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TELEGRAM

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A conversation with Mayor Hampton

By Christian Young - Contributing Writer



Hilliard Hampton

With Inkster going through some tough times, there are many questions on the minds of the residents. I sat down with Inkster Mayor Hilliard Hampton, Jr. to get his views and thoughts on the issues facing the city. This will be broken into three parts. In this first part, Hampton and I discuss issues of economic development, crime, and youth activity.

Chris Young: How are you mayor?
Hilliard Hampton: Things are going well

CY: What would you like the citizens to know about the state of the city, with everything going on?
HH? I would like to suggest that we're stable. We're in a mode of reestablishing ourselves and our financial and economic footing. Economic meaning our commercial development, our tax base, and trying to address that issue in a realistic way with the goal of reinventing Inkster, which is starting in earnest. We'll be meeting next Tuesday with Harvey Hollins, who is Governor Snyder's Urban and Economic Development Initiative representative. We'll also be meeting with our lobbyist Ken Cole, along with others that have been at the table; Starfish Family Services, the National Bar Association along with SEMCOG. It's an attempt to address the economic impact that has hit Inkster over the past 10, 15, even 20 years. That effort is reassuring. So I'd say in a nutshell, creating stability and promise and moving the city forward is our goal.

CY: Is the city still under the Consent Agreement?

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Ecorse welcomes New School Superintendent



Superintendent Parker hit the ground running interacting with the high school students.

It is with great pleasure that I introduce myself to you. My name is Thomas E. Parker, and I am the new Superintendent of Ecorse Public Schools. - A School of Choice District. I am honored that the Ecorse Board of Education has entrusted me

with the responsibility of serving the children and community of Ecorse.

Moreover, I am excited to join a District that has been a benefit to the community for years. I will work to sustain this tradition while also forging

a new path to 21st century college and career readiness for all students. Ecorse Public School's learning environments, tailored educational plans and state-of-the-art technology allow the District's students to compete with their

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Gun Violence leading cause of death of Black Children

By Freddie Allen - NNPA Washington Correspondent



WASHINGTON (NNPA) – Gun violence is the leading cause of death among Black children and teens, according to a new report by the Children's

Defense Fund, a nonprofit, child advocacy group. The report titled, "Protect Children, Not Guns 2013," painted grim picture of the
Gun Violence page 12A

Election Results

Detroit Election Results



Mike Duggan

The people have spoken. The candidates for the November General Election for Metropolitan Detroit are as follows:



Benny Napoleon

Detroit Mayor

Write-in
Mike Duggan 44,395
Benny N. Napoleon 28,532

Write-in Other 5,916
Krystal Crittendon 5,295
Lisa Howse 4,581

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Brenda Jones 45,524
David Bullock 15,734
Roy McCalister Jr. 13,397
Monica Lewis-Patrick 9,751
Angles Lisa Hunt 5,513
Cedric Banks 5,317
Jessica Rayford-Clark 4,507

DETROIT CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 1 (100%)

James Tate 9,349 Wanda Jan Hill 2,001
Darryl Brown 1,617 10%

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Inkster

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HH: Yes.

CY: What are some of the initiatives the city will undertake to foster economic growth?

HH: Well, I think just an ongoing effort by the city to be business friendly, without violating our ordinances or zoning laws. It's important that people feel comfortable doing business here in Inkster and that the process is not overburdensome or troubling. That's important. No. 2 is not to just wait until people come knocking on our door, but actually go out and solicit business. A business attraction and retention program needs to be in full bloom, so we know what the views or concerns are for the businesses that are here and we can react accordingly. For businesses that aren't here we have to let them know that we're here and open for business. Those are our efforts.

CY: One thing that may attract or repel business is the amount of crime. There's been a rash of crime this year, especially during the summer. What are some of your ideas and plans for tackling it?

HH: Obviously crime is one of the issues we can't work hard enough at. Obviously we've had a recent spike in homicides, with the last being on (July) 13th. Engaging the community, getting the citizens to cooperate with us, become the eyes and ears of the city and report when they see criminal activity is vital. Joining block clubs and neighborhood watches are not just buzzwords or catchphrases; they are a reality. They are really meaningful ways for average people to do their fair share in the effort to abate crime in this community. A lot of these crimes are being carried out in broad daylight, very brazen and bold. These folks that perpetrate these crimes do feel emboldened because they feel, to some extent, not only do we have a reduced police force, but they think no one's watching. We have 25,000 residents in

this community. People know things, they see things. We need them to realize that we're all in this together. Above and beyond that, in terms of the police effort, we have to broaden our collaboration with the state police and the drug enforcement units with creating a Special Task Force. I am pleased to say that the state police have been a great asset to us and have extended themselves to us, so not only do we have state trooper patrol cars in the city, but they are helping us with the investigation of these homicides.

CY: Are there any suggestions you may have for the changing of culture, with the whole "no snitching" culture? Some of the reasons people may not speak up is because they don't want to be viewed as a snitch, and if they are viewed as a snitch, then there's a fear of retribution.

HH: That's a legitimate concern. There are a few things I would always suggest to anyone that decides to assist in giving information to the authorities on crime and criminal activity. First of all, be assured that there is always confidentiality with the numbers we provide. The numbers that we provide and when they speak, is done in strict confidentiality. Also, understand that you don't necessarily have to give up anything. If you're giving information, you don't necessarily have to, unless you are a witness to a criminal act per se, then that's a different ball of wax. But I'm willing to bet that 85 percent of what citizens see are a precursor to an actual bonafide felony or criminal act. For example, if a neighbor notices a house with a lot of foot traffic. That in and of itself is not a crime, but that should still raise some eyebrows. Those are things that citizens could do as far as reporting. You don't have to give your name or number. I would always encourage our residents to be safe, and you have to protect yourself. I understand that.

But we're all part and parcel to this. We're either victims, bystanders, or watchful participants. These bullets don't have names on them. If folks break into your neighbor's home, that impacts your sense of security. We have to make it clear, whether through the media or social networks, that we all have a responsibility to assist in reducing crime in our community.

CY: Like the marches that have been going on, or the lawn signs that say "I'm not a snitch, I'm a neighbor."

HH: Exactly. That's the sort of thing I'm talking about. I saw one time, at Middlebelt Baptist Church, that there was some conversation around putting a jingle together or something that encourages people to participate.

CY: There's so many factors that go into crime. You may have some that do it because they're genuinely bad, but you may have some, for example some of the youth, because they feel they have nothing to do. What are some ideas for youth activities, say for parks and recreation?

HH: I do understand the importance of recreation and youth activities in order to reduce the amount of idle time youth may have on their hands. Recreation was important to me growing up, and it was available and abundant, mostly during the summer. If that was not in play, then I could have wandered off and done something that was not appropriate. I could have lost my way, who knows? But at the end of the day, there is no excuse for criminal behavior, regardless of what the circumstances may be. All too often we make the connection that I think is not as strong as it needs to be between recreational activity and criminal activity.

(Next week, the Mayor and I will delve more into recreation and youth activity, and also discuss progress in the search for a city manager.)

