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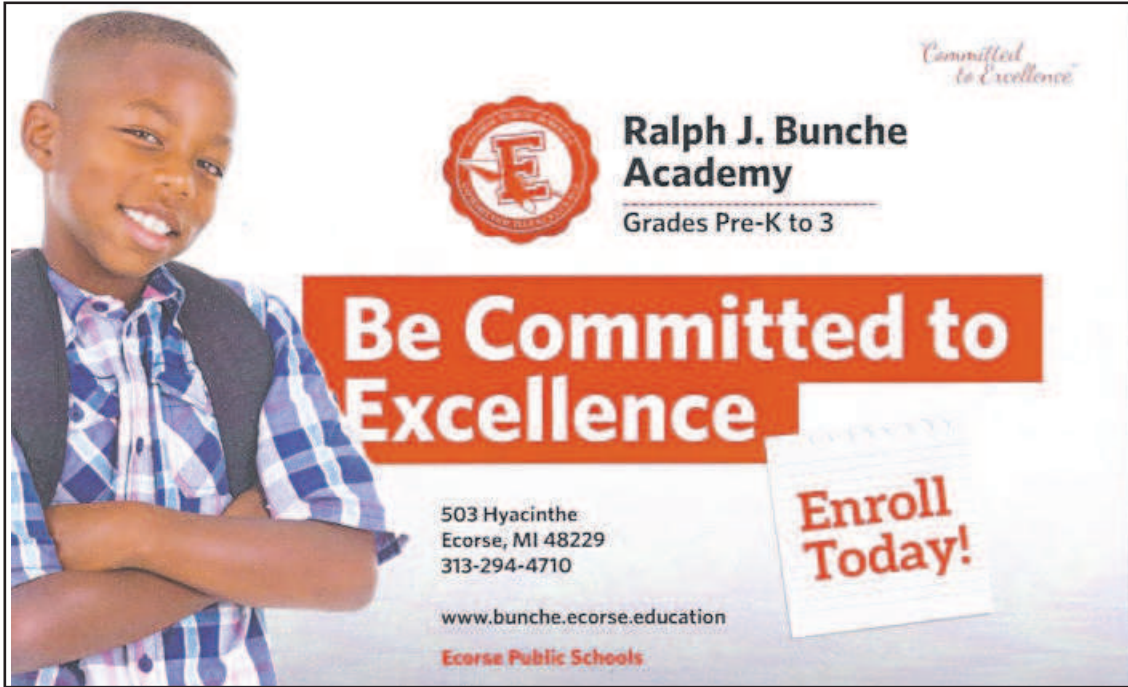


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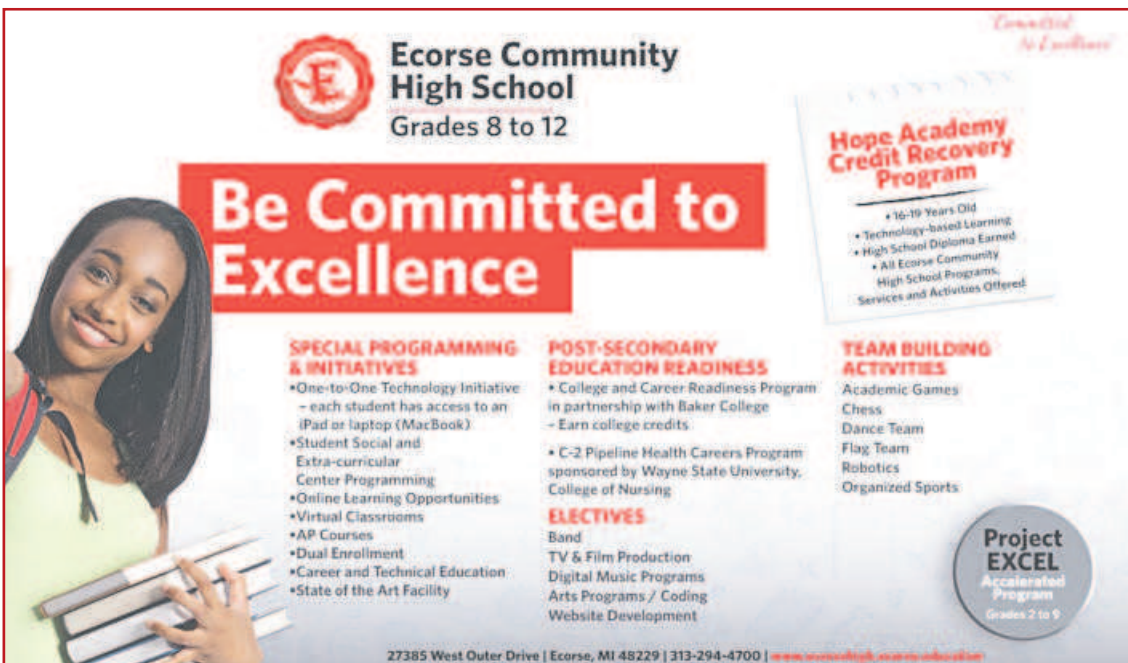


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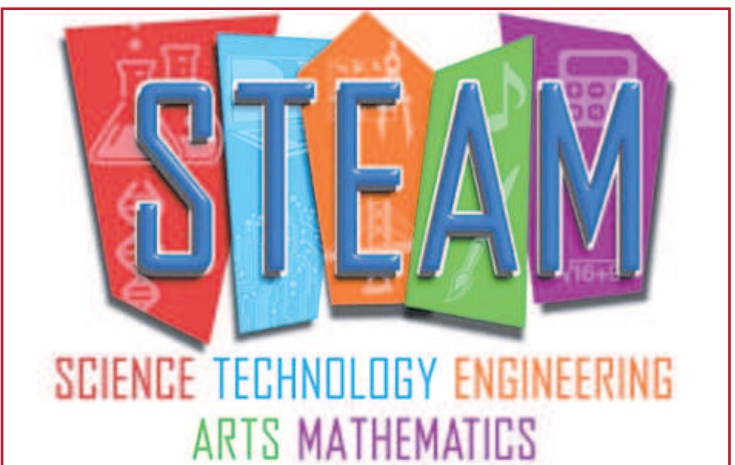
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Black Labor Leaders Meet in Detroit to Discuss Strategy for 2016 Elections, Social Justice Issues August 24 - 29

A. Philip Randolph For Jobs and Freedom



Hundreds of labor union activists, celebs, political and civic engagement leaders, Rev. Jesse Jackson, "Birth of a Nation" producer Nate Parker among conference participants

(Washington, DC) Seeking solutions to end to what it calls a "parasitic divisiveness" which is having a devastating social and economic impact on working families, the A. Philip Randolph Institute will hold its annual Education Conference. "The Power of

Unity...All Workers Matter" is the theme of the conference which will be held August 24-28, 2016 at the Detroit Marriott Renaissance Hotel in Detroit Michigan

APRI is a 50 year old labor and social justice organization which advocates on the behalf of African American working men and women across the nation.

This conference is to inform and train delegates on important issues directly impacting the Black community. More than 500 labor and civil rights activists, including a delegation of youth activists s ages 17-25 from across the U.S. will take part in activities.

