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Stopping the Violence *Putting minds together is key Police chiefs, activists & clergy*

By Gina Steward - Telegram



Rev. Charles William, II., President of Michigan Chapter of National Action Network with Detroit Police Chief James Craig Photo by Dale Rich

The news headlines in many cities over the past three years have been filled with the stories of the killings of black men by police officers. Two weeks ago was no different, when a black man in Louisiana and another man in Minnesota were killed by police officers. But what was different was that a young man reached his tipping point and said that he had had enough. He went on a rampage and killed five police officers in Dallas Texas. That is not the answer... so what is?

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Historic partnership to create park, historical site in southwest Detroit

Special to the Telegram



Partners for this historic park include; Detroit Future City, Detroit Greenways Coalition, Downriver Delta Community Development Corporation, Friends of the Rouge; Greening of Detroit; Michigan Sea Grant; Sierra Club; Southwest Detroit Environmental Vision; and the Southwest Detroit Business Association

DETROIT – A large and diversified group of partners have come together to create an urban park in the middle of an industrial neighborhood, and they are seeking support from the community. The Fort Rouge Gateway Project, or FRoG, is a partnership of 16 entities covering private enterprise, non-profit, local government and education. They have joined forces to create a "pocket park" and historical commemorative site in southwest Detroit in the shadow of the newly erected Fort Street Bridge. Partners include the MotorCi-

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK



U.S. PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN EXHIBIT CLOSES AUGUST 6TH



In the midst of this year's U.S. Presidential campaign season, the Lincoln Park Historical Museum is presenting a unique exhibit of over 200 rare items from past U.S. Presidential Campaigns. Most of the artifacts in the temporary display are from the personal collection of Morry Greener, of West Bloomfield. These cover a - Page 5A

Inkster Karate Club wins big at theGreat Lakes Karate Nationals in Saginaw Pictured: Jwon Patterson, Ayanna Hayes and Cruse Horne (standing) Grand Master Sam Williams

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CALL TO ACTION

WORDS FROM THE PUBLISHER

We must hold our **Elected officials** accountable



I sometimes ponder on the question, what is the responsibility of elected officials? I believe that their main responsibility is to represent the people in the area where they were elected. Whether it is a city council, state representative, governor, etc., they are to represent the people. But do they?!

There are times when elected officials seem to vote their own agenda. They may vote to pass legislation that will benefit their friend's company and sometimes they may vote not to support the best qualified contract. Instead, they vote and lobby for a company because of personal gain, friendships or kickbacks. That shouldn't happen. If you are paying attention, many officials in the Michigan Legislature are making decisions that will affect us for years to come. Think about the Detroit Public schools..... It's ok to have non-certified teachers. Really?? That is a slap in the face for teachers, students and parents in Wayne County. Would they pass that legislation for school districts in their area? I think not. Well it just passed in Lansing. What did you do about it? It's Detroit today, but it could by your district tomorrow.

The checks and balances must come from the people. So many times, residents are not paying attention to what is going on in their city government and the legislature. They listen to the candidates when they are running for election, and then they vote like it is a popularity contest instead of an employment opportunity. The elected officials work for us. Their salaries come from tax payers' money. They are not to make frivolous decisions that will cost the taxpayers more money just to make sure their personal interest is attained.

I challenge the readers of the Telegram to get more involved in your communities and talk to the elected officials. You must attend the city council meetings and stay in touch with your state legislators by attending coffee hours, sending them emails or calling them. Remember, the elected officials work for us.

Contact your local officials. Let your Mayor and council know how you feel and ask that they send a resolution to all the legislatives on issues that you are passionate about. Then contact them yourself. Just do something.

> Gina Steward Publisher





Wayne -- Following requests from a majority of local school boards throughout Wayne County, Wayne RESA passed a motion today to place an enhancement millage on this November's countywide ballot that would provide local school districts with more than \$385 per student in additional resources annually for a total of six years.

"Our schools throughout Wayne County have seen their state funding slashed by

more than \$485 million since 2011 and are struggling to provide the services our kids deserve as a result," said Wayne RESA Superintendent Dr. Randy Liepa. "We are asking Wayne County residents to decide whether they want to make this type of significant investment in their future and the future of every student in our communities."

Wayne County Voters to Decide on School

Funding Proposal

Enhancement Millage Would Provide Significant Investment in County School Districts

> The enhancement millage would provide for two mills to be levied countywide for six years, beginning with the upcoming 2016-2017 school year. The funding would be distributed directly to the local school districts throughout the county to use as each sees fit for their needs. The proposal would cost homeowners roughly \$8 per month per

\$100.000 in value of their home.

"It's always a difficult decision to ask voters for more investment in our schools, but the solutions aren't coming from Lansing so our school boards are asking that Wayne County step up and take on this challenge ourselves," added Liepa. "I look forward to talking to parents. students and the others involved over the coming months about the potential this proposal has for the future of Wayne County."

Liepa added that Wayne RESA would be making detailed information about the proposed enhancement millage available in the coming weeks for residents to review.

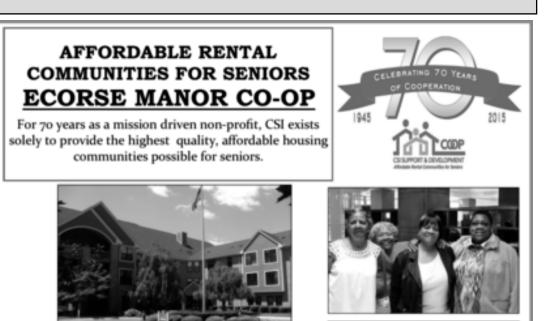
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OPINION

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Former Detroit Police Chief Ralph Godbee says the impor-Photo by Dale Rich tance is transparency

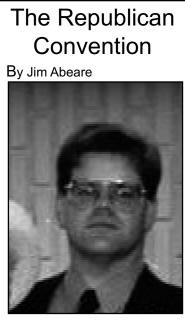
troit Police Chief James Craig and Detroit's former police chief, Ralph Godbee, met with Rev. Charles Williams II, president of The National Action Network Michigan Chapter and Pastor of the Historic King Solomon Baptist Church who had an open dialogue with community members. There isn't one answer to the current situation that the country finds itself in, there are many. But what was realized and discussed during the session was that community-police partnerships are important.

