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Academy for Business and Technology welcomes students back to school



Students come back to school prepared to learn

MELVINDALE - On Tuesday, September 2, the Academy for Business and Technology welcomed back students for another exciting school year. Students arrived, dressed in their ABT polo's, happy to see their friends and meet their

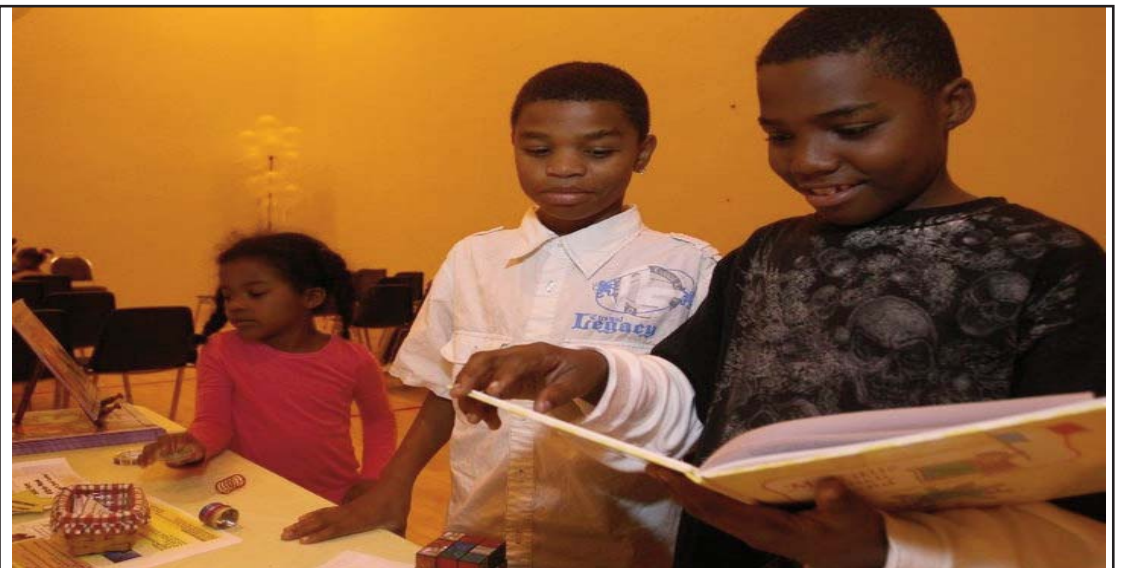
teachers.

A new school year brings excitement and a new beginning for students. "I'm looking forward to achieving academ-

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Annual Literacy Day Extravaganza and Annual Black College Fair come to Robichaud High School

JOSIE ODUM MORRIS LITERACY PROJECT, INC. (JOMLP) AND ZETA PHI BETA HOST SIMULTANEOUS COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENTS



On Saturday, September 20, 2014, at Robichaud High School, JOMLP will host its 5th Annual Literacy Day Extravaganza and Zeta Phi Beta will host its Annual Black

College Fair. Both events will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and will demonstrate the importance of reading and lifelong learning.

JOMLP's Literacy Day Extravaganza 2014 theme is From Kindergarten to College: Reading will take

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New Minimum Wage for Michigan Employees



August 25, 2014 – Beginning September 1, 2014, Michigan workers will see an increase in the minimum wage rate from \$7.40 to \$8.15. The first rate increase in six years, this new change to state law marks the beginning of a gradual 25 percent increase of the minimum wage result-

ing in \$9.25 per hour by 2018. The State of Michigan makes new online resources available at www.Michigan.gov/miosha to help workers and employers understand the facts as the

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Representative Tlaib Says Snyder Proposed Agreement for Land for New Bridge is Weak



DETROIT – State Representative Rashida Tlaib (D-Detroit) said today that residents, faith leaders, non-profit stakeholders and families in Delray and Southwest Detroit are calling the Neighborhood Development Agreement (NDA) proposed by Gov. Rick Snyder weak and ineffective in addressing

the challenges the New International Bridge Crossing project will create. Tlaib represents the community where the proposed bridge will land.

"I am glad that we are all talking about the negative impacts this bridge project will cause in our neighborhoods," said Tlaib. "However, what has been put in writing so far does not reflect the needs of our families and church communities who will be living near this bridge once it is completed. That is the discussion we need to have, and we need a binding agreement that addresses their needs during construction and after the bridge is built."

The NDA proposes to

conduct studies, several of which, however, are already occurring.

The NDA is being proposed in exchange for city council and the mayor's support for the more than 70 percent of city-owned land that is needed for the new public bridge.

"This is the strongest leverage our city council has in this process. Our community deserves more than a gentlemen's agreement," said P. Arthur White President of the Southwest Detroit Chapter of the NAACP. "Our families deserve the funds that will be paid in exchange for the land."

