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Jesse Jackson Calls Michael Brown Shooting 'Crime of Injustice'

By Chris King - The St. Louis American



Michael Brown Vigil: Protesters gather in response to the killing of unarmed teen Michael Brown Sunday morning in Ferguson. Brown, 18, was shot to death by a Ferguson Police officer on Saturday afternoon. Photo by Wiley Price/St. Louis American

ST. LOUIS — Jesse Jackson told The American he hopes that the U.S. Department of Justice sees the Ferguson Police shooting of Michael Brown on Saturday and resulting community violence as

"systematic of a national crisis."

Jackson said, "It was a crime of injustice." Jackson said.

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River Rouge School District "Welcomes you to Opportunity"

Dear Panther Family:

"With but few exceptions, it is always the underdog who wins through sheer willpower." - Johnny Weissmuller

"Welcome to Opportunity" is our theme for the 2014-15 school year and that is a far cry from where we were as a district just a short while ago! It is with great honor that I

proclaim our tireless efforts to create a school district worthy of your support now bears fruit. In June of 2012, the challenges seemed endless as we traveled along this road to improvement. Even still, we were able to make phenomenal progress in eliminating those barriers and we labored to create a destination for those families seeking a special place for their children. As we persevered

through the storm, the triumphs were nothing short of miraculous. In just over two years we have eliminated a deficit many felt could not be done and we delivered a balanced budget for the first time in nearly a decade. While we acknowledge the victories of the recent past; however our greatest days lie ahead. Student achievement is our core function and we have docu-

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MDOT report says bicycling brings community and economic benefits



Fast Facts:

- Bicycling provides an estimated \$668 million per year in economic benefit to Michigan's economy.
- Statewide, 39 percent of households reported using a bicycle for transportation last year.

- Nearly 800 people are employed by bicycle-related industry in Michigan.

August 14, 2014 -- The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) today

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Need help paying waterbill?

United Way, Ford Motor Company Fund and General Motors Foundation donate \$200K to the Detroit Water Fund



a press conference at the United Way's 211 call center.

The donations are the first major contributions to the Detroit Water Fund since it was established two weeks ago as part of Mayor Duggan's 10-point plan to assist Detroit residents in getting current on their water bill before the residential shut off moratorium expires on August 25th.

•Eligible Low-income Detroiters may receive 25% toward paying their water bills

•Customers can receive assistance at Cobo Water Fair on August 23rd

•Residential Shut Off moratorium ends August 25th
Three major donors have

stepped forward to contribute a total \$200,000 to the Detroit Water Fund, Mayor Mike Duggan's response to helping low-income Detroiters with their water bill. Representatives of United Way for Southeastern Michigan (UWSEM), the Ford Motor Company Fund and the General Motors Foundation announced their donations today at

"These three organizations have stepped up in a significant way to help assist Detroiters who are truly in need of help paying their water bills before the residential shut off moratorium ends on August 25th," said Detroit Mayor Michael E. Duggan. "They have let Detroiters know they are not alone and their generous dona-

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WORDS FROM PUBLISHER

Isn't Looting, Stealing?

I hope we don't behave like that

By: Gina Steward - Telegram Newspaper Publisher



Feelings and emotions are running high in Ferguson and other cities around the United States. I understand the frustration that the life of another African American young man has been taken. The death of Michael Brown at the hands of a police officer has elevated this type of occurrence into the national news. It proves that there is definitely a problem with the way non-violent altercations between young men and the police are resolved. This needs to be addressed and I pray that another life isn't taken before a resolution is determined.

But what I noticed as I watch the news coverage is the manner in how some people are expressing their dismay with the situation. If I am correct in my assumption, the people are protesting because they say an innocent young man was killed by a police officer. But they are looting...In other words... stealing from local businesses... on camera. Why? What does stealing from a business have to do with protesting the loss of a life.

Think about it, how about a silent march, or a loud

march? How about a sit-in at the police station, what about a vigial at the Brown's home? I'm sure I could think of more non-criminal ways to demonstrate my frustration. But to commit a crime (stealing is a crime) and destroy someone's business that had nothing to do with Michael Brown or the police. ..What??? The punishment for stealing is anywhere from paying a fine or time in jail. Is it worth going to jail and having a charge on your record for the rest of your life because you are angry? I see some of the people with scarves covering up their faces. Don't they know that in the technology and multimedia age that they will be discovered? But what won't be discovered is an open business in the neighborhood. Many small businesses are in Black communities because they want to serve the people. They are not multi-millionaires; they love their community and provide products and services to the residents.

However, these knuckleheads have just destroyed the livelihood of the family business, ruined the community and whether they believe or not, they have just looted their lives away. I pray that the people in Ferguson begin to protest peacefully and a quick solution comes to the situation of Michael Brown's death. I also pray that people in our community and cities around the country don't result to this type of stealing and destruction to prove a point. Whatever that point is...

Michael Brown

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The injustice, he said, was two-fold: a police shooting of an unarmed black teen followed by black youth from high-unemployment neighborhoods erupting in rage.

"Black men should not be the objects of target practice," Jackson said of the shooting. "It's not a unique situation. It's a prototypical American situation. Police departments do not reflect the population. It's awful, but it's not unique."

The resulting community violence on Sunday, following a non-violent candlelight vigil to commemorate Brown, should be seen in the context of a chronic urban crisis, he said.

"Poverty is a weapon of mass destruction," Jackson said. "Poverty is in the community, guns are in, drugs are in, jobs are out. Banks are bailed out without meaningful community reinvestment. Too many people have no stake in the culture."

Jackson said that chronic urban problems remain to be addressed after the shooting of Michael Brown and the community's outrage are resolved.

"These kids need educations, skills, job training, jobs, scholarships to college," Jackson said. "We need a national forum on urban policy, justice and repression. This is a national crisis that has manifested in Ferguson."

Asked for advice to organizers on the ground, Jackson said, "That's tough. I saw a sign that said we need quietness. Quietness is not the answer. Quietness is the absence of noise. We need the presence of justice."

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released a new report, "Community and Economic Benefits of Bicycling in Michigan." This report is Phase I of a two-phase project that explains the economic benefit bicycling has on Michigan's local and statewide economies. The report and user friendly infographics are online at www.michigan.gov/mdot/

The new report finds that bicycling provides an estimated \$668 million per year in economic benefit to Michigan's economy, including employment, retail revenue, tourism expenditure, and increased health and productivity.

Using both quantitative and qualitative data, the report takes a unique approach to illustrate both the economic benefits of bicycling on a statewide basis, as well as broader benefits bicycling can have on communities.

As part of Phase I of the study, five case study communities were identified across the state in an effort to measure the annual impact bicycling can have on a local economy. All of the case studies were within the limits of these cities and did not include the broader metro areas:

- Traverse City: \$5.5 million
- Holland: \$6.4 million
- Detroit (southwest Detroit and the Conner Creek Greenway area): \$20.7 million
- Ann Arbor: \$25.4 million
- Grand Rapids: \$39.1 million

Phase II of this project is under way and will include more specific data on the economic impact of bicycling "events," bicycle touring, and Michigan as a bicycle destination. That phase is scheduled to be complete in 2015.

1st Annual "Roll Along the River" Bike Ride on September 6



We are encouraging all Downriver, Wayne County and Detroit residents to come out and ride with us-- and our special guests, the Old School Rollers!

Downriver Delta CDC is hosting our 1st Annual "Roll Along the River" Bike Ride on Saturday, September 6, 2014. The 1.5-mile ride will begin at 10 a.m. at John Dingell Park in the City of Ecorse. Participants will travel up Jefferson Avenue to Memorial Park in River Rouge. Continue on to beautiful Belanger Park or stay to participate in the Rouge Days parade and festivities at Memorial Park.