Several prominent labor leaders including Clayola Brown, APRI president and Gerry

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The Jefferson Bridge is open

By: Gina Steward - Telegram Newspaper



Wayne County Executive Warren Evans joins residents and elected officials from Ecorse, River Rouge and Detroit in a ceremony to open the bridge

River Rouge — Cheers and more cheers went up when the bridge began to move. It was a long time coming — three years to be exact. Then history was made. The Jefferson Bascule Bridge was finally open for traffic.

Members of the community, elected officials from the county, the cities of River Rouge, Ecorse and Lincoln Park and many business owners came out to witness the opening of the bridge.

The crowd began to gather around 4pm on Friday, August 12. There was music, photo taking and a good round of fellowship about a block away from the bridge. Residents were smiling and most were stating, 'It's about time.'

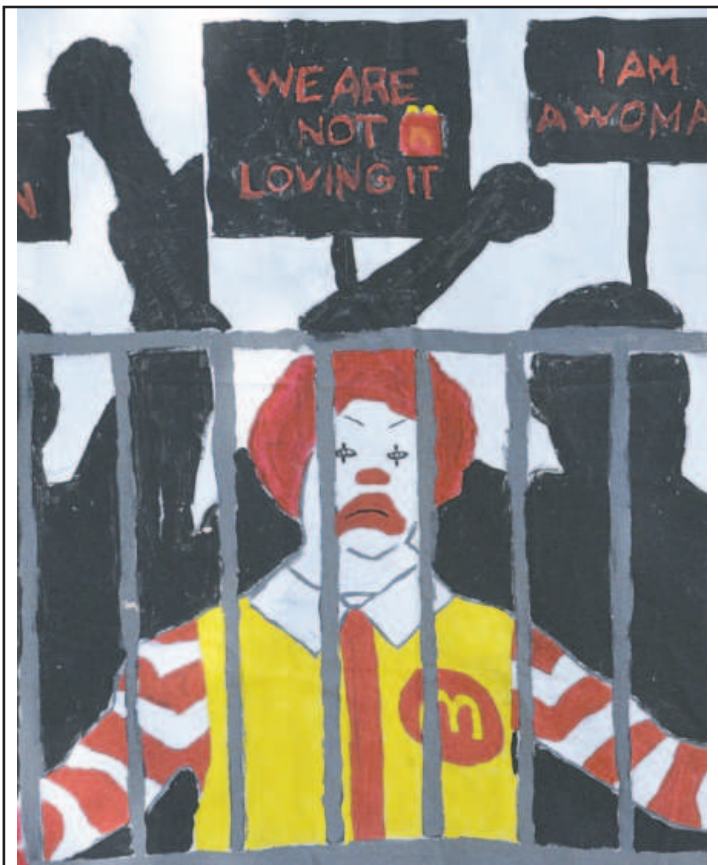
The bridge had been down (or stuck in the up position) since May of 2013 when a bridge operator lowered the bridge on the back of a freighter before it cleared the pathway. Something that

had been done with precision for years. Wayne County Engineers worked with other bridge manufactures throughout the country to ensure the repair was done correctly.

During Wayne County Executive's Warren Evans first visit to River Rouge, he committed to doing what it took to get the bridge repaired. River Rouge Commissioner Daniel Cooney made it his personal mission to make sure

Bridge Open - Page 23A

Fight for \$15



On Election Day, voters in 5 states — Arkansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, Alaska and Illinois — approved measures to raise the minimum wage. Na-

tionwide, people realize that \$7.40 just isn't enough to support a family.

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CALL TO ACTION

WORDS FROM THE PUBLISHER

**Reading is important,
Let's read to our children**



you know your grown son is having trouble reading, then it's time to work with him. The phrase 'Knowledge is Power' is true. The more you know, the higher you can grow and reach in your life. I suggest that each family takes some time to read with their children and grandchildren. Start small and then work your way up to thicker books. It will change your family dynamics. Aren't you sick and tired of hearing that 'They' won't hire me, 'They' are treating me bad, or that 'They' won't let us move up in the world. Well, you can change the 'They' and begin to take some accountability for your families' livelihood. Success is waiting for your family inside the covers of the next book you pick up. Improve your reading skills and improve your life.

Statistics prove that poor reading skills are connected with unfavorable life outcomes. A student that is not reading at his or her grade level by the end of the third grade is four times less likely to graduate high school on time and six times less likely for students from low-income families. A Northwestern University research found that high school dropouts were 63 times more likely to be incarcerated than college grads.

That is where the statement comes from that 'States use the reading scores of third graders to determine how many jail cells they will need' comes from. Although you will probably not find that statement in writing, you can understand the thought process.

In this Back to School Issue and the upcoming school year, I think it is time to stop blaming the state and start working to change history. The question that I ask each reader of the Telegram, 'Can everyone in your home read above the third grade level?' Not just the kids, I mean everyone. I believe it is never too late to learn something new. If

Some Reading Stats:
The Nation

- In a study of literacy among 20 'high income' countries; US ranked 12th
 - Illiteracy has become such a serious problem in our country that 44 million adults are now unable to read a simple story to their children
 - 50% of adults cannot read a book written at an eighth grade level
 - 45 million are functionally illiterate and read below a 5th grade level
 - 44% of the American adults do not read a book in a year
 - 6 out of 10 households do not buy a single book in a year
- (Source: National Institute for Literacy, National Center for Adult Literacy, The Literacy Company, U.S. Census Bureau)

Let's get busy reading!!

Gina Steward
Publisher

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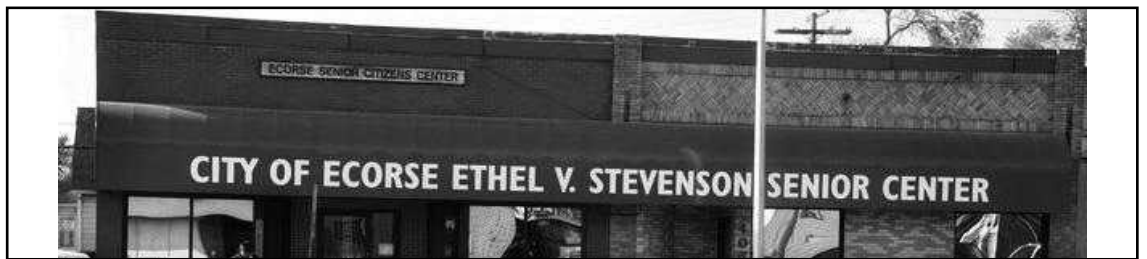
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SENIOR NEWS * SENIOR NEWS

**News From The
Ethel Stevenson Senior Center**

By Earleen McDaniel - Contributing Writer



Hello from the seniors at Ecorse's Senior Center. The Center has been busy this summer. There has been trips, bingo, and meals not to forget the exercise classes every Monday and Thursday at 1:00pm. The Arts and Craft program led by Lucille King, the Center's director has been in a coloring frenzy. They will soon start the holiday crafting. Twice a month there is a resale project on Wednesday. The next one is August 24.

We sometimes overlook the great services the Center provides. The Meal on Wheels Program not only delivers a nourishing meal to our homebound residents but in doing so it allows for a daily person to person check on our senior from a familiar face. The Center can provide medical transportation as well as

transportation to and from the Center. Food is available through the commodities program which will be delivered on August 25th. Ensure will be available on August 18th and Focus Hope is also distributed.