The community expressed concern over the

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CALL TO ACTION

**Raising our sons to be great young men
Part 3**



Instill in Them The Value of Marriage and Family Unity
African Americans are experiencing extremely low marital rates. Due, in large part, to the fact that many Black males don't consider marriage as a possibility, let alone a priority. Instead of pursuing matrimony, they opt for extended sexual liaisons, living together and siring children out of wedlock. One of the prime reasons they shun matrimony is because it was never instilled in them to value marriage or family unity.

Instill in Them The Value and Importance of Education

The lack of proper male role models has produced another ominous phenomenon amongst African American males. Namely, the shunning of education. I won't bore you with all of their trifling excuses. Which, by the way, they learned from Black role models, albeit negative ones. However, you do need to be acutely aware of the noxious culture they have forged. Using peer pressure, manipulation and folklore, they brainwash our children into believing that Black people who acquire an

education have betrayed African Americans and are trying to be white.

Instill in Them Community, Civic and Political Responsibility

We often hear people talk about the lack of participation of Black males in the issues of life that matter. The question has been asked time and again, "Where are the Black men?" The answer is, "They are right where we, the adults steered them and left as them boys!"

Instill in Them Rock Solid Faith in God

Prior to entering into manhood, a young man must have a rock solid foundation that has been tested and tempered. One that will not waver, crack or crumble. If his foundation is shaky, flaky or suspect, he'll travel down one or more of the worn out paths men find themselves in when they allow pressures or temptations to get the best of them. Below are some of the issues, challenges and dangers a man may have to deal with during his lifetime. Will your son(s) be ready?

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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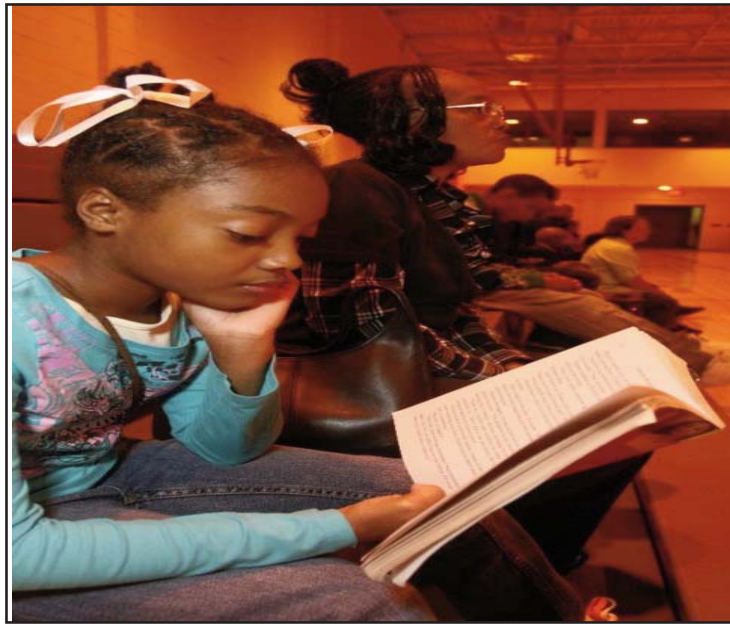
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Literacy Day

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Young lady reading during the Literacy Day last year

you far in life! It will feature literacy-based games and activities, as well as music and other entertainment. The Extravaganza's speaker will be Mr. Derrick Gilford. Mr. Gilford owns local business JCA Enterprise Construction, and will share how he overcame illiteracy, and the effects of being unable to read on his life.

The Extravaganza also recognizes students who participated in JOMLP's Summer Readers Challenge. The Readers Challenge is a long-standing initiative of JOMLP. It seeks to reduce the amount of information children lose

during the summer break, and encourage children to devel-

op a lifelong love of reading. The top winners are awarded prizes, and all readers are given certificates of achievement.

Meanwhile, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc, Zeta Nu Zeta Chapter of Inkster, Michigan will hold its Annual Black College Fair. The Fair will feature colleges from around the country, along with two workshops: What to Expect at College, and Money Matters: Financial Aid and Money Management.

Both events are free and open to the public, and light refreshments will be offered. For more information, please contact Dr. Louise Edje, President of JOMLP, at 734-620-1860.

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Health Care Insurance

The Leanna Hicks Inkster Public Library will be having several sessions to help you get Health Care Insurance. Certified Health Care Navigators will assist you in finding if you qualify for the Healthy Michigan Plan.

Community Bridges Management with Navigators

Thursday September 18, 2014 from 12 noon till 3:00 PM; Thursday September 25, 2014 from 1-4 pm and Monday September 29, 2014 from 1-5 pm.

Please come with any questions you may have about health care insurance.