To participate, simply register for the "Roll Along the River Bike Ride" at www.eventbrite.com, call (313) 928-2955, or email downriverdeltacdc@gmail.com.

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Do we perpetuate black stereotypes?

By Raynard Jackson - NNPA Columnist



Many African Americans feel like there has been an unofficial war declared on Blacks, especially young Black males. Just in the past month alone, there have been the police murders of Eric Garner (Staten Island, N.Y.), Ezell Ford (Los Angeles, and Michael Brown (Ferguson, Mo.). Each of these victims were all unarmed, young, Black and male.

In each instance, there were credible witnesses or video recordings that recounted events very differently from the official police version. Based on what we know so far, I think all the policemen involved in these unjustified deaths should be convicted of murder and sent to jail.

As abhorrent as these actions were, they should spark a larger, separate conversation about the images that we have created around Black life and Black culture. To reiterate, regardless of these images, there is no justification for killing those young Black men. Let's be clear about that.

But let's be equally clear and courageous enough to take another look at what we are contributing to the misperceptions and stereotypes of us as a race. This is a separate conversation from what happened in New York, LA and Ferguson, Mo., but this is as good a time to hold it as any.

For the past 30 years, we have created images of Blacks in the most negative of lights. For those who would say it's just music, it's just a movie, it's just a reality TV show; I say now there is just another Black body lying in the streets of America.

Before you go to war, the first thing that is needed is to create a psychological operations campaign (psy-ops). This is a tactic that the military uses to marginalize its targeted population so that when the troops are sent in to destroy this group, there is no public outcry.

Just look at how the U.S. military vilified and demonized former Iraqi president Saddam Hussein and terrorist Osama Bin Laden before we set out to kill them. Upon their deaths at the hands of the U.S. military, the American people cheered because we had devalued and marginalized them before the American people. I can't help but ask the Black community, have we unleashed a psy-ops campaign on our own people?

In the horror movie series Frankenstein, Dr. Frankenstein did not set out to create a monster; but rather he was a scientist playing around in his laboratory. As a result of this experimentation, he created a monster that

neither he nor society could control.

In a similar manner, one could argue that Blacks, specifically in Hip-Hop, have experimented in the laboratory called a recording studio; and by exercising their First Amendment Right of freedom of speech and expression through music, they have created their own version of Frankenstein.

In the beginning, like with Frankenstein, people marveled at this new creation and people were willing to pay to see and hear it. There was "Rappers Delight," there was "The Message," and there was "Fight the Power." Then, the imagery and lyrics took a twisted turn under a perverted interpretation of the First Amendment called "keeping it real."

Now, the establishment, especially the police, had become the enemy. Hip-Hop became a counter-culture movement that turned into a monster that could no longer be controlled. Women became "bitches and hoe's," men became hyper-sexualized thugs who were only out to force themselves on your daughters and to "get rich or die trying." When rap music started, it was a verbal extension of the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s in the spirit of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; it was about the uplifting of our community and providing a voice to those often without a voice.

Then in the 1990s, rap took a more militaristic tone with the creation of "gangsta rap." This too, was a verbal extension of the Civil Rights movement; but more in the spirit of Malcolm X on steroids. These artists represented those in the "hood" who felt trapped and abused by the system. They felt like no one cared about them and that life was about the here and now - immediate gratification; so screw the future. They wanted to "get theirs now." They wanted to live fast, even if it meant dying young.

This ultimately led to the "thug" culture, personified by hit movies like Scarface, New Jack City and Carlito's Way; each glorified the criminal lifestyle.

Then you had the crack epidemic of the 1990s with the violence that it brought into the hood. All these factors combined to create a narrative that Black life was worthless and Black youth brought no value to society.

It's too bad the rap world didn't heed the words of Chuck D, KRS-One, Doug E. Fresh, Heavy D, MC Lyte, Kool Moe Dee, D-Nice, Daddy-O and others on the all-time classic, "Self Destruction," which had as its chorus, "Self-Destruction, ya headed for Self-Destruction (repeat)."

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schools to attract families back to our district paid off. As several school districts have been forced to close their doors forever, we successfully eliminated our deficit a full year early.

It is without question, we would have fallen short in this undertaking had it not been for the overwhelming support from our faithful. The positive responses from our community were critical and desperately needed in the battle to overcome significant challenges in restoring public confidence in our district. The

spirit to create the vision required to spearhead a mission for the common good was led by our most distinguished Board of Education. It is through their selfless and shared sacrifice that we as a district embarked on truly attacking the problem. Simply put, by suspending the petty differences that cripple many elected bodies, we were able to resurrect River Rouge Public Schools.

When I arrived in 2012, our message focused only on surviving both the academic and financial crisis; however, today I can proudly proclaim that we are truly building something special. The years of struggle became our source of strength and it is through our sheer will power that we are destined to become a world-class district.

Derrick R. Coleman
Superintendent of Schools

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These People Ain't Loyal

By: Janine Folks - Telegram Religion Columnist



Most of us like to think that we are loyal people. Few people will say that they are disloyal. No one wants the negative stigma associated with being disloyal. Few people are humble enough to admit that they have failed someone.

While some are more loyal than others, I wonder if there is anyone who is truly loyal in every sense? What is loyalty anyway? Loyalty is synonymous to faithfulness.

In marriage, loyalty is expected. When a married person is unfaithful, it is called adultery. Adultery is a serious word. When you think of adultery, you think of one of the highest forms of betrayal. It

means you totally disrespected a commitment. It means you did something that was forbidden. You broke the rules.

Adultery is generally associated with unfaithfulness in marriage. But we have to remember that unfaithfulness in any area is just as wrong. Any act of unfaithfulness or whenever a commitment is violated, we have not been loyal. While it is popular in the day and age to point out disloyal people, even in songs, we have to remember that we too are disloyal in some fashion.

So someone who is accused of committing adultery is viewed unfavorably and often times those who feel victimized want the adulterer to be punished. You may recall a parable in the Bible found in the Book of John, chapter 8.

In this situation, a woman was caught in the act of adultery. Someone actually saw her do it. There is no record of her denying it. So basically, a couple of teachers of the Law and some Pharisees brought her to Jesus while He was teaching some people in the temple

and they were like, "This woman ain't loyal. She was caught in the act." Well they didn't say it quite like that, but in our modern urban context, it could be interpreted that way.

So anyway, they were really trying to trip Jesus up and throw Him off His square. They made the woman stand in front of everyone. I guess to humiliate her and of course, they wanted her stoned because that's how they handled those situations in that era, in accordance to the law Moses put out. Instead of Jesus agreeing with them, He got quiet and knelted down and wrote in the sand with his finger. I don't know what He wrote. But when He got up, He said, "Whoever one of you has committed no sin may throw the first stone at her (v.7)."

They all just started walking away. None of them were blameless. She could not be condemned, but Jesus told her something very important before they parted. He said, "Go, but do not sin again (v.11)." He warned her.

We must remember before we put someone on blast, saying

they (pardon the term) ain't loyal, that neither are we in some area of our life. No one really cared why she did what she did. They did not consider her circumstances or how she was raised from childhood and the impact it could have on her psyche. Not that there's any excuse, but it was not considered. They just wanted her punished, to the utmost with the harshest penalty, death by stoning.

The punishment we wish on others, could show up at our own doorstep. We have to watch our mouths and hearts. Also, we have to remember the mandate at the end of the

story, 'don't keep doing it.' When our bad behavior is brought to our attention, we need to stop it, at least feel bad and move in the direction of correction.