The Center has a wealth of information. They can help you get to the right place to find out how to solve your problems. Workshops are often held on many things from health to financial issues. Presently there is a health foods workshop going on. Last week they made a healthy oatmeal cookie.

Some of the trips this year was to the Morley Candy Factory, the New York shopping trip and others. The Las Vegas trip will be in October of this year. The travel that the seniors

take for short trips are on luxury buses that provide comfort for everyone.

In September the Birthday Club will start again. They sponsor a number of activities in the city such as the lighting of Ecorse for Christmas. The prizes are well worth the effort. Everyone is encouraged to plan on lighting up their homes during the Christmas season.

The center is a good place to meet up with friends for a card game or to chat with a cup of coffee. Seniors this is your place. Looking to see you there.

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TAKING A CLOSER LOOK AT BLACK MENTAL HEALTH

By Patricia Maryland, Dr.PH (NNPA News Wire Guest Columnist)



Good physical and mental health help drive success and enjoyment in our lives. But when it comes to overcoming some of our society's biggest health challenges — from HIV/AIDS to cancer to diabetes to behavioral health issues — the African-American community unfortunately shoulders a disproportionate share of the burden. As our nation increasingly deals with violence, suicide and depression, it's important to take a close look at the state of Black mental health in America.

The National Institute of Mental Health estimates that one of every five adults in the U.S. — some 43 million people — will experience mental illness this year. African-Americans are far from immune. In fact, Blacks are more than 20 percent more likely than Whites to report having serious psychological distress. For people of color living in poverty-stricken neighborhoods, where rates of homelessness, incarceration, substance abuse and violent crime are higher, the risk of mental illness is compounded.

One of the challenges African-Americans with mental health issues continue to face is an imbalance in health insurance coverage. While the Affordable Care Act has caused the uninsured rate among Blacks to decline by close to 10 percentage points between 2013 and 2016, it remains almost twice as high as the uninsured rate for non-Hispanic Whites. There is also a lack of African-American mental health professionals who can deliver culturally competent care for illnesses that are often deeply personal and can be the subject of stigmatization. According to a 2014 survey, less than 2 percent of American Psychological Association members are African-American.

These disparities are unacceptable. It is clear that we must make mental health equity a guiding principle and an utmost priority. As Ascension's President and CEO Anthony Tersigni recently stated: "Insurance coverage for the treatment of these disorders has long been discriminatory compared with coverage for physical diseases. In 2008, the federal government essentially legislated that there be parity between mental health coverage and physical health coverage, but the intended changes have been problematic and slow in coming."

On the part of healthcare

providers, addressing this challenge means promoting and expanding access to affordable mental and behavioral health-care — care that recognizes the stressors that African-Americans experience and provides solutions that are culturally competent. For our part, we have established behavioral/mental health as a dedicated priority service line across our national healthcare system.

This work demands continued investment in community health centers, which are vital to serving high-need minority neighborhoods. And it requires that we go beyond the traditional scope of care by addressing the socioeconomic needs that contribute to mental health, including access to affordable housing, food security and more.

Going beyond the traditional scope also means that our nation must address the care of our military veterans. Current statistics reveal that 18 to 22 veterans die by suicide each day in America because of their unique mental and behavioral health needs. Some of these veterans are African-Americans; we must do more to help all vets. That's one reason for Ascension's participation in the federal Veterans Choice Program, which was formed to improve the quality and access of care to veterans nationwide.

All of these programs and investments are important, but real gains in this fight will not come without the support and participation of the African-American community overall. We must stop viewing mental illness in America as if it were a personal failing rather than a serious health concern. And we must help our loved ones and neighbors to stop neglecting the care they need because of stigmas that surround mental health. These stigmas must be addressed and overcome.

While communities of color are having important conversations about mental health, we can do more. Breaking down these barriers will compel us not only to recognize the necessity of mental health care, but also to marshal our support for family, friends and neighbors who are seeking the help and treatment they need. Together, we can build a healthier, stronger community, where getting support for mental health problems is not a sign of weakness, but one of strength.

Patricia A. Maryland, Dr.PH, is the President of Healthcare Operations and Chief Operating Officer for Ascension Health, the healthcare delivery subsidiary of Ascension, the nation's largest non-profit and largest Catholic health system.

Michigan State University goes tobacco free

By Jim Abeare - Contributing Columnist



Michigan State University has gone tobacco free as of August 15th.

It is a tobacco ban that is not only in effect at the main campus in East Lansing but all the satellite campuses as well.

The ban affects not only cigarettes but also chewing tobacco, e-cigarettes and vaporizers.

My question through this whole thing is, does Michigan State have the same regulations about marijuana.

I doubt it.

It seems that marijuana is more socially acceptable than tobacco.

You don't even see commercials about the dangers of marijuana like you do tobacco.

There is a movement to legalize marijuana as they are trying to criminalize tobacco.

Tobacco affects the people that use it, marijuana makes people high and affects society. Like a drink does.

I'd feel better if there was a concerted effort to tell people about the hazards of marijuana but I think those in power are just being hypocritical.

Making MSU tobacco free might be laudable, but let's not forget other

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Only Human?

By Janine Folks - Religion Columnist



made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor. You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet: all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas" (Psalm 8:4-8 NIV).

I don't like the phrase, 'only human.' Only? Only and human do not belong in the same sentence. Our Creator fearfully and wonderfully made us (Psalm 139:14) and that makes us more than 'only.' It sounds so demeaning. It devalues what we were created to be. It is an attempt to remove the glory God created us to walk in.

God put us humans in charge of HIS earth and all that HE made! He gave us authority! That is huge! God must think we are awesome to handle such responsibility. How could we ever refer to ourselves as 'only' human?! Are we trying to avoid our assignment?

When people use the phrase 'only human,' it's usually to justify, condone or excuse inadequate behavior, also known as 'sin.' Humans do sin. There is no question about that. But to use your humanity as a 'sin pass' is wrong. If there is a particular sin that you struggle with, that specific issue needs to be addressed.

The truth is we are amazingly human, marvelously human, astoundingly human... Don't use being human as an excuse to live beneath what you were created for. Humanity is not a handicap, it is a precious gift! Appreciate it. God thinks so highly of you, He sent His only Son Jesus to die for you.

True, we are flawed. As long as we are in these bodies, we will be flawed. Nevertheless, we must also remember that we are overcomers. God had given us power. He has great expectations of us!

The next time you think it's impossible to be righteous and holy, think again. The next time you feel powerless, think again. Being human is a high ranking status. Get to know Him and you'll never think of yourself as 'only' anything.

God has taught children and infants to tell of His strength, silencing His enemies and all who oppose Him (Psalm 8:2 NLT). Human children can silence God's enemies?! That's amazing to me!

You were created to be glorious. Yes, we fell in Adam and sin has plagued us ever since. Yet declare: "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:14). Think like it. Live like it. You are amazingly human and in charge of the earth! God gave humans dominion. Use your authority wisely!

