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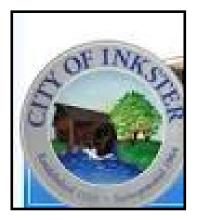
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WEEK OF JUNE 19 - JUNE 25, 2014

TH) \*CELEBRATING 69 YEARS OF SERVING DETROIT AND THE DOWNRIVER COMMUNIT

### Inkster Water Bill case finally closed



Inkster's Water Bill case is finally closed. The issue began when the Inkster residents began receiving water bills at an enormous rate. A lawsuit that addressed the unfair increases was filed in February 2013. Now, over a year later a final ruling has been made.

At a session of Court held in the City of Detroit, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, on Monday, June 16, 2014,

Honorable Robert L. Circuit Court Ziolkowski Judge issued the following ruling;

Upon the Motion for Order for Show Cause as to why the City of Inkster had not complied with the January 23, 2014 judgment and order awarding attorney fees and costs, oral argument being held thereon and the Court being duly advised, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the City shall credit each water/sewer account for the period of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, in the amount of \$2.68 per unit for water used during said period; and for the period of July 1, 2013 through the present date, \$2.41 per unit for water used during said period.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED

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### Local Schools Place in Superintendent's Dropout **Challenge Video Contest**

Ecorse High and Melvindale ABT

### Southwest Detroit family 'Pay it Forward' to honor their mother



Photo by Nate O'Neal (Cre8tivMedia) Family of Fay Hines at community dedication ceremony at Mark Twain school of Scholars

A Multi-purpose room was renamed and dedicated at Mark Twain School for Scholars in honor of longtime lunchtime assistant, PTA President/Secretary Fay

Hines on Friday, June 13.

The family of alumni who attended the former Boynton School and credit their success, in part, to their educa-

tion at the Southwest Elementary, have pledged financial support of \$10,000 or more over the next five years for the school, now re-

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### Melvindale top 10 students receive Samsung Tablets from Chrysler Corporation





Did you know that one in four Michigan students does not graduate from high school with his or her freshman class?

This year, the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) hosted a video compepart of the tition as

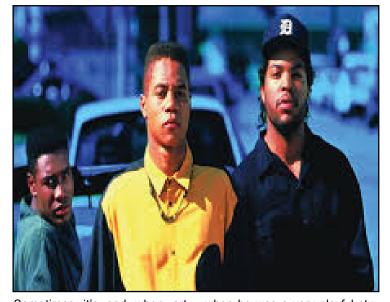
Superintendent's Dropout Challenge. Teams from schools around the state were invited to create a video that promotes high school completion and awareness of dropout indicators. Districts and communities around Michigan showed the winning Dropout Page 6A

The Top 10 graduating Seniors of Melvindale High School received Samsung Tablets from Chrysler Corporation. The Tablets were 10 of 160 donated to United Way for Southeastern Michigan for the schools in their High School Turnaround Network. All of the students have plans to attend college in the fall. This generous gift from Chrysler will help them be college-ready when school starts. In photo: Front row: Brittany Sincox, Alea Moreno, Lena Gubran, and Hannah Bowman. Back row: Estephanie Vasquez, Kaitlynn Baksa, Joseph Napier, Ian Striz, Devin Wise, and Austin Guarnieri.



### WORDS OF EXPRESSION "Trey, Let Me Out The Car"

By Larry D. Johnson - Contributing Writer



Sometimes it's sad when art begins to imitate life. Trey let me out the car is a statement made famous approximately twenty years ago in the move "Boyz In The Hood". If you remember the scene, the character Doughboy is riding with Trey and several other friends looking to get revenge on several rival gang members who had killed Doughboys brother earlier in the day.

It's 3:00 am in the morning and once again, I am finding it difficult to sleep. I began walking the floor wondering what was on my mind this cold windy night. What was keeping me from getting the rest that I so desperately need? I know that tomorrow afternoon I will be attending the services for yet another black youth that has been gunned down.

Yes, I am talking about a young male whom I consider a "Dear" friend. Kenneth Dear would have turned 17 years old this week, but yet his life was so tragically taken from him by another youth.

It is ironic that I had the opportunity to meet both the parents of the victim, and the parent of the accused. And although my thoughts are also with the accused, my focus tonight is on Kenneth Dear.

I first met Kenneth Dear, Kenny as I called him, several years ago when he was a very playful student in a middle school. I met him while visiting with my wife who just so happen to work in the building in which he was a student. Right away you could tell there was something special about this young man. He was a leader, and that was very apparent from the first time I met him. Little did I know that less then four years later, he would be sitting in my office asking for help?

I received several phone calls from Kenneth asking to see me. Kenneth left several messages and when he could not get a hold of me, he took it upon himself to set an appointment with my staff. Kenneth stated he needed to talk with me. Later that week I also received a phone call from Kenneth's mother as well. She also wanted to see me to talk about Kenneth.

Little did I know that the final meeting with Kenneth would occur just five days before his death. I can recall a tall, good looking, and charming young man sitting in my office discussing some of the rumors that had been surrounding him. Those rumors are not important today, what he may have been accused of doing, or who he hung out with is not important either. What is important is for you to know that young men like Kenneth, are caught up in what may seem to them as a bottom-

#### less pit.

You see, Kenneth had taken it upon himself to ask for help. Yes, friends of Kenneth, he asked for help in changing his life. He was concerned about the direction his life had taken, and he wanted to change it. He wanted to get into a school that would best meet his needs. He wanted to find a job so that he could take care of his young kids. He wanted to coach and mentor other youngsters so that they did not make some of the mistakes that he had made.

I will never forget the conversation that we had on that day. Kenneth sat for what seem like hours, talking, laughing, and joking about what had been going on in his life. I shared some of my life experiences with him and attempted to get him to understand that if he continued to make unwise decisions that something bad would happen to him. Little did I know that he would lose his life in a senseless act of violence.

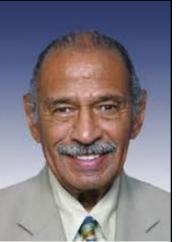
A skating rink, that was the location where one thoughtless act, changed several families lives forever. A skating rink or "roller rink" as I have always called them, use to be the place where young people gathered to meet girls and boys, where athletes got together from different teams to talk and "lie" about the game the night before. The roller rink was supposed to be a fun spot for children. But something has gone wrong and the adults have not taken the time to fix it. "Trey, Let Me out the Car".

#### Part 2 next week

Words of Expression by: Larry D. Johnson, Assistant Superintendent & Executive Director of Public Safety Grand Rapids Public Schools

### Conyers and Congressman Honda Introduce Toxic Exposure Research & Military Family Support Act

Provide funding for treatment for descendants of veterans exposed to toxins; ties VA to National Birth Defects Registry



Congressman John Conyers, Jr. (D-Mich.)

(DETROIT) - Congressman John Conyers, Jr. (D-Mich.) joined with Congressman Mike Honda (D-Calif.) to introduce H.R. 4816. the "Toxic Exposure Research and Military Family Support Act 2014." This legislation expands the number of veterans, and their descendants, whose illnesses related to exposure to toxins are covered by the Veterans Administration and the Department of Defense. On Tuesday, June 10th, Reps. Conyers and Honda joined representatives of the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA), the American Legion, AMVETS, and Vietnam veterans and their family members suffering the effects of exposure to toxins like Agent Orange to announce the introduction of the bill.