We need to think about our own faithfulness to God. God is always faithful to us, even when we are not. We often assess others and that's good. But we cannot neglect to assess ourselves. We don't need to trust people who have proven untrustworthy, but we have to forgive. When we think about our own lack of loyalty in certain areas, it should make us more gracious overall. God bless.


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ARMANI DE'OLON GIPSON

Feb 22, 1996 – Jul 24, 2014

Armani had been accepted on a full-ride scholarship to Western Michigan University located in Kalamazoo, Michigan where he would have attended this coming fall to start his journey toward becoming a neurologist.

Armani Gipson is survived by his mother, Lavata Gipson (Stefon), his father Sandy Davis, Jr and his four brothers Stefon Mallard, Jr., Lamar Mallard, Luron Mallard and Camron Mars. Grandmothers, Surilla Darkins, and DeLores Davis (Sandy); great-grandmothers, Margaret Gipson (Luvoney, Sr.) and Deola Hollard, a host of great aunts and uncles, a host of cousins, other relatives and many friends.

Final arrangements entrusted to Chapel of the Chimes (chapelchime.com)



STEPHANIE MARIE PAYTON-DOSS

Sept 6, 1959 – Jul 30, 2014

After high school, she went on to follow her passion in cooking and received a certificate at John Glenn Technical School.

She leaves to cherish her memory: daughter, Demita Payton, brother, James Wright, Jr.; grandson: Cor'Vonta Ballard; sister, La'Creshea (Shawn) Makonnen of Inkster; two nieces; one nephew and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives, family, and friends.

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CURTIS JAMES SIMS

Jul 18, 1947 - Aug 3, 2014

He was one of the first African-American bus drivers to drive a bus through Dearborn, MI during a time when racial segregation and the use of intimidation against African-Americans and other minorities were at an all-time high.

Among those who will cherish his life and memories are: five children: Katrina Sims, Angela Hollis, Canton, MI, Keshi Sims Jefferson (Darren), Curtis James Sims Jr. (Monique), and Denise Sims; seven siblings: Clarence E. Jarrett, Linda D. Nickerson (Walter), Brenda A. Young (Robert), Birmingham, AL, Flora B. Jarrett, James R. Jarrett (Deceased), Fredrick J. Jarrett (Valerie), Earnest Daniels, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

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RENEE ANNETTE DAVIS

Apr 10, 1958 - Aug 9, 2014

Renee had a passion for helping others. She worked at Geriatric Convalescent Center until it closed.

Renee leaves to cherish: children: Ramon (Kaywon) Davis, Raven (Terrace Jr.) Davis; sisters: Mardell Smith and Mary Ann Bodie; four grandchildren; four nieces; long time companion Charlie Lee Jones, and a host of family and friends.

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IN THE SPIRIT

Marriage vs Water

By Rev. Dr. John E. Duckworth



A few months ago, many of my colleagues in ministry consisting of local preachers and pastors were shown rallying around the issue of same-sex marriage here in Michigan. Since February, there has been a plethora of ads, Bible studies, protests, rallies, sermons and statements around this issue. I do believe everyone's opinion and theology on the issue deserves to be heard.

Some stated that there were concerns about the quality of life that those children adopted by Jayne Rowse and April DeBoer would lack being forced to live in a same-sex marriage. Others stated that it was sinful and totally wrong, according to their belief in the Bible and their understanding of Scriptures. One particular pastor shared with me that it was an attack on the family and if the laws allowed for same-sex marriage, it would destroy the very fabric of the family. There has been a great "coming together" within the Christian community around this issue.

However, within the last month another issue that certainly deals with the issue of family has surfaced and I have yet to see any rallies on Fox News from many of my same colleagues. This colorless, odorless and tasteless substance that is vital to all life survival called water has been in the headlines nationally and I haven't seen the same enthusiasm from the Christian community. If there was ever a REAL REASON for my Christian colleagues to rally and stomp for the family, water should be one.

I am appalled, disappointed and embarrassed by what appears to be a proclivity and propensity for what's popular, and total silence by what

should be prophetic. As Dietrich Bonhoeffer stated, "Silence in the face of evil is itself evil: God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act." As a Social Gospel and Liberation Theology preacher and pastor, I find it ironic that the prophetic voice is either silent or whispering around this issue of water but there was a clangorous voice around marriage.

Perhaps some of my colleagues are unaware the gravity of this water issue, so I will share some of my concerns. It is beyond folks who simply are "trying to get water for free" as many of those persons unable to pay their bills have been portrayed.

Water is a natural resource, God-given and owned, and I personally have a problem when persons make a profit off of God's resources. We are dangerously flirting with our water becoming privatized, and history has proven, once that occurs our bills will at least triple. In Bolivia on two occasions in 2000 and 2005, the Bolivian government turned the water system over to private companies and this led to country-wide street protesting. Eventually, the Bolivian government retracted these private contracts and kept their water system public.

The Homrich Wrecking, Inc. Company has been given a \$5.6 million contract for two years to shut off the water of over 150,000 homes by the end of the summer. Only 10 prophetic voices stood up for these homes, and they were arrested on July 10, 2014 for blocking the trucks owned by Homrich Wrecking, Inc. Michigan law mandates that no child shall be raised in a home without water, and it is also against the law for dogs and cats to be without water. While many from the suburbs had plenty to say about Detroiters wanting "free water", they were "church mouse" quiet about the unpaid water bills of the State of Michigan's \$5 million, Joe Louis Arena's \$80,000 or Ford Field's \$55,000.

Are my colleagues aware that this is a family-breaking issue? Since it's against the law for children to be in homes without water, how long will children be

allowed to live in these homes before they are turned over to Child Protective Services? Why are water bills connected to addresses and not individuals? Perhaps our enthusiasm over marriage has blinded us to the issue of life, water, and we are so focused on marriage that we are sleeping on life. No living creature can survive without water. I would encourage my Christian colleagues to engage in prophetic social justice, and leave the popularity behind.

I do find it very interesting that this recent heavenly activity to gather Michigan's attention was not fire and brimstone but water. Just this past week, we encountered record rainfalls and flooding. Perhaps it's a divine sign to where our voices are really needed, and what should have our attention. Perhaps it just me and my theology, but I am aware that our tri-county area has been declared a disaster?

Pastor Duckworth is the pastor at Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church in Westland, MI.

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Happy Meals, Yoga, and Books



DEARBORN - On Saturday, July 26, 2014, The Inkster Family Literacy Movement (IFLM) hosted Family Literacy Day at the McDonald's restaurant located on Michigan Avenue and Gully Rd in Dearborn. The restaurant was filled with literacy activities, books, families with young children, laughter, fun, and yoga. Children also received what literacy specialist Arlene Reese calls "the best happy meal in the world. It's free and you get a book."

Upon arrival, families registered and each child received a passport. Their objective

was to fill their passport with stamps by participating in various literacy activities. The favorite activity of the event was hearing a live reading of the book "Y is for Yoga" authored by Anita Adhikary. The children sat spellbound as Ms. Adhikary read her book describing the different yoga poses. They actually tried some of the exercises out with their new guru. Ms. Adhikary demonstrated many of the different positions from the book and explained how they strengthened various parts of the body. After the demonstration each family also received an autographed copy of one of two

books by Ms. Adhikary, "Y is for Yoga" or "My Daughters are Smart."

The success of the event can be attributed to the hard work and commitment from all the staff and volunteers. A special thanks goes out to McDonald's owner Jon Campbell for partnering to sponsor the seventh IFLM literacy event held at McDonald's. Special thanks also goes to Fem de la Crème for providing volunteers during the event and helping with the literacy activities. Together, these organizations sent nearly 80 children home with the best happy meal in the world.

