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Browns play Denver after a disappointing loss on Sunday

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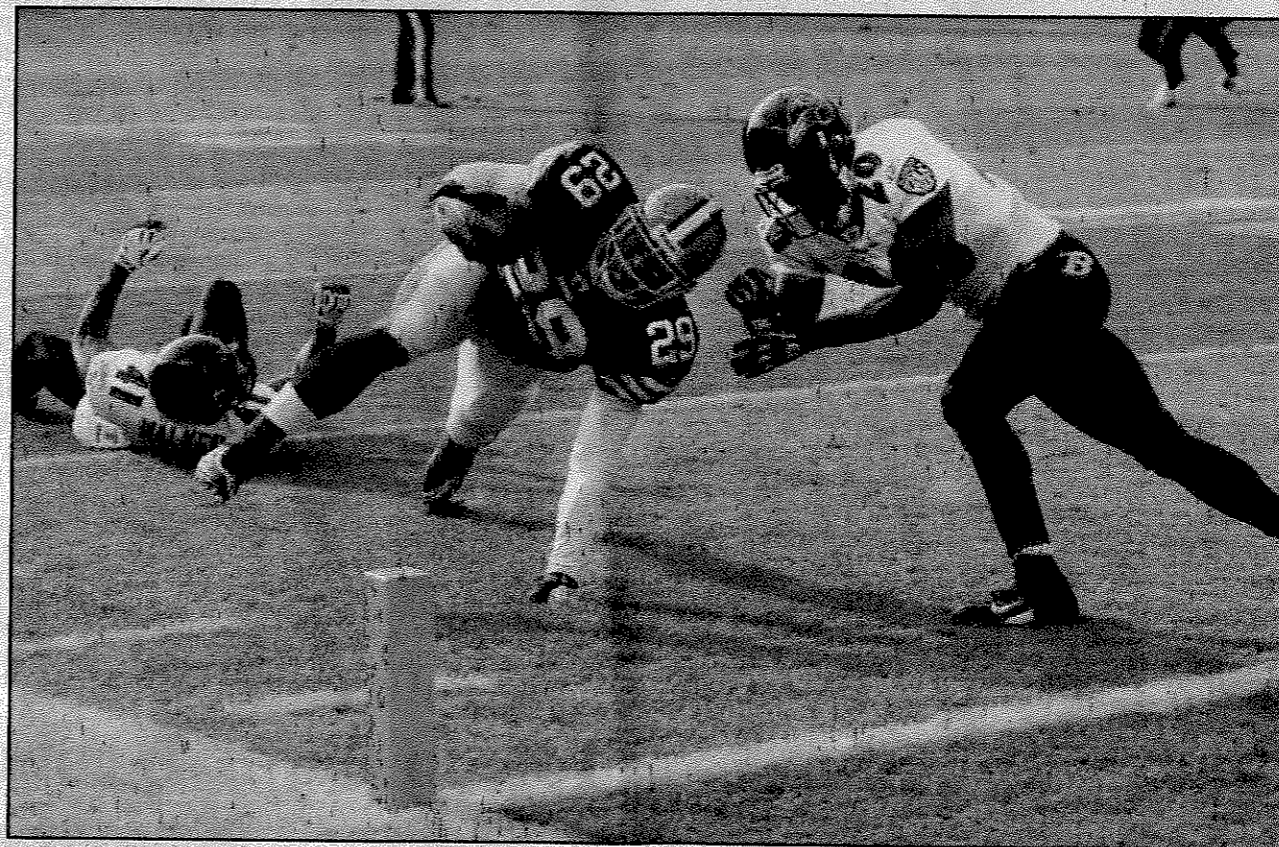
Dawg gone it.

Any hopes and dreams of the Browns going to the playoffs are just about gone after the Browns blew a 14-point lead against the Ravens on Sunday. The Browns took a commanding lead in the third quarter. After that, everything broke down for the Browns and the team is at a loss.

"We lost a division game yesterday that we were hoping we could win. We had a 14-point lead in the second half and we couldn't hold the lead. We should have been able to win a game like that with a 14-point lead. Defensively we encountered some problems for whatever reason, I'm not exactly sure," head coach Romeo Crennel said.

