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River Rouge Days gets better each year



The Annual River Rouge Days Parade included neighborhood kids, clowns, horses, bands, city officials, school groups, classic cars and bikes

carnival/festival for the

River Rouge Days is the three day celebration includes activities for every-Tri-City Community. The one; young and old from

River Rouge, Ecorse and Southwest Detroit. Photos on Page 9A

Inkster Fun Day brings community together



Winners of the Talent Contest along with some of the Fun Day Committee members

bration of the City of Booker Dozier Com-Inkster's 50th Anniver- plex that is now sary, the committee exe- opened for the public cuted a Family Fun Day since the repairs to that brought out people the building have of all ages. The activities

As a kick-off to the cele- were held at the been completed.

Adults in photo - City Manager-Richard Marsh, Judge Sabrina Johnson (in hat), Councilman Timothy Williams, DPW Supervisor Jerome Bivens and Fleta Fleming (with microphone). (more photos on page 9A)



Violence Against Women Law Needs Strengthening

By Jazelle Hunt - NNPA Washington Correspondent



video surfaced of NFL Baltimore Ravens running back, Ray Rice, knocking his wife unconscious in an elevator last Valentine's Day. The 2014 Miss America pageant stirred

Biden continues to take center stage on violence against women.

WASHINGTON (NNPA) - In July, bystander footage of an unidentified California highway patrol officer pummeling a Black woman on the side of the road hit the media. Last week, federal judge Mark Fuller was

arrested for beating his wife, and subsequently accepted a plea deal for professional leave, six months of counseling, no charges, and an expunged record. And controversy continues after

that pot over the weekend, when a judge asked a contestant about Janay Rice's decision to remain in her marriage.

On the 20th anniversary of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), it seems there is still work to be done.

For this reason, Vice President Joe Biden, who co-sponsored the law in 1990 as a senator from Delaware, will convene legal scholars and professionals, and Department of Justice officials for a Summit on Civil **Rights and Equal Protections** for Women. No date has been

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CALL TO ACTION

Michigan Lottery Establishes Excellence in Education Awards to Honor **Outstanding Educators**

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LANSING, - The Michigan Lottery has established the Excellence in Education Awards to recognize outstanding public school educators across the state.

One outstanding educator will be selected each week during the school year and will receive a \$500 cash prize as well as a \$500 grant to their classroom, school or school district. One annual winner will be selected from the weekly winners and will receive a \$10,000 cash prize.

For this program, the Lottery has teamed up with Michigan State University basketball coach Tom Izzo, who will present each winner with their award. In addition to the \$500 cash prize and \$500 grant, each winner also will receive a plaque and be featured in a news segment on the Lottery's media partner stations: WXYZ-TV in Detroit, FOX 17 in Grand Rapids and FOX 47 in Lansing.

The first winner of the weekly Excellence in Education award is scheduled to be announced next week. The news segment about the winner will air on Tuesday in Grand Rapids and in Lansing and then on Thursday in Detroit.

Excellence in Education award nominees will be evaluated on

the following criteria:

Excellence – Their work consistently helps students and/or their schools or school districts advance to higher levels of academic achievement.

Dedication - They consistently go above and beyond expectations to help students succeed.

Inspiration - Their work inspires others around them to exceed expectations either academically or professionally.

Leadership - They demonstrate clear leadership skills in their positions with their school or school districts

Effectiveness - The nominee's work has clear and positive results on the educational advancement of students within the school or school district.

To nominate an outstanding public school educator, go to http://bit.ly/ExcellenceInEducation.

About 95 cents of every dollar spent on Lottery tickets is returned to the state in the form of contributions to the state School Aid Fund, prizes to players and commissions to retailers. In the 2013 fiscal year, the contribution to schools was \$734.3 million. Since it began in 1972, the Lottery has contributed more than \$18 billion to education in Michigan.

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set.

President Bill Clinton signed the bill into law on September 13, 1994.

Summit participants will brainstorm solutions to end the gender bias in the justice system that affects the way cases are handled. They will also examine ways to allow survivors to sue their assailants in federal court - a VAWA provision the Supreme Court struck down in 2000.

In addition to the summit, the Vice President's Office released a state-of-affairs report on the issue of violence against women.

"When VAWA was first passed, almost every state crime involving interstate elements (from gun crimes to cattle rustling) was covered by the federal criminal code - but not sexual assault and domestic violence," the report reads. "Although there is still much to do, this anniversary gives us a moment to reflect on the vital, often life-saving work the Violence Against Women Act has inspired and supports. Since its passage 20 years ago, help has come on all fronts."

According to the report there has been significant traction, both culturally and legally, on the issue.

The national rate of intimate partner violence against women has fallen 64 percent between 1993 and 2012, or 61 percent for Black Americans alone, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics. VAWAfunded organizations have made gains in prosecution, and more services have become available for more sur-



vivors.

Today, VAWA has been expanded to serve LGBT survivors, those living in Indian country, undocumented immigrants, and college students. In 2000, the definition of dating violence was added to the law. In 2005, healthcare organizations received VAWA funding to offer long-term mental and physical care for survivors.

Women

But there are still lingering issues.

As Biden highlighted at a commemoration ceremony last week: "We have so much more to do, because there's still sex bias that remains in the American criminal justice system in dealing with rape - stereotypes like she deserved it, she wore a short skirt still taint prosecutions for rape and domestic violence."

Additionally, against women and dating violence are problems among youth; researchers have found that 1 in 10 teens will be harmed by someone they are dating, and 1 in 5 young women will be sexually assaulted during college. Until 2009, women age 18 to 24 have had the highest rates of being victimized by intimate partners—currently, women age 25 to 34 have the highest rates.

The White House Task Force to Protect Students from Sexual Assault was launched in response at the beginning of this year. Its mission is to increase research and prevention, improve schools' response to sexual assault, and to increase transparency on government enforcement.

There's also the contention that VAWA itself doesn't have Biden and proponents believe that in light of uneven law enforcement and judicial response at the state and local level, VAWA should be allowed to grant the federal government jurisdiction to enforce the equal protection clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. Additionally, other crimes involving interstate elements can be tried in federal court-this is not true for sexual assault and intimate partner violence.

In other words, survivors whose attackers have stalked them across state lines, or abused wives whose husbands have forced them to move away from support systems, or people who have been victimized via the Internet, must rely on state courts for justice. If they do not have a paper trail on their abuse along the way, it may be difficult to get a conviction for ongoing victimization, instead of a conviction for one incident in that state.

Since the 1970s, other legal figures and elected officials have argued that granting such jurisdictional powers would be to drag the federal government into "family disputes," or overstep state rights.

In the meantime, the Obama Administration continues to produce campaigns, initiatives, federal guidance, and public resources to help eradicate violence against women.

"On the anniversary of this landmark legislation, we ourselves rededicate to strengthening the protections it first codified, and we reaffirm the basic human right to be free from violence and abuse," President Obama wrote in a commemorative proclamation. "Too many women continue to live in fear in their own homes, too many victims still know the pain of abuse, and too many families have had to mourn the loss of their loved ones. It has to end-because even one is

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The Cost of Not Doing **Business**

By: James Clingman - NNPA Columnist



Over the past few decades Black people have been led to believe that we have "power" because we earn and spend so much money in the marketplace, now having eclipsed the \$1 trillion mark. As the most studied consumer segment in the world, Black Americans are touted by dozens of studies as the most brand loyal and the biggest spenders, especially on specific goods and services such as fast foods, movies, cellphones, hair and skin care, and sweetened drinks, just to name a few. Is that power? Well, it is for those on the receiving end of those dollars, but not so for Black consumers. It's more akin to a weakness.