The Inkster Family Literacy Movement is a place-based, social change strategy designed to enhance the literacy skills of the entire community, starting with its youngest and most vulnerable population - its children. IFLM is led by a coalition of community partners that works toward a common vision: to ensure Inkster is a place where all families thrive and have access to the supports, services, and opportunities children need for literacy and school success.

Come join the fun. Our next McDonald's Literacy Night is Thursday, August 27.

Movie Actors 2

Find and circle all of the Movie Actors that are hidden in the grid. The remaining letters spell the name of a movie for which William Hurt won an Oscar.

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Local Schools awarded fourth year of grant funding after making positive strides



LANSING - Twenty-two Michigan high schools, including Harper Woods, Mumford, Pershing, Robichaud, River Rouge, Southeastern and Truman High School, have been awarded a fourth year of funding from a grant aimed at improving student learning by coordinating programs designed to improve the physical, mental and emotional climate of the schools.

Fourth-year funding of the Safe and Supportive Schools (S3) grant, titled think.respect. in Michigan, is based on the positive results seen over the first three years of the grant, including:

- 83% of schools reporting an improvement in school safety scores

- 61% of schools reporting a decrease in harassment/bullying incidences on school property

- 57% of schools reporting a decrease in the number of students using alcohol

"For students, academics are only one part of the educational process," State Superintendent

Mike Flanagan said. "We know that overall emotional and physical health affects academic performance - that personal safety, bullying, mental health, substance use, obesity, and other factors can have an impact on student's ability to learn and achieve."

The goal of think.respect. is to develop concrete strategies that address these issues, leading to a school climate that fosters great academic achievement.

"While the think.respect. initiative still is in its infancy, the schools have made progress over the past three years," added Kyle Guerrant, deputy superintendent for administration and school support services for the Michigan Department of Education. "There still is work to be done, and we are proud of the results we're seeing, and feel that the improvement in school climate will, over time, continue to bring about positive academic changes."

Schools receiving funding for a fourth year of the think.respect. grant includes:

- *Beecher High School (Mt. Morris)
- *Benton Harbor High School (Benton Harbor)
- *Bloomingdale High School (Bloomingdale)
- *Clintondale High School (Clintondale Township)
- *E. A. Johnson High School (Mt. Morris)
- *Fitzgerald High School (Warren)
- *Harper Woods High School (Harper Woods)
- *Eastern High School (Lansing)
- *Lee High School (Wyoming)
- *Marion High School (Marion)
- *Mumford High School (Detroit)
- *New Haven High School (New Haven)
- *Pershing High School (Detroit)
- *Pontiac Academy (Pontiac)
- *Southeastern High School (Detroit)
- *River Rouge High School (River Rouge)
- *Truman High School (Taylor)
- *Robichaud High School (Dearborn Heights)
- *Ross Beatty High School (Cassopolis)
- *Saginaw High School (Saginaw)
- *Ypsilanti Community High School (Ypsilanti)
- *Ypsilanti New Tech High School (Ypsilanti)

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Mark Twain School for Scholars to be part of first-ever literacy-themed DPS

Open Doors Day Saturday, August 23 at all elementary and middle schools

Every school will offer FREE backpacks, books and school supply give-aways, and all schools will have a literary theme; Mark Twain School for Scholars students eligible for free shoes and trip to the zoo

DETROIT – Mark Twain School for Scholars will be among all Detroit Public Schools elementary-middle schools that will be open across the district during Open Doors Day, Saturday, August 23 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. All schools have developed their own creative itineraries to engage families! There will be free books, free pizza, backpacks with school supplies and other fun "See It Believe It: give-aways (first-come, first-served.) Immunizations will take place at Marcus Garvey Academy, 2301 Van Dyke.

Some literary themes include: Madeline in Paris
Pete the Cat: Rocking in my School Shoes
Fairy Tale Ball

Additionally, Mark Twain has a unique opportunity to partner with Sketchers and Meijer on their donation of more than 25,000 pairs of BOBs shoes for K-6 students. The Sketchers-Meijers Shoe Distribution event will be held at the Detroit Zoo on Tuesday, Aug. 26. A total of 1,500 students from 15 pre-selected schools will be invited to attend the DPS Day at the Zoo. To attend the event, current or NEW Enrollees of the following 15 schools must attend the DPS Open Doors Day event on Saturday, August 23 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at one of the participating schools. Current students will be verified. NEW students must enroll in order to attend the event. The 15 participating schools are:

1. Brewer
2. Pulaski
3. Noble
4. J.R. King
5. Wright, Charles
6. Carstens
7. Carleton
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9. Mann
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12. DIA
13. Neinas
14. Gardner
15. Twain

Students (K-6) participating in this event will receive a pair of Sketchers BOBs and a day at the Zoo including lunch, compliments of Sketchers and Meijer. Vouchers will be distributed at the Open House events as an incentive at the 15 pre-selected schools. A total of 100 vouchers will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis at each school. Transportation will also be provided to and from the Detroit Zoo. The remaining 23,500 pairs of shoes will be delivered to the DPS Warehouse for distribution to students on the first day of school.

For more details, call 313-240-4DPS.

About Detroit Public Schools Detroit Public Schools is creating Neighborhood-Centered, Quality Schools at 97 campuses with a mission to provide a comprehensive educational experience that is high-quality, challenging and inspires all students to make a positive contribution to society. DPS offers a wide variety of educational advantages to students and parents including Individualized Learning Maps for all students. New this year, arts/music and sports leagues for boys and girls are being offered at every elementary/middle school. Prekindergarten offerings have been expanded to 70 schools across the district for all qualified 4-year-olds. Twenty-one schools are now open as Community Schools, offering extended hours and services.

Students in grades 8-12 enjoy take-home Netbooks and students in grades 6 and up have access to Netbooks in school. An outstanding Fine Arts program with instrumental music, vocal music and dance is also offered. Ongoing advantages include eight parent resource centers, Parent University and additional parenting programs, enhanced safety initiatives, a district-wide Customer Service focus, nine Detroit Rising College Preparatory Schools and DPS-authorized charter schools led by educators with proven track records of raising achievement. In 2014, DPS graduates earned \$138 million in grants and scholarships. To learn more about Detroit Public Schools, visit www.detroitk12.org or call 313-240-4DPS.

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Inkster resident learns to manage Diabetes through area programs



Fourteen years ago, Inkster resident Angie Ellis was diagnosed with type 2 diabetes. Angie had been prediabetic for years and lost a brother to diabetes. Following her diagnosis, Angie experienced mood swings, changes in appetite, and weight fluctuation. "I was really upset," she explains. "It took me awhile to adjust and I'm still adjusting."

Diabetes is a serious disease that affects an estimated one million Michigan adults. It is often called a "silent disease" because it can cause serious complications even before a person experiences symptoms. If not managed properly, diabetes can lead to serious health problems such as kidney failure, heart disease, stroke, and more.

In April of 2011 Angie moved to Inkster where she learned about the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan's

(NKFM) Inkster community coalition, the Inkster Partnership for a Healthier Community (IPHC). On the path to better health and in an effort to effectively manage her diabetes, Angie participated in the NKFM's Diabetes PATH and BodyWorks programs offered in Inkster.

"I really enjoyed Diabetes PATH," Angie says, "I got to know a lot about myself as a diabetic and how to survive with diabetes."

Angie explains that BodyWorks and Diabetes PATH helped her to make healthy lifestyle changes, especially when it came to modifying her eating habits. She stopped frying foods, started eating more vegetables, and stopped drinking pop. Many of these choices were a challenge, but Angie says that moderation is important. "I learned that I can eat the things that I enjoy as

long as I don't overdo it. Sweets are okay sometimes," says Angie.