Chief Craig mentioned that former Detroit Mayor Coleman Young had the right answer. He said, "Young believed that the police department should look like the city that it polices." Chief Craig also stressed that transparency is important and crucial after a shooting takes place. The way to keep the unrest down is to keep the people informed.

Rev. Williams, pointed out the

that are from the community. He said, 'We are lucky in that aspect.' The connection that the Chiefs have is embedded in their soul. This is where they grew up, where their families live and where they went to school. Those factors alone give the residents in the City of Detroit a little more assurance that the Chiefs will make the best decisions for the City. Former Chief Ralph Godbee, who grew up in Detroit also, stated that the police force in Detroit is one of the best in the world. He attributed that to the

munity informed. This type of communication is key to keeping the peace in the community. It helps to improve upon the police-community relations, works to prevent problems and keeps the lines of communication open. This type of forum should be the pilot program to be rolled out across the country.



I sit here watching the Republican Convention in Cleveland, or as I think of it the Donald Trump love affair.

At the start of the convention there was the Anti-Trumpers After the voting the Colorado

delegation even left the con-

Talk of fear of a Hillary presidency has been effective.

ald Trump. I don't think he'll be as good as the, Republicans

president to have half his party

would be worse, especially if she has to pick Supreme Court Justices.

The good thing about Trump is he is not politically correct. He does say what he means, though he might change it a bit later.

Next week we get to see what the Democrats have to say.

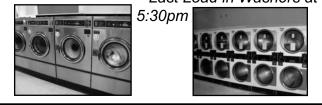




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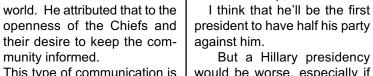
Or is it?

contesting the nomination.

vention. They later returned. The speeches have been

outstanding. Donald Trump Jr. And Rudy Guiliani killed it.

But I am still not sold on Don-



that showed up, said. openness of the Chiefs and



CHURCH DIRECTORY

Look to the Hills

By Janine Folks - Religion Columnist



I was recently driving through the city of Auburn Hills. Not thinking about where I was, I was amazed, mesmerized and fascinated by many tall, steep green rolling hills. I reflected on their majesty, how God created an designed them. I also reflected on how diverse God made the terrain of the earth.

Some areas are flat, treeless and vast like prairies. Some areas are hilly and filled with trees. Some land is dry and barren. Some sprinkled with lakes. Some below sea level, some elevated. Some with mountains and valleys.

When I realized I was in Auburn Hills, I realized how the name came about because it is full of hills. Much like Beverly Hills, Rochester Hills, Bloomfield Hills, and Farmington Hills near the metro Detroit Area. The area has many hills.

I started to reflect more on hills. My first thought was the scripture: "I will lift up mine eves unto the hills, from whence cometh my help." (Psa. 121:1 KJV).

This tells me to 'look up' when

I need help. Hills or mountains are up high toward the direction of heaven. We have to look up. That's where God is. He is up. On the throne to be exact. Not only that, He is also the only one who can truly help us in our times of need, which is always.

The other thing I thought about with regard to hills, is how much more effort it takes to go up them. Me and my walking partner talk about how the inclines make us stronger and more fit. As much as I tend to complain about going up inclines, because it requires more effort and tires me, I also appreciate them because they do make me stronger. After reaching the peak of the hill, going down is so much easier. It's like a reward or a break after completing an arduous task.

Life is a lot like my walks. There are inclines (hills) and downward slopes. We experience things that make us work a little hard or a lot harder. Then there are times of rest where we can coast a bit with less effort. In all, if we stay the course, it makes us better, more fit.

Whether we are climbing or coasting in life, we must always remember where our help comes from, from the Lord. Look to the hills. Look up. He is always there.

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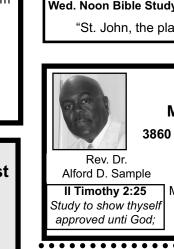
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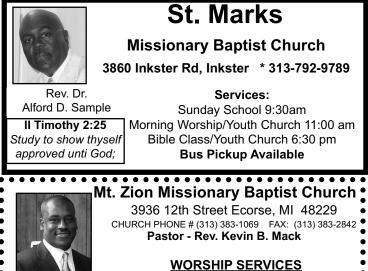
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President Exhibit

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time period from the mid-1800's to the modern day. The exhibit, which opened on Memorial Day weekend, runs through Saturday, August 6th. A closing public reception with Mr. Greener will take place at 2:00 p.m. on August 6th. The museum's regular hours are Saturdays and Wednesdays, from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Among the rarely seen historic pieces is a full-page color campaign ad from the Detroit Sunday Times of November 6, 1932, depicting presidential candidate Franklin D. Roosevelt and the entire Democratic slate of Michigan candidates, including John D. Dingell, Sr. who would win his first race for congressman in Michigan's 15th District. Dingell. Sr. was the father of the longest-serving congressman in U.S. history, John D. Dingell, Jr. who retired in 2014 after serving in the legislature for 59 years. [see attached photo.] Also

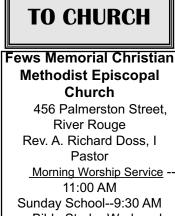
included is an 1848 chromolithograph of that year's Democratic nominee for president, Michigan Senator Lewis Cass and his vice-presidential running mate, William Orlando Butler, of Kentucky. Additional objects on display include an array of campaign buttons, posters, stickers, personal inscriptions, sheet and additional music, ephemera.