You have heard the term, "The cost of doing business," which means that folks in business have certain costs that come with the territory. Some characterize it by saying, "It takes money to make money." Agreed, of course; but how much money does it take for businesses that Black consumers support to make more money? What is their cost of doing business within the Black consumer segment? The answer: little or nothing. They get our money with little effort or reciprocity.

So why do studies always point out that we have power in the marketplace? Black spending power, Black purchasing power, and the power of the Black consumer are all phrases that are utilized by researchers who point to our billions in consumption spending. The emphasis should be on the word "power." Are we powerful simply because we spend a lot of money?

utilize it-or do away with it, as I like to say.

Batteries hanging on a rack in a store are believed to have power, but the purchaser will never know if that's true until those batteries are put to use. Likewise, all the power that researchers say Black consumers have will never be seen or felt until we exercise it. Until we change our consumption habits we will never have true power; instead we will only have the illusion of power. Influence, yes, but never power.

So we must change the phrase, "The cost of doing business" to a new phrase, "The cost of not doing business." As consumers, and voters, we are largely taken for granted. Our dollars continue to flow outward and continue to empower everyone except ourselves. Our votes are always on parade, as is the case now with the upcoming elections, but with no reciprocity. How can we even think we have power?

A paradigm shift to the cost of not doing business would cause an enormous change in how things are done in his nation and their effect on the lives of Black people. Moving from business as usual to "business unusual" would send a strong signal that Black consumers are tired of being the profit margins for companies that fail to respond appropriately to our brand loyalty. It would cause the CEO's and board members of those firms to step up and speak up on our behalf.

When the cost of doing business rises, the producer simply raises prices or hands out pink slips. When the cost of Black consumers not doing business hits those company balance sheets and cash flow statements, the 2 percent or so they currently spend on Black advertising will rise. The meager sums of ad dollars currently being spent with Black newspapers and magazines will explode. And the amount spent with conscious and conscientious Black broadcast media will also increase.



Pentagon: New airstrikes target

refineries used by ISIS in Syria

Obama delivers his strategy outlining the counter-ISIS strategy.

Washington (CNN) -- U.S. and coalition warplanes pounded ISIS positions in eastern Syria on Wednesday, targeting what a Pentagon official described as mobile oil refineries being used by the so-called Islamic State terror group.

The latest round of airstrikes were aimed at cutting off money flowing to ISIS, which makes up to \$2 million a day from oil produced by the refineries, Navy Rear Adm. John Kirby, the Pentagon spokesman, told CNN.

Fighter jets from Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates flew alongside U.S. aircraft during the operation, hitting 12 locations, Kirby said.

The airstrikes came just hours after U.S. President Barack Obama called for united action to confront ISIS, also referred to as ISIL.

"It is no exaggeration to say that humanity's future depends on us uniting against those who would divide us along fault lines of tribe or sect; race or religion," Obama said in an address before the U.N. General Assembly.

"This is not simply a matter of words. Collectively, we must take concrete steps to address the danger posed by religiously motivated fanatics, and the trends that fuel their recruitment."

"is not and never will be at war with Islam." More airstrikes

The latest airstrikes follow another round were carried out Tuesday overnight into Wednesday against five more targets: four in Irag and one in Syria, U.S. Central Command said.

In Syria, a U.S. aircraft and coalition plane struck an ISIS staging area near the Iragi border, northwest of Al Qa'im,

damaging eight ISIS vehicles. In Iraq, two airstrikes west of Baghdad destroyed two ISIS armed vehicles and a weapons cache. Two airstrikes southeast of the city of Irbil destroyed ISIS fighting positions. The latest raids come on the heels of major airstrikes in Syria early Tuesday.

Obama's call for action comes as he faces questions about his decision to bomb terror groups in Syria without approval from the U.N. Security Council or U.S. Congress.

U.S. strikes the Khorasan group in Syria

Map: Airstrikes in SyriaMap: Airstrikes in Syria

What is the Khorasan Group? Tomahawk missiles launched against ISIS

And as the President takes the world stage, U.S. law enforcement agencies are looking out for possible lone-wolf attack plots to retaliate for the bombings.





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Gina C. Wilson Steward Publisher

Power has many definitions, the most comprehensive list of which is noted by Amos Wilson, in his seminal work, Blueprint for Black Power. In a general sense, according Rollo May, as quoted by Wilson, power is, "...the ability to cause or prevent change." The application of that definition of power to Black consumers falls short, however, because of the word "ability." How do you know if you have the ability to do anything until you actually put that ability into action? It's much like another word we like to apply to Black folks: "potential." The only way we really know we have potential is to

Understand that reciprocity works in a variety of ways. Those Black media firms that reap the benefits of Blacks not doing business must reciprocate by circulating some of their newfound wealth to other Black businesses, and they must make drastic improvements in their programming to Black audiences.

Media is certainly not the only category to leverage reciprocity. Issues of injustice, discrimination, and disparities can all be addressed within the context of not doing business with a targeted group of corporations until they appropriately

At the same time, Obama stressed that the United States

respond to Eric Garner. Michael Brown, et al.

If we want real power, pursuing a "cost of not doing business" strategy is one way to obtain it.

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Referee

By: Janine Folks - Telegram Religion Columnist



I was watching some boxing footage. I watched the fighters relentlessly go at each other. Punch after punch. Giving it and taking it, all while bouncing around the ring continuously.

I thought about how exhausting it could be. I also thought about how on point you have to be in order to be a successful boxer. Your endurance has to be up to par as well as mastery of skill and mental stamina. During a boxing match, our attention is usually focused on the boxers.

I started paying attention to the referee. I watched how he also bounced around right along with the boxers. He stayed close enough so that he could enough distance to stay out of their way. The ref watches every move, observes that rules are being followed and breaks the fighters up when the become entangled with each other.

What I noticed about the ref is that he has to be in as good of shape as the boxers, almost. He is not punching or being punched, but his endurance level has to be up there with the fighters. He cannot miss a beat. He cannot slack on his attentiveness to everything going on between the boxers.

Watching the referee, I likened his role to that of a parent, a shepherd, guardian or leader in general. You have to monitor everything. You don't always intervene, but you watch closely. You have to keep up with what's going on and it can get tiring. You have to know the rules and make sure they are being followed. You have to intervene when things get messy and clear it up. It's a demanding job.

When those they lead are going at it fiercely, the ref has to be right in there with them, in the midst of the madness. monitor the boxers, but at just The ref has to have good dis-

cernment to know when and when not to break something up. The ref has to know how to stay out of the way and let them do what they do. It's a delicate balance that requires wisdom, skill and endurance.

The ref is a respected figure in the game. What the ref says is gospel and not to be argued with by boxers. The ref makes the calls. It can be argued, but generally, what the referee says, usually goes.

In life, sometimes you may feel like a referee. As a leader, parent, supervisor, guardian, guide, chaperon, teacher, mentor or anytime you are responsible or appointed over people. This is a huge responsibility and the weight of it is heavy. Your choices in making calls affect how the game goes. People are counting on you to do well.