David describes the high regard and value that God places on humans. "What is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? You have

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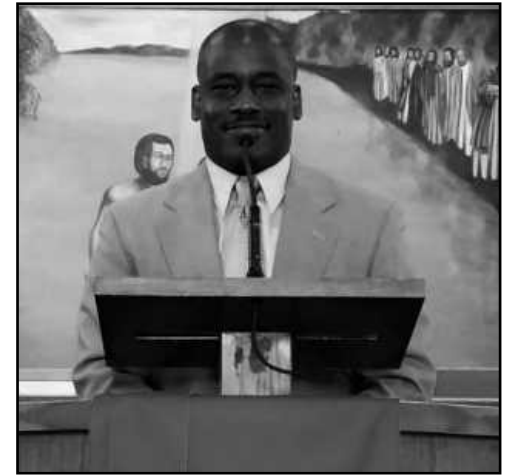
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Interview with
Pastor Kevin B. Mack
Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist of Ecorse
Celebrating 1st year as Pastor



'I'm looking forward to God doing some phenomenal things for his people,' says Rev. Mack. It looks like it has already begun.

Rev. Kevin B. Mack will celebrate his one-year anniversary as Pastor at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church on Sunday, August 28, 2016. He said he felt privileged to get the call to come preach at Mt. Zion over two years ago.

Rev. Mack fell in love with Christ before his sixth birthday and grew up watching his father who served as a Deacon and his mother who served as a deaconess. He later, cut his teeth in ministry in Triumph Church. He said, "So much of what I saw when I first came to Mt. Zion is what I saw and experienced at Triumph Church, when I joined with Pastor Solomon Kinloch on Liddesdale."

Before accepting the position at Mt. Zion, he was serving as Pastor at Abba's House Christian Church which he founded over four years ago. He believes that when you have people who have a sense of commitment to God and the local church, there is nothing you can't do.

Ninety percent of the people who attended Abba's House Christian Church followed him to Mt. Zion. The first Sunday that he officially was named Pastor approximately 50 people joined Mt. Zion Church. The Mt. Zion Church is one.

God is doing something so phenomenal at this church right now. We recognize that we don't just come to church. We just don't have church. We

are the church. ' By this will they know that you are my disciple, by the love you show one for another.' Mt. Zion is a place where we are learning and yet learning the Love of Christ is what shows people who we really are. We love one another here.

Throughout the first year, he said, we have been preaching as a mantra - True Love. We want Mt. Zion to be known as a place where you can be loved by God through his people.

Most Pastors want their church to grow numerically, and spiritually and physically, but at the end of the day, he says, "What is important is that you as an individual grow."

The vision that the church is following is: Preaching the gospel, Making disciples, Going into the world and Being spirit led. These values have also been incorporated into the church's crest.

Rev. Mack says, "The greatest billboard for any church is the people and our love for one another. Our work as believers is to go out there and live the life that we shout about and learn about inside the church walls and when we do that it compels people to come.

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Rev. Kevin Mack is married to First Lady Courtney Mack and they have two children, Kevin Jr., and Cassidy.

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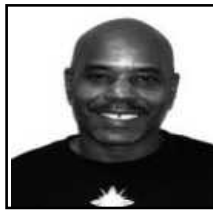
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ELECTED OFFICIAL NEWS

We Need Transparency Regarding School Closures

Governor's State Reform Office set to close unknown number of schools

LANSING — State Representative Adam Zemke (D-Ann Arbor), Democratic vice chairman of the House Education Committee, said today that the state's lack of transparency on decisions about school accountability has reached a new low with the announcement that an unknown number of schools will be closing by next June. Recently moved from the Department of Education into a department overseen by the governor's office, the State School Reform/Redesign Office (SRO) has announced that a large, unknown number of low-performing schools will be closed after this school year. The SRO announced that the final year of the MEAP test and previous two years of the M-STEP test would be used to determine which schools close. This decision is despite prior assurances from the state Department of Education that

these latter test scores, which incorporated the new Michigan standards, would not be held against them. "The decision to close an unknown number of schools, based on data from two entirely different tests without any clear, consistent and transparent processes to help schools improve, is completely irresponsible. This will leave Michigan families in flux, wondering what their options will be for their children's education going forward," Rep. Zemke said. "Thanks to the state's mysterious closure decision-making process here, we don't even know how these extreme decisions about our children's futures are being made. This is an egregious course of action by the SRO." As of 2014, the last year the list of the bottom 5 percent of low-performing schools was released, more than 100 schools could close next year, with dozens of those schools

being in Detroit. However, Detroit's charter schools benefit from a reconstitution loophole, allowing them to survive potential closures. Traditional schools in Detroit do not have such a loophole, and will therefore suffer the most due to these mysterious closures. "This is just another example of Republicans making backroom deals and decisions behind closed doors at the expense of our children's future, and it is absolutely unacceptable," Zemke said. "All schools must be treated equitably, consistently and transparently so that every young Michigander is given a chance to succeed."

HOW DOES YOUR ELECTED OFFICIAL FEEL ABOUT CLOSING LOCAL SCHOOLS? IS YOUR LOCAL SCHOOL ON THE LIST?

Statement from State Rep. Stephanie Chang (D-Detroit) on proposed MDEQ fine for Marathon Refinery's pollution violations:

"I am glad to see that the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) is holding Marathon Refinery in Detroit accountable for serious 2015 air pollution violations, but I believe that we need to demand more of this company. The incident that took place on May 9, 2015, resulted in Marathon emitting black smoke into the atmosphere for more than three hours, and violating the particulate matter emissions standard. Southwest Detroit, where the refinery is located, is a heavily polluted area, leading to numerous health concerns for residents, especially children and senior citizens. I do not understand, then, why the proposed penalty of more than \$85,000 was negotiated down to \$62,000. This was not done in a transparent way and brings

up questions about MDEQ's process of determining these civil penalties.

"Southwest Detroit residents, and all Michigan residents, have a right to breathe clean air. When companies violate our laws, they should be fined appropriately so that they take the necessary steps to prevent a problem from occurring again. Negotiating a fine down risks sending the message that a violation is not that serious. Any violation that pollutes the air we breathe is serious and should be treated as such. I am also curious about the fact that the proposed consent order only addresses some of the violations in the May 2015 violation notice, not all of them. In addition, the proposed consent order does not take into ac-

count the history of violations that Marathon has. I sincerely hope that MDEQ strongly considers increasing the proposed penalty back to the original amount or higher. Making a strong statement will help us to advance environmental justice in Michigan, and more effectively address the consequences that air pollution and violations such as this one have on our public health."

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Dashcams for recreation and security

Dashboard cameras otherwise known as dashcams were once reserved for police vehicles but they are becoming popular with civilian drivers. They are typically mounted onto a vehicle's windshield and these small video cameras continuously record video and audio from a first person perspective.

Dashcams are catching on for two reasons: recreation and security. It's fun to capture your adventures, as you never know what you're going to see, and then you can play back the video on a computer or television.

On the security side, dashcams can capture video evidence during an accident or incident. Dashcams are usually set to record continuously, similar to security cameras.

Power Play

If you've got a number of devices in your vehicle – such as dash-cams, smartphones and tablets – you might consider bringing along a 12-volt (cigarette lighter) charger to power them up using your vehicle's battery. Some models even have one or two USB ports to plug your gadgets in as well.