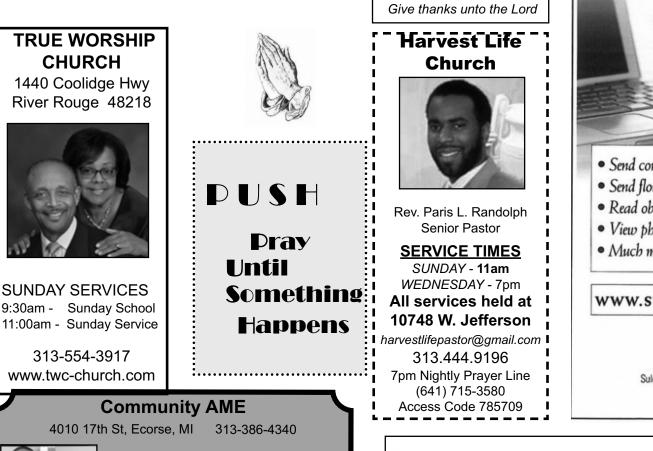
The Lincoln Park Historical Museum is located at 1335 Southfield Road, Lincoln Park.

More information is available at 313-386-3137; lpmuseum@gmail.com; or at the museum's website, www.lphistorical.com.

The photo on page one is from the exhibit of historic U.S. Presidential Campaign materials, at Lincoln Park Historical Museum; on display through Saturday August 6; featuring a full-page color campaign ad from the Detroit Sunday Times of November 6, 1932, depicting presidential candidate Franklin D. Roosevelt and runningmate John Nance Garner, and the entire Democratic slate of Michigan candidates including, John D. Dingell, Sr. the congressman for Michigan's 15th District. (photo credit: Lincoln Park Historical Museum)









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ties National Heritage Area, University of Michigan-Dearborn, city of Detroit, city of Dearborn, Marathon Petroleum Co. LP, Michigan Department of Transportation, United Auto Workers Local 600 and others.

Brian Yopp, Director of Program for MotorCities National Heritage Area expressed, "We are so proud to part of this partnership. This group represents diverse backgrounds and unique motivations that have come together to accomplish a shared goal. Much like to work of the MotorCities National Heritage Area we realize that there is no limit to our combined capacities."

They are seeking to raise \$10,000 through a Patronicity campaign, www.patronicity.com/fortstreet which launches today. The funds will be matched 2 to 1 by support from the Fred A. and Barbara M. Erb Family Foundation. The funds support design elements of the interpretive park, tucked into the northeast corner of Fort and Denmark streets adjacent to the Rouge River, including bike loops, an entry wall, environmentally friendly landscaping, seating and a rain garden.

The centerpiece of the park will be the interpretive signage recognizing the 1932 Hunger March – an event in history that served as a catalyst for the organized labor movement. On March 7, 1932, thousands of auto workers gathered at the Fort Street Bridge with the intent of marching on the Ford Rouge Plant. As the protesters neared the plant, a confrontation ensued resulting in dozens of injuries and 5 deaths.

Since that time, the original bridge has been dismantled but elements from the bridge have been saved, restored and will be incorporated into the interpretive artwork and signage adorning the park.

"Prior to getting elected I learned of and supported the FRoG project," says Raquel Castañeda-López, Detroit City Councilwoman, D-6. "Having partially grown up in the Oakwood Heights neighborhood, I am excited to see investment in the community in the form of this beautiful park. The fact that the park will commemorate the 1932 Ford Hunger March makes this project even more special."

"This park project exemplifies the University of Michigan-Dearborn's commitment to the surrounding metropolitan community and is a logical extension of our role as a facilitator of partnerships along the Rouge River corridor," says Paul Draus, University of Michigan-Dearborn and FRoG Partnership administrator.

Lloyd Baldwin, Historian for the Michigan Department of Transportation, says they envision this unique park site as a gateway to the rich, cultural landscape of Southwest Detroit.

...while we couldn't preserve the historic (Fort St.) bridge we wanted to find a way to preserve important stories associated with the bridge and its setting," says Baldwin. "We are thrilled and proud to be part of the partnership creating this new park, a place to relax and a place to learn about the river in nature and in commerce, about the environment, and about the crossing's role in the Ford Hunger March tragedy that proved to be a pivotal moment in American labor history. "

Other partners for this project include:

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- Friends of the Rouge
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- Sierra Club
- Southwest Detroit Environm ental Vision
- Southwest Detroit Business Association

To donate and/or for more information, visit the Patronicity campaign site at www.patronicity.com/fortstreet Starfish Family Services Awarded \$22 Million, 5- Year Head Start/Early Head Start Grant



Inkster, MI Starfish Family Services is pleased to announce that the Office of Head Start (OHS) has awarded the agency approximately \$22 million in federal funds over the next five years. The grant enables Starfish to continue to offer quality and comprehensive services to local children aged 0-5 and their families. The new grant expands services to pregnant women and children 0-3 while offering more full-day services for preschoolers. Programming will serve income-eligible children in the communities of Dearborn Heights, Redford, Inkster, Garden City, Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Livonia.

