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Michigan Supreme Court Justices hold court Downriver

By: Gina C. Steward - Telegram Staff



Members of the Michigan Supreme Court are seated in front. Circuit Court and District Court Judges from Detroit and Downriver communities were a part of the learning experience brought to River Rouge. Photo by Keith White, Sr.

RIVER ROUGE - Over 200 high school students from Downriver communities witnessed the Michigan

Supreme Court oral argument on October 19 at River Rouge High School. The auditorium seats were full of

students, local judges, faculty, community leaders and business owners as they listened and learned how the process works. The session

was also live streamed for those who were unable to attend. The Supreme Court normally hears oral argument at the

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CALL TO ACTION FROM
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As citizens we have the privilege of being able to select our officials. This American right was not granted, but earned, so use it. The time is no. The time is today. You will not get another opportunity to participate in the 2016 election. If you wait until November 9th, you would have waited to long. The decision will have already been made for you and I'm sure that you don't want that to happen. There is more than the Presidential choice that has to be made. That is a very important one, but so are who will speak out for the students in the school districts. I encourage you to stop by your local clerk

office or go online to see the jobs that people are vying for. In most cities, the ballot is two sided, so don't wait until you get to the poll to think about who you want to vote for you might be overwhelmed. This is the time to have a family meeting to discuss the candidates and get everyone's viewpoint. However, you still have time to interview the candidates, learn about the proposals, (don't just watch the television ads – sometimes they are slanted by the people with the most money to spend.) If you don't vote, you have no right to complain about how your government is operated. But, voting gives you that right. Every registered voter should take advantage of this awesome right. Remember the election is Tuesday, November 8th.


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Why We Must Continue to Fight Efforts to Suppress Black Votes

By Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr. (President and CEO, NNPA)



In all democracies, the right to vote is fundamental to the legitimacy of an elected government chosen by the participatory action and will of the people eligible to vote. For 47 million Black Americans, the right to vote is a sacred responsibility without the fear of reprisal, retribution or repression.

It's 2016 and this year's national elections in the United States are only a few days away. Yet in many states early voting has already begun. Keep in mind in the last national presidential race in 2012, Black Americans went to the polls in record numbers with over 17.8 million casting their ballots even in face of voter suppression tactics mainly by Republican officials in various states in the Midwest, Southwest and in the South.

Black America had a higher percentage turnout of voters than White voters across the nation in 2012. The Black percentage turnout was 66.2 percent versus 64.1 percent for White voters. The election results in November will ultimately be determined by the percentage of overall voter turnout.

If the Black vote was not so strategically important and determinative today, you would not see the current manifestations of blatantly racist acts designed to suppress the Black vote. Such is the case today especially in Indiana, North Carolina and in other states where Black voter turnout is key to winning the election.

Indiana Governor Mike Pence who is now aggressively campaigning to be Vice President of the United States of America, has permitted and encouraged the Indiana State Police to target and shut down the most successful voter registration organization that has registered Blacks to vote in Indiana. The dastardly use of state police to intimidate and prevent Black people from registering to vote demands public outcry and challenge.

On October 4, 2016 Indiana State Police raided the headquarters of the Indiana Voter

Registration Project, coordinated by a group named Patriot Majority USA in Indianapolis, Ind. The Indiana State Police shut down this voter-registration program that was helping to register tens of thousands of law-abiding, eligible Black Americans in Indiana.

According to Craig Varoga, the president of Patriot Majority USA, "Mike Pence has a well-oiled political machine that is using the Indiana State Police to suppress African American votes and violate the Constitutional rights of tens of thousands of Hoosiers. This is not only voter suppression at its worst, it is an insult to all of the honest troopers in the state police, and to law-enforcement officials across the country, who disapprove of wasting precious crime-fighting resources on partisan witch hunts that further harm relations between police officers and minority communities."

In North Carolina, even after the 4th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals recently overturned the state's severe voter suppression law, many Republican county officials across the state have established policies to limit early voting and Sunday voting that will, again, target those counties in N.C., where Black Americans are concentrated.

But Black leaders and organizations are fighting back. Reverend Dr. William Barber, President of the N.C. NAACP, affirmed, "We're fighting and staying strong. Tomorrow early voting starts in North Carolina. They can register and vote the same day. We're leading a march on the campus of North Carolina Central University and going all over the state and other HBCUs."

The ultimate antidote to Black voter suppression is to ensure a massive Black voter turnout across the nation between now and Tuesday, November 8, 2016. Let's all work to stop racist voter suppression. We vote for freedom, justice, equality and empowerment.

Follow the NNPA's voter registration campaign on social media with #BlackVotesMatter, #BlackPressMatters, #BlackVotersPoll.

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OPINION

Rejoin and repay

By Jim Abeare



Today hundreds of California National Guardsmen are being forced to repay re-enlistment bonuses that they received years ago when they rejoined the National Guard for the wars in Afganistan and Iraq.

The Pentagon says the bonuses were a mistake. OOPS!

These men any women spent years in the military, many getting injured and years later they are getting collection notices to pay \$20,000, \$46,000, who knows how much.

Many have to chose between repaying the government and making their house payments.

Example is former National Guard intelligence specialist, Susan Haley who has to repay \$20,500 at \$650 a month. They have garnished her wages and ruined her reputation.

Guard members have to pay or face stiff penalties.

This is another slap in the face to our veterans by the leaders of this country.

This can be fixed very easily. All President Obama has to do, is with a stroke of his pen, he can erase the debt owed and give the guard members relief.

We'll see if that happens. I'll keep an eye out.

Since filing the case, his lawyer, Daniel C. Willman, has been inundated with calls from members of the Guard in other states, Mr. Willman said.

"It's a national problem," he said. "These soldiers operated in good faith. They served their country. And now it is coming back on their backs."

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR: Should the New Inkster Charter be adopted?

(In response to last week's article with same title)

Voters of Inkster should vote no on charter revision. Although it would be nice to clean up outdated language and obsolete sections in the city charter. (State law will always supersede obsolete language in the charter). Unfortunately, personal interest has used this excuse in the past and now (2016) to change the form of city government in Inkster to one of gaining more mayoral powers. The honest truth is that this is not the argument brought forth when bringing the proposal to voters of Inkster, so the attempt to clean up obsolete sections are lost on the overwhelming issue of changing the form of government with more mayoral powers.