NEWS FROM CAPITAL

Senators Stabenow, Levin announce Job Training Support for Veterans



Debbie Stabenow



Carl Levin

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senators Debbie Stabenow and Carl Levin today announced federal job training support for homeless women veterans and veterans with families in Southeast Michigan. Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries is one of 22 recipients across the country that was awarded the competitive grant. Services provided will include job-placement, on-the-job and classroom training, career counseling, life skills and money management mentoring, and help finding housing.

Sen. Stabenow said: "When our veterans return home after serving our country we need to make sure they have the opportunity to find a good-paying job. Training for new high-demand jobs will help prepare our veterans with the right skills to match the needs of cutting-edge businesses looking to grow."

Sen. Levin said: "We have no more important obligation than supporting the men and women who have risked all to protect us," Levin said. "And we can give them no greater support than to help them get the training they need to join the workforce."

Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries will receive \$101,100 from the Department of Labor's Veterans' Employment and Training Service, Homeless Female Veterans and Veterans with Families Program. Support is awarded on a competitive basis to state and local non-profit organizations that are familiar with the areas and populations to be served.

More information on the Department of Labor's unemployment and re-employment programs for veterans can be found at www.dol.gov/vets

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What is a Living Wage?

By Julianne Malveaux - NNPA Columnist



Last week, workers at fast food restaurants demonstrated outside their places of work, highlighting the low wages they receive and demanding more. They say twice as much, or \$15 an hour, will provide them with a living wage. In Washington, D.C., the City Council has sent legislation to Mayor Vincent Gray requiring “big box” stores such as Wal-Mart and Best Buy to pay \$12.50, which is more than the D.C. minimum wage of \$8.25 an hour. In response, Wal-Mart says it may not build all of the six stores it had slated for D.C. Responses depend on whom you talk to, with some of the unemployed saying that an \$8.25 job is better than no job, and others saying that \$8.25 is not a living wage.

Let’s do the math.

Someone who earns \$8.25 an hour (which is a dollar more an hour than the federal minimum wage) earns \$17,160 per year if they work full time (40 hours) all year (52 weeks). Although taxes for the low income are low, they are still deducted, especially the Social Security tax (about 7 percent). Too many minimum workers don’t work full-time, full-year. Many have their hours cut so that companies can avoid paying benefits. This means full time, full year work is the best-case scenario. For many, it can be much worse.

The poverty line for one adult and two children is \$19,530, which puts the \$8.25 worker below the poverty line. The parent who earns this scant wage struggles to make ends meet, and often cannot. Too often, this parent has to choose between transportation and shoes for their children, between children’s books and food. A two-parent family has a higher poverty threshold of \$23,550, about 20 percent more than the minimum wage worker earns.

Federal and state supplements often make the difference between swimming and sinking. Many families who live below the poverty line use supplemental nutrition programs (formerly called food stamps) to enhance their food budget. Congress is in the process of cutting SNAP so low that 5 million of the roughly 47 million people on the program will be cut. Some receive medical assistance through Medicaid. Some cities subsidize summer programs or other efforts, offering day care possibilities for those who struggle to afford it. According to the Economic Policy Institute, the average

cost of childcare in the District of Columbia is \$1,300 a month, or \$13,600 a year. Poverty line \$23,550, childcare costs \$13,600 per year. Go figure.

In other parts of the country, full-time, full year workers earn less than D.C. workers. Those who earn the federal minimum wage of \$7.25 an hour earn \$15,160 per year, less than the poverty line for one parent and one child. Those who earn \$12.50 per hour, the proposed wage for D.C. big box stores, will earn \$26,000 a year. The \$15 an hour that some fast food workers suggest would push their wages to \$31,200 a year.

Some feel these low wages are acceptable, especially some Tea Party members of Congress, yet they earn at least \$174,000 per year. Actually, if fast food workers were as productive as this Congress (which has produced little of nothing so far this year), they wouldn’t earn a penny. Yet those who are well paid and well supported show little empathy for those whose lives and work are daily struggles.

The issue of unemployment must be taken into account when we look at the matter of poverty lines and minimum wages. With an overall unemployment rate of 7.4 percent and a Black unemployment rate of 12.6 percent as of July, too many households with two adults have only one earner in the household. Another concern is that the federal poverty line is published as a national rate, yet it’s much cheaper to live, for example, in rural Mississippi than it does in New York City. In many instances, the poverty line does not reflect differences in housing costs, health care costs, or even transportation costs.

The Economic Policy Institute (epi.org) has developed budgets for “adequate” living in certain cities. (Full disclosure – I sit on the organization’s board). This tool shows the wide variety of realistic and adequate living costs, which range from more than \$90,000 in New York City, to around \$40,000 in parts of Mississippi. These are adequate living standards, not extravagant ones, taking into account rent, transportation, and other costs.

Many quibble over the minimum wage, but the more relevant issue is the living wage. Millions are pushed below the poverty line because too many employers do not take the cost of living into consideration when the set wage levels. Paying workers less than they are worth drains our economy because these workers will not be spenders or “economic expanders.”

Julianne Malveaux is a Washington, D.C.-based economist and writer. She is President Emerita of Bennett College for Women in Greensboro, N.C.

Phony Scandals, Really?

By Jim Abeare - Contributing Writer



Recently, President Obama said that Washington needs to do the work of the country and put aside the “phony scandals” that they are interested in.

Phony Scandals? Really Mister President? President Obama is now considering the IRS scandal, the NSA attack on Fox News and Associated Press reporters and Benghazi all phony scandals.

He is getting help from the major media that has an interest on his success.

I am sure the families of those killed in Benghazi or the border guard killed in Fast and Furious are thrilled to know that those scandals are phony.

I know Presidents don’t like taking responsibility for their actions. None have since Reagan did it about Nicaragua. But so few are juggling so many scandals.

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James Kyle Beeler	849	5%	John J. Bennett	2,626
Osei Bomnai	690		Regina Ross	2,576
Ulice Sherman	187		Dustin Campbell	1,731
			Robb Bennett	392

DETROIT CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2 (100%)

George Cushingberry Jr.	4,675
28%	
Leslie Love	2,884
Richard Bowers Jr.	2,778
Derrick Muhammad	1,815
Ken Scott	1,407
Carron Pinkins	1,389
Barbara Herard	763
Terrance Burney	665
Hollie Tugwell	257
Ervin Bassett	257

DETROIT CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 3 (100%)

Scott Benson	3,229
Francine Adams	1,425
Eugene Slappy	1,196
Russ Bellant	1,114
Wanda Redmond	928
Dorthea Thomas	801
Myron Cash Benford	215

DETROIT CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 4 (100%)

Andre Spivey	4,004
Bettie Cook Scott	2,336
Bernard Parker	1,989
Khalil Ligon	1,668
Jessie Lee Fennie	324
Albert Aaron	200

DETROIT CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 5 (100%)

Adam Hollier	4,248
Mary Sheffield	4,192
Mary Waters	2,990
Brian White	2,339
Simpson	480

DETROIT CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 6 (100%)