Senior Brigade

The Senior Brigade will be at the Inkster Public Library presenting a program about Phone and Mail Scams, brought to you by the Attorney General of Michigan. The program will be Monday September 15, 2014 at 6 pm. The program will go over how to report a problem or a scam, how to reduce unwanted phone calls and junk mail, and how to recognize common scams initiated over the phone or by mail or email.

The Library needs FRIENDS! There will be a friends meeting on Saturday September 13, 2014 at 2 pm. We would like to see new faces. Please bring your ideas of what you would like to see at the Leanna Hicks Inkster Public Library. The Friends of Library group helps the library by raising funds, sponsoring events and promoting the library's programs. Please join the friends and help the library grow stronger.

WESTLAND

Blues, Brews, & BBQ Festival

Westland, MI - This year's All-American Blues, Brews, and Barbecue event features eight local restaurants set to serve up some mouth-watering menu items. From lip-smacking barbecue and hearty side dishes, to refreshing drinks to cool you down, this year's Blues, Brews, and Barbecue

has it all.

This year's event will be held at the new Farmers Market Pavilion, located at 1901 Carlson. Friday's festivities kick-off at 6 pm and go until 10 pm. Saturday's event will run from 12 noon to 10 pm

ROMULUS

17th Annual 2014 Pumpkin Festival September 19th, 20th and 21st

The Pumpkin Festival is a 3 day event that starts on the third Friday in September;

The Parade of Lights will be held on Friday. Registrations are still be taken to participate. Put your lights on your bicycles, trucks and bring a friend.

The street festival offers wonderful music, food, crafts and games for all ages. There are opportunities to enter a pumpkin rolling, pumpkin pie eating or a pumpkin seed-spitting contest. There will be a Classic Car Show and a classic Tractor Show.

There will be live entertainment each day. Bring your family and friends and enjoy a weekend of fun. For more information visit the city of Romulus website.

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Principal Whitaker with students at Mark Twain School for Scholars in Southwest Detroit

Detroit Public Schools on Tuesday, Sept. 2 kicked off an exciting new school year filled with new academic programs and new faces, with Mark Twain School for Scholars being the first stop by district officials.

Principal Linda Whitaker greeted students with hugs, welcoming them to the transformed Prek-8 school, which offers a new gifted and talented program. DPS Emergency Manager Jack Martin followed up, offering

students a pep talk about the upcoming academic year.

Martin was joined by a host of community leaders who came to Mark Twain School for Scholars to celebrate the newly transformed school.

“At Mark Twain School for Scholars, where we transformed the academic offerings this year to provide a new gifted and talented program, I was pleased to be joined by community leaders such as State Representative

Elect-Stephanie Chang, Original United Citizens of Southwest Detroit President Tyrone Carter and Former Wayne County Commissioner Keith Williams, who told students that they must keep moving forward - one step at a time - no matter the challenge before them. Because, he said, it's not the number of footsteps you have to take, but the mark they leave behind,” Martin said.

While visiting Bow Elementary-Middle School, Martin welcomed parents and students - many who were new to the District. He also had the opportunity to visit a number of classrooms and see how, from the first day, teachers were “100 percent dedicated to helping our students learn and achieve,” he said.

That same level of enthusiasm was evident at Academy of the Americas in Southwest Detroit, which celebrated the expansion of its dual-language immersion curriculum into a new program for 9th graders.

“Each experience reinforced for me how critical every deci-

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Introducing the Founder of EQUIPPED



Fleda S. Fleming

Fleda S. Fleming, Ed.D is an educational leader with more than 20 years of teaching and administrative experience in the public and charter school sectors. An inspirational educator and former high school teacher and administrator, Fleda is committed to providing educational and personal development programs and activities to enhance academic achievement and scholarship acquisition as she helps prepare students for higher education.

Dr. Fleming served as the Director of Academy Programs and as Director of

Student Services at Inkster High School for 10 years. In these capacities she spearheaded the implementation of an innovative initiative that provided urban high school students an opportunity to earn an Associate's Degree along with their high school diploma. Additionally, she was responsible for establishing a partnership with the University of Michigan-Dearborn that awarded 1.2 million scholarship dollars to students under her tutelage.

As founder of EQUIPPED, Dr. Fleming is once again forging efforts to cultivate the minds

of youth. Her inherent drive and vision keep her unrelentingly striving forward to help youth to achieve their highest academic potential and personal development. Her motto is adopted from a saying penned by her mother, Dr. Emmalee Shaw, "A mind is a wonderful thing to cultivate!"

We are currently accepting high school juniors and seniors who would like to be totally equipped for college and career. Monthly seminars and workshops will be held to enhance skills in ACT test-taking, Math, Science, and English/Language Arts as well as personal development in financial literacy, civic responsibility, college readiness, and career exploration. This program is specifically designed for students who live in Inkster, but will be accepting applications from all 11th – 12th grade students from Western-Wayne County on a first-come, first-served basis. Special priority will be given to the Inkster High School 2015 Wade McCree Scholars.