The Browns are now 3-5. They have a short week when they play the Denver Broncos at home this Thursday. A win can get the Browns back in the running, but it will be an uphill battle for Cleveland for the rest of the season. Just like when the Browns played on Monday Night a few weeks ago, this nationally televised game is a must win. Their playoff hopes are just about gone and a loss on Sunday will make it almost impossible for the Browns to turn the season around.

"The short week is always tough. I don't know how much you take that into consideration, you do what you think you need to do," Crennel said. "Really you only have two practice days. They're in here today, but they just played a game so we're not going



Jason Wright scores a touchdown Sunday against the Ravens.

to do much today other than watch some Denver stuff."

The Browns defense had trouble in the second half. One reason is that they had been on the field a lot Sunday. The defense is not really the problem, the offense is. The offense is struggling to move the ball down the field. They have too many three and outs.

The defensive players are spending a lot of time on the field which makes them tired at the end of games. Baltimore was able to move the ball late in the second half because they were playing a worn out defense.

Wide receiver Braylon Edwards has become a major problem. One year after making the Pro Bowl he currently leads the team in dropped passes. On

Sunday, Edwards' drops made it hard on the offense and also blew big opportunities to score. Crennel addressed Edward's drops this season, too.

"We keep him at practice, we've done concentration drills, we talk to him, we get him on the jugs (machine). He stays after, as well, and we'll keep working at it to try to get
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That's My Word



By Arana Lynch

Anderson Varejao needs to step his game up – big time

I'm not a fan of Anderson Varejao.

I think he's a nice guy. It's hard to say anything bad about him except for the fact I think he can't "hoop."

In my world there is a difference between knowing how to play basketball and knowing how to hoop. For example, former Cavaliers guard Gerald Wilkins was a good basketball player but he could not "hoop." Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson, Charles Barkley and Joe Dumars – now those men could hoop. You had to respect their game. What's there to respect about Varejao?

You don't have to guard him because he has no offensive skills. And now the NBA has this new anti-flop rule that means he can't use his Hollywood antics to draw fouls. That means he's going to have to move his feet.

Yeah, he brings energy off the bench. I know he's a fan favorite, but he just can't hoop. In the words of my old basketball coach, "He can't put the ball in the hole."

Now if we played one-on-one I'm willing to bet he will beat me over and over again. He's a professional basketball player who is twice my size. If he played in the CBA or overseas – in which he does – he would be a great player. In the Olympics he was "ballin'."

But this is the NBA, people. He's playing on a team that will be trying to compete for a championship. He plays on a team where that "dipsy doodle" crap shot he shoots does not work! I know I'm not the only person who notices this.

The Brady Quinn era begins now!



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The Message

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often heard people say how much they news because every- ported is so negative. hat the negativity in minutes, locally, e and nationally get edia attention than ngs that have a pos- pact on our commu- nities.

I & Post has always a mix of news sto- ver over the sum- ded to take things further a devote a ge to covering sto- I positively impact minutes.

look on this entire- gift it would be a rel- easy task to cover events. Now I must at I am finding it a bit.

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for organizations, its open to all residents. Maybe you haven't necessarily done something that has a direct impact on the community, maybe its some sort of personal achievement, well you too are invited to tell your story, I definitely want to hear from you.

I believe that if the theory of how negative news has a negative impact on many of our behaviors and perceptions about our communities then positive news must have a similar impact, but in a positive manner.

So let us share and rejoice in each others achievements, let's spotlight individuals and organizations that are making a difference.

I won't let myself believe that there is very little going on in our communities that has a positive impact on the lives of our residents.

I just don't want to believe that. And as I said before sometimes I just have to miss things. That doesn't mean someone can't email me, or call the paper directly to get the story covered. Many organizations even have their own writers, I welcome them too, but I reserve the right to edit the submission.

So, for some reason I'm missing the news. Will anybody out there help me out? Its up to the readers and the organizations themselves to inform me.

