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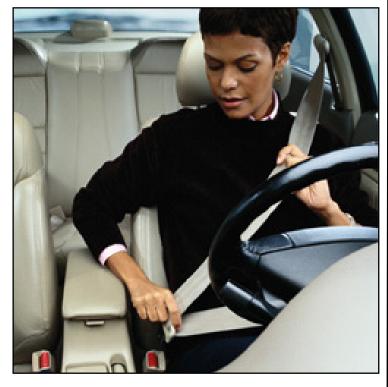
**WEEK OF MAY 22 - MAY 28, 2014** 



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#### Avoid a penalty by buckling up Click It or Ticket



Expanded enforcement could unbuckled more motorists find themselves on the receiving end of a \$65 penalty. Starting today, law

enforcement agencies across the state are stepping up seat belt enforcement for the annu-

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### **Guidance Center Volunteers** are Shining Stars

Bv: Gina Steward



Photo by Lisa Rahrig

Kari Walker, CEO of The Guidance Center, Jessica Padgett, Volunteer Services Coordinator at The Guidance Center, Courtney Godbout, Volunteer of the Year; Paula Mackowiak of Southgate Rotary, Service Organization of the Year; Fred Eaton of Comcast, Corporation of the Year and Maria Holmes of Comcast, Corporation of the Year

The Guidance Center held their third Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner on Monday, May 19 at the Silver

Shores Banquet Hall in Volunteers page 2A

#### **ECORSE PUBLIC SCHOOLS** ROLL OUT THE RED CARPET FOR MEAP STARS AWARDS!



THE MEAP STARS AWARDS was at Ecorse High School Atrium & Theater

27385 W. Outer Dr. Ecorse. Students walked down the red carpet to enjoy a night of celebration, glitz,

glamour, entertainment and elegant dining. The students received their award for being over achievers in taking the MEAP test.

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#### **Four Star Commemoration Luncheon and Legacy**



CHASS clinic representatives, center, I-r, Denise Pike, Development Director, and Marylu Villarreal, Chief Operating Officer, accept a legacy fund check for \$50,000 from Four Star Administrator Rick Nowakowski, far left, and Wayne County **Executive/Four Star Chairman Robert Ficano.** 

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#### LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY

### Taking back our city against blight



Lamar Tidwell Mayor of Ecorse

Dear Residents, Home Owners & Business Owners of Ecorse:

The City of Ecorse is making a sincere effort to enforce the City ordinances with regards to Blight. Citizens and Business Owners, it is your responsibility to make sure that your lawn height is no more than six inches. Also it is your responsibility to maintain and keep clean the fence line

along the rear, front and side of your house or business. Part of the alley is your responsibility and must be maintained. If you see anyone illegally dumping in the City, try to get the vehicle plate number, color, and style, and make note of the direction the vehicle is heading and contact the police. Furthermore, abandoned vehicles and boats cannot be parked on private property or public streets for longer than 48 hours. If those vehicles are parked for more than 48 four please notify the Police Department 313-381-0900. It is your responsibility to remove the graffiti off of your buildings. Citizens and Business Owners, it is time that we take back our City against Blight. Citizens and Business Owners, it is time that we take back our City against Blight!

Sincerely,

Mayor Lamar Tidwell City of Ecorse

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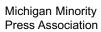
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#### Volunteers

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Wyandotte. During the dinner, attendees were able to talk and interact with other volunteers, community members and employees of the Guidance Center.

Kari Walker, CEO of the Guidance Center, reiterated that the work of the volunteers is essential to the success of the programs that the Guidance Center provide. Special recognition was made to Courtney Godbout, Volunteer of the Year; Southgate Rotary, Service Organization of the Year and Comcast, Corporation of the Year.

The agency offers diverse volunteer opportunities and invites the community to make a difference in the lives of children and adults locally. Volunteer positions include becoming a Mentor, a Community Representative, an Event Assistant, a Switch Board Operator, a Head Start Classroom Helper, a Guest Speaker/Mock Interviewer, Child Care Assistant, Summer Camp Counselor, and many more.

Group opportunities also are available for the Head Start Program or a Clean-up project in one of the Community Resource Centers.

For more information or to become a Guidance Center volunteer, contact Jessica Padgett, Volunteer Services Coordinator, at 734-785-7700 x7066 or by email at volunteer@guidance-center.org.

#### LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY

#### It's time to fix the bridge



Michael Bowdler Mayor of River Rouge

Dear Residents,

It has been a year now since the bridge over the Rouge River was struck by a ship and damaged to the extent that it is no longer usable. Prior to the accident, approximately 7,000 vehicles passed over the bridge on a daily basis and the financial impact on the City's businesses has been devastating. When the International Bridge in Delray begins construction with 5,000 new jobs, the losses to local businesses will double or triple with no way over the river.

The County has insurance for this loss and damage assessments are complete. Requests for proposals to make the necessary repairs have been published and responded to by contractors. Unfortunately, the County projects the date of completion as December, 2015.

City Officials have received a letter from the Wayne County

Executive, and have met with the Wayne County Deputy Director of Roads and contractors from as far away as Chicago. The City's legal department has advised that the County enjoys governmental immunity and cannot be sued for local losses. A Freedom of Information Act lawsuit was filed to obtain wrongfully withheld information regarding the insurance claim in an effort to allow the City to make its own assessment as to a reasonable date of completion.

Acting out of anger and frustration, some citizens have placed signs around town on privately owned property demanding that the County "Fix the Damn Bridge." This campaign has been televised in three-minute segments locally and nationally and is being paid for privately with no tax dollars being spent.

The Council passed a resolution imploring the Court to "Fix the Darn Bridge."