Quality early childhood programming, including Head Start, is proven to have longterm benefit. Studies show that children who arrive at kindergarten ready for school success are more likely to graduate from high school and move out of poverty. Therefore, it's critical that families facing limited economic and educational opportunity have access to quality preschool services like those at Starfish. Starfish has extensive experience delivering Head Start programs most recently launching a collaborative platform known as Thrive by Five

Detroit - which provides early education services to over 1,300 children in the city of Detroit. In addition, for over 15 years, Starfish has provided Head Start and Early Head Start preschool services in Western Wayne County. The OHS funds allow Starfish to continue to offer these services and support a much needed expansion of services for those aged 0-3 (Early Head Start). Starfish has also added more, aged 3-5 (Head Start), full day classrooms to meet the needs of families in the community who have expressed a preference for a longer day of service.

"We are very excited to continue this foundational work of offering high impact and high quality infant-toddler and preschool services for our families," said Starfish CEO Ann Kalass. "Our agency's approach to creating brighter futures for children is holistic. We realize that helping families realize their full potential includes support of parents and caregivers as well as children. Head Start parents will have access to our newly launched Starfish University a transformational initiative that provides parents with a variety of educational and enrichment opportunities that strengthen families and empower parents."

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Ecorse Community High School Is Moving Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead!



The students of Ecorse Community High School hosted an "Evening of the Arts" bazaar on June 9th in their high

school Media Center. This event was produced to showcase the "A" in their science, technology, engineering, the arts, and math (S.T.E.A.M) program. The bazaar included display tables featuring student work and demonstrations from their Music Business and

Production, Cosmetology, Career and Technical Education (CTE), Poetry, and Fashion



courses. In addition to the displays, parents, and community members were able to visit the listening room to sample the student created music, as well as the viewing room

to watch the short films produced by the CTE students.

The ECHS students topped off the evening with a live showcase hour featuring live music and poetry performances,

a mini fashion show, and a hair stylist manakin derby which was all recorded and photographed by the CTE students. This event showed parents and other Ecorse community members just what the ECHS students can do and is hopefully the first of many to come!



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SNAPSHOT IN HISTORY

Nat Turner Slave, Leader of Rebellion



Nat Turner is widely regarded as one of the most complex figures in American history and American literature. Nathanial "Nat" Turner (1800-1831) was a black American slave who led the only effective, sustained slave rebellion (August 1831) in U.S. history. Spreading terror throughout the white South, his action set off a new wave of oppressive legislation prohibiting the education, movement, and assembly of slaves and stiffened proslavery, antiabolitionist convictions that persisted in that region until the American Civil War (1861-65).

He was born on the Virginia plantation of Ben-Turner, jamin who allowed him to be instructed in reading, writing, and religion. Sold three times in his childhood and hired out to John Travis (1820s), he became a fiery preacher and leader of African-American slaves on Benjamin Turner's plantation and in his Southampton

County neighbourhood, claiming that he was chosen by God to lead them from bondage.

Believing in signs and hearing divine voices, Turner was convinced by an eclipse of the Sun (1831) that the time to rise up had come, and he enlisted the help of four other slaves in the area. insurrection An was planned, aborted, and rescheduled for August 21,1831, when he and six other slaves killed the Travis family, managed to secure arms and horses, and enlisted about 75 other slaves in a disorganized insurrection that resulted in the murder of 51 white people.

Afterwards, Turner hid nearby successfully for six weeks until his discovery, conviction, and hanging at Jerusalem, Virginia, along with 16 of his followers. The incident put fear in the heart of Southerners, ended the organized emancipation movement in that region, resulted in even harsher laws against slaves, and deepened the schism between slave-holders and freesoilers (an anti-slavery political party whose slogan was 'free soil, free speech, free labor, and free men') that would culminate in the Civil War.

Biography courtesy of BIO.com

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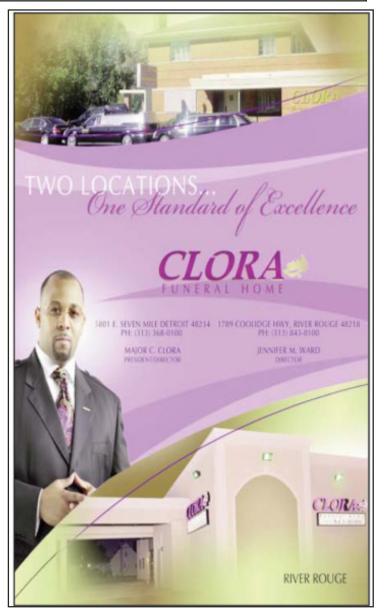
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Healthy People, Healthy Communities



Principal Shawn Hurt standing in front of sign at school's location The closing of Inkster Public Schools has limited the number of choices parents have available for educating their children within the city. Inkster Preparatory Academy, which opens this fall hopes to help bridge this gap by offering high quality education to students. Operated by Accel Schools, Inkster Preparatory Academy

is a tuition free, Prek -2nd grade school of choice. Inkster Prep offers free transportation, free school supplies, and free uniforms for students.

"At Inkster Prep, we are going to give children the strong foundation needed to both attend and succeed in college. I am committed to excellence in education!" says Principal Shawn Hurt. Recognized as an educational leader, Mr. Hurt is a seasoned administrator and educator who has experience in both public and chartered schools. He is known for turning around struggling schools and raising student achievement.

The academy is located at 27355 Woodsfield St., Inkster, MI 48141 (former location of the Discovery Academy). "We have invested a lot of time and capital in renovating the building. Our goal is to have an environment where students can be safe, excel academically, and be prepared to compete in a global society. Upon completion of the construction, all

puters, chrome books, and 21 century computer lab. All of our teachers are certified and our class sizes are small. "My vision is to make Inkster Preparatory Academy not only the best school in the state or nation but in the entire world! We want our school to be known by families across the globe. Our students will be fully equipped for success in college and beyond."

