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Bill to cut welfare cash if kids miss school passes Michigan Senate

By Jonathan Oosting - MLive



LANSING — Families could lose welfare cash benefits if a child regularly misses school under a bill approved Tuesday by the Michigan Senate.

The proposal, whose sponsor has dubbed it the "parental responsibility act," would allow the state to cut off Family Independence Program assistance if a child was chronically truant.

If the child is younger than 16, the whole family could lose cash benefits. If the child is 16 or older, they would be removed from the family group, which could continue to receive some assistance.

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River Rouge holds first ever State of the City address

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



River Rouge Mayor - Michael Bowdler, LaShanna Mitchell-Stinson - Guidance Center, Rev. Julius Collins - Community Christian Ministries and Kari Walker - Guidance Center

Last week, River Rouge Mayor Michael Bowdler delivered the municipality's first ever State of the City address. Held at the Walter White Community Resource Center, the event drew local residents and business

owners interested in learning about the many developments occurring throughout the area. Several topics were discussed during the 25 minute long address, including the River Rouge Community School Dis-

trict, block club development, housing demolition, street light and playground improvement and residential tax foreclosure. In addition, Bowdler promoted

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK



River Rouge host their Annual Flag Raising Ceremony where the veterans and their families raise the 30ft x 40 ft flag in Memorial Park

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Opening Reception for "Finding Mona Lisa 313: Urban Students Become Global Scholars"

Rainey Films, Inc. and the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History present:

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Join us for the opening reception of Finding Mona Lisa: Urban Students Become Global Scholars the newest exhibition in the Contemporary Artists Gallery. Featured will be a documentary screening of Finding Mona Lisa: 313, showcasing the work of the program. Light refreshments will be provided. This event is free and open to the public.

"Finding Mona Lisa" is a travel group organized by Detroit artist, educator, and entrepreneur, Jocelyn Rainey. While teaching art at Loyola High School, a private school established for boys with behavioral problems, Rainey asked the boys if they wanted to go on a field trip. When they answered in the affirmative, she asked what they wanted to see, and

they responded that they wanted to "find the Mona Lisa." Thus, the "Finding Mona Lisa: Urban Students Become Global Scholars" program was born. Their first trip was to Paris, France, and they have since traveled to Madrid, Japan, and Egypt, and are currently planning a trip to China. The exhibition will feature large photographs of the students' travels.

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CALL TO ACTION

We must hold our elected officials accountable
What role are you playing?



There are many issues affecting the growth of our cities. Many have aging populations with a lack of opportunities for our youth. Our focus at the Telegram is on presenting positive news that is not normally covered in other media outlets. Our goal is to report the facts and inform our readers as to what is really happening in Metropolitan Detroit with a focus on the Downriver Communities.

As I sit in city council meetings in various cities, I noticed two things that just make my skin crawl. The first one is that there are not enough people in attendance in the meetings (unless a hot issue is on the agenda). How are you expected to know what is going on if you or a representative are not in the meetings witnessing firsthand what is going on. The second thing is I am

witnessing what is going on.

Time after time, I see decisions being made without backup information. I also witness decisions that seem to be made for the benefit of a particular person, or to set the stage for the betterment of a group, but not for the betterment of the city. We must highlight those elected official's voting records and the issues that the leaders in charge allow to transpire. The elected officials must be held accountable by the citizens.

All officials are elected by majority vote. I know it is political. But citizens must vote for people who have credibility, knowledge and desire to do the right thing for them.

This is an election year in many cities and I suggest that citizens begin to attend city council meetings to become a part of the solution.

Many cities are experiencing huge financial difficulties and now is not the time to make bad decisions.

They are elected to serve all the people... not a select few. Right?!

Do me a favor and make a commitment to stop by one of the next council meetings.

Gina Steward
 Publisher

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If the child is 16 or older, they would be removed from the family group, which could continue to receive some assistance.

"The whole goal here is to make sure that children are in school, because they will succeed and they will have the chance to move ahead in their life if they are in school," Sen. Judy Emmons, R-Sheridan, said on the floor.

A handful of Democrats stood to propose amendments and oppose the bill, which passed the Republican-led Senate in a 26-12 vote and now heads back to the House for concurrence.

Sen. Coleman Young II, D-Detroit, proposed an amendment seeking to prevent the state from cutting off cash assistance near the end of the school year because families would not have an opportunity

to apply for reinstatement over the summer.

"This is not about helping poor people. This is about kicking people while they're down," Young said as it became clear his amendment would fail. "It's wrong. It's disgusting. It needs to stop."

Sen. Bert Johnson, D-Detroit, proposed an amendment that would have ensured other family members stay on cash assistance even if one child was habitually truant.

Emmons, who urged her colleagues to vote against both amendments, said the bill will give the Department of Health and Human Services the ability to close a cash assistance case as a very, very last resort."

"Were giving the department the flexibility to work with the family to make sure they un-

derstand their children need to be in school," she said.

DHS has already implemented a similar truancy program. In fiscal year 2014, 189 families or individuals were sanctioned for missing school, according to the non-partisan Senate Fiscal Agency.

The legislation, which already passed the House in an earlier form, now returns to the lower chamber for a final vote before heading to the desk of Gov. Rick Snyder.

The Michigan League for Public Policy, noting that more than half a million Michigan children currently live in poverty, is already urging the governor to veto the bill.

"The goal of increasing school attendance is laudable; we all want students in school, learning and getting the education needed to end the cycle of poverty," MLPP President Gilda Jacobs said in a statement. "But this bill won't get kids to school. However, it is certain to push more kids deeper into poverty, making it even more difficult to get to school."

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The Waco Biker Riot and the Lexicon of Racism

By Lee A. Daniels - NNPA Columnist



to have high narcotic incidents,' implicitly smearing Gray and the entire community."

The disparity in coverage did not go unremarked upon on Black social media, in a host of progressive publications, and in numerous on-line reader-responses to mainstream-publication stories. (Many also noted the Waco police responded to the deadly shootout with none of the heavily-militarized equipment and body armor that immediately marked police responses to peaceful protests in Ferguson and Baltimore.)

Indeed, the differences in the language used underscore that the way words and phrases are used to talk about race and racial events has its own meaning. In this instance, it's that such words as "riot" and "thug" are part of the lexicon of America's continuing racial divide that, among other things, individualizes White crime and White flaws while it indicts all Black Americans for the flaws and crimes of individual Blacks. Some years ago a journalist friend of mine described this dynamic as "the chains of collective guilt."

The phenomenon isn't new, of course. Once, the lexicon of anti-Black collective guilt helped justify the actual chains of Negro slavery and the legalized racism that followed. Now, it's usually employed in more subtle ways.

Except when it's not: As in the revealing discoveries over the past two months of racist, sexist and homophobic tweets and e-mails by cops in the police departments of San Francisco, Miami Beach, and Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

In each case – all are still in early stages of investigation – police officers, some with long years on their force, were found to have exchanged from dozens to hundreds of social-media messages disparaging with vile slurs against Blacks, Hispanic-Americans, women, gays and lesbians, Muslim Americans – and, of course, President Obama. Law enforcement co-workers and innocent civilians alike were denigrated along with Black criminal suspects. The bulk of the messages in all these instances, which cover from 2010 to the present, focused on Black Americans.