This page isn't the only thing I'm responsible for here at the Call & Post Newspaper, so I can't be on top of everything, however with a little help from the community, we can begin to share the great work being done by some, and hopefully inspire others to join in.

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Legal Aid volunteers serve those in need

Pro bono attorneys from The Cleveland Clinic and Jones Day volunteered at two neighborhood clinics on Saturday, Nov. 1; more clinics are scheduled for the year end.

Cleveland clinics in-house attorneys and The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland are working together to help the community through free legal advice clinics to address unmet legal needs of Northeast Ohio residents.

The first of two advice clinics on Monday was held from 9:45 a.m. until noon, Saturday, November 1.

Cleveland clinic volunteers were on hand at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 7901 Quincy Avenue. The clinic, which was held at Emmanuel Baptist for the first time, was free with no appointments necessary.

The legal advice clinic gives area residents the opportunity to discuss civil legal problems with volunteer attorneys, paralegals and support staff from Cleveland clinic. The attorneys offered general legal advice, information and referrals for further representation.

"we're proud to be able to give back to the community in a way that helps low income families deal with stressful situations," said David Rowan, Cleveland clinics Chief Legal Officer.

"The advice clinic is a great opportunity for our attorneys to use their legal skills to help residents determine what options might be available."

"Traditionally, the attorneys who volunteer for Legal Aid come from law firms," said Ann McGowan Porath, Legal Aids managing attorney for the Volunteer Lawyers Program.

"It is exciting for us to work with new groups of attorneys- like Cleveland clinics Office of General Counsel. The legal needs of low-

income families are overwhelming, and the need is great for volunteers from all areas of the legal profession to help address the issues that low income individuals face.

The commitment of Cleveland Clinic attorneys to this community effort is a wonderful example of civic and corporate responsibility."

Rowan praised Betsy Rader, Associate Counsel at Cleveland clinic, for getting the Clinic involved in the event.

Rader said Cleveland clinic and The Legal Aid Society working together on the advice clinic was a natural fit.

"The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland is truly a wonderful organization," she said.

"They do an outstanding job of meeting a community need that often is overlooked."

In addition to the free legal advice clinic at Emmanuel Baptist, volunteer attorneys from Jones Day also worked with Legal Aid on November

1. Legal Aid frequently hosts free legal advice clinics in our communities.

They staffed a Legal Aid clinic at First Presbyterian Church of East Cleveland at 16200 Euclid Avenue.

Jones Day volunteers were also on hand from (.45 until 12 noon.)

The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland is a non-profit law firm which focuses on issues of poverty.

Legal Aid's 55 full-time attorneys handle about 8,000 civil cases annually. Legal Aids clients live on the edge. They are individuals who are confronted with a legal problem that if left unresolved may result in lack of housing, access to education, income, food, safety or family stability.

The problems they face are life problems that have a legal resolution. These clients have legal rights but without an attorney those rights will not be enforced.

The poverty Legal Aid clients face affects the health of our community.

Richmond Heights. Students also help senior citizens at the St. James A.M.E. Church. More service opportunities will develop.

Usually the service is for about one hour on Thursday or Friday afternoons for those students whose grades and behavior are exemplary. If your group would like a visit in the Fairfax or surrounding communities contact St. Adalbert Principal Paula Mattis or Brother Tom Bohman, C.P.P.S., at (216) 881-6250.

St. Adalbert setting P.A.C.E. for helping others

On the evening of Monday, Nov. 3, voucher school St. Adalbert Catholic School, 2345 E. 83rd St., began a P.A.C.E. Service Club - Positive Attitude Changes Everything - for interested students in grades five through eight.

Currently, 16 students help the local community. The purpose of the club is to help those in need, namely the elderly, young or needy of the area and the neighborhood. This is done in mind of the gospel message of Micah 6:8, "to do the

right, love goodness and walk humbly with your God."

Several times per month, students help in two community gardens on East 83rd and East 84th Streets - The Archbishop James Lyke Garden and the Sister Thea Bowman SPROUT Gardens. Vegetables are distributed to neighbors and to several local churches.

During the cold season, students are visiting various nursing homes namely Fairfax, Eliza Bryant and Homewood Manor in

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