The boxers [players] and the referee have to know the rules in the ring and on the court. In life, we have to know the rules. Our rules come from the Word of God. The ref insures that rules are followed and have to watch. But first, the ref has to know the rules in order to enforce them.

Remember this: "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for the reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the people of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work" [2 Tim. 3.16,17].

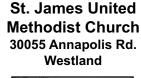
Sometimes I feel like God is a referee in my life too. He stands back enough for me to do what I need to do, based on what I've learned and trained for. But when necessary, He steps in to make sure I'm not violated or hurt. Thank you Lord.

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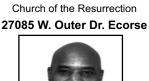
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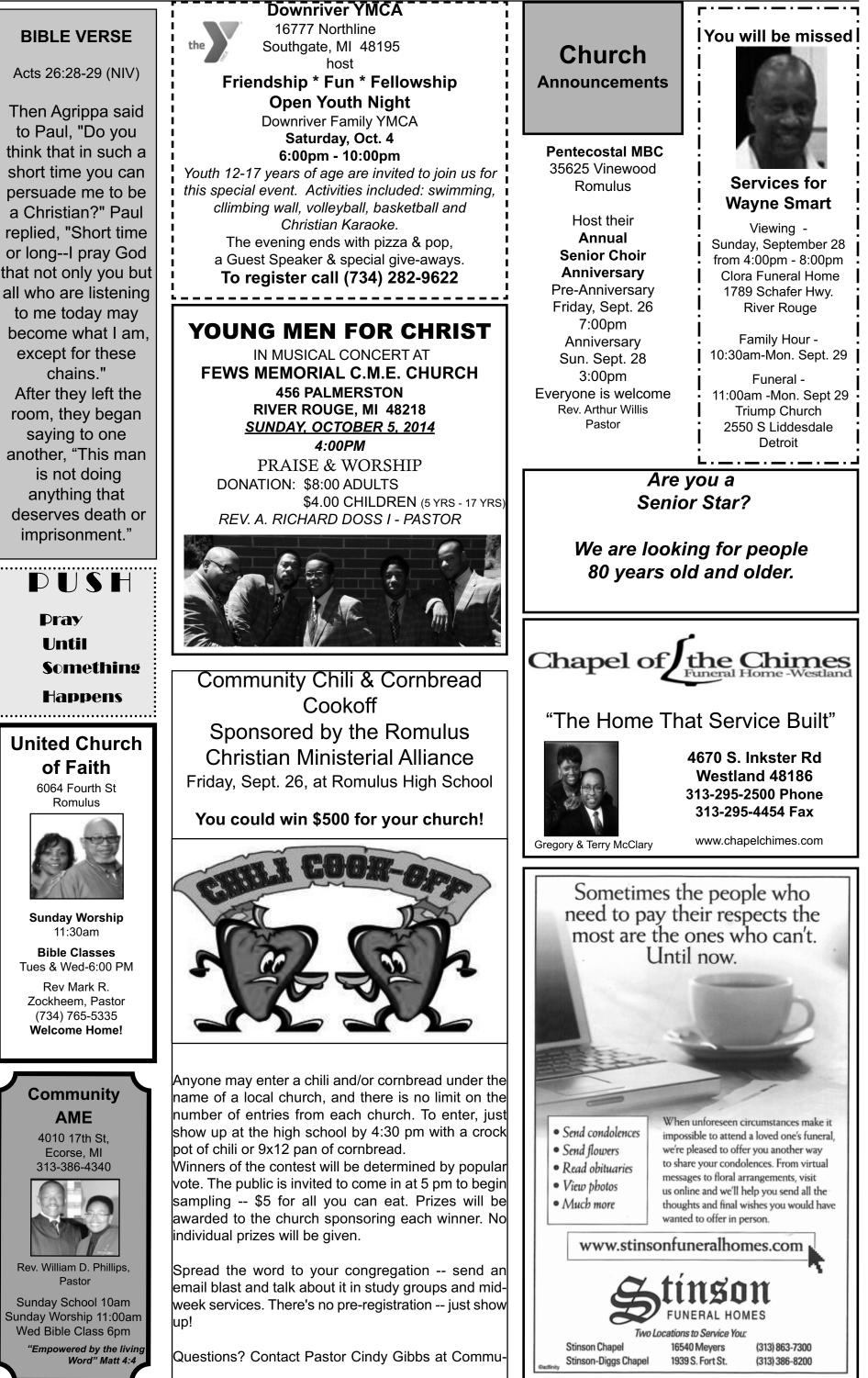
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A World Beyond Our Own

By Julianne Malveaux - NNPA Columnist



going to take ISIS (Islamic State in Iraq and Syria) out. I wonder how many of us have been to that part of the world. I haven't and I wonder if our visions would help us understand what is going on there.

If I had a gazillion dollars – or maybe just Koch bothers money - I'd send every studiaspora, anyplace would diate environment, out of their selves to our narrow environhave antipathy toward us.

This, of course, does not account for President Obama's plea that the world rally around the United States to stop ISIS. Global awareness, however, would go a long way toward our understand ding of the way things work around the world. Just under a quarter of a million students (less than 1 percent of our total) study abroad, most of them White and most of them headed to Europe. Had more of them gone to the African diaspora or to parts of Latin America, more might understand the lives that so many lead, and the privilege we enjoy in the world context. We should not, of course, apologize for our gifts, we should simply be aware of them.

On one trip abroad, I learned that people eat far less frequently than we do, consider- imagine. ing it a treat as opposed to a staple. On another trip, I adjusted my concept of space, when three women - four including me, shared a bedroom. On still another occurrence, six of us shared a single can of Coke. It was a high honor and an expense for our host to be so generous. Each of these experiences "blew my mind" and made me think of U.S. If we say we are global citiprivilege. Each of them made me wish I had a young person with me to share the humbling sense of the world in which we live.

President Obama says he is speak of it practically. We are so immersed in our own energy and culture that we are utterly unwilling to look beyond ourselves.

"I used to live in the world, then I moved to Harlem and my universe became six square blocks," wrote Ntzake Shange in her powerful play, "For Colored Girls Who Committed Suident I knew, especially African cide When the Rainbow Was American students, out of the Enough." She spoke of thinking country. While I'd most enjoy and shrinking and allowing sending them to Africa or the boundaries t limit us. We are not all colored girls, but we are work. The point would be for all limiting ourselves when we them to get out of their imme- choose and decide to limit ourprivilege. By doing so, they ments. Our universe may be might gain better insight into greater than those six square why so many in other countries blocks, but not large enough for us to view and immerse ourselves in somebody else's world.

> Every single day we are confronted with some form of international crisis, from the kidnaping of girls in Nigeria, to the beheading of journalists in by ISIS. We feel, we mourn, we take up collections, and we moan and groan. And we still don't get it. If we'd been to other countries, we just might understand the feelings of others

> Our trips to Mexico and Jamaica don't even begin to count toward a quest toward global awareness. While no one should put herself at risk by going to a country under siege, a few days in an area where there is struggle may turn the kaleidoscope of presence in ways we can hardly

President Obama used "tough talk" when he warned the ISIS thugs the he would not take their nonsense. Good for him! Few in the United States would disagree. At the same time, our perspective might be nuanced if we look beyond ourselves and get a different world perspective.

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Our conversations about the global village are more theoretical than real. We cannot relate to a global village if we don't travel the globe. While we speak of globalization economically and culturally, we rarely

zens, then we need to act like them. We need to embrace the globe and learn that we are not the center of the world. We are less than a tenth of the world's population, yet we consume disproportionally. We have a long way to go before we practice what we preach.