Please be rest assured that the Mayor and City Council are doing everything possible both legally and politically to get the bridge fixed in the shortest time possible.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this or any other matter, please call (313) 842-4200 or stop in City Hall.

City of River Rouge MICHAEL D. BOWDLER MAYOR

### Reading Rally puts books in kids hands



Students show off the new books they received at the Rally

The Reading Rally that was held on Saturday, May 17 at tje Starfish location at 30000 Hively was the 12th reading rally we've hosted since the start of Inkster Family Literacy Movement (IFLM) in 2012. Since its inception, the IFLM has been fortunate to collaborate with various community partners including Sisters Who Are Powerful (SWAP), Seeds to Feed Foundation, and David Hicks Elementary School to engage families in activities which promote reading and literacy. It's also exciting to see Inkster children and families eagerly receive books at every event.

The goal for this program year is to get 5,000 books into the hands of Inkster children and families. It is so inspiring to see children of all ages stop in their tracks at our events, whip out a brand new book and commence to reading. because anyone told them to do it, but because they want to. At its core, that is what the Family Inkster Literacy Movement is all about: uniting the community to get children reading and ready for school. The next event will be held on

The next event will be held on Wednesday, May 28 from 4:00pm - 7:00pm at McDonald's Restaurant 25341 Michigan Ave. Dearborn Heights.



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#### To Be Equal

### "Bring Back Our Girls: "Why We Should Care

By Marc H. Morial - President and CEO NNPA Columnist



"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly." — Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

A real war on women, marked by murder, rape and slavery is raging in too many parts of the world. In fact and unfortunately, human trafficking is now thought to be among the fastest-growing illegal enterprises globally.

latest and grotesque example is the April 14 kidnapping of more than 200 girls from their Nigerian school by a terrorist group known as Boko Haram. The group violently opposes any activity associated with Western society and for the past several years has been waging a bloody campaign to prevent the education of Nigeria's girls. Yet, I have been asked by several people in the past few weeks why we should continue to care about events happening so far from our borders. The answer is simple: we cannot ignore the fact that attitudes that deny, question or compromise the value of women anywhere are harmful to women everywhere - no matter where they occur.

In many parts of the world and some cultures, outdated, patriarchal and inhumane ideas such as forced marriages, sanctioned wife beatings and even female genital mutilations continue to keep women subservient and from contributing to society and achieving their full potential.

Preventing girls from getting an education is also another unacceptable tactic used to continually oppress women around the world. As First Lady Michelle Obama pointed out in the White House weekly address in honor of Mother's Day, "more than 65 million girls worldwide are not in school."

In his Sunday New York Times column on May 11, Nicholas Kristof asked, "What's So Scary About Smart Girls?" Simply put, nothing threatens oppressive, male-dominated societies more than educated girls who are likely to have fewer children, become productive workers and boost their economies. As Kristof puts it, "The greatest threat to extremism isn't drones firing missiles, but girls reading books."

In addition to the issue of education for girls, this latest tragedy in Nigeria also highlights the deplorable crime of human trafficking - not just around the world, but also here at home. The National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC) reports that from 2008-2012, it received more than 65,000 calls to its hotline and received reports of more than 9,000 unique cases of human trafficking. Of these, 41 percent of sex trafficking cases referenced U.S. citizens as victims, and women were referenced as victims in 85 percent of sex trafficking cases.

As distressing as these numbers are, they still do not represent the entirety of the problem because this data is based on reported incidents only. According to NHTRC, with an estimated 100,000 children in the sex trade in the United States each year, the total number of human trafficking victims in the U.S. reaches hundreds of thousands when estimates of both adults and minors and sex trafficking and labor trafficking are combined.

The awful drama unfolding in Nigeria has touched the heart of the world, and it has also raised the consciousness of an international community about the continuing fight for the rights of girls and women. As the father of two daughters, I cannot imagine the pain that the parents of the missing girls must be feeling. As a civil rights leader, it fuels my commitment to do what is within my power and influence ensure to that #BringBackOurGirls every-

While there is no scale or moral equivalence between what is happening in Nigeria and the treatment of girls and women in America today, we cannot ignore our own responsibility to fully educate and empower girls in this country, to champion equal pay, to end violence against women, and to stop the human trafficking of hundreds of thousands of children, girls and women each year.

Marc H. Morial, former mayor of New Orleans, is president and CEO of the National Urban League.

#### Click it

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al Click It or Ticket campaign that seeks to reduce traffic deaths and injuries by increasing belt use.

Local police departments, sheriff offices and Michigan State Police posts in 40 counties will conduct federally funded seat belt enforcement zones through the busy Memorial Day travel weekend. This is an increase from 26 counties last year.

A new awareness campaign by the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP) highlights the enforcement and features a referee throwing penalty flags at unbuckled and improperly belted drivers. The call is followed by law enforcement issuing the penalty: a loss of \$65

"Seat belt use has dropped in Michigan, and we're doing all we can to save lives and reduce injuries by stressing the importance of belt use and Michigan's seat belt law," said Michael L. Prince, OHSP director. "With seat belt enforcement zones in effect, motorists need to play defense by buckling up."

A seat belt enforcement zone is marked with a large portable sign. Law enforcement officers are stationed throughout this area looking for and stopping unbuckled motorists. Law enforcement officers from nearly 160 agencies including Oakland, Van Buren, Wayne and Washtenaw counties are participating in the national seat belt campaign.

During last year's Click It or Ticket enforcement, 9,003 seat belt and child seat violation tickets were issued. Of the 15 people who died over the Memorial Day holiday period in 2013, two of the nine vehicle occupants were not wearing a seat belt.