In the past, charter revisions have been brought to the voters of Inkster and have failed mainly on the issue of giving more powers to the mayoral position. The sections in previous proposed charters, giving more powers to the mayor, have tied up other outdated sections from being corrected and revised because the charter is voted on as a total document. It should be realized that the last charter revision attempt was during economic good times and the form of city government was not tied to economic conditions as it is today. It should also be of note that the newly proposed charter revision uses large portions of the 2006 proposed charter and this why the present day charter commission was able to submit a draft so soon (6 weeks) after convening. This short time frame has negative effect on citizen input. Most charter revisions take up to 3 years to review, research and revise. There was a definite rush to get this done during the term of the present elected body. No charter revision should be made for the purpose of any particular individual. The Charter commissioners also included that changes in the revised charter shall take effect immediately without elections.

The 9 member charter commissioners were chosen by the voters of Inkster on the same ballot as the question to whether the Charter should be revised. It should be known that all 9 members chosen on the ballot were also part of the same political slate that was endorsed by some of the present elected officials.

The present day Charter was enacted in 1964 it calls for a council manager form of government where a 7 member City Council (including the Mayor) is elected by voters as the legislative body to enact policy and to appoint a City manager. The City Manager shall be selected solely on the basis of his executive and administrative qualifications with special reference to his training and experience. Whereas the 2016 revised charter qualifies the Mayor, who is selected by popular vote, to run the administrative offices where no qualifications are required other than living in the city 1 year before elections. Also, the mayor is a member of the legislative body and gets to vote on resolutions in cases of a tie. Which in turn requires a two-thirds dissenting vote, or 4 out of the remaining 6 council members to override any proposal presented by the mayor. So, the mayor presents policy, financial budgets, selects the city clerk, administrative employees and corporate services without

necessarily having any experience in management. The dual role in legislation and administration gives vast powers to the mayor and are very rare in any form of local, state or federal government.

The changes that make council members more accountable are positive. Most. If not all council members have in the past and are now meeting constituents through block club meetings and town hall's. We applaud this initiative, but it does not need to be in the city charter to accomplish this. It can be done at the council policy level. Also, the requirement of candidates having to acquire not less than 100 signatures to qualify for ballot is excessive.

Publishing the proposed charter changes in the Telegram News and televising the charter meetings are great. The residents must read information for themselves to make a decision. But, let's not fool ourselves, the charter commissioners are also trying to sell a "yes vote" to the voters on this proposal. It is also clear that there is a large campaign by special interest to get the revised charter approved by voters. The State governor's office has only approved the language in the revised charter and does not endorse on whether voters of Inkster should vote yes or no on its adoption.

Yes, many cities put charter revision on the ballot. The City of Taylor voters defeated charter revision in the 2016 August primary. Many times charter revision is initiated by special interest that has hidden agendas as in this case. The process needs to be more transparent as to the true purpose of charter revision and not hide behind minor imperfections to make major changes.

Granted, the present city charter has imperfections which need to be corrected. They should be corrected without the threat of takeover by individuals or special interest that wants to changed our form of government. Those wanting a change should be willing to face the Inkster residents in a transparent way to explain why giving one person so much power is in the best interest of our community. The existing city charter has worked fine since 1964. We have had many experienced and qualified city managers over the last 52 years with many accomplishments with the city manager form of government. The notion that the city of Inkster's financial condition, lack of services and high fees are the reason for a takeover by an all powerful mayor is wrong. Every city in this state, including the County suffered in this economic downturn and now cities and counties are slowly recovering. Other communities are not using this as a reason to change forms of government or use it as an excuse to give more power to one person. One thing we have learned in our history over the centuries is giving power to an individual is more susceptible to misuse. Let's work together to make Inkster better. Learn from our mistakes keep the elected legislative body separate from the administrative, with existing checks and balances.

Marcus Hendricks
Former Councilman

Life Is Too Short

By Janine Folks - Religion Columnist



I recently eulogized a 29 day old infant girl. I wanted to say that her life was too short. Then I realized that even if she had lived two years, ten years, twenty years, thirty-six, fifty or even sixty-six, it still would have been too short. Even when my grandmother died at nearly age 85, I still want her to have more time with her.

No matter what one's age is at death, life is too short. David reflected in a Psalm saying, "...You made my life short, so brief that the time means nothing to you. Human life is but a breath, and it disappears like a shadow..." [Psalm 39:5,6]

Anytime someone we love dies, a part of us wishes they could have had more time to be with us. Unless they were about 120 years old, then maybe we would say, 'they've had enough of this place.' The way we experience time is so different from how time is to God. To Him, a thousand years is like the passing of a day, or like a few hours in the night (Psalm 90:4).

With that said, I imagine that life was short even when people were living for hundreds of years in Genesis. I wonder how the aging process worked back then. Methuselah, the oldest person recorded in the

Bible, lived 969 years (Genesis 5:27). That's almost a day to God. Then shortly after Methuselah died, the Lord said, "My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. (Genesis 6:3)." So God put a cap on our lifespan.

Then David, in Psalm 90:10 says, "The days of our years are threescore years and ten [70 years]; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years [80 years], yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away." Some people fall somewhere in between. But it seems like these days, more and more younger people are being diagnosed with diseases that used to primarily affect the elderly. More young people are dying, so it's difficult to gauge what life expectancy should be.

The bottom line is, life is too short to be proud, making trouble or being jealous (Galatians 5:26). We need to spend our precious time being loving, joyful, peaceful, patient, kind, good, faithful, gentle and self-controlled (Galatians 5:22,23). Life is too short to procrastinate. Life is too short to waste on foolishness. Life is short, so love the Lord and be the best you can be.

Do the best you can with what you've been blessed with. We don't know how many days we have, so let's make our days count. Live life in all its fullness, that's why Jesus came (John 10:10). May God bless your life. Visit www.gogirl-preach.com or email janinewritestoinspire@yahoo.co

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How should Christian values impact business ethics in the office?