The act, which is the House companion to Senator Richard Blumenthal's (D-Conn.) S. 1602, instructs the Department of Veterans Affairs to fund treat-



Congressman Mike Honda (D-Calif.)

ment for descendants of veterans who were exposed to toxins while in combat or during their tours of duty. Toxins such as Agent Orange have been shown to cause birth defects in the children of military personnel who came in to contact with them either during the Vietnam War, in the storage and transportation of them, or by riding in aircraft that had been previous used to transport the toxins. The bill will also require the Department of Veterans Affairs to coordinate with the National Birth Defects Registry and create a central research facility dedicated to studying and chronicling the incidence of birth defects caused by toxins like Agent Orange.

Representative John Conyers, Jr. (D-Mich.): "Our veterans put their lives on the line to protect the safety and freedom of all Americans. It is our duty to honor the health and lives of

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Sometimes the people who need to pay their respects the most are the ones who can't. Until now.

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# More Relief for those with Student Loans

By Charlene Crowell - NNPA Columnist



With outstanding student loans totaling more than \$1trillion and still counting, the White House and Congress have proposed measures to ease the financial burden now borne by 25 million borrowers.

At the White House on June 9, President Obama endorsed Senate and House bills that would allow student loan borrowers to refinance their loans into lower interest rates. He also directed the Department of Education to begin a public rulemaking procedure to expand the most generous income-based repayment options to an estimated 5 million more borrowers.

The new "Pay as You Earn Program " limits monthly loan payments to no more than 10 percent of income and forgives any remaining money owed after 20 years of payments. It is also expected to save the average student loan borrower \$2,000 over the life of the loans.

President Obama said, "I'm only here because this country gave me a chance at higher education with help in the form of loans, grants and scholarships. This is why I feel so strongly about this."

The president also directed the secretaries of Education and Treasury to find new and innovative ways to best serve students and taxpayers, while ensuring that distressed borrowers learn about repayment options available to them. Treasury and Education will also work together to educate students, families, financial aid administrators and tax preparers to ensure that all consumers better understand and receive the education tax benefits for which they are eligible. The two departments will also create a pilot program to investigate improved loan counseling.

to pay for college.

"Income-driven repayment plans, like the President's mew 'Pay as You Earn Program' can be effective tools to help individuals manage their debt and avoid the consequences of defaulting on a Federal student loan, especially for borrowers whose college investment has yet to deliver its full benefit," the report noted.

Meanwhile in the Senator Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass. drew support for her bill enabling student loan debt to be refinanced at lowered market interest rates. Entitled the Bank on Students Emergency Loan Refinancing Act (S. 2432), it was introduced in early May and gained 39 cosponsors.

The measure was also supported by 30 national and state organizations, iincluding the Center for Responsible Lending CRL). Spanning organized labor to educators, mortgage bankers and youth advocates and others, the broad coalition sought to influence the Senate floor vote scheduled for Wednesday, June 11, just days following the President's actions.

Despite this broad and diverse advocacy, the Senate invoked its procedural cloture vote instead of allowing the bill a full vote on its merits. The cloture vote failed to reach the necessary 60-vote threshold that would cut off debate.

In response to the filibuster actions, Senator Warren acknowledged the bipartisan support the measure has and vowed to continue fighting for passage. Additionally, Sen Tom Harkin (R-lowa), chair of Senate's the Health, Education. Labor and Pensions Committee termed the June 11 vote as "only a first step."

"We're not giving up. We still have 40 million Americans out

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that the total amount of the above referenced credits total \$2,559.321.63. Accordingly, each resident water/sewer account (8,425) shall receive a credit of \$303.78.

IT IS FURTHERED ORDERED that each residents' water/sewer account credit of \$303.78 shall be applied on or before June 27, 2014.

THIS RESOLVED THE LAST PENDING CLAIMS AND CLOSES THE CASE.

Byron Nolan, Attorney for the Plaintiff, explained it in layman's terms, "If you paid your bill you will have a credit of \$303.78. If you have a balance then they will deduct your credit of \$303.78 from your balance."

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A new report, co-authored by the White House Domestic Policy Council and the Council Economic of Advisers, underscored why loan refinance is urgently needed. The report states, "Over the past three decades, the average tuition at a public and four-year college has more than tripled, while a typical family's income has barely budged. More students than ever are relying on loans

there who are trying to deal with \$1.2 trillion in student debt," said Warren. "We're going to prove that Washington can work for American families. . . .What the people care about is getting a fair shot and we are going to give it to them."

Maura Dundon, CRL senior policy counsel posed a key question, "The ability to refinance is something we take for granted in other consumer credit. Why treat students differently?"

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# **Diversify**

#### By: Janine Folks - Telegram Religion Columnist



Investment advisers often recommend that investors diversify. In other words, don't put your eggs all in one basket, or don't invest your money in only one type of fund. You need to spread it out and have some here, some there and some over there. That way if a market crashes, you won't lose EVERYTHING. While one loses ground, another could gain. It reduces the level of risk of loss.

column. My first thought was, "I'm a poet, not a columnist."

On second thought, I realized that I should not limit myself to just poetry. I realized that I had to come out of that box and expand my horizons. I had to diversify. Even though I didn't feel like I was particularly good at a different genre of writing, I decided to give it a try. It went well. Crossing over into a new realm of writing opened many doors for me.

Recently, I was selling books and a reader asked me if I had any books that tell a story. He had read AJ's Miracle and enjoyed it. "No I don't," I replied reluctantly, "but I'm going to work on some." I am not known for writing science fiction stories, but I plan to write a successful science fiction book. I am determined to expand and diversify. I have to tap into dormant gifts and learn new skills. This is how we grow.

must know the difference between boundaries and limits. Boundaries keep us safe. Limits hold us back. We need to keep healthy boundaries and refused to be limited. When we know the areas that are limitless, we should go for it and we will grow for it!

When I think of ministry today, there are so many different ways to minister to God's people without compromising integrity of His Word. Even though there is only one way to get to God [John 14.6], our God is a diverse God. He does a variety of things, even new things. That's funny because even though He remains the same [Heb. 13.8], He does new things [Isa. 43.19]. Don't limit how God can work. He just might surprise you. Don't way what He won't do or what He cannot use. He can use or do anything He choos-

Ask God how you can diversify your gifts to advance the kingdom and bless your life and others.

Don't fear being a Jack or Jacqueline of all trades mastering none. I believe it's possible to do a variety of things and do them with excellence. When quality is compromised, that could be a boundary issue. There are times we need to stay in our lane. That's a boundary. But when it comes to expanding your reach, removed those limits and diversify! Walk through some new doors!! Expand and broaden your range and increase your reach. Grow!! Diversify!!