Michigan law requires all drivers and passengers 15 and younger in any seating position to be buckled up. Children must be in a car seat or booster seat until they are 8 years old or 4 feet 9 inches tall. The new Click It or Ticket ad can be viewed at Youtube.com/ohsp.

#### Racism gone awry

By Jim Abeare - Contributing Writer



I was reading a story on Los Angeles Clippers owner Donald Sterling the other day and they brought it up.

I knew, KNEW they would.

They brought up the Washington Redskins and owner Dan Snyder.

People still are squawking over the name. The left does every football season.

I think they are upset that they can't get tickets to the game.

Well I am starting to come to the lefties side of things, bascally because I am tired of hearing about it.

So let's take a look at some

names we can use

We can go down Washington football history call it the "Federals" from the United States Football League era.

They can stay the Redskins, put an "R" back on the helmet and say they were named for the potato.

The cheerleaders can be called the Spuds.

Yes this is silly, it's supposed to be silly.

When they are done with the Redskins are they going to attack the Atlanta Braves or the Cleveland Indians?

Will Peta be next saying the Lions can't be the Lions because it makes the animal look too violent?

Maybe we can name our teams after verbs like the Old Detroit Drive.

I once heard it said that the Redskins were the best team in the league. Because every time they would beat the Cowboys.

The name is neant to honer the brave Native Americans



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#### Steeples

By: Janine Folks - Telegram Religion Columnist



There was this thing we used to do with our hands when I was a kid. We intertwined our fingers somehow and opened them up and would say: "Here is the church. This is the people. Look inside and see all the people."

If you remember that hand game, then you grew up in an awesome generation. The gesture itself gives an indication of the significance of churches and steeples in our culture in that day.

It's seems like in this era, we don't acknowledge so much the significance of steeples and historic church buildings. As I gaze across the Detroit skyline from an office in a tall building in Downtown Detroit, I clearly see steeples scattered throughout the city. The

steeples glorify the landscape of Detroit.

These steeples signify something. Presence and appearance was important to the architects of the day when these churches were built. Not only are they beautiful, but they symbolically say, "Here is a church!" The intricacy of church design is an indicator or how serious church was and how important beauty was in representing a place held highly sacred. The reverence given to the church is evident through the design and the steeples.

Over time, there has been less focus on the outer appearance of the churches. Church budgets have decreased. Many organized churches have migrated to different types of buildings and locations that do not have steeples. Steeples have lost their significance over the years. As a result many steeples have deteriorated.

The survival of steeples is so precious to some that a preservation group has formed called Save our Steeples (SOS). The mission of this organization is to restore damaged and aged steeples that decorate the Detroit skyline.

I know that the presence of God is not about a building or a steeple. It is 'we' who house the Holy Spirit. We are the temples that carry God's presence. But perhaps it's because I took an Art History class in college, I appreciate architecture and the thought that goes into putting a building together. It even makes me think of the glorious gems and stones that went into Solomon's Temple. The meticulous putting together of these places that represented the presence of God.

Since we are the temples, we should put lots of thought into how we represent where God's presence is housed. Steeples of church buildings 'stick out' to command attention of it being a holy place. What is it about you that 'sticks out' and tells people that you carry the presence of God? How do you maintain and preserve it? What is your steeple? Your gift? Your call-

#### **Runner For Christ Ministries**

(Church of the Resurrection) 27085 W Outer Drive, Ecorse



Sunday School 8:30am Sunday Worship 9:30am

Prayer & Bible Class Thursday 5:30 pm Gerald M. Overall, Pastor (313) 381-9303 www.rfcm.org

#### **Love Joy** Missionary Baptist Church

332 Polk street River Rouge, MI 48218

#### **SERVICES:**

Sunday School - 9:30 AM Sunday Worship -11:00 AM Wednesday Prayer & Bible Class - 6:30 PM

Rev Darryl Bynum, Pastor

Phone: 313 516-2482 -Email: Pastordbynum@yahoo.com ALL ARE WELCOME

#### St. James United **Methodist Church** 30055 Annapolis Rd. Westland, MI 48186



Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Bible Study Wednesday 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Rev. Willie F. Smith -**Pastor** 

734-729-1737 stjamesumcwestland@att.net stjamesumcwestland.org

#### **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### Valor Christian Ministries presents

#### SENIOR DAY -FREE BINGO

Free Food, Free Fun, Free Fellowship Tuesday, May 27, 2014 3:00pm - 5:30pm Motown Inn/Banquet Room 1805 John Papalas Dr. (Near I-75 & Southfield Rd

#### United Church of **Faith**

6064 Fourth St Romulus Sunday Worship 11:30am **Bible Classes** Tues & Wed - 6:00 PM



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#### **Pentecostal Missionary Baptist Church**

presents Woman's Day Weekend Saturday, May 24 Luncheon and Fashion Show and

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Sunday, May 25 Women's

### Community

4010 17th St, Ecorse, MI 313-386-4340 Rev. William D. Phillips, Pastor



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#### St. Marks **Missionary Baptist Church**

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#### Gethsemane Missionary Baptist Church

"Where The Will of God Will Be Done" {Mark 14:36} Rev. Dr. John E. Duckworth, Pastor

29066 Eton Street

Westland 48186 Office: 734.721.2557 Fax: 734.721.1383

Sunday Morning Worship Services 8am & 10am Wednesday Night Bible Study 6:30pm

Email: gethsemane02.org





Pastor Damon L. Pierson

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#### **SENIOR DAY**

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#### 459 Beechwood River Rouge, MI 48218 Church office - (313) - 383-1558 Church fax 313-383-1611

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Email: union2bapchurch@att.net Dr. Kenneth L. Brown - Pastor

#### Services Times Sunday

Sunday School and New Members Class 9:15 am Intercessory Prayer 10:30 am Morning Service 11:00 am

#### <u>Tuesday</u>

Prayer Service 6:00 pm Family Night Bible Study 7:00 pm

As a real church for real people, we provide ministry for the entire family. Come see the vision expand beyond our walls and experience the presence of the LORD!