Alternatively, I recommend considering a portable backup battery that can juice up your devices, whenever and wherever. The higher the milliampere hours (mAh) – such as 10,000 mAh, as opposed to 3,000 mAh - determines how many times you can charge your smartphone and other tech toys before the backup battery needs to be recharged.

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The necessities of a summer road trip haven't changed for the most part over the years, but technology sure has made the travel experience more pleasurable. Driving directions via GPS have replaced paper maps, and there's no need to stop to use a pay-phone when you've got a smartphone in the vehicle and to top it all off, you save money on fuel, thanks to apps that compare prices at gas stations. Perhaps, best of all: Tech toys can help reduce the dreaded "Are we there yet?" from the back seat. If you're wondering what's the latest and greatest in travel companions to keep kids and even spouses entertained, you should consider at least one of the following gadgets that I've outlined below.

Keeping Tabs

A touchscreen tablet is a great tool for your passengers on a long car ride. Tablets are thin and light, and have an average battery life of 10 to 12 hours. Passengers can read e-books, listen to music, watch videos, play games, and even check social media feeds if a Wi-Fi is available. Most importantly, if you see something that you like on your adventures, you can use the tablet's camera to capture the action.

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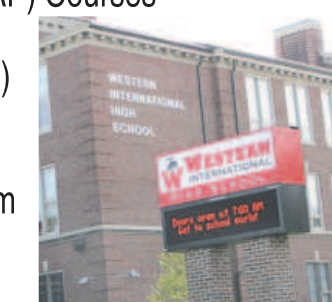
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(StatePoint) After a summer of fun, getting back into the swing of the classroom can be difficult for students of all ages and family backgrounds. But parents can help, say experts.

"It's easy for parents to feel like there isn't enough time to add more activities to an already packed schedule. But, there are many easy ways you can set the tone of making learning fun, ease the back-to-school transition, and foster literacy skills at home," says Jon Reigelman, creative director of the National Center for Families Learning (NCFL).

Reigelman suggests seeking out free resources, such as Camp Wonderopolis, a virtual camp and online learning tool available to all families, libraries, schools, and community organizations. It can be a great weekend or after-school activity for busy families that can be completed at any pace.

Getting kids into an out-of-classroom learning habit now will set them up for future success. (Looking ahead to winter break or next summer, the program is also a great tool for combatting the learning loss common during vacations!) To register, visit camp.wonderopolis.org.

For younger kids, NCFL offers these great back-to-school tips for

families.

- Choose a letter of the day. Look for the chosen letter in any printed materials you see -- the newspaper, street signs, billboards, or advertisements. Make up a silly sentence using only words beginning with the letter of the day. (For example: Cats can cuddle. Dogs don't drive. Amy always acts awake.)

- Singing songs can be a literacy activity. Try this twist: Sing short songs like "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" several times, leaving off the last word each time until there are no words left. This activity always produces giggles from children and parents alike.

- Talk to your child about his or her day. Pretend to be a television reporter. Try questions like "what was the most surprising (curious, funny, eventful) thing that happened today?" You are giving your child opportunities to increase vocabulary, recall and reflect, and you are receiving a more detailed version of the time you spent apart. Be prepared to answer the same questions. You and your child will begin looking for events to report to each other.

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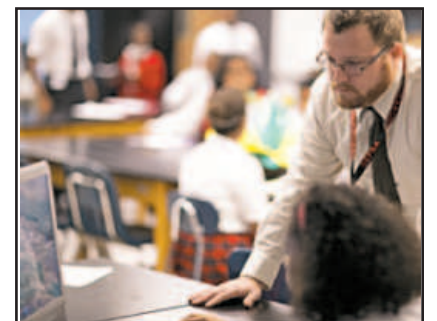
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6th Annual Junior League Baseball World Series in Taylor

By Butch Davis



The world's best teams of 13- and 14-year-old baseball players kick off the 36th annual Junior League World Series today at World Series Field in Taylor's Heritage Park, 12111 Pardee Road, Taylor Mi. The Junior League World Series is the "older brother" of the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. The Little League series is for 12-year-olds. The Junior League series is for 13- and 14-year-olds. Eleven teams from around the world will

compete for the world championship – the biggest field of teams in the history of the event. For the first time ever, the Australian national champion was granted an automatic berth in the series due to the impressive growth and popularity of Little League-type baseball on the continent. Several members of this year's Team Australia played in last year's Little League World Series. The Australians' opponents from Chinese Taipei will attempt to

stretch the Asia-Pacific champions' reign on the Junior League World Series to four straight titles. Tai Chung, Taiwan, won its second straight championship a year ago. The World Series this past Monday feature the first games for Latin America champion Tomas Munoz Little League from Juan Diaz, Panama; the USA Southwest champion Padre Little League from Corpus Christi, Texas; and the Europe/Africa champion South Czech Republic Little League from Brno, Czech Republic returning for the fourth straight year. The schedule continues with three more games this past Tuesday, four games yesterday and two games today, Thursday. The International championship game is scheduled for 3 pm. Saturday, followed by the USA title game at 6 p.m. The International and USA champions play for the Junior League World Championship at 1 p.m. Sunday, August 21. That game will be broadcast live on ESPN.

Local High School News Prep Kickoff Classic

The 2016 Detroit Sports Commission Prep Kickoff Classic at Wayne State University will take place during the weekend of Aug. 25-27. Founded in 2005, the Prep Kickoff Classic was created to provide a unique and memorable experience for players, coaches, fans, cheerleaders, and band members. The event moved from Eastern Michigan University to WSU in 2012. Formerly known as the Big Day Prep Showdown, the event was recognized at the Outstanding

Locally Created Event in 2008 by the National Association of Sports Commissions (NASC) for excellence in all aspects, including attendance, marketing, promotion and community presence. Here are the high school teams that will take part in the weekend football extravaganza on the campus of Wayne State University.

Thursday, Aug. 25
Woodhaven vs. Lincoln Park, 4 p.m.

Chippewa Valley vs. Lake Orion, 7 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 26
Allen Park vs. Taylor Kennedy, 4 p.m.

Canton vs. Dearborn Fordson, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 27
Chelsea vs. River Rouge, 12 p.m.

Southfield A&T vs. Detroit King, 3 p.m.

Detroit Cass Tech vs. Oak Park, 6 p.m.

Big Series this Weekend

By Butch Davis

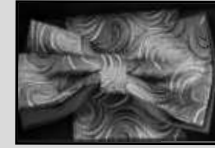
Well Detroit Tigers baseball fans here are the real nitty-gritty facts as per this past Tuesday mourning. The Tigers are in second place in the Central Division, five games back from the first place Cleveland Indians as our home town baseball team miss a chance to gain ground by way of the Red Sox's of Boston beating the first place team in there house Monday night. However, Ian Kennedy pitched effectively into the seventh inning to win for the first since June 26 as the Kansas City Royals beat the Detroit Tigers 3-1 this past Monday night at Comerica Park. Daniel Norris just coming off of the DL (1-1) took the

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Dearborn Heights City Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 23, 2016 at 8PM
there will be a city council meeting at the Dearborn Heights city hall (6045 Fenton St.).

Detroit Yoga in the Park
Join Yoganic Flow for outdoor yoga classes Saturday, August 20, 2016 from 9-10AM at Palmer Park, 910 Merrill Plaisance. For more information, please call 313-655-9642.