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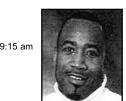
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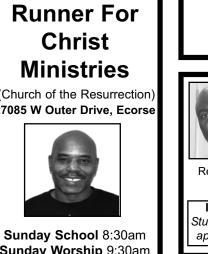


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#### IN THE SPIRIT

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by James Washington - Special to the NNPA from The Houston Forward-Times



I remember reviewing the letters of Paul in bible study. In doing so I was constantly reminded that one cannot look at Paul without really seeing Jesus' amazing handiwork. Now you need to know that I think Paul is an awesome person when it comes to the story of his life. I haven't found a biography or autobiography of anyone in or outside of the 'good book' who comes close to my admiration for Paul; Jesus notwithstanding. Because the two are so closely associated with one another, I can't help but consider the impact of this tandem on human history.

Just in case someone wants to debate me on this by bringing up the lives of the 12 apostles, I have considered them as well as the prophets and I'm just one of those who is in awe of Paul. A very large part of the bible is devoted to Paul's building of the early church at a time when who you worshipped was a life and death decision. Paul himself says in his letters to the church in Corinth, there was indeed a point to his suffering and persecution and the basis for most, if not all, of what he went through was a byproduct of his faith in Jesus Christ.

"But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore I (Paul) will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong." 2 Corinthians 12:8-10. This kind of thinking and belief led to the eventual proliferation of the church worldwide. It also makes the point of how the lives of so few have impacted and influenced so many in the world then, and the world as we know it today. Forgive me if I find this a rather fascinating fact. Paul is who he is because of his unique one on one encounter with Christ.

That encounter changed him and ultimately the world in which we live. If that be true. then our individual encounters with Christ should also have a profound effect on us and the world in which we currently live. It is not unusual for new Christians to come under attack by old friends. It is also unusual for not new Christians to come under the attack of the world, since it is in the world where Satan has

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power. I think Paul's good news is there is a place of refuge when this happens. He uses himself as an example to follow. If I surrender my weaknesses to the power of Christ and subjugate my will to that of the Lord's, then I become empowered to deal with whatever is thrown my way. Life. the Christian life. is funny that way. It places what I have described as a bullseye on your back, designed to distinguish you from those non believers around you. It, your faith, also sets you up and apart to do great things in the name of Jesus Christ, my personal Lord and Savior.

I guess what I'm really saying is when the going gets extremely tough, check the human being Paul. Like Christ he's been through and has experienced the worst that life has to offer. But because of his belief system, he's experienced the best of God's promises. It's like a refresher course and I just wanted to let you know where I go during difficult times. You might also find some answers there. The point I'm trying to make is that in the eyes of God, one's weaknesses are welcomed opportunities for God to show up and show out. Have you ever wondered why those who have been through so much are able to stand and Christ? witness for Reexamine the reality of God's grace and you just might get your answer.

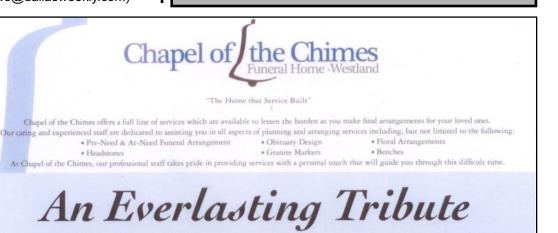
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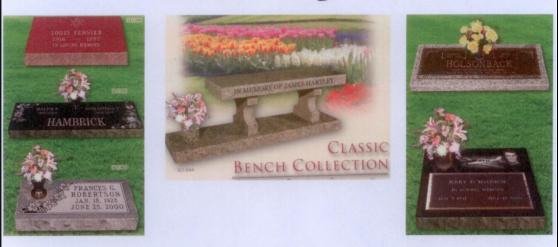
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#### HEALTH

## Dropout

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video in classrooms. Ecorse High School was a Runner Up in the competition. video View their at https://docs.google.com/file/d/ 0B9NM9QFn4p6NMUhvRWV kSndaTjQ/edit?usp=drive we b&pli=1 Academy for Business and Technology (Melvindale) was the Grand Prize in the Middle School Division. View their video at http://youtu.be/XnEQqmy-r8E Some of the main dropout indicators include:

Low attendance.

•Behavioral problems and disengagement in the classroom.Poor grades in core subjects, or repeating a grade.

In 2009, State Superintendent Mike Flanagan initiated the Superintendent's Dropout Challenge, in which schools can volunteer to participate. The schools identify 10-15 students who are about to finish elementary, middle, or high school and are at risk of dropping out. The schools then initiate research-based supports and interventions, and monitor the students' progress. The Challenge is particularly important for Michigan students with an individualized education program (IEP). In the 2011-2012 school year, 9.5 percent of students with disabilities dropped out of school, missing the state target of 8 percent, according to MI School Data. These targets are set by the state's performance plan.

So far more than 1,300 schools have participated in the Challenge, and participating schools have statistically significant lower dropout rates than schools that don't participate, according to an MDE study.

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### Black Women are Taking Care of Business

By Freddie Allen - NNPA Washington Correspondent



WASHINGTON (NNPA) – Instead of breaking the glass ceiling, Black women have increasingly started making their own. According to the Center for American Progress, an independent, nonpartisan progressive institute, Black women are the fastest-growing group of entrepreneurs in the country.

"Today, women of color are the majority owners of close to onethird of all women-owned firms in the nation," stated the report. "Increased access to business capital – including microenterprises, venture capital- funded firms, and crowd funding – has helped the number of women entrepreneurs grow substantially."

Traditional careers often come with cultural and structural roadblocks that devalue the work of women, especially Black women.

Black women made 64 cents and White women made 78 cents for every dollar that White males made. Black women brought home about \$600 a week compared to White women who earned a median of \$722.

"From 1997 to 2013, the number of female-owned firms in the United States grew by 59 percent – one-and-a-half times the national average," stated the report.

The number of businesses owned by Black women skyrocketed by 258 percent over that time period. In 2013, more than 1.1 million Black women owned businesses. At 13 percent, Black women also hold the largest share of businesses owned by minority women. total that made up 16 percent of all U.S. jobs," stated the report. "Given the rates of growth among women of color businesses, these positive impacts to the nation's economy stand to grow even further."

That doesn't mean it's easier for minority women to start and own businesses. They often encounter the same hurdles in entrepreneurship that they face climbing the corporate ladder, including "limited access to mentors and "exclusion from elite networks."

Minority women don't often possess the personal wealth that allows men and White women to invest in their own businesses. The report said that Black women with children possess zero median wealth.

Women often turn to credit cards (63 percent), business loans (13 percent) and personal loans (11 percent) to fund their start-ups.

Once they get their businesses off the ground, minority women achieved varied levels of success, with companies owned by Black women earning about 74 percent less than the average for all women-owned firms, according to the CAP report. Businesses run by White women made 9.5 percent more than the national average.

The report explained that the chosen industry often contributes to the difference in earnings. Black women often start companies in the health care and social assistance, "one of the lowest-grossing industries among womenowned firms in terms of average receipts," the report explained.

Women-owned firms in the pro-According to the CAP report, fessional, scientific and techni-"African American women are cal service industries earned starting businesses at a rate six significantly more, which times the national average, and means that getting more young their 2.7 million firms are curwomen of color interested in rently generating \$226.8 billion science, technology, engineerin annual revenue and employing and mathematics (STEM) ing almost 1.4 million people." an economic imperative.