The discoveries have led to the resignations of some of the officers, and disciplinary actions, including firing, against the others. Even more important, prosecutors and police officials in the three cities are reviewing cases of defendants in which the officers were involved either as arresting officers or witnesses at trial. In San Francisco, prosecutors have already dropped eight cases connected to some of the officers there.

One Miami Beach cop tried to excuse his behavior by describing it as just part of the police department's longstanding "culture." Unfortunately, the same could be said for the mainstream and conservative media's refusal to use the most accurate descriptions for the Waco biker riot.

It's those similarities that are worrisome.

Question: When men (and a few women) belonging to gangs known to law enforcement agencies for criminal behavior explode in a rampage – using guns, knives, clubs, and chains in trying to kill each other, and police officers, too, that leaves nine dead, nearly 200 injured and hundreds arrested, is that a "riot?"

Answer: Apparently not if the overwhelming majority of the gang members are White?

America's present-day "racial divide," has never been more strikingly displayed than in the refusal of much of the mainstream and conservative media to describe the May 17 biker riot in Waco, Texas as a riot.

The riot, which occurred at a popular restaurant amid dozens of innocent bystanders and, according to police, involved members of five different gangs, was one of the most extraordinary outbursts of mass criminal violence in recent memory. Further, almost immediately after Waco police arrested the bikers, rumors swirled that other members of the gangs were heading toward the city to both continue the battle against their rivals and carry out death threats made against Waco police officials.

Yet, scanning the newspapers, the universe of online publications, and the network and cable television news programs, you'd have scarcely come across any description of what occurred in Waco as a "riot." Nor would you have likely found any reference to the bikers, clad in their distinctively grungy biker garb, as "thugs" – or, as one newspaper reader put it: "murdering thuggish rioters."

MediaMatters, the watchdog group, pointed out the contrast in how Fox News, for example, covered Waco versus Baltimore and Ferguson.

It noted, "After African-American communities in Baltimore and Ferguson, Mo. came together to demonstrate against the deadly and racially disparate policies of law enforcement, Fox News branded the protests a 'war on cops.' But when the story became a mostly white Texas biker gang plotting to kill police with grenades and car bombs, the network took a decidedly less sensationalist approach in its reporting."

CNN Political Commentator Sally Kohn wrote, "In fact, in much of the coverage of the Waco shootings, the race of the gang members isn't even mentioned. By comparison, the day after Freddie Gray died in the custody of police officers in Baltimore, not only did most coverage mention that Gray was black, but also included a quote from the deputy police commissioner noting Gray was arrested in 'a high-crime area known

May is Foster Care Month: Michigan to Limit Options for Kids in Need of a Home?



LANSING, MI. - May is National Foster Care Month, and about 3,000 Michigan children are looking for a permanent home.

But a controversial package of bills (HB 4188, HB4189, HB 4190) could make it more difficult to connect these children with a family.

The measures would allow state-funded adoption agencies to deny placement based on "sincerely held" religious beliefs.

Susan Grettenberger, vice president of policy for the Na-

tional Association of Social Workers in Michigan, says it doesn't make sense to limit the pool of people willing to open their homes to foster kids.

"There are more children in the system than there are parents to adopt them or to foster them," she points out. "There's always a need for more foster parents."

According to supporters, the proposal would codify existing state policy and protect faith-based organizations.

The House has passed the measures and it is unclear if Gov. Rick Snyder will sign the bills if the Senate passes them, too.

There are about 13,000 children currently in foster care in the state.

Grettenberger says an estimated 250 LGBT families in Michigan are either fostering or in the process of adopting. But she says they are not the only ones who would be impacted by the measures.

"If a single man came and said, 'I want to come in and adopt,' they could also refuse that person," she points out. "If they had an interracial couple that came, or a mixed-religious

couple that came, they could refuse to provide services."

Grettenberger adds that many people are unaware that this type of legislation is being discussed, or of the impacts it could have on kids.

She says some foster parents are better suited than others in supporting the unique challenges of some children.

"There have been teenagers who identified as gay who were refused by heterosexual families who are foster parents and who had there not been a gay couple available to accept them would not have had a place to go," she says.

Supporters say the measures would not reduce the pool of potential foster parents, because there are also private adoption organizations that do not have the same policies.

But Grettenberger says in many areas of Michigan, state-funded agencies are the only places offering adoption.

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By: Janine Folks - Telegram Religion Columnist



I used to be one of those people who always pointed out the silver lining in terrible situations. I felt like I had to rescue people from their pain.

Thinking back, I've said some ineffective things to people in the name of making them 'feel better.' There are many words I wish I could take back.

It is good to be encourager. Yet, we need to be very careful in choosing words when attempting to console the suffering and hurting. We like to sugar coat situations and gloss them over so they don't seem so bad.

It's not that we should be gloom and doom, but sometimes we need to acknowledge the reality of pain and sadness. Otherwise, we trivialize what hurting people going through, like it's no big deal.

When people refuse to claim their reality they are not in a position to speak to it or deal with it. Whether we claim it or not, it is what it is. Denying a person's sadness does not serve them. The Bible says, 'weep with those who weep' (Rom. 12:15); not 'make the weeping rejoice.'

Eventually, they will rejoice. After all, weeping endures for night. We seem to think that people are not supposed to weep. Even Jesus wept. Why would we not? When people apologize to me for crying and grieving, I tell them, "Don't apologize for your pain. It would be weird if you didn't have pain and tears at a time like this. You have suffered a major loss."

Knowing that people cannot

live without hope, we sometimes claw at anything to give hope to the hopeless. Sometimes offering hope can be as simple as simply 'being there.' There is no 'catch phrase' or 'magic word' we can conjure up to make pain go away instantly. We can offer words of comfort, but some things are just sad and we should not forbid tears because tears bring healing.

Most people are uncomfortable with sorrow and suffering and don't like to 'go there' with others. Then they try to bring the sorrowful person 'out' of their sorrow. It leaves the sad person feeling alone and not understood. They may even resort to the hypocrisy of pretending to be happy when they're not so they can appear to have great faith. We have to remember that it is possible to have great faith and still feel sad about a sad thing that has happened.

Is it appropriate or effective to be cheery and sing to a person with a heavy heart? The Bible says in Proverbs 25:20: "Like

one who takes away a garment on a cold day, or like vinegar poured on soda, is one who sings songs to a heavy heart." You wouldn't take someone's coat on a cold day; that would be cruel. You wouldn't pour vinegar in soda; that would be messy. That's what singing songs to a heavy heart is like.

If a person has prolonged debilitating sadness, they might need clinical intervention. Praise and worship can break off the spirit of heaviness in an instant and that's different than when a person comes in with patronizing words sugar coating a painful situation. Be a caring presence who can relate and forget the sugar coat. ... God bless.

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BIBLE VERSE

Ephesians 6:10-17

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. 14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, 15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. 16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

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TAMARA RENICE WILLIAMS

Dec. 16, 1975 – Apr. 17, 2015

Tamara (Tam) Renice Williams was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to Clyde and Linda Williams. Tam successfully matriculated through Eastern Michigan University and earned a BS in Criminal Justice in 2001.

Tam's innate kindness, friendly personality, and warm, yet captivating smile touched the lives of everyone she encountered. Her compassionate spirit and love for children led her to serve as a youth missionary at an orphanage in Port Au Prince, Haiti and guided her career paths that positively impacted the lives of young people throughout various local communities.