Angie has also participated in the NKFM's Enhance Fitness program, which was offered at her apartment complex. She says that she would like to take more of these classes if she has the opportunity. Lately, Angie has been trying to walk more, as physical activity is an important part of a healthy lifestyle.

"What stuck with me most from these programs is to watch my sugar intake. When the instructor filled up the cups to demonstrate how much sugar was in certain drinks, the visual really hit me," says Angie, "Now when I go to the grocery store, I look at how many grams of sugar are in what I am buying."

In the future, Angie hopes to continue walking regularly and maybe even run. "I want to lose this weight. I know it won't happen all at once, but I'm working on it."

Although there are challenges in living with diabetes, Angie explains that it can be controlled. By making healthy food choices; being physically active; and knowing your A1c, blood pressure, and cholesterol numbers (the ABCs of diabetes), it can be managed to prevent other health complications down the road. For more information about the NKFM's

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The last major Community Engagement Program for the City of Inkster will be August 25th, at 6:30 p.m. The two-hour session will be held at the Inkster Recreation Complex located at 2025 Middlebelt Road.

Please come out and bring a friend, even if you participated in other sessions. This session is the beginning of the process to draft strategies for the City's Strategic Action Plan. Your input is very important!!!!!!

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ARIES

Relax the grip you have on your attitudes this week, and just go with the flow. Ease up in full knowledge that goodness is being perfectly fulfilled. Let go of any feelings of insecurity or loss and bless the perfect moment.
Soul Affirmation: I quiet all confusion

Lucky Numbers: 1, 5, 24

TAURUS

Exhilaration is high and your mental abilities are amazing. Use your intuition to brainstorm your way to a highly creative idea that could change the way you make your living.
Soul Affirmation: I give thanks for the chance to give.

Lucky Numbers: 23, 46, 49

GEMINI

What you say and what you do are in harmony this week. The importance of your idea(s) comes through very clearly to others. They can see that you walk what you talk. Communicate your ideas through your values.

Soul Affirmation: I give thanks for the goodness in people.

Lucky Numbers: 6, 11, 18

CANCER

You are the best person that you can be. Evaluate your strengths and celebrate them this week. So often when self-evaluating we concentrate on weaknesses well this week weaknesses don't count. You are wonderful and you are becoming better everyday. Nobody is perfect and if we all were our journey would be boring at best.

Soul Affirmation: I am patient with all that comes my way this week.

Lucky Numbers: 9, 13, 45

LEO

Lots of communicating going on early in the week. You may even hear from someone you haven't seen in ages. The long-distance will certainly make your heart grow fonder. You'll want to catch up with someone you haven't heard from, and will probably seek this person out via email. There's a general feeling of catching up, from correspondence to current fashion.

Soul Affirmation: Anticipation of a beautiful night will light up my week.

Lucky Numbers: 31, 46, 55

VIRGO

Confusion exists over some question, and every time you think you've got the answer, circumstances will change and new information will come to your attention. Don't worry, things are going to clear up and work out. Take it easy. Worry will create the exact problem that you're worrying about how to avoid.
Soul Affirmation: I remain conscious of other people's feelings all week long.

Lucky Numbers: 42, 45, 46

LIBRA

Cool jazz! Fly dark glasses! Give yourself a chance to show off. It's good. Let others know how much you like yourself, and how many ways you can present yourself. All the ways are real. Start fixing the fantasy in your mind and make preparations so you can make the fantasy true just by stepping into it.

Soul Affirmation: Seeing my past clearly this week gives me a clear vision of my future.

Lucky Numbers: 10, 20, 45

SCORPIO

Surprises are in order this week. Keep yourself open and alert for the unexpected. Put yourself in the presence of people whose spirits are akin to yours. The surprise is likely to be a spiritual one, an awakening, a realization.
Soul Affirmation: I stay calm when all about me is in an uproar.

Lucky Numbers: 14, 19, 20

SAGITTARIUS

You need to be with someone this week who does not place too many demands on you, and who is creative, intelligent, a good conversationalist, and highly spiritual. Perhaps you should be out looking for that person now with eyes wide open! You know what you need.
Soul Affirmation: My mood is enhanced by the company I keep.

Lucky Numbers: 8, 23, 26

CAPRICORN

Work calls and you're not completely happy with current divisions of labor. Do more than your part as a member of the team and you'll be glad that you did. Your reward will come from someone who also did more than their part.

Soul Affirmation: Generosity of spirit brings generosity to me.

Lucky Numbers: 4, 19, 20

AQUARIUS

Business looks good this week as you discover a new way of increasing exposure to your product. Even if the product is you. Let hope and optimism lead you into new beginnings and fresh starts. All vibes are good, Go!

Soul Affirmation: When I feel good about myself, the world feels good to me.

Lucky Numbers: 6, 15, 22

PISCES

Everybody should be in a good mood this week, and you'll want to join friends or family in sharing food and feelings. You may be asked to change your opinion about something you believe in. Make the change. It will enhance your spiritual growth.

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In Less Than Seven Days High School Sports are Back

By Butch Davis - Telegram Newspaper Sports Writer



The Telegram News as in years past will start next week to give the weekly weekend Sports, Scores and Highlights of varsity high school football games and fall sports schedules and scores such as Romulus visiting River Rouge High and Redford High School hosting Ecorse High as both varsity football games are the kickoffs' these teams seasons on August 28, 2014 at 7:00 pm.

Commission Prep Kickoff Classic will be highlighted by eight games that include six new teams and 12 playoff teams from last season, the 2014 Prep Kickoff Classic lineup will feature defending and past state champions, five first-time matches and local rivalry games including Downriver teams Allen Park vs. Melvindale taking part. The Prep Kickoff Classic will happen August 28-30 at Tom Adams Field on the campus of Wayne State University.

The award-winning Prep Kick-off Classic, formerly known as the Big Day Prep Showdown, is celebrating its 10th year and has featured some of the state's top players. Seventy-eight players that participated in last year's event signed collegiate National Letters of Intent with NCAA Division I, II, III and NAIA schools on National Signing Day. Here is the schedule.

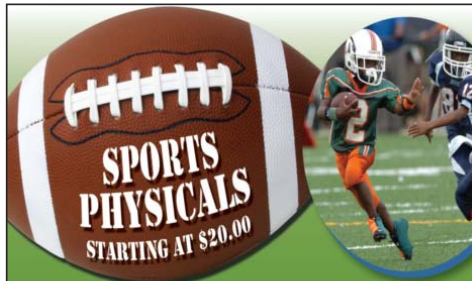
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The Time is now for the Tigers

By Butch Davis - Telegram Newspaper Sports Writer



Again as I indication last week the song remains the same, during this drought of wins the defense of the Tigers have been awful and the lack of timely hitting for the second place home team is embarrassing. Still the Detroit Tigers have been seeking reliable bullpen options all season. Jim Johnson was looking to revive his career after a disastrous stint in Oakland. Johnson saved 51 games for Baltimore in 2012 when he turned in an overwhelming season and led the Orioles to the playoffs. He had 50 saves last year in a more uneven season. Johnson was traded in the off-season to Oakland, where he quickly fell out of the closer's role. He had a 7.14 ERA when the A's let him go a few weeks ago. Dave Dobrowski pick up Johnson and send him to the minor league Toledo Mudhens where in four appearances, Johnson gave up two earned runs in 42/3 innings. The Detroit Tigers called up veteran reliever Jim Johnson last Friday from Triple-A Toledo after a lost in the opening game of the Seattle series and sent down rookie right-hander Melvin Mercedes who by the way, was the bright spot in the Tigers lost to the Mariners as he pitch two innings of scoreless relieve, however was sent back to Toledo in favor of Johnson. Johnson pitch 2/3 of an inning this past Sunday for the Tigers and gave up three runs (one earn run), two hits, and two walks in addition to the Tigers playing some pretty inadequate defense.