I remember having a discussion a few years ago in the boardroom of one of the Fortune 500 corporations here in the United States. I was speaking to the chairman of the board, the president, and several vice presidents of this corporation on the issue of the relationship between theology, philosophy, and ethics. At the end of the discussion the chairman of the board looked at me and said, "Do I understand you to be saying that ethical issues—that is, policies that we have in our business organization—touch the whole question of ethics, and in turn those ethics touch the question of philosophy, and in turn philosophy touches theology? Are you saying to us that how we run our business ultimately has theological significance?" I said, "Yes, that's what I'm trying to say." And it was like the lights came on in this man's head for the first time in his life. It astonished me that he thought this principle to be so obscure.


When we use the term ethics, we're talking about doing what is right. From a Christian perspective, we believe that the ultimate norm and ultimate standard of rightness is the character of God and his perfect righteousness. So biblical principles of ethics have great relevance for the business world. I'm talking about simple things like God telling us it's wrong to steal. You don't have to be a Christian to appreciate honesty and respect for private property in the business community.

I once talked to someone who was astonished because they gave \$5,000 to an automobile salesman in Orlando, Florida, to have some work done and the guy took off with the \$5,000 and never did the work. His wife was really upset, saying, "How can people do that? That's crooked business." One doesn't have to be a Christian to feel violated when a businessman steals one's money. The Bible tells us to honor contracts, to pay our bills on time. What businessman doesn't appreciate it when his customers pay him what they owe him? The Bible has much to say about false weights and measures. How do you like it if you are buying "short measure" in perfume or in ketchup? That's a business consideration. All of these are very practical, concrete principles of ethics that touch the very heart of doing business.

Honesty, industry, integrity—we know that the Christian has no corner on these particular virtues. These virtues are significant in every realm of business and, most important, how we treat people in the realm of business. Do we treat them with dignity? That is a top priority of Christian ethics, that we treat our customers, our employees, our personnel with dignity.

Submitted article

The Lincoln Park Historical Society Fall Program Series
History of the Mellus Newspapers



The Mellus Newspapers building, which was located for over forty years at 1661 Fort Street in Lincoln Park

The Lincoln Park Historical Society continues its fall series of programs on Wednesday, November 2nd with a presentation by Leslie Lynch-Wilson, President of the Lincoln Park Preservation Alliance. Leslie will speak on the history of the Mellus Newspapers, Downriver's longtime community publication owned by William S. Mellus, and located on Fort Street in Lincoln Park for most of its publication years. William Mellus documented the area's social events, local and regional news items, announcements, etc. in a publication which became one of the nation's leading community newspapers. Through his publication he documented Downriver history and helped to define its communities through his newspapers of The Lincoln Parker, The Allen Parker, The Ecorse Enterprise, The Melvindale Messenger, and The Taylor Tribune, among others. The Mellus Newspapers, the forerunner of today's News-Herald Newspaper, was in business from 1933 to 1986. The program begins at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 2nd at the Lincoln Park

Historical Museum. The museum is located at 1335 Southfield Road, one block west of Fort Street, in Lincoln Park. For more information, contact 313-386-3137 or lp-museum@gmail.com; website: www.lphistorical.org; or find us on Facebook.

Our final program of 2016 will be held on Wednesday, December 7th. Grand Chief Ted Roll of the Wyandot of Anderson nation will present on the current plans and activities of the local and national tribal organization. All historical society programs are open to the public with free admission.

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justices and staff travel to various communities as part of "Court Community Connections". The Supreme Court started this program in 2007 as a public education program aimed principally at high school students. The goal is to help students understand the appellate courts and Michigan's judicial system. The Michigan Supreme Court heard oral argument in Michael A. Ray, Jacqueline M. Ray, as Co-Conservators for Kersch Ray, a Minor, v Eric Swager, and Scott Allen Platt, Heather Marie Platt, and Lib-

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things are done at the Supreme Court. Chief Justice - Robert P. Young, Jr. said, "My colleagues and I will always remember our visit to River Rouge because we saw firsthand what can be accomplished when individual leadership is combined with community partnership. As a result of your efforts, students and community participants got a firsthand look at a critical function of government that few ever see.



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A Message From Our Detroit City Clerk



Convicted Felons Do Have Voting Rights

There have been several hearsays concerning convicted felons and their right to vote. There has been misinformation or lack of information surrounding this issue. As a result, research was done with the aid of the City of Detroit Law Department. The purpose is to help our readers understand or have first-hand knowledge of how Michigan election law addressed this burning question.

The question is: **Is there a provision in Michigan Election Law that allows those who have past criminal convictions and served time in prisons, their right to vote in elections?** In Michigan, convicted felons are restricted from "voting only while confined in prison" (Michigan const. 1963. Art. 2 Sec 2" 1954 PA 116, Sec. 758b; MCL 168.758b; MSA 6.1758(2). Election laws are different in many states. Therefore, it may be true in some states that a criminal conviction of a felonious nature, may automatically terminate an individual's right to vote. Here in Michigan your voting right as a citizen is still intact for those who served time in prison after felonious convictions. Even if the convicted person is on probation (meaning that he or she is not confined in prison) that person can vote in an election.

Those in jail awaiting arraignment or trial also have the right to vote by absentee ballot, in compliance with the Michigan election law: O'Brien v Skinner, 414 US 524;94S Ct 740,38LEd2D702 (1974) and Arlee v Wayne County Sheriff55Mich. App340;222NW2d233 (1974) both to the effect that persons confined in jail awaiting trial cannot be deprived of the right to vote by absentee. See also section 492a and 758 of the Michigan Law supra, respectively MCLA 168, 472a; MSA 6.1492(1) and MCLA 168.758; MSA.1758.

You are now aware and knowledgeable of the law. As City Clerk and Chief Election Official, I am soliciting your involvement to help disseminate this information and end misinformation that past criminal convictions have shut the doors to a person's right to vote. Again, here in Michigan, your voting cannot be denied because of past criminal convictions as long as you are not confined in prison.

I will continue to do my best in providing you with important facts and valuable pieces of information regarding elections administration, voting and the election laws because your voting rights is my business.