Community Market
Detroit Public Schools and the Greening of Detroit Present: Palmer Park Prep Academy Community Market. Wednesdays from 3-6PM until September 28th at 3901 Margareta, Detroit MI 48221. For more information, call 503-784-5183.

Inkster Food Truck Days
August 20, 2016 from 11AM-5PM, at the Dozier Recreation Complex (2025 Middlebelt Rd.), there will be an event featuring various food trucks. This event will repeat August 24, 2016 from 11AM-2PM at the same location.

Romulus Farmer's Market
Every Wednesday until October 12, 2016, there will be a farmer's market in Romulus (11111 Wayne Rd.) from noon-6PM.

Sounds in Downtown
Friday, August 19, 2016 at 7PM come downtown and enjoy the Sounds in Downtown series! Located at the Romulus Historical Park (11120 Hunt St.)

City Council Meeting
Monday, August 22, 2016 at 7:30PM there will be a city council meeting at the Romulus Council Chambers of city hall, located at 11111 Wayne Rd.

Taylor Cruise for a Cause
Taylor Chevrolet (18301 Telegraph Rd.) will host this benefit to aid the Taylor Fire Department. From 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, August 25, the dealership will be the host of a car wash by the Taylor Firefighters, celebrity dunk tank, appearances by radio personalities Rat and Puff and Krystal Lucas (the Taylor Chevrolet girl) and the department will have a fire truck on hand for demonstrations, fire pump and even hamburgers, hot dogs and ice cream.

Wayne Beer Tasting Fundraiser
Join the Friends of the Wayne Public Library (3737 S. Wayne Rd.) on August 19th from 7-9PM for an evening of beer tasting featuring Liberty Street Brewing Company! Tickets are \$15 and all proceeds benefit the library. Three specialty beers plus pizza and snacks are included in ticket price. Tickets are available at the circulation desk, call (734) 721-7832 for more info!

Wayne Garden Club 100th Anniversary
Celebrate with us and enjoy vendor booths, garden experts, music, refreshments, speakers, crafts, and kids activities. Join us August 20th from 11AM-2PM at Goudy Park Amphitheater (3355 S. Wayne Rd.).

Wayne Farmer's Market
All through October, from 3-7PM there will be a vending of local fresh produce and artisan goods at the Goudy Park, 3355 S. Wayne Rd.
Free Concerts in Goudy Park
August 24, 2016 from 7:30-8:30PM, view concerts from The Killer Flamingoes, Dead in Dog Years, Fifty Amp Fuse, Live Bullet Detroit, and Infinity and Beyond (in that order) every Wednesday of August at 3355 S. Wayne Rd.

Westland Bake Sale and Garage Sale
This event will benefit the Norwayne Community Citizens Council and the Westland Monarch Butterfly Refuge and Children's Fairy Garden. Bring garage sale items to Jefferson Barns by set up date, August 19. The bake sale will need cupcakes, breads, muffins, rice Krispy treats. Bring baked goods to Jefferson Barns on day of sale August 20. To volunteer or donate please contact Henry Johnson 734-334-0042. This event will take place August 20th from 10AM-2PM at the Jefferson-Barns Community Vitality Center (32150 Dorsey).

Westland Farmer's Market
The Westland Farmer's Market will be held at the Farmers Market Pavilion located at 1901 N Carlson. The Market will take place every Thursday from 3-7p.m through October.

Wyandotte Coffee & Conversation with the Mayor
Join us August 19th from 10AM-2PM in the council chambers of city hall (3200 Biddle Ave., Suite 300) to speak with the mayor about local issues.

WBA Third Friday
The Wyandotte Business Association's Third Friday event will take place August 19th beginning at 5PM in downtown Wyandotte. Many of the shops and restaurants will stay open later than usual, offer giveaways, specials and discounts. In addition, there is musical entertainment and horse and carriage rides throughout the downtown district. For more information please call 734-324-4514.

City Council
Monday, August 22, 2016 at 7PM, city council will meet in the council chambers of Wyandotte city hall (3200 Biddle Ave., Ste. 300).

Farmers Market
Thursday, August 25, 2016 from noon-6:30PM, on the corner of first and elm, the Wyandotte Farmer's Market offers an array of fresh fruits and vegetables, herbs, lamb, eggs, plants and baked goods. The market runs each Thursday from 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm, with the last day being Thursday, October 6, 2016.

Music in the Park
Thursday, August 18, 2016 from 6-7PM, join us at Bishop Park for a waterside concert featuring Natale Emanuele. Event sponsored by Leo Stevenson of Merrill Lynch.

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loss, allowing two runs -- one earned -- in 5 1/3 innings. Nonetheless, the big in this past Monday game is that Tigers lost slugger Miguel Cabrera after four innings to a strained left biceps. Cabrera appeared to injure himself in a first-inning collision with the Royals Cheslor Cuthbert at first base, however batted twice before leaving the game. Miguel Cabrera, who was traded to the Tigers from the Marlins before the 2008 season, has 999 RBIs with his current team. His next RBI will make him the eighth player to reach 1,000 RBIs with the Tigers. Tiger's manager Brad Ausmus said Cabrera is day to day.

With 3B Nick Castellanos and SS Jose Iglesias on the disabled list, the Tigers recalled SS Dixon Machado from Triple-A Toledo. To make room on the roster, Detroit optioned RHP Warwick Saupold to Toledo. Saupold pitched three scoreless innings in the Tigers lost to Texas last Friday. Warick Saupold's whirlwind week continued Friday, as he will end up staying with the Tigers Friday after having been recalled. He'll take the roster spot of the injured Jose Iglesias, however it's possible that Saupold will be sent back down shortly in order for the Tigers to call up a viable middle infield option. Casey McGehee had four of Detroit's 14 hits against Cole Hamels, Matt Boyd pitched seven scoreless innings and the Tigers snapped a five-game losing streak with a 2-0 victory over the AL-best team, the Texas Rangers last Saturday night. Boyd (4-2) limited the Rangers to two hits with three strikeouts and two walks in his longest start this season. The left-hander is 4-0 his last six starts.

Detroit Tigers pitcher Mike Pelfrey, suffering from a lower back injury, will not be activated off the disabled list when he becomes eligible this week. Nevertheless, since the All-Star break, the Tigers have had the stronger pitching. The Tigers' 3.16 ERA in the second half is second best in the AL behind the 3.12 of the Tampa Bay Rays. By the way Tigers rookie Michael Fulmer has done more than just position himself as the frontrunner for the American League Rookie of the Year as he pitch his first complete game of his career, this past weekend. The 23-year-old pitcher gave up just four hits, struck out nine and walked none in the Detroit

Tigers' victory in Arlington. That start also qualified him for the ERA title as of this past Sunday and, as of Sunday night; he's pacing the rest of the competition in the American League with an ERA of 2.25. He is the first rookie in the American League to reach 10 wins this season and he is also the first pitcher in the AL with six outings of at least six scoreless innings. The Tigers are 16-3 when the Fulmer takes the mound and the former first-round draft pick became the first Tigers rookie to record a shutout since Justin Verlander accomplished the feat in 2006.

