Oratilwe Hlongwane is still learning to put together words but the toddler is already able to select and play music from a laptop and has become a viral phenomenon on South Africa’s social media.

His mother, Refiloe Marumo, credits his father’s decision to buy an iPad for his then unborn son. Glen Hlongwane planned to download educational apps to speed up his child’s education. Hlongwane, a gymnastics coach and aspiring DJ, also downloaded a disc jockeying app for himself.

At about a year old, DJ AJ learned how to manipulate the gadget. Not satisfied with number recognition games, he began to fiddle with his father’s DJ app.

The parents were blown away when their son, still in diapers, repeated what he had learned on the app on actual DJ equipment, playing with sound effects and bouncing between songs. A cellphone video of him playing went viral and now DJ AJ has nearly 25,000 Facebook fans.

His newfound fame has brought special appearances and sponsorship deals many older DJs dream of.

But celebrity has also brought some criticism as some accused his parents of abuse and profiting from their child’s precocious ability.

“I’m not going to exploit my kid,” said his father. DJ AJ’s parents will not allow him to play in clubs or at parties.

Hlongwane and Marumo are adamant that they will not force their son to be a DJ when he grows up, but say they believe his affinity for electronic equipment will probably decide his future.

Hlongwane said: “I can see a future Bill Gates here.”
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