Julianne Malveaux is President Emerita of Bennett College for Women in Greensboro, N.C.

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EQUIPPED and the Mayor Hampton Scholarship Foundation are co-sponsoring a Creativity Contest for K- 12th grade students who live in Inkster. Youth are encouraged to enter to win up to \$1,000 in scholarships ranging from \$100 - \$500 each.

Students may submit an essay, original poem, original song, dance routine, artistic drawing, or other creative expression to accentuate the theme: Break Every Chain!

Entries will be accepted until midnight October 20, 2014.

To register for the contest and to get more information, please visit the EQUIPPED website at www.Equipped4Success.org and complete the registration form or call Dr. Fleda Fleming at 313-436-5335.

Winners will be announced and awarded in November!

Mark Twain School for Scholars among 28 Detroit Public Schools ranked as TOP schools in the city by Excellent Schools Detroit

DETROIT – Mark Twain School for Scholars was among 28 Detroit Public Schools ranked as recommended schools at the prekindergarten, elementary, middle, and high school levels, according to a new report released this week by Excellent Schools Detroit. DPS' Renaissance High School ranks No. 1 for grades 9-12. Detroit Public Schools' Charles Wright Academy of Arts and Science is the highest-rated elementary school in the City of Detroit.

The rankings are based on a grade system that takes into account how students perform on standardized tests, how much they're learning over the course of the school year, annual improvement rates, and from feedback provided by community reviewers who observed each school's environment and culture during a site visit.

According to Excellent Schools Detroit, "these schools will help students learn what they need to know and will allow students adequate opportunities to succeed in college and work."

The top-rated PreK-4 program at Charles Wright offers a technology-rich learning environment where students thrive academically and showcase increases on MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program) annually.

As well as receiving the ranking of top high school in the city by Excellent Schools Detroit, Renaissance also is notably ranked as the No. 1 high school academically within Detroit Public Schools; the No. 1 high school in the City of Detroit, according to U.S. News and World Report; and one of the top 10 high schools in the state of Michigan and top 250 schools nationally, according to Newsweek's annual ranking of the best high schools in the nation. Renaissance is the only high school of any governance in the City of Detroit honored by Newsweek's recent report.

For the Excellent Schools Detroit ranking at the Pre-K level, four programs were selected among the top 10 in the city, including: Harms Elementary, Cooke Elementary, Burton International Academy, and Duke Ellington Conservatory of Music and Art at Beckham. A total of 13 schools received Silver or Bronze medals, the top rankings.

At the high school level, five Detroit Public Schools also rank in the top 10, including: Renaissance High School, Communication and Media Arts High School, Western International High School, Cass Technical High School and **Douglass Academy for Young** Men.

Count Day is Wednesday, October 1

Parents should be aware translates into state that Count Day is next week on Wednesday, October 1, 2014. Count Day is when all public schools in Michigan tally the number of students attending their schools.

Count information is critical to school districts, because each student funding.

LEA and ISD state aid is based on number of students legally enrolled on or before count day. The requirements for a student to be counted is that the student must be in attendance and received instruction in all

classes on the count day.

Many schools will have pizza parties, give aways, contest and various fun activites to encourage students to come to school on Wednesday.

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Tips to Make Playtime Educational and Fun



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"Children don't need to be in a classroom for quality learning to take place," says Dr. Lise Eliot, early childhood development expert and author. "In fact, opportunities to promote mental and physical development can happen anywhere, anytime."

Here are a few ideas for maximizing playtime:

• Make Music: Playing music

can help kids be creative and expressive, as well as promote coordination. But some kids may be reluctant to participate if it feels like work. If there's resistance to formal music education, don't nix the idea entirely. Stock your playroom with a keyboard, tambourine and other kid-friendly instruments and let kids explore music on their own terms.

• Cool Toys: "Look for fun toys that encourage problem-solving, engage children in imaginative play and develop fine motor skills and spatial reasoning," says Eliot.

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More information can be found at www.VTechKids.com.

• Outdoor Games: For some fresh air, and at the same time to encourage hand-eye coordination and learning number fun, get outdoors to play some classic games like hopscotch, jacks or marbles. Encourage kids' creative side, by having them come up with an idea for their own game, complete with rules and a scoring system.

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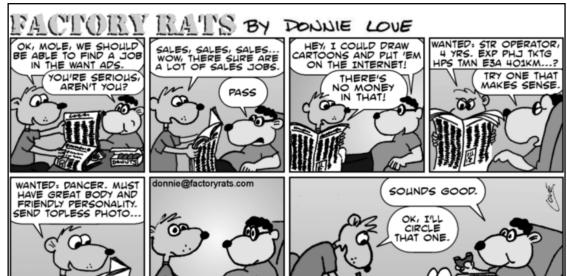
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ARIES

Trials and tribulations are damaging this week only if you let them be. You are a master at living above day-to-day concerns. Enjoy looking at the big picture. Watch bright skies gathering above a distant horizon. Bring the future into the present and enjoy.

Soul Affirmation: I enjoy the fruits of past labor.

Lucky Numbers: 17, 19, 21

TAURUS This week is a good week for

remembering that without the help of your colleagues it would be impossible for you to expedite the tasks that need to be done. Cultivate relationships with those who can help you get important stuff done. Thank them graciously and celebrate with them.

Soul Affirmation: I am everybody's sweetheart.

Lucky Numbers: 12, 41, 55

GEMINI

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

Soul Affirmation: I will ask joy to marry me.

Lucky Numbers: 1, 8, 14

CANCER

The forces that disrupt your life this week are not as big as they seem while you are standing close to them. Move back. See what surrounds the problem area and you'll notice how small it is on the landscape of your life. Enjoy looking at the goodness that is all around your problems.

Soul Affirmation: I keep my attention on the highest and the best.

Lucky Numbers: 22, 46, 52 LEO

This is a week when you can be a singular beacon. Shine for those around you. Go inside yourself and find those rays of sunshine that others need. Sure you're a bit touchy yourself but that's just the situation in which you can make yourself

LIBRA

Energy is higher than it has been for a while. You might feel like the sunshine inside yourself provides blinding light. Walk into it.

There are no dangers. Put dark glasses on your soul and be cool. Smile and keep stepping. Soul Affirmation: My mental powers are my greatest assets this week.

Lucky Numbers: 17, 29, 35

SCORPIO

High physical energy means you may roar through the week.

Others will have trouble keeping up so exercise your compassion muscles and be as patient as possible. Keep your best interests in mind because they serve the best for everyone around you right now.

Soul Affirmation: I savor the flavor of the happiness I find in

others. Lucky Numbers: 5, 51, 53

SAGITTARIUS

Charm is an extremely effective tool for you this week. Charisma works better than at any recent time especially at home. Shine brightly and let your glow work for you. Your self-image is your most effective tool.

Soul Affirmation: Time is the greatest peacemaker of them all.

Lucky Numbers: 3, 24, 43

CAPRICORN

This week make your special interest pay off in cash. Enough of goodness for goodness sake. You've got bills to pay. People expect generosity from a big hearted person like you. Ask them for something in return or they'll drain you. Soul Affirmation: Intelligent information does not have to come from intelligent sources. Lucky Numbers: 6, 8, 14

AQUARIUS

During the next few weeks be ready for surprises that await you. Don't make any solid plans

with anyone except you lover. This week will bring forth a new dimension in a special relationship. You will come upon a sensational poem that illustrates the love the two you share.