Raquel Castaneda-Lopez	2,613
Issac Robinson	2,246
Vince Keenan	1,598
Tyrone Carter	1,520
Davonte Sherard	329
Nina Fawaz	231

DETROIT CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 7 (100%)

DETROIT CLERK (100%)

Janice Winfrey	57,601
D. Etta Wilcoxon	14,911
James Cole Jr.	8,206
Scotty Boman	4,451
Lucinda Darrah	2,864

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Rick Sollars	2,820
Jeffery P. Lamarand	2,570

TREASURER

Edward Bourassa	2,412
Cheryl Burke	2,335

CITY COUNCIL

Tim Faremouth	2,429
Angela Croft	2,402
Charley Johnson	2,337
Linda Parker-Craig	2,271
Alex Garza	2,163
John E. Delo	1,864
Daniel A. Bzura	1,720

CITY OF ROMULUS MAYOR

LeRoy D. Burcroff	1,411
Eva Webb	760

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Celebrating 69 Years

By: Janine Folks Edwards- Telegram Religion Columnist



This month marks the beginning of 69 years of service for the Telegram Newspaper. If you're reading this article, that means you picked up a copy and for that I say, "Thank you!"

I grew up in River Rouge and the Telegram picked up where the Rouge Herald left off providing us with a local newspaper. The Telegram is our herald! "Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not..." (Isaiah 40:9). The Telegram is a voice that keeps our community

informed.

Thank you for supporting local newspaper. Please continue to subscribe or pick up a copy regularly because there are lots of other great things to read about what's happening in our communities. I began writing this column in 2001 when Ben Wade was publishing the Telegram. When Gina Steward took over in 2006, I am grateful that she allowed this column to continue.

I am very proud and impressed by the progress that has been made since I started. Not only is the Telegram larger and more attractive, it is rich, and relevant. It has kept up with modern technology with a commanding presence in electronic and social media. On behalf of the Telegram I want to say thank you for being a reader.

It has been almost twelve years of writing every week for me. It's an honor to be a contributor to such a great publication. For those who read my column, thank you. I

have compiled my articles over the years and I'm in the process of publishing a three volume set of columns written between 2001-2013. It will be available in Fall 2013. Writing every week for these years is a joyous labor. What I do pales in comparison to what the publisher of this newspaper does.

A lot of untold, underestimated and unpaid labor goes into putting this paper together every week. I cannot imagine the gratification that Gina must feel each week when papers are printed and distributed. It is no simple task. Be sure to appreciate her when you see her. Thank her for her leadership insuring the survival and the growth of a legacy started by the Walls 69 years ago. Gina is keeping the dream alive.

Give Gina your feedback. Even though we know the words are getting out there, it's nice to know that readers are being reached and it makes a difference. It reminds us of why we do what we do through this newspaper.

Whether you have read this paper for many years or you are a new reader, I hope you will continue to support it. If you have a business, you should definitely advertise. 69 years of service providing information to our communities is a great accomplishment. The Telegram is one of very few black owned newspapers in our nation. Please support The Telegram and encourage others to do the same by reading, advertising and supporting its advertisers regularly.

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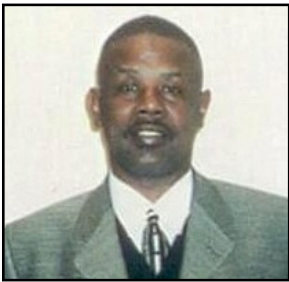
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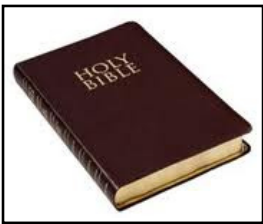
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"Keeping the Faith"
The Ones Jesus Loves



"Just who do you think you are?" Now there's a question that has been posed and pointed more than a few times. Usually it is a weaponized question of sorts, laden with accusation. Nevertheless, I think it is an essential question of spiritual identity.

Consider the writer of the New Testament book commonly known as "John." Tradition holds that this Gospel was written by the disciple John, one of Jesus' closest associates, though the writer, mysteriously, never identifies himself by name. He used an alias, a pen name tagged: "The one Jesus loved."

Why such a moniker? I think he was using a literary device to force his readers to take hold of the core meaning of what it means to be in relationship with Jesus Christ. He was asking the question, "Just who do you think you are?"

John understood that his core identity was directly connected to the love Christ had for him. So much so, that he did not think of himself as a fisherman, a disciple, an apostle, a Gospel writer, or a Church Father. He was simply one who was supremely loved. Likewise, we are not

defined by occupation, label, race, nationality, culture, popularity, or the ancillary chorus of the voices around us. We are simply the Ones Jesus Loves. This is who we really are.

Is this too much to understand? Probably so. But I don't have to understand it to embrace it and live it. I don't understand the science of how the sun can be 93 million miles away, provide life-giving light to this planet, and keep our solar system from devolving into chaos, but I believe it, and I experience its light and heat every day. I don't understand Newton's Law of Gravitation or Einstein's later Theory of Relativity, but I know these things keep my feet grounded on planet earth every day, and anchor me within this time and space.

I understand very little about these things. But can't God's love in Christ work the same way? As a shining light, a grounding force, a sustaining atmosphere; an affection, passion, and serenity that gives us life and meaning?

No, we can only understand bits and piece of it

all, but our lack of complete knowledge should not prevent us from believing and living this fact: We are unconditionally and eternally adored by God. We are indeed, the Ones Jesus Loves.

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Pentecostal MBC host Summer Outreach Event Three events in one

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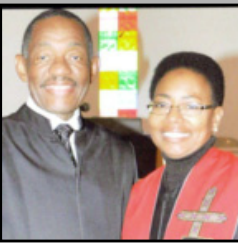
This is time for youth and family to come together for faith, fellowship and food. On Thursday, August 8th they will host their annual Vacation Bible School that will begin at 6:15pm.

The preachers for the evening will be Rev. Kenneth Pierce, Rev. Dwayne Logwood, Rev. Stephan Murphy and Pastor Robert Mills. During the Back 2 School Rally, there will be a tablet giveaway and free school supplies will be given away also.

There will be a Grocery Giveaway on Saturday, August 10th from 10:00am – 2:00pm. The give-away will take place in the church parking lot. For more information contact Pastor Arthur Willis at 734-728-1380. Pentecostal Missionary Baptist Church is located at 35625 Vinewood in Romulus.

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Rev. William D. Phillips,
Pastor



Sunday School 10am
Sunday Worship 11:00am
Wed Bible Class 6pm
"Empowered by the living Word" Matt 4:4

Your family legacy

finding easy ways to eliminate debt

Cedric Dukes - Contributing Writer



The average American card holder carries more than six credit cards and has a household debt of more than \$10,000. Popular financial books and financial companies say there is good and bad debt. Let's look at it in detail. Bad debt happens when we become dissatisfied in where we are in life therefore we buy things that may make us happy and satisfied for a while and includes things which does not have a lasting value. Bad debt depreciates very quickly. Examples are clothes, electronics, and vacation trips. Good debt is anything that can't be afforded to pay up front without wiping out cash reserves or liquidating all investments. Good debt may help leverage future financial position. Examples are mortgages, business and school loans. In the end, if debt cannot be controlled there is nothing good about it.