#### **Ecorse Seventh-day Adventist Church**

3834 10th St Ecorse, MI 48229-1617 (Corner of 10th & Francis Streets) Dr. Errol Liverpool, Pastor

Sabbath School (Saturday) 9:15 a.m. Sabbath Worship Service (Saturday) 11:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting (Wednesday) 6:00 p.m.

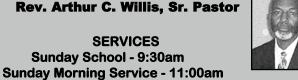
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Mid-Week:

Early Morning Worship	7:30 a.m.
Church School at Study	9:30 a.m.
Mid-Morning Worship	10:50 a.m.
First Sunday: Baptism & Communion Service	10:30 a.m.

Tuesdays- Bible Class ......9:00a.m. & 6:00p.m. Wednesday - Worship Service ...... 7:00 p.m.

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4411 5th Street Ecorse, MI 313-382-8577 Rev. Marcus Johnson, Pastor

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"Don't put off tomorrow what you can do today"

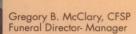
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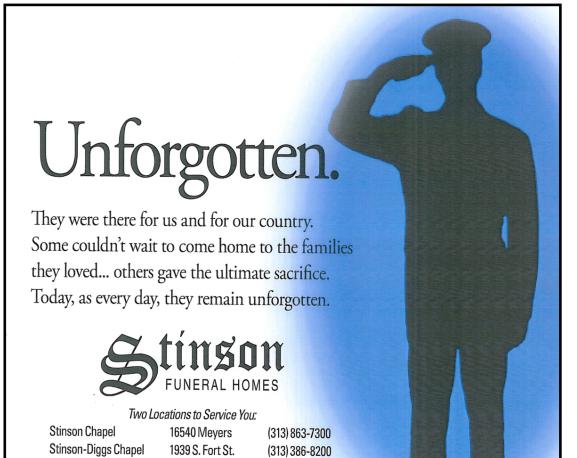
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#### **HORESCOPE**

#### May 22 - May 28, 2014

#### **ARIES**

You may find that discussions at home have taken a sudden, spiritual orientation. Give everyone room to express their personal beliefs without trying to preach your point of view. Your open-mindedness helps you with deep learning this week.

Soul Affirmation: The winner is me. I smile for the cameras. Lucky Numbers: 31, 32, 54

#### **TAURUS**

Feeling bold, are we? Well, go with the flow of your feelings! No other sign can call on inner courage as easily as

Whether at home, at work, or out on the town, let your personal statements be stylish and bold!

Soul Affirmation: This week is the week the Lord has made. I rejoice in it.

Lucky Numbers: 23, 38, 52

#### **GEMINI**

Tempers may flare around you this week but it's nothing personal, so keep your mind on your own work and let others act up. You'll be doing yourself a big favor if you get some exercise this week! Soul Affirmation: I change the

way I look at business this week.

Lucky Numbers: 28, 32, 50

#### **CANCER**

Restless feelings may arise over health matters, or perhaps education or the lack of it. Do what you need to do to feel comfortable with yourself. If it involves seeing a dentist or taking a class, what's stopping you? Self-improvement can be a very enjoyable game!

Soul Affirmation: Hope is future's way of shining on me this week.

Lucky Numbers: 12, 14, 21

Set a limit on what you can do for others this week. You'll ing assignment. Trust your feelings and say "No, I won't." Clear boundaries help you define yourself.

Soul Affirmation: I get joy from giving good things.

Lucky Numbers: 13, 39, 41

#### **VIRGO**

Let happiness flow inside and outside of you this week. Refuse to be drawn into any

pseudo-crisis and you'll stay happy. Stay quietly on task and you'll have accomplished much by the end of this busy

Soul Affirmation: I flavor my life with good wishes towards everyone this week.

#### **Lucky Numbers: 16, 28, 52**

#### LIBRA

A dream in which you already are what you hope to be will offer much insight into your current situation. Take some practical steps to keep the focus on

this wonderful vision. You know you can be what you see! Soul Affirmation: I am a giver of good words this week.

Lucky Numbers: 15, 23, 50

#### **SCORPIO**

Do you realize that you are the only one who can tell you what to think and how to feel? Let go of any behaviors that are keeping you from achieving the things you want to achieve. Be creative and positive this week. Soul Affirmation: I focus on long-range financial security this week.

Lucky Numbers: 14, 31, 42

#### **SAGITTARIUS**

You can be very efficient this week if you set your will to the task. New ideas will occur to you as you are working steadily, so keep pencil and paper nearby to jot down your latest brilliance!

Soul Affirmation: I give love and love gives to me.

**Lucky Numbers: 1, 29, 55** 

#### **CAPRICORN**

Avoid getting involved in any office politics or family feuds this week. The week's energy is excitable, but not necessarily exciting. Do your own thing and be proud of what you do. Let others do their own thing, so long as it doesn't hurt anyone. Soul Affirmation: Money opens doors for friendship to enter. Lucky Numbers: 10, 29, 46

#### **AQUARIUS**

A message this week may necessitate travel on your part, and you may feel obligated to do something you don't want enjoy your feelings more if to. Let the energy flow past you you are straightforward about and do what you think is best. refusing a less than appetiz- Who you are is who you arebe glad about it!