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Soul Affirmation: I avoid negative feelings, especially this week.

Lucky Numbers: 7, 8, 21

VIRGO

Business as usual is good business. Energy is high. Others give back to you what you gave to them the past few weeks. We hope you were generous because what you get this week will be a multiple of what you bestowed. Soul Affirmation: I give happiness wherever I go. Lucky Numbers: 6, 13, 48 Soul Affirmation: The search for fun occupies my time this week.

Lucky Numbers: 34, 46, 55

PISCES

Stay steady in your pursuits. Temptations are all around you. Attractive pursuits abound but stay on course with what you planned to do with all the good energy that has arisen in your life.

Soul Affirmation: I do not allow demands to be placed on me this week.

Lucky Numbers: 17, 28, 31

Cabrini Edge Richard in Frenzy Friday Game

Allen Park Cabrini, running back Brandon Macgregor had a huge night, running the ball 21 times for about 150 yards and two rushing touchdowns. Monarchs' quarterback Eddie O'Neil carried the ball six times for about 120 yards and Steven Sowa carried the ball five times for nearly 100 yards. However, with the game was tied 6-6 for three quarters it took the fourth quarter for Cabrini made its way downfield and at the 9:06 mark as Brandon Macgregor ran in his second touchdown of the night. In addition, the Monarchs made the 2-point try; O'Neil completed a pass to Sowa and put the Monarchs up 14-6. The Pioneers rally to score late nevertheless missed the two-point conversion. Monarchs 14, Pioneers 12 although as the Pioneers prepared for what most expected to be an onside kick, the stadium lights went out and the contest was delayed for about 15 minutes. Still the score remain the same Cabrini beating Riverview Gabriel Richard 14-12. Here are this week Varsity High School Football games.

Lions, Double Check Rodgers and the Packers

By Butch Davis



There is no escape for Packers DuJuan Harris as Lions (left to right) Tahir Whitehead, DeAndre Levy, C.J Mosley, and Ezekiel Ansah surrounded him for the tackle.

In the Lions' 19-7 win over the Green Bay Packers, the Lions defense limited the Green Bay Packers to just 7 points and 223 total offensive yards. The defensive effort also scored 9 points in the win as they registered a fumble return touchdown and a safety against the Packers. Sunday's game opened with the Lions trying to establish the run. They did actually pick up a first down thanks to a couple plays on the ground, but that was it for their opening drive of the game. Following a Sam Martin Detroit Lions punt and a decent return by Randall Cobb it was Green Bay ball at the Detroit 37. On the second play on defense for the Lions, Eddie Lacy had the ball knocked loose by Nick Fairley, and it just sat on the ground for a second or so. Then Don Carey came out of nowhere, picked up the ball and returned it 40 yards for a touchdown. Carey actually ended up re-injuring his hamstring on the play, but he made quite an impact despite only playing two snaps the whole game. The packers scored with 39 seconds in the first

quarter as Andrew Quarless received a 10 yard pass from "discount count double check" Aaron Rodgers and the Packers tie up the scores 7-7. Green Bay Coach Mike Mc-Carthy said after the game on attacking the Lions secondary, "I don't think football is really that simple. I think you play to what you think your strengths are. The way we play on offense we take advantage of the defense. This game offensively was more about us not taking advantage of the defensive looks that they gave us."

drive down the field and Lions Rookie Nate Freese kicks a 30-yard field the give the home team a 12-7 lead at the half.

Defense was the theme by both teams in the third quarter; however, in the fourth the Lions slowly and surely moved the ball down the field, picking up small chunks of yards along the way. They continually put themselves in a good position on third down, making 62 percent of them in the game and indeed it paid off on third-and-2 from the Green Bay 26. Reggie Bush took a handoff out of the shotgun and zoomed around the left side before fighting his way into the end zone for a big touchdown. The Lions now had a 19-7 lead.

Can the Tigers put the Royals Away?

By Butch Davis

The Tigers (86-70) lose 5-2 last Sunday in Kansas City, squandering a chance to sweep the second-place Royals. However, two wins in the threegame set pushed their lead in the AL Central to 1 1/2 games and finished 13-6 against their closest pursuers in addition to losing the suspended game in Cleveland this past Monday to put the Royals two games behind the Tigers.

Nevertheless, the Detroit Tigers open a three-game set at Comerica Park against the Chicago White Sox in which the home team blew a great opportunity to keep the Royals at a distant by losing 2-0, however, the Royals win in Cleveland in the original schedule game by a 2-0 score in which puts themselves one game behind the Tigers as of this past Monday night.

They've still won nine of 14 while averaging 5.2 runs, with J.D. Martinez and Torii Hunter both swinging hot bats. Martinez has batted .577 during a seven-game hitting streak,

while Hunter is 13 for 32 while hitting safely in seven straight. Despite being in position to win its fourth straight division title, Detroit hasn't looked the part against the White Sox - the teams from the Windy City has a one game advantage in the season series 9-8. The Tigers are 3-5 at home, with their relievers getting charged with two of those losses while posting a 9.31 ERA. Detroit will conclude its season with four home games versus last-place Minnesota, a team it's 7-8 against. Detroit Tigers magic number to win the Central as of this past Monday is the lucky number seven which means, seven wins by Tigers or losses by Royals with bring playoff fever back to Detroit for the fourth year in a row. The team the Tigers are most likely to play is the Baltimore Orioles with the series starting in Baltimore. However, if and when the Tigers secure the Central Division, the party will be in the Motor City in front of the hometown fans. Hey, the Tiger could party tonight or not.

Bulldogs shut down Saginaw Nouvel CC, 36-13

By Christian Young - Contributing Writer



Al Demps Robichaud Football Coach

The nickname of the Dearborn Heights Robichaud football team may be the Bulldogs, but they proved to be Minutemen this past Friday.

Why you ask? Well, the Bulldogs scored touchdowns and made key plays in the final minute of each quarter of a 36-13 rout of visiting Saginaw Nouvel Catholic Central. The Robichaud defense was the name of the game, accounting for three sacks and intercepting quarterback Mitch Morley five times, twice by George Sadler. "We preached to the guys all week that their record means nothing," Robichaud coach Al Demps said. "I'd like to think we sent a message tonight." Robichaud struck first blood when Jairus Grissom connected with Sadler on a 20yard scoring strike, giving the Bulldogs a 6-0 lead just 1:16 before the first quarter ended. Nouvel's option game carried

the Panthers all the way to the Robichaud 1-yard line before the Bulldogs intercepted the pass.

"They do so many things with that. They do a lot of things as far as misdirection and trying to sneak a guy back inside," Demps said. "We defended it pretty well

The Nouvel defense nearly sacked Grissom for a safety, but he dumped the ball off to Will Melchor at the last minute. Morley connected with Khristian Goode on a 22-yard touchdown pass with 3:01 left in the first half. The extra point was good to give the Panthers a 7-

The Lions responded with yet another turnover this on offense, however, this turnover actually worked out in the end. On third-and-10 from midfield, Stafford threw it long for Calvin Johnson and was intercepted at the 1-yard line. With the first play on the one the Packers Rodgers hands the ball to Eddie Lacy and was tackled in the end zone by Lions DeAndre Levy for a safety on the very next play with13: 21 remaining in the second quarter. Suddenly the Lions were back on top, 9-7. The Lions take a

The Detroit Lions came away with a big win over the Green Bay Packers on Sunday, however, they suffered more injuries in the process. They were already a pretty bangedup team going into Sunday's game, and they came out of their win over the Packers

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o lead.