The memories of Tamara's life and legacy will be cherished by her son, Kyree; parents, Clyde and Linda; brothers, Eric and sister-in-love Lanise, and Brandon; grandparents, Theornia Williams and Bessie Tharp and a host of family and friends.

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KEVIN EUGENE STEEL

May 20, 1959 – Apr 18, 2015
Kevin grew up in Inkster where he attended Westwood Schools with a strong passion for football. After graduating from Robichaud High he attended Washtenaw Community College. My area of interest was Culinary Arts. He became part owner of a restaurant in Belleville. He married the Love of his life, Patricia Bowens and became the proud parents of two children, Takyra and Kevin II.

He leaves behind to cherish his memories his grandmother, Luelar Steel; mother Norma Armstrong; mother-in-law Rosie Eaddy; devoted wife of 33 years, Patricia Steel and children, Takyra, Kevin II (Tiana); " My Favorite Five," my grandchildren, Tyeice, Tajuan, Arrion, Zander and Izayah; my sister Tonya (Ronald); my brother Rene' and one sister-in-law Pamela Harris and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

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EARL ALTON DAVIS

Mar 28 – Apr 21 2015

He was born in Westland and received an Associates Degree in Art from Washtenaw Community College and went on to pursue his Bachelor's Degree in Art at Eastern Michigan University. Earl had many loves, including cooking, making people laugh at his jokes and beating his cousins in a game of chess. Earl was a loving father and gentle spirit. Earl leaves to cherish his memories, eight children; four from the union of Mattie Lynn Davis Harlan: Victoria, Earl Jr., Niesha and Sharonda, and four from the union of Keisha Willis Davis: Keyera, Keyon, Keyshira

and Keymaree; and three grandchildren, Alayah, Serenity and Mariah.

Loving memories will always be in the hearts of those he leaves behind; his daughters and sons; his mother Earlene Barber; sister, Rhonda Davis; brother, Mann Davis; nephew, Delorian Davis, and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

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FLORENCE LEE BROWN

Sept. 29, 1926 – Apr. 25, 2015

Mrs. Florence Lee Brown (affectionately known as Nuki by family and friends) was born in Ada, AL. She married Joseph Brown Jr. in Massillon, OH. They then relocated to Ann Arbor, MI and later settled in Westland, where she remained a lifelong resident and active member of Smith Chapel AME Church.

She never met a stranger and had a very generous spirit. One of her favorite pastimes was sitting on her porch, admiring her flowers and talking with neighbors. She loved to travel and listen to music. She was mother to not only her children, but to her children's friends, and no one could be in her presence without being filled with laughter and love

She leaves to cherish her memory: her children, Evelyn Joyce Brown, MI, Brenda Yvonne Moore, Joseph Tyrone Brown III (Cheryl), MI, Beverly Darlene Townsend, and Ronald Fitzgerald Brown; one sister, Bertha Nash; one brother, Leander McPherson; sisters-in-law, Julia Mae (Leon) Hamilton, Alfreda (Charles) Everett, Lily Brown and Mary Brown; 15 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren and a host of family and friends who loved and considered her their mom as well.

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SHARON STEWART

Sept. 11, 1958 – Apr. 27, 2015

Sharon Denise Stewart was born in Knoxville, Tennessee. She moved to Michigan with her family as a young teenager and attended Romulus Public School where she graduated.

Sharon was employed at Hilton Hotels and Double Tree Hotel as a housekeeper for several years. Sharon had a love for children and was always excited to buy for them. Her hobbies included writing, shopping and making new

friends.

She leave to cherish her memories: her daughter Sharon Smith; her sisters, Wilma Manson, Knoxville, TN and Virginia (David) Jones, Romulus, MI; several nieces, nephews and cousins; and a very special person, Vergie Smith.

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DOROTHY ANN RICE

Apr 27, 1928 - Apr 20, 2015

Dorothy Ann was an only child. She moved to Michigan from Aberdeen, MS where she worked in a factory doing laundry. One of her greatest joys and accomplishments was being a mother and then being a grandmother; her



ROXIANN LEHELLE YOUNG

Nov. 16, 1967 – May 14, 2015


Roxiann was born in Detroit and graduated from Cooley High School. She furthered her education at Ross and went on to work for many different medical offices as a coder and biller. During her career she worked at Botsford, St. Mary and Oakwood Hospital. She enjoyed attending church, playing softball, cooking and spending time with family and friends.

She leaves to cherish her memories; two sisters – Pamela Young and Sheila Young. One brother – Levi Young; three children Markesta Young, Reginal Young and Caleal Carter, Nieces and nephews; Kyishia Young, Tyquinn Young, Chevel Young, Dewuan Young, Beleon Banks, and a host of extended family and friends.

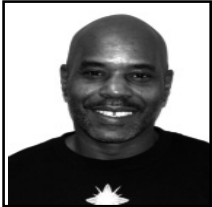
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POLICE BLOTTER

RIVER ROUGE

May 16th, 2015

At 0229hrs, while patrolling the area of East Great Lakes, an officer observed a suspect vehicle that matched a police pursuit earlier on May 15, 2015, involving an officer. The 2002 Chevrolet Venture vehicle was parked in front of home in the 100 Block of Great Lakes. The vehicle had a paper plate in the rear window and when officer looked further and observed a 38 year old male sleeping in the front seat. Officers knocked on the window and the male woke up and opened the front passenger side to speak. The officers could smell the strong odor of Marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. The male was asked to step out of the vehicle and officer observed a plastic baggie with appeared to be Marijuana in a cup holder. The male was placed under arrest, handcuffed and placed in the patrol vehicle. While seizing the Marijuana another plastic bag with what appeared to be crack Cocaine was found in the cup holder too? They even found a small digital scale and a box of plastic baggies. Was this man in business or what? He was charged with Possession with Intent to Deliver. The vehicle was impounded. He was transported to the police station where he was booked, allowed to make a call then housed without incident.

May 21th, 2015

At 226hrs, an officer was monitoring traffic at Visger & Polk Street when he observed 2007 Saab heading east bound on Visger with no plate illuminated. The officer affected his overhead to conduct a traffic stop with the driver. The vehicle continued on Visger then turned southbound on 17th Street in Ecorse and finally stop at 11th & Francis. When the officer approached the vehicle the 29 year old male made a gesture toward the passenger side of the vehicle. The male was ordered to put his hands out of the window then he opened the door as the officer got closer. He was told to close the door several times, before he finally did. The officer stood by and waited for back up to assist

The K9 unit and another arrived on scene and as the officers approached the vehicle a strong odor of Marijuana emitted from the vehicle. The male was asked for his driver license and produced a Michigan Identification Card and stated he didn't have a license. He was placed under arrest and placed into a patrol vehicle. The K9 unit walked around the vehicle and made a "hit" on the trunk, the driver's side door, and rear door.

Upon searching the trunk a school bag was found and inside of it the officers observed a 357 Magnum hand gun, fully loaded, along with Hashish oil and Hashish powder and prescriptions medications that belonged to the driver. A further check of the vehicle officers observed a pill bottle with marijuana residue inside of it and a digital scale. He was transported to the police station where he was booked for CCW, VPHC and DWLS along with a warrant out of Detroit.

