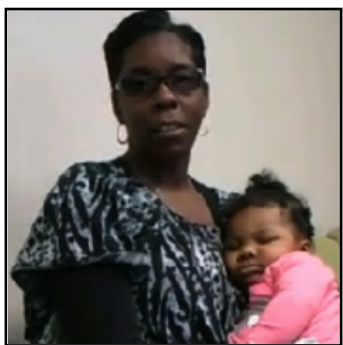




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Detroit Schools holds career fair for teachers



DETROIT - The Detroit Public Schools is hosting a teacher career fair to help fill nearly 100 new teaching positions. The event is scheduled from 4-6 p.m. Friday at Martin Luther King Jr. high school. A majority of the jobs will be funded by Title I grant funding from the state Education department.

The district says applications are being accepted for teach-

ers in aircraft, English and English language arts, food management, homeroom, math, special education, vocal and instrumental music, and world languages. Applications also are available for substitute teachers. Applications must be completed online to attend the career fair. Visit www.detroitk12.org/employment to complete the application.

I Am My Brother's and Sister's Keeper. Fight HIV/AIDS!

By Gina Brown - From AIDS United



"I Am My Brother's and Sister's Keeper. Fight HIV/AIDS!" This is the 2014 theme for National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day was first

observed in 1999, and since then, advocates, allies and people living with HIV/AIDS in the Black community have worked hard to be "Our Brother's and Sister's

Keeper". We've organized, united, strategized, articulated and advocated for the need to be our brother's and sister's keeper, as we remain

Fight HIV page 12A

Five fun things to do on Valentine's Day



Are you looking for something fun to try on this Valentine's Day? Dump the age-old movie-dinner-and-walk idea and go tubing instead. For all the love-dovey adventure freaks out there, tubing down a local snow covered hill would be the ultimate thrill action to do on a Valentine's Day.

•Never mind if you don't have a hill within your vicinity, you can always go on a fun trip to kindle the romance. Just grab a map of your state and randomly pick up any place that looks intriguing and plan a quick daytrip. Not only will it leave you with some quality

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Not another Snow Day



Kids dream about and pray for days like that, but parents can often be found in the opposite corner praying for schools to reopen their doors earlier than expected. And since the prayers of the young and innocent are more likely to be heard, here are a few tips to help you keep your sanity on snow days and enjoy some classic, memorable activities with your kids.

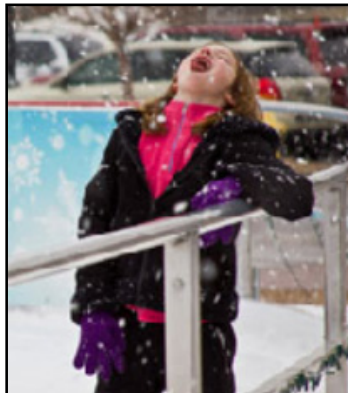
Sledding, then hot cocoa

Resist the urge to let electronics (television, movies, iPods) entertain the kids. There are so many awesome memories that can be created by doing a little pre-planning and lowering your expectations of how much work you can accomplish on the kids' snow days.

Sledding is one of the most wholesome, exhilarating (and cheap) activities kids can engage in during the winter. Most kids can spend hours outside as long as they're sufficiently bundled with winter gear from head to toe. For safety reasons, be sure scarves aren't trailing or they can get caught under the sled and tighten around a child's neck.

When little cheeks and noses

are sufficiently red, the obvious next step is to enjoy a leisurely cup of hot cocoa indoors. You can give the kids cinnamon, whip cream, chocolate shavings and mini-marshmallows and let them whip up delicious drinks for the whole family. Make your own chocolate shavings by running a peeler along the side of a chocolate bar.



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CALL TO ACTION

Sometimes the new kid on the block has the right answer

By Gina Steward - Telegram Newspaper Publisher



The win in this Sunday's Super Bowl game against the Seattle Seahawks and the Denver Broncos was not the expected outcome for most people. The bookies and many others had Denver Broncos selected as the winner of the xxxl Super Bowl. I don't think it was because of the coach, the team or the owner. It was because of the team's leader and quarterback Peyton Manning.

But the Seattle Seahawks proved to be the better team. Not just on Super Bowl Sunday, but throughout this year's season. Their young

quarterback Russell Wilson was the type of leader that the team and city needed to make them victorious.

During the interviews with Wilson before and after the game, he shared a statement that his father told him. His father said, "Why not you?" What a profound question. Russell took that question from his father and shared it with his team.

Think about it. When you set your goal to be successful, you should ask yourself the same question. "Why not you? Russell Wilson, lead his team to a victory with skill, his faith in God and a question that his father asked him. Peyton Manning, might have been the quarterback with the most experience and a long successful track record. But the new kid had the right answer to the question. "Why not you?"

Ask yourself that question.

NEWS FROM THE LANSING

Statement from state Representative Rashida H. Tlaib (D-Detroit) on plans to begin work on the New International Trade Crossing (NITC)



State Representative Rashida H. Tlaib (D-Detroit)

"I am pleased that the Canadian government is eager to begin the process in regard to the New International Trade Crossing (NITC). However, I continue to be concerned by the lack of response to requests for meetings with Canadian officials who will be part of the decision making process with this new crossing, such as Marie-Hélène

Levesque, director of the Windsor Gateway Project. My office has requested a meeting a number of times.

Our biggest worry is that the Canadian government will not meet with our residents, although we are the ones directly impacted by the decisions being made on the other side of the border. The commu-

nity benefits coalition created around this project deserves to be engaged in the process of the buyouts. I urge the Canadian government to communicate now with the families that they plan on buying out. Our families don't deserve to be shuffled between Michigan and Canadian government officials without a response to our concerns."

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Legislative Forum
Monday, February 24, 2014



Congressman
John D. Dingell

Congressman Dingell was officially sworn in for his 30th full term in the U.S. House of Representatives. As the longest serving member of the United States House of Representatives in history, Dingell serves as the Dean of the House. Dingell's work includes fighting for the working families that keep America's economy going, making health care more affordable and accessible to all families, ensuring the safety of our nation's food supply, and protecting our nation's natural heritage.

In 2010, Dingell played a lead role in crafting national health insurance reform legislation, wherein he authored a main component of the law, the Patient's Bill of Rights. He also recently authored the landmark food safety reform law, The FDA Food Safety Modernization Act, which overhauls the United States' food safety system by improving the capacity of the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) and food manufacturers to prevent food safety problems and empowering them to detect and immediately respond to food-borne illness outbreaks. Furthering his commitment to improving the capacity of the FDA, Dingell authored additional legislation that dramatically improves drug safety by strengthening FDA's ability to monitor drugs after they are on the market.



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Local high school students are invited to attend the Legislative Forum. To sponsor a high school students' table call the Chamber at 734-284-6000

Facing the Challenges of Business Ownership

By Ron Busby, Sr. - NNPA Columnist



There is nothing like doing what you love to do. And it's even better when others around you share your vision and goals.

Tuesday, January 28 was almost perfect. I, along with three key supporters of the U.S. Black Chambers, Inc., started the day off telling the U.S. Black Chambers, Inc. story on TV One's "News One Now with Roland Martin." There's something about the compressed timeframes required for television that requires clear thinking and concise speaking – you must make your point quickly.