Finally, the Boston Red Sox asked the Tigers for a favor, and the Tigers reportedly said, no. According to the Boston Herald, Red Sox management requested the Tigers move back the start time for Game 1 of their four-game series at Comerica Park, from 1:10 p.m. to later in the afternoon or into the evening. The Tigers, who have a long history of playing day games on Thursday whether the game is starting a series or concluding a series, denied the request, according to the Boston Herald. The Red Sox have to play a night game in Baltimore on Wednesday, before flying to Detroit for the start of a huge series between the two American League wild-card contenders. President Dave Dombrowski, who was fired as Tigers as president and general manager last summer, of course, runs the Red Sox. The Boston Herald asks the question if the Tigers' refusal to change game times has something to do with any lingering animosity between the team and Dombrowski.

"They traditionally have played Thursday afternoons during the season, although they don't always play (them) because if the roles were reversed, I'm sure they would have played a night game," Dombrowski told the Herald.

Not true at all, an official from the Tigers spoke to me this past Monday. The reason is simply, the Detroit Lions will be hosting a Thursday night game which we have a working agreement allowing parking for our neighbors to use as soon as our afternoon game end. Did I mention the Tigers and the Red Sox's will be battling for the final wild card spot in this weekends series at Comerica Park.

RIVER ROUGE POLICE BLOTTER

FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 13TH, 2016

August 14th, 2016

At 0521hrs, an officer observed a white Chevrolet Cruz driving west bound on Visger near Palmerston, matching a vehicle that fled from RRPD on July 23rd, 2016. A female was the driver and male passenger. When the officer conducted a Traffic Stop and the vehicle came to a stop, the 23 year old male passenger jumped out and fled. The officer pursued the male on foot and lost sight of him. The officer began to search for the male in his patrol unit. A short time later Ecorse units arrived to assist and observed the male running near the original Traffic Stop and ran into the alley between Frazier and Beechwood towards Campbell Street. All units in the area pursued the male on foot and the male attempted to climb over a fence in the backyard of a home in 500 Block of Campbell. He was told by officers to stop but he continued to run until one of the officer advised him a Taser would be deployed if he didn't stop. Needless to say, the male was tased by the officer. He was placed under arrest and transported to the station where he was booked, allowed to make a call and housed.

August 13th, 2016

At 0616hrs, officers were dispatched to the area of Visger and Polk on report of a man down and having trouble breathing. Upon arrival officers observed a 29 year old male sitting down near the iron railing in front of the funeral home with a gray Ethernet wire tight around his neck. One of the officer grabbed his pocket knife and cut the wire from his neck and asked the male why he was attempting to take his life. The male stated he was depressed and he has tried committing suicide by going into oncoming traffic. Officers made contact with the female witness who states she was walking on Polk near Visger, when she observed the male sitting on the railing with the gray wire around his neck suffocating. Rapid Respond was notified and arrived on scene to transport the male to Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital along with commitment Papers.

AUGUST 8TH, 2016

At 0158hrs, officers were dispatched to River Rouge High school to assist in clearing the crowd after a football game. While in route to the location a report of a large fight near the high school stadium and one of the officers made contact with a football coach. The coach

stated a red Ford occupied with four stopped on Coolidge near Beechwood and assaulted a female. An officer spoke to the mother of a female that stated suspects left in a red Ford headed southbound on Beechwood. Vehicle information was forwarded to Dispatch and other patrol vehicles. Officers were dispatched to the 276 Visger Rd, 76 Gas Station on shots fired complaint. Officers arrived and made contact with several witnesses who stated shots came from a passenger in a red Ford Focus, who targeted at a

group of kids possibly from an earlier game. At 0220hrs, an Ecorse officer radioed out that he had that vehicle stopped at 18th & Francis, with a total of five occupants The 19 year old male driver agreed to the search of the vehicle and officers discovered a high powered rifle (AK-47) with one round in the chamber and six live rounds near the passenger seat. The weapon appeared hot from the front barrel, as though it had been used. The driver was placed under arrest by the Ecorse officer and transported to Ecorse PD.

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Detroit Premiere of "THE CORRIDOR. DEFENDED"



The film stars Targus, and M.C. Gainey (Lost, Sideways, Con Air), and features several actors from the Detroit area including: Anton Basse, Henri Franklin, Dani Cochrane, Jason Echols, Mikey Brown, and more. The soundtrack is made up entirely of Detroit bands as well, anchored by Detroit garage rock royalty: The Detroit Cobras, and The Dirtbombs, along with Third Man Records' new comers, Timmy's Organism.

While there were a couple days of shooting in Los Angeles, the vast majority of shooting happened on location in Detroit, with Union Street, St. CeCe's, Jumbo's Bar, and Cliff Bells being among some of the more well known locations where production took place. The film is twenty-five minutes long and is partially a product of a crowd-funding campaign, but would not have been possible without the overwhelming support of folks in the Cass Corridor Community, and the city itself.

Mike Targus graduated from Wayne State University in 2006 with a BFA in acting. While pursuing his acting degree, Mike studied with the Upright Citizens Brigade in New York City, Improv Olympic in Chicago and Second City in Detroit. After graduating he helped Jerry Belanger to found and open the Park Bar. He has since then moved to Los Angeles, and most recently performed his show, The Search for Ron Mims, on the Comedy Central Development Stage in Hollywood, and at the Elizabeth

Theater in 2015. He also currently operates Mack Black Productions, which produced "THE CORRIDOR. DEFENDED.," and "39 to Go," (39togo.com), a 2015 Annual Indie Series Award nominated web-series, starring several other Detroit natives, and Jon Polito. (The Big Lebowski, Miller's Crossing).

The Park Bar and The Elizabeth Theater were originally an abandoned storefront in the city of Detroit and purchased in 2004 by then recent Wayne State University Theatre alum Jerry Belanger. He and his crew (including "THE CORRIDOR. DEFENDED." writer and producer, Mike Targus) spent the next two years renovating 2040 Park Avenue and the neighboring 1930s era Cliff Bells at 2030 Park Ave. The Park Bar (which is also home to GoGo's), opened its doors in December of 2006. Since then the Park Bar has become home for visiting Tiger Fans, Lions Fans, Downtown Locals, Fillmore Theatre patrons, Fox Theatre patrons and local artists.

Tickets are \$5 and will be available at the door or by calling the Park Bar Box Office at 313-454-1286 or emailing info@parkbardetroit.com. The box office is available to take ticket orders Thursday through Sunday from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. or leave a message and your phone call be returned as soon as possible. For more information, please call 313-454-1286, visit the Park Bar site at www.parkbardetroit.com, or check out www.miketargus.com

The Elizabeth Theater (located above the Park Bar and GoGo's in Downtown Detroit) will be hosting the Detroit premiere of a film, "THE CORRIDOR. DEFENDED.," written and produced by native Detroit, Mike Targus, on August 25th, 2016 at 8 p.m.

"THE CORRIDOR. DEFENDED.," takes place in Detroit's very own Cass Corridor neighborhood roughly ten years ago, when it was on the precipice of change, and follows a troubled man who has to decide whether to try and single-handedly fix the infamously seedy neighborhood, or take a backseat to the chaotic order of the city. Based on the stories and real-life encounters of Mike Targus himself, this dark-comedy offers a very authentic look at the city and its people, something that is often lost in main stream television and cinema's portrayals of Detroit.