May 22nd, 2015

At 1945hrs, officers were stationary at Elizabeth & West Jefferson and observed a silver Doge Magnum in the parking lot of Rivera Market. Officers observed a female in the front passenger seat and another male got into the vehicle. The vehicle left the parking lot at a high rate of speed failing to yield to oncoming traffic causing other vehicles to slam on their brakes. The officer conducted a traffic stop at Forest & Jefferson and when he approached the vehicle he could smell a strong odor of marijuana emitting from the vehicle.

The officer asked the male how much of marijuana was in the vehicle and the driver just held his head down. The officer then asked if there was a weapon in the vehicle and he shook his head. The driver was told to step out of the vehicle and as he was being detained he was chewing something. The officer told him to spit it. The male driver spit out a clear baggie with a white rock which was suspected "crack cocaine," out of his mouth. He was placed under arrest handcuffed and placed into the patrol vehicle. The male admitted to officer that he had hidden drugs in inside of his boxer shorts. He then pulled out a clear baggie with a white rock of suspected crack cocaine and a green leafy substance of suspected marijuana. He was transported to the police station where he was booked, allowed to make a phone call then housed. The crack cocaine, marijuana, digital scale, 3 cell phone and cash were taken as evidence. The vehicle is subject to Forfeiture which was impounded.

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CRIME UPDATE Conviction in Ecorse Homicide

Alvin Jordan was convicted of 1st Degree Murder, Robbery Armed, and Felony Firearms in the case of Will Henry Wright the man from River Rouge that was murdered on 9th Street in Ecorse.

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Time: 12PM

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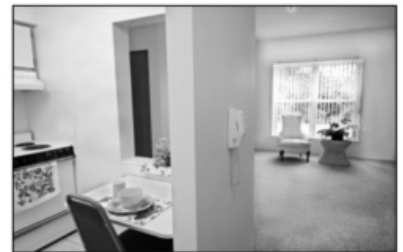
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The Seven Most Dangerous DIY Home Renovations



(StatePoint) One in five DIY-ers tackling home renovations ends up in the hospital each year due to accidents, according to the Home Safety Council. Don't become a statistic.

Here are the seven most dangerous DIY home renovations you should leave to the experts.

Tree Trimming & Removal

Trees don't always fall in a predictable manner, creating a hazard for yourself and your property. It's best to consult a certified arborist, no matter how handy you are with power tools.

"If a tree falls during a storm, a DIY mishap, or a careless neighbor's landscaping project, take photos and contact your claims adjuster as soon as possible," says Erie Insurance Vice President and Product Manager, Joe Vahey. "Your adjuster can help evaluate the damage and explain how your homeowners insurance can help."

Asbestos Removal

Many homes built before 1980 contain asbestos. Before renovating, it's a smart idea to have your home inspected for asbestos-containing materials by accredited professionals.

Leave clean-up to experts, and limit your exposure to the area. Inhaling airborne fibers may cause harmful respiratory problems.

Roof Repair

When faced with severe storm damage, homeowners often look for a quick fix for roof damage. Rather than running the risk of falling or injuring yourself, have your homeowners insurance claims adjuster verify damage and schedule repair work with an experienced company. In the long run, this will save you time, money and help you avoid injuries.

Electrical Repairs

While it may be easy to change a light switch or install a ceiling fan (make sure your power is turned off before you start), replacing circuits and other larger projects should be done by professionals. This will prevent shocks, injuries and potential fires, while ensuring your home is up to building codes if you eventually plan to sell.

Gas Appliance Repairs

Properly cutting off or hooking up gas lines can be tricky, so leave gas appliance repairs to the professionals to protect against potential gas leaks and

carbon monoxide poisoning.

Knocking Down Walls

If you're looking for an open floor plan, think before tearing down walls yourself. Do you know which walls are load-bearing and where plumbing or electrical lines are located? Professionals will know how to best navigate the project from start to finish so you stay safe, and your home stays intact.

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Not all pest-control products should be handled by the average consumer. Keep your family safe by hiring a pest control company to handle toxic substances properly.

More renovations safety tips and information on homeowners insurance can be found at www.ErieInsurance.com.

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My Brother's Keeper Enters a New Phase

By Freddie Allen - NNPA Senior Washington Correspondent



WASHINGTON (NNPA) – While political pundits rush ahead to the 2016 presidential election, President Barack Obama is rallying private-sector, philanthropic and community leaders to launch an independent non-profit to ensure that the My Brother's Keeper (MBK) Initiative lives past his second term in office.

That initiative and its mission to expand opportunities and improve life outcomes for young men and boys of color will live on as the My Brother's Keeper Alliance.

During the launch ceremony of the Alliance at Lehman College in West Bronx, N.Y., President Obama said that the group aims to double the percentage of boys and young men of color who read at grade level by the third grade, increase their high school graduation rates by 20 percent and get 50,000 young men into college or post-high school training.

"I notice we don't always get a lot of reporting on this issue when there's not a crisis in some neighborhood. But we're just going to keep on plugging away," said President Obama. "And this will remain a mission for me and for Michelle not just for the rest of my presidency, but for the rest of my life."

The MBK Alliance will also develop a guide to help mobilize private sector leaders to address the myriad challenges facing young men of color and provide \$7 million in grants to evidence-based programs and another \$15-\$25 million to support communities in building capacity for those programs and local infrastructure. Companies, including American Express, Ariel Investments, BET Networks, PepsiCo and Sam's Club, committed more than \$80 million in cash donations to the MBK Alliance.

In a letter to supporters and community stakeholders, Broderick Johnson, the chair of the My Brother's Keeper Task Force at the White House, said that he looked forward to the focus that the Alliance would bring to tearing down barriers facing underserved and at-risk youth.

Johnson said that the task force is working with the Education and Health and Human Services Departments to address the disproportionate impact of preschool suspensions

on students of color and with the Labor Department to help young people gain work-related skill on a pathway to careers.

Johnson also noted that the Justice Department the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing are working to promote community-oriented policing practices and to improve life outcomes for young people that encounter the criminal justice system.

Leroy Hughes, Jr., the interim executive director of Concerned Black Men National, a group that provides mentoring programs and supports career and academic achievement for young boys of color, said that instead of just throwing funding at the issue, building a strong foundation through the initiative, defining the problems and likely solutions in two separate reports and issuing the community challenge last year helped to put all of the pieces together for a long-term strategy.

"I think it was a smart move, because they can actually talk about real issues affecting Black men and boys now," said Hughes.

And addressing those issues can lead to real economic benefits for the nation.

A fact sheet released by the Alliance said that just one disconnected young man costs society nearly \$1 million over his lifetime. "High school graduates pay more taxes, draw less from social welfare programs and are less likely to commit crimes than drop-outs," stated the brief. "Research shows that closing the achievement gap between young men of color and their peers could increase the annual GDP by as much as \$2.1 trillion."

Hughes said that launching the Alliance puts the onus on the community to become proactively engaged and by reaching out to corporate America as well as those in the philanthropic sector, separate and apart from the federal government, speaks to the Obama administration's effort to get all of us to buy in to the program.

"We're seeking solutions, not simple engagement," said Hughes. "We understand the long-term implications of dealing with these kids. We have to make sure that our efforts can be quantified, so that we can apply lessons learned and help more children."