Joining me on air were Marie Johns, former Deputy Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration; Michael Grant, President of the National Bankers Association and Antwanye Ford, Co-Founder of Enlightened, Inc., one of America's premier Black-owned businesses.

Roland Martin cut to the reason we were guests on his show: Did we expect that President Obama's State of the Union address would include anything to benefit Black America, particularly Black businesses?

Marie Johns was able to quickly tell Martin and his audience that despite the horror stories that make up the reality of far too many Black businesses, there are SBA programs that deliver as promised. In fact, Ford's company, Enlightened, Inc., recently graduated from the SBA's 8(a) program. It is now a \$16 million, 150-employee company as a result of taking advantage of federal procurement opportunities.

Of course, it's not easy, and every business won't meet the same level of success, but the opportunity is there. Antwanye Ford, a past chair of the D.C. Chamber, put it this way: "The 8(a) experience forced us to think in terms of scale. Too often, Black businesses find themselves unprepared when confronted with 'next stage' opportunities. The SBA program, coupled with the relationships gained through our chamber membership, are key advantages for our company – and we wouldn't be here without those experiences."

His words are a reminder of the heartbeat of chamber membership and why we stress to business owners across the country the importance of U.S. Black Chambers, Inc. and its network. Membership in a local chamber is key, but the relationships gained through membership in the USBC makes it possible to connect a business in Columbus, Ohio with a key contact, say, in Phoenix. It really does happen, and these introductions are providing the foun-

ation for phenomenal growth in the size and scope of Black businesses as we learn the value of joint ventures, mergers and acquisitions.

Representing the National Bankers Association, Michael Grant assured viewers that banks, and minority banks in particular, really do want to lend money. However, they have to make certain that the risk they take is small. Black banks feel loan losses more acutely than larger, national and international financial institutions; they need the earnings from lending activity just as much as the big boys.

Altogether, Johns, Ford and Grant told the story of USBC: Advocacy, access to capital, access to contracting, entrepreneur training and Chamber development. Our five pillars of service deliver answers to the challenges faced by Black business owners across America.

Did we answer Roland Martin's question about what we believed would be in the President's State of the Union Address to benefit Black America? I don't know. What I do know is immediately following the broadcast, the White House called for our input on the president's proposal to increase the minimum wage. We know from our experience that Black businesses typically pay above minimum rates in order to keep good employees so we know what the extra dollars in a paycheck mean in a household. To have our opinion sought out by the White House on the day President Obama was to deliver his SOTU address is further proof that the work we do on behalf of Black business is valuable and that our opinions are part of the policy making machinery.

To cap off the day, we had the opportunity to huddle with Rep. Elijah Cummings (D-Md.) and Debbie Wasserman-Schultz (D-Fla.), just two of the Congressional leaders that the president relies on to shepherd key legislation through the House of Representatives. Both are committed to reversing recent declines in contracting opportunities for Black businesses and to making sure that other interests of the USBC and our members are considered in everything that passes their desks.

Every opportunity to tell our story doesn't result in five or 10 minutes on a national network news program, or with us offering our solutions to the White House or members of Congress. But every time we get to tell our story, we are recommitted to our mission – to do everything we possibly can to improve opportunities for Black-owned businesses. Yes, we have some sleepless nights, yes there are moments when our stomachs are a little queasy from uncertainty, but there is never a minute when we don't believe that we're on the right path.

Ron Busby, Sr. is president and CEO of U.S. Black Chambers, Inc. For more information about the U.S. Black Chambers, go to www.usblackchamber.org/

Pro-lifers out of New York

By Jim Abeare - Contributing Writer



Are you pro-life, pro second amendment or pro-traditional marriage?

Then stay out of New York State. You are not wanted. At least not by Governor Cuomo (D-NY).

Point is he wants traditional conservatives to stay out of New York.

He said: Who are they? Are they these extreme conservatives who are right to life, pro-assault weapons, anti-gay? Is that who they are? Because if that's who they are and they're the extreme conservatives, they have no place in the state of New York because that's not who New Yorkers are.

It might be working. Conservative radio talk show host, Sean Hannity said recently that he and his show was going to leave the state.

Members of New York's Catholic Church are wondering

if they are still welcomed in their home state.

Most Catholics believe in pro-life and traditional marriage. He might have done in his governorship by saying this and hitting a large group of voters. He even stated that pro-life and pro-traditional marriage sup-

porters are Ku Klux Klan like bigots who should either shut-up or get out.

Governors should really watch what they say before they tick off half the country.

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White as Snow

By: Janine Folks Edwards- Telegram Religion Columnist



With all the snow we've been getting, I cannot help but contemplate about snow. It falls beautifully white from the clouds in the sky. But where do the clouds get new snow from? So fresh, so clean?

Just like I've written before, "There is nothing new under the sun." The same water here today was here since God said, "Let there be light." After we tread through the snow, push it, shovel it, trample over it with our cars, it soon becomes dirty. A muddy snow mix that is very unattractive is something we often wish would just go away. Eventually it does. So where does it go?

If you've been following me for a while, you might know that earth science was my favorite subject in high school. I love learning how the earth works. It reinforces the fact that God is so amazing.

I fondly reflect on the water cycle when I think about the snow. In a nutshell, the dirty snow evaporates (minus the dirt and debris) and returns to the clouds and some seeps down to the water table and flows back into the rivers and seas. So basically, the dirty snow turns back into clean snow after undergoing the water cycle process. It gets dirty and comes back clean. It reminds me of how we can be regenerated. We get dirty on earth because of sin. But we can go through a process that makes us clean like new.

Here is the process: "Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; Put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes. Cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rebuke the oppressor; defend the fatherless, plead for the widow. "Come now, and let us

reason together," Says the Lord, "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool." (Isaiah 1:16-18 NKJV) Snow is recycled and purified. Likewise, we can ask God to 'Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow' (Psa. 51:7). Thank God for His purification process. No man made device works better. "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! (John 1:29) Jesus is the Lamb. You cannot clean yourself up. Let Him do it. God bless you.

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DEATH NOTICES



J.B. BRIDE

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Red, as he was affectionately called, loved to cook, being outdoors working in the community and church, and spending time with his grandchildren.

He leaves to cherish his memory his children Michael (Cindy), Maryann, Craig (Celestine), Mark (Cassandra), Lawrence (Carla) Sharon D., Sharon L., Bonita, Regina (James), Shawann (Charles), Jacqueline (Levis) and Kenyetta (John); his siblings Larry (Donna), Ineal, Emma (James), James and Willie Mae; his inlaws George, Barbara (Billy), Michael (Barbara), Mary Louise; 50 grandchildren, 46 great-grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends.

Final arrangements were entrusted to Chapel of Chimes Funeral Home. (chapelofchimes.com)



PEARL MAE SANDERS

Aug 20, 1957 – Jan 13, 2014

Pearlie enjoyed playing softball and attending church, a well as traveling, shopping, exercising and spending time with her family.