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As the country grows more diverse, the success of businesses owned by minorities, specifically women of color, will take on a greater role in American economy.

"A 2009 Center for Women's Business Research study found that the 8 million U.S. businesses that are majority owned by women had an economic impact of \$3 trillion annually that translated into the creation and/or maintenance of more than 23 million jobs, a "While better access to funding streams, diverse industries, and networks are in short supply for women of color, the entrepreneurial spirit is not," stated the report. "Women, and women of color in particular, face a wide array of work-related obstacles, but their participation as employees, business owners, and consumers is fundamental to the success of not only their own families but also to the success of the U.S. economy."

# Thousands of kids get down and dirty at Wayne County Parks' Mud Day

Hines Park-Nankin Mills Area becomes mud playground at 26th annual event on Tues. July 8



Westland, MI – Wayne County Parks is set to transform the Hines Park-Nankin Mills Area into a giant 75' x 150' mud pit playground on Tuesday, July 8 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Children, ages 12 and younger, will have the opportunity to get down and dirty in one of the messiest playgrounds southeast Michigan has ever seen!

"Mud Day is a fun, unique and rare annual event that draws international attention," said Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano. "Regardless of the time of year, Wayne County Parks have great opportunities for families to enjoy themselves and create life-long memories,"

Executive Ficano added.

Thousands of kids will charge into the mud at 11:00 a.m. Youngsters will be separated into age categories for events such as, "Mud Limbo" and wheelbarrow races. Also, the 2014 King and Queen of Mud will be crowned.

Children should wear old clothes and shoes and bring a clean change of clothes. There are no showers on-site; however, a clean-up area is available with hoses to aid in rinsing off the mud. Parents are also advised to bring a supply of towels. Plastic bags will be provided to ensure that all dirty clothes are properly contained for the trip home.

The Hines Park Nankin Mills Area is located on Hines Drive, east of Ann Arbor Trail in Westland. Sponsors for Mud Day include: ITC Holdings, Community Alliance Credit Union, Kroger, CVS, Friends of Wayne County Parks and the Western Wayne County HMRT.

For more information on Mud Day or any other Wayne County Parks event, please call (734) 261-1990 or visit www.parks.waynecounty.com Soccer

Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid. The remaining 27 letters spell a secret message.

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June 26, 2014 TEENS—SRP @1pm Henna Tattoos

Leanna Hicks Inkster

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Leanna Hicks Inkster Public Library will be starting its Summer Reading Program entitled "Fizz, Boom, Read!" for Kids and "Spark a Reaction" for Teens on Thursday, June 26th.

The Program will include FREE weekly events for families throughout the summer and prizes will be awarded to kids and teens who keep track of their reading on their summer reading log and bring it to the library on a weekly basis.

Events include, but are not limited to: River Rouge Public Library 221 Burke St, River Rouge, MI 48218 (313) 843-2040

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### Western Wayne Family Health Centers to receive donations from Henry Schein



TAYLOR —Western Wayne Family Health Centers, a nonprofit agency devoted to better health care for all, announced today that it will receive health care product donations over the next two years valued at up to \$25,000 as part of its renewed agreement with Henry Schein Cares, the global social responsibility program of Henry Schein, Inc. Henry Schein Cares helps to expand access to health care for underserved and at-risk populations around

the world in the areas of wellness and prevention; emergency preparedness and relief; and capacity building.

Ongoing participation in the Henry Schein Cares program will enable Western Wayne Family Health Centers to more effectively carry out its mission to provide primary health care, general dentistry and integrated behavioral health care to all, and expand its ability to provide care to the uninsured and

underinsured populations in medically underserved communities in Out-Wayne County. "These donations allow us to better spend our dollars on other things to best serve the health needs of our patients", says Linda Atkins, CEO. "With so many people in need of our services, every place we can find to save dollars without sacrificing quality and access allows us to live mission of creating our healthy people and healthy communities."

### Ramping Up to Repel Mosquitos in Westland

It's an annual effort to shield residents against the West Nile Virus



City crews will be out today on the streets and in the neighborhoods making drops. This will continue into next week to cover the City's 11,000 catch basins.

"The City of Westland is committed to health and safety of our residents, and this program is critical to ensure our community can enjoy the summer months," said Mayor Bill Wild.





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The Department of Public Service will apply Vectolex Water Soluble Pouches and Bactomos Briquettes to more than 11,000 catch basins and ditches that have been identified as possible mosquito breeding grounds; this will cost approximately \$7,500. Westland launched this program in 2003, and the catch basins and ditches have been treated annually in an effort to shield residents against the West Nile Virus. Residents are also encouraged to contact ordinance enforcement if they are aware of vacant homes with pools or other stagnant water, which

Ordinance enforcement can be reached online through the City website or by calling 734-467-3201.

become breeding grounds for

mosquitoes.

Residents should take precautions due to the potential illnesses from mosquito bites, especially as mosquitoes hit their peek breeding season. Effecting mosquito-repelling measures include wearing long sleeves and pants, avoid being outside at dusk and applying DEET-based insect repellent.

Residents also have the option to purchase the Vectolex Water Soluble Pouches and Bactomos Briquettes from the Department of Public Service, located at 37137 Marquette. Computerized Paint matching \* Screen & Window Repair \* Keys Cut \* Masonry Suppliers \* Blocks \* Bricks \* Steps Fast Delivery Service 10563 W. Jefferson Ave River Rouge Phone: (313) 841-2940 Fax: (313) 841-2670



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But before you can cast a ballot, you must register. Voter registration forms are available at any Secretary of State office, online at Michigan.gov/elections or from your local clerk. This outlines what you need to know about registering to vote and voting.

This election year, make sure your voice is heard - register and vote!

First-Time Voter: If you have never voted in Michigan and register by mail, you must appear in person to vote in the first election in which you wish to participate.

This requirement does not apply if (1) you personally hand deliver the mail-in registration form to your county, city or township clerk's office (instead of mailing the form), (2) you are age 60 or older, (3) you are disabled or (4) you are eligible to vote under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act.

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Identification requirements provided under federal law. The identification requirements are explained on the mail-in registration form.

Voter ID Requirement: When you arrive at your polling place to vote, state law requires you to either show picture ID or sign an a davit attesting that you are not in possession of picture ID.

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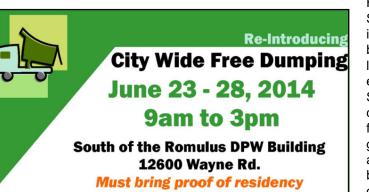
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#### Having a **Community Event?**

Send in your community events to the Telegram Newspaper to lcjohnson@ telegramnews.net. The community events must be free to the public.

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#### Anybody may occasionally have a week when their energy feels low. Your natu-

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ral good health will see you through a possible down time if you just go with the flow and let yourself relax. Rest if you have the chance and you'll feel like your wonderful self in no time flat!

Soul Affirmation: I calm my emotions by forgetting about the past.