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Concerned Citizens should include youth and adults

By: LeAndrew L. Jefferson III - Telegram Intern



Actor Hill Harper (2nd row -center) with students and community at River Rouge High School

On Friday 14th of October, the Telegram Newspaper Building hosted the Coffee Hour with Representative Stephanie Chang. This was an opportunity for the community to get an update on what Representative Chang was working on and her agenda for the future. Representative Chang's district includes Ecorse, River Rouge, and some parts of Detroit. Concerned citizens came out to make their voice heard and get some help in the process. The Coffee Hour was for the people to come out and be informed, and communicate. It's an open discussion that should benefit all participants especially during this election season. As I sat at the coffee hour that Friday, eating more doughnuts than I should and drinking coffee that I poorly made like the amateur I am, I realized the crowd were all senior citizens. All of whom were concerned about their property tax, insurance, grants, utility bills. As the conversation got more and more serious I began to wonder why any of the younger citizens (anyone under 35 years of age) were not in attendance.

I remember at Senator Bert Johnson's State of the Community Tour, every event had a crowd of 45 year olds and higher. The youngest people in the room were Senator Johnson himself, his staff and interns. I took pride in being

the youngest intern, the rest were amid their college career, but I also had the same feeling I did on Friday. The feeling that young people are not involved as much as the older generations or as much as they should be.

On Saturday, October 15, actor, Hill Harper, was at River Rouge High School on a short notice, but there was a great turnout. He spoke about the importance of this election for the white house, congress, and even the legislature. When I asked Hill Harper what can young people do to be politically active even if they can't vote, he spoke about students gathering to voice their opinion to voters. He said, "Young people that can't vote can call their family and call upon their neighbors." He raised a point that, "voters hear the same thing from adults, but it's powerful when the young raise their voice because it shows that your vote has a direct affect to the future." Mr. Harper explained that young adults, don't have to co-op with any campaign. "Become your own campaign manager!" He said, meaning that we shouldn't wait for official campaign events, but host your own. For example, young adults that have the ability, can carpool his or her neighbor to go vote.

Mr. Harper also stressed the importance of voting locally. It automatically reminded me of the Coffee Hour with

Stephanie Chang, who is running for re-election. She's running for re-election for State Representative, yet there are only older adults attending awareness events. So what kind of turnout will there be for the state legislative positions? "We need young people!" Mr. Harper said making clear that young people fully exercising their freedom is an anomaly and that status must be changed!

Ms. Releta Moch, who attended the coffee hour and the event with Hill Harper, is 83 years old! That's beyond a blessing. Especially for a woman that participates in

everything she can in the City of River Rouge. Her agenda would put some to shame because she's so busy within the community. But, what good is her progress if there's none to carry it on? Between these two experiences, I realized the long needed participation of the young. Hill Harper can come to your city, sign books, take pictures, and get the room amped about the election but at the end of the day it's up to the people to take the time to be a concerned citizen. *LeAndrew Jefferson is a student at River Rouge High School.*

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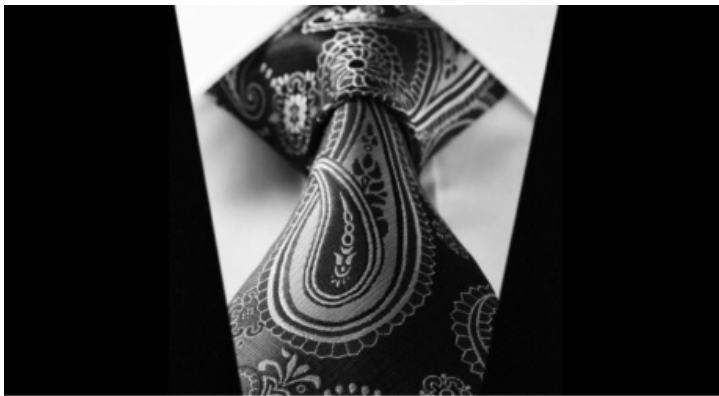
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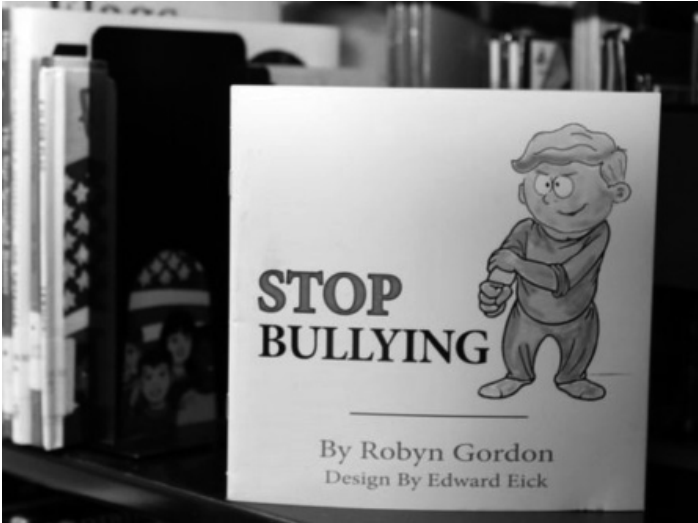
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TAKE TIME TO READ A BOOK - BOOK REVIEW
Robyn Gordon: A Young Author of Many Talents

By Joziah Coleman



Book written by a twelve year old

Many girls at the age of twelve focus their attention on a few key questions: What can I expect from high school, what career do I want to pursue as an adult, and why am I suddenly interested in that one guy from math class? Robyn Gordon is not your average twelve-year-old. Before the age of thirteen, Robyn already has published a book about her life experiences, traveled around Tennessee speaking to other children and has appeared on several local and state radio programs.

Robyn Gordon, from Clarksville, Tennessee, is the author of the children's book 'Stop Bullying,' a book detailing her experiences with bullying in elementary school. Robyn in the last six months has since traveled around Tennessee and Kentucky speaking to over three thousand students in schools, churches and events about her book, her time being bullied, and how to prevent bullying in the future.

Robyn describes when and why she wrote 'Stop Bullying', "I don't know where it came from, but I just started writing. It was just something from God. My mom was working on the computer, it was just an average normal day, and I came up to her and I was like, 'Mom I wrote a book' and she had set the book aside. Later, God had told her 'what are you going to do with this book' [the mother] responded, 'I'm going to get this book edited and published'". Robyn is the daughter of Robert and Treva Gordon.