She leaves to cherish her memory, her loving husband Johnny, daughter Kendra, mother, Rose Gibson and James Gibson; two sister Shirley Bryant and Millie Gibson and brother-in-law Wayne Clark.; three brothers James Lee Gibson Jr, Elex Gibson and Runnie Gibson. Fannie Johnson, (mother-in-law) Tonia Sanders (Sister-in-law), Oneeka Sanders (sister-in-law) Kai Sanders (niece) Jimmie Sanders Jr., Chare' Brown (John Brown) Kaden Sanders (nephew) Jimmie anders (brother-in-law) Lynn Sanders (sister-in-law) and a host of nieces and nephew and friends.

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MICHAEL WADE

Feb 8, 1957 – Jan 14, 2014

He had a love for football

(a diehard Lion's fan) music, fishing and boating.

He leaves to cherish his memory a loving and dedicated wife of 33 years, Penthea Wade. Two loving daughters; Janai Wade and Rakeitha Smith (Rev. Stacy Smith) both of Romulus, Michigan. A host of Aunts and Uncles, Cousins and friends. Along with everyone whose life he has impacted through out his 56 years of living.

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ELLA MARIE FRANKS WOODWARD

Sept 17, 1956 – Jan 18, 2014

She was a great cook and enjoyed eating great food especially after church service on Sundays.

She leaves to cherish her memories a loving and devoted daughter Tameka (Michael) Hugley and grandchildren Mykelle and Jonathan Hugley, a loving a devoted mother Martha Franks Bishop, loving and devoted siblings James Franks, Jonathan (Francis) Franks, Evelyn (Earnest) Moore Sr, her best friend Esther Thomas. Four Aunts, Seven Uncles and a host of devoted nephews, nieces and, relatives, and friends.

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BETTY AMMONS

Aug 29, 1934 – Jan 21, 2014

Betty enjoyed cooking, sewing, entertaining, gardening, knitting, spending time with her family and attending Saint City Church of God in Christ.

She leaves to cherish her loving memory, four children: James, Madella, Darrell, and Ferlin (Amy); 16 grandchildren; 27 great grandchildren; three sisters: Madella, Juanita and Mary; nieces, nephews, cousins and loving friends.

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STAN QUINTON COACHMAN

Sept 11, 1952 – Jan 21, 2014

Stan was a simple man, a man of very few words. If he spoke he definitely had something to say

He leaves in mourning, a loving wife, Shirley Hester Coachman, one son Stanley Brooks, two step-daughters, Sonia Curry, Beverly Hester Hill (STEVEN), two nieces, Tonia Coachman, Takiyah Coachman, one nephew, Antonio Coachman, one grandson Stanley Dixon (six grandchildren through marriage,) four great grandchildren, a host of great nieces and nephews and also many great-great nieces and nephews. One surviving cousin, Christine Coachman

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ALTON J. KYSER JR.

Oct 18, 1937 – Jan 2, 2014

After graduation he enlisted in the US Air force, upon returning he began to work for General Motors where he was employed until his retirement.

He leaves to cherish his memory his wife of 55yrs Ruth Kyser, two daughters Wendy (Kevin) Golden, & Angela N. Kyser, two brothers, seven grandchildren, 2 great grands, family and friends.

ETHEL WAFER

Jan 15, 1921 – Jan 2, 2014

She love attending family reunions and had many sto-

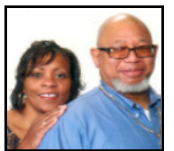
ries about growing up in Mississippi.

She leaves to mourn her passing and cherish her memory Ira Henderson, children Michael Andrews, Tracey Raja, Curtisene (Richard) Barge, Winfred Wafer, Jeauanine Wafer-Frison, & Levira Noel, 11 grandchildren, family and freinds. Interment at Westlawn Cemetery 31472 Michigan Ave. Wayne, MI 48184

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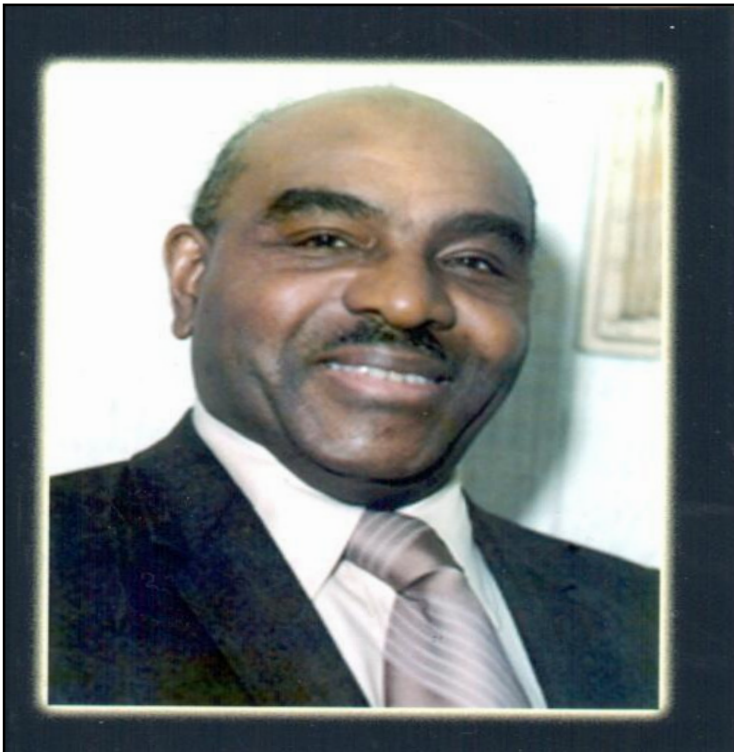
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Luke Lampkin turned
98 years old



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Luke attributes his long life to 'Good living'. He didn't smoke or drink.

During his lifetime he worked at Wayne County General Hospital.

Happy Birthday to Luke. A 98th Birthday celebration dinner was held on Saturday. He was joined by his family for a wonderful evening.

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River Rouge High School Black History Month Celebration



River Rouge High School will CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH with the theme 'Celebrating Our Past . . . Embracing Our Future!'. Various activities have been coordinated by our Black History Month Committee and other staff members throughout the district.

Date and Event

Monday, February 3
Kick-off assembly at 2:05 p.m. in the River Rouge High School Auditorium.
We will feature Rodney Lamar Page, student members of our Performing Arts Department, a storyteller and more.

Friday, February 7

Black History Month Trivia Contest/Honor Roll Assembly at 2:05 p.m. in River Rouge High School Auditorium.

Friday, February 21
Oratorical & Art Contest presentations at 2:05 p.m. in the River Rouge High School Auditorium.

Monday, February 24
Black History Month feature film for select students.

Tuesday, February 25
BHM Cipher Contest/NHS Induction at 2:05 p.m. in the River Rouge High School Auditorium.

Wednesday, February 26

Field trip to Motown Museum and The 1st Congregational Church of Detroit – Underground Railroad.

Thursday, February 27
Parent/Teacher Conferences – 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Jazz and Dinner Set from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. – RRHS Cafeteria

Friday, February 28
Black History district wide celebration with African dancers, vendors, taste fest, storytelling and more.