Well, Detroit Tiger fans three week ago in this continuing chronicle of our hometown professional baseball club, I wrote in the Telegram News and ask you the question, will the Tigers make more moves? Is the Price Right for a Championship? In addition, requesting to put the Detroit Tigers Baseball Club on the Prayer list. Well here the 411 on our team. The Tigers (66-56 as of this past Tuesday morning) gave up ground in a wild-card battle with Seattle and fell 8-1 on Sunday, finishing with only seven runs scored in the series. "We need to play better," manager Brad Ausmus told MLB's official website. "We're a better team than this. Period." Let look at the positives with the Tigers.

Victor Martinez remained locked in at the plate with a two-hit day. He's gone 8 for 16 with five RBIs and a .600 on-base percentage in his last five games. Miguel Cabrera batting average the second half of this seasons to .316 from .306 the first half of this baseball campaign. Ian Kinsler batted .303 with 11 home runs, 26 doubles and 51 RBIs in the first half en route to being named an All-Star. He ranked first among second basemen in the league with a .470 slugging percentage and ranked seventh among position players in the America League. However the second half of the season Kinsler batting average a .221 and had gone 1 for 12 over the weekend series with the Seattle Mariners, nonetheless, Ausmus wasn't going to single him out as its there other players as well take a starring role in the poor offensive production of the Tigers example J.D. Martinez first half batting average .346, Second half: .224 and Eugenio Suarez first half batting average .265, second half, .195. "We're a better offensive team than what we've seen since the All-Star break," Ausmus said. "We just need to swing the bat better. We need to drive guys in from second, and we need to get guys in from third with less than two outs." The Tigers managed just five total hits against the Mariners on Sunday, and finished 0 for 9 with runners in scoring position. Kinsler this past Sunday, popped out twice with a runner on third base and less than two outs.

2014 PREP KICKOFF CLASSIC SCHEDULE

Thursday, Aug. 28

1 p.m. West Bloomfield vs. Dearborn
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Friday, Aug. 29

1 p.m. Warren Mott vs. Detroit Cody
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August 13th, 2014

At 0512hrs, officers rush to the Value Plus Store on Jefferson & Haltiner on a report of a vehicle on fire crashed into the store. Officers arrived and observed silver colored 2005 Dodge Ram on fire partially inside the store. Health Link and the RRFD were notified and arrived on scene. The vehicle had been reported stolen out of Oakland County. The fire was extinguished and the Fire Captain determines that the suspected cause of fire was Arson of the vehicle. No one was found in the vehicle or near the scene. The owner of the store arrived a short time later. The video surveillance system was secured and tagged as evidence. The vehicle was completely burned and the business had extensive smoke damage. The video surveillance will show the culprit who did it.

August 14th, 2014

At 1214hrs, officers were dispatched to the 100 Block of East James Street on a Domestic. The Animal Control officer called out a disturbance at the location moments before police arrived. 22 year old male states he got into a physical altercation with his 18 year old younger brother. During the fight a 17 year old female (friend of the 18 year) came up from behind and attacked him, striking him about face and neck with her fists and a shoe. The oldest brother states he managed to get away and ran outside. The female continued to chase him. The incident began when he (oldest) was walking back to the house and accidentally bumped the female in the head/shoulder area with his elbow, and that's how the fight got started. The female states she moved in with the brothers over a year ago and the oldest brother moved out just 6 months ago. You figure this

one out!!!**August 15, 2014**

At 212hrs, an officer was dispatched to the 2nd block of Batavia on a Burglary report. Upon arrival, 41 year old female states when she arrived home she discovered that between the hours of time when she was gone(1830-2130hrs) someone broke into her home and stole \$350.00 from a coin jar in her bedroom. Her boyfriend who was also present noticed that the tile on the bathroom floor was broken. It appears that the culprit used a razor to shave and scissors to cut their hair, cause all hair clippings all over the bathroom floor. There was no force of entry but it looked as though the culprit climbed through the bathroom window and left a Redskins baseball hat in the front yard when he made his getaway. Look for a well groom acquaintance because somebody really felt comfortable and the need to invade your space in your bathroom, using your personal razor and felt at home enough to cut their hair. I hope you checked your toothbrush and soap. It sounds real nasty!!!

August 16th, 2014

At 1523hr, officers were dispatched to the 1st Block of East Cicotte on an Assault & Battery complaint. A 30 year old mother explained that her 12 year old son was walking on west Jefferson near the Extra Inning Bar when an 18 year old female approached him. The young female mentioned something about an ongoing dispute between their families and hauled off and punched him in the left side of his face, then shoved him to the ground. She told officers that the son was calling his mother all kinds of expletives via text messages just two weeks ago. She is 18 and he is 12 and you know how folks feel when you talk about their mama. Don't talk about somebody mama. And that is no excuse for her actions.

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Holder has a compelling case in the Brown killing

Attorney General Eric Holder has a compelling federal case in the Michael Brown killing if he decides to bring civil rights charges against Ferguson, Missouri cop, Darren Wilson.

By Earl Ofari Hutchinson - Associate Editor of New America Media



Attorney General Eric Holder

He's certainly taken almost unprecedented lightning fast first steps in that direction. He's got a phalanx of FBI agents assigned to the case. He's authorized an autopsy by a crack medical examiner from the military. He personally travelled to the city to review procedures with civil rights division attorneys and investigators. None of this would have been done without the personal approval of President Obama who already has made more statements on the Ferguson furor and the Brown killing than he has on any other racially charged flashpoint issue during his White House tenure.

There are several factors within federal law that Holder has to look at to make the final decision whether to go forward with a prosecution. There has to be a "compelling interest" that the defendant's conduct could constitute a federal offense and that there is sufficient evidence against the defendant that the government can obtain a conviction.

There are clear elements of each of these hard federal prosecution requirements in the Brown killing. The compelling interest is probably the easiest of the requisites to satisfy. He was not charged with a crime by Wilson. He was stopped by all accounts for jaywalking. The allegations that Brown was a suspect in a convenience store heist, and that he smoked marijuana, and even that he may have actually had some physical altercation with Warren came way after the fact. Multiple eyewitnesses have been absolutely clear on this crucial point. He was shot on the ground with his hands up. An independent autopsy has confirmed that Brown could not have been shot during a scuffle as Wilson, police, and an anonymous eyewitness claim.

The key point is that he was on a public thoroughfare when he was killed. The right to freedom of movement without the danger of undue harm is a fundamental right that's enshrined in constitutional law and public policy. It's inviolate. The courts have repeatedly upheld a citizen's right to freedom of access and move-

ment in public places.

Though there was no apparent racial motive in Wilson confronting Brown, his action clearly violated Brown's right to exercise his freedom of movement. This directly impacts on an individual's right to life and liberty. This civil right was violated the moment Wilson presumed that a young black man walking in a public thoroughfare had committed a crime. The safeguard of that right must be a fundamental concern of federal prosecutors.

The Brown killing case also strongly pointed to systemic issues of excessive force by police. The obvious excessive force that was used was the slaying of Brown. This strikes to the heart of another basic right of citizens, namely the right to life and liberty, and again the freedom from undue harm. His killing once more raised deeply troubling questions about the power of the law to protect citizens from their unimpeded right to life and safety. Federal prosecutors play a major role in insuring that where there's the suspicion that an individual's rights might have been violated solely because of their race and gender that the power of federal law is brought to bear to insure that right is protected.