When we are indebted with debt (bad or good), we are told how to spend our money, what to spend it on, and where to spend it. As a result, debt becomes our master. Freedom from debt involves us doing anything that we desire such as taking vacations, saving for retirement, giving to those less fortunate or starting that business that changes your family legacy. Conquering debt results in freedom for us and others. Here are some helpful tips if you are serious about eliminating debt to start the family legacy:

•Pay it off - Compile a list of all debts from the smallest to the largest in value and pay off the smallest value until you get to

the larger value debt. By doing so, you will become motivated and improve your situation. The more you pay off, the quicker you will get to your legacy.

•Keep one card - Determine which credit card can be kept for emergency and destroy the rest. To ensure no additional debt accumulates, pay off the balance off each month. If this is not possible, switch to a debit card. Debit cards could control spending since it's taken from a checking or savings account.

•Help someone – Occasionally help others to pay off debt if you feel in your heart to do so. Luke 6:31 says, Do to others as you would like them to do to you.

•Sell something - What things in your house are causing pain and anguish? Sell it and pay your debt. You could eliminate debt by selling stuff in your house, in a garage sell or eBay.

•Call your creditors – Don't be afraid to call your creditors. Kindly tell them your situation and ask them if they are willing to accept a payoff. It works.

•Pay cash - Convert to paying cash for all future purchases. There is a freedom in knowing that you are no longer tied to the plastic. Show your strength by using cash for those purchases.

•Pray for patience - Patience is the key. Let patience have its perfect work (James 1:4). Patience does not have a timeline - you will get out of debt.

Following these steps has allowed my family to become better stewards of our money. Eliminating debt is not only for your family but its purpose in your hands can reach people and places that have a need. Challenge yourself the rest of the year to start that legacy.

Make it a great day!

Cedric Dukes can be contacted at www.cedricdukes.com.

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In an effort to make the clothes cleaning experience more convenient, they have now added the Flashcard machine.

This allows customers who have cash on their EBT cards to transfer money from their EBT cards to their Key card without having to bring in cash to wash their clothes. The machine works for Debit and Credit Cards as well.

Norman, the owner of the Millennium, says, "I am continuing to look out for our customers."

Millennium Laundry is located

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Ronald Parker Jr. impresses coaches at Football University's Top Gun Event



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Local running back, Ronald Parker Jr from Robichaud high school showed off his skills at the "invitation only" Football University "TOP GUN" Camp held in Dublin, Ohio this past weekend.

Ronald was invited to TOP GUN based on his outstanding performance at the Columbus, Ohio Football University camp. He joined more than 1,000 of the nation's other top athletes at their position and trained with current and former NFL play-

ers and coaches. While there he trained with former San Francisco 49er's running back Marc Logan, who played with such greats as Joe Montanna and Steve Young. Mr.Logan described Ronald as an aggressive and talented young player who is not afraid of a challenge.

TOP GUN is the culmination of Football University's 40-camp nationwide tour gathering the most elite performers from across the United States and allowing them to compete and display their abilities together on one stage. Football University has an impressive alumni list that includes some of the top college football recruits and players in the nation. To learn more information about how to get to events such as TOP GUN, visit www.footballuniversity.org



Ecorse Schools

From page 1A



Ecorse Superintendent Thomas E. Parker

technology allow the District's students to compete with their international, national and local peers.

Examples of some of the dynamic programs at Ecorse Public Schools include:

- Project Excel- an advance curriculum for grades 4 to 7
- Ecorse Honors College- advance placement and dual enrollment opportunities for high school students
- Fine and Performing Arts Academy- art and music for all grades

Ecorse Public Schools' student-centered focus and mission is to graduate every child college ready. At Ecorse Public Schools, we are committed to Excellence!

About Ecorse Public Schools

The Ecorse Public School District boasts three college preparatory elementary schools:

- Ralph Bunche Academy-grades PK to 3
- Project Excel- Grades 4 to 7
- Grandport Academy Grades 4-to 7

Ecorse Community High School serves grades 8 to 12. Ecorse High School also consists of:

- Ecorse Fine and Performing Arts Academy, grades 8 to 12
- Ecorse Honors College, grades 8 to 12
- Hope Academic Academy, alternative education, ages 16 to 19

Every school in the District offers the following Points of Pride:

- Professional learning environments
- Tailored education development plans
- State-of -the-art technology and facilities
- 21st century college and career readiness
- Safe learning environments
- A diverse population
- Accelerated curriculum
- Highly qualified teachers
- Electronically monitored, safe school environments
- FREE breakfast, lunch, and snacks for after school programs
- After school programs such as tutoring, band, choir, art

Ecorse Public Schools employ only highly qualified teachers and staff. The faculty and staff are committed to the District's mission as well as Superintendent Parker's goal of providing a safe and secure learning environment while preparing every student to be college and career ready.

Y.E.S. Organization bringing people together to transform the city

By Gina Steward - Telegram Newspaper Publisher



INKSTER - What can happen in four weeks? A lot. After the four homicides that occurred in the City of Inkster over the 4th of July, three

friends decided that it was time to step up and make a difference in the city. Good friends, Joshua Howard, Javier Reed and Curtis

Johnson planned a Peace Rally on July 13th. Javier said, "We've lost friends, family and classmates to street violence recently and we

need to do something for the youth." They were shocked with the turn out. "It was better than we imagined. Over 100 people came out. There were pastors, citizens, senior citizens and kids of all ages."

The Y.E.S. Organization stands for Youth Equals Success. Their goal is to build unity within the city. They want to work with youth in the community and give something back to help the youth better themselves. Last Saturday, they took on Demby Park and transformed it into a place for kids and families to play and have fun.

Youth came out to help cut grass and clean the park by picking up trash and glass that had accumulated in the park. People who were not able to help clean up, stopped by and dropped off

water, chips and gloves to show their support. "It was great to see the support", said Howard.

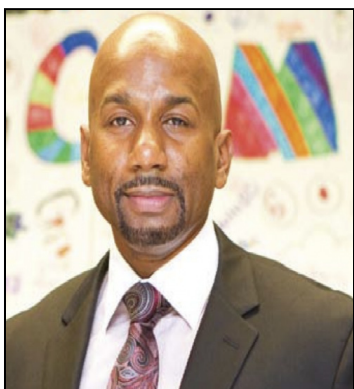
Clean ups will take place the first Saturday of each month. The next clean up will take place on Saturday, September 7th.

Volunteers should meet at Inkster High School at 10:00am. The next area that will be addressed will be Lamoyne Gardens. They are asking people to bring someone with them especially kids from the community. For more information contact 313-693-6256.

If you know of a group that is taking the time out of their busy lives to help clean the community call us with the story 313-928-2955.

Special to the Telegram Newspaper

Greetings from the Superintendent – Derrick R. Coleman



Dear Parents, Guardians, Caregivers, and Community:

"In the depth of winter, I finally learned that in me there lay an invincible summer."
Albert Camus

This quote is inspirational and provides insight into my thoughts of our past calendar year; more importantly, it serves as the foundation for our work moving forward.