To signup or for more details, please visit our website at www.Equipped4Success.org

Grand Slam

By: Janine Folks - Telegram Religion Columnist



"It's when all the bases have a man on them, which is called 'bases loaded, and when the batter hits a home run, all four men come home and each score a point," I tried to explain. One hit scores four points!" I explained.

In our lives, some of us have our bases loaded. We have been lining things up, putting things in their proper place. We have taken some classes. We have read books and the Bible trying to prepare ourselves. We've been studying and applying ourselves trying to do better in life. We have networked, fasted, prayed, treated our neighbor better, sowed into good ground, and done all that we know to do to reap a harvest and be blessed.

Some of us are tapping our feet looking up toward heaven wondering, 'When God when?' Possibilities have been piling up. Expectations are accumulating. You are so close to a breakthrough, you can taste it! You feel like you're ready to burst, because you see the potential for a windfall of blessings right there in front of you.

I am not an avid baseball fan. However, being a former softball player, I am familiar with the basics. Driving in the car one day, with my friend riding shotgun and my children in the back seat, we listened to a Detroit Tiger game on the radio.

The announcer announced that the bases were loaded and a batter was up. It became a tense moment full of possibility. It's one thing to hit a home run, it's another thing to hit a home run while the bases are loaded!

He did it! He hit a home run! "It's a GRAND SLAM!!" I yelled along with the announcer.

"What's a grand slam mom?" my son asked.

So now you're up to bat. This could really be 'it!' Your bases are loaded. If only you can knock this opportunity out of the ball park, it will be your grand slam! I pray that God will guide your hands as you take that big swing!!! I pray that God will bless the work of your hands and that you will reap your due reward!

Be faithful! A faithful person shall abound with blessings! (Prov. 28.20). Your hard work and dedication will pay off. God is not mocked, whatever you sow, you will reap (Gal. 6.7). Don't get tired of doing good, in due season, you will reap if you don't faint (Gal. 6.9). Keep at it, because your grand slam is near!!!

God bless you.

BIBLE VERSE

And let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

Galatians 6:9 & 10

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 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial,
 and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and for ever.
Amen.

Bridge

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lack of the Michigan Department of Community Health role in the NDA.

"Our children have suffered enough with the existing transportation and industry pollution," said community resident Maria Salinas. "The NDA addresses ticketing of illegal truck traffic and not prevention of asthma and respiratory disease by reducing the sources in the community."

"Delray and the impacted area has been studied enough," said Tlaib. "We have been to enough meetings. It's about time our city leaders demand what we deserve: tangible resources that help us repair our homes, put our residents to work and address the growing health concerns of our families."

Snyder also failed to appoint anyone from the host community, Delray and Southwest Detroit, or the city of Detroit to the authorities created to oversee the bridge.

Church Announcements

Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, 3936 - 12th Street, Ecorse, MI

2014 Women's Day Celebration

Sunday, September 21, 2014

Theme: Kingdom Women. . . Past, Present, & Future

Speakers: 7:30am - Sister Cheryl Young
 10:50am - Pastor Simone Dukes, Refreshing Word Ministeries, Detroit, MI

During this Women's Day Celebration, we will pay tribute to women who have gone on to glory who have had an impact on our home, church, or community.

Please come out and join us for these spirit-filled services of celebration.

Sister Delorise White, Chairperson

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September 20th at 10:00am

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Dr. Kenneth Harris, Pastor- Detroit Baptist Temple/Dean of Students –Ecumenical Theological Seminary

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Minimum Wage

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new rate takes effect.

On May 27, 2014 the Workforce Opportunity Wage Act, Public Act 138 of 2014 (Act 138), took immediate effect replacing the Michigan Minimum Wage and Overtime Act (Act 154). Act 138 is enforced by the Wage and Hour Program within the Technical Services Division of the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA).

Act 138 applies to employers in Michigan that have two or more employees age 16 and older. A copy of Act 138, along with guidelines and the required poster may be downloaded from the Wage and Hour Program website.

Dates of Minimum Wage Rate Increases

The current minimum wage is \$7.40. The rate increases as follows:

- September 1, 2014 - \$8.15
- January 1, 2016 - \$8.50
- January 1, 2017 - \$8.90
- January 1, 2018 - \$9.25
- Youth Training Wage

Act 138 allows an employer to pay a newly hired employee

age 16 to 19 \$4.25 per hour for the first 90 days of employment.

85% Minimum Wage

Act 138 also allows an employer in Michigan to pay 85 percent of the minimum wage to employees aged 16 and 17; however, note that the current Federal Minimum Wage rate is \$7.25 per hour. Employers that are covered by both State and Federal Minimum Wage law should pay the higher applicable rate. Information on Federal Minimum Wage can be obtained by calling the United States Department of Labor at 866-487-9243.