Parents wishing to enroll their Pre k- 2nd grade students can contact Mr. Hurt at (313) 278-3825. Space is limited and enrollment is based on a first-come, first-served basis. Parents must complete an application, provide copies of

their child(ren)'s birth certificate, proof of residency, state identification, and immunization records if enrolling in preschool or kindergarten. You can schedule an appointment or drop in the office between the hours of 9:00 am - 5:00 pm.

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Persons interested in learning more about the academy are encouraged to visit and attend some of the following events in the community.

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(Individual prices: \$5 Game; \$55 Banquet; \$15 T-Shirt – Sm. to XL) Additional t-shirt sizes/prices: 2x - \$17; 3x - \$18; 4x - \$19; 5x - \$20

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WEEK OF JULY 21 - JULY 27, 2016

Eric Ebron Need to be Big for Lions this Season

By Butch Davis - Sports Reporter



Eric Ebron will be a key for the Detroit Lion success this season.

Well everybody, in less than 10 days the Detroit Lions with be back in training camp in good old Allen Park, Michigan. So far Lions aren't asking one person to replace retired wide receiver Calvin Johnson. Doing that would be unwise, and a form of offensive irresponsibility, so the load will be spread around evenly around all team members. Or that's the hope at least, with wide out Golden Tate rising and newly signed receiver Marvin Jones giving guarterback Matthew Stafford a fresh target.

They're two pieces of the equation, and reliable ones too. Both Jones and Tate have had productive seasons in the recent past. That's especially true for Tate, who has posted 2,144 receiving yards on 189 receptions over his two seasons with the Lions.

certainty with the third skill-position player needed to help conquer the mountain of talent Johnson took with him. Actually, there's no certainty at all with tight end Eric Ebron, who's close to fully dunking himself in the draft-bust mud pit. Consider the company he keeps on the tight end receiving yards standings over the past two years. In a 2014 draft rich with wide receiver talent, the Lions made Ebron not just a first-rounder nevertheless, a top-10 pick. At 10th overall, he came off the board two picks ahead of the Giants' Odell Beckham Jr. Oh my!

Nonetheless there's much less

In fairness, injuries have held him back somewhat, as the 6'4"; 255-pound brute has missed five games over two years. However when healthy he's been mediocre and not nearly the seam-stretcher the Lions thought they were investing in with such a high pick. Ebron has averaged only 10.9 yards per reception and 29.1 per game. He also began to establish himself as a redzone presence in 2015 while scoring five touchdowns. The need for a wide wingspan deep in opposing territory is glaring with Johnson gone.

There's hope so far for Ebron, because the 23-year-old is still young and still maturing entering his third season. Which means there's hope for the Lions offense, too.

Motor City Thunder represent Inkster in AAU Nationals - Finish in Top 10



Some members of the Motor City Thunder and their parents recognized at Inkster City Council Meeting along with their Coach Craig Lewis. Mayor Byron Nolen and the Inkster City Council praised the young men for their hard work and for positively representing the City. Coach Lewis, Inkster Parks and Recreation Director, mentioned that their goal



The team, representing the Motor City Thunder & the Dozier Rec. at the 10U AAU Nationals in Clarksville, TN.

Tigers Bend, Nonetheless, Did Not Break

By Butch Davis



Former Detroit Tiger, Brandon Inge was present last Saturday at Comerica Park and was royally recieved by the fans who miss bim so

walk-off to boot. Fulmer was once again fantastic, throwing a career-high eight innings, allowing two runs on six hits.

However this past Saturday former Tiger, Brandon Inge had never seen a crowd like that before. He was sitting on a stage outside the Big Cat Court at Comerica Park Sa and the home town Tigers fans of all ages, many wearing his name on their backs, were standing 10 rows deep as he recollected on stories of his career. "That was unbelievable," Inge said to the media during the game. "First of all, I'm a nobody when it comes to big names. I'm a no name, clearly. I played as hard as I possibly could and maybe that resonated with some people, maybe that's why, but I can tell you right now, that was flattering. It really was. I didn't expect that kind of reaction. "It was surreal. It really made me miss being here, I can tell you that."

walked four and didn't strike out a batter. The veteran can't seem to get any luck. He only allowed one run in his last two outings before the break, but he took a loss and a no-decision in those starts. Pelfrey just didn't have it last Saturday, as he took his ninth loss, which ties him for ninthmost in baseball, by throwing the shortest outing of his season. Pelfrey will try again today against the White Sox.

Now the Tigers' Justin Verlander struck out 10 in his win

was to shoot to finish in the Top 10, which he felt was a realistic goal. Their hard work paid off and they finished in 7th place.

The success of these young

men, the coaches, their parents and community members is just one of many positive things going on within the Inkster community. For more information visit www.cityofinkster.com.



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Our hometown Detroit Tigers scraped and clawed, missing opportunity after opportunity, however still with a chance to win an important series against the defending World Series champions last Sunday afternoon. The Tigers scored on a balk and a wild pitch. Michael Fulmer pitched and Nick Castellanos hit. They bent didn't break nevertheless, couldn't get the big hit. Then Jarrod Saltalamacchia delivered the big knock. After Tyler Collins led off the ninth inning with a single, Saltalamacchia hit a no-doubt, walk-off home run to right field to beat the Royals, 4-2. It was Saltalamacchia's ninth home run of the season and second career