Treva Gordon formerly Treva Sanders is from River Rouge, MI. Her grandfather name is Steve Sanders also from River Rouge and many aunts, cousins and more are from the downriver area. Both parents couldn't be more pleased more with their daughter Robyn, "I am very proud of Robyn for becoming a great author and the work she is doing. She is blessed with many ideas and the best is yet to come," said her mother. 'Stop Bullying' in the past few months has been accepted as part of an anti-bullying curriculum at Power & Grace Christian Preparatory Academy in Clarksville, TN. with plans of expanding the book being included in the Clarksville Montgomery Country Public School System Curriculum. Several notable speakers have commented on Robyn's book and the young author's successes including Clarksville City Mayor Kim McMillan, "...We are so proud of Robyn and all her work with the book, 'Stop Bullying' that she has written. To have her book inducted into this school is wonderful. I think all children can learn from Robyn's message." To further

congratulate Robyn on a job well done, she received a visit from Tennessee's First lady Crissy Haslam, the wife of Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam. Haslam said, "It was an honor to meet Robyn Gordon...I am very impressed with her book and her ability to communicate with children. It is a very important message for our children, our state, and for all of us, that we should be kind to each other and that we should not bully."

Robyn is currently working on a second book in the 'Stop Bullying' series, 'Kindness' to be released in 2017. In the meantime, Robyn has decided to continue speaking about her book and her experiences with the goal of preventing bullying elsewhere in Tennessee and the world, "This book goes out to all the people who have been bullied and I just want to inspire kids to know it's okay to stand up and it's not right to bully people." If you want Robyn to speak at a local event, take part in an interview or order a copy of 'Stop Bullying' call 931-980-4661 or visit Robyn's website, <http://www.robryngordon1.com/>



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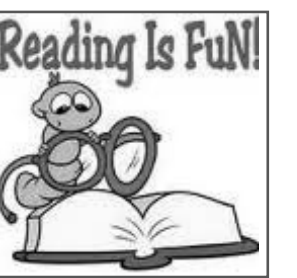
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Dana Hughes
City Clerk

Published: October 20, 2016
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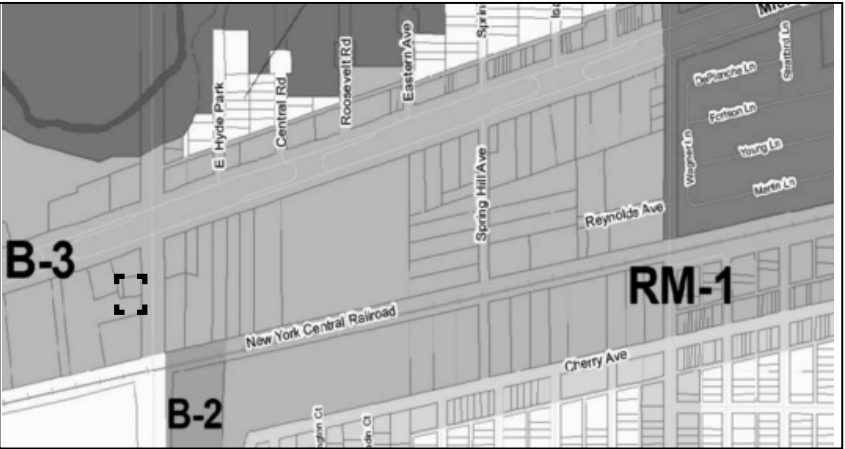
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RE: Case No. 16-31 (Z)

In accordance with and pursuant to the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, Act 110 of 2006, as amended, notice is hereby given that the City of Inkster Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Monday, November 14, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.**, in the Inkster City Hall Council Chamber, located at 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster, Michigan, 48141, to consider rezoning a property to accommodate a Medical Marijuana Cultivation Facility. The Applicant is Anthony La Russa on behalf of ZA Holdings, LLC. The subject property is located on the west side of Middlebelt Road, south of Michigan Avenue and is legally described as follows:

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TELEGRAM COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Dearborn Heights
Library Book Sale

Join us October 29 from 10AM-4PM at Caroline Kennedy Library (24590 George St.) for a book sale.

Lincoln Park
Lincoln Park Farmers Market

Sunday, October 23, 2016 at 11AM there will be a community farmer's market at the Fort and Southfield parking lot, next to Painters Supply.

Angel's Night Patrol

The Patrol will be held on Monday, October 31, 2106. Volunteers will be issued a radio and car beacon. Doors will open at 4:00pm with a briefing scheduled for approximately 4:45pm. Volunteers will patrol the city during the city's designated

Trick or Treat hours of 5:00pm to 8:00pm. All volunteers will need to bring their license, registration and proof of insurance so that a copy can be made on placed on file.

Lincoln Park Historical Society

The Lincoln Park Historical Society continues its fall series of programs on Wednesday, November 2nd with a presentation by Leslie Lynch-Wilson, President of the Lincoln Park Preservation Alliance. This event will take place at the Historical Museum, 1335 Southfield.

Romulus

Trick-or-Treat at the Library
Trick-or-Treat all day long at the Romulus Public Library (11121 Wayne Rd.) October 29-31, 2016..

APA Halloween Party

The Coleman Center (35351

Beverly Rd.) will be hosting a free Halloween Party October 31, 2016 from 5-7PM.

Taylor

Hallow-Palooza

Hallow-Palooza is scheduled for 5 p.m. on October 28 at Heritage Park -- and includes a movie in the pavilion at the end! You must register to participate. The event is free for Taylor residents, \$5 per non-resident. Lawn chairs and blankets are recommended for the evening movie.

Pumpkin Run 5K

Meet us at Heritage Park at Pavilion A on October 29 at 8:30 for a run to raise awareness for Human Trafficking. Snacks will be provided and there will giveaways. You must register to participate.

Westland

Motor City Ghosts Hunters

October 28 at 7PM come to Westland Historic Village Park as the Motor City Ghost Hunters return to conduct a public investigation. All proceeds benefit the Westland Historical Society which provides upkeep for the park. Tickets are limited and expected to sell out so don't delay!