We forward to seeing you at the events. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the high school office at (313) 297-9600, ext. #4678.

Sponsored by the Black History Month Committee of River Rouge High School
Kim Boyd, Damon DeBose, Richelle Epps, Cassandra Frederick, Krystal Hill, Willie Mayes, Tammy McKay and Brandi White

What does today's YOUTH know about LOVE?

By Jordan Clemons - Contributing Writer



- parents, teachers, or grown-ups
- 5.Talking about someone behind their back
 - 6.Love is not destroying your siblings or friend's personal belongings
 - 7.Lying or stealing
 - 8.Hating others or being mean to yourself
 - 9.Bullying others
 - 10.Daring your friend to do something that would hurt someone else or themselves

love noun \ˈləv\ – Kindness or devotion to another; the opposite of hate; to have a passion or to be passionate; kind feeling or friendship.

When youth ages 7yrs old to 14 yrs old were asked if they knew of the dictionary's definition of love, they all said they never looked the word love up in the dictionary. Many youth today are exposed to movies, music, television, books, and even their peer's meaning of love. When youth were asked what does "Love" mean to them, they knew more about love, than we expected. Let's explore love from the hearts and minds of some youth.

To help us understand what they knew about love, we wanted to first look at (10) things love is not.

- Love is not.....**
- 1.Being rude to others
 - 2.Being jealous of someone else or what they have.
 - 3.Calling someone out of their name
 - 4.Being disrespectful to your

Love is.....

- 1.Doing your chores (even when you're not asked)
- 2.Telling your parents the truth
- 3.Helping your grandparents with yard work
- 4.Helping your brother or sister with their homework
- 5.Forgiving your parents of their mistakes
- 6.Eating healthy and being good to your body
- 7.Giving your Mom or Dad a hug when they are feeling sad
- 8.Respecting yourself and others
- 9.Sharing your food and clothes with people in need
- 10.Being a friend to the new kid in class or on your block!

With Valentines day , February 14th coming up very fast, the youth agreed that love, chocolate candy and fluffy bears should be given to those people you love, everyday. Some might think that youth don't know anything about love. However, according to the list above, these youth surely does know what love is all about!

BLACK HISTORY PUZZLE

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Local Woman Sues City of Dearborn for HIV Discrimination by Police

by Todd Heywood - Contributing Writer



Shalandra Jones

An HIV-positive Detroit woman who made headlines in 2012 after being ticketed for not disclosing her HIV status to a police officer during a traffic stop has filed a federal civil rights suit naming the officer and his employer, the city of Dearborn, Michigan.

Shalandra Jones was pulled over August 3, 2012, by Dearborn Police Officer David Lacey for a broken tail light. When Lacey began his contact with Jones and her friend Mark Scott, he said he smelled marijuana.

ing, "Where's the weed at? I can smell it pretty strong from right here." The American Independent obtained the video through a public records request.

Jones shortly after surrendered a small amount of marijuana to Lacey. At that point he removed Scott, handcuffed him and placed him in the back of his vehicle. He asked Jones to step out of the 1999 GMC Jimmy as he searched the car. He discovers, in her purse, her HIV medications and inquires about them.

edges she is HIV positive. Lacey proceeds to tell Jones she is obligated to disclose her status when asked to step out of a car during a police interaction. Legal experts say the only time an HIV-positive person in Michigan is legally obligated to disclose his or her status is to a sexual partner prior to engaging in sex.

At the end of the exchange, Lacey ticketed Scott for driving without a license, and Jones for criminal misdemeanor possession of marijuana. As he hands the tickets to the couple, he says he was "pissed" Jones failed to disclose her HIV status to him, then says, "Honestly, if it wasn't for that, I don't think I would have wrote anybody for anything. But that kind of really aggravated me, you know what I mean? You got to tell me right away, 'I've got this. I've got that.' 'Cause at that time, I wasn't wearing any gloves."

Jones, and her attorney Joshua Moore of Detroit Legal Services, filed the suit January 27, 2014, in the Federal District Court, Eastern District in Detroit. The civil suit claims Lacey violated Jones' rights under the Americans' with Disabilities Act.

The suit claims the search of Jones' person was a violation of

A video shows the officer stat-

At this point, Jones acknowl-

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How to Handle a Flu Emergency

by Marcus Williams -Special to the NNPA from The Tri-County Sentry



What is a flu emergency?

Normally, people recover from the flu after within a week or two. But sometimes, the flu can lead to dangerous complications that require emergency care.

The CDC estimates that 200,000 people in the U.S. are hospitalized because of the flu every year. 36,000 thousand die from the flu annually. While infants, the elderly, and people with certain diseases or a weakened immune system tend to be the most vulnerable, a flu emergency can happen to anyone.

Here are some flu emergency facts that you need to be aware of.

What Are Flu Emergencies?

Serious flu-related complications include:

- Pneumonia, an infection of the

lungs. Pneumonia is one of the most serious complications of the flu. Untreated, it can be life threatening.

- Muscle inflammation (myositis)
- Central nervous system disease
- Heart problems such as heart attacks, inflammation of the heart muscle (myocarditis), and inflammation of the sac around the heart (pericarditis)
- Worsening of chronic medical conditions such as congestive heart failure, asthma or diabetes
- Reye's syndrome, which is a serious illness that occurs most often in children.

What Are Flu Emergency Symptoms?

If you, or your child, develop any of the following symptoms, contact your health care provider immediately, since medical treatment is often necessary.

- Coughing up blood- or green-tinted mucus; croup, which causes a loud barking cough
- Wheezing
- Difficulty breathing, shortness of breath, or rapid breathing
- Pain or pressure in the chest
- Confusion
- Bluish colored lips or nails
- High fever that last longer than normal
- A constant cough that lasts longer than expected and/or worsens over time

Which People Are At Risk For Flu Emergencies?

Those at increased risk of flu-related complications include:

- Newborns and children up to 5 years old (especially children under the age of 2)
- People over 65
- Pregnant women
- People who live in long-term care facilities
- Caregivers of children or the ill
- People with chronic diseases such as asthma, neuromuscular disease, heart problems, or lung disease
- People who have depressed immune systems, either from disease or its treatment

How To Handle A Flu Emergency

If you or a family member suffer from any flu emergency symptoms, it is extremely important to either call a doctor immediately, or to go to the emergency room.

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Early Bird Registration Now Open for Growing Great Gardens conference



TAYLOR - Registration is open for the sixth annual Growing Great Gardens conference, scheduled for Saturday, March 15, 8-4 p.m. at the Wayne County Community College, 21000 Northline in Taylor. Hosted by The Taylor Conservatory Foundation, Taylor Garden Club, and Wayne County Community College District-Downriver Campus, the event kicks off the local gardening season in a big way and this year over 400 people are expected.

"We're very excited about this year's lineup and new format. Each year our attendees give

us feedback and we incorporate suggestions into the next event. This year, we allowed more time for presentations and shopping, which was important to our guests, said Patricia Donahue, executive director of the Taylor Conservatory Foundation.