*per Federal Minimum Wage Rate

Tipped Employees

Act 138 allows employers to take a tip credit on minimum wage under certain conditions for those employees who cus-

tomarily and regularly receive tips.

The following conditions apply to taking a tip credit on the state minimum wage rate:

The employee is in a position which customarily and regularly receives gratuities from a guest, patron, or customer for services rendered to that guest, patron, or customer. If the gratuities plus the minimum hourly wage rate do not equal or exceed the minimum hourly wage otherwise established, the employer pays any shortfall to the employee.

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SERVICE LEADERSHIP COLLABORATION EXCELLENCE

Melvindale ABT

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ically and having a successful basketball season," said Devyon Thorn, an 11th grader. "I'm excited about having a fresh start," said Marija Jackson, a 6th grader. "This is my first year at ABT and I'm excited to make new friends and to play basketball and volleyball."

According to Delores Jones-Bell, ABT's school leader, students can expect high levels of instruction with a caring, family atmosphere.

ABT also offers students an after school 21st Century Community Learning Center. Students can choose from a variety of academic and enrichment classes including tutoring, dance, photography, art, technology, fitness and so much more. According to Jalana Alonzo-Ginyard, ABT's site coordinator, "It's a great way to expose students to experiences that they may not have the opportunity otherwise. The program is free to all ABT families."

The Academy for Business and Technology is a free public charter school located at 19625 Wood Street in

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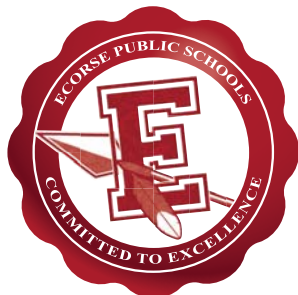

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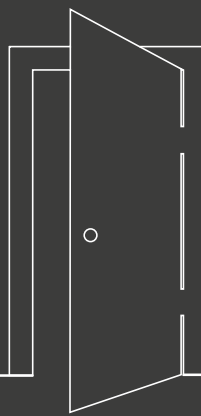
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DPS

From Page 3A



Detroit Public Schools on Tuesday, Sept. 2 kicked off an exciting new school year filled with new academic programs and new faces, with Mark Twain School for Scholars being the first stop by district officials.

Principal Linda Whitaker greeted students with hugs, welcoming them to the transformed Prek-8 school, which offers a new gifted and talented program. DPS Emergency Manager Jack Martin followed up, offering students a pep talk about the upcoming academic year.

Martin was joined by a host of community leaders who came to Mark Twain School for Scholars to celebrate the newly transformed school.

“At Mark Twain School for Scholars, where we transformed the academic offerings this year to provide a new gifted and talented program, I was pleased to be joined by community leaders such as State Representative Elect-Stephanie Chang, Original United Citizens of Southwest Detroit President Tyrone Carter and Former Wayne County Commissioner Keith Williams, who told students that they must keep moving forward - one step at a time - no matter the challenge before them. Because, he said, it’s not the number of footsteps you have to take, but the mark they leave behind,” Martin said.

While visiting Bow Elementary-Middle School, Martin welcomed parents and

students - many who were new to the District. He also had the opportunity to visit a number of classrooms and see how, from the first day, teachers were “100 percent dedicated to helping our students learn and achieve,” he said.

That same level of enthusiasm was evident at Academy of the Americas in Southwest Detroit, which celebrated the expansion of its dual-language immersion curriculum into a new program for 9th graders.

“Each experience reinforced for me how critical every decision that we make is, and how the valuable work that we all do on a daily basis directly effects the success of our students.” Martin said. “I take pride in knowing our administrators, principals, teachers, staff, volunteers - and everyone connected to DPS - are so passionate about helping our students achieve and grow both academically and individually.”

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Meeting called to order at 8:06pm

The following Commissioners were present:
Mayor Bowdler in the Chair

Present: Campbell, Cooney, Perry, Pierce, Pruneau, Ward
Absent: None
Excused: None

14-195 Approval of minutes
14-196 Voucher approval
14-197 Approval to upgrade Ironton pumping station
14-198 Approval to move all non-union active employees to BC/BS Comm. 4 on Oct. 1, 2014
14-199 Block Club party approval
14-200 Approval to sell property at 10440 W Jefferson
14-201 Approval of finance agreement for chipper purchase
14-202 Approval that new chipper will not leave City limits unless approved by DPW Spt. and Mayor
14-203 Motion to adjourn

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Daytime TV's New Royalty - Black Men



Katie Couric never saw it coming. Neither did Jane Pauley, Kris Jenner, Megan Mullally, Bethenny Frankel, Bonnie Hunt, or Ricki Lake 2.0. The impressive list of failed syndicated television maidens extends far and wide.