Lucky Numbers: 16, 28, 35

#### TAURUS

You are the center of attention this week and while you'll be very busy you'll love every moment. Enjoy your time in the spotlight! You may want to indulge yourself with some emotional theatrics this week. Add up the costs and benefits before acting out. If you can afford it go for it! If not count to ten and smile, smile smile!

Soul Affirmation: All vibes are good and good for me this week!

Lucky Numbers: 3, 10, 34

#### GEMINI

Stay flexible this week especially where a partner is concerned. While they may be moody there's no need for you to join them in their attitude unless you really, really want to! Stay positive and go with the good vibrations that you. surround Soul Affirmation: I exercise to lower tension this week. Lucky Numbers: 33, 45, 54

#### CANCER

Ding-dong! Destiny is at the door. Let it in and enjoy the change of pace. You'll be happy to make a few adjustments for this most welcome guest. Follow through on instincts and hunches! Soul Affirmation: My spirit makes all things new. Lucky Numbers: 38, 41, 55

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is sometimes sweeter. Lucky Numbers: 12, 24, 36

#### LIBRA

Busy week. You'll want to get up with the birdies and you may even want to whistle a happy little tune. You'll be very much in demand for your expertise and positive attitude. Way to go! Soul Affirmation: I enjoy the act of adoring. Lucky Numbers: 11, 16, 18

#### **SCORPIO**

Happiness arrives and sits on your shoulder like a bright butterfly this week. A relationship can make significant progress if you stay open to love. Keep your evening free for romance in a social setting.

Soul Affirmation: I give thanks for who I am this week.

Lucky Numbers: 5, 26, 49

#### SAGITTARIUS

Take charge of a project at work and get it finished up. It's been languishing on someone else's shoulders and desk for way too long. A sensible outlook will get you far this week.

Soul Affirmation: My hunches work well for me this week. Lucky Numbers: 17, 32, 48

#### CAPRICORN

You may find yourself faced with many distractions this week but you'll sail through and accomplish much if you stay focused on each task and take them one at a time. You know you can do it this evening.

Soul Affirmation: Money opens doors for friendship to enter.

Lucky Numbers: 13, 32, 44

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Stay on course with your current decisions and dreams. You may doubt your progress this week but vou really are moving toward a better tomorrow with your determined attitude.

Soul Affirmation: I enlarge my happiness by forgetting about myself this week. Lucky Numbers: 20, 27, 32

#### VIRGO

You feel great! Your shining spirit attracts many seekers this week so let your best wisest self answer questions that are put to you by those who want advice. You'll smooth over a sticky situation at work with ease. Soul Affirmation: Distant love

watch for a romance that will bring special gifts.

Soul Affirmation: I care deeply about the feelings of others.

Lucky Numbers: 14, 19, 29

#### PISCES

Your new ideas combine well with your will and skill. You get a lot done at work this week. Be soft and forceful. Make time for family life tonight. Your rewards come from those who are related to you by blood.

Soul Affirmation: I let positive emotions carry me through the week.

Lucky Numbers: 6, 22, 31

### Time for Stan to Go To Work

By Butch Davis - Telegram Newspaper Sports Writer



Photo by Detroit Pistons Will Greg Monroe stay or go?

I season is finally over as the San Antonio Spurs win the NBA crown, yea, I mean congratulations, now it's time to build our home town team. Well the Detroit Pistons will not be picking a draft choice until the second round, number 38, in the 2014 draft upcoming in mid-June. So here are these past seasons stats of are beloved Pistons. 2013-14 statistics: 101.0 points per game (14th in NBA), 104.7 points allowed per game (27th in NBA), 1,196 offensive rebounds (1st in NBA), 32.1% three-point shooting (29th in NBA), 67.0% free throw shooting (30th in NBA).

2013 draft recap: No. 8 over-

all pick Kentavious Caldwell-Pope had a rough season, averaging 19.8 minutes but only 5.9 points in 80 games. He shot 39.6% from the field and 31.9% on three-pointers, a bad sign for a player drafted for his shooting. Number 37 pick Tony Mitchell and Number 56 pick Peyton Siva split time between Detroit and NBA the Development League. Speaking of the Development League they now have pleasure of having a team now in Grand Rapids.

"Your own D-League team is one thing, but your own D-League team 2 hours away is a whole other deal," Stan Van Gundy said recently. "We're going to have times this year where the guy can practice with us in the morning, get in the car and go play a D-League game at night." The Pistons are joining the growing trend of teams with a D-League affiliate. It allows young players not in the team's playing rotation to get floor time.

Expect Van Gundy to build around center Andre Drummond the same way he did with Dwight Howard for the Orlando Magic and Alonzo Mourning and Shaquille O'Neal for the Miami Heat. Off-season decisions will Greg Monroe will be important as some would like to see him go, However, not me as that would be a mistake the Piston would not be able to make up.

The restricted free agent is one of the most skilled young big men in the NBA in which I feel the Pistons should resign and keep unless the team can get a sign and trade of a player that will bring a huge inpact with the team winning right away. As far as the draft, Michigan State's Adreian Payne would be the ideal fit, however, he probably won't be around when the pistons pick number 38. Who do you think the Pistons should do in forming the 2014-15 team?

### Bubba Wallace Jr, Lone Black NASCAR Driver at Talladega

by Perry Green - Special to the NNPA from the Afro-American Newspaper



Darrell "Bubba" Wallace Jr.,

NASCAP's develop his qualification for

### Verlander in Trouble?

By Butch Davis - Telegram Newspaper Sports Writer



Photo by Zootman Is Justin Verlander in trouble with his pitching style?

An old friend put the hurt on the Detroit Tigers this past Monday. Omar Infante hit a three-run homer and an RBI single against his former team, and the Kansas City Royals extended their winning streak to eight games with an 11-8 victory over the Detroit Tigers on Monday night at Comerica Park. Royal's lefthander Jason Vargas (7-2) gave up two runs on seven hits in seven innings, helping Kansas City (37-32) pull within a half-game of first-place Detroit (36-30) in the American League Central following the opener of a fourgame series.

Tigers left fielder Rajai Davis had three hits and drove in two runs, and right fielder J.D. Martinez hit a grand slam during Detroit's six-run ninth. Detroit starter Justin Verlander (6-7) gave up seven runs for the second consecutive start, and he permitted a season-high 12 hits in six innings. Verlander allowed at least five runs for the sixth time in his past

seven starts. Verlander got off to a great start this season, posting a 2.48 ERA in April, but he's looked unlike his usual dominant self since the calendar flipped to May he has not right since. So he's throwing slower than ever. he's struggling for the past 5-6 weeks, and his strikeout rate of 6.4 per nine innings is his lowest since he was a 23vear-old rookie in 2006. Maybe it'll all prove to be a minor speed bump however, at age 31 and in the second season of a seven-year, \$180 million contract extension it's definitely cause for concern.

It is time for pitching coach Jeff Jones and the scouts for the Detroit Tigers to earn there money and put Justin Velander back together again as he is not the pitcher of two years ago when he earned the American League CY Young and Most Valuable Player. It maybe its time to put him on the trade table, so get ready. The sooner you trade, the higher you should sell.