Attendees can look forward to a low-cost, high-value day of learning, along with fun surprises, shopping, music and socializing. There is something for everyone—from the person who wants to try gardening for the first time, to the gardening professional who wants to learn the latest in garden trends. The event also provides 5 education hours

for Master Gardeners.

Returning this year is the Garden Marketplace, which is free and open to the public from 8-4 p.m. "You don't have to be registered for the seminar to shop with more than 30 new and returning top-quality vendors" states Sherry Soja-Molloy, vendor coordinator for the event. Products include fanciful garden art, stepping stones, birdhouses, teas, indoor plants, soaps, baskets, garden tools, local honey and jam, and jewelry.

Dr. Laura Deeter, Associate Professor of Horticulture at The Ohio State University is the morning keynote with Hortus Mortus: Plants You Gotta Have! She'll also speak in the afternoon with Getting to "Know" Maintenance: Tips and Tricks to Make Perennials Work for You. Rebecca Titus, Farm Manager of Titus Farms will present Vegetables of a Different Color, sharing her creative perspective on how to incorporate colorful vegetables into your landscape. Garden designer Jack Barnwell, of Barnwell Landscape & Garden presents Pedal Power: Creating the Signature Mackinac Island Look, planting thousands of plants, trees and shrubs each year without the use of trucks or machinery on the famous Mackinac island.

There is also a special chance to win two passes to the 2nd Annual Grand Garden Show", held on Mackinac Island August 24-26, 2014. This package features a 2-night stay at the world-famous Mackinac Island's Grand Hotel, breakfasts and dinners, cocktail reception, gardening seminars, and passes to exclusive tours of private Mackinac Island gardens.

"Growing Great Gardens is a wonderful event that we are proud to sponsor", states Phil Matous, president of Total Community Credit Union. "We stand behind organizations that are committed to promoting education and strengthening their communities."

Registration is \$35, until Feb 21 and \$45 after. Fee includes four presentations, a healthy, GMO-free box lunch, and a chance to win many garden-related door prizes. Pre-registration is required. To register for the conference call Pattie Kehr, 313-292-8316 or visit www.taylorconservatory.org, or www.taylor-gardenclub.com.

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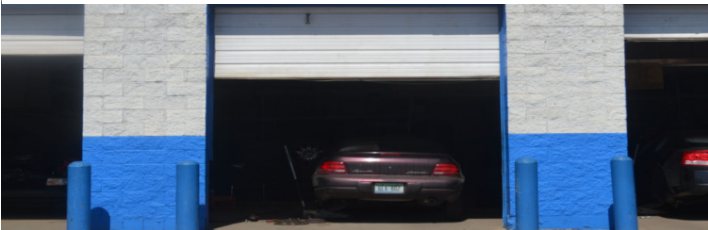
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February 17-21; 8am-3pm (Monday-Friday)
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Daddy-Daughter
Date Night

With Good Old Fashion Country Square Dance Thursday, February 13, 2014 At the Wayne Community Center

What a better way to celebrate Valentine's Day than by attending a Square Dance with your little sweetie. Of course, there will be dancing (we'll have a caller to help relive those good old days), refreshments, a flower corsage for your favorite girl and a picture (additional fee) for him to remember his special night. If dad cannot come maybe stepdad, grandpa, an uncle or big brother can. If you have more than one daughter, bring them all!

Picture 6:00 – 7:00 pm
Square Dance 7:00 – 8:30pm

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Registration began December 23, 2013 and is limited to the first 215 people. Register early you don't miss out!

For more information, please call the Wayne Community Center
At 734-721-7400 or
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Mother Son Sports
Night

Hey boys! Bring your mom and join us for a fun-filled evening of sports, games and food! Everyone is encouraged to dress in their favorite athletic teams attire and be ready for an active evening. This special night includes organized games, open swim

& skate, wallyball, a snack and some cool prizes. This is an ideal event for moms to spend time with the young man (men) in their lives.

Thursday, Feb 27, 2014
Wayne Community Center
6-8:30 pm

Resident: \$12 per couple, \$16 1 mom & 2 sons
Non-Resident: \$13 per couple, \$18 1 mom & 2 sons
Any additional son \$5 for both Resident and Non-Residents.

Pictures: 5x7 - \$10
Registration began December 23, 2013 and is limited to the first 215 people.

"Self-medication in
Monarchs;

Plants as Sources of Medicine for Foraging Animals," Wednesday, February 19, 7:00 pm,

Westland, by the Southeast Michigan Butterfly Association (SEMBA). Mark Hunter, Professor, University of Michigan EEB & SNRE. Professor Hunter will discuss the ability of animals to self-medicate through the medicinal properties of native plants. At Nankin Mills Nature Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, Westland, MI 48186. Parking on Hines Dr. or Ann Arbor Trail. \$3.00 for non-members. Questions call 734-223-5510, email semba@sembabutterfly.com, or visit our website at www.sembabutterfly.com.

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ARIES

Be especially sensitive to your spirit and your intuition this week. They are your sixth sense that will alarm you of a situation that you should avoid. You'll also be alerted to meet a new person who will be important to your personal life in the near future. Expect the unexpected from your lover.
Soul Affirmation: New intuitions create new plans and a new cast of characters.
Lucky Numbers: 4 12, 17

TAURUS

Do not feel alone in facing your tumultuous circumstances this week. Call upon your support system and do not be afraid to ask for help. Your ability to reach out will be a strong sign of courage. The people closest to you will feel a new respect for you.
Soul Affirmation: When I reach out in love someone is always there.
Lucky Numbers: 8, 24, 32

GEMINI

Do not narrow your options by accepting any offer that is put on the table this week. Internalize the situation and discover how resourceful you are and capitalize on your own strengths and ability make things happen. Don't underestimate yourself, especially this week!
Soul Affirmation: The wisdom of the ages is revealed as my spirit.
Lucky Numbers: 12, 32, 48

CANCER

Love, joy and hope fill the air around you this week. Three of the greatest intangible assets that one can experience will be given to you in abundance this week. Use them to overcome the bad vibes being given out by a co-worker this week.
Soul Affirmation: Hope is future's way of shining on me this week.
Lucky Numbers: 1, 23, 42

LEO

Live this week especially in a celebratory mode and count your blessings for you are wealthy in ways that are above materialistic levels. Do not dwell on the financial situation in which you find yourself this week. Be ecstatic about the little pleasures that bring you laughter and gladness in your life!
Soul Affirmation: When I give thanks for what I have, I lose all sense of what is missing.
Lucky Numbers: 7, 28, 31

VIRGO

Take the time this week for self-reflection. There is something about yourself that you are not seeing clearly. Remember now and whenever you examine your inner self to celebrate your strengths, for you have so many, and to accept your weaknesses as necessary, you are rewarded.
Soul Affirmation: When I am clear about who I am, the world becomes clearer.