Yet right before our eyes, Wayne Brady, Kevin Frazier, Judge Greg Mathis, Michael Strahan, Bill Bellamy, Terry Crews, and Steve Harvey are slipping their toes into daytime's enviable glass slipper. It's a good fit. With high energy, cultural authenticity and stellar ratings, African-American males seeking to master Oprah Winfrey's legendary television playbook have never been so well positioned.

Once upon a time, it was inconceivable that a man of color could ever rule the small screen. In 1956, legendary singer Nat "King" Cole became the first major African American performer to host his own variety network series. "It could be a turning point," he was quoted as say-

ing, "so that Negroes may be featured regularly on television." Despite the quality of the iconic vocalist's program, national advertising clients simply were not having it. A representative of Max Factor cosmetics claimed that a "negro" couldn't sell lipstick for them. Even public utilities like the telephone company refused to allocate marketing dollars for the NBC show. Finally, when the Singer Sewing Machine Company proposed underwriting a western show, NBC made the financial decision to turn over the time slot.

While the racism Cole experienced at the dawn of the modern civil rights era proved to be a harsh astringent, the 2008 election of Barack Obama as president of the United States has created — in tangible, demonstrative ways — just the opposite effect. The result has been a proliferation of black men with Cole and Obama's swag and smarts, who have found their niche in an industry that saw growth of \$5.16 billion in 2013 — up from 2011's \$4.7 billion,

according to Kantar Media. Now, Hollywood's gatekeepers are rethinking long-held assumptions of what and who consumers want to see. Take legal shows for example. Thanks to reigning daytime queen "Judge Judy," court remains the highest rated genre in syndication. But one peek inside these strips and you'll notice most are adjudicated by minorities. In the upcoming fall season, six of the eleven shows will feature black women as judges (Lauren Lake, Faith Jenkins, Lynn Toler, Karen Mills-Francis, Tanya Acker and Mablean Ephriam). Even with Judge Joe Brown concluding a fifteen year run last year and Judge Alex Ferrer's show not returning after nine years, "Judge Greg Mathis" and I ("America's Court with Judge Ross") will still maintain the established tradition of men of color presiding over televised courtroom proceedings. Read more at <http://www.eurweb.com/2014/09/daytime-tvs-new-royalty-black-men/#cPEOhBEifCfV675i.99>

ASK AYANA

Forced Friendship



Dear Ayana,

I need some advice. My husband has a close friend from work who got married a few months ago. "Greg", my husband's friend, is a nice guy and has spent a lot of time with our family over the years. Now that he's married, the four of us double date often. At first, I thought that the friendship between Greg's wife and I was a little uncomfortable because we were just getting to know each other and couldn't find much to talk about other than superficial things like shoes and makeup. But, after the four of us went on a weekend get-away together, I realized that everything that comes out of her mouth is superficial. While our husbands spent the day golfing, I spent the day listening to this woman talk about her shoe collection, her purses, her favorite types of wine and favorite spa treatments. She has NO substance about her; we couldn't be more different! If I bring up

gardening, serving the community or recycling, she has a "hippie" joke or some other rude remark. I simply don't care for the woman and don't appreciate having to spend time with her whenever my husband and his friend get together. How can I get out of this forced friendship? Y.H.

Dear Y.H.,

You're a big girl; choose your own friends. Explain to your husband that his friendship with Greg is not dependent upon your friendship with Greg's wife. Tell him to ditch the idea of double dating; he and his buddy can count the wives out. I don't suggest that you completely cut her out of your life though. Shutting down all communication with her may cause a problem for the husbands. Instead, play nice. Invite the couple out for dinner a few times a year and be sure to include them in special occasions with other mutual friends. Be cordial-friendly, even. Just because you don't particularly care for a person doesn't mean you have to be unkind. When you have the opportunity, put your best foot forward, show her some grace and simply grin and bear it. She may see something in you that challenges her to be different. Cheers to hope!

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Both Tigers and Lions Win on Big Monday

By Butch Davis - Telegram Sports Writer

Monday was a big day in downtown Detroit as 100,000 people witness wins at Comerica Park and Ford Field. I'll start with the Tigers first as Torii Hunter had two of his three hits in a six-run third inning and Detroit beat Kansas City 9-5 Monday to move within a game of the American League Central-leading Royals.