Sabbath Middle School holds first Annual Arts, Beats and Eats event

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter

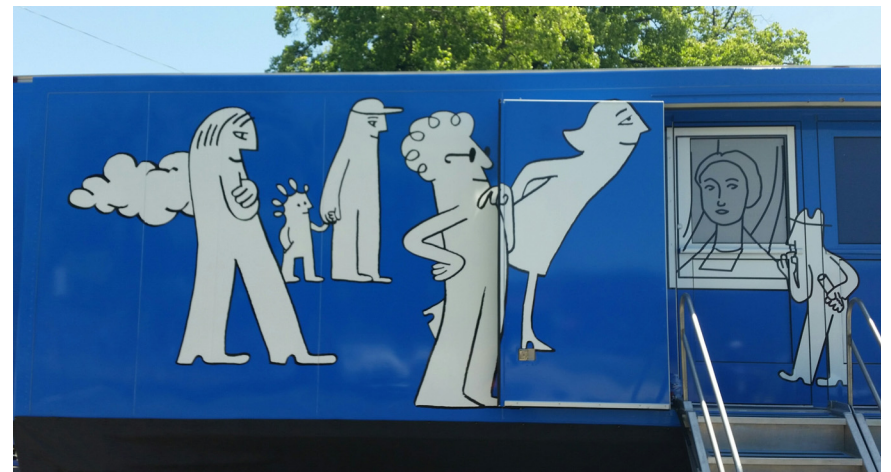


Principal Brandon C. Cox surrounded by Sabbath students

With the weather getting warmer, students were excited about the many activities offered during the first annual Arts, Beats and Eats event at Sabbath Middle School in River Rouge.

Last Friday, a DJ played rocking tunes while youngsters congregated along the playground, dancing to the music and jumping around in a nearby bouncy house. Cotton candy

made its way around the park, while the aroma of grilled hot dogs filled the air as spectators checked out art pieces intermittently displayed throughout the area. Included within the presentation was a life size paper mached black panther, in addition to student made replicas of Vincent Van Gogh's famous piece "Starry Night".



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State Board of Education member Michelle Fecteau attended the occasion, and seemed greatly impressed by the inaugural festivities.

"It is a wonderful event and shows how public schools are a center of our communities," she said. "Mr. Cox and his entire staff do a wonderful job nurturing the children in their care. I am proud to say that my children are graduates of this fine school."

Also of note was the events main attraction, an exhibit called "DIA Away: Think like an Artist" provided by the Detroit Institute of Arts. The mobile, in-

teractive classroom located in a centralized trailer provided students with an educational, hands on experience through the exploration of arts and science related activities.

"The first annual Arts, Beats and Eats event was a great success," said Principal Brandon C. Cox. "I would like to thank the world's greatest staff, the DIA and Eastern Michigan University for making this one of our most successful events ever."

The "Think like an Artist" exhibit will make its way to additional River Rouge area locations next month. For more information, please visit www.dia.org.

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The Grand Prix is Back

By Butch Davis



Thanks to a \$50,000 donation from Tom Gores and Platinum Equity, all of the broken and aging lights and fixtures lining the MacArthur Bridge have been replaced with high-efficiency LED technology, improving visibility and safety for visitors to the island.

Photo by Detroit Grand Prix

The Chevrolet Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix returns to the Motor City May 29-31, 2015. The event will feature the cars of the Verizon IndyCar Series, the TUDOR United Sports Car Championship, the Pirelli World Challenge Series and the trucks of the SPEED Energy Formula Off-Road Presented by TRAXXAS. The weekend collectively is referred to as the Chevrolet Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix and it will feature the Chevrolet Dual in Detroit presented by Quicken Loans IndyCar doubleheader. All of this will take place Friday-Sunday - May 29-31, 2015, on the 2.3 miles of track at the Raceway at Belle Isle Park road course.

In addition, the 2015 Grand Prix features a number of fan engagement activities including displays in the midway and live music, driver autograph sessions, extreme sports demonstrations, free Monster Truck rides, appearances by Detroit Sports stars and more in the Meijer Fan Zone. By the way, Friday, May 29 is Comerica Bank Free Prix Day as all fans can come in and enjoy events for free on that day. Now for your information, since the Grand Prix returned to Belle Isle in 2007, event organizers have made over \$13 million in lasting improvements to Belle Isle such as installing over 475,000 square feet of new concrete for road improvements and other modifications for more exciting competition, repairing damaged lighting and drainage systems, renovation of Scott Fountain, the Belle Isle Casino and the Belle Isle Boat Club, installing over 400,000 square feet of concrete for paddock area and fan interaction to provide a cleaner and more comfortable race experience in addition the new con-

crete areas and installing new pedestrian bridges and play areas also will be used by park visitors for parking, community events and activities all year round.

As you know there is no parking on Belle Isle during the weekend events, however budgetary constraints prevented the ferry service from operating last year. Officials are excited to once again provide the unique trip along the Detroit River for Grand Prix fans in 2015. "We are extremely excited to bring the ferry back this year," said John Loftus, Executive Director of the Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority. "This is a great way to showcase the Riverfront, the city skyline, and the Grand Prix while offering people a new way to get on the water and take full advantage of a tremendous resource in our own backyard."

The Grand Prix Ferry will be operating Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, May 29-31, from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., unless high traffic requires the ferry to extend its hours of operation. The ferry service will run non-stop to and from Belle Isle hourly on Friday, and about every 30 minutes on Saturday and Sunday. The boats run direct to and from the island with an average transit time of 12 minutes. The ferries will depart from the Port Authority Public Dock and Terminal, located at 130 Atwater Street in downtown Detroit and drop off passengers at the Harbor Master terminal near the main entrance to the Chevrolet Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix on Belle Isle. The cost is \$10 for a round-trip ticket to and from the event, or a three-day Grand Prix Ferry pass can be purchased for just \$27.

U of M, Baseball and Softball Teams move on to Post-Game Activity

By Butch Davis



U of M, Baseball and Softball Teams both move on to NCAA championship rounds.

Photo By U of M Blue

The Michigan baseball team claimed its ninth Big Ten Tournament title, and first since 2008, defeating Maryland 4-3 in Sunday's championship game. The Wolverines earn the conference's automatic bid to advance to the NCAA Tournament. The third-seeded Wolverines (37-23) went undefeated in tournament action, defeating sixth-seeded Indiana in the tournament-opening game, knocking off No. 2 Iowa on day two and eliminating top-seeded Illinois to advance to the championship game. Michigan capitalized on six hits and did not commit an error. Michigan's Brett Adcock picked up the win, striking out four batters and allowing one run on two hits in 5.2 innings of work. The tournament's Most Outstanding Player Jacob Cronenworth was credited with the save. The NCAA Baseball D1 Regional Double Elimination will start May 29, in Louisville, Kentucky.

Not to be out done, the No. 3-ranked University of Michigan softball team rallied from an early deficit and staved off a late comeback to knock off No. 14 Georgia, 7-6, and claim an NCAA Super Regional sweep on Friday evening (May 22) in front of 2,582 fans at the Wilpon Complex, home of Alumni Field on the campus of the University of Michigan. With the victory, their 24th in a row, the Wolverines advanced to the Women's College World Series for the 11th time in program history and second time

in three seasons. The U of M softball team's journey will continue at The Women's College World in Oklahoma City, May 28-June 3.

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CITY OF INKSTER

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APPROVED:
Approval of the agenda.
Public Hearing on the FY2015/2016 Budget Appropriations.
Approval of the Consent Agenda.
Approval of two offers to purchase 3573 Ash and 3565 Ash.