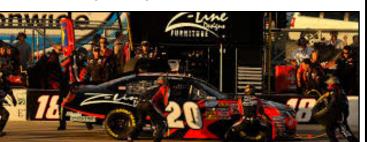


the first African-American driver to win a NASCAR event since 1963, finished 31st behind the wheel of the No. 20 ToyotaCare Camry car in the 2014 NASCAR Nationwide Series race at Talladega, Ala.

It was Wallace's first car race at Talladega; he raced at Talladega last year in the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series, where he led for four laps before finishing in 17th place.

Wallace, 20, was born to an African-American mother and a White father in Mobile, Ala. but grew up in Concord, N.C. He began his racing career at age nine, and moved up mental circuit before joining Joe Gibbs Racing in 2012. Competing in the truck series in October 2013, Wallace won the Kroger 200 at Martinsville Speedway in Virginia, joining Wendell Scott as the only Black drivers to ever win a NASCAR event.

This year, he earned the opportunity to drive in Nationwide Series races for Joe Gibbs Racing, leading to



Talladega marked Wallace's fifth race as a Nationwide Series driver.

"It's like a debut all over again," Wallace told The Huntsville Times. "I'm always learning what's going to be different."

Elliott Sadler won the race, followed by Chris Buescher and Regan Smith.

### **Despite setback, Detroit** company continues push to return petcoke to riverfront

Dave Battagello - The Windsor Star

A lawyer for the Detroit company seeking to put petroleum coke back on the riverfront said it will continue to pursue getting a state permit despite a recommendation against approval last week from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

An application to store petroleum coke on the Detroit River across from Brighton Beach was filed by Detroit Bulk Storage, but a recommendation to deny the permit was handed down by the state environmental regulator.

Detroit Bulk Storage wants to use a riverfront location in Ecorse near River Rouge for petcoke storage. The proposed site sits in between LaSalle's Morton Drive and Sprucewood Avenue.

MDEQ is holding a public comment period on its recommendation for Detroit Bulk Storage until June 25. A public hearing will also be held by MDEQ on June 25 in the auditorium of River Rouge high school.

"Detroit Bulk Storage respects the decision and will continue through the process outlined," said Teri Whitehead, lawyer for the storage company.

"There is an open forum, as well as an opportunity for Detroit Bulk Storage to submit comments. We will follow the procedures."

The company has no intention of withdrawing its permit application at this time, she said. "We believe this is an appropriate site for this material," Whitehead said. "It's an industrial location and district. This site has other materials stored there and has stored petroleum coke there in the past with no complaints."

Public and political pressure led to petcoke stored by Detroit Bulk being moved from the riverfront last summer. Videos taken by residents showed blowing petcoke dust being scattered into the river and nearby neighbourhoods including across the border into Windsor. The storage company has since been scrambling to find a new home for petcoke storage.

Michigan Rep. Rashida Tlaib (D - Detroit), who represents the community where the proposed new petcoke site is located, applauded MDEQ's decision.

"I commend (MDEQ) for their decision to deny a permit to Detroit Bulk Storage," she said. "The families I represent are thrilled this company will not continue to expose them to toxic black dust that can cause even more instances of respiratory disease in an already challenged community living with high polluting industries."

The public hearing will be held by MDEQ on June 25 in the auditorium of River Rouge High School 1460 W. Coolidge in River Rouge..

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Whether traveling with family or staying close to home this summer, it is important to put safety at the top of your summertime list. The National Crime Prevention Council. home to McGruff the Crime Dog®, and AlertID join forces to provide important safety tips and advice to help families keep safe this summer.

"Keeping kids safe while traveling can prove challenging for parents. Being prepared and practicing simple safety rules will help protect your children every day, including while on travel," said Ann M. Harkins, NCPC President and CEO.

When it comes to summer travel, the details are important. AlertID makes it possible for parents to prepare in advance of their family visit. Parents can register for FREE at AlertID.com and enter an address to see an easy-toread map showing sex offenders residing or working in the vicinity. Parents can view local crime information in hundreds of major cities and receive crime, severe weather, earthquake and traffic alerts as well.

Before You Travel: Snap a photo of the child prior to any event, and enter up-to-date descriptions into AlertID's My Family Wallet<sup>™</sup> (located on AlertID's free mobile app). If the child goes missing, members may access the information on their smartphones and send it quickly to law enforcement when every moment counts. NCPC also suggests that you review safety rules with kids before you leave home, such as your cell number and what to do in case vou become separated. Have children memorize or keep handy your cell phone number and address, as well as the name, phone number, and address of the place you are staying. Remind children to remain in the area where they become separated, and teach them to dial 9-1-1 in emergency situations.

While Traveling: Dress kids in bright colors that are easy for you to remember and recognize in a crowd. Always accompany and supervise children in public facilities, including restrooms. Keep children with you at all times and strictly enforce a buddy

system for older children, including designating a time and place to meet. Point out unsafe places to play and discourage kids from taking shortcuts or playing near dangerous intersections. In the event they are approached or grabbed by a stranger, instruct children to yell "This person is trying to take me!" or "This is not my mother/father!" and to resist by pulling, walking or running away.

"Enjoy the summer and keep these important travel and safety tips in mind to help protect you and your children. Being informed, prepared, and sharing safety strategies with our children can truly make a big difference," AlertID's according to Founder, Keli Wilson.

For more information and tips on travel safety, visit the National Crime Prevention Council's website or AlertID's Live Safely Resource Center (developed in conjunction with the NCPC). For more information and to sign up for a free AlertID account, go to www.AlertID.com.

About the National Crime Prevention Council The National Crime Prevention Council is the nonprofit leader in crime prevention. For more than 30 years, our symbol of safety, McGruff the Crime Dog®, has delivered easy-touse crime prevention tips that protect what matters mostyou, your family, and your community. Law enforcement agencies nationwide rely on our expertise to make an impact on personal safety and crime every day. For more information visit www.ncpc.org

### Wayne County seeks police officers for jail positions

Training Academy. Upon Council's pre-employment graduation, new hires will be assigned to work in one of the jails on any available shift. New hires are paid a salary of \$28,284 per year based on a 40-hour work week, a retenml tion bonus of \$1,200 per year, plus health care and other benefits.

The Information Center is transitioning nursing facility residents back into the community through a unique state funded program, The Nursing Facility Transition Program. NFT (pronounced "Nifty") is a program designed to assist senior citizens and disabled adults that are currently residing in a nursing facility and desire to transition back into the community. Candidates must be eligible for Medicaid, reside in a nursing home and have a barrier to leave the nursing home to qualify for the program. Services may include: security deposit, furniture, household goods, utility deposits/hook-up fees

(excludes cable), housing assistance, home modifications, moving expenses, cleaning, and the evaluation to determine eligibility for inhome services. Ongoing assistance in the community may be available based on separate eligibility for ongoing services through the MI Choice Waiver Program.

Anyone can make a referral to this program. For more information or to make a referral, please call The Information Center at 734-282-7171. This program is funded with Medicaid funds provided by the Michigan Department of Community Health.