Lucky Numbers: 6: 8, 47

LIBRA

This week your honest acceptance of yourself will give you a power of both grandeur and humility. People will approach you for advice. You are capable of seeing clearly what it is that troubles them. This week be a counselor. In that you will find your prize.
Soul Affirmation: I rejoice because of who I know myself to be.
Lucky Numbers: 34, 51, 52

SCORPIO

This week others might mistake your gift for something else. They may not be able to see it but your inner strength is very available to you this week. Fill the workplace with warmth as soon as you enter. Let peace radiate from your inner glow.
Soul Affirmation: Love is the greatest gift I can give.
Lucky Numbers: 7, 16, 33

SAGITTARIUS

Someone influential is watching you at work this week. Get your work done as you think about celebrating your harmonious vibrations in the evenings in secluded time with your lover. Think about being uninhibited in your celebration and you will radiate joy in you work place and no one will know the reason.
Soul Affirmation: My focus is good for making those decisions important to my career.
Lucky Numbers: 14, 16, 19

CAPRICORN

Emotional well being is as important to happiness as physical health. Cool it this week. Give yourself a break. Problems are learning experiences. Make sure you keep that in mind as you face a challenge in the financial area of your life this week. Know that highs and lows bring balance to life and balance signifies well being.
Soul Affirmation: Money is my good friend this week.
Lucky Numbers: 4, 21, 55

AQUARIUS

This week is your week to shine! Let nothing get in the way of your light. You have an energy inside of you that can light the path at work. Now is the time to let your inner glow radiate out to co-workers. Others are in need of your inner strength. Let love dominate your week.
Soul Affirmation: I move ahead joyfully in practical matters.
Lucky Numbers: 3, 46, 47

PISCES

Everyone wants joy in their lives but few people are ready to commit to truly joy filled ideals. The ideal you need to cultivate this week is forgiveness. You're holding on to something needlessly. Even if you get even you won't feel any better. Let it go.
Soul Affirmation: I enjoy letting my conservative side shine through.
Lucky Numbers: 22, 37, 50

Seven Members of Olympic Figure Skating Team Call Michigan Home



Michigan has plenty to be proud of when it comes to the 2014 Winter Olympic Games. Seven of the figure skaters going to Sochi train in Metro Detroit.

Charlie White and Meryl Davis are the darlings of U.S. Ice Dance. The reigning World Champions have a Silver medal from the 2010 Winter games, and are the favorites to win the Gold in Sochi. Fresh off their 6th national title, White and Davis lead a team of 6 ice dancers to represent the U.S. They're all friends, and they all call Michigan home.

Igor Shpilband is one of many elite coaches training Olympic athletes in Michigan. He says, "There is nowhere in the world you can find so many top skaters." Shpilband works with several skating teams, among them Madison Chock and Evan Bates. "I'm lucky in the sense that I was born in Ann Arbor and just all of these really top quality coaches came to the Detroit area and from Detroit Skating Club branched off and landed in a few different spots. Bates and Chock placed 2nd at U.S. National Championships in Boston. Sochi will be the

second Olympic experience for Bates, the first for Chock. "I'm so over the moon and completely thrilled. This has been a lifelong dream of mine and Evan's and I'm just so happy. We couldn't be in better company. We are just thrilled."

Brother and sister Alex and Maia Shibutani placed 3rd in the U.S. National Championships. They share a coach and rink in Canton, with White and Davis. Alex Shibutani says he's still soaking it all in. "It's a crazy sport and it's a crazy life, and moments like this you don't prepare for, you only really dream of."

The dream also comes true for 28 year-old Jeremy Abbott, who trains in Bloomfield Hills. The 4-time U.S. Champion heads to Sochi to wrap up his career.

Five of the U.S. Olympic ice dancers have ties to the University of Michigan. Davis and White, and the Shibutanis are students there. Evan Bates graduated in December, 2013. For more information WILX NEWS 10.

High School Basketball

By Butch Davis - Telegram Sports Writer



Terrell Crawford scored 32 for River Rouge last Friday, however, it was not enough as Luster Johnson scored 29 and team mates Malik Dawson chip in 14 points, 10 rebounds, and Kenny Turner had 11 and 10 rebounds for Detroit Consortium as they beat the Panthers of River Rouge 85-58. Ecorse's Jalen James led his team with 14 points and Marlin Talley added 12 points as Ecorse overpower Detroit Henry Ford Academy 70-38. By the way the Ecorse versus River Rouge varsity basketball for the boys has been reschedule for the 24th of February at River Rouge High School. Star Harris continue her drive

for Miss Basketball for the State of Michigan as she aided the Lady Panthers of River Rouge with 24 points and 11 rebounds as they edge the Mustangs of Detroit Mumford 41-38 last weekend. The Lady Panthers as of this past Monday are 10-2. Here are some high school results of games this past Monday night. Connor Phee scored 19 points, Trey Harris 12 and Dejon Matthews 10 for Southgate as they defeated Allen Park High 51-31. Earlier in the Girls game, Laekyn Jaciuk had 19 points and Tinara Moore 18 for Southgate, which their record is now 14-1, as they beat up the girl's varsity of Allen Park 57-39.

Football Over? The Focus Now Shifts

By Butch Davis - Telegram Sports Writer

For the fourth time in five years, the Super Bowl has set a record for the most-watched television event in U.S. history, drawing 111.5 million viewers even though the ever thought many media channels said that the Denver Broncos would beat the Seattle Seahawks, however, I told you on Butch on Sports, the Ron Cameron Sports Show as well at the NAIAS last Friday that defense wins championships and that the Seahawks got this one in a 43-8 victory. Yes, we all still watch the bigger sporting event on television. We went to Super Bowl Parties; we twitted on Twitter and talked on Facebook for maybe four hour or more.

In addition, halftime star Bruno Mars got over too. The Nielsen rating said an estimated 115.3 million people watched Mars and his guests, the Red Hot Chili Peppers. That makes it the most-watched Super Bowl halftime show ever, eclipsing Madonna's performance two years ago. Now this is not the end of the professional football season, however, it is just the beginning of National Football Leagues' schedule of events for 2014, as February 3, waiver system begins for 2014, the Detroit Lions claimed safety Isa Abdul-Quddus off waivers from the New Orleans Saints the NFL disclosed in its transactions

this past Monday.

In three NFL seasons, Abdul-Quddus, 6-foot-1, 205 pounds has appeared in 42 games, recording 74 tackles and intercepting two passes for the Saints. February 17, First day for clubs to designate Franchise or Transition Players, February 19-25 NFL Scouting Combine, Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, Indiana, March 1, NFL Regional Combine, One Buccaneer Place, Tampa, Florida, March 3, Prior to 4:00 pm NY time, deadline for clubs to designate Franchise or Transition Players, March 8-11, Clubs are permitted to contact, and enter into contract negotiations with, the certified agents of players who will become Unrestricted Free Agents upon the expiration of their 2013 Player Contracts at 4:00 pm NY time, on March 11.

However, a contract cannot be executed with the new club until 4:00 pm NY time on March 11. More business on March 11, as Top-51 Begins as all clubs must be under the 2014 Salary Cap prior to 4:00 pm NY time. Furthermore on March 11, all 2013 player contracts will expire at 4:00 pm NY time, in addition on March 11, the 2014 League Year and Free Agency period begins at 4:00 pm NY time and finally on March 11, Trading period for 2014 begins at 4:00 pm,

NY time, after expiration of all 2013 contracts. March 23-26, Owners meeting, Orlando, Florida.