Overcoming the challenges of last year simply serves as a reminder of what we can accomplish when we mix equal parts strategic thinking, compassion, and resiliency to execute the mission. Our theme for this upcoming year is "Defying the Odds" and these are not hollow words, they represent a movement.

We will continue to take bold and aggressive action for the survival of River Rouge Public Schools and I can promise you that the services provided to your children this year will match the bravado in which we speak. We are thankful for you entrusting us with your most precious asset and you can rest assured our efforts to improve will exceed your expectations.

While we were victorious in

keeping our doors open for the upcoming year, success is fleeting and undoubtedly there exists a new set of challenges we must overcome. We cannot rest on our past victories and while nostalgia has its place, it will not be enough to ensure future success. Armed with this understanding, these choice words sound the alarm proclaiming the time of the year where we refocus our efforts to ensure we remain firmly on the road to recovery. The media has provided us vivid images of cities and school districts forced to shut down and scramble to provide a quality educational setting for their children. With your resounding belief in us, it is without question that we will continue to "Defy the Odds" and I thank you in advance for your continued support.

Eady Retires



Celebrating with us, included the Eady Family, wife Pat, Daughter, Son, nieces, nephews, several co-workers, Mr Billy Campbell, Keith and Russell.

Once we begin our careers, begin to fulfill all of the family obligation, home, car, and kids, we also need to secure our insurance, 401k plan, and saving for the future. The next item on the agenda is RETIREMENT!

On July 20, 2013, The Campbell Street Block Club celebrated one of our own, Mr Nathaniel Eady, on his retirement from River Rouge Department of Public Works. Eady has been an dedicated employee, and loyal supervisor and manager until illness cause him to step back from the position, but not from the job that he loved. Mr. Eady spent many hours on the BIG RED truck, cutting trees, scrubs and bushes. Maintaining our parks and recreational areas. He worked long hours, weekends and holidays. He is truly a dedicated employee of our city and many residents depend on him for his diligent work and efforts.

Again, The Campbell Street Block Club would like to THANK "Nate" for all his years service and wish him A wonderful and enjoyable RETIREMENT!

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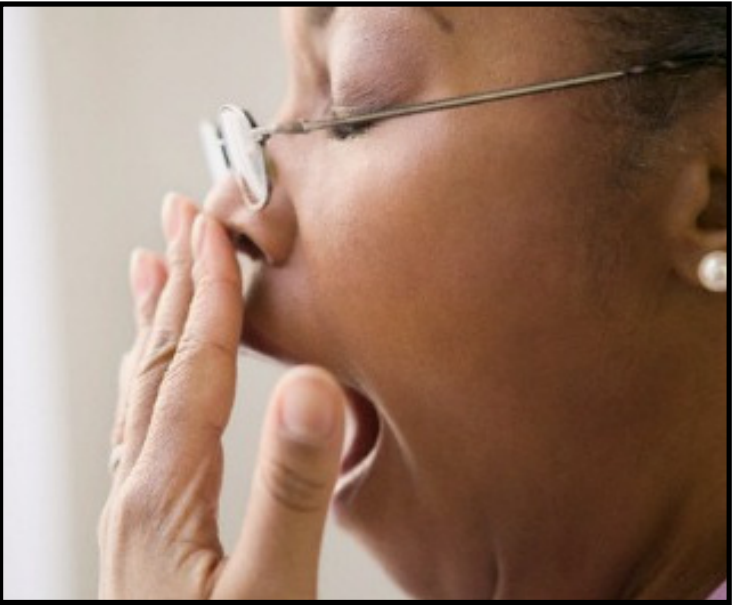
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Why are you always tired?

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Are you always asking “Why am I so tired?” Are you having trouble staying awake during watching your evening TV shows? Most of us know what it’s like to be tired, especially when we have a cold, flu, or some other viral infection. But when you suffer from a constant lack of energy and ongoing fatigue, it may be time to check with your doctor.

Fatigue is a lingering tiredness that is constant and limiting. With fatigue, you have unexplained, persistent, and relapsing exhaustion. It’s similar to how you feel when you have the flu or have missed a lot of sleep. If you have chronic fatigue, you may wake in the morning feeling as though you’ve not slept. Or you may be unable to function at work or be productive at home. You may be too exhausted even to manage your daily affairs.

In most cases, there’s a reason for the fatigue. Here are 9 reasons why you might be tired:

1. You drink too much coffee

If you rely on caffeine to get through your day, you can develop a dependence—so without it you can go into withdrawal, needing several cups of coffee or tea just to feel “normal.” And the worst point of withdrawal? Right in the morning. To make matters worse, caffeine can still course through your system when you’re sleeping if you’ve had any coffee or tea in the evening, which can interfere with normal REM sleep and leave you feeling even more tired. An easy solution is to cut back on the amount of caffeine you consume during the day and steer clear of caffeinated beverages within hours of your bedtime.

2. You don’t eat breakfast

There’s a reason that breakfast is called the most important meal of the day, and everyone has told you not to forget it—from your doctor to your mother, to probably every teacher you’ve ever had. And yet so many of us

still skip it on a regular basis, or just cram down a few pieces of toast before heading out the door. Take the time to fit in breakfast every morning and it will help you avoid that mid-afternoon crash.

3. You don’t exercise

It may seem counter intuitive, but exercising produces all kinds of helpful biochemicals that ward off fatigue and help you feel upbeat the rest of the time. Think of it as positive feedback: the more energy you put in, the more you get out.

4. You keep poor sleep patterns

Sleepiness is not the same as fatigue (which is a general lack of energy), but one of the most common causes of feeling tired is simply not sleeping enough. In addition to too little shut-eye, keeping irregular sleeping patterns and even sleeping too much can also make you feel tired. To get back on the right track, try to get into a routine of sleeping at consistent times—while only getting as much sleep as you really need—and you’ll be surprised how much better you will feel.

5. You’re carrying extra weight

In addition to making your bones and body bear a greater burden of weight, obesity can result in sleep apnea, which is horribly disruptive to your sleep. According to the Canadian Lung Association, individuals who suffer from sleep apnea can experience pauses in their breathing dozens—or even hundreds—of times in a single night. Sleep apnea can also potentially result in heart problems. If you are concerned about sleep apnea, be sure to speak with your doctor.

6. You might be pregnant

One of the first changes to your body when you’re pregnant—and the most noticeable—is a sudden change to your sleeping habits and energy levels. Pregnancy has a serious impact on your body and feelings of fatigue during your first trimester are very

common. If you normally stay up past midnight, then suddenly find yourself wanting to crash out at 9 pm, pregnancy could be a factor. Sleep can also be challenging for new moms, who suddenly have to adjust to the sleep schedule of their baby.

7. You suffer from iron deficiency

A diet low in iron is often to blame for feeling tired—a lack of red meat in the diet of vegetarians and vegans can result in iron deficiency, but it’s unfair and untrue to assume that people who cut out animal products from their diet automatically have low energy levels. People who eat meat can still suffer from low iron as well, especially if they skimp on wholesome—though sometimes unappealing—foods like spinach, organ meats, and eggs. Women in particular are prone to anemia because of menstruation, as heavy periods can easily lead to anemia in combination with a low-iron diet.