Soul Affirmation: I fill my mind with visions of love this week. Lucky Numbers: 40, 47, 52

#### **PISCES**

You wake up feeling peaceful and wise. Discussions with a close friend may reveal the source of your inner freedom in a very tangible way. So talk about it. You've got everything good to gain.

Soul Affirmation: I let my mind go slack and tighten up my body

Lucky Numbers: 33, 38, 41

PRAY FOR THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED AND ARE CONTINUING TO SERVE OUR COUNTRY

#### **Device Can Save Thousands of Children from Drowning**

Special to the NNPA from the San Diego Voice & Viewpoint



A possible lifesaver.



Pastor George A. McKinney

SAN DIEGO, Calif. - Pastor George A. McKinney and his family were hosting a pool party four years ago. Several children and families were gathered, fellowshipping and having a good time. Nothing out of the ordinary for this annual event, which Pastor McKinney had been hosting for more than a decade without incident.

"Albert was 7; my son was 9 at the time. They were friends. They had gone to Magic Mountain together. There were some other kids there as well and they were having a great time," McKinney remembers He vividly remembers about six or seven children

in the pool that time, saying, "Albert was running around the house, having a great time, playing video games with my son. Normal kids' stuff."

But what was a normal, joyous time quickly turned to tragedy.

During the party, the kids were playing dead man float, and as fate would have it, Albert got in trouble. No one immediately noticed and before anyone caught on, Albert was at the bottom of the pool. Once he was discovered, a few people immediately dove to the bottom of the pool, and brought Albert to the pools edge, began to perform mouth-to-mouth resuscitation (CPR), as one of the parents called 911.

The paramedics came and rushed Albert to the hospital. But he could not be saved. Pastor McKinney, his family and all faminvolved were deeply impacted by the tragedy

Psychologist Lorraine Johnson, mother of Rudy Johnson, came to counseling with everyone involved at the McKinney's

"During that meeting she talked about how to get over the trauma.

These things are things that can happen. And certain things are God's will. And every experience, good or bad, can be a learning experience, or a teaching tool, she said."

But Pastor McKinney wrestled with Albert's death. "I asked the Lord, 'What is to be learned from this?' To me it was a senseless tragedy. It was at that time, I initially started seeing some visions of a device. Then I had a dream and in the dream I saw schematics, what it would look like. The Lord started showing me these things. So I started committing my thoughts to paper, and that was the birth of AJADD."

AJADD, named after Albert, is a life-saving device; an underwater distress signal device in the form of a watch or hand instrument that would be worn on the body. The device uses GPS technology, vitality monitoring, and swimmer identification technologies to alert of a swimmer's imminent danger. AJADD sends and receives signals in real time to a lifeguard, or a caretaker, on land, or on ship.

"The problem with most drownings is that you can't even tell, they look like they're just playing in water so before you know it, it's too late," said Pastor McKinney. "There's like a 2 – 3 minute window that you have to get to them. A device that creates early detection is so important."

During the patent process is when Pastor McKinney began to understand the devastating effects accidental drowning has on the African American community. He began to study drowning, and discovered the horrifying effects it has on African American children.

"I started inquiring into the lives of African American families, within my church and in the community and I found that many African American families have had a cousin, sister, or close friend who has drowned - but yet, nobody ever reports that this is a problem. This is an unaddressed problem in the African American community."

Pastor McKinney's father, Bishop George D. McKinney, is a proponent of teaching youth to swim, taught Pastor McKinney and his siblings to swim at a young age. Pastor McKinney carries this sentiment with him, which helped guide him to the creation of AJADD.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 80 percent of people who drown are male. Children ages 1- 4 have the highest drowning rates and most of those drownings occur in homes or swimming pools. The disparity is widest among children 5 - 14 years old. But what is most discouraging is that the fatal drowning rate of African American children in this age group is almost three times that of white children.

"Factors such as access to swimming pools, the desire or lack of desire to learn to swim - which usually comes from their parents they don't want to get in the water, and choosing water recreational activities, contribute to these statistics," said Pastor McKinney. "In the poorer communities, we don't choose water-related activities. So we're not accustomed. We get out there and we're not used to it, and we get in trouble. Choosing waterrelated activities contributes to the racial differences in drowning rates."



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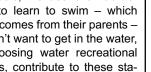
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#### **MEAP STARS**

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4th graders had a 9% gain in reading, 9% gain in math, and a 18% gain in Writing. 3rd graders had a 13% gain in

reading, 14% gain in math.

Notable guests and family

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Superintendant Thomas Parker with Mr. White (PTA President) and one of his three sons that are MEAP STARS

members were invited to share in this wondrous occasion as the school celebrate the children's successes.

The MEAP tests were first administered during the 1969-70 school year for the

purpose of determining a student's progress during the year compared to

standards set by the State Board of Education. While educators debate the

validity of the testing every year, the fact remains that the testing does come

around every year and at Ecorse the students cele-

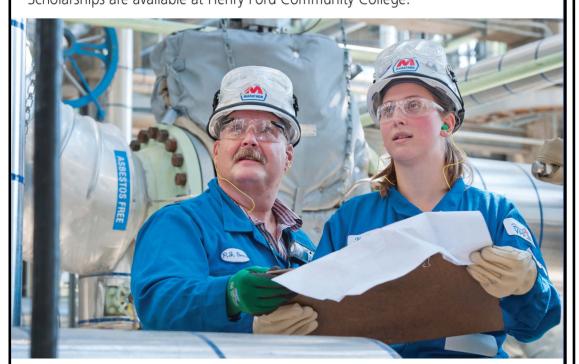
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#### Melvindale High Rules at Regional

By Butch Davis - Telegram Newspaper Sports Writer



It was a good day this past Saturday at the MHSAA Regional Championship at Warren Regina High School for the Melvindale Boys and Girls track team. Melvindale Boys took first place and the Girls finish fourth for the overall victory combine. Some of the highlights were victories in the 300m Hurdles- 1. Terrance London, Melvindale, Lawrence Barnes Melvindale. High Jump-1.Anthony Fitzgerald, Melvindale. Long Jump- 1. Anthony Fitzgerald, Melvindale 2. Malik Boynton, Melvindale

High Hurdles- 1. Terrance London, Melvindale. 800m Relay-3. Melvindale (1:35.46), Treshon Alexander, Lawrence Barnes, Quincy Gibbs, Terrance London; and the 1600 meter Run-2. Khaled Mousa, Melvindale.