Nevertheless, everything was not peaches and cream as Tigers' Mike Pelfrey throws shortest outing of season versus Royals as Pelfrey (2-9) allowed five runs on four hits over 1.2 innings in a loss to the Royals last Saturday. He also last Friday evening to kick off the Tigers second half of the season. Verlander (9-6) allowed two runs, one of which was earned, on four hits and two walks while striking out 10 over seven innings to earn the win against the Royals. Tigers, Steven Moya up from Toledo struggles at the plate, where his 0-for-3, with twostrikeout on Friday. Moya went 3-for-26 with 15 strikeouts over eight games since the end of the Tigers' last home stand on June 30. Last Friday, Moya did not catch Salvador Perez's RBI double; a fly ball to right that fell between him and the wall as he reached out, unsure how





Absent: None Excused: Perry, Ward Mayor Bowdler in the Chair

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Public Hearing on medical marijuana zoning ordinance 16-145 Approval of new zoning ordinance 16-146 Voucher approval 16-147 Business license approval Building permits approval 16-148 16-149 Approval of Block party event on July 2, 2016 16-150 Approval of block club parties 16-151 Approval to hire a full-time police officer 16-152 Approval to have police auxiliary operate Belanger Park on June 27, 2016 Approval to rescind motion 16-117 16-153 16-154 Approval of the summer mil rate 16-155 Approval to have Labor Counsel settle grievance 13-35 16-156 Motion to adjourn at 9:38pm

A complete copy of the minutes can be obtained at the City Clerk's office (313) 842-5604.

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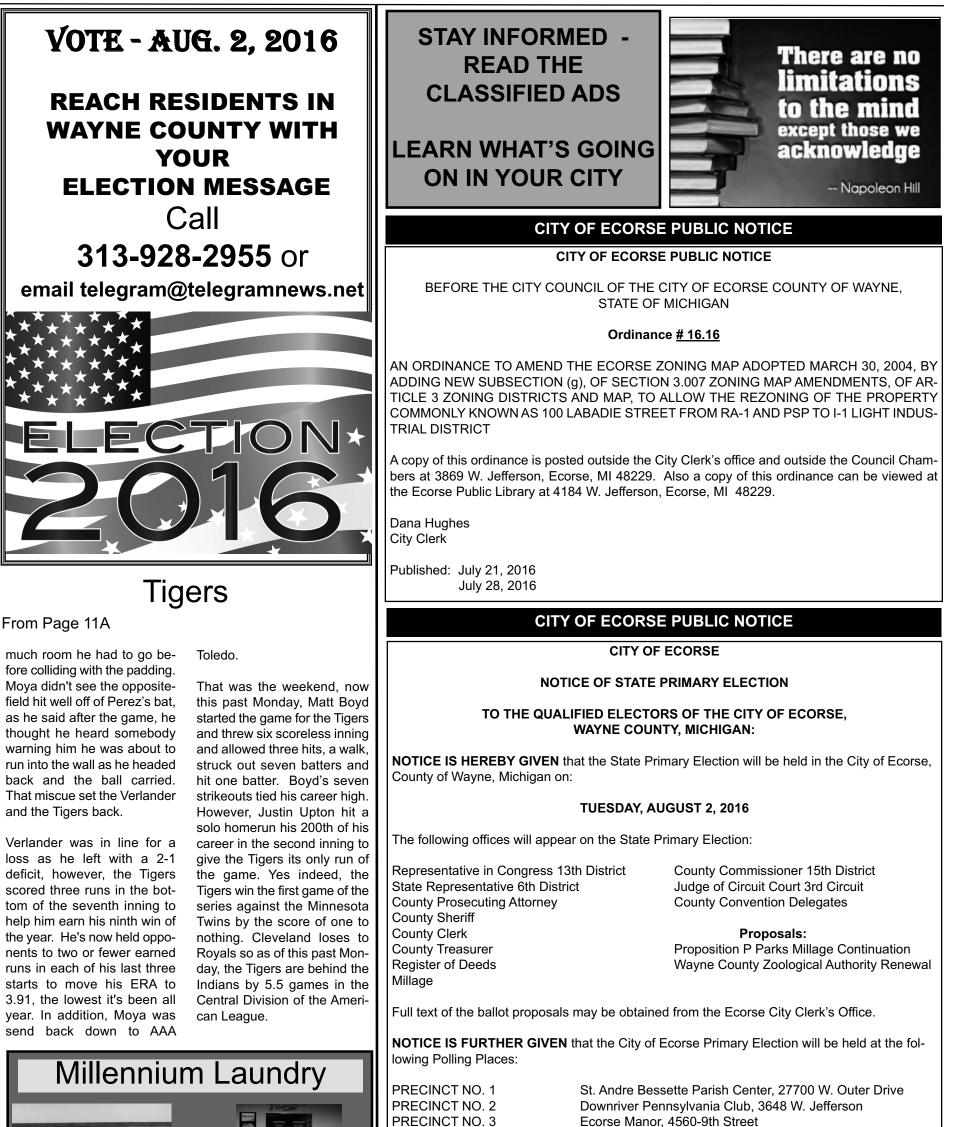
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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the Polls of said city will be opened at Seven (7:00) o'clock a.m., and will remain open until Eight (8:00) o'clock p.m. on the day of said Election. All polling place locations are handicap accessible. To obtain instructions in an alternative format (audio or Braille), contact the City Clerk's office prior to Election Day.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that the Public Accuracy Test for the Aug. 2,2016 election has been scheduled for Tuesday July 26, 2016 at 11:00am.in the office of the City Clerk.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to record and count the votes cast at the election meet the requirements of the law.

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the polling places for said City of Ecorse State Primary Election will open at 7:00 o'clock a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 o'clock p.m. on Tuesday, August 2nd.

Absent voter applications and ballots may be obtained through the City Clerk's office. The office of the City Clerk will be open on Saturday, July 30, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of issuing and receiving absentee ballots.