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Dear Alma,

Three years after my divorce I met a really nice man. I am 34 years old, financially secure with no children. So far we make each other happy and get along really well. We both pay for things when we go out. I own my stuff, condo and car, and so does he. When we go out, never dutch, one or the other picks up the tab and it's never been a problem. Here is my issue: He invited me to go with him to meet his family. Then he said the other night, "When are you going to get your ticket? Let me know so I can make sure we're on the same flight." I was appalled that he wants me to pay my own way. I think that's totally wrong. What do you think?

V.B., Shreveport, La.

What? He wants you to pay your way. Girl, can you hear that chirping chickadee, "cheap-cheap-cheap-cheap!!" LOL!! All I can say is, you've got an extremely fugal brother on your hands. To the left, to the left, I hear you and I totally agree. On the other hand, my

sane mind, to the right, to the right, is tugging at me saying, "If he has a serious savings account and meticulously maintains his finances, that might be a good thing for you." I mean, really; he's not asking you to go in half on his root canal. It's a trip. Maybe he sees it as a vacation (you know how men are). Which I'm sure you do not (you know how women can be). Seriously, tho, going to visit your companion's family is not a vacation, and you need to clarify.

Unless you decide to have a straight-up conversation with him, I'd say give him the benefit of the doubt. I don't think there's any intent of wrongdoing here. Since you guys share the cost most of the time anyway, and since it bothers you, make this a teachable moment in your new relationship and explain it to him. Let him know that visiting his family is like buying a special gift. And you'd rather not have to go in the store and get it yourself. Ask him to cover the cost of the flights and you volunteer to cover the hotel. If you're staying with family, you can cover food and entertainment expenses. Don't be mad; if things work out between you two, you'll be glad he's frugal, especially during your retirement years. In this economy, a man that resists unnecessary spending and prefers to save his coins is a keeper.

Alma

Back to School

Find and circle all of the School related words that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell a Mark Twain quotation.

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- Make a statement. Add visual sophistication with a few trim tricks. For example, use thicker trim at the gables to make them pop. Or, mix trim widths to emphasize windows and doors. A new stand-out

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Innovations Planned for new Detroit Public Schools Community District



Back row: Danielle Taylor, IGS Trainer Karen Mangham, Kellie Stevens Kneeling: Tamika Smith, NicolaTurner, Anastasia Katopodis

The Detroit Public Schools Community District has big innovations planned for the 2016-17 school year, including new Montessori classrooms, more blended learning and dual language immersion classes, additional honor courses and a robust Academic Advisory Committee that is working toward recommendations for the district's new academic plan.

School innovations include a new A.S.A.P. (Accelerated Scholars Advanced Program) for High Performing Kindergarten and 1st Grade students at the Mark Twain School for Scholars, located at 12800 Visger Street in Southwest Detroit.

"Across the district, there are amazing educational programs and educational investments being implemented for our students," said Alycia Meriweather, DPS CD Interim Superintendent. DPSCD will offer new and innovative instructional support, increased community engagement, along with facility improvements and enhanced security. Most significantly, DPSCD emerges with no past debt obligations.

The district's first seven new public, tuition free Montessori classrooms will open for the start of the 2016-17 school year, and the district has begun taking applications for early childhood (ages 4-6) and early elementary (grades 1-2) multi-age classrooms at Edison Elementary School, 17045 Grand River Ave.; early childhood classrooms at Spain Elementary-Middle School, 3700 Beaubien St., and an early childhood classroom at Maybury Elementary School, 4410 Porter St. The early childhood classrooms utilizing the approved Montessori curriculum complement the district's more than 175 pre-kindergarten classrooms offering the High Scope curriculum. Funding for this innovative program was made available through the recent state legislative transition investment for Detroit Public Schools Community District.

This is the first of the 12 new school-based innovations being implemented beginning this fall across DPSCD that were developed and vetted as part of the district's internal academic proposals process. Innovation is one

of the five key pillars of the district's new Academic Plan, currently under development. For the Montessori project, 49 teachers, principals and academic administrators stepped forward voluntarily to help plan all aspects of the new program, including classroom development, school selection, parental engagement, and national research into best practices.

Other new school-based innovations include Cooke STEM Academy of North Rosedale, A.L. Holmes Academy of Blended Learning, small learning academies including three new themed academies at Detroit Collegiate Preparatory Academy at North-western, and the Over-Age English Language Learners program at Priest Elementary-Middle School.

"For the first time in a long time we can return our primary focus to teaching and learning, instead of finances and budget," Meriweather said. "We will no longer have a portion of our per pupil allocation taken immediately to pay past debt, which means that we will now receive the full per pupil allocation for educating our students. We have a clear path forward and we are seizing this opportunity by implementing our innovative academic initiatives, and challenging all schools to embrace innovation and improvement."

For the upcoming academic year, there are five areas in which DPSCD will invest to lead to improved outcomes for students and the District: Literacy, supporting innovation, enhancing career pathways, engaging parents and community and increasing wrap-around services.

The Detroit Public Schools Community District (DPSCD) is the new public school district for the City of Detroit that was created through the Michigan Legislature's passage of the education reform bills in June 2016. DPSCD replaces the former Detroit Public Schools. Most significantly, DPSCD emerges with virtually no past debt obligations and will move forward with new and innovative academic programs and support, along with facility improvements and enhanced security.

Bridge opens

From Page 3A



Commissioner Cooney stands at the base of the bridge that had been idle for three years the bridge was always on the top of the agenda. His numerous letters and in depth research showed his dedication to this project. And then the call was made. The bridge will be open on Friday, August 12 at 5:00pm. River Rouge Mayor - Michael Bowdler, Ecorse Mayor - Lamar Tidwell joined Wayne County Executive Warren Evans, County Commissioners, Senator Morris Hood and Lincoln Park Judges -Chief Judge Gregory A. Clifton and District Judge David J and residents as the call to 'Open the Bridge' was made. Detroit City Councilwoman Raquel Castañeda-López was also on hand for the bridge opening. Once the bride was lowered, a Wayne County work truck was the first vehicle to travel across the bridge.

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Labor

From Page 3A

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Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX), other speakers include Barbara Arnwine, Sirius XM Radio Host Joe Madison, American Urban Radio Networks White House Correspondent April Ryan, Melanie Campbell, national convener Black Women's Roundtable and . Nate Parker, director of the Cannes Film Festival Award winning, critically acclaimed film "Birth of Nation" and historian John Hope Franklin Jr. will also speak at the conference.

The A. Phillip Randolph Institute (APRI) is a labor rights organization founded in 1965 by A. Philip Randolph and Bayard Rustin. The organization has more than chapters nationwide with membership from the nation's top unions and community organizations. Clayola Brown, the first female to head the organization, is the current president

Detroit D15 travels to Virginia

From Page 3A



People of all ages and races come to Virginia for the D15 rally

Photos by Dale Rich

Before the Fight for \$15 began, raising the minimum wage wasn't even an issue. In such a short time, the issue has been brought to the forefront of discussion – and the cause is going great. Legislation in Seattle and San Francisco have approved legislation for \$15/hour.

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