8. It could signal the onset of diabetes

Diabetes is reaching epidemic levels in America and extreme fatigue or lack of energy can be symptoms of the condition. However, many people who develop type 2 Diabetes will show no symptoms. It is recommended that everyone over the age of 40 have their blood sugar levels tested at least every three years as a precautionary measure.

9. You’ve started a new medication

Fatigue is one of the most common side effects of pharmaceutical medications, with anti-hypertensives, narcotics, anxiolytics and antidepressants being the most common culprits. When you first begin a new medication, give your body some time to adjust. However, if drowsiness persists for several weeks and begins to interfere with your daily life, it’s time to see a doctor.

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Lucky Numbers: 11, 40, 46

TAURUS
The time has come to forgive and forget. Take the first step in reconciling a friendship. You thought no one knew, but you may be romantically attracted to an old pal.
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Lucky Numbers: 38, 45, 48

GEMINI
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Lucky Numbers: 11, 42, 44

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Treat yourself with kindness, and let love be your guiding light. The past few weeks have been rather hard on your personality, but you've come through a troubled time with flying colors.
Soul Affirmation: I am what I consistently do.
Lucky Numbers: 3, 4, 18

LEO
Critical voices should be tuned out this week. You are in the mood for a pleasant week and you shouldn't let anyone keep you from your just rewards. Relax with friends who you can share positive vibes with.
Soul Affirmation: I get because I give.
Lucky Numbers: 12, 23, 45

VIRGO
Unexpected company may arrive, or an invitation may be extended. Use good judgment and set realistic boundaries to protect your valuable personal time. Drive carefully.
Soul Affirmation: I make the first step and the universe will come to my aid.
Lucky Numbers: 34, 41, 47

LIBRA

Your rewards come not only from what you do, but from who you are! Give yourself a well-deserved pat on the back and work some wonders. You are full of positive energy this week; use it to your advantage.
Soul Affirmation: I care deeply about the feelings of others.
Lucky Numbers: 10, 11, 26

SCORPIO
Practical matters may seem like nuisances that are only there to spite your sunny mood this week. The vibration has its place though, and if you apply yourself to practical things, you'll have a lot accomplished by the end of the week. Avoid spinning your wheels on impossible projects or relationships.
Soul Affirmation: Distant love is sometimes sweeter.
Lucky Numbers: 17, 24, 29

SAGITTARIUS
Excellent vibrations accompany you to meetings and appointments or anywhere where your gifts of communication can be used. You'll have managers eating out of your hand if you choose to exercise a little charm.
Soul Affirmation: I call on my creative talents to pay my bills.
Lucky Numbers: 18, 32, 47

CAPRICORN
Charming, simply charming! You have everything going for you this week, so make the most of it. You are capable of handling many projects, and equally capable of asking for help if you need it.
Soul Affirmation: My imagination is the source of my happiness.
Lucky Numbers: 1, 12, 30

AQUARIUS
If you acknowledge your need to be with someone this afternoon, the universe will probably provide. Ask for help if you need it. There are many resources available to you that you could be drawing from. All you have to do is ask.
Soul Affirmation: I accept fate and see good in it.
Lucky Numbers: 7, 26, 28

PISCES
Watching the sunrise will help quell any impatience that may arise within you this week. As you watch the sun kiss the sky, imagine that the universe is embracing you with love.
Soul Affirmation: I judge no one, especially myself this week.
Lucky Numbers: 3, 5, 54

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Tigers Peralta, 50 games suspension

By Butch Davis - Telegram Sports Reporter



There's a very good chance Jhonny Peralta played his final game for the Tigers.

Jhonny Peralta, shortstop of the Detroit Tigers received this past Monday a 50 games suspension for violating baseball's drug policy.

The 31-year-old Peralta made his second All-Star team this year, and his absence will make things tougher for the Tigers as they try to outlast Cleveland and win their third straight AL Central title. The Tigers made a ninth inning come-back to over take the Indians 4-2 this past Monday night. However, Detroit acquired infielder Jose Iglesias from Boston in a three-team deal shortly before the trade deadline to bolster its chances in case Peralta was suspended. Peralta is set to become a free agent at the end of the season. Detroit exercised a \$6 million option to keep him for 2013. He began his career with Cleveland in 2003 and played for the Indians until 2010. He is batting .305 with 11 home runs and 54 RBIs. By the way his salary lost is \$1,639,344. Ouch!

Peralta was one of several players suspended in a process that started on July 22, when Ryan Braun accepted a 65-game ban.

A statement from Jhonny Peralta once he was told by MLB is as follow, "In spring of 2012, I made a terrible mistake that I deeply regret. I apologize to everyone that I have hurt as a result of my mistake, including my teammates, the Tigers' organization, and the great fans in Detroit, Major League Baseball, and my family. I take full responsibility for my actions, have no excuses for my lapse in judgment and I accept my suspension. I love the fans, my teammates and this organization and my greatest punishment is knowing that I have let so many good people down. I promise to do everything possible to try and earn back the respect that I have lost."

The Detroit Tigers today issued the following statement regarding the suspension of Jhonny Peralta: "We recognize the suspension of

Jhonny Peralta for violating Major League Baseball's Joint Drug Prevention and Treatment Program as a measure taken in the best interest of the game. The Detroit Tigers continue to fully support Major League Baseball's policy and its efforts to eliminate performance-enhancing drugs from our game. Per the protocol outline by Major League Baseball's collective bargaining agreement, the Tigers' organization will provide no further comment on Peralta's suspension."

Several players have accepted 50-game suspensions for violating baseball's drug policy, Rangers outfielder Nelson Cruz, Phillies reliever Antonio Bastardo, Mets outfielder Jordany Valdespin and Padres shortstop Everth Cabrera, free-agent pitcher Jordan Norberto Yankees catcher Francisco Cervelli, Mariners catcher Jesus Montero, Mets outfielder Cesar Puello, Astros pitcher Sergio Escalona, Padres pitcher Fautino De Los Santos, Yankees outfielder Fernando Martinez have accepted their punishments handed out by Major League Baseball.

Nevertheless, Alex Rodriguez of the Yankees will fight his 212 game suspension for his connection to the Biogenesis clinic in Miami.

Rodriguez's lawyer made this statement after MLB made their announcement, "Alex Rodriguez was not Mr. (Anthony) Bosch's patient, he was never treated by him and he was never advised by him. The purported documents referenced in the story - at least as they relate to Alex Rodriguez - are not legitimate." If Rodriguez loses his fight his salary lost is \$30 million to \$33 million, if suspension lasts the full 211 games. Athletics pitcher Bartolo Colon, Blue Jays outfielder Melky Cabrera and Padres catcher Yasmani Grandal received no additional punishments.