April 7, Clubs that hired a new head coach after the end of the 2013 regular season may begin off-season workout programs. April 21, Off-season workout program begins. May 2, Deadline for Restricted Free Agents to sign Offer Sheets. May 7, Deadline for Prior Club to exercise Right of First Refusal to Restricted Free Agents. May 8-10, 2014, NFL Draft, New York City, New York. June 22-28, Rookie Symposium.

July 15, at 4:00 pm NY time, deadline for any Club that designated a Franchise Player to sign such player to a multi-year contract or extension. After this date, the player may only sign a one-year contract with his Prior Club for the 2014 season, and such contract cannot be extended until after the Club's last regular season game. July, teams report to training camp no sooner than 15 days prior to the team's first preseason game with two week to check out some high school and college football on television or in person until, September 4, 7-8, Kickoff Weekend 2014. Now everyone, get to work, the drudgery now shifts to a new football season.

Valentine's Day

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time together, but also make for a great mystery trip.

- You love food and think that no celebration is complete without some gluttonous gorging? Well, instead of blowing away a fortune on dining on a posh bistro, try out the local food hot spots. Hit the local eating place for appetizers, flop down on the local lounge for cocktails and starters and later, hit a cafeteria for a hearty dinner.
- Plan a picnic? Well, nothing could be cozier than a picnic in your backyard. Just stuff the picnic basket with enough food, mats, tent and ipad and head out to your backyard and spend a day idling, talking and munching on some yummy goodies.
- A home-stay date, snuggled

up in each other's arms isn't really a bad idea after all. Just pull down the blinds, switch off the mobile phones, set the champagne bottle on ice, get some snacks, pull on the comforters and you are all set for some awesome time ahead.

- Cooking together is another great option for lovey-dovey mates willing to spend some great time together on Valentine's Day. The cue is to get adventurous and whip up something new and untried. Turn on the music, play with the ingredients and storm up a delight. And yes, don't forget to relish your spoils once you are done.

Just in case you were fresh out of ideas, we hope these romantic valentine's ideas get you going!

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dedicated to fighting HIV/AIDS in the Black community. HIV/AIDS continues to disproportionately affect Black America. Currently, three in five Black Americans know someone living with or who has died from HIV/AIDS. Although we account for less than 14% of the U.S. population, Black America represented 44% of all new HIV infections in 2010, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Men who have sex with Men (MSM) remain the group most heavily affected by HIV, while young Black MSM continue to account for more than half of new infections among young MSM. The CDC reports a 21% decline in new HIV infections among women overall, however the new data shows that black women continue to be far more affected by HIV than women of other races/ethnicities. Of all the women living with HIV in the United States, approximately 66% are African American.


since Medicaid Expansion would allow greater access to care and treatment for HIV positive individuals. What does it mean to be "Our Brother's and Sister's Keeper?" One way this can be interpreted is that a sister or brother takes responsibility for the others behavior. It means taking care of them and not ignoring their problem, it also means being concerned with someone else besides you. You keep him or her from harm. As a woman living with HIV, the way I do my sisterly duty is by speaking for those women who have yet to find their voices. I take this charge seriously because I AM my Sister's Keeper!

who tests HIV positive must have access and be linked to care, which helps to improve their health outcomes. Third, partners and allies must work to ensure that all groups and individuals who are challenged by social determinants work to keep the Black community within reach of access to opportunities that limit poverty and social exclusion. This focus is critical as we work together to end the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Since its inception, National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day provides a heightened opportunity for Black Americans to come together for education, testing, involvement and treatment, if necessary.

So looking forward, how do we take greater responsibility for one another in the Black community, as we recommit to ending the HIV/AIDS epidemic? First, EVERY Black American must know his or her HIV status. Second, every person


As our Brother's and Sister's Keeper in the Black community, on this National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, we are dedicated to ending the HIV/AIDS epidemic in America. Gina Brown is program manager at AIDS United.

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January 18th, 2014

At 2008hrs, officers were dispatched to the 200 Block of Richter Street on a Civil Stand By. A female came to the house with a U-Haul truck and family members to move her property. The female was moving out while the ex-boyfriend was present and both were told that no parties should be conversing. But neither party could keep still. Both started talking to and against each other, and then all began to yell and argue. Officers advise them all to cease. And all did for about a minute then it started all over again. The female and her family were ordered to leave the home and they refused and stood in front of the home yelling at the officers. Finally all parties began to leave the area except one 18 year old female. The female cursed, yell and screamed at officers stating she knew her rights and it was public property and they can't make her leave. But the officers had another solution! She was placed under arrest for Disorderly Person, handcuffed and was placed in the patrol vehicle. When the family seen what happened, the yelling and the screaming stopped. The female apologized to the officer and she wished she had done it sooner. The officer asked the female her name, address and date of birth and she told him she had the right to remain silent. The officer explained to her it was obstructing a government function if she refused to provide her name, address date of birth. She refused and didn't seem to care. While she was being booked the female's mother arrived and gave her daughter's information. When the female learned her mother was in the lobby she suddenly had a change of heart.

January 19th, 2014

At 1905hrs, officers were clearing up from a EMS assist when they heard a lot commotion coming from the next block of Beechwood Street. Patrol units were dispatch to the 500 Block of

Polk on a large fight. Officers arrived and observed at least 30 individuals in front of the location fighting. A 38 year old female stood in front of the home yelling homo phobic slurs at the home. Officers advised her to stop but she continued to yelling out derogatory names and slurs. Incident began when a female resident walked to the store and the little girl next door spoke to her. This little girl's mother is related to the 38 year old female, who then told the girl not to speak to them. The girl's mother has made an issue of both the male and female's sexual orientation in the past. When the two were returning from the store someone from the 38's family threw a car seat and chair at the window of the unit, trying to break it. The male was standing in his door way when 2 other males grabbed him and pulled him out of his home and began hitting him. The family of the 2 victim's.

January 21st, 2014

At 1737hrs, an officer was traveling on Visger Road approaching Frazier Street when he observed a black 2013 Buick Enclave driving the wrong Way on a One Way. The officer affected a Traffic Stop on Visger & Ethel. When the officer approached the vehicle and spoke to the 41 year old male driver, accompanied with two male passengers, he notified the officer that he had a concealed weapon on his person. When the officer requested his CPL and driver's license the male stated he must have forgotten his wallet and did not have them on him. At this point the officer detained the driver and asked him where his weapon was. The firearm with a load magazine was located on his right hip. The officer took custody of the weapon and made it safe. The driver was placed under arrest for Carrying a Concealed Weapon. The other males checked clear with LEIN and the driver was transported to the police station. During an inventory of the vehicle an officer observed another loaded magazine of the same caliber in the glove compartment.

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the Fourth Amendment—which prohibits certain searches—and his treatment of her violated her Fourteenth Amendment rights to equal treatment under the law. The lawsuit also claims the violations are proof of a systematic problem with training and education for Dearborn police officers. The suit also asks the federal court to punish the city for releasing the dash cam video of the incident without redacting Jones' name and identity. They argue this violated Michigan's strict HIV confidentiality law. Violations of the Michigan law can be charged civilly or criminally.