River Rouge High however, did not fail to please the fans at Warren Regina High finish eight overall with their highlight of the meet were first place in the 400m Relay- 1. River Rouge, Jujuan Kemp, Justin Patterson, Rajuan Williams, and AJ Brown. First place in the Shot Put- 1. Clarence Oliver, River Rouge and second place in the 800m River Rouge Relay-2. (1:35.45), Justin Patterson, Rajuan Williams, Jajuan Kemp, AJ Brown and Dequan Butler was the alternate.

The MHSAA Regional Championship Girls highlights Results are; Pole Vault- 1. Marissa Wolnowski, Melvindale (8-08.00 SQ); 2. Tessa Thornton Melvindale (7-08.00). High Jump- 1. Haynes Alonna Melvindale (5-00.00 SQ); 800m Relay- 1. Melvindale (1:54.88,) Alonna Haynes, Martinez, Chelsie Thompson, Brittany White; 6th place,. River Rouge (2:13.98,) Dejia Blackwell, Alyse Oliver, Aleashia Hill, and Precious Harris. The Division Two finals will take place in Grand Rapid at Houseman Track in two weeks on May 31st.



River Rouge Panthers

#### **New Pistons President** and Head Coach **Stan Van Gundy**

By Butch Davis - Telegram Newspaper Sports Writer



The reign of the Stan Van Gundy has begun. Yes, the Detroit Pistons announced last Wednesday night that Stan Van Gundy has been appointed head coach and president of basketball operations. Van Gundy was formally introduced at a press conference in Auburn Hills last Thursday past.

"Stan is a proven winner in our league. He instills his teams with passion, purpose and toughness. He is a great teacher who will help our players grow and develop," said Pistons Owner Tom Gores. "Stan is more than just a great coach, he's a great leader. What I'm most excited about is how Stan can help us shape the franchise and instill what it means to be the best. He's also a great communicator. My time with Stan has me convinced that he will bring our players, team and community to a very proud place."

Van Gundy joins the Pistons after serving five years as head coach of the Orlando Magic from 2007-2012, where he led the Magic to a 259-135 (.692) regular-season record, five playoff appearances and an NBA Finals appearance in 2009. His 2008-09 team led the league in defensive efficiency. In 2009-10, Van Gundy guided the Magic to the Eastern Conference Finals for the second straight season after compiling a 59-23 (.720) regularseason record.

It was the second-best mark in the NBA, and Orlando captured the Southeast Division title for the third consecutive season. His .641 winning percentage is sixth highest among NBA coaches with 500 or more games of head coaching experience. Van Gundy became the seventh-fastest NBA coach to record 300 wins (12/25/10 vs. Boston), has coached the Eastern Conference All-Star team twice (2005, 2010) and has earned NBA Coach of the Month honors six times during his career. Van Gundy has an NBA career regular-season record of 371-208 (.641) in seven-plus seasons as a head coach and has reached the NBA Playoffs seven times.

"It is an honor to be chosen to help Tom Gores build the Pistons into a team that competes for championships," said Van Gundy. "Tom's vision of building for the future, while seeking immediate improvement is a challenge that I embrace. We will work to put a team on the floor that reflects the franchise's rich tradition and embodies the toughness and work ethic of fans in the Detroit area."

Van Gundy has a lengthy to-do list in the weeks ahead. He must hire a coaching staff, hire a general manager who'll run the personnel department dayto-day, prep for the draft, plan for free agency and meet faceto-face with players on Detroit's Van Gundy said that while he will retain "final say" over roster decisions, he would staff for the Pistons' front office. Van Gundy added that his dual role "give us a chance to build a very unified organization where everybody's pulling in the same direction, and I think that gives you a lot more chance for suc-

"I can't do all of that in the first week," Van Gundy said. "It's just a little bit at a time. The biggest thing for us is probably our GM search and getting through that. Ownership's going to be heavily involved in that one, in that search. And then at the same time, we'll make some other hiring pretty quickly to get more people on board. But I've also got to deal with all the people who have been in Detroit and sit down with them and tell them what we plan to do."

"There's talent here, you're talking André Drummond, Greg Monroe, you're talking a league where it's incredibly hard to find two quality big guy and we have elite big guy in the league their talent right here. I with talk to all the players and get to work. Right now too every one, this is a fresh start" said Van Gundy. Well the draft is a month and a half away, good luck, Stan the

#### Caldwell Getting to Know the **Rookies at Mini Camp**



Lions new draftees surround Nevin Lawson at minicamp in Allen Park

team's rookie mini-camp this duced to your camp. Over the years, it's my 14th year in the National really devour so much informaable to go out and apply it. We got a lot of good work done. It was an impressive group. Oftentimes you may think because you have a number of guys, obviously, we have our number of tryouts (players) out there. So, maybe some of you that relevant?' Well, what hap-