Trunk-or-Treat

Kids can come out to St. John's Episcopal Church for "Trunk or Treat" on October 29, 2016 at 6:30PM. Children can dress up in their Halloween costume and collect sweet treats

CITY OF INKSTER PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF INKSTER, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
RE: Case No. 16-13 (SCU)

In accordance with and pursuant to the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, Act 110 of 2006, as amended, notice is hereby given that the City of Inkster Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Monday, November 14, 2016, at 6:00 p.m.**, in the Inkster City Hall Council Chamber, located at 26215 Trowbridge, Inkster, Michigan, 48141, to consider a special conditions use for a retail store in a shopping center in the TCD, Town Center District. The applicant is Brian Fabo on behalf of Dollar Express. The subject property is located on the south side of Michigan Avenue at the southwest corner of Michigan Avenue and Inkster Road and is legally described as follows:

25W7A PT OF LOT 7 DESC AS BEG AT NW COR OF SAID LOT TH N 73D 42M 57S E 212.45 FT TH N 77D 05M 18S E 577.33 FT TH S 00D 01M 21S E 88.60 FT TH S 80D 47M 53S W 1.45 FT TH S 00D 01M 21S E 360.97 FT TH SWLY ALONG A CURVE CONC TO SE RAD 190 FT ARC 245.39 FT CH S 52D 58M 35S W 228.59 FT TH SLY (Property ID# 44-007-08-0007-301, Commonly Known As 27425 – 27565 Michigan Avenue)



NORTH

Public comments are invited. Persons unable to attend the public hearing may send their comments in writing to the attention of the City of Inkster Planning, Building & Economic Development Department, 26215 Trowbridge, and Inkster, Michigan, 48141. Comments will be received through 12:00 noon, Monday, November 14, 2016. Please reference Case No. 16-13 (SCU) in all correspondence. The City of Inkster will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the public hearing to individuals with disabilities upon five (5) business days written notice. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City of Inkster at 313.563.9770.

Felicia Rutledge
Inkster City Clerk

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30C128 TO 135 LOTS 128 TO 135 INCL WESTWOOD HILLS SUB T2S R10E L54 P51 WCR (Property ID # 44-018-03-0128-000, Commonly Known As 27104 & 27114 Michigan Avenue).



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CRIME ALERT - RIVER ROUGE

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OCTOBER 18, 2016

At 1929hrs, officers were dispatched to the 100 Block of Elm Street for a Domestic Disturbance. A 29 year old female was standing on the porch and stated the other party, a 29 year old female was inside and she had just gotten into an argument with her, when she bit her. The female showed the officer the bite mark on the upper left forearm. She went on to say they have been together for a year and both were sleeping at the time when they woke up and an argument began. The other female struck her in the face with her hand and when she tried to leave, the other female tried to restrain her by grabbing her from behind. She states she bit the other's arm in an attempt to get away and made it to the porch door when the other female pulled her back inside. The other female was placed under arrest and transported to the station where she was booked, allowed to make a phone call and housed.

OCTOBER 15TH, 2016
At 0506hrs, officers were dispatched to the apartment building in the 1st Block of Linden Street, to investigate a Breaking & Entering complaint. Officers arrived and observed the window on the front of the building pushed in which led to a 49 year old male's apartment. The male believes a 30 year old female he was dating pushed in his window and stole his wallet

from a coffee table, which contained \$220.00 dollars in cash and his identification. The male believes she committed the crime because she knew he had just been paid and had money.

October 14th, 2016
At 0346hrs, officers were dispatched to the 1st Block of LeBlanc on a Domestic in Progress. A 23 year old females states she was just assaulted by her new 26 year old boyfriend inside the residence. She states the male kicked in her front living room window then came inside and assaulted her by punching her three times in the face. Officers observed her bloody mouth, her lip with a laceration, and blood present, and two abrasions above her right eye. On a previous call two months ago the officers were there when a female and her three children moved out. The male gave officers permission to check for her belongings she may have left, while the male states he had a feeling she would come over. The male heard someone banging on the door and kicked the Window in and gained entry and began assaulting the female. The male was placed under arrest for Unlawful Entry and Non-Aggravated Assault. He was transported to the police station, booked and processed, then housed.

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CITY OF ECORSE

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF ECORSE,
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the General Election will be held in the City of Ecorse, County of Wayne, Michigan on:

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2016

The following offices will appear on the General Election:

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Vice-President of the United States

Representative in Congress 13th District

County Treasurer

State Representative 6th District

Register of Deeds

Member of the State Board of Education

County Commissioner 15th District

Regent of the University of Michigan

Justice of Supreme Court

Trustee of Michigan State University

Judge of Court of Appeals 1st District

Governor of Wayne State University

Judge of Circuit Court 3rd Circuit

County Prosecuting Attorney

Judge of Probate Court

County Sheriff

Judge of District Court 25th District

County Clerk

Ecorse School Board

Board of Trustees Member Wayne County Community College 7th District

Proposals:

A Proposal Authorizing the Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan to Levy an Assessment

Regional Enhancement Millage Proposal

STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT 278 OF PUBLIC ACTS OF 1964
Amending the Property Tax Limitation Act

I, ERIC R. SABREE, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of September 20, 2016 the total of all voted increases in excess of the tax rate limitation established by Section 6, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Michigan, as amended, and the years such increases are effective on property in the County of Wayne are as follows:

WAYNE COUNTY

Wayne County, Michigan

Taxing Authorities	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Year Increase Expires
County of Wayne	November 3, 2009	1 mill	2019
Wayne County Jail	August 7, 2012	1 mill	2021
Wayne County Parks	August 2, 2016	0.25 mills	2020
Wayne County Community College	November 6,2008	1.25 mills	2020
Community College	November 6, 2012	1 mill	2022
**Ecorse Public Schools	November, 2013	18 mills	2025 (non-homestead only)

Full text of the ballot proposals may be obtained from the Ecorse City Clerk's Office.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the City of Ecorse Primary Election will be held at the following Polling Places:

PRECINCT NO. 1

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PRECINCT NO. 6

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Ecorse Housing Commission, 266 Hyacinthe

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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, November 8th.

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, November 5, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of issuing and receiving absentee ballots.