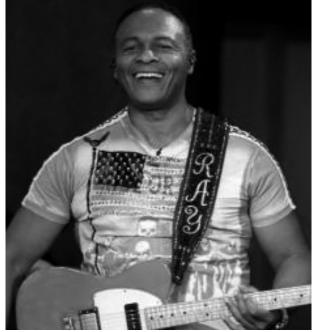
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Testing of the Voting Equipment will be held on Tuesday, July 26, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. at 3869 W. Jefferson, Ecorse, Michigan. The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to tabulate the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of the law.

DANA HUGHES CITY CLERK

Published July 21, 2016



2016 Idlewild Heritage Music Festival Raising the Quality of Life One Community at a Time "Who Ya Gonna Call... GHOSTBUSTERS!"



Ray Parker Jr. to headline Music Festival

MICHIGAN – Detroit's own "RAY PARKER Jr.," Award winning Mega Musician/Super Producer (who's many honors include an Oscar, Multiple Grammy wins, A "STAR" on The Hollywood Walk Of Fame and More) The "Motown Funk Brother" who wrote and performed the iconic theme to the GHOSTBUSTERS! movie, (official worldwide release tomorrow Friday July 15, 2016) will be performing "LIVE" at The Idlewild Heritage Music Festival, Saturday August 13, 2016 on the beach on Williams Island in historic Idlewild, Michigan.

The event is sponsored in part by WHPR TV 33, City Wings Restaurant, Urban Apparel, Letman Development Group LLC, Lake County Community Foundation, and the Archie and Minnie Letman Founda-



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About Idlewild, Michigan and Idlewild Heritage Music Festival

The Idlewild Heritage Music Festival is held to celebrate the rich entertainment and entrepreneurial spirit of the historic African American resort. Idlewild is the largest and most intact of these remaining resorts and is composed of almost 3,000 acres and is nestled in the middle of the Manistee National Forest. In its heyday Idlewild was the cultural and entertainment nexus in the African American community. During the summers it drew 25,000 visitors from all over the United States and had 300 African American owned and operated businesses.

About Idlewild Heritage Music Festival

Saturday, August 13, at 1pm live entertainment begins. This year's festival headliner includes Detroit native and legendary performer Ray Parker, Jr. of Ghostbusters Fame! The Idlewild Heritage Festival also includes cultural exhibits Black History 101, Signature Series Mobile Museum and The Tuskegee Airmen, Black Wings Mobile Museum. The show is hosted by comedian Mike Bonner. Local Metro Detroit performers Duane Williams, Debonair Casanova, Domaine are slated to perform as well as Grand Rapids performers Jeri Wade and Sarge Tha Dame and Bedrock.

Additional information, complete artist line up, tickets, bus packages, vendor, sponsor and festival events are available online at www.visitidlewild.com.

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ASK ALMA My Awkward Niece Wants to be the Next Gabby Douglas



Dear Alma,

My niece is all in love with Gabby Douglas and thinks she can one day tryout for the Olympic team. LOL, now that's funny. She's awkward, uncoordinated and too fat to be in the Olympics. Her laugh is so loud it makes my skin crawl and I have never, ever seen her exercise. Her mother is getting on my last nerve. She's collecting money from the family for her daughter to start gymnastic lessons. She said it's expensive and she needs help. Help? For what? A teenage fat farm? My niece is not, let me repeat, not Olympic material. I am embarrassed and I'm not trying to give her any of my hard earned money and neither should anyone else in the family. I'm sure I can use Facebook, but how else can I let all our friends and family know they should not contribute to this disaster?

Signed

Keepin It Real with My Niece

Dear Keepin It Real,

Oh my, my, girl, I hereby nominate you as runner up for the worst aunt in the world! Why would you speak such negative comments about your niece? What you think and what you feel are just your opinion and your feelings are note facts. Speaking again of your comments, I just gotta say, they sure do look ugly on you.

Your niece has the right, in this country at least, to pursue her dreams without your permission. Passions are personal and grow inside the hearts of each of us, individually. You don't get to pick which dreams work best for someone else. When a child shows interest. your role is to lead the way. When a young person becomes absorbed in a particular sport, artistic endeavor or reading activity, it's your responsibility as the adult, to assist them in said particular pursuit – positively!

Lookahear Auntie Unlucky, find your path to patience and take a long, long walk. Clear your mind and ponder, not everything that pops in your brain needs to trickle down and spill out of your mouth. Move out of your nieces' way, and stop trying to block her blessings. If you can't control your negativity and shush your mouth, just write a check and keep your distance. She doesn't need your wrong wind beneath her wings to fly to success. Change your attitude or get out of her way.

Alma Gill's newsroom experience spans more than 25 years, including various roles at USA Today, Newsday and the Washington Post. Email questions to: alwaysaskalma@gmail.com. Follow her on Facebook at "Ask Alma" and Twitter @almaaskalma.



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CRIME ALERT - RIVER ROUGE POLICE DEPT. **BLOTTER FOR WEEK ENDING** JULY 16TH, 2016

JULY 11TH, 2016

At 0056hrs, an officer was in the area of West Jefferson and West Pleasant, when he observed a silver Saturn operating with no headlights, and the officer effected a Traffic Stop. When the officer made contact with the 22 year old male driver, he smelled a strong odor of "marijuana" emitting from the vehicle. He asked for the driver's license, registration and proof of insurance, then asked if he had been smoking marijuana or had any in the vehicle. The male stated he only had one burnt roach. The male was asked to exit the vehicle and gave officer the consent to search the vehicle. While searching the vehicle the officer observed marijuana (3.5gram) and marijuana paraphernalia (2 grinders and a container containing multiple burnt marijuana cigarettes in the console in "Plain View". The male provided a valid "Medical Marijuana Card" and warned on the no proof of insurance. A LEIN check was made that showed no warrants and that he had a valid license. He was issued for driving without a headlight and improper transportation of the marijuana.