The Detroit Lions held the that have been at least intro- impressions of TE Eric Ebron: past weekend at the Lions Somewhere down the line it may in terms of the draft and prepara-Headquarters and Training be a guy that's out there that's tion and everything. He's just Facility in Allen Park. I ask not signed with a particular team, what he's supposed to be. He's Lions head coach Jim Caldwell one of these guys we'll be able a big, athletic guy that certainly this Sunday past on his to call back and we know he has moves extremely well, covers a thoughts of the talent in the some familiarity with what we do. camp and he said, "We just Often times some of those tough ended up I think what has been weeks you're looking around, an outstanding rookie mini- you've got a couple of guys that may be banged up, that's where these guys certainly come in to Football League; we've never play. I think you'll see a number had a group that was able to of them probably with some other teams here after this weektion. Not only that, they were end. So, we appreciate them. They did a tremendous job and it was a productive weekend." "We also have our free agent draft picks as well, so we have a good nucleus and the guys are working hard. They are trying to draft picks, we also have our absorb a lot of information in a free agents, but we also had a very short period of time. That's kind of part of the test, just to see how much they can absorb and are thinking about, 'Well, how is how much they can apply. It's been good thus far and we are pens in a number of cases is looking forward to a couple more that you have a number of guys productive days." On his first

system. "We had a chance to watch him lot of ground and he's learning quickly. So, he's adapting and doing all the things you would anticipate he would do. Let's just put it this way. His reputation preceding him, he's living up to it. But like I said, we've still got to put pads on as well." Detroit Lions announced last weekend that they have signed the following 2014 draft picks to four-year contracts: DE Larry Webster (Round 4, 136th overall), CB Nevin Lawson (Round 4, 133rd overall). DT Caraun Reid (Round 5, 158th overall), WR TJ Jones (Round 6, 189th overall) and K Nate Freese (Round 7, 229th overall). The team also announced this past weekend that they have signed undrafted rookie free agent tackle A.J. Page **9A** WEEK OF MAY 22 - MAY 28, 2014

#### **Health Plan**

#### From Page 1A

Wayne County – At a luncheon today at the Mercury Burger and Bar in the Corktown district of Detroit, Robert Ficano, Wayne County Executive and Wayne County Four Star Chairman, along with Richard Nowakowski, Wayne County Four Star program administrator, awarded \$200,000 of Four Star health plan legacy funds to a select group of non-profit Detroit health care clinics, Health Alliance Plan and health care partners.

Since its inception in March 2005, the Wayne County Four Star Health coverage plan has been a partnership between Wayne County and the region's four major health systems—Henry Ford Health System, Detroit Medical Center (Vanguard), St. John Providence Health and Oakwood Healthcare System.

Through this effective, energized and synergized working relationship with its partners and board members, Wayne County Four Star provided affordable, quality health care in a collaborative, creative and caring way. It's been a relationship designed to provide AFFORDABLE, QUALITY health care access to thousands of low-income workers within Wayne County, small business owners and college students.

"For nearly a decade, the program's health coverage has significantly helped individuals and families who otherwise would not have insurance or a primary care physician, in addition to reducing the substantial costs of uncom-

pensated emergency room care," said Wayne County Executive and Four Star Chairman Robert Ficano. "It's a fitting tribute that Four Star's legacy funds will now assist Wayne County clinics in continuing to serve the uninsured and underserved in the county."

It should be noted that the Wayne County Four Star plan came about years before the Affordable Care Act (ACA) as a safety net health program for small businesses, their employees and students who needed health coverage.

Upon the passage of the ACA, Four Star began to transition over 5,000 participants into the national program and Michigan's Healthy Michigan Medicaid expansion plan. Coverage under the Four Star health plan concluded Dec. 31, 2013.

Following rules established within Four Star's bylaws, the remaining legacy funding has been passed on to the following non-profit Detroit area health organizations serving county residents:

\$70,000 - Cabrini Clinic, 1234 Porter St., Detroit, MI 48226 - (Trinity Health and Education Foundation) is America's oldest, free clinic. Located in historic Corktown near downtown Detroit, St. Frances Cabrini Clinic of the Most Holy Trinity Church has been open to uninsured adults since 1950. Its volunteers provide primary care, prescription assistance and mental health care.

\$50,000 - The Community Health and Social Services (CHASS)

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Center, Inc. - Midtown Center, 7436 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48202, and Southwest Center, 5635 W. Fort St., Detroit, MI 48209, is a community-based, not-for-profit organization formed to develop, promote, and provide comprehensive, accessible and affordable quality primary health care and support services to all residents, with special emphasis on the underserved African-American and Latino populations. CHASS is committed to the overall well-being of the community.

\$20,000 - Wayne County Healthy Communities Health Clinic, 11447 Joseph Campau

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Awarded a grant in June 2012 from the Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA) to establish a federally-qualified health center in the City of Hamtramck, the center celebrated its grand opening/ribbon-cutting ceremony on Feb. 14, 2013. The family health clinic provides primary health care services, in

primary health clinic provides primary health care services, in addition to other related health and social services that are offered through the Wayne County Department of Health and Human Services.

Checks of \$20,000 each were

also distributed to three Four Star

partners: Henry Ford Health System - Patient Needs Fund; St. John Providence Health -School-Based Programs, and Oakwood Healthcare Foundation - Oakwood Child and Adolescent Clinic. The Detroit Medical Center donated its share of proceeds to Cabrini Clinic.

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Spring, Community, and 91 Years of History Lozon Ace Hardware

By: Lisa Robertson - Contributing Writer



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Dena another staff member also welcomed questions, and gave insight on low levels near what was promising this the yard to prospring for the community. tect your home. As we spoke she smiled and said "one of the top Roof - be sure to selling items in the store at check the shinthis time was "Leaf bags". gles on the roof Continuing on to say "Our before the spring bags are popular and most rain people walk out of the store Whether with one despite what they shingle are simpurchased." Their price ply \$2.29 per bag and of damaged course they are stocked up can cause severe for the communities spring problems to both cleaning.