DANA HUGHES
CITY CLERK

The March to Ford Field Begins

By Butch Davis

I quote WWE wrestler Chris Jericho and say congratulations are in order to the follow teams who have qualified for the MHSAA Varsity Football Playoffs this last week of varsity football in the Telegram News reading area, as Trenton and Ecorse Community High School make the list! The other teams are Brownstown Woodhaven, Dearborn Divine Child, Allen Park, Dearborn Fordson, Dearborn, Grosse Ile, River Rouge, Romulus, Wyandotte Roosevelt, and Detroit Cass Tech are teams taking part in district qualifying for the MHSAA Varsity Football Playoffs starting this weekend. (District Tournament -- Oct. 28 or 29 & Nov. 4 or 5)

Here are the schedules for teams in action playing in the Districts this week. Included are the divisions, regions, districts, teams win/lost records and their points total

for this season.	
Division 1	R4-D2 New Boston Huron (6-3) 59.667 at Allen Park (9-0) 112.000
R3-D1 Belleville (7-2) 82.444 at Saline (9-0) 115.048	R4-D2 Trenton (6-3) 72.111 at Romulus (8-1) 87.000
R3-D1 Canton (7-2) 87.778 at Northville (7-2) 94.778	
R3-D2 Livonia Stevenson (5-4) 63.444 at Dearborn (8-1) 104.667	Division 4
R3-D2 Dearborn Fordson (8-1) 98.556 at Detroit Cass Tech (9-0) 99.556	R4-D1 Detroit Osborn (5-4) 51.667 at River Rouge (8-1) 80.000
	R4-D1 Harper Woods Chandler Park Academy (5-3) 59.000 at Detroit Mumford (7-2) 79.625
Division 2	R4-D2 Monroe Jefferson (5-4) 50.000 at Milan (8-1) 90.111
R3-D1 Livonia Franklin (6-3) 73.556 at Brownstown Woodhaven (7-2) 84.111	R4-D2 Adrian (5-4) 53.556 at Grosse Ile (8-1) 87.000
R3-D1 Temperance Bedford (7-2) 79.111 at Wyandotte Roosevelt (7-2) 83.333	
Division 3	Division 6
R4-D1 Redford Union (6-3) 59.222 at Warren Fitzgerald (8-1) 89.444	R3-D2 Ecorse (5-4) 45.889 at Warren Michigan Collegiate (8-1) 78.000
R4-D1 Detroit Cody (6-3) 61.556 at Dearborn Divine Child (7-2) 72.794	R3-D2 Detroit Central Collegiate (5-4) 47.667 at Byron (7-2) 60.111

Stafford Deserves Praise

Lions win in final seconds

By Butch Davis

Well this past Sunday was again a knock down drag out affair as in his 100th game of his career Detroit Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford completed 18-of-26 passes (62.1 percent) for 266 yards and one touchdown. He finished with a passer rating of 103.5. Stafford, who holds the franchise record for starts by a quarterback, now has become the first quarterback in team history with 100 career starts. In addition with 16 seconds left to play and trailing by four points against Washington, Stafford led the Lions to victory by throwing an 18-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Anquan Boldin to win the game. Stafford led this comeback drive with 1:05 left to play in regulation time. Stafford now has 24 career game-winning drives in the 4th quarter or overtime. He has accomplished this in each

of the past three games and during all four Lions wins in 2016.

After the game head coach Jim Caldwell was ask, on why QB Matthew Stafford has been clutch in late-game situations: Caldwell said "I attribute to the fact number one, he does not back down from tough situations. He relishes in them, he doesn't get nervous and he's got a real clear and focused mind during the time when it's sometimes a little bit of chaos all around you. But he rises to the occasion time and time again. He's certainly delivered for us."

This past Monday before the Lions began their preparation for the Houston Texans at the team's headquarters and training facility in Allen Park, Caldwell was ask, on what has impressed him about Stafford's recent streak: He reply by saying, "I think that he's performing well. I think

through the years he's been maligned a little bit, and it hasn't been warranted. I think I've told you from the first time when I came here, this guy is a really good player. He's come from behind a lot; I don't know how many he's had. There were a lot more before we got here. I think overall, he's playing well, he's confident; the guys are catching the ball for him. But, the thing he's interested in most, more than anything else is winning. I'm sure he'd take far less fewer stats and more wins, that's really his goal and aim. He's a consummate team guy, doing everything he can to win."

Detroit (4-3) travels to Houston (4-2) in Week 8 to face the Texans for only the fourth time in the teams' series history. The Lions look to extend a three-game winning streak following a 20-17 win over Washington this past Sunday.

It's Time for Pistons' Basketball

By Butch Davis

When the Detroit Pistons tip off against the Toronto Raptors in regular season game No. 1 at the Air Canada Centre, 7:30, Andre Drummond and Marcus Morris will be in the starting lineup and not in street clothes as they were in the last pre-season game. Drummond was running a low-grade fever and Morris dealing with a minor case of knee tendinitis. With Reggie Jackson out until at least late November, that means the Pistons will start Ish Smith when the Pistons open the season at Toronto this past Wednesday night.

Monday at the Pistons practices center in Auburn Hills it appeared that former Detroit Mercy star Ray McCallum would open the season as the backup point guard for the opener Wednesday night at Toronto, however, the Pistons

claimed veteran point guard Beno Udrih off waivers. So, the Pistons roster already at the league limit of 15 players, decided late this past Monday afternoon to waive McCallum, bummer.

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High School Volleyball

By Butch Davis

Girls Volleyball Playoffs Begins this Monday with the District Tournament, October 31-November 5, Regional Tournament on November 8 & 10, MHSAA Quarterfinals taking place November 15, 2016. The Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek, Michigan will be the place for the MHSAA Volleyball Semifinals on November 17-18, and the MHSAA Volleyball Finals happening November 19. Here are the teams taking part in the districts as the following Classes and locations are in Bold Print.