"I thought there was going to be more energy in our ball club today (than in recent games), because we're looking up at the Royals in the standings and this is our chance," the Tigers manager Brad Ausmus said after the win. Seven of Detroit's first eight batters got his in the third, which began with Hunter's infield single. Brad Ausmus called the Tigers' series against the Kansas City Royals the biggest of the season so far. The win this past Monday was the Tigers' 9,000th in franchise history. The Tigers-Royals wasn't the only big game in downtown Detroit on Monday. The Detroit Lions hosted the New York Giants in the NFL Monday Night Football opener at Ford Field, which is across the street from Comerica Park. The football game began at 7:10 p.m., and

that's why the start of the baseball game was moved from its original 7:08 to 4:08. Now a quick walk around the corner took me to Ford Field to take in the Detroit Lions, New York Giants football game, as Quarterback Matthew Stafford was the star of the night. His performance was exactly the type of performance that fans needed to see. The defense also played a key role in the game. Penalties were a huge issue early, but the problem was curtailed in the second half, allowing Detroit to pull away for the easy victory. The Detroit Lions needed to make a statement in their first game under head coach Jim Caldwell. The clown show it started early, when Matthew Stafford evaded Damontre Moore in the backfield and saw Johnson open with no defender within 20 yards of him. Rodgers-Cromartie and Stevie Brown appeared to misidentify the coverage on the play. That 67-yard touchdown started Johnson's seven-catch, 164-yard, two-touchdown night. He didn't remember the last time he was that open. Johnson's 98 yards and two touchdowns in the first quarter were both career bests for an opening

quarter. "There were some opportunities there where we had some single coverage," Johnson said. "It wasn't all the time. But there were some opportunities."

Monday's game served as a tribute to William Clay Ford, who died in March a few days shy of his 89th birthday. The Lions also are wearing commemorative "WCF" patches on their jerseys this year and have a flag flying half-staff at their Allen Park headquarters in memory of their former owner. Martha Firestone Ford and vice chairman Bill Ford Jr. joined players in the locker room after the game, and emerged with game balls under their arms. "We just felt it was kind of to honor Mr. Ford and his passing," Caldwell said. "The guys certainly wanted to go out and do a great job for the family, so we presented a game ball to Mrs. Ford and her children 'cause of the way in which they support us and obviously they do a tremendous job in operating this organization." The Lions now will get ready to travel to Carolina with their 1-0 record to take on the Panthers this upcoming Sunday.

It's Just a Thought

By Butch Davis - Telegram Sports Writer

I have been told my past is history, the future a mystery so why TMZ, ESPN, and NFL be able to make Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rice life in there presents so distressful? Janay Palmer-Rice, the wife of former Baltimore Ravens running back Ray Rice, posted a statement on Instagram this past Tuesday. Here's the full statement (her Instagram profile is private, but the Baltimore Sun has confirmed that the statement was intended to be made public):

"I woke up this morning feeling like I had a horrible nightmare, feeling like I'm mourning the death of my closest friend. But to have to accept the fact that it's reality is a nightmare in itself. No one knows the pain that the media & unwanted options from the public has caused my family. To make us relive a moment

in our lives that we regret every day is a horrible thing. To take something away from the man I love that he has worked his ass of for all his life just to gain ratings is horrific. THIS IS OUR LIFE! What don't you all get? If your intentions were to hurt us, embarrass us, make us feel alone, take all happiness away, you've succeeded on so many levels. Just know we will continue to grow & show the world what real love is! Ravensnation we love you!"

Clearly, Palmer-Rice is in her husband's corner, doesn't want to relive the February assault and believes that the media and NFL have handled Rice's case poorly, in which they have. Ray Rice needs to file a Grievance against the NFL with the NFLPA. "It Just a Thought."

DETROIT SPORTS TEAM ROCK!!!

Ecorse Raiders Win First for Coach Freeman

By Butch Davis

Stevie Freeman wins first game as Ecorse head football coach as his Red Raiders beat Detroit Allen Academy 33-6. Ecorse 's Freshman Daivaughn Hutchinson had six tackles and one rushing touchdown, Kalid Rahman a 40 yd interception returned for touchdown one receiving touchdown from Montez Perkins who also had a 35

yard fumble recovery for touchdown and Kingston Forbes had 10 carries for 65 yards and 1 rushing touchdown for Ecorse who's record is now 1-1.

Coach Freeman said after the game "we have done so much for so long with so little that we are now qualified to do anything with nothing"

Monroe Signs for One Year and Will Miss Two Games

The Detroit Pistons announced this past Monday that forward Greg Monroe has signed the team's one-year qualifying offer for the 2014-15 season. Per team policy, terms of the agreement were not disclosed. "I have said from day one that we have great respect for Greg as a person and like what he brings to this team as a player," said Stan Van Gundy, Head Coach and President of Basketball Operations for the Detroit Pistons. "We have had good dialogue with Greg throughout the offseason with the understanding that there were multiple options for both parties involved, and we respect his decision. We look forward to a great year from Greg as we continue to build our team moving forward." "I look forward to playing for

Coach Van Gundy and his staff," said Monroe. He has a proven track record and I'm excited about working with my teammates to get better and prepare for the season." Monroe, the seventh overall pick in the 2010 NBA Draft, averaged 15.2 points, 9.3 rebounds, 2.1 assists, 1.1 steals and 32.8 minutes in a career-high 82 games (all starts) last season. In 309 career games (277 starts), Monroe has averaged 14.0 points (.508 FG, .678 FT), 9.0 rebounds, 2.3 assists and 1.2 steals in 31.3 minutes per game.