But again, the Bulldogs scored with a minute left in the first half, with a streaking 55-yard interception return from Trayvon Clayton.

The Panthers attempted to mount a last minute drive, but Miguel Manion sacked any hope of Nouvel hoping to score any points before the half.

The Bulldogs sputtered initially in the second half before Grissom, while being hit, launched a 35-yard strike off his back foot to Clayton to set up a 24yard scoring run by Melchor, extending the Bulldogs' lead to 18-7.

Grissom then used his legs to push the lead on a 25-yard touchdown run late in the third

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RIVER ROUGE

September 17th, 2014

At 2004 hrs, an officer was monitoring traffic on Visger and observed silver 2004 Pontiac traveling east bound at a high rate of speed. A Traffic Stop was made at 9th & Visger and as the officer approached a strong odor of "marijuana" emitting from the vehicle. The 20 year old male driver was detained. The male stated that he,a 20 year old male and 23 year old male passengers had just smoked. The officer checked the exterior of the vehicle with the K9 dog "Steel" and got a positive indication of narcotic odor at the driver's side rear door. Once inside of the vehicle Steel indicated on the rear passenger side floor of the vehicle and the center console. Two small leaf substances and two small "marijuana cigarettes were found in the center ash tray. The officers placed all three under arrest for VPHC. The vehicle was impounded. The males were transported to the police station where they were booked, allowed to make a phone call housed. Each was issued citations for VPHC and the driver also issued for speeding.

September 15, 2014

At 1316hrs, a 28 year old female entered the police station lobby to make a Threats complaint. She states she has received several threats from a 30 year old female and provided a computer print out from Facebook where the other female made threats against her and her family. This has been an ongoing problem since April of this year and the female has even gone to her job. The female even threat-

ened to go up into her home whether the kids were there or not.

September 14, 2014

CRIME ALERTS³

POLICE BLOTTER

At 2047hrs, officers were dispatched to 276 Visger for shots fired. Ecorse PD responded as well. Officers recovered nine shell casings. People in the area states the suspects fled on foot on Polk Street. The K9 officer and "Steel" was on the scene and began a K9 track. Suddenly officers heard several shot fired coming from Polk Street and observed two males flee to a unit in the 500 Block. Officers surrounded the unit and ordered the males to come out with their hands up. A 24 year old female exited from the rear door and stated her six year old daughter was in the home with the two males that she did not know. The males were ordered out again and exited the home then fled on foot. The six year old daughter ran out too. She was not injured. Officers had pursued the two suspects on foot and observed one male climb up a external side stair on a house in the 400 Block of Holford. The male had lied on his back on the landing of an upper apartment. The male was apprehended. The k9 unit performed a track that lead to Holford and Hall and later observed a male run from Holford and jump into a dark blue four door vehicle that fled on Polk. Officers returned to the home in the 500 Block of Polk and got consent to search the home. Officers recovered two handguns with live rounds and clothing the suspects was wearing. The male was placed under arrest for Home Invasion.

quarter, and put the nail in Nouvel's coffin with a 25-yard scoring toss to George Sadler early in the fourth quarter.

Morley scored on an eight-yard run with 7:36 left and punched in the two point conversion to cut Robichaud's lead to 30-15. The Bulldogs closed out the evening with Grissom putting on a pitch-and-catch show, hitting Josh Hill with a 33-yard pass, Trayvon Clayton with a 38-yarder, and tossing a 12yarder to Sadler before scooting in the final touchdown from 22 yards out with 1:16 left in the game.

Grissom went 15-of-27 passing for 263 yards and two touchdowns, and ran for 107 yards and two touchdowns. Melchor ran for 87 yards and a touchdown on 13 carries, and Sadler nabbed 125 yards and two touchdowns on eight catches.

"Tonight was big, especially for Sadler," Demps said. "He was feeling a bit down because he felt left out of the offense, so that helped a lot."

Defensively, Clayton led the charge with six tackles (five solo) and an interception. Bentley Gordon added two sacks.

"We're gaining confidence tonight, so that's big," Demps said.

The 4-0 Bulldogs will host Garden City on Friday at 7 p.m.



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even more injured on the defensive side of the ball. The most significant injury involves starting middle linebacker Stephen Tulloch. He left the game after suffering a knee injury while celebrating a sack. It was a non-contact injury, and there is some concern that he may have torn his ACL. Jim Caldwell didn't have any news on Tulloch's injury after Sunday's game. Caldwell did say that he didn't have a problem with Tulloch celebrating like he did since he wants his players to have "enthusiasm." Here is the exact quote from Coach Caldwell, "There's got to be some enthusiasm in the game.

That's why these guys play, that's why we coach it because you have passion for it. That was a big moment. Things happen. I remember it was some time ago back where (Martin) Gramatica hurt his knee on a particular play. Those things are flukes and our guys will keep certainly being excited about what they do." However, this injury of Tulloch making fun of Rogers, doing the discount double check dance to the tune of being out for the season with a busted ACL. Well, can I ask you fans; was it worth the price, doing the dance?

Here are the schedules for this week's varsity high school football games.

Varsity Football, 09/26, 4:00 PM Detroit Denby vs. Detroit Cass Tech Detroit Henry Ford vs. Detroit Cody Detroit Western International vs. Detroit Collegiate Prep

Romulus Summit Academy vs. Detroit Old Redford

Varsity Football, 09/26, 6:00 PM Detroit Cesar Chavez Academy vs. Dearborn Hts Star International

Varsity Football, 09/26, 7:00 PM Taylor Kennedy vs. Allen Park Dearborn vs. Dearborn Fordson Detroit University Prep Science & Math vs. Dearborn Heights Annapolis Belleville vs. Dearborn Heights Crestwood Garden City vs. Dearborn Heights Robichaud River Rouge vs. Detroit Community Ecorse vs. Hamtramck Romulus vs. Livonia Clarenceville Wyandotte Roosevelt vs. Melvindale Dearborn Edsel Ford vs. Redford Thurston New Boston Huron vs. Riverview Melvindale Academy for Business & Tech vs. Saginaw Nouvel Lincoln Park vs. Taylor Truman Southgate Anderson vs. Trenton Varsity Football, 09/27, 1:00 PM Riverview Gabriel Richard vs. Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook-Kingswood Varsity Football, 09/27, 2:00 PM Allen Park Cabrini vs. Royal Oak Shrine Catholic