Wilson was a police officer and the charge that he abused his power in killing Brown under the color of law is the linchpin of federal prosecutions of local police officers. This was the rationale that federal prosecutors used in the Rodney King beating case to bring civil rights charges against the four LAPD officers that beat King. The crucial legal point was that they acted in an official capacity when they violated King's rights.

The Justice Department scrupulously goes to great lengths to shield itself from the charge that it's bowing to media or public pressure to prosecute. This is why the percentage of civil rights prosecutions it authorizes is infinitesimally low especially against police officers. Yet in the Brown slaying there are crucial federal interests in insuring the rights of individuals to be free from undue harm because of their color, age, and being in a public area merely because someone perceives they shouldn't be in and then acts on that perception with no cause other than that belief or perception.

Holder will give serious consideration to the civil rights violations in the Brown killing. This alone sends the strong signal that civil rights violations will always be subject to full and public scrutiny by federal prosecutors. This is exactly why he has a more than compelling reason to not only consider a Warren civil rights prosecution, but has a compelling case for a prosecution.

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For older adults, regular exercise may stem aging effects



(StatePoint) One out of every three adults over 65 years old falls each year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. And for older adults with dementia, the risk of falling is three times higher than those with no cognitive impairment, according to the AARP Bulletin.

However, research supports the notion that many of the physiological changes related to aging -- such as loss of balance -- can be prevented or postponed with regular exercise. With this in mind, it's no surprise that many senior living communities are making comprehensive health and wellness programs available to their residents.

"We're seeing residents increase their mobility, endurance and balance, and improve their range of motion and fitness levels," says Katie Westberg, national director of Life Enrichment at The Goodman Group, a company that has developed a new fitness program for its senior living and health care communities.

Additionally, Westberg cites that participants feel better and are having fun, showing quick results to their overall well-being. "Many of the residents involved in our FIT Functional Fitness program start seeing long-lasting and significant strength training benefits within an eight to 16 week period."

The experts behind the FIT Functional Fitness program, a new, national, personalized functional fitness program developed by The Goodman Group in partnership with a physical therapist and board cer-

tified geriatric specialist, are offering some tips for older adults looking to improve their well-being and restore their vigor.

- Engage in exercises that can improve your core strength, balance and cardiovascular health. If you live in a senior living community, inquire about on-site programs. Additionally, many community centers and health clubs conduct exercise classes designed specifically for senior health.

- Invest in a stationary bike. It's easy to incorporate this activity into your day while watching TV, listening to music or talking to your family, and pedaling lowers blood pressure, according to AARP.

- Consult your physician before getting started. Your exercise routine

should take into account your current health level and functionality as well as your physical needs.

- Food and health are directly correlated, so pair your exercise with healthy eating. The FIT Functional Fitness program at The Goodman Group, for example, incorporates local, organic, seasonal produce as well as lean protein alternatives and plant strong ingredients in their menu options.

- Stick to it. Results may come quickly, but a long-term health benefit requires commitment.

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The Taylor Conservatory invites you to visit the Conservatory to see and learn about "all things butterflies" during its special day dedicated to the beautiful winged creatures. Native butterflies are in peril, due to pesticide use, and continued loss of their habitat. You can learn how to you can help these beautiful flying jewels of the garden.

There will be opportunities to hand-feed live butterflies inside a mobile butterfly house, along with many other ways to learn how easy and fun it is to raise butterflies.

Butterflies don't move, breathe, smell, see, eat, or taste like we do. Join Brenda Dzedzic, author and owner of Brenda's Butterfly Habitat, as she teaches the anatomy of a

butterfly with a visual presentation at 1:30 and 2:30 p.m.

You'll also be able to visit with professional and hobby butterfly raisers and learn easy ways to attract butterflies to your yard. There will be many different styles of butterfly 'houses' so you can see all the creative ways to raise them. Jeff Nicita, local expert and Master Gardener will be on hand to answer your gardening questions.

In addition to the educational opportunities, there will be child-friendly crafts, face-painting by Flutterby Faces, door-prizes, refreshments and lots of butterflies! So, flutter-by to see some pretty butterflies! \$3 per person. Children in strollers, free. All proceeds go to garden development and educational programs at the Conservatory. For more information, contact www.taylor-conservatory.org or call Patty Donahue, 888-383-4108.

Detroit Water

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tions will be able to immediately begin assisting residents."

United Way is donating \$100,000, while the Ford Motor Company Fund and the General Motors Foundation are each contributing \$50,000. Mayor Duggan said he also expects other major contributors to announce additional donations in the coming days.

How the Detroit Water Fund works

Starting August 11th Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) Customer Care Centers began processing applications for the Detroit Water Fund. By paying down only 10 percent of their past-due balance, eligible city residents will receive up to 25 percent assistance with their bill from the new Detroit Water Fund. DWSD has partnered with United Way for Southeastern Michigan, which will prequalify residents. To be eligible for Detroit Water Fund assistance, customers must be Detroit residents who:

- Have an outstanding balance between \$300 and \$1000; and
- Maintain Average Water Usage for their household size; and
- Are either enrolled in DTE's Low Income Self-Sufficiency Plan (LSP); or,
- Have income at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty level (for example, a family of 4 must have an annual income below \$35,775).

This funding is available on a first-come first-served basis and is subject to availability.

"We have been working with our partners on an ongoing basis as the city works through its challenges, and are committed to the citizens of Detroit to make sure they have a plan to address their water needs," said Jim Vella,

President, Ford Motor Company Fund. "We're glad to provide this support and will continue to work with Mayor Duggan and the United Way to solve this critical issue."

John K. Blanchard, Director, Local Government Relations, General Motors Company, said, "The GM Foundation is dedicated to helping our fellow neighbors. As long-time supporters of United Way for Southeastern Michigan, this grant is another example of our partnership and shared commitment to strengthen communities."

10/30/50 Plan

Mayor Duggan's plan also included a new payment option called the 10/30/50 Plan. Customers must first enroll in this plan in order to be eligible to receive assistance from the Detroit Water Fund. The 10/30/50 Plan gives residents 24 months to pay off their delinquent amount once they put down an initial 10 percent of their balance. If they miss a payment, the customer must first pay 30 percent to reenter the program and 50 percent if they miss a second payment.

Moratorium ends August 25th

Mayor Duggan reminded customers that the residential water shut off moratorium ends on August 25th. After that date, shut offs will resume, he said. However, DWSD has committed to increasing its communication to customers scheduled for shut off to give them sufficient time to get into a payment plan.

Beginning today, DWSD workers will begin hanging "door hanger" notices on the home of each location schedule for shut off after the moratorium ends. The DWSD teams will move throughout the city area-by-area posting

the notices at least seven days ahead of shut off crews. The door hanger is in addition more descriptive notices that also are being mailed to customers to notify them of their shut off status.

"The goal at DWSD is to help Detroiters get to current status or to allow them opportunities to get on a payment agreement plan," said DWSD Director Sue McCormick. "The contributions of United Way, GM Foundation and Ford Motor Company Fund will really help us provide that extra layer of assistance to our customers that are in need. DWSD is thankful to GM, Ford and United Way."

Cobo Water Fair to be held August 23rd

Detroit City Council President Brenda Jones also created the Cobo Water Fair, which will be held from 9 AM until 5 PM on Saturday, August 23 to culminate the water shut off moratorium and also provide Detroiters with a one-stop shop to pay their water bills and also gather information about maintaining water bills and water conservation. Free parking is available in the Ford Underground and Millennium parking garages.