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CITY OF ROMULUS PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF ROMULUS PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments

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Article 3, Section 3.06(c), Commercial Vehicles
Article 8, Section 8.02, Industrial Districts
Article 11, Section 11.16, Oil and Gas Wells
Article 21, Section 21.02, Enforcement

The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

A copy of the proposed text amendments are available in the Planning Department during regular business hours – Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Questions may be addressed to Carol Maise, City Planner, Economic Development Department, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485 or at 734-955-4530.

Ellen Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: May 28, 2015

WAYNE WESTLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE

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PROPOSED 2015-2016 BUDGET
MONDAY, June 8, 2015

Please take notice that, on June 8, 2015 at 7 o'clock p.m. at 36745 Marquette, Westland, Michigan, the Board of Education of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, Wayne County, Michigan will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2015-2016 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2015-2016 budget until after the public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2015-2016 budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at 36745 Marquette, Westland, Michigan.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

CAROL MIDDEL, Secretary

Publish: May 28, 2015

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Western Wayne Family Health Centers Finalist for award in Program Innovation



LaNita Pickett, Case Manager; Linda Atkins CEO

Western Wayne Family Health Centers (WWFHC) has been recognized as a state level finalist for the Innovations in Health Care Awards by the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan. The awards were presented in Lansing at the Champion of Hope Tribute dinner, which celebrates the strong collaboration between the National Kidney Foundation of Michigan, the state of Michigan and other community organizations. It recognizes champions for a healthier Michigan. The Innovations awards are given to partners who design and implement new programs that address prevention and treatment of chronic conditions.

WWFHC has been working to combat the most prevalent problems facing people in the Inkster area—hypertension and diabetes. Many patients can't get the medication and care they need due to cost, transportation issues, lack of knowledge about their health and low confidence in their own ability to manage their condition. Using a dedicated case manager and community health worker to assist patients, teach self management courses, offer specialized exercise classes, support groups, face-to-face individualized teaching and problem solving plus assistance to get medication and supplies needed to monitor themselves, the program has made great strides in improving the wellness of patients who are in the programs.

After implementing all these supports and care enhancements that go beyond the traditional "doctor's office visit", the goal of having 71% of all patients with high blood pressure that is normal was exceeded, with 78% controlled. For patients with diabetes, the original goal was to have 61% have their blood sugar within normal limits, and those who used the services actually have a rate of 71% of control. These results are above averages seen in other types of primary care practices. WWFHC staff is involved in improving the health of the community at large as well, participating in the Inkster Partnership for a Healthier Community and other local initiatives. These types of innovative interventions and programs are now being offered at other WWFHC locations and will be expanded to other conditions starting this summer.

WWFHC has centers in Inkster, Taylor and Lincoln Park and provided care to 11,409 patients in 2014 with 38,653 encounters. Primary medical, general dentistry and behavioral health services are open to all, regardless of health insurance status. Most insurance plans are accepted, including all Wayne County Medicaid and Healthy Michigan Plan coverage; and a sliding fee scale is available for those without health insurance. Insurance application assistance is also offered.

State of the City

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the area's upcoming citywide cleanup, set to take place on June 6th at 8:30 AM. "We're encouraging everyone who lives or works here to come out and help us with our citywide cleanup," he said. "It's easy to complain about a problem or issue, but this is where you can actually make a difference. After these cleanup dates, you can drive along Jefferson, Visger and Schaefer to see a real difference in this city. We're asking for about four hours of volunteer work to make this a better place to live and work in." Another point highlighted during the address was a \$1.3 million grant received through a partnership with Wayne Metro, allowing for the demolition of

50 or 60 blighted homes. Bowdler also informed citizens of empty residential lots available for purchase through the city for \$100, while providing details about the municipality's new sewer system installed after last year's record flooding in August. In addition, residents were given facts about physical improvements recently implemented within the community. Bowdler was greeted with loud applause upon announcing that a recent grant will allow for the installation of LED street lights throughout the city, saving River Rouge approximately \$90,000 per year. In addition, a nifty playscape is now available for local children, who

have the opportunity to play on one of the biggest playground structures in the downriver area. Finally, Bowdler revealed impressive financial numbers to demonstrate how far River Rouge has come since his administration first took over nearly ten years ago. "When I was elected in 2005, the auditors came in and said that it was hopeless and impossible because we were nearly \$4 million in debt," he said. "The state treasurer said that our pension obligations were not being paid on time. But when they looked at our financial records in 2009, they saw that this administration was more than capable of running our own city. We had been in a consent agreement for five years, but as of right now we've eliminated our debt. We had a surplus of \$1,300,021 at the end of the 2013-2014 fiscal year." Following the address, Bowdler conducted a question and answer session with members of the audience, who inquired about tax foreclosures and potholes throughout the area, amongst other concerns. The event concluded with prayer and closing remarks, followed by food and fellowship between local citizens, business owners and elected officials.

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Remembering Malcolm X on his 90th birthday

By Shelby Jefferson – Telegram Staff Reporter



Last week, the world commemorated Malcolm X's 90th birthday. Born Malcolm Little on May 19, 1925, the iconic human rights activist became one of the most prolific voices in the black liberation struggle of the 1950's and 60's, and still ranks among the greatest figures of the 20th Century. In a sense, traditional history has slightly evolved in its interpretation of the great Malcolm X. Still, some misinformed entities continue to associate his name with ideas of hate and violence due to his professed ideologies of self-defense, separatism and Black Nationalism. This however could not be further from the truth. Because while Malcolm's "by any means necessary" approach to racial oppression stood as a radical alternative to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s nonviolent civil disobedience, he ultimately represented a restoration of dignity to the black consciousness that instilled values of racial pride, self-determination and an appreciation of African ancestral identity—ideals that still resonate today as a new generation of activists continue to assert that #BLACKLIVES-MATTER. To honor his life and enduring legacy, here are nine interesting facts you may not know about the late Malcolm X.

His father was murdered by a white supremacist organization.

Earl Little was a Baptist preacher, social activist and open supporter of Black Nationalist leader Marcus Garvey. In 1931, when Malcolm was only six years old, his father's dead body was found lying across local trolley tracks. Though area officials ruled Little's death an accident, his family maintained that mem-

bers of the Black Legion—a known white supremacist organization—were in fact responsible for the tragedy.

He moved around a lot as a child, and also lived in Michigan.

Born in Omaha, Nebraska in 1925, Malcolm X lived in several American cities throughout his childhood. In an effort to escape death threats from the Black Legion, the Little's moved to Lansing in 1929 (though the organization took Earl's life two years later). When their mother suffered a nervous breakdown, Malcolm and his siblings were divided amongst the foster care system, where the youngster spent time in a juvenile detention home in Mason, Michigan, before eventually venturing to Boston and later Harlem.

The surname X was adopted to honor Malcolm's ancestral background.

In 1946, Malcolm was convicted on burglary charges, and subsequently served seven years in prison. During this stint, he began studying the teachings of Nation of Islam leader Elijah Muhammad, who advocated self-reliance and social/economic independence from the greater white society. Upon being paroled in 1952, Malcolm was an official NOI member, accepting the surname X to replace his former slave name of "Little".

His teachings inspired future activists, political organizations and social movements.