This is not the first time the city has been sued in federal court over allegations of violations of Constitutional rights. Lacey was one of 17 officers, along with the city and city officials sued by evangelical Christians in the group Acts 17 Apologetics for their arrest and prosecution for distributing Christian information at an Arab street festival in the city. The city settled the lawsuit in May 2013. They issued an apology to the evangelicals that were arrested and paid the quartet \$300,000, according to Dearborn Press & Guide.

Moore says these two instances may not be isolated incidents.

"There does seem to be a pattern of ignorance by Officer Lacey and the Dearborn Police Department's failure to protect the civil rights of its citizens. I have other reports of severe violations of civil rights by other individuals including those living with HIV," Moore said in an email to POZ. "At this point, all I can say for sure is that we need to let the discovery phase of the trial play out and see what information is gathered to determine the extent of the

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ongoing police misconduct by the Dearborn Police Department."

Moore says it took so long to file the action because Jones was facing the criminal case. Dearborn city attorneys continued to offer to dismiss the criminal charge against Jones, he said, as long as she would waive her right to sue the city for violating her rights. The criminal case was finally dismissed in October 2013, 13 months after the initial incident.

The battle in the Jones' criminal case centered on Michigan's medical marijuana law. Jones' lawyers and the city attorney, the prosecutor for misdemeanor cases, battled over

whether Jones' qualifications for medical marijuana under state law could be argued in the case. Michigan's law specifically lists HIV and AIDS as qualifying conditions to obtain medical marijuana patient cards. Jones was in possession of an expired card at the time of the incident, and has since renewed it with the state. Her lawyers were going to use a provision in the 2008 law that would allow her to avoid criminal liability by proving she was a qualified patient before the seizure of her marijuana.

The ticket, plus the year of legal haggling, have taken their toll on both Jones and her children.

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Shortly after the assassination of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Mitchell was inspired to start a school that would offer children — especially those in Harlem, the community where he was born — the opportunity to learn about dance. Now in its fourth decade, the company has grown into a multi-cultural dance institution with an extraordinary legacy of providing opportunities for creative expression and artistic excellence. DTH has performed for audiences in New York City, across the country and around the world.

The company's Detroit repertory will include works choreographed by Marius Petipa, Thaddeus Davis, Tanya Wideman, Virginia Johnson, Ulysses Dove, and Robert Garland, to music from Glazunov, Tommy

DeFranz, Arvo Part, and Bach.

Complete repertory information can be found at www.MichiganOpera.org. The DTH performances are part of the Detroit Opera House's 2013-14 season of Dance in the D, made possible by production sponsor Lear Corporation.

Access tickets for students and young professionals, ages 18-40, are available on Friday, Feb. 14, at a reduced price, with a reception following the performance. Visit www.MichiganOpera.org/Access. A free conversation with the artists begins one hour prior to each performance. Ticket prices range from \$25 to \$80. Tickets may be purchased online at www.MichiganOpera.org, by calling 313-237-SING, or in person at the Detroit Opera House ticket office (1526 Broadway). Tickets may also be purchased at Ticketmaster.com, at any Ticketmaster outlet, or by calling 800-745-3000.

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Dear Ayana,
I need your opinion on an issue I'm having with my sister. My sister is forever trying something new only to drop it a week or two later. This new stunt is no different. After reading a few articles about homeschooling, she's suddenly an expert on the subject and is planning on transferring her children out of their current school and educating them at home. Like most of hers, this is a horrible idea! My sister has a crazy schedule as a real estate agent that keeps her running well into the evening. She also has a short attention span and a short fuse. I don't think she's thinking this through. Her husband supports this idea but I doubt that he knows that my sister enrolled in classes at a local college a few years back with hopes of becoming an elementary school teacher; she lasted one semester before she changed her major and then eventually dropped out. I know these aren't my children, but my nephews matter to me and I want what is best for them. I've had this conversation with my sister and she has accused me of being envious of her “free spirit”. In reality, I'm just tired of her stupid choices. I'm worried that homeschooling will get old for her, just as everything else has, and my nephews will be the ones that suffer for her decisions. It seems like I'm always the one that has to shoot her down, but it's only because no one else seems to have the nerve to do it. Am I right in telling my sister that this is way over her head?

The Voice of Reason
Dear Voice of Reason,

You're wrong. You're wrong for poking your nose where it doesn't belong and you're wrong in your delivery. And in being wrong, you're motivating your sister to succeed-no matter what. It's not always what you say, it's how you say it. I understand that you care about your nephews, but don't you think that their mother cares for them even more? If she is taking them out of their current school in hopes of educating them through a homeschooling program, she obviously has her reasons. The fact that her husband supports her in this decision only further leads me to believe that they have both done some research and are prepared for the hard work and dedication needed to home school effectively. Perhaps you don't understand the process and you think, like many people, that homeschooling is a fad and that not much learning goes on. If this is your stance, I would encourage you to do some homework yourself on the subject. The point is this: you don't get to make decisions for your sister's family. At the very least, when your sister shares a new idea with you, one that seems over-the-top to you, practice tact. You're right to be concerned, homeschooling isn't for every family; but for some families, it works. If you aren't able to keep your negative commentary to yourself surrounding this subject, it may be best to avoid the topic entirely. I hope that your sister will be able to call you and confide in you on the days that feel like they are falling apart. But if you make it your business to destroy her plans before they even have a chance to take root, it's doubtful that she will call you for anything at all. Your support could be good for what seems like a tumultuous relationship. Remember that your nephews have two parents that agree homeschooling is best for them. I'm sure that if your sister and her husband see it isn't working out, they will come together again to make a better decision. Whatever happens, your role is that of a spectator-not a contender. I hope all turns out well.

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Snow Day

From page 1A

Nutmeg or a few drops of vanilla extract also make great flavoring for hot drinks.

Make a home movie
For a fun mid-morning activity, have the kids gather funky clothing and accessories and film a home-made movie. They can incorporate both indoor and outdoor scenes to give the show more interest. With younger kids, you'll have to be on hand to supervise; older kids can write and direct their own scenes.

Create a photo book
Throughout the day, take pictures of all the different activities. Plan to use an hour or two of free time to load pix onto the computer and let the kids create a photo book of their snowy vacation. Outdoor photos usually come out better than indoors ones, so be sure to take lots of pix while the kids are out romping in the snow.

Play restaurant
Before mealtime, create a menu and let the kids play restaurant. All it takes is a few props to turn a simple lunch into a fun activity. Print up some decorative menus, lay out colorable placemats and crayons, and let the fun begin. While you're at the computer, print up a few jobs such as setting the table, clearing, washing dishes and wiping down counters and tables. Let each kid pick a chore out of a jar so the work is shared by all. If you've got fine writing skills, you can sweeten the deal by writing a chore on the tiny paper strips of Hershey kisses, and then letting each child choose one.

Snowflakes under the microscope
For the afternoon, there are a few snow experiments the kids can do to have some good, clean educational fun. Take a black piece of paper and put it outside, safe from snow, but where it'll get nice and cold. Then stick the paper under falling snow to let it catch a few snowflakes. Examine flakes under a microscope and have the kids draw what they see.

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