The Nationals starting pitcher Gio Gonzalez and Orioles third baseman Danny Valencia were cleared of any involvement. Detroit has 53 games remaining in the regular season, meaning that Peralta would be eligible to return for the final week; however, that seems unlikely. That means Peralta's season is almost certainly over, and given his free-agent status, there's a very good chance he's played his final game for the Tigers.

Pistons welcomed Jennings to town

By Butch Davis - Telegram Sports Reporter



Photo taken by Butch Davis

Newly acquirer Pistons guard Brandon Jennings.

Detroit Pistons President of Basketball Operations Joe Dumars announced this past Monday that the club has signed draft selection Peyton Siva to a contract. Per team policy, terms of the agreement were not disclosed. Siva was drafted by Detroit with the 56th pick in the second round of the 2013 NBA Draft.

The 6-foot-1 guard averaged 10.0 points, 2.4 rebounds and 5.7 assists as a senior last season while leading the University of Louisville to the NCAA Championship.

He scored in double figures in 23-of-40 games last year, including 18 points and five assists in the championship game. A native of Seattle, WA, Siva was named to the All-Big East Third team and the Final Four All-Tournament Team as a senior. He finished his collegiate career as Louisville's second all-time assist leader with 677 assists.

The Detroit Pistons this past Tuesday welcomed their acquired guard Brandon Jennings from the Milwaukee Bucks in exchange for guard Brandon Knight, forward Khris Middleton and center Viacheslav Kravtsov at the Palace for a press conference, "We are pleased to welcome Brandon (Jennings) to the Pistons family," said Joe Dumars, Pistons President of Basketball Operations.

"We believe Brandon's talent and skill-set will complement the core group of players we have assembled on our roster in a positive way. We also want to thank Brandon Knight, Khris Middleton and Slava Kravtsov for their contributions to our organization. We appreciate everything they

have done for our team both on and off the court and we wish them the best moving forward." Jennings, 23, averaged 17.5 points, a career-high 6.5 assists, 3.1 rebounds, 1.6 steals and 36.2 minutes in 80 games last season (all starts).

Among NBA league leaders he ranked T-15th in assists and T-20th in scoring. The 6-1, 170-pound California native averaged a career-high 19.1 points during the 2011-12 season (16th in the NBA) and hit three or more three-pointers in a game 22 times, the fifth-highest total in the NBA.

He recorded 31 points, eight assists; four steals and zero turnovers in a win over Miami (2/1/12), becoming the fourth player in the last decade to reach those marks in a game without committing a turnover (joining Allen Iverson, Kobe Bryant and Stephon Marbury). Jennings recorded his first career triple-double (20 points, 10 assists, 10 rebounds) against Charlotte (10/30) during the 2010-11 season and scored an NBA-best 55 points (21-34 FG, 7-8 3FG) against Golden State (11/14) during the 2009-10 season, becoming one of just two players in NBA history (along with Elgin Baylor) to score 50-plus points and record a triple-double within their first 100 NBA games. Drafted 10th in the first round of the 2009 NBA Draft, Jennings has earned NBA Player of the Week honors three times, won the NBA's Eastern Conference Rookie of the Month award four times during his first season the most by an Eastern Conference rookie at the time and was named to the 2010 NBA All-Rookie First Team.

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July 21, 2013

At approximately 1742hrs, officer went to a home in the 100 Block of E. Pleasant, to check on the well being of the homeowner. A neighbor who lives next door hadn't seen her in several days, and there were numerous flies on the windows in her apartment. After knocking several times the officers and RRFD forced entry into the unit believing the person may be deceased. After a thorough check no one was located and the flies appeared to be caused from the garbage that had been left out for a long period of time. Board up was notified, arrived on scene and secured the door to the apartment.

July 21, 2013

At 1542hrs, officers were traveling southbound on Beechwood when they observed a white 1999 GMC van parked in the Fire Route in front of the Beechwood Center. As officers drove up behind the they observed a 22 year old male passenger exit the vehicle with a clear plastic cup containing a clear liquid which was suspect alcohol. The officer asked the male what was in the cup and the male said "Water, I 'm allergic to alcohol". While making contact with the 30 year old male driver, a strong odor of Marijuana emitted from the vehicle. The driver stated it was only a "blunt". He was told to hand over the contraband and he complied. The male was told to exit the vehicle and observed another 20

year old male in the back seat. He was told to exit the vehicle also and was further observed with 750ML bottle of CiRoc Vodka sitting against the rear console. All three males were placed under arrest for Open Intoxicants.

July 26th, 2013

At 2110hrs, officers were dispatched to the 100 Block of Elm Street on a report of 2 men fighting in front of the residence and now reporting 1 man knocked unconscious. Officers arrived and observed two 27 year old males fighting. A female 27 year old female was screaming for the males to stop. One of the males was bleeding and yelled " Yeah I'm drunk, I'm going to kill you"! This male finally took a breather and went and sat on the curb and continued his verbal outbursts with neighbors coming out of their homes to see what the commotion was. Health Link arrived on scene to care for the male. He told officers incident began while he was at his home sitting on the porch when the pother male walked up and began threatening him. A physical altercation when the male walked up to the porch. The first male stated he didn't to a funeral of a relative because he knew the other male would be there and there are bad feelings between the two. The other male was arrested for Disorderly and transported to the station where he was booked , allowed to make a phone call, then housed.



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national gun violence epidemic that is the second-leading cause of death among all children ages 1-19. Only car accidents claim the lives of more children and teenagers than guns.

According to the report, White children were nearly three times more likely to be killed in a car accident than by a gun. In stark contrast, "Black children and teens were twice as likely to be killed by a gun than to be killed in a car accident." Examining the most recent data available, the CDF study reported that 18,270 children and teens were killed or injured by guns in 2010.

"Children and teens in America are 17 times more likely to die from gun violence than their peers in other high-income countries," stated the CDF report.

Despite the claims of pro-gun advocates, having a gun in the home does not make kids safer. In some cases, those homes are even more dangerous, because guns are present.

"A gun in the home makes the likelihood of homicide three times higher, suicide three to five times higher, and accidental death four times higher," stated the report.

The CDF report continued: "More than half of youth who committed suicide with a gun obtained the gun from their home, usually a parent's gun."

In the last 50 years, White children and teenagers accounted for 53 percent of the gun deaths, and Black children and teenagers accounted for 36 percent.

Yet, looking at the gun deaths in 2010 alone, 45 percent of gun deaths and 46 percent of gun injuries were among Black children and teens, according to the report, even though they account for only 15 percent of all children and teens living in the United States. Nearly 2,700

Gun Violence

children died from gun violence that year.

The CDF report also challenged the perceived power of the National Rifle Association, a group founded in 1871 that promotes gun ownership, marksmanship and self-defense training in the United States. According to the report, the NRA represents a small segment of all gun owners, which may show why the National Rifle Association's hard-line stance on gun control policies often contradicts that of most gun owners.

The report said that the NRA claims nearly 5 million members, but somewhere between 52 million and 68 million adults living in the United States own the roughly 310 million guns in circulation. That means that the NRA represents less than 10 percent of all adult gun owners in the United States.