Wait, there's more, on this past Tuesday, the following statements have been issued regarding the NBA's announcement of a two-game suspension for center Greg

Monroe who is guilty of being visibly impaired while diving in Michigan last month. This statement from the Detroit Pistons:

"The organization is aware of the matter resulting in the NBA's announced two-game suspension for Greg Monroe. Greg has taken responsibility in a conscientious manner and resolved the matter with his representatives."

From Greg Monroe:

"I take full responsibility for my actions and made a regrettable mistake. I apologize to my family, the Pistons' organization, my teammates and fans. I will learn from this and continue my work to be a positive influence in the community."

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News

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Detroit Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford partner to bring focus to childhood health



DETROIT, — In partnership with Detroit Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan is launching the #MIKidsCan Contest, asking Michigan kids ages 7 - 14 to share their favorite way to be active to encourage other children to get moving to live healthier lives. Kids can enter the #MiKidsCan Contest by making a two-minute video or submitting a photo and short essay answering the question, "What's your favorite way to get moving and be active?" Entries must be submitted by October 29 at [AHealthierMichigan.org/mikidscan](http://www.ahealthiermichigan.org/mikidscan) or <http://www.ahealthiermichigan.org/mikidscan>. A winner will be selected in both categories.

The #MIKids Contest supports BCBSM's ongoing commitment to children's health and its #MIKidsCan campaign — an initiative focused on encouraging kids to adopt healthy habits early in life that are more likely to be carried into adulthood. Childhood obesity is an epidemic, impacting a third of

Michigan's children. Less than 40 percent of children in the state get the 60 minutes of physical activity a day recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics. The #MIKidsCan campaign will collaborate with families to emphasize the benefits of eating right and being physically active.

The winner of the video portion of the #MIKids Contest will receive an assembly for their school or a meet and greet for their children's favorite organization with Matthew Stafford. The winner of the photo and essay contest will receive tickets to the Detroit Lions Thanksgiving game and autographed Detroit Lions gear.

Submissions are being accepted now through Oct. 29. In November, three video semifinalists and three photo/essay semifinalists will be selected and notified and their submissions will be posted on [AHealthierMichigan.org](http://www.ahealthiermichigan.org) for a two-week, public voting period.

"Blue Cross has long been committed to improving the health of children in Michigan, and now we're asking children to join us in this important cause," said Andrew Hetzel, vice president of Corporate Communications, BCBSM. "By asking kids to share the ways they are active with others, we hope to inspire more Michigan children to have fun while getting exercise every day. Our goal is to get kids excited about their health and to motivate them to lead active lifestyles by understanding exercise can be fun. The combination of regular exercise and healthy eating can set our kids up for a lifetime of success and fewer serious health concerns as they grow into adulthood."

Guidelines for contest submissions are as follows: All submissions for the contest should creatively answer the question: "What's your favorite way to get moving and be active?"

Entries should demonstrate how physical activity can be a fun part of a child's everyday life.

Video submissions should be no more than two-minutes long and can be made on a digital recording device such as a Smartphone, iPod, iPad, Flip video or webcam.

All photographs should be submitted with a 200-300 word essay.

The #MIKidsCan Contest is an extension of BCBSM's ongoing efforts to help Michigan families make good choices leading to healthier lives. With a focus on improving children's health, over the last 10 years, BCBSM has given more than \$6 million in support of kids' health and wellness initiatives across the state, reaching more than 100,000 children. For more information on the #MIKidsCan Contest and BCBSM's ongoing efforts to help improve childhood health, visit <http://www.AHealthierMichigan.org/mikidscan>.

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Inkster's Got Talent Youth Showcase & Scholarship Contest

We are looking for local young talent to showcase!

Individuals or Youth groups ...ages 25 and under...are encouraged to sign-up to provide entertainment at the **Family Fun Day Recreation Complex Rededication Celebration**

If your church, family, or organization has a youth praise team (musical or dance), Choir, Mime group, Step team, Drama team, or other such individual or group,

Please contact **EQUIPPED** immediately to register them for the Youth Talent Showcase!

ALSO

Scholarships ranging from \$100 - \$500 will be awarded to winners of our creativity contest. K-12th grade students may present an essay, original poem, original song, dance routine, drawing, or other project to support the theme:

"BREAK EVERY CHAIN"

Contact EQUIPPED by September 15th to register
www.Equipped4Success.org or 313-779-2933