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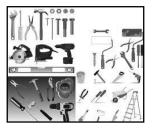
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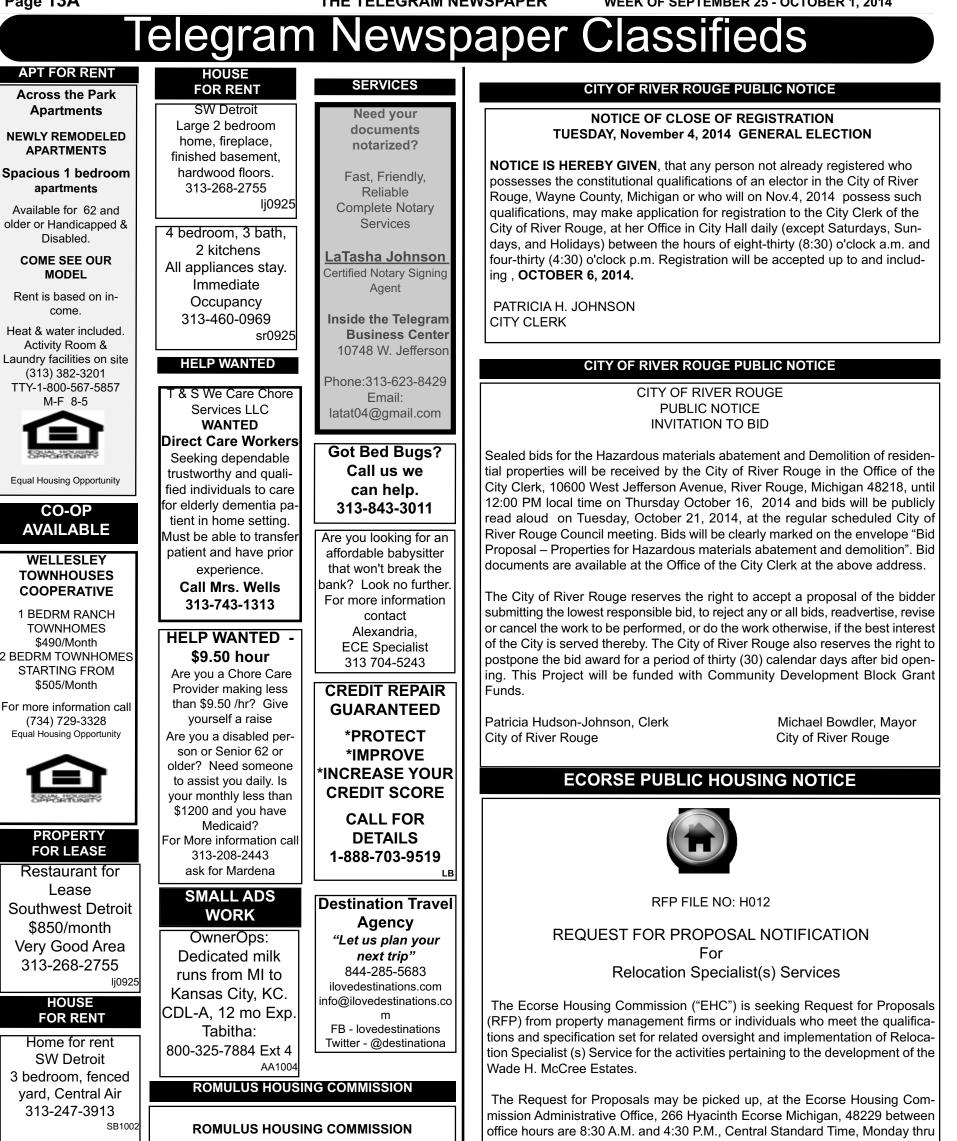
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Sincerely,

Nicole Cloyd Nicole Cloyd, Procurement Manager **Ecorse Housing Commission**

PARENTS BEWARE!! "Cloud 9" or "Hookah relax" is latest drug affecting school kids



WESTLAND - On the street it's called "Cloud 9" or "Hookah relax" - a liquid synthetic drug made from chemicals found in air freshener or bath salts.

And it is the latest trend with high school kids.

"It's absolutely deadly," says Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik. "Some kids are sprinkling in marijuana and smoking it with marijuana, some are putting it into the e-cigarettes, and now the trend is to put it into energy drinks."

Westland police say Monday two John Glenn High School students ended up in Garden City Hospital after ingesting the drug. This is just two weeks after four Canton students were also hospitalized.

"It's been a spread across western Wayne County. There are a lot of kids that are getting really sick and having neardeath experiences because of it," Jedrusik says.

Police say this latest drug can easily be purchased in area gas stations and convenience stores. The small vial costs about \$20.

The side effects include: Chest pain, increased pulse, high blood pressure paranoia, hallucinations, agitation and suicidal thinking/behavior.

"The symptoms of heart attacks is what's being described by the kids in school," Jedrusik said.

Police say like K2 or spice bath salts, the latest rage in recent years, catching the sellers of Cloud 9 is proving difficult.

"What's happening, I want to call them garage chemists, they're changing up the compound a little bit," Jedrusik says. "They're changing the name and they're selling it again."

The office of the Wayne-Westland community schools superintendent tells Fox 2 Tuesday it wants to partner with parents and guardians to inform students of the dangers of synthetic drugs like "Cloud 9", while other counties like Macomb County plan to issue health orders against the drug.

"A child could fool their parent and say, 'Listen, this is just an air freshener or a bath salt,' when in reality it's a very, very dangerous drug," Jedrusik says.

Westland police say they're continuing to target area gas stations and smoke shops to catch these drugs being sold. Police are also encouraging parents to become more aware. The police went to every gas station and smoke store on Tuesday to make sure the product was not on the shelves in the establishments.

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At a re-scheduled meeting of the City Council of the City of River Rouge held in the Court Room of City Hall on Sept. 03, 2014 Meeting called to order at 11:09am

The following Commissioners were present:

Mayor Bowdler in the Chair

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

14-204 Approval to purchase in-car audio/video equipment for Police cars. 14-205 Approval of minutes of 08/19/2014 14-206 Voucher approval 14-207 Motion to adjourn

A complete copy of the minutes can be obtained at the City Clerk's office. (313) 842-5604.

Patricia Johnson, City Clerk

Susan P. Joseph, Deputy Clerk

CITY OF INKSTER PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF ELECTION/CLOSE OF REGISTRATION **CITY OF INKSTER**

NOVEMBER 4, 2014 GUBERNATORIAL GENERAL ELECTION

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF INKSTER, County of Wayne: Notice is hereby given that an election will be held in the City of Inkster on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR THE ELECTION IS MONDAY OCTOBER 6, 2014 BY 4:00PM. Persons residing in the City of Inkster registering after the deadline will not be eligible to vote at the election. Voters may register by mail using a mail-in voter registration form or in person at the Secretary of State Branch Office, Wayne County or the City of Inkster Clerk's office. Registrations will be received Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

The Inkster City Clerk's office will be open the Saturday prior (November 1, 2014) to the November 4, 2014 General Election from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. to receive Absentee Voter Applications and Ballots.

A qualified elector may obtain an Absentee Ballot at the Inkster City Clerk's office. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that for precincts 1-1 thru 6-2 will vote on the following offices: Governor, United States Senator, Representative in Congress (13th District), State Senator (5th District), Representative in State Legislature (11th District), County Executive, County Commissioner (Districts 12th District), Regent of the University of Michigan, Trustee of Michigan State University, Governor of Wayne State University, Justice of Supreme Court, Judge of Court of Appeals, Judge of 3rd Circuit Court (Incumbent and Non-Incumbent) Local School District Board Members. (ballot instructions are available in alternative formats)

BALLOT PROPSALS:

State Proposal 14-1

14-1 A referendum of Public Act 520 of 2012, Establishing a Hunting Season for Wolves and Authorizing Annual Wolf Hunting Seasons.