She also stated "There has home. been an increase in do-it- For more quesyourself projects this spring. tions visit the People are taking interest in store. taking care of their homes, and getting into more paint- Ace Hardware: ing projects." This is great news for the downriver Jefferson Ave community while many take River Rouge pride in our community's (313) 841-2940

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Memorial Day, an American holiday observed on the last Monday of May, honors men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Originally known Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971 Many Americans observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings and participating in parades. Unofficially, at least, it marks the beginning of summer.

#### **EARLY OBSERVANCES** OF MEMORIAL DAY

The Civil War claimed more lives than any conflict in U.S. history, requiring the establishment of the country's first national cemeteries. By the late 1860s Americans in various towns and cities had begun holding springtime tributes to these countless fallen soldiers, decorating their graves with flowers and reciting prayers.

Did You Know?

Each year on Memorial Day a national moment remembrance takes place at 3:00 p.m. local time.

It is unclear where exactly this tradition originated; numerous different communities may have independently initiated the memorial gatherings. Nevertheless, in 1966 the federal government declared Waterloo, New York, the official birthplace of Memorial Day. Waterloowhich had first celebrated the day on May 5, 1866—was chosen because it hosted an community-wide annual, event, during which businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and flags.

#### **MEMORIAL DAY TRADITIONS**

Cities and towns across the United States host Memorial Day parades each year, often incorporating military personnel and members of veterans' organizations. Some of the largest parades take place in Chicago, New York Washington, D.C Americans also observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries and memorials. On a less somber note, many people throw parties and barbecues on the holiday, perhaps because it unofficially marks the beginning of sum-

#### **ASK AYANA**

#### Should I loan my cousin money, again



Dear Ayana,

I'm not speaking to my cousin right now. We got into a huge fight after a shopping trip and haven't spoken since. I should tell you that we aren't just family, we're also best friends. This isn't the first fight we've had, but it is the most intense. Initially, we made a pact to only buy the things that were on our Christmas lists to keep us from overspending, but, like always, that deal didn't hold up. After we finished shopping and hid away our gifts, we planned to meet for breakfast and went our separate ways. The next morning at breakfast, she asked if I would pick up the tab on our meal. No problem. Then, she asked me if she could borrow \$500! I stared at her in disbelief and waited for the joke to be over- but she was serious. She said that shopping had put a dent in her funds and that she needed to make sure she had money to pay her car insurance and have some cash on hand until she got paid. When I suggested that she take back the \$200 shoes that she bought for her oldest son and the \$300 game system for her youngest, she had the nerve to tell me that I didn't need to be counting her dollars! Then, she called herself reminding me of a loan (which I paid back) she extended to me 8 years ago. I was so furious that I threw the cash for our bill in her face, grabbed my stuff and left out before I said something that I couldn't take back. Our husbands have tried to get us to reconcile

but neither of them know the real reason behind our fight. This is not the first time she's hit me up for cash after a shopping trip. She's terrible when it comes to money and never stays within her budget. I shouldn't have to pad her pockets because she can't keep her money straight. We have a large family Christmas party coming up soon and I don't want our feud to ruin the celebration. Should I give in and cough up the cash? She always repays the loan; I just don't like being taken advantage of.

The Loaner

#### Dear Loaner,

I'm curious to know why you got upset this time if your cousin has asked you to float her a loan in the past. Was it the amount? Whatever the reason, you should make amends. I'm not saying to write her a check, but I am saying that you should apologize. Throwing money in her face was demeaning and there was no excuse for that kind of behavior. Ordinarily, I'd say that what she purchases is none of your business, but this time, she made it your business when she asked you to cover the bill on her home obligations. Money is known for causing chaos in even the best of friendships. Don't let this be true of your relationship with your cousin. Make it a practice to only loan up to a certain dollar amount; say, \$100. After that, tell her that you are no longer in a position to loan money to her. It doesn't matter what the bottom dollar of your bank account is. Whether you decide to give her the cash or not, let the choice you make this time, govern what you do in the future. That way, rules are established and you don't have to walk away feeling used. Don't allow money, which is here today and spent tomorrow, be the determining factor in whether or not your relationship with your cousin grows or dies. Good luck to you.

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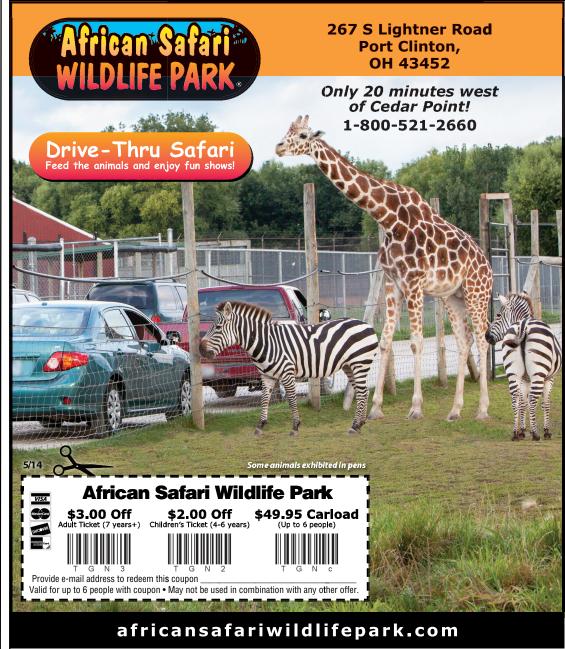
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