July 13th, 2016

At 0213hrs, an officer was patrolling the area of Forest and Genessee when he observed a suspicious vehicle. He checked the plate through LEIN and discovered the plate was not valid. He effected a Traffic Stop and approached the vehicle and made contact with the 39 year old female. He could smell "marijuana" emitting from the vehicle. She told the officer that she had smoked some a few hours earlier and didn't have any more. He asked her to exit the vehicle and detained her in his patrol vehicle. During the search of the vehicle he located a small bag of marijuana weighing 8.4 gram, with packaging in her purse. She was placed under arrest for Pos-

session of Marijuana and Improper Plate. The vehicle was impounded. She was issued on the scene and released.

July 13th, 2016

At 1243hrs, an officer went to a home in the 1st Block of Abbott Street to investigate a Suspicious Incident, A 34 year old male stated at approximately 0332hrs, his video surveillance shows someone entering his backyard through the alley. The suspect was wearing a hooded sweatshirt and riding a bicycle east bound down the alley of Abbott & Hill Street. The suspect passed the house and got off his bike and entered the backyard. A minute later he walked out of the yard and went back on his bike and left the area. The male stated nothing was damaged or stolen from his yard, but states that a neighbor a couple of houses down recently had his lawn mower stolen.

July 12, 2016

At 1400hrs, a 66 year old male entered the police station lobby to make a complaint. He states he owns a property on Linden Street. He states he has seen a male working on a house in Southgate, where he lives. He ask the male if he would go to his rental on Linden and give him a quote on painting the house. The male who owns the property met the suspect at the house on Linden and told the male the job was to paint a garage and a railing. The owner states a short time later the suspect male calls him and told he wanted \$480.00 for the job. The owner told him he was too high and did not want to hire him. On the 12th of July the owner went back to the home and observed a rear window had been taken and further observed 2 gallons of paint, and painting tools missing and a 120 foot electrical cord missing.

WCSO to hire 100 officers, fee for physical test being waived

Detroit - The Wayne County Sheriff's Office will offer a prehire Physical Abilities Test from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, July 23, 2016 for men and women interested in working as officers in the County jails. The agility test, which s normally \$50, will be free that day and takes place at Wayne State University, 5101 John C Lodge Service Drive in Detroit.

Those who pass the physical test will have the option that day of taking required written tests and submitting a job application to expedite the hiring process. The Sheriff's Office has 100 vacant officer positions in the jails. New officers are paid a salary of \$29,698 (bi-weekly pay period) along with applicable pav increases.

Included on the test, which must be completed within five minutes, 35 seconds:

- Carrying a 40-pound weight a distance of 100 feet
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In addition to successful completion of the physical test, applicants for officer positions in the Wayne County Jails must have a high school diploma or GED and be qualified to obtain a concealed pistol license. Those with felony convictions will not be considered.

For more information about the job openings and requirements see www.sheriffconnect.com or 313-224-0641.

WEEK OF JULY 21 - JULY 27, 2016

COMMUNITY CRIME **PREVENTION EVENTS**

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Inkster 48141 This is a solution based event and everyone is encouraged to attend! We will be discussing police-community relations ways to avoid becoming a victim of crime, and discussing ways you can be a good witness to assist police with keepour streets ing and neighborhoods safer.

We look forward to seeing you there! For more information, contact the

Inkster Police Department or the Crime Prevention Unit

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By: Dominique Madden - Contributing Reporter



The cast of An'dee is a group of young children ready to make their performing debut

DEARBORN – If you liked "Annie," you'll love "An'Dee: An Original Musical Stage Production." The debut performance will provide an afternoon of entertainment for children and youth in foster care, homeless programs, and other disadvantaged situations. The evening will culminate with a red carpet VIP Black Tie Benefit Reception followed by a premier fundraiser performance.

The musical tells the story of a 12 year old boy in foster care who is determined to have a successful future, turning his can't into cans and his dreams into plans. An'Dee stars talented young actors, singers, and dancers representing children and youth from communities throughout the Western Wayne region, including featured performances from Motor City Dance Factory and Inkster's Divine Stand Dancers. Headlining this musical is prodigy young singer, Justin Malone-Horton



and his principal co-stars Micah Andrews, MaKinlee Black, Kerrington Dean, Ayana Jewel, Ife Martin, Joshua McKaye, Xavier Owoh and Kalig White. Adult headliners include the incredibly talented actors and singers Johnyce Jackson, Reymon Clora, Ashley Williams, Tamara Jewel, and Shawanda Elledge.

There will be two performances of "An'Dee" on Saturday, August 20, 2016 at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center located at 15801 Michigan Ave in Dearborn, Michigan. The 2:00 pm matinee show will be performed for children and youth in foster care and homeless programs throughout Southeastern Michigan. Tax-deductible donations are currently being accepted to provide 800 complimentary tickets to sponsor foster and homeless families who will attend the matinee show.

EQUIPPED will host a VIP Black Tie Benefit Reception prior to the 7:30 pm performance for the general public. Tickets are available online at www.Equipped4Success.org

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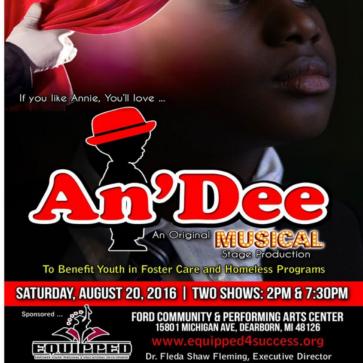


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