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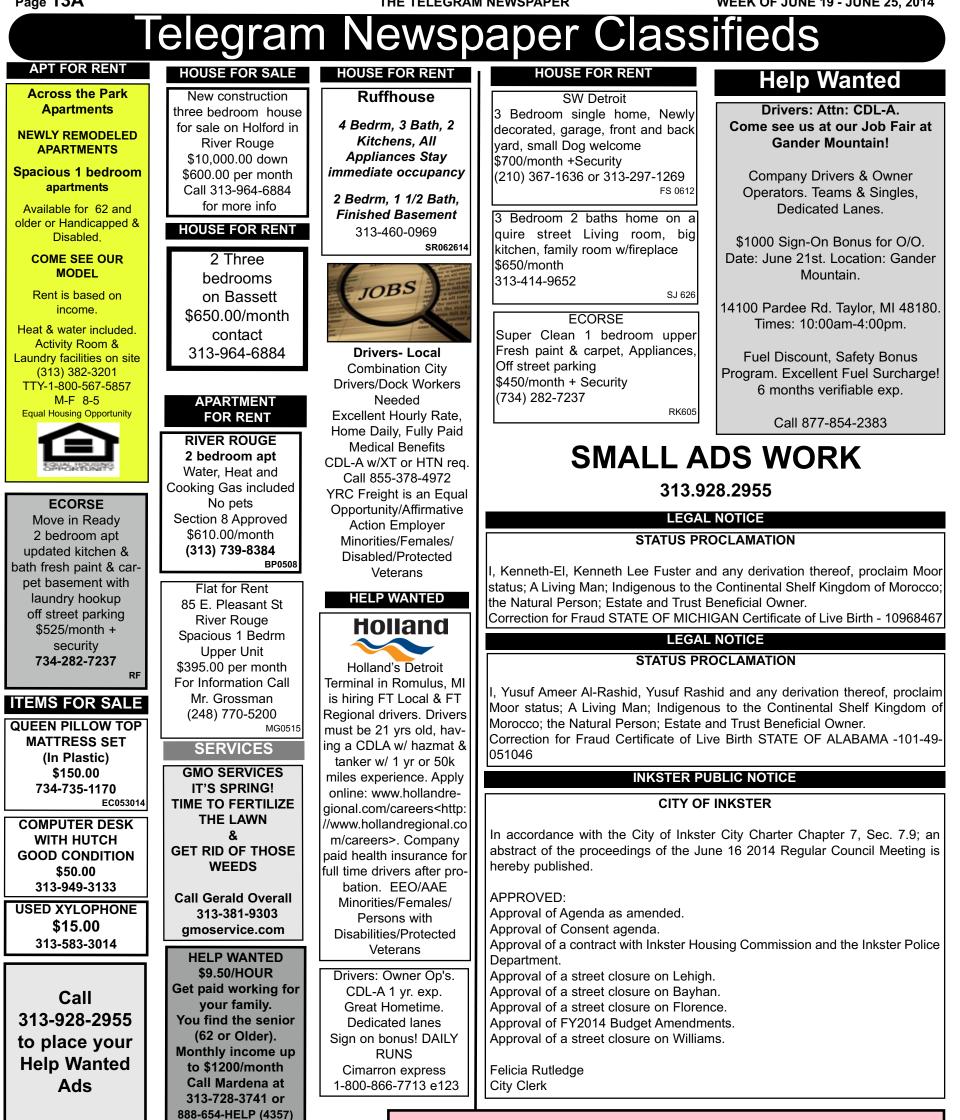
requirements, including the reading/writing examination and physical agility test. Further information is at http://misctc.org/standards.ht

Those with felony convictions will not be considered. Applications are accepted online and in person at the Department of Personnel/Human Resources, 500 Griswold, 9th floor, Detroit (Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.).

Further information is at http://waynecounty.com/phr/jo bpostings.htm and sheriffconnect.com or by calling 313-224-5901. ###

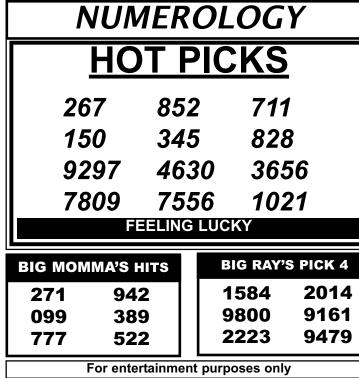
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### News of those in the Armed Forces

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#### Air Force Airman Edward D. Fairley

Graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Fairley is the son of Edward D. Fairley of Ypsilanti, Mich. and Rhonda M. Fairley of Dearborn Heights, Mich., and grandson of Patricia Black of Valdalsta, Ga. He is a 2012 graduate of Lincoln High School, Ypsilanti, Mich.

#### U.S. Air National Guard Airman 1st Class Jerry Z. Alvarez

Graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas. intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

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Alvarez is the son of Nina Grooms of San Francisco, Calif., brother of Catherine D. Grooms of Valencia, Calif., and nephew of Robynn Pannel of Detroit, Mich. and Doris Hughes of Washington D.C. He is a 2001 graduate of Communication and Media Arts High School, Detroit, Mich.

#### U.S. Air National Guard Airman 1st Class Brandon K. Hogan

Graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Hogan is the son of Carla J.

Hogan of Detroit. He is a 2013 graduate of Garden City High School.



Air Force Airman Corey M. Peterson

Graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

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Peterson is the son of Tracey Peterson and grandson of Rose Peterson, both of Detroit. He is a 2011 graduate of Westside Academy, Detroit.

### Military

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these servicemen and women. That is why I joined with Congressman Mike Honda, Veterans organizations, and the children of impacted servicemen to introduce H.R. 4816, the 'Toxic Exposure Research and Military Family Support Act of 2014.' These victims deserve justice, and by funding treatment for the descendants of veterans exposed to horrifying toxins, this legislation will go a ways towards ensuring that our veterans are made whole. As a former member of the Michigan National Guard, the Army, Army Reserves, and Army Corps of Engineers, the wellbeing of my fellow veterans and their families is a top priority of mine in Congress. We cannot in good conscience ask our veterans to sacrifice by fighting overseas on our behalf, only to require them and their families to shoulder the burden of servicerelated health problems when they return."

is about keeping our promise to our veterans. This is about making sure that they get the care that they not only deserve, but that they have earned."

Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.): "Our legislation will establish a national center for research, diagnosis and treatment for veterans exposed to toxic chemicals during their service, as well as family members of these veterans who are now living with debilitating diseases, birth defects, and other critical conditions. Veterans exposed to toxic chemicals while serving and sacrificing for our freedoms deserve to receive the best medical care, and establishing this national center will ensure that they do. I look forward to working with Congressman Honda, who introduced companion legislation on the House side, to pass this vital legislation."

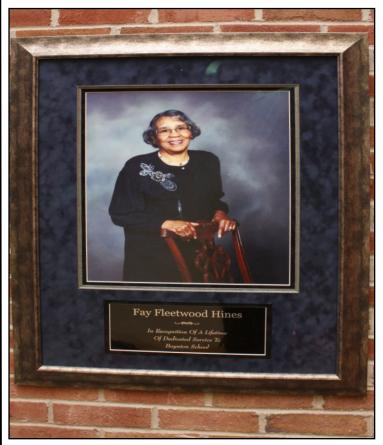
our veterans."