Appointed as a NOI minister and national spokesman, Malcolm X—with his prominent intellect, charismatic appeal and powerful oratory skills—rose as the most influential figure in the growing organization, and

eventually propelled the group to 30,000 members in 1963. In the midst of Malcolm's growing national and international visibility, his ideologies of armed self-defense were falsely misinterpreted and widely feared by mainstream populations, and by some members of the black community—especially when contrasted against Dr. King's universally accepted, integrationist viewpoints of the time.

Contrary to popular misconception however, Malcolm X was no teacher of hate. In response to increasing violence and police brutality, he advocated that every human being has a Constitutional right to defend themselves, once expressing that: "Self-defense is not violence. It's intelligence." These philosophies would inspire the development of future organizations like the Black Panther Party for Self Defense, and even radical hip hop acts like Public Enemy rising to prominence during the 1980's and 90's.

After being silenced by the Nation of Islam, he began a transformation not acknowledged by those who have long distorted his historical legacy.

After facts emerged regarding Elijah Muhammad's illegitimate children and secret love affairs within the organization, a disappointed Malcolm X—who viewed his once mentor as a father like figure—began to distance himself from the NOI. Consequently silenced by the group for 90 days following his infamous comments about the assassination of John F. Kennedy, he officially cut all NOI ties, and ventured on a religious pilgrimage to Mecca in 1964. Becoming a Sunni Muslim and adopting the name El Hajj Malik El Shabazz, Malcolm developed a more compassionate connection to his white brethren, referring to them in his autobiography as "blonde-haired, blue-eyed men I could call my brothers." Also honing in on African and Third World freedom struggles abroad, he would go on to establish his own Muslim Mosque, Inc. and the Organization for Afro-American Unity—both of which still exist today.

He gave a memorable speech in Selma during the

historic marches that led to the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

In February 1965, Malcolm X delivered an impassioned speech in Selma (to the dismay of Dr. King, who was being held in an Alabama jail cell). Invited by the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), he received a rousing applause for an address that—according to Coretta Scott King—had been described by Malcolm as a way of exposing the "alternative" to white audiences who ignored Dr. King's nonviolent approach toward voting rights. Scott King later revealed that the encounter positively changed her perspective on the human rights leader, who would be assassinated just seventeen days later during a speech in New York.

Two of the three men responsible for his assassination still maintain their innocence.

On February 21st, 1965, a barrage of bullets rang out as Malcolm X delivered an address at the Audubon Ballroom in Manhattan—striking him twenty one times and killing him in front of his wife and young children. He was 39 years old. His assassins were identified as members of the NOI, all of whom were convicted of first-degree murder. To date, only one of the three men has taken responsibility for the fatal shooting of Malcolm X.

He had a total of six children, two of which were born after his death.

Malcolm X had six daughters with his wife Betty Shabazz. Their twin girls Malaak and Malikah were born after his death in November 1965.

In 1997, his widow was killed in a house fire set by their grandson Malcolm Shabazz.

32 years after the assassination of Malcolm X, Betty Shabazz suffered fatal burns after her 12 year old grandson set her Yonkers apartment on fire. Malcolm Shabazz—the family's first male descendant—lived with his grandmother at the time of her death, and was sentenced to eighteen months in a juvenile detention center. Today, Malcolm X and Betty Shabazz are buried side by side at Ferncliff Cemetery in Hartsdale, New York.

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Children, parents and staff at Bunche Academy celebrated May bike month by riding their bikes to school. Bunche students contributed in physical fitness of riding their bikes to school with their Principle, Mr. Patrick Burrage along with teachers and parents. They made the ride to school on Friday morning May 22. The route started from the school's Central office to Ralph J. Bunche Academy. The kids had a great time.



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You are often superb at exercising good judgment and rational decision-making. Yet sometimes you are rash. Flip to the observant side of your mentality this week. You will soon find yourself in a situation where there will be strife if you are not careful.

Soul Affirmation: A cheerful soul should be wrapped in a cheerful package.

Lucky Numbers: 18, 36, 44

TAURUS

Just to prove to yourself once again how lucky you are you should fly into the face of bad predictions. Gamble this week in business, relationships, love - something. Remain truly confident that things will come out in a way that will satisfy you.

Soul Affirmation: Change is my middle name.

Lucky Numbers: 4, 28, 37

GEMINI

Move through your social environments and festive occasions this week without stopping even for a little while to listen to rumors. Rumors are often untrue. And for goodness sake believe only good things about friends and your lover. **Soul Affirmation:** I keep my eyes open for business opportunities this week.

Lucky Numbers: 15, 30, 45

CANCER

Keep focused. Your energies are likely to be spread out this week. Your attention is likely to be pulled in many directions. Let yourself be seduced by the things that interest you most. Concentrate on your affairs. Others need you, but they can wait.

Soul Affirmation: I find a source of strength in someone I love.

Lucky Numbers: 7, 11, 21

LEO

Being stubborn won't get the job done. Work with others so they can work for you. Your ideas are not always the best ideas, so don't push them too hard this week. You might find yourself in an awkward position with no allies. Give in to your emotional needs and don't be afraid to let you guard down.

Soul Affirmation: I let go and let my spirit take control.

Lucky Numbers: 20, 42, 54

VIRGO

This week will bring a tendency to dwell on a past betrayal. Your feelings of suspicion are well founded. However, do not personalize it. Work against the harmful act but not against the person who committed it.

Soul Affirmation: I am what I consistently do.

Lucky Numbers: 5, 6, 23

LIBRA

Look forward to excellent

financial news based on something you're likely to do this week. Wow! It's about time. This week might be an excellent week to window shop for a dream vacation or luxury purchase. You can even window shop in your imagination for the best possible dream vacation location!

Soul Affirmation: Smooth communications is the key to my success this week.

Lucky Numbers: 8, 18, 44

SCORPIO

In the spiritual realm appearance is not important but in the physical realm looking good matters a great deal. Love has a foot in both realms. It is your challenge to balance the spiritual and physical aspects of love this week.

Soul Affirmation: Slow and steady is an enjoyable way to go.

Lucky Numbers: 1, 6, 13

SAGITTARIUS

Stand up and get ready. Be a public speaker this week. Any subject you choose is ripe for your "rap." Spin the tale. Tell the story. People will be fascinated by the way you see things. They'll be impressed. Watch out for a jealous friend when attention is on you!

Soul Affirmation: I make the first step and the universe will come to my aid.

Lucky Numbers: 24, 32, 53

CAPRICORN

Be as sharp as you can be this week. Make being alert a personal challenge. Watch carefully for details that might otherwise escape your notice as you search for the best way to get things done at work. Be steadfast in your determination and don't be pulled into conflict with coworkers.

Soul Affirmation: There are other fish in the sea waiting for me.

Lucky Numbers: 12, 23, 27

AQUARIUS

What do you do when you're not as lucky as usual? Slow the game down. Risk less. Bet conservatively in all areas of your life. Restrain yourself. Give the job at hand your attention. Live in the present and enjoy what is rather than in anticipation of what luck might have brought.

Soul Affirmation: Truth is revealed in the smallest grain of sand.

Lucky Numbers: 27, 41, 52

PISCES

Like-mindedness is going to be hard to achieve among your coworkers, but there are likely to be a few who see things as you do. Choose carefully and find someone to walk with you on this week's journey. Some words of encouragement might be needed to enlist the person you choose.