(the full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the City of Inkster Clerk's office)

14-2 A referendum of Public Act 21 of 2013, Granting the Natural Resources Commission the Power to designate Wolves and certain other animals as game without legislation. (the full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the City of Inkster Clerk's office)

County Proposal Wayne County Retirement Commission

Shall the Wayne County Home Rule Charter be amend to authorize the Chairman

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Of the County Commission to appoint a designee to represent him/her on the

Retirement Commission.

(the full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the City of Inkster Clerk's Office)

The polling locations for the General Election:

District/Precinct Location: District 1/Precinct 1 Inkster Recreation Complex -2025 Middlebelt District 1/Precinct 2 Inkster Recreation Complex -2025 Middlebelt Inkster Recreation Complex -2025 Middlebelt District 2/Precinct 1 District 2/Precinct 2 Inkster Recreation Complex -2025 Middlebelt District 3/Precinct 1 Smith Chapel Church - 3035 Walnut District 3/ Precinct 2 F. L. Peterson Academy - 4000 Sylvia District 4/Precinct 1 Hicks School - 100 Helen St. District 4/ Precinct 2 New Jerusalem Church - 821 Inkster Rd. District 5/Precinct 1 Tomlinson School – 25912 Annapolis District 6/Precinct 1 Twin Towers – 2000 Inkster Rd. District 6/Precinct 2 Daly Elementary School – 25824 Michigan Ave.

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Felicia Rutledge, City Clerk City of Inkster

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 25 - OCTOBER 1, 2014



A Challenge for the **Hip Hop Generation**

By Jineea Butler



world for supporting his bull. we be getting better? Chris Brown and Drake are in the studio together and Lebron a return to Cleveland. Wow!

tertain us through the struggle tions to come? and our role is to watch them fight over our attention to keep trix?

cial media pretending to be nomic development

Lately, Hip Hop news has been tions or successful for our relentfueled with beef and rants of all less pursuits? Sometimes it kinds. Meek Mill is beefing with feels like that. In our society, it Wale because Wale wasn't seems like everyone is trying to supporting Mill's current project set each other up for failure. enough on social media, Dame With shows like "Big Brother," Dash is blaming Lyor Cohen "Survivor" and other reality profor the downfall of Rocafella grams that promote deception in Records, Lil Wayne thanks the the form of friendship how can

People of color are projected to James shocked the world with become the majority in the U.S. by 2050, if not sooner. What will that world look like? If we can't Where is the substance? depend on the music and global When are we going to demand messages to navigate us to vicsomething more from those tory, how do we insure we are that represent us on a grand preparing our children to comstage? Is their job just to en- pete in this society in genera-

Other ethnic groups have enthem relevant and paid in full? tered America and based their Are we really living in the Ma- ascension off of what we have endured in this country and they are winning. Why is it that we When I see people constantly can't put a plan in place that enplugged into some form of so- sures the preservation, ecoand whomever they want to be and success of our culture? Are selffinding happiness behind a ish people with ruthless egos desktop, laptop or handheld and agendas to blame? Look at device, I realize fantasy sells the Mexican children running for more than truth. Is that by de- the borders of America hoping sign? Or, are we attracted to they can get a glimpse at the opour own BS? Are we in fear of portunity to be an American citibeing accountable for our ac- zen. Their parents and families

are praying that once they get caught they will be granted citizenship into a country that can make their dreams come true. Are our children even dreaming? Do you think they would be willing to take a chance to escape the poverty stricken arrangements they are stuck in?

I look into the eyes of our children and many are coping out on us. They are purposely rebelling against the world that has been presented to them. They feel that they do not need to subscribe to a system of illusions when they can deal with the real hard core facts. A tattoo on their face, neck, and/or hand proves they are not considering going to work on Wall Street. The harsh reality is that is not their fault that they are not prepared. I doubt they even know the millions of career options available for them to pursue. Why is that? Is it because we allow nonsense-driven content to monopolize our time and our children's minds? Our civil rights fight included and needed the athletes, actors and musicians to use their voice to publicize the struggle. Why is it any different today?

By 2020, the Department of Energy's goal is to have 1 million new STEM graduates and 100,000 new teachers in STEM education. We need to immediately begin preparing our children by removing the barriers to success. Our children have to upgrade their math and writing skills as well as stay out of the criminal justice system to reap the benefits of these great paying jobs that will require as little as a two year degree to make over \$50,000 a year.

For the sake of Hip Hop, I believe we have all continued to support the lifestyle in one form or another knowing the direction has been tainted. For those of us who have fought a

ASK AYANA **Friend Declines Bridesmaid Invitation**



Dear Ayana,

An old high school friend has invited me to stand up as a bridesmaid in her wedding scheduled for next April. I'm happy for her and would love to attend the wedding but really don't want to stand up in the ceremony. We were best friends growing up, but lost touch after high school; we've only recently reconnected on Facebook. I'm flattered that my old friend would want me to take part in her special day, but I also believe that she's only asking because she wants to have a large wedding party. She told me that her fiancé comes from a large family and that he will have at least 8 guys standing up on his side. Not only do I feel like she's asking me as a space-filler, but the gown she wants me to buy costs \$200; I really don't want Rouge, MI 48218

to shell out that kind of money. How can I decline my friend's invitation without ruining our friendship?

K.M.

Dear K.M.,

Tell your friend that you're flattered by her invitation and that you'd love to be there to celebrate her special day, but that you're unable to help with the planning of her nuptials with all that you have going on in your personal life right now. Explain your disappointment in being unable to accept her invite but tell her that you wouldn't want to cause more stress by being physically and emotionally unavailable for her in the months leading up to the wedding. Doing it this way gets you off the hook for being the stand in while (hopefully) keeping your friendship intact. Your friend will probably appreciate your honesty. Stand your ground and don't find yourself being pulled into something that you don't want to do. Good luck.

If you have a question for Ayana, send it to telegram@telegramnews.net or send it to Ask Ayana Telegram Newspaper 10748 W. Jefferson Ave. River



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THE TELEGRAM NEWSPAPER WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 25 - OCTOBER 1, 2014 **Companies begin process to hire** seasonal workers in Michigan

By: Gina Steward



The holiday season is right around the corner. There are only 90 days from the big Christmas Holiday. Many companies are preparing for the increase in shoppers that will be hitting the stores. They are looking for seasonal workers. If you want to take advantage of the seasonal employment, the time to start looking is now. Some of the stores that have announced their hiring plans are listed below.

Kohl's announced that, they're hiring more than 67,000 seasonal jobs nationwide.

Leaders with Kohl's say they're hoping to hire, on average, 50 seasonal jobs per store. Most of this year's seasonal hiring at Kohl's began across the country this month and they expect to fill all of their positions by mid-November. Holiday positions are also being filled at the company's distribution centers.

FedEx plans on hiring more than 50,000 extra

ATTENTION **INKSTER CITIZENS!!**

You are invited to Attend A Community-Wide Meeting! Regarding the dissolution of the Inkster **Public Schools** Hosted by: The Inkster Ministerial Alliance & I Believe in Inkster Public Schools "Denfense Fund" The attorneys will present the results of their research The meeting will be held on Thursday, Sept 25 at 6:00pm at New Birth Baptist Church 27628 Avondale Inkster, MI 48141



workers. They're adding about 200 more seasonal positions to help handle Depending on the needs the surge in holiday shipments.

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Wal-Mart Stores Inc. said last year.



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Meijer to hire 4,800 sea- An Oakland County Job Tuesday, September 30, 2014.

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