Tompkins, the Stephanie daughter of Richard Switzer, a Vietnam era veteran exposed to Agent Orange: "My brother, myself, and our children are innocent victims of our father's honorable service to America in Vietnam in which dioxins were sprayed. Our entire family would like to thank Congressman Honda for introducing this health companion Bill H.R. 4816."

Karen Worthington, whose father Herb Worthington was exposed to Agent Orange during the Vietnam War: "This legislation shows that people are listening. It validates our cause. Thank you, Congressman Honda, for helping us."

### Mark Twain

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#### Plaque of Fay Hines that now hangs in the Multi-purpose room

named Mark Twain School for Scholars.

"As a native of the Southwest Detroit neighborhood and a 1977 graduate of Boynton Middle School, it is with great pleasure that I reconnect with my alma mater," said alumnus Daniel S. Hines, DDS. "Although it has been quite a while since I walked the Boynton halls, remembering the quality education I received and cherishing the wonderful memories built there is a regular thing for me. I trust that the academic standards remain high and that the kids from my old neighborhood are being prepared to excel in high school and beyond. I am a practicing dentist in Washington, DC and I owe a lot of my achievement to caring teachers I had at Boynton."

"After sending her 14 children through Boynton School as a homemaker, my mom served over 20 years at Boynton as a lunchroom attendant in the cafeteria and as a teacher's assistant in the classroom," Dr. Hines wrote in a letter to Principal Linda Whitaker. "For many years she served in various PTA positions at Boynton, including PTA president and PTA secretary. She was very significant in the lives of countless students. To say she was a positive influence in Boynton's history is an understatement. She trusted her family to be educated there and then gave the remaining years of her life to Boynton in order to be of support to other families in the Southwest Detroit community.

children, pledge our support to Boynton in order that it can continue to produce well educated students who become productive members of Detroit and other communities. Among my siblings, we hold over 20 college degrees and countless certifications in specialized studies, spanning fields of business management, medicine, information technology, education, sales, military, and mechanical. We are all married with children and have a firsthand appreciation for the value and effect of an education. We are willing and able to support the mission of Boynton and offer our resources to help ensure that it remain viable in the Detroit Public Schools system."

Detroit Public Schools' Mark Twain School for Scholars is a gifted and talented program that offers an International Baccalaureate educational experience. The program emphasizes an accelerated instructional design that is academically challenging in curriculum yet aligned with each child's ability to prepare them for an optimal learning environment. Students will have the opportunity to obtain high levels of personal growth for their transition from preschool to high school programs. The school's blue print for success is to produce students who are "camera ready" to meet the challenges of interacting with other students striving for advance placement in secondary educational programs and meet the 21st Century expectations.

Representative Mike Honda (D-Calif.): "My bill will extend care to these veterans who can show that their medical illnesses have a direct relation to a toxic substance they were exposed to. Additionally, this act will take care of the children, grandchildren, and future descendants who have been affected by these poisons. This

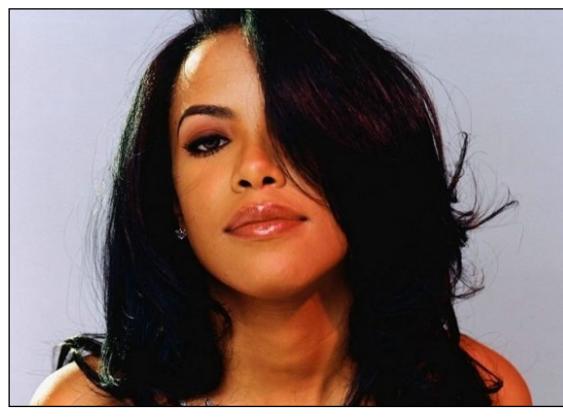
Diane M. Zumatto, National Director Legislative of AMVETS: "Veterans from every era, especially our Gulf War veterans, have suffered, and continue to suffer, from the often debilitating effects of a variety of toxic exposures, often with no knowledge of their original exposure and with little to no hope of relief. This legislation could well be the first step towards achieving some acknowledgement and relief for lan DePlanque with The American Legion's: "The American Legion is proud to support Congressman Honda and his initiative to ensure veterans and their families exposed to toxic dangers on the battlefield get the help they have earned. America needs to take care of its veterans, and that starts with treating the patients, then researching these environmental exposures so we can improve treatments and ensure we never subject our service members to these harms again."

It is only fitting that we, her

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### **Aaliyah's Family Vows to Derail** Lifetime Biopic, Block Use of her **Music**



Aaliyah's family is not happy with the planned Lifetime movie about her life, and has vowed to derail production on the film, or at least block any attempt to use her music, according to TMZ.

Channel Disney star Zendaya, 17, has been cast to play the late singer, who died in a 2001 plane crash.

Lifetime plans to start filming on "Aaliyah: Princess of R&B" this summer, but not if Aaliyah's uncle and former manager, Barry Hankerson, has anything to do with it. He tells TMZ the family is upset that no one from the network contacted them about the movie.

Hankerson says the family will block any attempt on Lifetime's part to use any of Aaliyah's music. He says the family has hired a lawyer and will do everything they can to block release of the flick.

The family is not opposed to a big, theatrical film, but thinks a TV movie is too small for someone as big as Aaliyah. This was the same response Whitney Houston's family had when Lifetime announced her biopic, to be helmed by Angela Bassett and star Yaya DeCosta.

www.eurweb.com

### ASK <u>AYANA</u> **Too Much Makeup**



Dear Ayana,

My son and daughter-in-law allow my 12-year-old granddaughter to wear makeup already. It started at the beginning of the school year with her wearing tinted ChapStick. By the end of the school year, she's wearing cover-up, eyeliner, full lipstick and blush! My granddaughter already looks much older than she is, so I can't understand why my son would allow her to wear make-up already. My daughter-in-law says that I am over-reacting and that wearing makeup at this age is acceptable. Maybe I'm too old school, but to me, this is not right. How can I get my son and daughter-in-law to see how wrong this is? GG

#### Dear GG,

I agree with you that a face full of makeup at 12-years old is over the top. However, neither one of us has much leverage with her parents. I think it's not only irresponsible of her parents to allow her to don a much older look; it's also dangerous. As you know, there are child predators who prowl around waiting for an opportunity to exploit the innocence of a child. It concerns me that your granddaughter wants to look older at this age. You may not be able to get her parents on board with you, but maybe you can persuade your granddaughter to ditch the cover-up and allow her natural beauty to shine. Compliment her often and find a gentle way to let her know that you love her bare face. Is it possible that puberty is affecting her complexion? Shop together for some skincare products and make it a fun outing for the two of you. I'm not as concerned about the tinted lip balm as I am about all of the other products that she layers on; she needs a self-esteem boost. Attempt talking to your son and daughter-in-law again; sharing concerns about your granddaughter's self-image may spark a new conversation where the three of you come to an agreement. At the end of the day, her parents have the last word so step softly. I think speaking with your granddaughter in a loving way will probably bring the best results. Good luck to you. Ayana

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