Soul Affirmation: My needs will be met if I just ask.

Lucky Numbers: 2, 9, 14

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Detroit Hip Hop Artists to Perform for Love, Peace & Unity

By: Steve Furay - Contributing Writer



Detroit hip hop artists 'NiqueLoveRhodes and Insite The Riot will return to the live stage on Saturday, May 30 at the Detroit Institute of Music Education (DIME), bringing their revolutionary rhymes and feminine swagger to the stage for a free concert, beginning at 8pm.

The show is a continuation of their Riots & Revolutions concert series, but despite this incendiary title, 'NiqueLoveRhodes and Insite The Riot are profound advocates for peaceful social change through self knowledge and devotion to God, using the wisdom of the Creator to shape a future of love, peace and unity, where truth is spoken to power and injustice confronted by the people.

Both 'NiqueLoveRhodes and Insite The Riot are members of the Foundation of Women in Hip Hop, an artist advocacy collective supporting women in the arts in Detroit. In 2012, 'NiqueLoveRhodes self released the album 'Against All Odds', which spotlighted her soulful lyrics over classic hip hop instrumentals, including the songs "Rise Up", "In Your Eyes" and "Love Heals All".

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ASK ALMA

Reconnecting with an Old Flame

By Alma Gill, NNPA Columnist



Dear Alma,

I'm a 60-year-old man, married to the same woman for 33 years. I recently reconnected with my high school girlfriend on Facebook. It now turns out that she will soon be visiting in my area, and we are planning to meet at a restaurant we used to go to when we were teenagers. It will be in a public place, and the owners know my wife (who won't be there). This is not a real "date," but it's more than a business lunch or meal with casual friends. My ex-girlfriend is not married, and I'm not likely to leave my wife. My long-term objective is friendship. Obviously, this reunion calls for more than a hearty handshake, but how much more? A hug seems inevitable. But what kind of kiss? A Hollywood-style air kiss? A peck on the cheek? A quick kiss on the lips? Or something longer? I assume we'll figure it out, but how do I start?

Signed, can't wait

Dear can't wait,

Ok, I just slapped you upside

the back of your head. Did you feel it? What's up with you? Are you having a mid-life crisis? Why are you plotting to jump headfirst into the lake of natural-born fools?

You've been married for more than 30 years. What an amazing blessing. You've both worked hard to maintain and establish this life-long commitment. Now you want to destroy it?

Although you didn't say how the conversation went with your wife, I assume you told her about this reconnect and upcoming lunch, since you're planning to meet your old girlfriend at a local restaurant where the owners know your wife. Trust me, you've hurt your wife's feelings. And if you didn't tell her, when she finds out her feelings will be hurt.

This reconnect is wrong on so many levels, and worse, it's disrespectful to your mate. You are not available to meet your old girlfriend for lunch, breakfast, brunch or dinner. You have nothing to offer her that doesn't also involve your wife, so don't try.

Forget the kiss. I hope you will rethink this MLC. Stop emailing this woman and cancel the lunch. The love and magic you've shared with your wife is far more amazing than what's over the fence - or what would be sitting across from you at that lunch table.

Alma

Expedition Change Advocacy Social Forum supports global youth engagement

By: Steve Furay - Contributing Writer



Expedition Change is a Detroit organization dedicated to engaging local youth in ways to be in service to the world through community involvement and grassroots change. On Sunday, May 31, the group will host the Advocate Social Forum, a group discussion on the education of African children in rural regions and the fight against child marriage.

The Advocate Social Forum will be at the International Institute of Metro Detroit, located at 111 E. Kirby, at 5pm, with general admission tickets for \$20, or \$10 for students of Wayne State University with ID. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Debre Berhane Development Initiative, which aims to provide education resources and medical care to communities in Tigray, Ethiopia.

The event will feature live performances by Black Child, Will See, Systematik and the Detroit Poetry Society.

Expedition Change is a non-profit organization founded in 2010 in Detroit, serving schools in the Southeast Michi-

gan region. Their mission is to empower youth with the tools to administer social awareness and advocacy through cultural studies education, including language, history, arts, music and dance.

The organization has focused their efforts on connecting youth to the continent of Africa, raising awareness for those vulnerable to poverty and lacking education resources to help them thrive in today's global economy. Young women

are particularly at risk, with a large number of girls aged 14 and under with little education becoming forced into marriage.

Expedition Change is supported by Fractured Atlas, a New York City based advocacy organization supporting arts and education to engage the global community. For more information about Expedition Change, visit www.joinexp.org.

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Members of the Cirque Amongus showing activities to the kids to keep them moving

For the past 14 years, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority - Inkster Alumnae Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority- Eta Iota Omega Chapter, Top Ladies of Distinction-Michigan Metro Chapter, and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority-Zeta Nu Zeta Chapter have sponsored a program called Super Saturday for the children in Inkster and Wayne County. The focus of the program has been literacy, math, social studies, financial literacy and social skills. The Super Saturday program is held on the first Saturday of each month during the school year at Burger Baylor Elementary School on Carlisle in Inkster.

However, the last Super Saturday of the year was all about having fun, so Cirque Amongus came to Super Saturday. The Children learned several circus skills...hula hooping, toss and juggle, walk the tight wire, walking on stilts, and double -dutch jump roping. After learning the skills, they got their faces painted, dressed in costumes and put

on a wonderful performance in front of an enthusiastic crowd of parents and the community.

As always, Inkster Councilman Timothy Williams was present to support our children and the

Super Saturday Program.

In the morning the children received a McDonald's breakfast. To end the activity, each child received a hygiene kit with soap, a toothbrush, toothpaste, a washcloth and lotion



Children learning how to hula hoop during event

Josie Odum Morris Literacy Project, Inc. (JOMLP) recognizes March Challenge recipients.



The winners pictured from left to right respectively to the gifts were: Alex Whaley from American International Academy; Avajah Jilinez from Metro Charter and Amiee Nemeth from David Hicks Elementary School.

The Josie Odum Morris Literacy Project, Inc. (JOMLP) mission is to promote literacy in and around Inkster, MI. The organization's concentration is on adult literacy skills. However, the organization also encourages children Kindergarten to Sixth grade to read as many books in March as possible during the March Reading Challenge. Dr. Louise Edje, Executive Director, presented the winners of the 2015 challenge certificates and gift cards for \$50, \$25, and \$15.00.

Wayne County is calling all cyclists, skaters, runners and walkers!



Six miles of Hines Drive will be closed to vehicle traffic every Saturday now through September 26

Did you know the number one concern of cyclists, skaters, runners and walkers is motor vehicle traffic? Wayne County Parks has the solution. On May 2, the Saturday in the Park program returns! Visitors will have the opportunity to do their favorite activities in a vehicle-free environment on a six-mile stretch of Hines Drive.

Each Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., you can walk, run, skate or cycle safely, started May 2 through September 26. Hines Drive shuts down for vehicular traffic from Ann Arbor Trail to Outer Drive.

"Providing recreational activities in a safe environment is a priority of Wayne County Parks," said Wayne County Executive Warren Evans. "Saturday in the Park is a great way for families to enjoy biking, running and walking without road traffic."

Parking is available at the Hines Park-Helms Haven Area (Hines Drive, west of Outer Drive) and Hines Park-Nankin Mills Picnic Area (Hines Drive, east of Ann Arbor Trail).

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