"I appreciate the Mayor extending the moratorium to give residents more time to receive the assistance they need to pay their water bills," said Jones. "The new payment plan and these generous donations to the Detroit Water Fund by United Way, Ford Motor Company Fund and GM Foundation will help those who are most in need. I encourage everyone who still needs guidance or assistance to come out to the Cobo Water Fair on August 23rd."

UNCF Celebrates Its 70th Anniversary

With Annual 5 K UNCF Walk For Education at Belle Isle in Detroit, MI



Event Will Support Students Locally and Statewide, Providing Them With the Tools and Support They Need to Succeed In School and In Life

Detroit, Michigan – The Michigan office of UNCF (United Negro College Fund) will celebrate the organization's 70 years of getting students to and through school at its 26th annual UNCF Walk for Education on Saturday, August 24, 2014 in Detroit at the Belle Isle Casino. The event is a celebration of education that will bring together an estimated 2,000 community supporters to raise funds to provide students with the education they need, and the country needs them to have.

"Support for events like UNCF's Walk for Education in Detroit is an investment in a better future that has enabled us to serve our students for 70 years," said Michael L. Lomax, Ph.D., president and CEO, UNCF. "By investing in our students now through events like the Walk, we are providing them with a path to success that will pay future dividends for them, for their families and communities, and for all of us."

The goal for this year's Walk is \$625,000, which will support students in Michigan.

Families, teachers and the community at large are invited to participate in the UNCF Walk for Education. Participants can walk, run, or bike a 5k course through scenic and historic Belle Isle. Members of the community are invited to support UNCF and its students by forming a Walk for Education team or registering as individuals. UNCF is encouraging everyone to register early. Early registration fees are \$30 for adults and \$15 for children 12 years and under.

Co-chairs for the Detroit UNCF Walk for Education are Joya Shepard, Personnel Director, General Motors Company, Inda James, Pre-Production BOM Analyst, Ford Motor Company, Daphne Harris, Assistant Vice President & Administrator, The Chrysler Foundation, Anthony Johnson, President African American Alliance Metropolitan Detroit, Henkel Corporation and Marvin Rushing, Vice President & District Manager, Comerica

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Sponsors for the UNCF Walk for Education include Kroger, Chrysler Group, LLC, Ford Motor Co., General Motors Co., and their respective UAW chapters; Bridgewater Interiors; Comerica Bank; Delphi Foundation; Henkel; Meritor; Miller Canfield.

"We invite everyone in the Detroit community and surrounding areas to come out and walk to support our students," said Barbara Jean Patton, Area Development Director, UNCF. "By supporting them now, we are giving them the education and preparation they need to have successful, secure financial futures and become the next generation of college-educated professionals, good citizens and effective leaders."

UNCF awards more than 10,000 scholarships a year through more than 400 scholarships and other programs to students at more than 900 colleges and universities, including UNCF's 37 member institutions.

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Spotlight on Phase 5:

Local Act Sure to Bring Excitement to the Telegram's 70th Anniversary Black Tie Gala

By Shelby Jefferson - Telegram Newspaper Intern



PHASE 5
and the Phase 5 Orchestra

Whether you're enjoying the scene at one of the local casinos, hanging out at a summer festival or attending a private event, the smooth performance style of Phase 5 is definitely a must see. With their exceptional take on classic tunes and contemporary hits, Phase 5 is an incredible Detroit gem that provides an unforgettable musical experience for audiences of all ages.

Originally formed in Highland Park in 2004, Phase Five brings a musical sound influenced by everything from old school R&B to Top 40, and they cover a variety of artists ranging from the timeless harmonies of The Whispers and the Temptations, to the captivating flair of current artists like Robin Thicke and Pharrell Williams.

"We do it all—a lot of R&B and classical Motown," Phase 5 member Mike Seville stated. "We do the glittered wardrobe changes. It's five guys up front so it's a well choreographed show. We take our audience

back."

With their powerful energy and exhilarating live performances, it's no surprise that the group stays in such high demand. As the opening act for artists like Freddie Jackson, S.O.S Band and Whodini, Phase 5 has also performed at a variety of different venues around the area including the MGM Grand and Motor City Casino, the Ribs and Soul Festival at Hart Plaza and the North American International Auto Show. And through it all, the group maintains that one of their greatest rewards stems from live interaction with their fans.

"We enjoy most seeing the audience's expressions when they see a Phase 5 show," Seville said. "To look out there and see that our music is really appreciated and that people are having fun, that really lets us know that God put us in this business to do what we do."

For those who have had the pleasure of experiencing the excitement of Phase 5 in con-

cert, a huge treat is in store for the near future. The group has been hard at work in the studio, and is currently finishing up two original tracks. Their first single, "Girl I'm Into You", is expected to be released soon.

In the meantime, attendees at the Telegram Newspaper's 70th Anniversary Black Tie Gala will have the honor of seeing the group up close and personal. Scheduled to be held on August 31st at the Silver Shores Waterfront of Wyandotte, the occasion will honor the historic publications commitment to the coverage of issues relevant to the downriver community. During the event guests are guaranteed to be entertained by the vibrant sounds of Phase 5, and based on their reputation around the Detroit Metro area, those in attendance will not be disappointed.

So what exactly can you expect from this dynamic act if you're planning on attending the Telegram's anniversary celebration?

"Excitement," Mike Seville assured. "Songs that you can sit back and remember. Music that you can dance and sing along to. It's going to be a fun time."

For additional information on Phase 5, please visit:

ReverbNation Profile:
<http://www.reverbnation.com/p/hase5andthephase5orchestra>

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ASK AYANA

Secret Keeper



Dear Ayana,

I have been holding back a secret from a friend that is eating me alive. My friend and I have been close since we were little; our mothers are best friends. We are grown with our own families now, but my friend has never met her father—she doesn't even know who he is and this has been a hurt that she's carried all through her life. A couple of summers ago while I was at a family function, a very trustworthy relative told me that my friend's father was an old neighbor of ours who moved away while we were still kids. I remember this man well; we played cops and robbers with his children, we had lemonade stands and went to elementary school together before their family moved. My friend's mother refuses to tell her anything about who her father is and I feel guilty that I know more about him than she does. Am I out of line to tell my friend what I have heard? I feel like she deserves to know.

Secret Keeper

Dear Secret Keeper,

I understand you wanting to share what you've heard with your friend. However, before you go and divulge the story, you should make sure that it's authentic. Spreading inaccurate information of this magnitude could cause a lot of hurt

feelings and anger. Why not enlist the help of someone who may know the truth before you spill what you've been told. If you have the kind of relationship where you are able to speak frankly with her, reach out to your friend's mother. Without identifying your source, lay out the information that was given to you and ask her if she's willing to speak with her daughter about it. Speak on your friend's behalf; explaining to her mother how not knowing her father's identity has negatively impacted your friend's life. If going to your friend's mother isn't an option, petition your own mother for the truth. If she and your friend's mother have been best friends since the two of you were little, I'd be willing to bet that she knows something. This is a conversation that your friend's mother should have with her. However, if she's unwilling and you feel strongly that your friend will benefit from knowing what you've been told, whether it be true or false, then tell her. But you should also understand that by doing so, the fabric of the relationship that the four of you have shared as mothers, daughters and friends will likely change. I believe that children should have the right to know who their biological parents are. But the truth is, if your mother's friend has kept this secret for this long, she must feel as though she has good reason. I suggest you think long and hard before acting on the word of a "trust-worthy relative". I hope that after you've had the opportunity to have a heart to heart with her, your friend's mother will take on the responsibility of sharing this sensitive information with your friend. I hope that all works out well.

Ayana

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