Class A	No. 41-B Detroit Collegiate Prep at Northwestern Dearborn-Advanced Technology Academy Detroit Collegiate Prep at Northwestern Detroit-Cesar Chavez Academy Detroit-Voyageur College Prep Detroit-University Prep Science & Math
No. 14-A Trenton Brownstown Township-Woodhaven Gibraltar-OA Carlson Riverview Community Southgate Anderson Trenton Wyandotte-Roosevelt	Class C No. 71-C Wixom-St Catherine of Siena Academy Ann Arbor-Greenhills Dearborn Heights-Star International Academy Detroit Community Taylor Preparatory West Bloomfield-Frankel Jewish Academy Whitmore Lake Wixom-St Catherine of Siena Academy
No. 15-A Wayne Memorial Allen Park Lincoln Park Romulus Taylor-John F Kennedy Taylor-Truman Wayne Memorial	No. 72-C Allen Park-Cabrini Allen Park-Cabrini Dearborn-Riverside Academy-West Detroit Cristo Rey Ecorse Melvindale-Academy for Business & Tech Riverview-Gabriel Richard
No. 16-A Dearborn-Edsel Ford Dearborn Dearborn Heights-Crestwood Dearborn-Edsel Ford Dearborn-Fordson Detroit-Cody Melvindale	Class D No. 101-D Canton-Plymouth Christian Academy Ann Arbor-Rudolf Steiner School Canton-Plymouth Christian Academy Lutheran HS Westland Westland-Huron Valley Lutheran Westland-Universal Learning Academy
No. 20-A Detroit-Martin Luther King Detroit International Academy Detroit-Cass Technical Detroit-East English Village Prep Academy Detroit-Martin Luther King Detroit-Western International Grosse Pointe South	No. 102-D Allen Park-Inter-City Baptist Allen Park-Inter-City Baptist Detroit Delta Prep Acad for Social Justice Detroit Public Safety Academy Detroit-Westside Christian Academy Taylor-Trillium Academy
Class B No. 39-B Flat Rock Dearborn Heights-Annapolis Dearborn-Henry Ford Academy Flat Rock Grosse Ile River Rouge Romulus-Summit Academy North	
No. 40-B Dearborn-Divine Child Ann Arbor-Gabriel Richard Canton Preparatory Dearborn Heights-Robichaud Dearborn-Divine Child Livonia-Ladywood Ypsilanti-Arbor Preparatory	

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Should I Be Worried about My Husband’s “Mancations” with his Best Friend?



Dear Alma,

I’ve been married for six years and I love my husband so much. We met when he was in the Navy. The last year that he was in, I got pregnant, so we agreed it would be best to move close to my family and I was very happy about that. He is a good provider and takes care of me and our daughter. Here’s the thing, my husband takes a trip with his best friend who is still in the Navy every year. It’s just the two of them, not the extended family. My sister said that is strange for two men to go on trips together. She said that I need to find out what’s going on and make sure he’s not on “the down low.” What do you think?

Signed,
Home Alone Wife

Dear Home Alone Wife,

Sounds to me like your husband appreciates the experience of traveling with an old friend and ain’t nothing wrong with that. Sometimes you just want to get away and enjoy the scenery with your good buddy and take a vacation from family life. Is that a little weird, does that mean you’re on “the down low?” Ummmm, I say, “no.” He was an individual person with friends before you married him. He joined the Navy to travel and that’s what he did. Just because he’s out of the military, doesn’t mean he no longer enjoys that passion or the lifelong friendships he’s made during that time.

Before you were born Sweetie, grandmothers use to say, “an idle mind is the devil’s workplace.” Do you know what that means? It means you’re creating stories in your mind instead of taking care of your business. That, Honey Chile,


will get you in trouble. Don’t indict your husband based on your imagination. Stop listening to your sister, her idle mind is in overdrive. She’s not married to your husband, you are.

You know better than anyone else what’s going on in your house. What you should be doing is defending your husband. How about that! Use that week or so that he’s gone to try

something new on your own bucket list. Grab a fork and appreciate the time enjoying your own pie of passion! Trust him, trust yourself and tell your sister to mind her business.

Alma Gill’s newsroom experience spans more than 25 years, including various roles at USA Today, Newsday and the Washington Post. Email questions to:

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Teaching our kids: Abuse is never acceptable

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

by Flora Koplin Winston, MD, PhD



Given the recent news headlines, children and teens are asking their parents about assault and abuse, and many parents feel uncomfortable and unprepared to respond. They are not alone – the majority of parents (81 percent) admit to not knowing if or not believing dating violence is an issue among teens, but it is a critical topic to discuss. Dating violence often begins in adolescence and can have devastating short- and long-term consequences, yet only 1 in 3 teens in a violent relationship tells anyone about the abuse. The scope of the issue goes well beyond “date rape” because it encompasses any exploitation of power between dating partners in an unhealthy relationship. Here’s what you need to know:

- Not all dating violence is physical. In fact, there are several different forms of dating violence:
- Physical: Hitting, slapping, kicking, and punching
- Psychological/Emotional: De-meaning (i.e., name calling, humiliating), limiting time with family and friends, and threatening physical or sexual violence
- Sexual: Forcing a partner to

participate in a sex act without consent

- Stalking: Unwanted attention that causes concern for safety, such as repeated phone calls, text messages, or e-mails, leaving notes, and watching, following, or spying
- Nearly 1.5 million high school students are physically abused by their partner every year.
- Women who report experiencing intimate partner violence (IPV) in high school are more likely to also experience IPV in their college relationships.
- Among adult victims of IPV, 22 percent of women and 15 percent of men reported first experiencing some form of dating violence between the ages of 11 and 17 years.

Dating violence can be extended through technology. In a survey of 7-12 grade students in New York, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey, more than a quarter of youth in a relationship said that they experienced some form of victimization through technology in the prior year. There was also a link between technology-perpetrated violence and other forms of dating violence, such as physical victimization.

The potential long-term physical

and psychological consequences are clear: adolescent victims are at higher risk for depression, substance abuse, suicide attempts, eating disorders, poor school performance, pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections, and further victimization.

What should you tell your teen? While both females and males can be victims of dating violence, the highest rates are seen among girls and young women between the ages of 16 and 24.

Youth in same-sex relationships are at even higher risk of experiencing dating violence: A study released by the Urban Institute showed significantly higher rates of dating violence among lesbian, gay, and bisexual youth than among non-LGB youth.

So what can parents do? First, start the conversation early, even if you don’t think your tween or teen is dating yet. Ask your sons and daughters about their perception of healthy – and unhealthy – relationships, correct any misperceptions, and display healthy adult relationships.

Let your children know that any type of violence or abuses of power are never ok in a relationship, and discuss the options available if they witnesses dating abuse or experience it themselves.

Remember to tell your teens that they can come to you if they are in a relationship that makes them nervous or scared, and that you will support them as they make the best decisions for their well-being.

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