In the wake of last December 14 school shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn. that claimed the lives of 20 first-graders and six school staff, even a majority of NRA members (74 percent) were in favor of expanded background checks, at time when NRA leadership fiercely opposed any bills that would do so.

The report offered a number of solutions to address the gun violence that children and teens face growing up in America, including universal background checks that cover sales on the

Internet and at gun shows, limits on assault weapons and high-capacity ammunition magazines, boycotting products that glamorize violence and "supporting non-violent conflict resolution in our homes, schools, congregations and communities."

Writing in the report, Marian Wright Edelman, founder and president of the Children's Defense Fund (CDF), implored parents, families and friends mentors community stakeholders to pressure Congress to support common sense gun safety and gun violence prevention measures for the nation, including consumer safety standards for all guns, public funding for gun violence prevention research, and resources and authority for law enforcement agencies to properly enforce gun laws.

"Parents, remove guns from your home and be vigilant about where your children play. Boycott products that glamorize violence," wrote Edelman.

Edelman continued: "The overwhelming majority of Americans agree we can and must do better. Polls show the vast majority of Americans, gun owners and non-gun owners, Republicans and Democrats support universal background checks as a first step to making America safer for our children and for all of us. Together we can—and must—do better right now. So many child lives depend on it."

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Lee Daniels: The ‘Lee Daniels’ The Butler’ Interview with Kam Williams



Lee Daniels

Lee Daniels is best known for directing and producing the Academy Award-winning film *Precious* which was nominated for a half-dozen Oscars in 2010, including histwo for Best Picture and Best Director. Mo’Nique won for Best Supporting Actress while scriptwriter Geoffrey Fletcher landed another for Best Adapted Screenplay. Lee’s production company, Lee Daniels Entertainment, made its feature film debut in 2001 with *Monster’s Ball*, the dysfunctional family drama for which Halle Berry would earn her historic, Best Actress Oscar. Last year, he wrote, produced and directed *The Paperboy*, an adaptation of the Pete Dexter novel starring Matthew McConaughey, Zac Efron, John Cusack, and Nicole Kidman. Here, he talks about his new picture, *The Butler*, a civil rights epic recounting the real-life story of an African-American who served in the White House at the pleasure of eight presidents, from 1952 to 1986. kravitz gooding whitaker (the butler)Kam Williams: Hey Lee, what a phenomenal film! Lee Daniels: Did you like it? KW: I loved it! LD: Thanks, Kam. KW: I was born in the Fifties so all of the ground you cover in terms of the father-son relationship and the Civil Rights Movement resonated with me and touched me

very deeply. LD: That makes me feel good. Thank you very much. KW: So, what inspired you to make the movie? LD: What attracted me to the project was the father-son story which I looked at as a love story with the Civil Rights Movement as a backdrop. That was intriguing to me both because I’d had issues with my own dad, and because I have issues with my teenage son. I think the father-son love story is a universal one which transcends color. That’s what was sort of there on the page, but it wasn’t until I started shooting that we began getting into the Woolworth’s sit-ins and the Freedom Riders with the Molotov cocktails that I asked myself, “What have I stumbled upon?” It was then that I realized the film was much bigger than just the father-son story. KW: Did you decide to tackle the civil rights material because of the Trayvon Martin shooting? LD: No, it hadn’t happened when Danny Strong wrote the script, including the line “Any white man can kill any of us at any time and get away with it.” KW: You got Oscar-winners in Forest Whitaker, Cuba Gooding, Jr., Jane Fonda, Vanessa Redgrave, Robin Williams and Melissa Leo, and Oscar-nominees in Terrence Howard and Oprah Winfrey to come aboard.



How were you able to assemble such an outstanding cast? LD: My usual way... throwing out a net, and fishing. [LOL] This one was easy because the material was so good. The actors I approached took the bait because they wanted to serve the material. We really didn’t have any money to pay them, so most of them lost money in relation to what their normal acting fee would be. KW: Harriet Pakula-Teweles asks: How has the tempest over re-using the title *The Butler* affected you? LD: Well, I just finished editing the movie five days ago. When did you see it, Kam?

KW: Earlier today. LD: Well, I’m not sure which version you saw. Anyway, when I’m working on a movie, it’s like being in a cocoon. I considerate it like giving birth, and I don’t leave the bubble, because if I do, then it’s bad and affects the child. But I was pulled out for a minute when my kids told me about something they saw online. I didn’t even hear about it from the studio. It disturbed me, but I didn’t have time to think about it.

KW: Well, it’s now called Lee Daniels’ *The Butler*. LD: The MPAA [Motion Pictures Association of America] gave me that title and I still don’t know how to feel about it. I just finished giving birth to the movie. “Lee Daniels’ *The Butler*!” It sounds like “The Greatest Show on Earth!”

KW: Well Tyler Perry, Dino De Laurentis and others are famous for placing their names before the title? LD: I’m not Tyler Perry. I’m not Dino De Laurentis. I think it’s a bit much to put one’s name in front of the film. It makes me uncomfortable. Here’s the thing. Insiders like you know the whole story and about the legal issues, but not the average person. I worry that young kids in Oklahoma or Alabama might end up asking, “Who is this filmmaker to be so full of himself?” That bothers me. The MPAA handed down this edict. So, I don’t know how I feel about it right now. Ask me tomorrow. [Chuckles] KW: My eyes must have welled up at least a half-dozen times while watching the film. As the director, you must be too close to the film for it to have that sort of emotional effect on you. LD: No, when I actually sat down all alone to watch the final cut just for pleasure, I broke down in tears.

KW: You did a masterful job of portraying the tensions and differences between the Civil Rights and Black Power Generations. LD: There was no right and wrong. Cecil [played by Forest Whitaker] was right and so was his son [played by David Oyelowo]. You’ve got a problem when neither is wrong, yet you have a conflict. www.eurweb.com

Welcome our new Columnist Ayana King to the Telegram Family

ASK AYANA STUCK



Dear Ayana, I am confused about my next move in life. I graduated high school more that 20 years ago and have been making a pretty decent living as a laborer and mechanic ever since. The problem is that the older I get, the tougher the job gets and the money isn’t what it used to be. I’ve thought about going back to school but it’s been a long time and I never went to college either. I get confused when looking at stuff for financial aid and I really don’t know if I could pass the classes even if I did go back. I know I can’t do what I’m doing now forever, but I feel like I don’t have many other options neither. Any suggestions? Stuck

Dear Stuck, It seems to me that you’re only “stuck” because you haven’t made a move. You say yourself, that you know you can’t stay in your current profession forever; but you’re allowing what I think is fear, to keep you from going forward. Try this: write down the pros and cons of your current job. Then, think of a few different things you would like to do as a profession and write down the pros and cons there too. Only you can decide what will work for your future. If you decide to take the next step and change careers, there are many options available. College isn’t for everyone. Try a trade school and learn a new skill that isn’t so labor intensive. If you do make the choice to continue your education, seek out an institution that offers help with job placement. Ask about tutoring and seek additional services if you need them. It’s not often that external sources keep us bound. We usually have to make some tough decisions if we want change. It all boils down to how badly we want to succeed. Ayana

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